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MATCHES.

Kip Hill Wanderers defeated Stanley Hebrews by four goals to three goals.

BUSTY BANK EXILES v. SOUTH MOOR LILYWHITES.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the former by two goals to one goal.

CEMENT RANGERS v. CONSETT CELTIC.

This game was played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the homesters by 3 goals to 1. The Rangers turned out as follows:—Goal, F. Martin; backs, J. T. Foster and W. Foster; half-backs, F. Strange, C. Kerswell, and J. Close; forwards, R. Embleton, J. Smith, T. Charlton, E. Dover, and C. Daglish. Referee, Mr J. Hewitt.

BRADLEY WHITE STARS v. LEADGATE RISING STARS.

Play on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for Bradley by one goal to nil. Bradley team—Loal, Nevin; backs, Matthews and Smith; half-backs, Scarr, Patton, and Burnip; forwards, Secoombe, Scarr, Johnson, Nevin, and Matthews.

ANNFIELD PLAIN RED STARS v. TANTOBIE.

The Red Stars won the toss, and a minute from the start Anderson scored. Simpson placed the ball into the visitors' goal, and Anderson added a second goal, getting through again twice, but being declared off-side. Half-time— Red Stars, two goals; Tantobie, nil. The ball was again put in motion, and grand play was witnessed by both teams. Askew placed the ball to Carr, who scored. The Red Stars pressed and Anderson scored twice. Then Tantobie scored, and Askew scored. Final—Red Stars, six goals; Tantobie, one goal.

SOUTH MOOR RANGERS v. CONSETT CELTIC.

These teams met at South Moor on Saturday. The Rangers won the toss, and decided to play towards the entrance goal. The ball was set in motion, and some grand play by the homesters was witnessed. They forced a corner, and from this the Rangers scored. The Celts now pressed, and when in a good position Winter equalised. From the centre kick South Moor attacked, and succeeded in notching a second goal, and at the interval the score was—South Moor, two goals; Consett, one goal. The second portion of the game was evenly contested, and from a hot attack upon the South Moor goal Consett put on a second point. The game ended in a draw of two goals each. The following did duty for

Consett—Goal, C. Surtees; backs, E. Dodds and G. Lovell; half-backs, T. Turley, L. Bant, and T. Brown; forwards, J. Nugent, F. Jones, W. Bant, and T. Chapman.

South Moor—Goal, F. Martin; backs, W. Foster and J. T. Foster; half-backs, M. Stobbs, J. Close, and F. Strange; forwards, R. Embleton, J. Williamson, T. Charlton, E. Dover, and C. Daglish.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

STANLEY ATHLETIC v. PARK JUNIORS.

These two teams met on Stanley ground, in the above league. The first half was very evenly contested, both teams striving hard to score but the defence on both sides was good, and when half-time arrived the score was nil. After resuming, the Juniors played up and some pretty play was witnessed by both sets of forwards. Davison put through, but was ruled off-side. The Juniors came away again, Birtley sent over to Gladders, and the latter player headed through but was again ruled off-side. The game was now becoming exciting. Birtley again got the leather and after evading both backs, scored the first and what proved to be the only goal of the match, and a hard and fast game ended with the score:—

Park Juniors	One goal
Stanley Athletic	Nil

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. MICKLEY.

On Saturday afternoon there teams met on the Celtic ground in a Tyneside League game. The weather was beautifully fine for the lateness of the season, and when Mr Bewley, of Newcastle, called the teams together shortly after the advertised time, they were represented as follows:—

Annfield Plain—Goal, J. Coyle; backs, A. Coyle and W. Beckett; half-backs, E. Buck, W. Herdman, P. Bell; forwards, R. Forster, W. Henderson, Muse, R. Gillender, and E. Storey.

Mickley—Goal, E Charlton; backs, J. Bailey and J. Charlton; half-backs, Mills, Blackburn, and Herron; forwards, Soulsby, T. Bailey, J. Best, E. Best, and J. Sack.

The Celts winning the toss kicked into the entrance goal. From the kick-off they got through the visitors front rank, but the latter soon afterwards regained their ground and forced the homesters to act on the defensive. Quick as lightning T. Bailey put in a shot which completely beat Coyle when the game was but in its infancy. Forster and Herdman now troubled their opponents, and then Parker and Herdman worked the ball nicely to Muse, who unfortunately was robbed before he had shot. Buck was in his usual good form and fed the forwards well. As usual "Walloper" was in one of his happy moods, and caused some amusement during the game, but he worked hard as well. A corner to Mickley looked rather serious for the Celts, but thanks to the back division they cleared in fine form. Resuming the attack the homesters again broke through the visitors' ranks, Parker passing to Muse, who shot a trifle wide, although it was a very good effort. Again Forster gave Muse another chance, but being too closely watched Storey got hold and forced a corner. The visitors' back division had a lively time for a few minutes, as Muse, Gillender, and comrades kept up a bombardment of Charlton's charge. Mickley, however, sustained the storm well, and rushing away added a second point in a scrimmage. Forster, Herdman, Storey, and Muse frequently became dangerous, but the superior strength and weight of their opponents was too much for them, and they were kept in check. Not to be discouraged by repeated reverses, the home forwards kept their opponents busy, but all to no avail. Shortly before half-time, Gillender and Muse each made good efforts to score, but when the interval arrived the game stood—

Mickley	Two goals
Annfield Plain	Nil

Shortly after the resumption of play the homesters, from a goal kick, worked their way steadily up the hill, where an abortive corner fell to their lot. Then the Celts were called upon to resume the defensive, and proved an obstacle to the attacks of Mickley until the referee stopped the game when there were 20 minutes to play, at which point the game stood the same as at half-time—

Mickley	Two goals
Annfield Plain Celtic	Nil

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

STANLEY v. HEBBURN ARGYLE.

These teams fulfilled a Northern Alliance engagement at Oakey's on Saturday last, in the presence of a large attendance of spectators. Owing to the late arrival of the afternoon train by which the Tynesiders travelled there was considerable delay before Mr. Pinder got the players lined up as follows:—

Stanley.—Goal, Robbins; backs, Saunders and Bell; half-backs, Coates, Allison, and Redpath; forwards, Ellis, Robson, Connor, Douglas, and Masterman.

Hebburn Argyle.—Goal, Stephenson; backs, Scott and Warburton; half-backs, Moralee, Walker, and Davison; forwards, Bianeli, Charlton, Mackin, Howe, and Lavery.

Connor started the game, and Mackin responded by sending well into the home territory, whence it was returned to touch in the Argyle half. The following exchanges were in favour of the Tynesiders. Allison gave the visitors an opening by handling, but their efforts to score were cleverly repulsed by Redpath. The home left wing made a bid, but Masterman was unfavourably placed for the final shot. The Argyle backs cleared smartly, and the forwards keeping up the movement got past the home defence, and Howe scored the opening goal against his erstwhile companions. Soon after the kick off Howe was temporarily injured by an accidental kick on the knee. Some quick passing work ensued, and Mackin rather easily registered the second point for his side within ten minutes from the start. The home players now began to put more life into the work, and were making good headway when an infringement of the rules not only put a check on, but nearly enabled the other side to score again. The Stanley right wing and Connor got some useful work in, and Stephenson had to handle a good shot over to the other wing. Allison got the best of Walker, and then a kick by Redpath was returned by Moralee, who sent over the line. From the goal kick the ball was sent back to Robbins, who was compelled to give a corner, which was cleared. An effort by Masterman to get the ball away led to Scott handling, but the free kick gave Stanley no advantage. After an exchange, Connor sent into the net, but was offside at the time. The home players were now working hard, and looked like scoring, when they were fouled. The kick was headed past, and some hard and even play followed. Then Stanley secured a corner, from which a goalkick resulted. The visitors worked along in the direction of Robbins, who saved nicely, and then Ellis had a chance, but shot high over. Immediately after Masterman got away, and passing to Douglass, the latter made a poor shot, sending over the bar. The homesters at this stage were working very strongly and Allison, who was playing a very active game, sent along to Masterman who got in a clever dodging run and centreing Robson got the best of a scrimmage and put on Stanley's first goal amid much enthusiasm. From the kick off, Hebburn journeyed along to the home goal, but were quickly driven back, and out of a piece of good passing initiated by Masterman, Robson was enabled to put on the equalising point. After some tricky play by the homesters they were somewhat easily pressed back, and Lavery from the left wing scored a soft goal, thus putting the visitors ahead again. Stanley played a determined game, but failed in several attempts to find the net, and the interval came with the score standing:—

Hebburn Argyle	Three goals.
Stanley	Two goals.

Mackin resumed and Howe followed up, but was charged. Then Lavery came along and shots were rained upon the home goal with no better effect finally than a goal kick. Coates then got away and passed to Allison, who transferred to Saunders and Bell; and Saunders sent past. Ellis received from Saunders, but was fouled, and the ball was sent into touch in the home district. Hebburn had the best of some open play and then Stanley got away, and seemed well placed when Connor, who exchanged places with Masterman, with an ill-judged kick sent wide of the mark. The visitors again attacked but fouled Robbins when close in goal, and thus threw an opportunity away. Of the home players at this stage, Allison was playing the best and hardest game, and warded off several attacks. Saunders had to concede a corner, which availed the visitors nothing. The Tynesiders were driven back, and Scott and Warburton found it necessary to save at the expense of a corner, from which Connor just failed to score. Immediately after the Hebburn left wing got well away, and putting in a fine centre enabled Mackin to send in a rasping shot. The ball struck the upright and bounced back into play, from where it was sent over—hard lines for the visitors. Stanley again pressed, and forced a corner, but gained nothing. Exchanges followed, and Stephenson had two hard shots to clear. The Stanley forwards, led by Masterman, looked like getting home when they were fouled close in, and the free kick was cleared. Both ends were visited, and Douglas almost scored for Stanley. Then Ellis had a chance, but shot wide. The equalising point, however, was not long in coming. Receiving after a throw-in Douglas with a forcible shot sent the ball flying past Stephenson into the net amid enthusiastic cheering. Nothing further was done, and the game ended in a draw, thus:—

Stanley	Three goals.
Hebburn Argyle	Three goals.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

DARLINGTON v. TOW LAW.

These teams met at Feethams, Darlington, on Saturday, for the first time in the Northern League competition. There was a good gathering of spectators, the weather being very favourable. Proceedings were commenced fifteen minutes late, Iley starting for Tow Law. A few brief exchanges of ends took place and then Darlington set up a dangerous pressure. Swalwell had hard lines through slipping at a time when he had a splendid opening. Tow Law gained a gained a corner, but Hymers sent the ball wide. A nice shot at the other end, sent in by Tolson, resulted in the custodian conceding a corner, with no successful issue, however, to the homesters. Thompson, in the Darlington half-back line, displayed some neat and smart tackling, seldom missing anything which he tried for. A kick which he sent in was received near the visitors' goal, and an exciting scrimmage took place, but the Tow Law defence successfully cleared. Swalwell shone on many occasions, to the advantage of his team. The first goal scored was credited to Brown, of Tow Law, who netted the ball with a straight, stinging shot, half an hour after the start. Nattress, in the visitors' goal, saved some good shots in creditable style. Brown added a second goal for Tow Law just before the interval, when they were still leading by two goals to nil. About five minutes after re-starting, Tolson sent in a pretty low shot from his place on the wing, and the leather, passing Nattress, went into the net, thus registering the homesters' first goal. Excitement was then great among the spectators for a short while. Darlington kept up a heavy and determined pressure, with the result that another goal was added shortly after. Tolson sent in a nice pass to the centre, and near the goal mouth. Bowes there received, and headed the ball through. Tow Law then paid a brief visit to the Darlington end, but gained no point, and the leather was again transferred. About fifteen minutes before time, Iley, of Tow Law, headed a third goal for his side from a corner kick, nicely placed by Hymers. This seemed to make Darlington more on the alert, as two minutes after the score was again equalised by Cansick, from close in to the Tow Law goal. A fourth for Darlington was credited to Cansick, who sent the ball in after receiving from a well judged kick by Bowes, from the left wing. Final—

Darlington	Four goals
Tow Law	Three goals

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

BIRTLEY v. MIDDLESBROUGH A.

On Saturday last these teams met for the first time under Northern Alliance auspices at Birtley. The "gate" was not very large, the big match at Newcastle forming a great counter attraction. The homesters were without their captain, Dover, who has lately been married, and his place at centre-half was taken by T. Monaghan. Middlesbrough were at full strength and had the assistance of Piercy and Pratt, each first team men. Teams:—

Birtley—Goal, Biggars; backs, Greene and Martin; half-backs, Hills, Monaghan and Rake; forwards, Patterson, Doyle, Dixon, Spence, and McGowan.

Middlesbrough A.—Goal, Hughes; backs, Jones and Clark; half-backs, Redfern, Darque and Piercy; forwards, Murphy, Page, Buckley, and Callighan.

Dixon won the toss and he elected to kick towards the village. Pratt started and for a few minutes the ball travelled from one foot to another without ever leaving the centre of the field. Then the Middlesbrough right wing got up and Martin cleared, but a minute later Page just sent past. Middlesbrough attacked the Birtley goal for a short time but at length Martin came in with some big kicks which changed the scene of play. Doyle was then conspicuous for some very tricky play, but lost the ball. The visitors got up and Biggars had to fist away from Buckley. Birtley now pressed hard, the team playing with great dash. However, Middlesbrough again cleared their lines and got up, but only to be sent back again. So far the game was proving to be one of the greatest struggles ever fought on the Birtley ground, and the spectators were certainly getting full value for their money. The homesters forced a couple of corners in succession, but they were cleared. Birtley continued to attack and the ball was frequently sent past. These goal kicks occasionally meant a dash up the hill by the Middlesbrough forwards, but Greene and Martin were always there ready to receive the ball. After a lot of even play in this ding-dong struggle the visitors' goal had an exceedingly narrow escape. Doyle put in a fast ground shot and Clark, standing directly in front of Hughes, took a kick at it but missed. Quick as thought, Hughes took a big kick at the ball and luckily for his side succeeded in getting the leather away, but it was an exceedingly dangerous period for the visitors' goal. The Teessiders then got up, and the right wing forced a corner, and Biggars saved. Birtley took the ball down, but off-side spoiled a good chance. Directly after Doyle put in a terrific shot which just grazed the outside of the upright. Middlesbrough then got possession, and a visit was paid to Biggars and his friends, but only with the usual result—to be sent back again. The ball travelled to the other end, and Clark made a magnificent clearance from Doyle, who worked himself into a very dangerous position. A few minutes later, the interval arrived with the score sheet thus:—

Birtley	Nil
Middlesbrough	Nil

On resuming Dixon quickly got possession and dashed up the field, and within the first minute Clark tripped him inside the penalty line. The referee awarded a penalty kick to Birtley and the usual formalities prior to the taking of the kick were gone through, and the players ranged themselves on the eighteen yards line. It was seen that Doyle was to be the responsible party, and he banged the leather into the net, the ball just touching Hughes' fingers. This early success roused Birtley to do even greater things, and ere other five minutes had elapsed McGowan had popped number two into the net from a scrimmage. Play now became more even, although Birtley were still keeping the upper hand. Birtley put a great deal of pressure on the Middlesbrough defence, and it ended in Dixon putting the third goal for Birtley past Hughes. So far the homesters had simply been irresistible, but they now relaxed their efforts, and play could only be classed as of the "end to end" order. Once at the visitors' goal Spence, by some very neat and tricky play, got well up, but he ran the ball past. Towards the finish Birtley acted mainly on the defensive, but they did not allow Hughes, Jones, and Clark to fall asleep, for they were often in the visitors' goal mouth. A few minutes before time Darque put in a very high shot which appeared to both players and spectators to be going over the top, but it suddenly dropped, and before Biggars could reach it, the ball was in the net. Just as the whistle was about to blow the visitors forced a corner, but nothing came of it, and the game ended in a splendid win for Birtley, the score being—

Birtley	Three goals
Middlesbrough	One goal

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

HAMSTERLEY v. ANNFIELD PLAIN RESERVE.

Played in fine weather at Blackhall Mill. The home team gained no advantage by winning the toss. The visitors went up from the start, but Carr soon cleared, and the home left ran down but sent past. Midfield play followed, each set of halves putting in good work. At last Richardson received a fine pass from his brother and sent out to Parker. The latter and Johnson [illegible]

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The Burnopfield Co-operative Hall has recently been the scene of many a crowded assembly, but never have we witnessed that spacious building filled with a larger and more fashionable audience than that which assembled on Monday evening, on the occasion of the benefit concert in aid of Mr. Frank Gregory, who, unfortunately, has been unable to follow his employment during the last five months or so, through an attack of rheumatism. The populace of Burnopfield and thereaway, we know, are always willing to extend a helping hand to those whose misfortunes call for the same, and when Mr. Edward Saunders, jun., together with a capable committee of co-workers, took the arrangement of a concert in hands, spontaneous assistance was forthcoming, with the result that a programme suitable to the tastes of all classes was submitted to a packed house on Monday evening. The gathering was presided over by Coun. W. Holmes, J.P., who made a most capable chairman. The initial part of the programme was allotted to an orchestra from Stanley, under the care of Mr. Forster whilst the latter part was relegated to that popular musical organisation—the Whickham Choral Society, whose reputation for good choral singing is already well-known. A selection from the orchestra proved a pleasant precursor to an excellent evening's enjoyment. The piece—involving many intricate parts—was gone through with precision and remarkable smoothness, which won the applause of the audience. This was followed by Miss Dixon, who delighted the audience with a perfect rendering of "Flight of Ages." Miss Wheatley and Miss Fiddes, who are gifted with voices of rare sweetness, sang "In the Dust," with telling effect, being loudly applauded. Mr. Tom Holland, a gentleman who stands high in the ranks of our local artistes, delighted the audience with his efforts in "Queen of the Earth," and won for himself the warmest encomiums. Miss Anderson gave an exposition of her powers on the violin in the pretty air, "5th Air Vane," which showed complete mastery over the instrument. A hearty round of applause greeted her efforts. Miss Hunt sang "Kathleen Mavourneen" with great taste and feeling. Mr. Honby introduced the comic element by giving "The Sheeny Man," in which he kept the audience in almost continual laughter." Later on he sang another comic song, which created endless amusement, and he was certainly deserving of the deafening applause bestowed upon him. Mr. Tom Holland and Miss Dixon sang "Very Suspicious," in a highly creditable manner, their rich voices being heard to advantage. This was followed by a selection by the orchestra, entitled "Life on the Ocean." This was calculated to test the individual efforts of each player, and we must say tha they took their respective parts admirably, albeit a very rare false note at intervals. The members of the Whickham Choral Society came next, and their appearance on the platform was the occasion of hearty rounds of applause. Their efforts were confined to the "The Heavens are Telling," and "Sweet and Low," in which they infused great fire, and sang with commendable precision. The soloists were Miss Wilson, Mr. Tom Holland, and Mr. J. W. Skelton, all of whom were in fine voice. The success of the undertaking, we know, is due in a large measure to a capable accompanist, and such was to be found in Mrs. George Proud, who presided at the piano with her usual skill and ability. Mr. George Proud wielded the baton, and credit is due to this gentleman for the high state of excellency the Society has now attained. The members individually and collectively are to be congratulated upon what was a highly-creditable performance, and we hope to be able to chronicle still further success. Mr. Morris Mulcahy acted as accompanist. Toward the close of the concert the chairman said they all knew the object of the gathering, which was to give some financial support to Mr. Frank Gregory. He was confident when he said that that gentleman was ever ready to give either his physical services or his talent with a view to helping his fellow-workmen. (Applause.) Mr. Gregory had been cast down by affliction, but he had sent a message asking him to offer thanks on his behalf to everyone who had taken part in the concert. (Applause.) He thought he would be expressing the sentiments of everyone when he said he hoped that Mr. Gregory would soon be restored to health, and able to work once again for his wife and family. (Applause.) Mr. Gregory had also requested him to thank those persons who had given their services, and also the committee for the energetic way in which they had worked on his behalf. The performance had been an excellent one, and what was more, all those who had taken part in the same had given their services gratuitously. (Loud applause.)

STANHOPE.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding took place at Stanhope on Saturday, at the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The contracting parties were Mr. George W. Maddison, of Frosterley, and Miss Margaret E. Iley, daughter of Coun. J. C. Iley, of Stanhope. The Rev. R. Huddlestone performed the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Miss Frances M. Iley and Miss Ethel Iley, sisters of the bride.

WEARDALE.

NENTHEAD READING ROOM.—The yearly meeting in connection with the above institution was held on Saturday night, a large number of members being present. Councillor A. Bolton presided. The half-year's accounts, as presented by the secretary, Mr. W. Thompson, showed the financial position to be very satisfactory. An augmented supply of daily and weekly London and provincial papers was approved of for the ensuing term. The following officials were elected:—President, Councillor A. Bolton; vice-president, Mr H. Petty; secretary, Mr. Wm. Thompson; treasurer, Mr. Joseph Hill. A vote of thanks was passed to the Mining Company for their generosity in supplying gratuitously oil and fuel for the reading room.

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NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir—Referring to your correspondent's letter of last week re the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club, may I ask "J.W.F." to what section of the Club he refers, as many friends in Consett and district, I am afraid, may form very incorrect impressions from the too vague manner in which your correspondent writes.—Yours truly,

ENOCH RASCELLES.

LEADGATE INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Having been an inmate of the Leadgate Infectious Hospital, I should like through the agency of your columns to express my appreciation of the manner in which this institution is managed. From Drs. Allen and Burke and from the caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Longstaffe, I received every care, attention, and consideration during my illness and convalescence. I found the hospital to be excellently conducted in every respect, and in the caretakers I found a genial and sympathetic couple, who devote themselves most thoroughly to the welfare of the patients. I might add that patients suffering from infectious disease need have no hesitation in complying with the advice of medical men to allow themselves to be removed, for in doing so they are not only acting justly towards themselves, but also to their friends, and to the community around them.

I am etc.,

WM. NICHOLSON.

15, Peel Street, Stanley.

THE WAR AND THE RESERVISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—Seeing that a good number of men have left the district and gone to join their colours, and will no doubt be called to active service in South Africa, would it not be in keeping with the spirit and generosity of the rest of the country to do a small share towards keeping the dependents of these soldiers in as comfortable a position as possible during their absence from home? Surely we are not less sympathetic than others, and the best sympathy we can show is by supplying funds necessary to keep these people. I would suggest that the chairman of each District Council convene a public meeting for the purpose of formulating a scheme and appointing a committee to carry on the work in the way that such meeting may direct, and I have no doubt but what a least ninety per cent of the inhabitants would give generously and continuously to such a popular and deserving movement; and when peace is proclaimed (which I hope soon will be), we can all truly say we have assited to do our duty when the demands of the state was made upon us. Trusting all our influential men will rise to the occasion, and make a huge success of the suggestion, is the wish of a good many, and especially,—Yours truly,

ROBERT ECCLES.

Blackhill, October 23rd, 1899.

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Local play-goers are extremely well catered for this week, and there should be good houses every night. Mr Herbert Cecil's company, in the powerful drama, "The Luck of Life," supplies the attraction, and we can honestly say that it is well worthy of a visit. The author of the drama is Mr J. K. Murray, and it has enjoyed a good run at the Standard Theatre, London. The play is capitally written around a well-thought out and clever plot, and there is scarcely a dull moment throughout. The scenery is amongst the best ever seen on the stage of the New Theatre, and in the fifth act the celebrated machine gun is introduced. Mr Cecil's company give a splendid impersonation of "The Luck of Life," and the play loses nothing in their capable hands. The "caste" is a long one, but all the members of the company are well up in their several parts. Mr Cecil himself, as "George Stanhope," is excellent, his performance being one of the successes of the drama. As "Bahadur" (a Hindoo), Mr. Walter Thornton shines immensely in a somewhat difficult character. Special mention might also be made of Messrs Arthur E. Andrews, Raymond Thomas, Ernest Ramsay, Richard Ferris, W. Everett, and James Wilton, but no fault could be found with any of the remainder. Amongst the ladies Miss Annie Conway is seen to great advantage as "Rene Basilovits," and earns for herself warm applause. Miss Lillie Monckton is good as "Countess Vlame," and the same may be said of Miss Lizzie Edare, Miss Vera Gray, and Miss Enid Wilde, who appear respectively as "Vivienne D'Artois," "Mdlle. Tolsti," and "Laura North." Those who can appreciate a good play well acted, should not omit to see "The Luck of Life."

KYO.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY MEETING.—On Sunday afternoon the Rev. J. Bishop, of Shotley Bridge, preached one of the annual foreign missionary sermons, while Mr. J. H. Humble, of Annfield Plain, preached the evening sermon, in the Wesleyan Mission Room, Kyo. On Monday evening the missionary meeting was presided over by Mr. R. Biggs, of Dipton, when addresses were given to a fair audience by the Rev. A. Barraclough of Stanley, and Mr. J. Humble, of Annfield Plain. Collections were taken in aid of the foreign missions.

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...ATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

...editor of the "Consett Guardian."

...Referring to your correspondent's ...of last week re the Vale of Derwent ...lists' Field Club, may I ask "J.W.P." ...section of the Club he refers, as ...friends in Consett and district, I am ...may form very incorrect impressions ...the too vague manner in which your ...ondent writes.—Yours truly,

ENOCH RASCELLES.

...GATE INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.

...editor of the "Consett Guardian."

...—Having been an inmate of the Lead... Infectious Hospital, I should like ...h the agency of your columns to ex... ...my appreciation of the manner in ...this institution is managed. From ...llen and Burke and ...rom the care... Mr. and Mrs. Fred Longstaffe, I re... every care, attention, and consider... during my illness and convalescence. ...d the hospital to be excellently con... ...in every respect, and in the care... I found a genial and sympathetic ...who devote themselves most thor... to the welfare of the patients. I ...add that patients suffering from in... ...us disease need have no hesitation in ...ying with the advice of medical men ...ow themselves to be removed, for in ...so they are not only acting justly to... themselves, but also to their friends, ...o the community around them.

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BLACKHILL VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

"PHYSIOLOGY OF PLANTS."

The first of a series of monthly meetings in connection with the above club was held on Wednesday night, at the Blackhill Mechanics' Institute, when the following paper on "The Physiology of Plants" was read by Mr Jabez Swindale, of Blackhill:—

Biology, the science which deals with living creatures, may be divided into two branches, e.g., (1) morphology, which treats of the forms and structures of living creatures; and (2) physiology, which attempts to explain the modes of activity exhibited by them during their lifetime, and may therefore be defined as the science which investigates the phenomena presented by the textures and organs of healthy living beings, or, in short, the study of the action of organism in contradistinction to that of their shape and structure. The organic or living world is divided into the animal and vegetable kingdoms. We have therefore both animal and vegetable morphology and physiology. Morphology includes the external forms, the general construction or anatomy of organisms, and the minute structure of their texture as revealed by the microscope. This latter branch of study, under the name of histology has now developed into a very extensive subject. A knowledge of microscopic methods and of the various forms of the different textures of the plant is one of the first essentials for physiological study. We shall see that the assistance of other sciences—chemistry and physics—are also indispensable to the study of physiology. For every action of living tissue is accompanied by some chemical change, the chemical process in fact being the common essential part of the phenomena of life. A section cut in any direction from any part of any plant is seen on microscopic examination to be of cellular structure, built up of cells—little braes. These cells vary considerably in shape, size, and general construction, according to the plant or part of the plant from which they are taken. All living cells, however, agree in that they contain as the vital principle—living protoplasm. The cells are the framework; the actual work of the plant is done by the protoplasm. The protoplasm of any two adjoining living cells is connected by delicate strands of protoplasm which pass through the cell wall dividing them. It will be necessary to describe the structure of a single cell and its contents, such for instance as as we find in one of the spirogyra or fresh water algae. We have (a) a cell-wall, composed of cellulose; and (b) the cell contents, which are (1st) protoplasm lining the entire cell-wall; (2nd) in young cells, by proper methods, a neucleus can generally be seen; (3rd) chlorophyll, a special modification of protoplasm which is the green colouring matter of plants, and which in these plants is found as a spiral band; (4th) imbedded in the chlorophyll can at certain times be seen the starch grains; (5th) vacuoles. When the cell is young, the protoplasm entirely fills it, but after a time water gradually accumulates in its interior and makes these vacuoles. Often the vacuoles run together and form one large vacuole. This cell-water is known as cell-sap. Healthy protoplasm is then always in close contact with water, and it is only while in such a condition that the cell can be said to live; with very rare exceptions, if a cell is once thoroughly dried, even at a low temperature, its life is gone. We have said that all plants are of cellular structure, and that a supply of water is necessary for the life of its protoplasm and that a store of water is held within its cell-wall; it becomes necessary now to inquire how water affected its entry into a plant. It does so through the operation of a law known in physics as osmosis. The water passes into the bladder and so causes a rise of the fluid in the tube. The passage of water always going in the direction towards the greater density. This passage through membrane of one fluid into another is spoken of as osmosis. In a somewhat similar manner water enters the plant and is passed on from one cell to another. In plants provided with a root system special cells for absorbing water from the soil are found and are known as the root hairs. On washing away the soil from a young plant which has been carefully lifted from the earth, it will be noticed that the soil clings more tenaciously to certain parts of the root than to others—to those plants just a little behind the apex of the finest fibres. This is due to the presence of exceedingly fine root hairs which are found there. By osmosis the the root hairs take up water which also holds in solution the various salts required by the plant for the building up of its structure, and passes it on from cell to cell until it reaches the wood bundles whence it is conveyed up the stem to the leaves. Plants are always respiring throughout their whole body, and a plentiful supply of oxygen must be always available. The supply to the delicate and growing structure of the root will be greatly influenced by the amount of water held by the soil, and the physiological function of the root will be greatly retarded by the presence of too much water in the soil. A neat experiment showing very clearly the action of root hairs is to sow a number of seeds in a little soil on a polished marble slab. After a little time, through an acid solution being secreted by the root-hairs, the marble will be found covered with marks or etchings. It is due to this acid secretion that a plant can obtain for itself part of the mineral matter it requires in a soluble form. Very dilute solutions of mineral manures should be used, otherwise great injury may result from their use. We ought not to omit to mention something about the structure and use of the root-cap. In order that the delicate growing point of the root may be protected from damage whilst making its way past stone and through the soil, it is covered by a cushion of cells which is constantly renewed from the inside as it becomes worn. This cushion is called the root-cap.

SKETCH OF ROOT-CAP.

The wood bundles of the root, stem, branches, and leaves are intimately connected and may be likened to a series of pipes which carry the fluids from the root to the leaves for manufacturing purposes, viz., the manufacture of starch, sugar etc. In order that water may be brought to the leaves two forces are put into operation—(1) that of capillary attraction; and (2) transpiration or evaporation. A fluid can ascend to a very considerable height in a tube of fine cone owing to capillary attraction. Transpiration goes on from the leaf and chiefly from the underside of the leaf, except with potometre. I have prepared two slides showing the structure of the leaf for microscopic examination. This diagram will represent their more important characteristics. One shows a section through the leaf, the other is the epidermis from the under surface of the leaf—the iris. We have in I.—(a) the upper epidermis; (b) pallisade tissue; (c) spongy tissue; (d) Lowes epidermis with stomata. In II.—Lowes epidermis with stomata. Stoma means a little mouth. A diagram will show its structure and how it acts. (A stoma is composed of two cells, called guard-cells, and thickened in certain parts—the thickening causing the cells to expand or contract in a certain direction so as to open and close the space between them.) As many as 160,000 stomata have been found in a square inch on the underside of the leaf of the lilac, whilst none are found on the upper surface of the leaf. On referring again to our sketch of the transverse section of the leaf, we see that the stomata likewise open into space in the interior of the leaf. These spaces are filled with air and moisture. We come now to consider the assimilation of carbon by the plant. Sixty per cent. of the total solids of a plant is composed of carbon, and the whole of the carbon has to be fixed by the leaf. The source of all the carbon is the air. Carbon is found in the air as carbon dioxide, and the proportion of the gas in the air is only 4 in 10,000. During sunlight, and only during sunlight, are the green cells, or cells containing chlorophyll, able to take in the carbon from the air, to decompose it—fix the carbon and liberate the oxygen. That the leaf actually does this by sunlight could be demonstrated by two experiments—(1) cress in a closed vessel, oxygen liberated; (2) potash bulbs and closed vessel, no oxygen liberated.

The chemical or rather physiological changes which take place in the leaf are those which result principally in the formation of sugar and starch. At any rate sugar can be found in the leaf immediately on the absorption of carbon and liberation of oxygen. The sugar (which you know is easily soluble in water) is removed almost as quickly as formed, and carried off by the bast fibres and sieve tubes to the parts of the plant requiring nourishment. If more sugar is manufactured than the plant has immediate need for, it is converted into an insoluble form—starch—and stored up in various parts of the plant as the tubers, seeds root until wanted. A part of the sugar formed by the leaf is converted by the chloroplast into starch, and may be found inside.

As the making of sugar and starch can only be carried on during sunlight, consequently if we decolourise a leaf by extracting the chlorophyll with chloroform, ether or spirit, and then apply the ordinary test for starch—iodine solution—we should see at once whether starch were present or not. Many very interesting experiments could be made to show the presence or absence of starch in a leaf. A stencil plate clasped on to a leaf, after exposure to sunlight and rapidly killing the leaf by immersion in boiling water, then applying iodine letters would if starch were present. Similarly a negative could be printed on a leaf. We have spoken of absorption, transpiration, respiration, and assimilation, and many other very important things are left unmentioned, but I hope enough has been said to show that much can be learned from a study of the simplest plant that grows.

Mr Swindale's interesting paper was illustrated by diagrams on the black-board, and at the finish he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

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YANKEE HUMOUR.

A FLAG OF TRUCE.

Such occurrences as this are inevitable. The father is a veteran of the Civil War, and the son helped settle things in Cuba.

"You don't know what war is," said the old gentleman at dinner the other day. "It's nothing to go over and clean out a lot of half-breeds and heathen. We fought as brave a lot of men as ever strapped on a knapsack or pulled a trigger, and we didn't come home kicking because our bill of fare wasn't up to that of a five-dollar-a-day hotel."

"Oh, I guess you did your share of kicking, from what I read. And I guess you didn't strike anything much hotter than it was going up that hill at Santiago."

"Papa," said little Johnny from near the foot of the table, "do you mean that a man that was wounded or killed in your war was any more woundeder or killeder than they was in Brother Ike's war?"

The older veteran simply hoisted his napkin on his fork, and the Cuban hero smilingly acknowledged the surrender.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Wamsley got up to get his pipe from the mantel the other night, and carelessly brought his number ten ... down heavily on his wife's tenderest corn. He made no apology, and Mrs. Wamsley said:

"Well, Henry Wamsley?"

"Well, what?"

"You haven't anything to say, have you?"

"Anything to say about what?"

"About nearly crushing my foot to a jelly?"

"What should I say?"

"I'd ask, if I were you, Henry Wamsley! What would you have said ten years ago, before we were married, when you were courting me? What would you say to-day to any woman who did not happen to be so unfortunate as to be your wife? Hey? Why, you'd humble yourself in the dirt apologising to her! You'd say: 'I beg your pardon!' and, 'How awkward I am!' and, 'Do excuse me!' Oh, you couldn't be humble and polite enough in your apologies! My, how you would apologise! You'd be apt to write her a note about it! And if it had happened after our engagement you'd be so tenderly solicitous about my 'poor dear little foot,' my 'tender little foot,' whose pathway you intended to make smooth all of my life! My good land! You'd make me actually weary talking about my 'poor little foot.' But now, when you nearly crush every ... in it, and make me scream with pain, you never open your mouth to say anything unless it is 'Oh, ... under!' or something like that. And last night when the Morleys were calling here you made us all tired of apologising to Mrs. Morley because you chanced to spill a little water on her dress, and I thought to myself: 'He wouldn't apologise that way to me if he had accidentally turned a garden hose on me! He'd probably ask me what I was in the way for!' It's a strange thing to me that a married man's manners wane with the honeymoon! I tell you marriage makes an awful difference. Indeed it does!"

"I should say it did," mumbled Wamsley, as he lighted his pipe.

THE ONE ALTERNATIVE.

"Mary," he cried, in desperation, "I shall wait no longer. Either you must consent to become my wife or end this farce. Your repeated delays are killing me."

"Very well, Hubert," she answered, calmly; "if you take that ground, there is but one alternative for me."

She drew off the diamond ring which sparkled on her finger and handed it to him.

He took it sadly, and bitterly exclaimed:

"Oh, false, cruel girl, to thus carelessly trample upon a heart whose every throb is for you alone! For this bauble I have no further use. Let it perish, as I hope may also the love of which it was the emblem."

His hand was raised to throw the ring into the grate, but she grasped it quickly.

"I merely wished to say, Hubert, that I would like you to have the wedding-ring made just a trifle smaller than this."

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Most girls are hero worshippers till they meet one.

Probably the most unhappy girl in the world is the one whose teeth ache every time she eats candy.

A girl always comes away from a house party with either a terrible quarrel or an idea for a new waist.

Any man will admit that he can't make bread, but no woman will admit that she can't understand politics.

When a man sees his wife really angry he says it is foolish to lose her temper like that; when he gets the same way himself he says there is a point where patience ceases to be a virtue.

POCAHONTAS UP-TO-DATE.

Picture to yourself, Pale Face reader, a scene laid in the State of Virginia, long years before the Old Dominion was the State of Virginia.

There lay Captain John Smith, an Englishman, visiting the United States on a business trip, with his head on a saw-log and his body stretched along the earth—and him perfectly sober.

Near him stood Powhatan, a noble red man, next of kin to Lo, the Poor Indian, who had up to this time not appeared in history. Powhatan was the chief of the Pamunkeys, and he had frequently been heard to say that no Englishman could Pa-munkey with him. Grasped firmly in his left hand, for the chief was a south paw, though not generally so stated by his biographers, if, indeed, they were aware of it, was a club that Baby Anson might well have flourished over the home plate at a later period in the nation's history. Lightly the chieftain twirled his stick, the meanwhile smiling significantly, not to say sardonically, at the captain, who seemed to be holding down a base for all there was in it.

In a few moments a knock-kneed scalper, at whom the assembled crowd howled its derision, appeared, and taking his position in the foreground of the well-known picture, he sung out in a commanding voice: "Play."

Instantly the chief straightened up, shook the bark off of his club, and, with a fierce and implacable look towards heaven and the future, drew back to strike.

Those who were looking at the recumbent captain at this time observed that he closed his English-blue eyes as if something were about to happen that he was not particularly anxious to witness.

At this crucial moment a young lady, upon whose royal cheek a red crayon would not have made a visible mark, made a rush for the chieftain and his club and tackled them heroically.

"Hold, pa! Hold, pa!" she screamed until the aisles of the mighty forests echoed and re-echoed her cry.

"Yes," added the captain, lustily, "somebody hold pa and give me a chance."

It was Pocahontas, the chieftain's only daughter, and Captain Smith recalled the pictures he had seen in the school books, and thought how much better-looking she was now.

"Well, what in thunder do you want here?" inquired the chieftain, with more asperity than usual, as he lowered his stick.

"I want you to let Captain Smith go, pa," she replied in dulcet tones.

The chieftain pointed towards the earth with a significant wink.

"Well," he said, "he'd been going by this time if you had not interfered."

"Thanks, pa," gaily responded the James River belle, "but I don't want him to go where all the other dead Englishmen are; let him stay among the good Americans."

"Nay, nay, Pauline," dissented Powhatan, almost fiercely.

"But, pa," argued Pocahontas, "if you kill him his blood will be upon your head, don't you know."

"And what of that, prithee, girl?" chucking her under the chin as was his fatherly wont.

"Much, dear father," she said, becoming deeply serious. "You know that blood is red, and if you have it on your head, papa, you will be a red-headed Indian, and you know what a hoodoo a red-headed Indian is. If you think you can stand it, papa," and there was sarcasm, mingled with irony, in her tones and manner, "just go ahead and try it, but I want you to understand that I shall not live under the same roof with a hoodoo like that."

By the time the young Princess of the Pamunkeys had finished her remarks, old man Powhatan was seated on a stump near by, wiping the perspiration from his Tennessee marble brow.

"Daughter," he said in a hoarse whisper, "you have saved your father's life, but prithee do not ask me to let you marry a man named John Smith as a reward. Pocahontas Smith! Gee whiz, I'd rather be dead."

So she married another fellow.

LOCAL STOCK MARTS.

Benfieldside.—On Monday, Mr John S. Murray had forward 145 fat sheep and lambs, 17 fat beasts, 3 calves, 3 grazing cattle, 5 pork pigs, 3 cows, and 2 horses, besides poultry, agricultural tools, &c. There was a large and representative attendance, and the supplies being rather shorter than usual, a fairly good sale resulted at prices similar to last week. Sheep made up to 43s each; lambs to 30s; calves, from 12s to £3; fat beasts, from £9 to £16 5s—top, Mr Brodie Cochrane, Greencroft Park; grazing cattle, £4 15s; pork pigs, £2 9s to £4 17s; and cows, £9 10s to £12 10s. Poultry, carrots, &c., sold well.—In consequence of the outbreak of swine fever at Consett, the town has been declared an infected area, and no more pigs will be sold at the above mart for some time.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE OF STORE CATTLE.

A special sale was held at this mart on Thursday, about 800 cattle being penned. A large number of buyers assembled from this and adjoining counties. The cattle were nearly all of grand type and quality up to three years old, and forward in condition. The sale opened with geld cows, and although the deficient turnip crop tended to lower prices a good selling trade resulted, and a splendid clearance was effected. Geld cows made from £9 to £13 10s; bulls, to £14; shorthorned heifers, to £15 5s; steers, to £14 7s 6d; blue grey heifers, £13 15s; blue grey steers to £14 10s; Highland Kyloe heifers, to £7 10s.

NOTES FROM LEADGATE.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

AN EXPLANATION.

I feel that some explanation is due from me for the lengthy period that has elapsed since "Geordie" has addressed his friends. The fact is that what with politics and other important things there has been no room for "Geordie," who has consequently had to take a back seat. However, the Editor informs me that the strain on his columns is now relaxing, and that therefore he thinks he can afford me my usual amount of space. For which favour I am duly thankful. But where to begin is the difficulty, as numerous events have transpired since last these notes appeared.

THE RATES.

I have decided to say a few words on the above subject for a start, as it is a question that is sure to prove interesting to many people. I notice that the next rate is to be 1/2 in the pound. Under ordinary circumstances it would have been a shilling, but the extra twopence is for the sewerage scheme. The Council have decided to take this step in preference to borrowing the money, as this would involve a Local Government inquiry, with all its attendant red-tapeism, and the Council are not desirous of being bound down by conditions to which they might take objection. I am not disposed to quarrel with our "city fathers" over this matter, as I have had some experience of these inquiries, which are generally more or less a farce.

A MISSING ASSOCIATION.

Happening to mention the matter of the increased rate to a friend the other day, he staggered me with the question, "But what has become of the Ratepayers' Association?" I am reckoned a pretty good hand at riddles, but I must confess that I had to give this one up. Perhaps, now that the Miners' Hall is, so to speak, out of the range of practical politics, the association is not particularly concerned as to what the Council may do. Some people think that the rate, even with the sewerage scheme in, should not have been more than 10d, whilst others put it down at a shilling at the outside. However that it is—1/2—and we shall have to grin and bear it. If the sewerage scheme only makes the place a bit sweeter, and secures us an immunity from disease, it will be money well spent.

A MODEL SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

Upon the invitation of my friend Coun. Thos. Keenleyside, I paid a visit the other day to the slaughter-house which he has erected upon the site of what was once a joiner's and blacksmith's shop in Back Durham Road. A more suitable place for such a building it would be difficult to find, whilst the slaughter-house itself is admirably adapted for the purpose in view. It has been built by Mr. Jackson, of Leadgate. The outer walls are of red brick, whilst the floors are all cemented, and there are convenient gutters and sinks to take off the blood, etc. On the day that I paid my visit killing operations had been going on, but there was nothing observable to which the most fastidious could have taken exception. Large doors allow a current of air to pass through, and everything seemed sweet and clean. In the slaughter-house four beasts can be comfortably suspended from the two powerful beams above. Coun. Keenleyside is to be congratulated upon the possession of such an excellent building. It would be well if other butchers would follow his example.

WHOSE DUTY IS IT?

Coun. Costello is very anxious to get the road to Crookhall lit up. There can be no doubt but what such an improvement is greatly needed, and that it would be highly appreciated by those who have to travel this road. The Consett Iron Company have been twice written to asking them to do the work, but in each instance they have replied to the effect that they do not see their way clear to fall in with the Council's suggestion. Coun. Costello contends that it is not the duty of the Company to carry out this work, but that the responsibility rests upon the Council itself. However, the latter body does not appear inclined to acquiesce in Coun. Costello's views, so that for the present the matter remains in abeyance, and the people of Crookhall will have to make their way along the road on dark nights as best they can.

LEADGATE STATION.

I was extremely pleased to see that in the list of prizes awarded for the best kept stations this year, Leadgate was granted a third prize. I heartily congratulate Mr. Lish and his staff upon their well-earned success. They work somewhat at a disadvantage owing to the exposed position of the station, but they let nothing daunt them, and the manner in which they have beautified the station in such a comparatively short period is deserving of all praise. I trust that this success will stimulate Mr. Lish to persevere in his efforts until he has gained a first prize. I believe that in time he will accomplish this, as he takes a delight in the work, and does not begrudge the hours he devotes to it. He is worthy of every encouragement in the laudable task he has undertaken.

THE LADY CYCLISTS.

I hear great accounts concerning the ball that the lady cyclists are going to hold in the Co-operative Hall shortly. Judging from the talk one hears we may prepare ourselves for something out of the common. I believe the decorations are going to be on an elaborate scale, whilst the music has been entrusted to that talented member of his profession, Mr. E. J. Sloane, Mus. Bac., of Blackhill, and we can thus confidently reckon upon a choice and up-to-date musical programme. The ladies, once they take anything in hand, believe in doing it thoroughly, as witness the successful picnic in the Shotley Spa grounds. "Geordie" has not yet been favoured with an invitation, nevertheless he expects to be at the great function and will tell you all about it.

AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.

Several people have mentioned to me an objectionable practice just now largely prevailing in our little town. At nights groups of youths congregate at various corner-ends and other places, and use most insulting language to any decent person who may happen to pass. If you venture to remonstrate with them you are treated to some most filthy language by these young blackguards. I would dearly like to see either of our police officers get hold of two or three of these young rascals, and take them to Consett. A sound whipping would do them good, and also help to mitigate what is fast becoming an intolerable nuisance. I have heard numerous complaints on this head, and an example should be made of some of the delinquents.

AN UNUSUAL SIGHT.

It is an unusual sight to see a public-house closed for any length of time; but the "Golden Lion" has been shut up since a week past Monday up to the time of writing. The house belongs to the Newcastle Breweries, but why it has been closed all this time I am unable to say. Perhaps there is some difficulty in securing a suitable tenant.

A STIFF FIGHT.

I notice that Mr. Kershaw, the father of our respected townsman, Mr. John Kershaw, is a candidate for Council honours in Gateshead. Last year Mr. Kershaw, who is now to oppose the sitting member, concluded a term of three years in the Council. At the elections in the two previous years labour representatives had succeeded in obtaining seats for the ward which he represented, and as Mr. Kershaw found he was to be opposed by another labour representative, he appeared to come to the conclusion that it was no use fighting, and he did not offer himself for re-election, but gave his full support to Mr. Ross, who came out in the interests he had been representing, and Mr. Ross went in by a large majority. This success may have given Mr. Kershaw fresh hopes, for this year he is attacking another seat in the same ward, held by a labour representative, Mr. Quinn, who wrested it from Mr. Elliott three years ago. The probabilities are that this contest will be the stiffest to be fought, for Mr. Kershaw has a strong following in the ward. Mr. Kershaw, sen., is an excellent man of business, and I wish him success.

A FATAL OBJECTION

At the Durham County Court on Monday, before His Honour Judge Meynell, Thomas Hannan, miner, of Sacriston, sued the owners of the Burnhope Colliery (Messrs U. A. Ritson and Son) to recover the sum of 18s 8d due for wages. There was a counter-claim for £3 18s 5d for breach of contract.—Mr J. Mawson appeared for the plaintiff, whose case was that he had been employed by the firm, and owing to the hewers refusing to work the coal in the district where he was working, he was thrown out of work. He complained to the manager, and was asked to work the stone and coal, and to tender for work. He did tender, but it was not accepted. In June he was offered work in another place, and he asked permission to leave before his notice expired. This was agreed to, on condition that he left the house. He was given a pay-note by the under-manager, but the manager wanted to deduct 10s. for rent. Plaintiff then refused to take anything.—The defendants' case was that plaintiff was offered work in other parts of the mine. The reason he was not employed in the same place was that there was not sufficient work for the men. He was offered hewing in a district, but on the ground that it was too hard, and he could not make as much money as he wanted, he refused, although he was told there was nothing else for him.—His Honour came to the conclusion that plaintiff had left his work without notice, and that was fatal to his case.—Both claims were disallowed.

DERWENT VALLEY NOTES.

[BY "ROWLEY."]

BLACKHILL NATURALISTS.

I have before me a copy of the programme to be gone through at the concert promoted by the members of the Blackhill Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club, to be held in St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill, and, after glancing over the same, I must say that every provision has been made for a good evening's enjoyment. The entertainment is to be given by the Chamber Music Society which should prove sufficient guarantee that a high-class performance may be looked forward to.

NOCTURNAL VISITANTS.

The usual quietude of the northern part of the Derwent Valley has, during the last few days, being somewhat disturbed, and something approaching consternation occasioned in several villages, by the nocturnal visits of certain unwelcome persons. A few mornings ago several publicans resident in Winlaton woke up to find that their premises had been broken into by thieves, who appropriated small sums of money, together with a quantity of tobacco, and in some cases accompanied by a "nip o' the crater." It is reported that eight out of eleven public-houses at that village have been broken into. In each case the "modus operandi" adopted was to break a pane of glass in the window, and afterwards to remove the latch, thereby effecting an entrance. It is only a few weeks ago since the village of Swalwell received an unwelcome visit from the same class of delinquents, who directed their attention to four public-houses, which they broke into in exactly the same manner as in the afore mentioned case. Circumstances lead to the inference that the work is the efforts of one gang of law-breakers. The quiet little village of Whickham has not been free from these nocturnal visitants. The other evening a Whickham man was the means of putting to flight a gang—ten in number—of delinquents of questionable character. It would appear that this person was returning home through some fields when he met a number of men, one of whom was carrying a sack of bulky dimensions, which he immediately dropped upon seeing this man. The sack, upon being opened, was found to contain thirteen dead hens, the result of a visit to a certain hen-pen situated in Rectory Lane, Whickham. This should act as a warning to residents in the district to be on the "qui vive" against persons of this category.

A WORTHY CAUSE.

The people of Burnopfield and district evidently know how to extend a helping hand to those whom misfortune crosses their path—at least, one is lead to this inference by the large audience which crowded the spacious Burnopfield Co-operative Hall to repletion on Monday evening, on the occasion of the concert given in aid of Mr Frank Gregory, who has been incapacitated from following his usual vocation as a miner, through a severe attack of rheumatism. Mr Gregory was ever ready to offer his services in a like cause, and it is only natural that his kindness should be alknowledged at such an opportune time. All praise is due to Mr Edward Saunders, jun., and his energetic co-workers for the high-class programme drawn up by them, whilst the deepest thanks is earned by those ladies and gentlemen who most generously gave their services free. Everything passed off satisfactorily, and the audience seemed to be in a thoroughly optimistic mood, judging by the applause accorded by them.

A NOTED OARSMAN.

On Saturday afternoon, amid universal manifestations of sorrow, the mortal remains of the late Mr Richard (Dick) Clasper, the veteran Tyneside oarsmen, were committed to their last resting-place in Whickham churchyard. The deceased was one of the sixteen children of Robert Clasper, and a brother of the five well-known oarsmen, whose performances have brought them fame and glory. He was one of the old standards who could look back to the days when boat-racing was regarded as a means of obtaining fame and honour, rather than the pecuniary benefits which might accrue from the chartering of steamboats or cleverly-conducted betting. The deceased gentleman had attained the ripe old age of 74 years, and his demise, although at such an advanced age, was somewhat unexpected, seeing that he was visiting friends as late as on the previous Monday. His remains were laid to rest in the same burial-place as his brother Henry, the accomplished oarsman and boat builder, of Derwenthaugh.

"But speak no more of his renown,
Lay your earthly fancies down,
And in the churchyard leave him—
God accept him, Christ receive him."

WEARDALE NOTES.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A POPULAR PAIR.

Dr. and Mrs Livingstone, of Stanhope, have been travelling in Switzerland, and they are expected home this week-end.

AUTUMN.

The autumn tints on the trees in the Wear Valley are just now exquisite, and excite the admiration of all lovers of nature, and the beautiful. Stanhope Dene, Wolsingham Park, Harehope Gill, Eastgate Lynn, and Swinhope Burn are all just now well worthy of the visit of any naturalist.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

The perils of the mine are no greater than the perils of the limestone quarries. Some terrible accidents occur at the Weardale limestone quarries, and they are sadly too frequent. The poor fellows who face the blue rock every day in the battle for bread take, as it were, their lives in their hands every day. Dangers stand thick around them all the day. One poor fellow had his back broken last Monday at the Ashes quarry.

ENTERTAINMENT.

A capital entertainment was given by the Stanhope Primitive Band of Hope on Saturday night.

A JAMESON RAIDER.

The Rev. Mr Pattison, who preached in Stanhope Church, on Sunday night, is the son of the Rev. J. C. Orr, who just now is out of health. He was one of the men with "Dr. Jim" in the now famous raid.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

A silver bowl is now on view—which is to be presented to Ald. Dr. and Mrs Livingstone on their return from Switzerland—on the occasion of their silver wedding. It has been subscribed for by the teachers, children, and other friends and admirers of the genial doctor, and the members of the School Board, of which he has been Chairman for 20 years.

PRESENTATION.

Dr. Livingstone's presentation on Friday was a grand affair. Few presentations in the dale have been better deserved. The splendid services he has rendered over twenty years in the cause of education in Weardale, calls forth our highest encomiums. As Chairman of the Stanhope School Board for twenty long years he has worked incessantly, and given his able services freely and ungrudgingly for the benefit of the ratepayers and the rising generation of the dale. The promoters of the scheme are to be congratulated on its success.

VOLUNTEER CHANGE.

The new Volunteer Drill Sergeant has arrived in Stanhope. His predecessor, Mr J. Fisher, has left him a splendid corps of fine stalwart young fellows. The prospects of the corps are very promising. Mr Fisher has been promoted. He left amid many regrets of the men among whom he was very popular.

A BRAVE DEED.

A unique ceremony takes place this week at Frosterley. A presentation for life-saving of the Royal Humane Society's medal to a man who rescued a lad from drowning during the flooded state of the river Wear during the past summer. Peace hath her victories not less renowned than war. It is a truer heroism to risk your life to save another than to risk your life in order to destroy others, as in war.

POACHING.

The poaching affray on Westernhope Moor, on the 30th of September, and the trial of Charles Maddinson for shooting at J. J. Dodd, game watcher, has caused considerable interest in the dale, and the Stanhope Police Court on Friday was crowded to hear the trial. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

"The poachers of Weardale are valiant men,
They'll fight till they die for the bonny moor hen."

WOLSINGHAM.

Concert.—A most successful concert was given at Wolsingham on Saturday night by a party of artistes from Middlesbrough, under the leadership of Mr. R. Elliott, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Jackson, late bandmaster at Wolsingham, who has been for some time incapacitated by illness to follow his employment.

STANLEY.

Police Case.—At West Stanley Police Station, on Friday last, Mr. Jonathan Green had before him James Dewey, plasterer, of South Moor, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the previous evening.—P.C. Stubbs proved the case, and the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5/- and costs, or go to Durham for seven days.

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Concert.—Under the auspices of the Whickham Horticultural Society an excellent entertainment was given in the Whickham Porochial Schools on Saturday evening by several local and other friends. Coun. R. T. Swinburn presided over a small audience.

How's your Liver? Why I never know I have one now, as I always keep a bottle of Pattrick's Medicine by me, and if I feel a little "off," I take a dose, and am soon myself again. Everyone who is ill goes to Pattrick, Chemist, 5, Front Street, Consett, who can cure almost any complaint. 371a.

BITS FROM BOOKS.

SOLDIERS AND TOBACCO.

It is said the worst punishment a man suffers on going to prison is the loss of his tobacco. Major Harding Davis, in his book on the war and the Press, tells the same tale about the soldiers at Santiago:

"Tobacco to many people is a luxury, to men who smoke it is a necessity. The men before Santiago, who were forced to go without their stimulant for four days, suffered just as greatly as a dipsomaniac who is cut off from alcohol. When I said this before in a cable from Santiago, an army officer wrote to some paper and ridiculed the idea, and asked if we were to believe the American soldiers were hysterical, nervous girls. They are not that, of course, but these men before San Juan actually suffered as much for tobacco as they did for food. With a pipe a soldier can kill hunger, he can forget that he is wet and exhausted and sick with the heat, he can steady his nerves against the roof of bullets which they pass continually overhead, as they did on July 2nd. After leaving Siboney, the regulars paid 2dol. for a plug of tobacco which usually costs them 8 cents. Those who could not get tobacco at all smoked dried grass, roots, and dry manure. For several nights the nerves of some of them were so unstrung for the need of the stimulant that they could not sleep. That is a condition of the nerves to be avoided, if possible, when men are going into a battle."

BOHEMIAN LITERATURE.

Count Lützow's "History of Bohemian Literature" is one of the best of the series of volumes about the literatures of the world. He reminds us there are still eight million people who speak Bohemian, and he recalls many forgotten pages in their story:

"It was in the seventeenth century that the great destruction of Bohemian books began, though it continued far into the eighteenth century. Catholic priests, generally Jesuits, accompanied by soldiers, visited the houses of the Bohemians; even the cottages of the peasants were not exempt. As these priests were generally unacquainted with the Bohemian language, it was thought best to destroy all books written in that language. The famous, or rather infamous, destroyer of Bohemian books, the Jesuit Konias, continued his bonfires—he boasted of having burnt 60,000 Bohemian volumes—up to the year 1760. It is, of course, only possible to attempt conjectures as to the value of the lost works, but Bohemian writers agree in thinking that many had considerable historical merit. Second, of course, to non-Roman theological writings, the book-destroyers relentlessly pursued all works of a historical character which might suggest to the Bohemian people the contrast between their glorious past and their present servile and miserable condition. It may be mentioned as a proof of this, that even the historical work of Pope Pius III. (Æneas Sylvius) which deals with Bohemia was ordered to be destroyed.

"The numerous emigrants from Bohemia continued, indeed, for some time, as already mentioned, to write in the national language, and only the death of Komensky marks the cessation of such writing. In Bohemia itself, from the fatal year 1620 to the end of the eighteenth century, no book appeared in the native language that is worthy of general notice. Jungmann, in his patriotic endeavour to conceal the complete cessation of Bohemian literature, enumerates many writers of Prayer-books, collections of sermons, and calendars published at this period. Whatever historical and philological value such writings may have, they do not belong to literature."

MR. CECIL RHODES'S HOUSE.

Canon Knox Little, who has been travelling in South Africa for the benefit of his health, has written a timely book of his observations. His description of Groote Schuur, the residence of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, will be fresh to English readers:

"The house has one main characteristic. It is *distinguished* and unusual; the mark of *distinction* is unmistakably upon it, and, like its owner's character, it is the distinction of what has been called 'massive simplicity.' There is nothing about it gaudy or vulgar or pretty. There is no display of wealth, but everything in it is beautiful, real, and in good taste. The furniture is well chosen and mostly antique. The spacious bedrooms and wide airy passages and staircases have a simple dignity about them which is almost monastic in its severity, and yet in no house in the world, probably, are guests made more thoroughly comfortable and 'at home.' It is difficult to compare it with any other house of its dimensions: like its owner, it falls into no common category. It is unusual; it is distinct.

"What strikes an Englishman and a stranger is the large generosity with which Mr. Rhodes shares the delights of his beautiful place with his humblest neighbours. There is scarcely a gate of any kind in the place, and never a lock and key, except in the enclosures up the mountain-side where native birds and animals of Africa wander freely in a kind of wild and beautiful 'Zoo,' or in the large building appropriated, also higher up on the mountain slope, for some African lions. The whole place literally serves as a great 'People's Park.' There is never a Sunday afternoon, scarcely any weekday, when 'all sorts and conditions of men' are not to be found with their wives and children enjoying the beauty of the place after the heat and dust of the town. On great holidays, such as Christmas and New Year's Day—which, of course, occur in the African midsummer—it is a sight to see half Capetown and its neighbourhood trooping about the grounds of Groote Schuur, picnicking, having games of all sorts, and carrying away armfuls and even cartloads of splendid flowers from 'the Glen,' and not seldom some of them invading the verandah and peeping into or entering the house itself! When some have ventured to suggest that he was 'too kind,' and that occasionally people were over-greedy about his flowers, he only smiled, and answered: 'Well, they enjoy it; why should I keep it all to myself?' Whatever real faults may be his, or whatever invented faults enemies may have placed to his account, one thing cannot but strike a dispassionate onlooker—there is nothing narrow, self-seeking, or small about this remarkable man."

A NEW "VICE VERSA."

"Peter Binney, Undergraduate," is an entertaining story following the lines of "Vice Versa"—the positions of father and son being reversed:

"'We've always been friends, my boy, you and I, haven't we?' he continued.

"'Friends, father?' said Lucius. 'Why, of course. I should think so.'

"'You might, perhaps, almost say that we are more like brothers than father and son,' pursued Mr. Binney.

"'I don't know that I should go quite so far as that,' said Lucius. 'But we always get on very well together, don't we?'

"'Yes, that is what I meant,' said Mr. Binney. 'Now I've got an idea, which may be a little unusual.' ('Not at all,' murmured Lucius, politely.) 'But I hope you'll fall in with it. At least when I say, I hope, it doesn't matter a fig whether you do or not. I'm not going to be dictated to by my son, though he has been to a public school and I haven't. Who sent him there?'

"'Why, you did, of course, father,' said Lucius. 'I don't want to dictate to you. What is your idea? That I shall go into the business when I come down from Cambridge?'

"'That you'll do, of course,' said Mr. Binney. 'I hope you know on which side your bread's buttered, and who buttered it for you. No, my idea is about myself. I have worked very hard until now, but I haven't had the time for self-improvement that I should have liked. Now, what I propose to do is to take three years' holiday off business, and go up to Cambridge with you in October. What do you think of that?'

"What Lucius thought of it might have been accurately gathered from the length of his face. All power of speech seemed to have left him. He could only sit with open mouth staring at his father, and this demeanour instantly set up the comb of that peppery little bantam.

"'Well, well, what have you got to say? Why don't you speak?' he cried.

"Suddenly Lucius lay back in his chair, and gave vent to a loud, but entirely mirthless, peal of laughter. 'That's a good joke, father,' he said. 'Gad! you are a ripper. Won't the fellows laugh when I tell 'em?'

"This behaviour seemed to have a very ill effect on the circulation of Mr. Binney's blood, which flew into his head to such an extent, that his face got as red as a tomato.

"'What do you mean, sir?' he cried, angrily. 'It isn't a joke at all. Why should the fellows laugh, I should like to know! I tell you what it is, sir, you're ashamed of your father, you ungrateful young snob. Where would you have been, I should like to know, if I hadn't made my fortune and sacrificed myself to give you a good education?—sweeping a shop, I daresay, or a clerk on ten shillings a week. That's what you would have been, my fine fellow, and a good deal too good for you, too, you idle young——'

"'Steady on, father,' interposed Lucius, now quite serious again. 'I'm not ashamed of you, you know that quite well—there's nothing to be ashamed of—but I didn't think you could mean it, really. You can't mean it, you know, why it's ridic—it's out of the question.'

"'Why, is it out of the question, sir?' asked Mr. Binney. 'Why is it out of the question?'

"'Well,' said Lucius, 'look what a precious pair of fools we shall look.'"

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

BIRTLEY RIFLE CLUB.

The members of this club held their final shoot of the season on the Chester-le-Street range on Saturday, in a very bad light. In addition to the usual handicap prizes, Mr. J. Roscamp, of the Moulder's Arms Inn, Birtley, a well-known and successful marksman, offered a medal for the top scorer in the handicap, and Mrs. Roscamp gave a medal for the best score with the rifle. This latter resulted in a tie between Corporals Stoddart and Coutt, with 93 each. On shooting off, Stoddart made a possible 15, against Coutt's 13, and won. The usual conditions were in force, highest possible score 105. The following are the best scores:—Private George Mann (Mr. J. Roscamp's medal) (30 start), 101; Corporal Stoddart (Mrs. Roscamp's medal) (2), 95; Lance-Corporal Coutt (2), 95; Sergeant Stephenson (8), 95; Private T. Miller (2), 89; Private Hutchinson (4), 80; Private T. Brown (scratch), 78; Private Worswick (2), 76.

LOCAL WEDDINGS

MR G. MORLAND AND MISS M. WALTON.

On Tuesday morning, there was solemnised at Christ Church, Consett, in the presence of a fashionable congregation, the marriage of Mr G. Morland (who is in the employment of Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley, solicitors, Consett and Newcastle) and Miss M. Walton, third daughter of Mr Ralph Walton, of Tinmill House, Blackhill. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked pretty in a lovely terracotta dress, trimmed with cream lace and silk. She wore a pretty felt hat, trimmed with white feather tips, and orange blossom, and carried a handsome shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Walton, Miss Maggie Walton (sisters of the bride), and Miss Winnie Walton (niece of the bride), all of whom wore elegant dresses. Mr W. Walton (brother of the bride) was "best man," whilst Mr Hindmarch acted as groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. D. Croudace, vicar. As the happy couple left the sacred edifice they were liberally sprinkled with showers of confetti and rice from a large number of well-wishers for their future happiness. The "Wedding March" was effectively rendered by Mr Geo. P. Stephenson. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, where a large number of invited guests assembled. During the day telegrams were received from several friends wishing the newly-wedded pair long life and happiness. Later in the day the happy couple left for London, where the honeymoon will be spent. Their departure was marked by the well-wishes for their future happiness from a large concourse of friends who assembled to witness their departure. The bride chose for her travelling dress a lovely grey costume, and she wore a beautiful fawn hat. A very large number of valuable presents were received, and evidenced the esteem in which the pair are held.

MR. W. HARKER AND MISS M. THOMPSON.

More than usual interest was centred in a wedding that took place last Monday, the contracting parties being Mr. William Harker, of Blackhill, son of Mr. W. Harker, of Tow Law, and Miss Mabel Thompson, eldest daughter of Mr. James Alexander and Mrs. Thompson, of Constance Street, Consett. The bride's parents are well-known and highly esteemed in the district, therefore it was only natural that their many friends should manifest interest in the important event. The ceremony took place at St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, the Vicar (Canon Ross-Lewin) officiating. The bride (who was given away by her father) was attired in a handsome brown dress, with hat to match. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Dora Jane Thompson, sister of the bride, who wore a heliotrope dress trimmed with silk, with hat to match. The other bridesmaid was Miss Nellie Quesick, who was attired in a blue dress with hat to match. Mr. Johnson Thompson (brother of the bride) acted as "best man." The bridal party were conveyed to and from the church in cabs, and on returning to Consett they were liberally besprinkled with rice and confetti as they alighted from the conveyances. A splendid repast was provided at the residence of the bride's parents, to which a large number of relatives and friends sat down. In the evening there was a large party, the company spending a most enjoyable time, and many wishes were expressed for the future welfare and happiness of the newly-wedded pair. Mr. and Mrs. Harker were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents.

MARRIAGE OF MR. GEO. R. AYNSLEY, OF CONSETT.

On Wednesday, at Fleur-de-Lis Parish Church, near Cardiff, a wedding was solemnised between Mr. George R. Aynsley, eldest son of Councillor William Aynsley, J.P., of Hilcrest, Consett, and Miss Elizabeth Anne (Lizzie), daughter of the late George Lumb, Esq., of Elland, Yorkshire. The Rev. J. George, Vicar (brother-in-law of the bride) conducted the marriage ceremony. The bride was married in her travelling dress of blue cloth, trimmed with white silk and sable, and hat to match. She carried a bridal bouquet of white flowers, and wore a diamond bracelet, both gifts of the bridegroom. Master Leslie Riley and Miss Elsie George (nephew and niece of the bride) acted as attendants and carried baskets of flowers. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. J. M. Aynsley, who acted as "best man." The wedding breakfast was served at the Vicarage, after which Mr and Mrs. Aynsley left for the Isle of Wight. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many beautiful presents, amongst which were a handsome dog-cart and set of harness (from Angus and Co., Newcastle), presented by the employes of William Aynsley, Limited. On Wednesday evening the employes were entertained to supper and a dance in the Masonic Hall, Consett, about 50 guests being present.

The "Pearl" in the Consett District

Tea and Presentations.

On Saturday evening, the 21st inst., the staff of this flourishing district met in the Consett Cocoa-rooms and did full justice to a splendid knife-and-fork tea. After the cloths were removed, the genial and kind-hearted Supt. of the district (Mr. E. Telford) was unanimously appointed as chairman, and in his opening remarks pointed out the object of the meeting in a few well-chosen words.—The toast of the "Pearl Life Assurance Co." was ably proposed by Mr. D. Smith, Asst. Supt., and responded to in a very able manner by Mr. W. G. Holloway (Supt. of the Wallsend district).—"Success to the Consett District" was then proposed in a very hearty fashion by Mr. Tumilty, and was replied to by Mr. E. Telford, who, in the course of his remarks, urged upon each one present the necessity of using his utmost endeavours to make his business a decided success. It was possible, he said, for every man to command a certain amount of it, and to do it in an honest and straightforward manner, so that they could command the respect of all with whom they had to do business, and the confidence of their superiors and directors of the Pearl Life Assurance Company.—The proposition was carried with the heartiest enthusiasm.—The Chairman then called on Mr. Casey to present Mr. W. G. Holloway, late Asst. Supt. in the Consett District, with a splendid case of carvers, and Mr. Casey, in doing so, enumerated the many good qualities of Mr. Holloway, and hoped that he would long be spared to use them.—Mr. Holloway, in very feeling terms, accepted the useful present, and said that every time he used them his heart would turn back to Consett and the people of the district with whom he had spent some of his happiest days.—Mr. Reid then presented Mr. D. Smith, Asst. Supt. (who is leaving the Consett District to take up a similar position in the Wallsend district), with a very useful present, viz., a travelling bag, and in doing so said that every time Mr. Smith used the bag he hoped that he would think of the staff that made him a present of it.—Mr. Smith accepted the present, and said that he could never forget the kindness and warm-heartedness of the friends he was leaving in the Consett and surrounding districts.—"The health of the Staff of the District" was then very ably proposed by Mr. M. Mulcahy, Asst. Supt., and Messrs Larmouth, McCabe, Richards, Yates, etc., responded in a very hearty manner, songs and recitations being given at intervals.—A very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

CATCHGATE.

Free Church Thanksgiving.—On Sunday the harvest thanksgiving services of this church were held. In the morning and evening the pulpit was occupied by Mr. I. Clark, of Westwood, while in the afternoon Mr. J. Johnson, of Hare Law, preached to a large congregation. During the services the choir, under the leadership of Mr. T. Holland, rendered several suitable anthems. The organists were Messrs Tindale and Collicott.

Mrs Allen's World's Hair Restorer never fails to restore grey hair to its youthful colour. It acts directly upon the roots of the hair, invigorating them, cleanses the scalp, removing dandruff, rendering the hair soft, silky, and glossy, and disposing it to remain in any desired position. It has hosts of admirers, male and female, young and old. Sold by Chemists and perfumers.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The polling for this election took place on Monday in the Dipton and Greencroft Board Schools. For election work the day was very suitable, and the majority of the candidates worked hard to secure a place. During the hours for which the booths were open they paid frequent visits to influence electors in their favour. By appearances some of them were very anxious that the election should result in their return, and this idea possessing them they left no stone unturned to secure that object. Anybody who had a vote could get a ride to the booths on Monday who at other times would have to be content to jog along on "Shank's pony." Polling began at noon, and was continued until 8 p.m., when the boxes from Catchgate were conveyed to Dipton, where the votes were counted. Mr. W. H. Ritson, of Lanchester, was the Returning Officer. At the Catchgate booth Mr. R. Jackson, of Lanchester, was presiding officer, with Mr. R. W. Walton, of Lanchester, as poll clerk; while at Dipton, Mr. W. W. Thompson, Lanchester, and Mr. A. Phillipson, of Dipton, were presiding officer and poll clerk respectively. At the former place polling was very slow, for out of the 250 electors residing in the Catchgate side only some 153 took the trouble to record their votes, or little over the one-half of enfranchised citizens availed themselves of the franchise for which there was such an enormous struggle to obtain. What a rumpus they would have made if their names had not been on the register; why they would have considered it a grave injustice, and rightly so, had the power to vote been, as it used to be, confined to and monopolised by the property-owning community. This grave state of indifference suggests the question, "Why don't the electors use their powers?" The only answer seems to be this, "Because they don't know the value of them." and yet these very people will encourage the idea of war to obtain for their fellow-Britons and friends in South Africa a power which they themselves refuse to use when occasion arises. At Dipton, too, business was quiet until about 5.30 p.m., when from that time to 7.30 p.m. the men in the booth were kept busy. From the latter hour to the close, the numbers gradually dropped off, and a few minutes before 8 p.m. there was only a straggler or two left to record their votes. The poll here was by no means a heavy one, for out of 880 or so electors only 565 voted. During the day large posters were displayed in prominent places by several of the candidates. Some of them advised the electors to "Plump for Clark, their old and tried member;" "Plump for Young;" "Plump for Murray," while others, more modest in their appeals, were content to ask for a share of the spoils, and posters with "Vote for Armstrong and thorough representation," and "Don't forget to vote for Taylor," stood out in bold relief to their more ambitious neighbours. An examination of the figures will show the disposition of the votes. It is surprising that some of the most suitable candidates, amongst whom are those who have already shown great tact and ability for public life, were practically forsaken by that portion of the electorate from whom they expected to receive the greater amount of support, and demonstrates very clearly the fact that little or no credence should be placed upon promises made during the work of canvassing. However, it is over and done for three years more, and the only thing that remains for the electorate is to take an interest in the proceedings of the new Board, and see whether the many fair and specious promises made in the excitement of an election are really aimed at and advocated by them during their term of office. The following is the result of the poll:—

ELECTED.	VOTES.
J. T. Robinson, South Medomsley ...	792
S. Swalwell, Dipton ...	592
W. Young, Dipton ...	486
T. Clark, Dipton ...	421
J. B. Armstrong, Collierley Farm ...	346
NOT ELECTED.	
J. G. Taylor, Dipton ...	278
G. Murray, Dipton ...	245
R. Wilson, Catchgate ...	223
T. Richards, Catchgate ...	101

After the announcement of the poll had been made by Mr. Ritson,

Mr. Robinson moved a vote of thanks to the Returning Officer for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the election.

Mr. S. Swalwell, in seconding the motion, supplemented Mr. Robinson's remarks by saying that when Mr. Ritson first came to Dipton to supervise the School Board election twenty-one years ago, he then noticed his ability for the work.

Mr. Ritson having formally replied, the company dispersed.

HEALEYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Schools, Castleside, on Tuesday evening. There were present Messrs J. W. Golightly (presiding), T. C. Elliott, W. Pattinson, and the Clerk (Mr Jos. Proud.)

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

This showed the Infant Room attendance to be only moderate. There had been a number absent through severe colds. The rest of the standards were fairly good. A list of irregular attenders for the Consett district for the last three weeks was submitted.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

This showed the number on the books to be 109 boys and 115 girls; total, 224; average present, 189.7, equal to 84.6 per cent. Infant Department, 42, equal to 73.6 per cent. Fees, £1 4s. Average for year ending 30th September, 1899, 175, or a decrease of five on the previous year. The epidemic of fever in the spring accounted for the decrease.

LIST OF ATTENDANCES FOR THE YEAR.

This was submitted, and the Head Master recommended that parents be notified on printed forms provided for the purpose, of the number of attendances and non-attendances, the forms to be sent out quarterly. Mr Duckworth said that very often the parents had no conception of the number of times the children were away, and when the matter was brought before them it was quite a surprise.

Mr Elliott thought that the loss sustained by the Board through the children's absence from school ought to be stated on the forms.

Mr Duckworth stated that it might be done with some of them, say over a certain number of non-attendances, but not with all of them, as in some cases the amounts would be ridiculously small.

The Chairman suggested that this be done in the cases of those who had lost one hundred attendances and over.

Mr Elliott made a motion to that effect.

Mr Pattinson seconded.—Carried.

CERTIFICATES FOR REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

The Head Master asked for the Board to fix some definite standard in awarding these.

Mr Elliott moved that certificates be awarded to all those who had made 95 per cent. and over of attendances.

Mr Pattinson seconded.—Carried.

CHEQUES.

These were authorised to be signed, on the proposition of Mr Elliott, seconded by Mr Pattinson.

NEW TIME-TABLE.

This was inspected and signed by the Chairman, after which the Board adjourned.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The Newton Benefit Concert.—We are glad to learn that the benefit concert promoted by the deputies of the South Derwent Colliery in aid of Mr. R. Newton, of Annfield Plain, was so well patronised that the handsome sum of £13 was raised by the effort. The committee wish to tender their heartiest thanks to the singers and all who so kindly assisted in the benevolent enterprise.

Socialist Society.—On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. S. D. Shallard, lecturer to the Fabian Society, London, gave the third of a course of lectures in the Annfield Plain Board Schools, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. Reece, of Annfield Plain. The subject of the lecture was "The homes of the People," in the course of which the lecturer observed that where there were high rents and over-crowding, health and morality, with all the best interests of family life, must be injured, and the higher side of development seriously hampered. The four chief divisions of the lecture were the worker's homes; the evils; legislation and results; and future work. There was a fairly good attendance, and the lecture proved highly educational and interesting.

Primitive Methodist Church.—On Saturday evening the anniversary services of this flourishing church were commenced. A public meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by the Revs. H. Yooll, of South Shields, and J. Taylor, of Blackhill. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. Collinson, of Catchgate, who presided over a large company. A ... supper was well patronised. On Sunday the Rev. H. Yooll occupied the pulpit, and preached two stirring and spiritual sermons, the morning subject being "Light," while that of the evening was on "Bread." In the afternoon, the church choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Hardman, rendered the cantata, entitled "Christ the King." The organist was Mr. J. Robinson, and the chairman Mr. J. Bainbridge. At all the services there were large companies. On Sunday Mr. P. J. Harrison, of Derbyshire, will commence a mission.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

How Big Ben Strikes.

The striking mechanism of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament clock, is a Brobdingnagian affair in every way. It is some 30ft or 40ft. up above the clock, which occupies a room in the centre of the tower. The striking machinery is driven by weights of about a ton and a half, hanging in a sort of chimney shaft 174ft. deep, and to wind them up from bottom to top—though, of course, they are never allowed to run quite down—a fair day's work. When fully wound up, Big Ben's tormentor—the massive iron hammer-head—will go on pounding away for four days without further attention. It needs a pretty ponderous hammer to fetch the full tone out of a bell weighing fifteen or sixteen tons, and the marvellous thing is that this massive mechanism keeps such beautiful time as it does. The clock, with which it is connected by iron rods, gives it its cue with such astonishing precision that the chimes get through their preliminary performance and the great hammer falls on the mighty Ben within one second of Greenwich mean time—at least, that is what it is supposed to do, and the Astronomer Royal, who keeps a vigilant eye upon the great public time-piece says that it does not vary a second all the year round. The only unsatisfactory thing about the whole performance is the horribly bad "E" that Ben sends forth.

Costly Thimbles.

Ladies of high class in China use the daintiest thimbles imaginable, some of them being carved from enormous pearls ornamented with bands of fine gold, on which all manner of quaint and fantastic designs are engraved. A mother-of-pearl case is always made to keep the thimble in, and with it the Chinese lady always has a pair of delicate scissors of finest steel, enclosed in a sheath of mother-of-pearl, with a needle-case to match. The Queen of Siam owns a thimble which was a present from her Royal husband; it is made in the shape of a lotus bud, of the finest gold, and is studded with diamonds, which are so arranged that they form her name and the date of her marriage.

The Hindu Idea of Religion.

I met in India an intelligent Sheikh from the Punjab, and asked him about his religion, says Sir Monier-Williams. He replied: "I believe in one God, and I repeat my prayers, called Japji, every morning and evening. These prayers occupy six pages of print, but I can get through them in a little more than ten minutes." He seemed to pride himself on this rapid recitation as a work of increased merit. I said: "What else does your religion require of you?" He replied: "I have made one pilgrimage to a holy well near Amritsar. Eighty-five steps lead down to it. I descended and bathed in the sacred pool. Then I ascended one step, and repeated my Japji in about ten minutes. Then I descended again to the pool and bathed again and ascended to the second step, and repeated my Japji a second time. Then I descended a third time and bathed, and ascended to the third step and repeated my Japji a third time; and so on for the whole eighty-five steps, eighty-five bathings and eighty-five repetitions of the same prayers. It took me exactly fourteen hours, from five p.m. one evening to seven a.m. next morning." I asked: "What good did you expect to get by going through this task?" He replied: "I hope I have laid up a great store of merit, which will last me a long time." This is the genuine Hindu idea.

English as She is Wrote.

The teacher, a lesson he taught;
The preacher, a sermon he praught,
The stealer, he stole;
The healer, he hole;
And the screecher, he awfully scraught.

The long-winded speaker, he spoke;
The poor office-seeker, he soke;
The runner, he ran;
The dunner, he dan;
And the shrieker, he horribly shroke.

The flier, to Canada flew;
The buyer, on credit he bew;
The deer, he did;
The suer, he sid;
And the liar (a fisherman) lew.

The writer, this nonsense he wrote;
The fighter (an editor), fote;
The swimmer, he swam;
The skimmer, he skam;
And the biter was hungry and bote.

Growth of Nails.

Finger-nails, like hair, grow faster in summer than in winter. The nails of two fingers never grow with the same degree of rapidity. The nail of the middle finger grows with the greatest rapidity, and that of the thumb the least. It has been computed that the average growth of the finger-nail is 1-32 of an inch per week, or a little more than an inch and a half per year. The growth, however, depends to a great extent upon the rate of nutrition, and during periods of sickness or of abstinence it is retarded. Authorities differ with regard to the equality of growth on both hands, some holding that the nails of the right hand grow faster than those of the left, but others can perceive no difference between them. According to the rate of growth stated, the average time taken for each finger-nail to grow its full length is about four and a half months, and at this rate a man of seventy would have renewed his nails one hundred and eighty-six times. Taking the length of each nail at half an inch, he would have grown seven feet nine inches of nail on each finger, and on all his fingers and thumbs an aggregate length of seventy-seven feet six inches.

Blessing the Bread.

Once a year, on the festival of St. Hubert, a curious and picturesque ceremony takes place at all the churches in Brussels. At half-past four in the morning, a number of bakers' carts, drawn by dogs or ponies, and laden with bread, draw up in front of the church doors. The loaves are carried into church, and after Mass has been said the parish priest, at the head of his assistant clergy, solemnly blesses them. At the conclusion of the ceremony each baker claims his loaves, and drives off to deliver them in time for his customers' breakfasts. It is an old custom in Flanders for bread to be blessed on St. Hubert's Day, in order that those who partake of it may be under the special protection of the patron saint of sportsmen, and thus be saved from the dread disease of hydrophobia. Devout Flemish Catholics often assert that were this practice universal the Pasteur Institute would be quite unnecessary. It was once customary to brand dogs with what was called "St. Hubert's Key" in order to protect them from rabies.

Birds as Weed Destroyers.

The efficacy of birds in destroying weeds is illustrated by the article "Birds as Weed Destroyers" in the Yearbook of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 1898. A million weeds can exist on a single acre. A plant of purslane throws 300,000 seeds in autumn, which if unchecked would yield ten billion plants in the spring of the third year. A saving of only one per cent. in field crops through destruction of weeds represented 17 million dollars for the United States in 1895. The chief American seed birds are horned larks, blackbirds, cowbirds, meadow-larks, doves, quails, finches, and sparrows. The tree sparrow of Iowa consumes about 875 tons of weed seeds annually. Goldfinches, grosbeaks, and the native sparrows are considered the best weed birds. Native American sparrows are better than English sparrows because they do not eat fruit and grain, only seeds of weeds. The American goldfinch prefers thistle, ragweed, and dandelion, but also eats the wild sunflower seed. Some 50 species of American birds eat the seeds of more than 60 species of weeds. Our own goldfinch is said to be disappearing from England.

Notes of All Nations.

The Bank of England note is about 5in. by 8in. in dimensions, and is printed in black ink on Irish linen water-marked paper, plain white, and with ragged edges.

The notes of the Banque de France are made of white, water-marked, printed in blue and black, with numerous mythological and allegorical pictures, and run in denominations from the 20 franc note to the 1,000 franc.

South American currency is about the size and general appearance of American notes, except that cinnamon brown and slate blue are the prevailing colours.

The German currency is rather artistic. The notes are printed in green and black.

The Chinese paper currency is in red, white and yellow paper, with gilt lettering and gorgeous little hand-drawn devices. The notes, to the ordinary financier, might pass for washing bills.

Italian notes are of all shapes, sizes, and colours. The smaller bills—five and ten lire notes—are printed on white paper in pink, blue, and carmine inks, and are ornamented with a finely-engraved vignette of King Humbert.

The Norwegians have a curious currency, but it is rarely seen out of its own country, for the reason that it circulates very little among the common people and the class that emigrate. These stick to their copper and silver coins, and shun the little cinnamon-brown bills of their Government.

Stanhope Volunteer Club Shooting.

The club shooting of the Stanhope Volunteers took place at the Rifle Range, on Stanhope Moor, on Saturday afternoon. The following were the principal scores:—Sergeant McCallum, 153 points; Corporal W. Rippon, 144; Private T. Brown, 143; Sergeant L. Best, 141; Colour-Sergeant F. Fisher, 129; Colour-Sergeant G. Egglestone, 128; Lieutenant J. Gray, 119; Private J. Lofthouse, 119; Corporal J. Bainbridge, 115; Sergeant G. Priestman, 112.

"Why haven't I a six-hundred-acre farm as well as that man riding by in his carriage?" yelled a red-nosed anarchist orator as he glanced at the crowd.

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CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1899,
Morning 10-30 } Rev. J. W. DENHAM.
Evening 6 }
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ANNIVERSARY MEETING.
CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1899,
DEPUTATION:
REV. ROBERT J. ELLIS
FROM INDIA
REVS. G. E. POLKINGHORNE AND J. BISHOP.
Chair to be taken by Councillor R. C. Foster at 7 o'clock. 706f

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
SUNDAY, October 29th, 1899.
Morning, 10-30 —MR. REID.
Evening, 6 —MR. L. WHITWORTH.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1899,
Morning, 10-30—REV. A. CRAGO.
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STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH.
ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1st, 1899, the
REV. J. H. HOPKINS,
OF SOUTH LONDON MISSION.
Will PREACH in the Afternoon at Three, and LECTURE at Seven p.m. Subject: "The answer of the Methodist Church to the appeal of the Bitter Cry of Outcast London."
Chair to be taken by Mr. J. F. ELLIOTT, of Annfield Plain.
Collection will be taken at each Service in aid of New Church and Schools; Silver Collection at night. 682f

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ON SUNDAY FIRST, a FORTNIGHT'S MISSION will commence. Preacher, First Week, MR. JOHN PARKER, Hetton; Second Week, REV. J. S. NIGHTINGALE.
On Thursday, November 2nd, MR. PARKER will give a LECTURE at 7-30, after which there will be a SUPPER. Admission: Lecture, 3d.; Supper, 6d.; Lecture and Supper, 9d.

Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAINS will be run as under:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st.
BREWERS' EXHIBITION AT AGRICULTURAL HALL.
NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW AT CRYSTAL PALACE.
From BLACKHILL at 9-5 a.m. (with bookings from Annfield Plain, Durham, &c.) to LONDON for 2, 3, 4, or 7 days, passengers return from St. Pancras Station at 11 p.m., November 1st; and 10 p.m., November 2nd, 3rd, and 7th respectively.
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For further particulars see bills.
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Public Notices.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an APPROPRIATION MEETING will be held in the Society's Office, Front Street, Consett, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 2nd November next, at 8 p.m.
C. W. ALMOND, Chairman.
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COUNTY OF DURHAM.
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RALPH SIMEY,
Clerk of the County Council.
20th October, 1899. 698f

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ON SUNDAY NIGHT FIRST, OCT. 29th.
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20 Black-faced Ewes, young, and all warranted.
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Pony, Trap and Harness.
1 Useful Horse, 16h.h., been going in Soda Water Waggon.
1 Useful Mare, 14-2 h.h., do any work.
1 Draught Filly Foal, by the Derwent Valley Prize Horse.
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J. S. MURRAY, AUCTIONEER.
Lot 1.—Two Superior DWELLING-HOUSES and Appurtenances, situated in Delves Terrace, Delves Lane, in the occupation of Mr G. Charlton and N. Charlton.
Lot 2.—Two DWELLING HOUSES of Three Rooms each, Scullery, and appurtenances on the Consett Park Estate, Castleside Road, together with the adjoining Building Sites and Quarry right.
Lot 3.—BUSINESS PREMISES in Victoria Street, Consett, containing Two Front Shops, in one of the best business Streets in Consett, with a House of Four Rooms, covered in Yard, and necessary conveniences, in the occupation of Mr. Brand, who will be glad to show the premises.
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Important Sale of Superior Household Furniture.
MR. J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mrs. Isitt, deceased, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, November 8th, 1899, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, China, Cutlery, Carpets, &c.
DRAWING-ROOM—Handsome Inlaid Walnut Cabinet, Walnut Couch, Oval Mahogany Table, 4 Occasional Tables, Handsome Spanish Mahogany Screen, Tea Tray, Brass and Steel Irons and Guard, Footstools, 2 Brass Curtain Rods and Rings, Brass Portierie, Mirror, Occasional Chairs, nearly new Carpet, 12 by 12.
DINING-ROOM—Walnut Sideboard with 3 Plate Glasses and Shelves, Couch, Gent's and Lady's Chairs, 6 Chairs, Lady's Hair-seated Chair, Mahogany Card Table, 14-Days Marble Clock with Ornaments to match, Cornice Pole and Rings, Coal vase, Fender and Irons, Ash Pan, Mantel Board, and Curtains, Brass Portierie, Velvet Pile Carpet 20 yards, Drugget 12 by 12.
NO. 1 BED-ROOM—Half-Tester Brass Bedstead, Flock Mattress, Hangings, Feather Bed, Pillows and Bolsters, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Washstand and Dressing Table, Swing Looking Glass, Towel Rail, Fender and Fireirons, Chamber Ware, Fire Board, Work Box, Brass Cornice Pole and Rings, Carpet, Hearthrug, &c.
NO. 2 BED-ROOM—New French Brass and Iron Bedsteads, Spring Mattress, Hair Mattress, Feather Bed, Pillows and Bolsters, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Iron Chair Bed and Mattress, Flock Bed, Pillows, &c., Handsome Bed-room Suite, Wardrobe 6ft. 8in. by 3ft. 11in., Dressing Table, Swing Glass, Washstand with Marble Top, Towel Rail, 2 Chairs, Chamber Ware, Brass Cornice Pole and Rings, Fender and Irons, Carpet 12ft. by 8ft. 10in., Hearthrug, &c.
NO. 3 BED-ROOM—Mahogany Four-poster Bedstead, Hangings, Mattress, Wool do., Feather Pillows, Commode, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Towel Rail, 2 Cane-Bottomed Chairs, Mahogany Swing Glass, Cornice Pole and Rings, Chamber Ware, Fender and Irons, Fire Board, Carpet, 2 Hearthrugs, Oilcloth, &c.
NO. 4 BED-ROOM—Wood Bedstead, Wool Mattress, Flock Bed, Pillows, &c., 2 Painted Dressing Tables and Washstands, Towel Rail, 2 Looking Glasses, Chamber Ware, Cornice Pole and Rings, Armchair, Ottoman, Fireguard, Carpet, and Hearthrug.
Passage Table, Window Blinds, Carpets, 4 Curtains with Poles and Rings, 40 feet Stair Carpet, 14 Brass Stair Rods.
HALL, &c.—Oilcloth, Umbrella Stand, 2 Spanish Mahogany Chairs, Spanish Mahogany Armchair, Fender and Fireirons, Mirror, Mantel Board, Painted Dresser, Linen Press, Old Mahogany Butler's Tray, Armchair, Cornice Pole, Singers' Sewing Machine.
Linen, Cushions, Pictures, Plated Goods, Cutlery, &c.
KITCHEN—2 Tables, 2 Chairs, Armchair, Stool, Fender and Irons, Blazer, Tidy, 3 Flat Irons, Sausage Machine, Pair of New Steps, Wringing Machine, Dinner Set, Tea Set (Gilt and White), Poss Tub and Staff, Pots, Pans, Crockery, &c.
Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock.
A punctual attendance is solicited. On view from One to Four, on Tuesday, Nov. 7th.

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Election Thanks.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully beg to tender my sincere thanks to the 278 electors who voted for me, and to all who in any way furthered my candidature at the above Election.
Yours faithfully,
J. G. TAYLOR.
Dipton, R.S.O., Oct. 25th, 1899. 671f

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—My heartiest thanks are due to you for the handsome way you supported me on this, my first appeal to the electorate, by returning me at the head of the poll. I trust my services on the Board will at all times meet with your approval.
I remain, yours faithfully,
J. T. ROBINSON.
Pontop House, Dipton,
October 24th, 1899 667f

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank you most sincerely for the honour conferred on me, in again giving me a seat on the above Board. As my services in the past have not been displeasing to so large a portion of the electorate, so I trust in the future to retain the confidence so long reposed in me.
Believe me to be,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.
Delight House, Dipton,
October 24th, 1899. 668f

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I take this opportunity of returning my best thanks to you for having given me a seat on the above Board on this, my initial venture. Hoping to merit at all times the confidence you have shown towards me.
I remain, yours faithfully,
J. B. ARMSTRONG.
Dipton, October 24th, 1899. 669f

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Please accept my sincere thanks for your high appreciation of my services to the Board and children, which has been evidenced by your returning me by such a substantial vote. It will be my earnest endeavour to serve you in the future as faithfully and consistently as I have done in the past. Again thanking you for your favours.
I am, yours faithfully,
670f S. SWALWELL.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
MONDAY, OCT. 30th, 1899.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Owing to the retirement of Mr. George Ridley, and in response to the request of a large number of important Ratepayers, I have allowed myself to be nominated to one of the five seats on the above Board. On two previous occasions after having been duly nominated, I have retired to save the Ratepayers the cost of a contested Election. Myself a large Ratepayer, and being perfectly free from any Clique or Party, my endeavour will be to guard against extravagant Waste of Public Moneys, without impairing the Educational facilities of our District. My long residence in your midst enables me to hope for generous support on the day of the Poll.
Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BULLERWELL.
East Kyo, Oct. 20th, 1899.

Election Addresses.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—On Monday, 30th October, you will be called upon to elect Five Members to form the above Board. At the request of a number of Electors, I have consented to offer myself as a Candidate. I am well known, having lived in the district from my youth. My endeavour will be to see that the Schools are well equipped with all necessary books and Apparatus, with an Efficient Staff of Teachers, to sustain and co-operate with them to secure the best possible results, believing that judicious expenditure will eventually prove to be the most economical, and promise the greatest amount of good to the Children. I am in favour of an enlargement of the number of Members forming the Board, owing to the large influx of population in the School Board District, and the increasing responsibility of providing necessary School Accommodation. I am prepared to consider any practical scheme whereby provision can be made for further education of clever boys and girls who have passed through the Elementary School. I offer my services to the consideration of Parents and Electors, and trust to receive their support on the day of election.
Your Obedient Servant,
JAMES BAINBRIDGE.
East Pontop House,
Oct. 16th, 1899.
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KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.
TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—You will shortly be called upon to elect the Members of your School Board for the ensuing three years.
Having been one of your Representatives for the last nine years, during six of which I have had the honour of being Chairman, I again venture very respectfully to solicit a continuance of your confidence and support at the coming Election.
During my connection with the Board, the Schools have been considerably enlarged to meet the requirements of the increasing population, and they have been maintained in a high state of efficiency, so that the Scholars might have the advantage of a good sound Education.
If you re-elect me as a member of the New Board I shall avail myself of the experience I have acquired in Educational matters, and continue to do my best in carrying out the duties with satisfaction and advantage to all parties concerned.
The Election will, I understand, be held on the 30th inst., and each Elector will have Five Votes, all of which may be given to one Candidate, or distributed, as thought fit.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
ROBERT KAY.
South Tanfield, Oxhill,
Oct., 1899.

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Election Thanks.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully beg to tender my sincere thanks to ... the above Election. ...

Yours faithfully,
J. G. TAYLOR.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—My ... I remain, yours faithfully,
J. T. ROBINSON.

...October 24th, 1899. 6677

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank you most sincerely for the honour ... Believe me to be, Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I take this opportunity of returning my best thanks ... I remain, yours faithfully,
J. B. ARMSTRONG.

...October 24th, 1899. 6697

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind support ... favours.
S. SWALWELL.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

MONDAY, OCT. 30th, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Owing to the retirement of Mr. George Ridley, ... Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BULLERWELL.

...Kyo, Oct. 16th, 1899.

Election Addresses.

...SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—On Monday, 30th October, you will be called ... Your Obedient Servant,
JAMES BAINBRIDGE.

...Oct. 16th, 1899.

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...SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—You will shortly be called upon to elect ... Ladies and Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,
ROBERT KAY.

...South Tanfield, Oxhill, Oct., 1899.

Election Addresses.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

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

Yours Faithfully,
WILLIAM ELTRINGHAM,
Catchgate.

VOTE THUS:—
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KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1899.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Few words are necessary from me to place my views on Educational matters before you. Since you returned me in 1893 all your Schools have been re-modelled and extra heated; a Head Master appointed at West Kyo; an efficient staff of Teachers are now in all your Schools. Your Children and my own are well cared for, and are receiving the best possible Education according to the Code's allowance. This is proved by the most excellent reports from H. M. Inspectors. Some confidence should be placed in the man who has children, and sends them to receive their Education under the Kyo School Board. Having tried to do my duty during the six years you have reposed confidence in me I again place my services at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS BOWES.

My name is second on the List. If you want to plump for me put the figure 5 on the right-hand side of the Ballot Paper. 6607

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

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

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

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
JOHN STOREY.

Catchgate, Annfield Plain. October, 1899.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KYO.

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

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

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

Rose Villa, Catchgate, October 7th, 1899.



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Business Announcement.

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

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, October 27th, 1899.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE column will be found a letter from Mr. Robert Eccles, of Blackhill, advocating the starting of a fund for the assistance of the wives and children of those reservists in the district who have been summoned for active service. Mr. Eccles sugests that the chairman of each of our District Councils should convene a meeting with a view to floating the scheme. It is perhaps superfluous on our part to say that we heartily approve of the sugestion so appropriately put forward by Mr. Eccles. Surely the least we can do is to see that the dependents of our gallant soldiers are maintained in comfortable circumstances until such time as the bread-winner returns. The miserable pittance allowed by the Government—eightpence a day for the wives and a fourth of that sum for each child—is not much more than sufficient to pay house rent. Where then, one may ask, are the necessaries of life to come from? Let us follow the laudable example set us by Newcastle, and raise a fund whereby the wives and families of our noble fellows in South Africa may not have to undergo any unnecessary privations. This is a question upon which we can sink our individual opinions concerning the righteousness or otherwise of the war which we are at present waging with the Transvaal. We trust that Mr. Eccles' proposal will be at once acted upon, and we have not the slightest doubt but that there will be a very hearty and liberal response thereto. Let us strike while the iron is hot, remembering that there is no time like the present.

IT HAS MANY TIMES struck us as curious, in these go-ahead days, as to the reason why the road between Number One and Leadgate was not provided with lamps? This is the one of the most frequently used thoroughfares in the district, and yet there is not a single lamp to light and cheer the wayfarer who has the misfortune to have to traverse this road on dark winter nights. However, the people in that locality are bestirring themselves, and naturally want to know why they are being kept in the dark, seeing that they pay their share of the rates and taxes, and are thus entitled to some consideration at the hands of the "powers to be." At the last meeting of the Medomsley District Council, a numerously-signed and influential petition was submitted by Mr. C. F. Scott, of Newbell, asking the Council to provide lamps for this particular road. It appears that the distance is between ten and eleven hundred yards, and Mr. Scott considers that eight or nine lamps would be sufficient. In the course of the discussion that followed, Coun. Crawford mentioned that the caretaker of the Isolation Hospital had informed him that groups of young people congregated outside the above institution at night time, and indulged in concertina playing, singing, and dancing, to the great annoyance of the inmates. We would have thought that these people might easily have found a more congenial spot in which to enjoy themselves after their own fashion. However, the caretaker thinks that the erection of lamps would do much to mitigate this nuisance. Some mention was made as to the probability of the road coming under the jurisdiction of the Leadgate District Council; and ultimately the whole question was deferred for a month.

IT IS SATISFACTORY to find that the Consett Liberal Association is in a most flourishing condition, as was easily to be gleaned by those present at the annual meeting last Friday night. The Hon. Secretaries (Messrs A. Broadbent and J. Wildsmith) were able to submit a good record of work accomplished during the past year, whilst the finances of the Association cannot be regarded as other than gratifying, seeing that there is a balance in the hands of the treasurer of over £60. With the business of the association so ably conducted, it was only natural that the old officials, almost without exception, should be re-elected, with thanks for their past valuable services. Some discussion arose anent the Easter Carnival. It appears that last Easter the Association only cleared between £2 and £3, and when one takes into consideration the amount of responsibility resting upon the Association in connection with the Carnival, as well as the time and work so generously and gratuitously given by many of the officials, it must be confessed that the result is extremely disappointing, and altogether out of proportion to the amount of labour expended upon the event. No doubt the Carnival serves to keep the name of the Association before the public, and we should be sorry to see it fall through, as it provides a capital week's enjoyment for the people of the district. At the same time the Association, considering the risks they run, are entitled to some more adequate recompense for all their time and trouble. As Friday night's meeting was not very numerously attended, it was decided to postpone the question for further consideration at a meeting to be held a week hence.

PROBABLY MANY OF OUR readers will be surprised to learn that amongst the Arctic and Ant-arctic explorers hailing from the North of England, was a gentleman belonging to this district, bearing the honoured name of Balleny. Writing in the "Newcastle Daily Journal" upon this fascinating subject, "Whist" mentions that a correspondent has been good enough to send him the following interesting particulars:—"Captain John Balleny went out with Messrs Enderby about the year 1837. He discovered some small islands, not of any great moment, which he named the 'Balleny Islands.' According to the "Spectator" he accomplished in the Antarctic seas as much or more with a schooner of 154 tons and a dandy rigged cutter of 54 tons than the French and Americans did with their men of war. Mr. Balleny was born at Little Greencroft, near Consett." Captain Balleny, we may mention, was a brother of the late Mr. David Balleny, of Little Greencroft, and an uncle of Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, J.P. (the present owner of the Greencroft Estate), and Mr. C. D. W. Balleny, of The Delves, Consett.

COUN. THOS. CLARK, of Dipton, deserves well of the community for the motion he submitted at the last meeting of the Annfield Plain District Council, with respect to widening the road leading into Hill Top, Dipton, and also to make the entrance from the main road more easy of access. Coun. Clark proposes that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the land for carrying out the scheme. That this is urgently needed we have not the slightest hesitation in asserting, and the only wonder is that the question has not been brought forward before now. The present road into Hill Top is totally inadequate to the requirements of the place, and the improvement suggested in Coun. Clark's motion should be carried out with as little delay as possible. We have heard several times of two conveyances meeting on the narrow little thoroughfare, with the result that the wall on either side of the road has suffered. It is also extremely dangerous for pedestrians on dark nights when there are any carts about, and it is no unfrequent occurrence for people to have to scale the wall in order to avoid accident in this way. Hill Top contains a fairly large population, and their claim to increased accommodation in the direction specified is fully warranted. We were pleased to see that the Council met the motion in a most favourable spirit, and an excellent suggestion, put forth by the Chairman (Coun. J. W. Taylor), was accepted by Coun. Clark, and added to his proposal. This was to the effect that the Surveyor should be empowered to collect information in respect to the possibility of extending the road through the Hill Top to meet the main road somewhere near Mountsett. Should it be found possible to do this, the great improvement thereby effected is sure to be warmly appreciated by the people living in that district. This piece of work, when completed, will redound to the credit of the Council for all time.

ONE OF OUR LEADING townsmen took a prominent part in an interesting event that was celebrated at Fleur-de-Lis Parish Church, near Cardiff, on Wednesday. We allude to Mr. Geo. R. Aynsley, who, on the date mentioned, was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Anne Lumb, daughter of the late George Lumb, Esq., of Elland, Yorkshire. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. George (brother-in-law of the bride.) Amongst the many handsome presents received was a dog-cart and set of harness from the employees of the firm of William Aynsley, Limited. Mr. G. R. Aynsley, as most of our readers will be aware, is the eldest son of the highly esteemed and popular Chairman of the Consett District Council, and for some time now he may be said to have been the right-hand man of his father in carrying out the numerous details connected with the large and flourishing firm of which he is one of the principal members. This has entailed a considerable amount of tact and ability, but Mr. Geo. Aynsley has shown himself fully worthy of the trust reposed in him. He is popular alike amongst his employees and the inhabitants of the district. In honour of the occasion flags were to be observed flying from the top of Christ Church, Consett (of which Mr. Wm. Aynsley is one of the churchwardens), and also from the business establishment of the firm in Middle Street, Consett. In the evening, the employees were entertained to a supper and dance in the Masonic Hall, Consett, when the health and future happiness of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Aynsley was warmly pledged. It gives us much pleasure to re-echo these sentiments.

THE MEMBERS OF THE Medomsley Parish Council find themselves in rather an awkward position over the proposal from the Blaydon District Council to transfer that portion of Blackhall Mill now within the jurisdiction of the Medomsley Council to the Blaydon people. It seems pretty evident that there will have to be an enlargement of the present sewage disposal works at Blackhall Mill, as they are not doing the work required in a satisfactory manner. The Blaydon Council desire to construct sewage disposal works of their own on their side of the river, which will deal with the whole of the sewage in that portion of the district, and thus lighten the strain on the present works. If their request is refused, then they will have nothing more to do with the Blackhall Mill scheme, so that the whole cost of the extensions which must necessarily be carried out will fall upon the Medomsley parish. Then the Medomsley Council is confronted by the fact that the people of Blackhall Mill strongly object to being handed over to the Blaydon Council, for the all-important reason that they would probably find their rates doubled. Thus the Medomsley body may be said to be "between the devil and the deep sea." A letter was read from the Lanchester Council asking the opinion of the Medomsley authority respecting the Blaydon suggestion, and after some discussion it was agreed—after taking all the circumstances into consideration—to reply to the effect that the Council offered no objection to the proposed change of boundary. At the same time it was decided to arrange for a meeting of the ratepayers at Blackhall Mill, at which some of the Councillors will be present, and explain the exact state of affairs to those who choose to attend. That there will be strong opposition in Blackhall Mill may be taken for granted; but in acting as they have done the Medomsley Council have been actuated by the desire to do what was best for the parish as a whole, and not to consider the interests of one particular portion alone.

THE COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD election may be said to have provided us with one or two mild surprises. It seemed to be the prevalent opinion that Mr Robinson would be returned, but still it was hardly thought that he would head the poll. A genuine surprise was the election of Mr. Armstrong, who was thought by several of the knowing ones to have very little chance indeed. However, he completely upset anticipations. It is a matter for regret that Mr. J. W. Taylor has found it incumbent upon him to retire from the Board, as he evinced much interest in the education of the children, and at the same time made an excellent chairman. He was one who took a broad-minded view of all questions coming before the Board, and these are the sort of men we want on our public bodies. It was expected in many quarters that the late chairman's brother, Mr. J. G. Taylor, would have secured a seat, but this gentleman did not appear to unduly exert himself concerning the result, and in consequence he was not amongst the chosen five. Neither was the working-men's candidate, Mr. Wilson, who was the only member of the old Board that lost his seat. Messrs Swalwell, Clark, and Young have again been returned, in accordance with popular expectations. Messrs Robinson and Armstrong should turn out to be useful members of the Board, and there seems to be no feasible reason why this body should not continue the good work it has done in the past. Mr. Swalwell will probably be elected to the chair, and there is no one who has the interests of the children more at heart than that gentleman.

ONE OF THE FINEST concerts ever held in the New Town Hall, Consett, was that brought off last week under the auspices of the Consett and District Philharmonic Society. The large and influential audience that assembled were simply delighted with the high-class programme provided for their amusement and enjoyment, and it can be safely said that there was not a dull moment throughout the evening. Some disappointment was expressed at the outset at the absence of Mr. Sims Reeves, but this was wholly forgotten when the veteran's substitute (Mr. Cunningham) displayed his powers. The latter gentleman is the fortunate possessor of a magnificent tenor voice, which he knows how to use to the best advantage. His efforts were warmly appreciated. The other artistes were all of high repute, and it must be admitted that one and all fully sustained their reputations. A special treat was the violin solos of Miss Nadia Sylva, whose splendid performances upon this difficult instrument raised the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. To have heard Miss Slyva alone was worth the price charged for admission. The work of the chorus was worthy of all praise, the parts being admirably balanced, and it was plainly obvious that the members had attended assiduously to the practices. No fault could be found with the orchestra (who rendered splendid service), whilst Mr. G. P. Stephenson conducted with his customary skill and ability. Altogether the members of the society are to be congratulated upon another triumph, and we sincerely hope that the financial result will be as satisfactory as it deserves to be. Such a musical treat is not often vouchsafed to the inhabitants of this district.

WE HAVE BEEN FAVOURED with a list of the railway stations to which prizes have been awarded for the best-kept wayside stations this year. It is no doubt an excellent idea on the part of the management of the North-Eastern Railway Company to encourage their officials at the various villages to take an interest in beautifying and adorning their stations. It is wonderful what some of the station-masters and their staffs can accomplish in this direction, although, of course, the work is not done without a great amount of time and labour. Therefore it is only fitting that the most successful should receive some reward. In the Newcastle District (group No. 1), Lintz Green obtains a second prize, and Leadgate a third. In the Darlington District (group No. 2), Rowley and Eastgate each gain third prizes. Considering our generally uncongenial climate, as compared with that further south, our district has done very well. Lintz Green has been a noted pretty station for a long time, and Leadgate has made wonderful progress when we remember the comparatively short time that the Annfield Plain branch has been open. We trust to see other stations in the district figure in the prize-list next year.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

BY "ROSICRUCIAN."

"BRITON OR BOER?"

Everybody is talking about the war, and it is only natural they should do. By means of maps, and through the illustrated papers a superficial knowledge is gleaned and added to the store already laid in by the aid of the war correspondents. But we want to have a keener insight into the country, and Mr Lindon Travers is coming to Stanley to satisfy our curiosity. He is eminently fitted for the task, having travelled through South Africa for the purpose of taking observations and photographs. These have been kneaded together in one of the most enjoyable and instructive lectures which this well-known and able entertainer has yet delivered, and all anxious to increase their knowledge of the Boers and their country should attend at the Co-operative Hall on Monday night.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

There were very few items of interest discussed by the Tanfield School Board on Tuesday night. After this month the Lamesley Parish will either have to provide school accommodation for their children and cease to send them to Causey Row, or they will have to contribute to the cost. The resolution of the Board dismisses the children at the close of this month, which is also the close of the school year. As they form one-third of the scholars taught at Causey the average attendance will be materially affected. In reference to the increase of salaries asked for, my hint of a fortnight ago, that they would be refused, was correct. There was no discussion on the subject, but I believe when in committee at least one application was only rejected by the casting vote of the chairman.

A BULL.

When Mr Oliver's case was before Quarter Sessions last week the Clerk of the Peace was responsible for an amusing "bull." He intimated that the April sitting of the court would be held "on the first Monday in April, not being a Sunday." The smile which went round the court was large enough to be heard, but Mr Simey was oblivious of either the bull or the smile.

MR HIGGINBOTTOM'S LICENSE.

Mr Higginbottom must have left the Court at Durham last week with something like feelings of chagrin. Only the "finishing touch" was required, and another palatial hotel was to be reared to the adornment of Stanley's Front Street. The "finishing touch" was given, but not in the manner desired. Applicants for licenses must know in future that unless they are prepared to reside on the premises it will be useless going to Quarter Sessions for confirmation. That is the "sine qua non," and as Mr Higginbottom could not comply with this condition, he did not get the license. Mr Robert Cranston, of No Place, was able to comply, and got confirmation. It would have been a happy day for his late respected father.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "OBSERVER."]

NOT MUCH IMPROVEMENT.

In my notes a few weeks ago I made a statement that Burnopfield was fast becoming one of the most drunken places in the North of England, and I was severely taken to task by one or two correspondents. Since then things have not mended much, and the parties who accused me of making exaggerating statements do not seem to stir themselves to bring about a better state of affairs. As I stated previously, the inhabitants of the village are as a rule a very respectable and sober class of people, but what do we find in the villages round about? Drunkenness and debauchery abound to an enormous extent, and I make bold to state that the condition of things at Friarside and Lintz Colliery is a disgrace to civilised England. Much better would it be to have a fully-licensed house in these villages than to have, as at present two off-licenses, where liquor can be got and consumed in the open, in the sight of innocent children and the public generally. I repeat, it is a scandalous state of affairs. Temperance advocates would do well to unite their forces to battle against off-licenses, which do more harm than all the public-houses in the land.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

As I predicted, the benefit concert for Mr F. Gregory was a huge success, and the large audience that filled the hall was well entertained. The performers acquitted themselves well, and deserve the thanks of the promoters for the ready manner in which they responded to the appeal to help one who has always been ready to help others.

A PITY.

I hear that the classes which were advertised to commence in connection with the Co-operative Society's Education Department at Burnopfield have fallen through. The reason is, I believe, because so few students presented themselves. Strange it seems that in a neighbourhood like this so little interest is taken in matters educational. Our young men and women now-a-days would rather spend their time in attending socials, etc., than devote it to improving their knowledge, and thus preparing themselves for the duties devolving upon them in after life.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

CONSETT PARISH CHURCH.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, October 22nd. During the previous week the church had been most tastefully decorated by lady members of the congregation, and had a very pleasing and harvest-like aspect. All had vied one with another in gifts and efforts. The chancel was well furnished with beautiful plants and flowers. The pulpit, the screen, the lectern, the seats, the windows, the font, the Baptistery, the pillars, and all parts of the church had received most careful and artistic treatment, and lavish care. An abundance of fruit, flowers, plants, vegetables, and the various cereals were everywhere seen. The services for the day began at 8.30 a.m. The Rev. Arthur Allwork, Rector of Whickham, was the special preacher morning and evening. He chose as his subject in the morning, Psalm iv., 8., "I have put gladness in their hearts," and shewed how the true harvest joy must necessarily be the outcome of real spiritual joy. In the evening the preacher dealt with the subject of "Increase," i. Cor., iii., 6, "God giveth the increase," shewing how life, produce, and increase were the gift of God alone, both in the natural and spiritual world. The congregations were reverently and heartily led by the choir in the service of prayer and praise, which was all that could be desired. The anthem in the morning was from Psalm 145, 3, 4, c., "Great is the lord," and in the evening from Psalm cxiii., "Blessed be the name of the Lord." The offertories for the day were £14 5s. There were crowded congregations, especially in the evening, when many were unable to obtain admission.

The Marriage of Mr. Geo. R. Aynsley, of Consett.

Supper and Dance.

In connection with the above auspicious event, the employees and a few friends of the firm were entertained to a supper and dance in the Masonic Hall, Consett, on Wednesday night. The room had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and presented a charming appearance. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mr. James, of the New Town Hall, who served up an excellent repast, to which full justice was done by some fifty guests. Mr. Chas. Prior presided, and amongst those present were—Mr. W. Aynsley, Mr. S. Aynsley, Miss Mackay, Miss F. Buddle, Miss S. Buddle, Miss Wilson, Miss Williams, the Misses Cawthorn (Hobson), Miss Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. Jos. Robinson (Medomsley), Mr. H. Rawes, Mr. T. Forster, Miss Simpson, Mr. B. Wilson, Miss Downey, Mr. Graham, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. Hetherington, Miss Forster, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rodham, Mr. H. Wood, Mr. King, and others.

At the conclusion of the repast, the Chairman gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was loyally honoured.

The Chairman then gave "Success and prosperity to the newly-married couple," the toast being warmly received. Mr. Prior referred to the high esteem in which Mr. Geo. Aynsley was held by all the employes, and said he was sure he was only echoing all their sentiments when he wished Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Aynsley the greatest happiness and prosperity. (Loud applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Stephen Aynsley. (Applause.)

The toast was musically honoured.

Mr. S. Aynsley, on rising to reply, was heartily received. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Prior for the able manner in which he had proposed the toast, and his thanks to the company for the enthusiastic way in which it had been received. He felt sure that all present would join with him in wishing the best of good luck to the newly-wedded pair. (Loud applause.) They had met there that evening to celebrate the event, and he sincerely trusted that the whole company would enjoy themselves. (Applause.) He could assure them that they were heartily welcome, and it was the earnest wish of his brother that they should have a gathering of that kind. (Applause.) He would conclude by again thanking them for the warm and cordial manner in which they had honoured the toast. (Loud applause.)

The room was then cleared for dancing, which was heartily entered into by the assembled company, Mr. Prior ably acting as M.C. During the evening excellent songs were rendered by Miss Williams, Mr. Jos. Robinson, Mr. King, Mr. H. Rawes, Mr. H. Wood, and Mr. Gardiner, whilst Mr. Charlton favoured with a bone solo. The music was very ably supplied by Mr. J. R. Wood, of Consett, and an extremely pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Local and District News.

Consett.

P.M. CHAPEL.—At this place of worship on Sunday, Mr Reid will preach in the morning, and Mr L. Whitworth in the evening.

ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF MILK.—The Gateshead District Milk Sellers' Association have given notice that the retail price will be advanced to 4d per quart from the first of November.

FREE INVITATION CONCERT.—This novel event, provided by Archibald Ramsden, takes place in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday evening. A splendid array of artistes has been secured, and tickets may be had free at Archibald Ramsden's Piano Saloon, Front Street, Consett, where a plan of the hall may be seen and seats reserved. A special late train has been arranged for.

WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS.—In connection with these missions, the Rev. J. W. Denham will preach on Sunday in the Consett Wesleyan Church. The annual meeting is announced for Tuesday evening at seven, at which the Rev. Robert J. Ellis, from India, is expected to speak as to the work that is being carried on. The Revs. G. E. Polkinghorne and J. W. Denham will also support the deputation, while Coun. R. C. Foster will preside over the meeting.

Annfield Plain.

LEEK SHOW.—A great leek and vegetable show will be held at the house of Mr W. Aitcheson, Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, on Saturday first.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. Josephus Bishop, of Shotley Bridge, preached the foreign missionary services in the Annfield Plain Board Schools. There were good audiences present. On Tuesday evening the annual missionary meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. A. Duthie, of Tynemouth.

WESLEY GUILD BAND.—On Wednesday evening, a grand concert was given in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, by Madame Bellas-Dryden, of Consett, Mr J. Stott, a popular singer, and others, in aid of the Wesley Guild Band. There was a fairly good attendance.

On Wednesday evening, at Mr J. Lumley's, Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, Mr A. Phillipson, auctioneer, Dipton, offered for sale all that valuable freehold tenemented dwelling-house of three and two rooms each, with wash-house, pantries, cemented yard, and all conveniences, belonging to Mr Thos. Storey, builder, Catchgate. The company was not large but good. Bidding was started by Mr G. Ferguson, of Catchgate, at £250, and after a few bids Mr Ferguson was declared the purchaser at £295.

Blackhill.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—The Rev. A. Crago will preach on Sunday morning, while in the evening, at six, owing to numerous requests, the Select Class will again render the dialogue entitled "Who are the great?" interspersed with solos and choruses.

GRAND CONCERT.—In connection with the Blackhill Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club, a grand concert will be given by the Chamber Music Society in St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill, on Tuesday evening. A splendid programme has been arranged, and the proceeds will be devoted to prizes for competitive papers sent in during the present winter session. There should be a crowded audience.

Chester-le-Street

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

Causey Row

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—The Chapel anniversary services were held on Saturday and Sunday. A concert was given on Saturday night by a number of ladies and gentlemen from Annfield Plain and Catchgate, conducted by Mr. T. Prism. The accompanist was Mr. Jas. Castle. The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Tattersall, of Newcastle. After the concert a ham-and-coffee supper was held, the supper being provided by Mrs G. Knight and Mr. J. Blackmore. On Sunday, sermons were preached

Dipton

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival will be held at Dipton Church on Sunday first, when there will be service morning, afternoon, and evening.

Derwent Cottages

NEW CHAPEL.—On Sunday, Pastor Reed (Sailors' Bethel), Newcastle, will preach in the afternoon and evening. On Monday night, Mr. Reed will deliver his popular lecture entitled "Nil Desperandum." Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock by Mr. T. Watson, Blackhill.

Ebchester

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

Lamesley

TEAM VALLEY AND DISTRICT PLOUGHING AND HEDGE CUTTING ASSOCIATION.—A full meeting of the committee was held at the Ravensworth Arms, Lamesley, on Monday night, under the presidency of Mr. H. Munro. Last year's rules were adopted with some slight amendments; an addition was made to the prize list; the judges were also appointed. The competition is fixed for Dec. 13th, to be held in a field kindly granted by Mr. Jos. Anderson, and almost adjoins Lamesley Station.

Leadgate.

WESLEYAN MISSION BAND.—In connection with the above band special services were held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Leadgate, on Sunday, and were largely attended. The pulpit morning and evening was occupied by Mr. G. Morrison, of Shincliffe, who preached most eloquent and impressive sermons to crowded congregations. In the afternoon an interesting service was conducted by Mr. Readhead, of Newcastle. At each service Mr. Readhead sung solos, which were greatly appreciated. The collections were in aid of the band funds.

Marley Hill

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.—The members of this society have just concluded a fortnight's mission, which has been conducted by Mr. T. Pearson, "Joyful News" Evangelist. Good congregations have assembled nightly.

Stanley.

A commencement has been made with the erection of a new goods shed at Shield Row Station.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Wednesday first, the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, of the South London Mission, will preach in the afternoon at three, in the above place of worship, and lecture in the evening at seven, on "The answer of the Methodist Church to the appeal of the 'Bitter cry of outcast London'."

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.—The Stanley and District Orchestral Society will give another of their delightful concerts on Sunday night in the Co-operative Hall. In addition to a capital programme of instrumental music, Miss Anna Dixon, of Annfield Plain, and Mr. Tom Holland of Catchgate will render solos. Mr. Garbutt will officiate as conductor.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—During the present week Mr. Paul Winsloe's company are engaged at the Victoria Theatre, West Stanley, in the performance of the new four act sensational drama "The King of Terrors." The piece is thoroughly well staged and acted, and having an interesting and well-told plot it is not surprising that large audiences have been attracted. Next week it is safe to predict crowded houses on the occasion of another visit from Dr. Welford Bodie, whose popular and clever entertainment has delighted so many audiences in Stanley on the occasion of former visits.

Tanfield

PRESENTATION TO MR. AGAR.—The expression of esteem by the old scholars of Mr Agar has been echoed by those who are the last to occupy the position of being his scholars. Some of these determined, after the farewell greetings of their last day at school under Mr Agar, that they would present their old master with some token of their respect. For this purpose they canvassed the parents of the then scholars and those recently left. Success crowned their efforts, and on Saturday last they had the pleasure in company of several of the parents to present their old master with an easy chair. This, said their presentor, by the advise of the elders, the young scholars presented to Mr Agar that he and Mrs Agar when weary might rest therein, review the past, and have good hope of the future harvest of their labours, especially when they remembered, as doubtless they would, that they were resting upon the tribute of respect given by Mr Agar's little ones. In returning thanks, Mr Agar assured the donors that he and Mrs Agar would treasure the gift all their lives, and would pass it to some member of their family who would heartily appreciate the gift.

Westwood

PIT ACCIDENT.—On Friday last a somewhat serious accident befel a young man named Bewick, who was employed at the Consett Iron Company's Westwood Colliery. Shortly before Bewick's turn to ride—he had, we understand, finished his shift—a fall occurred, severely injuring the unfortunate young fellow in the back. He was quickly conveyed to bank, and taken to Blackhall Mill, where he was lodging, and medically attended to. On Saturday afternoon Bewick was conveyed in a cab to the Newcastle Infirmary. Much sympathy was expressed for him, as he was a quiet and well-behaved young man, and was much liked by all who knew him.

STANLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the members of the Stanley Urban District Council was held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday night—Coun. Jonathan Green, J.P. (Chairman) presiding. There were also present:—Councillors M. G. Armstrong, G. Forster, J. Anderson, A. Kuhlman, J. Smith, W. Welsh, W. Indian, R. Kay, W. Forster, A. H. Swinburn, W. Severs; the Clerk (Mr J. G. Ridley), the Surveyor and Inspector (Mr J. Routledge), and the Collector (Mr W. Hewison.)

BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

This committee recommended that the following plans be passed:—Amended plan of conveniences and alterations to house in Front Street, Stanley, for Mr. Wm. Rutherford, subject to an inspection chamber being provided in each yard; plan of out-offices to houses in Joicey Terrace, Oxhill, for Messrs James Joicey and Co.; block plan for lower portion of Fairford Terrace, South Moor, for Mr. James Joicey subject to an additional lamp being provided and the drain put in to the satisfaction of the Surveyor; plan of tenemented house in Theresa Street, Stanley, for Mrs. S. Carr, subject to a partition being fixed between the stairs and kitchen and an inspection chamber being provided in the yard for the drains; plan of two houses in Delacour Street for Mr. Alfred Routledge. The committee recommended that a plan of iron palisading for yards to houses in Pine Street, South Moor, owned by Mrs. Pearson, be rejected; that a plan of a wooden shop for Mr. Pringle in Forster Street, be not received; that the Surveyor be instructed to have the sewer lifted on the Towneley and Joicey estates, South Moor Lane, recently let down by Colliery workings, and that the South Moor Coal Company be required to do the same to the sewer on the highway. The following tenders for sewerage works at Oxhill and South Moor had been received, and the committee recommended that the tender of Mr. George Stewart, Stanley, be accepted:—Wm. Craig, £365 19s 6d; Wm. Johnson, £362 15s; George E. Simpson, £350 14s 6d; George Stewart, £336 5s 11d. A letter was considered from Mr. Percy re application for land near Shield Row Colliery for outfall works, stating that arrangements had already been made to commence brick works on that particular piece of land. A letter was read from Mr. Parmeter respecting houses in High Street, and stating that they were included in the lease to Messrs Burn, and were repairable by the lessees, who were liable to restore them to the Towneley owners in habitable condition. It was recommended that the Council could only treat with the owners of the houses.

Coun. Welsh moved, and Coun. Indian seconded, the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

The Highways Committee reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Wm. Rutherford, stating that the South Derwent Colliery Co. would put the Louisa Terrace level crossing into a satisfactory condition. A letter was read from the West Pelton Co-operative re the surface water at No Place Bank. It was recommended that the Surveyor meet a representative of the Society on the ground. The following tenders were received for the making of Cemetery Road, and they recommended that the tender of Mr Geo. E. Simpson, of Newcastle, be accepted:—Geo. Stewart, £335 11s 2d; Mr Wm. Johnson, £334 3s 0d; Mr Geo. E. Simpson, £324 0s 6d.

On the motion of Coun. Severs, the report was agreed to.

FINANCES.

The Finance, Burial, and Allotments Committee recommended for payment accounts amounting to £976 1s 6d. A letter was read from Mr. Nathaniel Clark, agent to Mr Slingsby Duncombe Shafto, as to land for allotments. It was recommended that the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Mr Swinburn, and Mr Duffy be appointed a committee to wait upon Mr Clark. Mr Cain was recommended for re-appointment as office cleaner.

The report was adopted on the motion of Coun. W. Forster, seconded by Coun. Armstrong.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector reported that he had collected during the month and paid over to the treasurer the following amounts:—General district rate, £200 11s 8d; cemetery fees, £7 16s 0d; total, £208 7s 8d. The balance at the bank was £1,260 6s 9d.

MEDICAL REPORT.

Dr. Benson reported that there had been a considerable diminution in the number of cases of scarlatina since his last report. Only nine cases had been notified during the month, as against 33 in the previous month. The whole of the cases were confined to the area of the original outbreak. One case of enteric fever appeared in Stanley in a house already infected; also two cases of a mild form are in Kyo Lane and the other in South Moor. The cause of the former was obvious, but the origin of the latter had not been accounted for. One case of enteric fever was removed to the Isolation Hospital. The month's death list was a fairly satisfactory one. Fourteen deaths were registered, giving a death-rate equal to 13.5 per 1,000 per annum. Infectious diseases were responsible for two deaths, namely enteric fever and measles.

Coun. Swinburn said he asked a question at the last meeting respecting the Medical Officer not giving them a full report of certain cases. The information he asked for then was withheld. There had been another case removed from Stanley since their last meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that the place was given in the report, but not the name. "One case of enteric fever appeared in Stanley in a house already infected." Of course they knew where that was.

Coun. Swinburn said yes, but he got his information outside, and not from their Medical Officer's report.

The Chairman thought the request might be granted in the shape of the doctor supplying them with the names, but not for publication in the press.

Coun. Severs did not see why they should have the names at all. If they could localise the position of the people who were being sent away that ought to be sufficient for them.

The Chairman thought they ought to have all the names notified to them. They had a large number of notifications, and they ought to know where these cases were.

Coun. Indian said fees were paid to medical men and he thought they ought to have the names, but he agreed they should not be published.

Coun. Severs did not see what good it would do.

Coun. Swinburn said in cases of overcrowding, they got the names, and infectious diseases were more serious. He moved that the names be laid on the table in future, but not for publication.

The Chairman seconded the motion.

Coun. Severs moved that she should merely localise the cases.

Coun. Kuhlman seconded the amendment.

On a division five voted for the amendment, and six for the motion.

The motion was therefore carried, and the report was then adopted, on the motion of Coun. Armstrong, seconded by Coun. Indian.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Routledge reported that habitation orders were required for one house in Front Street, Stanley, one in Front Street, South Moor, and two in Fairford Terrace, South Moor. As requested, he had inspected the house in Clifford Road, belonging to Mr Moor, and he found there was no infringement of the bye-laws, there being only two tenants. The houses as reported at High Stanley, occupied by Messrs Burns' workmen, were getting considerably worse. In his opinion steps ought to be taken to have the houses repaired immediately or their tenants removed.

Coun. Armstrong asked if the owners and Messrs Burn were going to put this matter on to each other's shoulders, what were the poor people going to do? Of course it could be dealt with by notice being given to close the houses, but in that case the people would be turned into the streets. He thought some provision should be made by getting other houses for them. The pantries were coming away from the houses, and they were simply dangerous to live in. What was wanted was for two or three to be shifted out of the worst houses and then for the owners and Messrs Burn to settle the matter. He suggested that an urgent letter be sent.

The Chairman said according to Mr Routledge's report there was a considerable amount of danger. The law was slow, and he thought an urgent letter to Messrs Burn would probably lead to notice being taken.

Mr Routledge said the houses were not safe to live in. There was an open space of seven inches between the pantries and the houses.

Coun. Armstrong moved, and Coun. Smith seconded, that a letter be written.

The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Coun. Welsh, seconded by Coun. Indian, the Inspector's report was adopted.

HOUSING OF WORKING CLASSES.

Mr Kirtley wrote enclosing several filled-up petitions from collieries in the district in favour of the scheme for erecting houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

The matter was held over for consideration, and the Council adjourned.

DERWENT COTTAGES NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

Opening Ceremony

Through the indefatigable labours of the members of this society a new chapel has been erected at Derwent Cottages at an estimated cost of between £700 and £800. On May 17th of this year the foundation-stones were laid, and since that time the contractors, Messrs Taylor and Robinson, of Medomsley, have pushed forward the work so well that the new building was ready for opening on Wednesday afternoon. The building, which is a stone structure, has been built in the Gothic style of architecture, and is capable of seating some 200 people, to which a kitchen, vestry, and parlour are attached. The chapel is planned with a wide nave, with side seating, the whole providing seating accommodation for 200 persons. The main entrance is placed in the west front, giving access to porch and vestibule; on the east end of the building is provided vestries with retiring or tea-room, and the necessary annexes and lavatories, and a heating chamber adjoining. All the interior seating and fittings, including the rostrum, have been executed in pine from the architect's detail drawing and instructions. The roof is of open timer construction, the principles springing from moulded cables. The building is designed in fourteenth century Gothic style, great variety being introduced into the detail of the leading features, as the several windows, etc., vary in design. The walling is of local stone in pointed rubble facing, with chiselled stone dressings, and all the windows have traceried heads. All the interior joiner work has been exceptionally well finished, and shows a considerable amount of ornate feeling, the whole being stained and varnished. The church is heated throughout by hot-water pipes and radiators, and the whole of the works have been carried out from designs, and under the superintendence of Mr. G. T. Wilson, Architect, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill. The contractors for the work were—For the mason work, Mr. R. Taylor, Medomsley; for the joiner work, Mr. T. Robinson, Medomsley; the others being Mr. G. Nicholson, Leadgate, slater; Mr. D. Ormerod, plasterer, Blackhill; Mr. W. Strachan, plumber, Blackhill; and Mr. Robson, painter and glazier, Blackhill.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. John Oliver, of Stanley, who, after having formally opened the door, gave a short address on the history of Methodism in the circuit, and especially that connected with Derwent Cottages Chapel. Amongst those present were the Rev. T. Champness, Rochdale; Revs. G. E. Polkinghorne, Consett; J. W. Denham, Annfield Plain; A. Barraclough, Stanley; Rev. J. Bishop, of Shotley Bridge; Mr. W. Richardson and Mr. John Lowes, circuit stewards; Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvert, Stanley; Mr. J. Saunders, Tanfield Lea; Mr. G. T. Broadbent, Consett; Mr. Cooper, Spen; Mr. J. Palliser, Blackhill; Mrs. Polkinghorne, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Wilson, Blackhill; Mr. G. W. Wilson, Lanchester; Mr. D. M. Spence, Shotley Bridge; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Henderson, Mr. W. Jackson, Consett; Mr. J. Parker, Leadgate; Mr. Mr. R. C. and Mrs. Foster, Consett; and many others.

The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, of Consett, then made the presentation of a Bible and Hymn Book to the trustees of the chapel, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, of Bradley Cottages, in memory of their daughter Polly. Mr. Polkinghorne said the presentation was rendered very interesting from the fact that a little incident was connected with it. They know better than he how the young person, Polly Henderson, was interested with her parents in the conception and carrying out of the idea of the erection of a new chapel. She had hoped to see its opening, and taken part in that ceremony, but had been taken away. It was a pre-eminently beautiful thing that the Bible and Hymn Book should contain the beautiful inscription:—"Presented by Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson, for the use of the Derwent Cottages Wesleyan Society in memory of their daughter, Polly Henderson." He prayed God's blessing would rest upon all the services held in that sanctuary.

The text from which Mr. Champness delivered an excellent sermon was, "Eli was a man of like passions as we are, and he prayed," to a crowded audience which assembled from almost all parts of the circuit. After the service a public tea was provided in the old chapel and the Derwent Cottages Workmen's Institute, and was presided over by the following ladies:—Breadcutters: Mesdames Graham, Ridley, Henderson, Wilkinson, Johnson, Dobson; teamakers: Mesdames Edgar, Bell; tea tables: Mesdames Marrs, Wilson, Miss Robinson, Miss McGowan, assisted by Mesdames Whitfield, Bell, Jewitt, and Miss Milburn, and the elder female scholars of the Sunday School. A large company sat down and partook of an excellent repast, to which full justice was done.

THE EVENING MEETING.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Consett Wesleyan Church, kindly granted for the occasion by the Consett Wesleyan Society.

Mr. John Lowes, Consett, occupied the chair, and presided over a large company, and was supported on the platform by the Rev. T. Champness, "Joyful News" Editor, Rochdale, Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, Consett, Rev. J. W. Denham, Annfield Plain, Rev. J. Bishop, Shotley Bridge, Rev. A. Barraclough, Mr. John Oliver, Stanley, and Mr. W. Richardson, Chopwell.

The Chairman, in his remarks, observed that his duties were very light and pleasant that evening, in presiding over such an enthusiastic gathering, and then the object for which they were met was very cheering. They had assembled to welcome Mr. Champness—(Applause)—who had kindly come to open out Derwent Cottages New Chapel. (Applause.) The friends at Derwent Cottages deserved helping, and they were glad that Mr. Champness had come to give them a helping hand. They had come to help the Derwent Cottages friends out of debt. He did not want to take up more time, as they were all waiting to hear Mr. Champness. He would call upon Mr. Polkinghorne to read the report.

The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne on rising, said the reading of the report did not amount to much, but the facts were very great indeed. (Applause.) He had not been in the circuit when the new chapel was first thought of, but was glad to be there at that particular time. The people of Derwent Cottages had not undertaken the project merely for the sake of luxury. If there were any people worshipping God under luxurious circumstances it had not been the Derwent Cottages people. The first time he entered their queer little place—(laughter)—he really wondered they had not begun to seek a new chapel before being absolutely compelled to do so. It had cost nearly £810. Before starting to build they began to collect money, not merely from other people, but they gave liberally themselves, and all the promises made in the village had been fulfilled. (Hear, hear.) And when they had done their best at home, they had a good face to go abroad and beg from wealthy Methodists, who had been entrusted with money to give to such worthy objects. Two of the friends had pilgrimaged the county, and trudged many weary miles, and frequently returned home tired with their daily excursions. Those two friends had raised £300 in that way. (Loud applause.) He did not know that there were two men more deserving of a good clap than they. (Applause.) As matters now stood they found that with a donations, collections, teas, lectures, etc., including the stone-laying ceremony, which amounted to £700 they had raised £593. (Loud applause.) He could not understand how they had got round the Connexional secretaries, his predecessor must have been a conjurer—(laughter)—but the connexional grants amounted to £110 which could not be paid until three-fourths of the money had been raised by the society, making the total £703. (Applause.) They had still to raise £107 to clear off all the debts, and they were going to do it. (Hear, hear.) The collection that afternoon was a noble one. If they could manage to raise £85 that evening they would settle their accounts before their friends went back to Derwent Cottages. (Applause.) Within a very short period they should have all they needed. He might go on talking—he never felt in a much better frame for it—(applause)—he felt himself marvellously at home, and more and more his heart was cheered at the downright earnestness and enterprise manifested in their work. He would say no more, but make way for Mr. Champness, who they were immensely delighted to have with them once again. (Loud applause.)

...entered the ministry, ...

The choir here rendered an anthem in good style, after which the chairman asked Mr. Champness to address the meeting.

Mr. Champness, who on rising, received an enthusiastic reception, said he wished he had had the strength he possessed when he first entered the ministry. He never saw large and interesting assemblies like the one before him without feeling the supreme importance of the occasion, and the necessity for a man to speak with great suggestiveness. He was an old man compared with what he used to be, and could not talk as long or powerfully as once he could. But his heart was good—(hear, hear,)—he loved his Saviour and the Church of his choice more and more the longer he stayed in it, and was very proud indeed to find that in the villages of this country that very often one of the most beautiful spots in the landscapes was a Methodist Chapel, and he was glad that Derwent Cottages had got their new chapel. He hoped all present would do what they could, and there was nothing so likely to help on prosperity of every kind as good places of worship. When he spoke a great deal in open-air meetings he used to say that if he had not been a Christian he would have stood up for places of worship, because wherever people attended them they had more than one suit of clothes to wear. It was good for trade; it told upon business, and it told blessedly upon material prosperity, the success of a place of worship. But just now the world was full of battle, there was nothing talked about but the war, and those newspaper advertisements which told them what would be got if they spent a penny they covered them with war ideas. He should be very glad when the time came for the war to cease. (Hear, hear.) It seemed to make a kind of gimlet hole to get a nail in, and he might as well talk about ideas suggested by those military movements, and as the Bible was full of warlike illustrations, he would not be out of place if he addressed himself on the military aspect of Christian life. Wherever Christ got a victory it was good for everybody all round. He would like to encourage the soldier of Jesus Christ and himself to do some more in the way of striking a blow for God before he was called home to enjoy his eternal pension. Those two armies in the field were just as much opposed to each other as the English and the Dutch. Jesus Christ and those who believed in him and obeyed him, and the powers of darkness, and nobody had any right to fight at all but those who belonged to Jesus Christ. Why? Whatever side they were on they got all from God's side. God stored up those seams of coal to make the people of the country, and the wicked one had no right to anything belonging to them. He would like to enlist somebody in the service of Jesus Christ. When he was a young fellow the Crimean war was going on, and the recruiting sergeants used to look at him. He had a physical frame for anything in the world then. He was proud of the fact that though he was not the man he used to be, his life and strength had been worn out in the service of Jesus Christ. It would be a comfort to the young people when they grew old if they stood by Jesus Christ. He was thankful he had not waited until he was a tottering old man. It did not follow that if they were gentle, kindly creatures, that they could not be brave soldiers of Jesus Christ. If they were to shut out all but the rough people some of the best work would never be done. Some of the bravest things done in the world had been done by gentle, kindly souls. When in Australia he came into contact with the bravest missionary the world had ever seen, the Rev. Geo. Brown. He was a little bit of a fellow, but a man full of intensity and earnestness, and had done some of the most gallant work. He would go to the Emble Islands, where the people were cannibals, and who were prepared to kill anybody, islands where sailors dare not land, and where nobody dare put a foot in. But this soldier of Jesus Christ would go from the mission vessel, just in his shirt and drawers, so that the savages could see he had no sword or knife hidden on his body, and because of that very fact he won them. There were times when Mr. Brown did things everybody present would not approve of. He had his own way of doing things, and there were times when he took up weapons. He told him of being in an island where he established a mission house, and after a time there was one of the wicked wretches thought he had a wife too many and would eat her to economise. The woman fled for her life to the missionary, and hid herself in his house. A band of them came and demanded her to be turned up. No, said George Brown, never. She has taken refuge here. One of the band said he would send somebody into the house to kill her. "Well, then," replied Brown, "the man you send in tell him to say good-bye to his wife and bairns, because he will never see them again." When Brown was nominated for the ministry a man got up and said he was altogether too meek and mild, he would make a good woman. (Laughter.) But when he got into the colours it made all the difference. If they submitted to the authority of Jesus Christ he had no doubt as to what would be the result. There might become deserters who had fled from the colours, and gone over to the other side. He wanted them to return. That was a blessed blessed truth that the Captain of their Salvation had been flogged as a deserter, and with His stripes they were healed. Jesus Christ would receive them. Their God was all anxiety to win them back. He did not care how much of their lives had been wasted, if they returned he would take them in. It would be a glorious thing if somebody came back. He was an old-fashioned preacher—(applause)—and they were all agreed that that was the best. He invited them to put their names among the soldiers of Jesus Christ. Christ took women, and some of the best soldiers he had were women. If they read their Bibles they would find that some of the noblest work had been done by women. In China the women were doing noble work. Those Christian women—"Oh those bonny things," if he had been a young man he would have lost his heart—(laughter)—were going amongst people who would like to kill them. He knew the value of women. There was nothing so brave as women who gave themselves to Jesus Christ. He believed in the conspicuosity of Christian life. They should put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Everybody knew when Jesus Christ was about the place in the old days because he went about doing good. If they saw a blind man led about by a string they knew Christ had not been there. (Laughter.) If they heard a man shouting out "who wants fire wood" they might conclude that Christ had been there. (Renewed laughter.) His mother was always doing good. Her house was fuller of children than anything else. He saw his mother's Christianity and was obliged to become a Christian. There was no great bragging and talking about it but in doing it. He wanted them to make it manifest to the world that they were Jesus Christ's people. They should look like Him and make themselves as much like Him as they could. He wished the young people to make up their minds to be Christians whatever it might cost them, and get the habits of Christian manliness and womanliness within them. When he was young the Battle of Sebastopol was being fought, and if he had not before that become a Christian, he could not having resisted enlisting. But after he gave his heart to God he thought there was something better for him to do than to stop cannon balls—(laughter)—and so he stopped at his home. He believed in people mastering the bible, and having it at their finger ends, so that when the devil came they could quote from it. He hoped the grand old men would not shame them. They knew their Bibles and hymn books. The young local preachers he was sorry to say did not know their hymn book as the old men did. There was something about the hymns they could not afford to neglect. There was some majesty about them, and when he got to heaven he would thank Charles Wesley and the God that had called him into his salvation, for raising him up to write such hymns as those. When the old people prayed they need not open their mouths, they had only to kneel down and looking to God they touched Him in a moment. They wanted to feel they had got hold of God, and were in touch with Him. A lot of people now-a-days could keep religion if it cost nothing. Some condemned him for talking so strongly on the liquor traffic—(loud applause)—but he wished it to be understood that he opposed everything that was opposed to God. After making a touching reference to the sad death of one of his evangelists, Mr William Argent, in China, Mr Champness concluded by exhorting the audience to be brave soldiers in the Christian army, and illustrated his remarks by relating a story of an officer in the French army who was degraded, but afterwards advanced for his bravery at a critical moment in the time of war.

Rev. J. Bishop moved, and the Rev. J. W. Denham seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr Champness and Mr Oliver for their services that day. The motion having been carried enthusiastically the meeting shortly afterwards terminated.

Funeral of Miss Anderson, of Shotley Bridge

On Wednesday afternoon, amid widespread tokens of sorrow, the remains of the late Miss Margaret Anderson, of Elm Park, Shotley Bridge, were laid to rest in Benfieldside Cemetery. The deceased young lady was held in the highest respect throughout the district, and her demise, which took place on Saturday, at the early age of 23 years, occasioned universal sorrow on all hands. For a number of years Miss Anderson held the position of clerk under the Consett Co-operative Society, and indeed a faithful servant she proved. By her amiable and loving disposition she commanded the respect and esteem of all who claimed her acquaintance, and especially her fellow workers, who will greatly miss her genial figure. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev Mr Brown, of Shotley Bridge. The chief mourners were Mr James Anderson (father of the deceased), Mrs Mary J. Anderson (mother of the deceased), Messrs Willie, Joseph, and John Anderson (brothers of the deceased), Misses Lizzie, Alice, Annie, and Jane Anderson (sisters of the deceased), Messrs Robert, Christopher, and Henry Anderson (uncles of the deceased), Mrs Bell, Mr John Latue, Mr Joseph Latue, Mr W. Bell, Mrs Wood (Whickham), Mrs Ball (Ferryhill), Miss Latue (Blackhill), Mrs Bell (2) (Blackhill), Mr and Mrs White (Washington). The underbearers were Messrs Lowdon, Robinson, Cant, and Nixon. Among those present at the graveside were Mrs Frankland, Mr W. Harrison, Mr G. Chatt, Mr and Mrs Hartley, Miss McIver, Mrs Best, Mr Atkinson, Miss Harris, Miss Swinscoe, Miss Thompson, Miss Hewitt, Miss Little, Miss Wharton, Mr T. Allison, Mr J. Surtees, Mrs Phillipson, Mrs Charlton, Mrs Walker, Mrs Miller, Mr and Mrs Biggins, Mr J. Seed, Mr Scott, Miss Taylor, and others. A large number of wreaths were placed upon the grave, including a permanent wreath from the employees of the Consett Co-operative Society.

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CONSETT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting under the auspices of the Consett Liberal Association was held on Friday evening, in the small hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, Mr. Thomas Carr presiding over a moderate audience. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

SECRETARIES' REPORT.

The Hon. Secretaries (Mr. Alex. Broadbent and Mr. John Wildsmith) submitted their annual report, which read as follows:—Gentlemen,—We have pleasure in submitting our yearly report, which we hope will prove to be of a satisfactory nature. The chief things of note are as follows:—

Gladstone Memorial.—Consett occupied a high position on the list of subscriptions in the North-West Durham Division, the most of our members subscribing. On December 2nd we held a social in the Masonic Hall, which was well patronised, and very successful.

Liberal Club.—Acting on the instructions of the yearly meeting we journeyed to Bishop Auckland to inspect the Liberal Club there, and afterwards reported in detail to a subsequent general meeting; up to the present nothing definite has been decided.

Eighty Club Campaign.—In connection with this club we were favoured with an address by Mr. F. D. Blake, late Liberal candidate for Tynemouth; Mr. H. Holliday presiding. The meeting was not large but very instructive.

Easter Carnival.—During Easter week, we held our yearly carnival, which was fairly popular, but we will have to seriously consider whether it should be continued another year, taking into account the fact that we just cleared our expenses.

Registration.—We spent some time in going through the whole of the register, and note there is a large increase of voters in the district. Canvass books were bought, but owing to circumstances over which we had no control, nothing was done in regard to this. Fifteen old lodger claims were made and sustained. Twenty-six new lodger claims were made, and we have not the official result as yet, but expect Mr. Winter will report to this meeting.

Mr. Jones' Campaign.—On the 21st September we held a public meeting in Consett New Town Hall, when addresses were delivered by Mr. J. A. Pease, M.P., and Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P. Mr. James Pallister in the chair. We have much pleasure in thanking the committee and members for their active co-operation in the work that has been taken in hand, and that as far as we are aware the relationship between them and ourselves has been of the best. During the year we have lost by death one of our active members, Mr. T. Rothwell, who was elected as one of our auditors.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. J. W. Winter, seconded by Mr. Colling.

FINANCE.

The financial statement shewed that the balance at the bank on October 20th, 1898, was £93 19s 6d. The income received apart from that sum was £8 16s 1½d, making a total of £102 15s 7½d. The expenditure had been £22 9s, leaving a balance of £80 6s 7½d in the hands of the treasurer.

The financial statement was considered most satisfactory, and adopted.

THE LIST OF VOTERS.

Mr. J. W. Winter, speaking in reference to the list of voters, said that the same had increased by the careful watching on the part of the members and officials of the Association. There was one particular district in the division where considerably over three hundred votes might have been lost had it not been for the rigid supervision of four men. The Conservatives did their utmost to keep these voters back, which just went to shew the importance of carefully watching the register. He must say with regard to ownership votes everyone was sustained; he believed they only made four occupier claims, which were all sustained. As soon as the time arrived he would make his official statement to the Association. (Applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. P. Douglass; Chairman of Committee, Mr. James Pallister; Vice-presidents, Mr. Septimus Brodie, Mr. N. Bell, Mr. A. S. Coates, Mr. A. G. Heslop, Mr. E. Telford, Mr. E. Whittaker, and Mr. J. Hart; Secretaries, Mr. John Wildsmith and Mr. Alex. Broadbent; Treasurer, Mr. T. Carr; Auditors, Mr. S. Brodie and Mr. J. S. Kirkup; Committee, Messrs J. T. Carr, T. F. Foster, J. H. Courtney, J. Ellis, A. Robertson, H. Goodie, J. H. Dodd, J. E. Colling, J. W. Williams, Jno. Bainbridge, W. Arnott, W. J. Roberts, Rev. J. S. Nightingale, G. A. Williamson, J. W. Winter, J. Bacon, J. Oldfield, J. Lowes, Geo. Lowes, A. Struthers, Geo. Graham, N. Peacock, R. C. Forster, Geo. T. Broadbent, and J. Brown.

THE EASTER CARNIVAL.

The question of again holding an Easter carnival came up for discussion.

It was stated that the balance left off the last carnival was £2 14s 1½d.

The Chairman thought that the meeting was not large enough to take into consideration this question.

Mr. Broadbent said that the secretarial duties in connection with the same entailed a large amount of time and labour. He, however, was anxious that the carnival should be kept on, as it helped to evoke interest in the Association. Personally, he was of the same opinion as the chairman, that the meeting was not large enough to decide the question, which was a rather weighty problem.

Mr. Wildsmith said the carnival seemed to keep the Association before the public, and it also provided them with a week's enjoyment.

After further discussion it was resolved to take into consideration the question at another meeting a fortnight hence.

CHESTER-LE-STREET

LECTURE.—On Wednesday evening of last week at the P.M. Church, Chester-le-Street, the Rev. W. Younger, of Middlesbrough, lectured to a large audience on Oliver Cromwell. Mr. Younger chiefly dealt with the moral side of Cromwell's character, and showed the great trust Cromwell had in God. Mr. H. Pringle occupied the chair. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by all present, and at the conclusion Mr. Younger was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD

On Thursday evening the final meeting of this Board was held in the Board Room of the Collierley Board Schools, Dipton, under the presidency of Mr. S. Swalwell. There were also present—Messrs W. Young, T. Clark, R. Wilson, Mr. A. Phillipson (Clerk), and Mr. H. Beatham, (Attendance Officer.)

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. H. Beatham reported that since the last meeting he had visited 96 absentees, and served five official warnings to parents. The attendance during the month had been very good.

The report was considered satisfactory.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Miss E. Terry, head teacher of the Infant's School, reported that the average attendance for the month was 177.4 as against 175 for last month.—Mr. W. McQuillen, headmaster of the Boys' School reported that the average attendance for the month was 205.6 as against 205.4 for last month. He was in need of an acetylene generator for the magic lantern, and would esteem it a favour to have it as soon as possible. The cost would be about 32/6.—Miss A. S. Dickinson, headmistress of the Girls' School, reported that the average for the month was 208.2 against 205.1 for last month. The work of the school was going on steadily and satisfactorily. The percentage of attendance for the month reached 94.3.

AN EXPLANATION.

Miss Dickinson submitted the following supplementary report explaining her position in regard to the proposed school concert:—

Gentlemen,—I beg to withdraw my application with respect to the use of the Infants schoolroom and piano, for the purpose of preparing to give a concert. When I made my application I quite expected that it would be favourably entertained. In the account of the Board meeting given by the "Consett Guardian" I see that one member is reported to have said that he had heard that the concert was to be given for the purpose of obtaining a piano. I can only say that this member must have obtained his information in a very unofficial manner, in fact, he could only have obtained it directly or indirectly from one source, viz., the headmaster of the Boys Department, as he certainly did not either receive or seek it from me. Therefore I conclude that it will perhaps be better for me to officially inform the Board respecting the whole matter. A day or two before the last Board meeting the head master intimated to me his desire to give a concert with the boys and girls of the two respective departments, and he most kindly gave me permission to take what part I liked in it—the concert. I felt insulted at the whole manner in which the proposal was made to me, and I therefore stated that the girls were very badly in need of a piano, and that I wished them to give a concert alone. I did not enter into any further details with respect to the aims I had in view. At the same time, I may say, that it would have given me much pleasure to have helped to promote a school concert given by the whole of the three departments of the school, and equally worked by their three respective head teachers. With all due respect, I should also like to state that I cannot quite follow the argument advanced by another member to the effect that the funds of a school concert belonged to the children. Surely, by virtue of the extra time and labour entailed on the teachers, the disposal of the funds of such a concert should be left in the hands of the teachers, who, naturally, having the interests of the children at heart, will make it their first consideration to see that the children are benefited thereby. Under the circumstances therefore, I think it best to withdraw my application at present. I am, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

A. S. DICKINSON.

Mr. Wilson said with respect to the statement made by Miss Dickinson he was never opposed to the teachers having the use of the schools, he only objected to the funds being used for the purchase of a piano. He still contended that all school apparatus should be purchased by the Board, and whether he had got his information directly or indirectly, he was opposed to the funds of a school concert being used for any such purpose. He had not got his information from Mr. McQuillen, although he was not, or never intended to tell Miss Dickinson where he had got it from, although it had evidently been correct. Miss Dickinson stated that she would like to have taken part in a joint concert, and that was the kind of concert he should like to have seen organised. Why had she demurred to the proposal made by Mr. McQuillen he should like to ask?

Mr. Clark said as far as he could make out she felt aggrieved at being refused the use of the schools.

Mr. Wilson: It was not a refusal.

Mr. Clark: Well, it was not a direct refusal, it was adjourned for a month. He did not know where Mr. Wilson had got his information from.

Mr. Wilson: If Miss Dickinson thought a piano was necessary for the school, why had she not sent an application to the Board for one. If she had done so he would have been very pleased to have supported her application.

The Chairman thought it was a pity little things should creep in amongst the teachers. It was always much better for the Board when the teachers agreed amongst themselves.

Mr. Wilson: I am afraid the Board is not at fault, it is more among the teachers. I don't think Mr. McQuillen wants to boss the show.

Mr. Clark: I take it that Miss Dickinson considers the action of the Board at the last meeting a refusal to her application.

The Chairman thought it would be best to let the matter rest.

Mr. Wilson moved, and Mr. Young seconded the motion that the whole of the reports be adopted, and the requisitions obtained.

Continuing the conversation on the subject

Mr. Wilson thought if the teachers could not agree it would have to be a concert for the girls, or two separate concerts, and he thought one in the year was sufficient.

Mr. Young: There seems to be something in the letter which I cannot comprehend. If they want a concert let them each take their own parts.

The matter dropped.

SIGNING THE CHEQUES.

Mr. Wilson moved, and the Chairman seconded the motion that Messrs Clark and Young sign the cheques.

Mr. Clark: It will be the last time perhaps.

Mr. Young: Oh, I don't know about that.

Mr. Clark: You'll see.

The Board then rose.

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LANCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the members of this Council was held on Thursday last at Lanchester—Mr. W. Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding. There were also present Messrs J. Pumphrey, J. Oliver, T. J. Muse, G. Ritchie, W. Robinson, E. J. Wardle, J. R. Ritson, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

ESH WINNING SEWAGE WORKS.

Mr. Muse presented a report from a committee appointed to consider plans for the extension of the joint sewage disposal works at Esh Winning. He said Mr. Parker had placed two proposals before them, one of which would cost £900, and the other £320.

No decision was arrived at, and the matter remained in abeyance.

MAIDEN LAW.

Two tenders had been received for the putting in of a sewer at Maiden Law, and that of Mr. D. Champney for £21 11s 4d was accepted.

THE BLAYDON BOUNDARIES.

The Clerk read a communication from the Medomsley Parish Council respecting the proposal of the Blaydon Urban District for the boundaries of the districts to be altered at Blackhall Mill. The Parish Council offered no objection.

Mr. Robinson said the Parish Council had a petition from Blackhall Mill protesting against the proposal, and they might expect opposition from that quarter. He believed the petition would bear the signature of nearly every inhabitant.

Mr. Muse asked if there was any difference in the rates of the two Councils.

Mr. Robinson said there was a slight difference, Lanchester rates were 3/8 and Blaydon 5/6. (Laughter.)

It was resolved that a Joint Committee meeting be held at Blackhall Mill to go further into the question.

FEEDING OF CHILDREN.

The Clerk read a letter from the County Council enclosing a leaflet by Dr. Hill on the subject of the feeding of children.

The documents were referred to Dr. Wilson.

MEDICAL REPORTS.

Dr. Bolton reported that the following cases of infectious diseases had come under his notice during the month:—One case of typhoid fever at Allendale Cottages, two at Bradley Cottages, one at Milkwell Burn, one at Low Westwood, and one of scarlatina at Blackhall Mill. The Ebchester district was free from infectious disease.

Dr. Wilson reported that the epidemic diseases in the district during the month were as follows:—One case of scarlet fever at Langley Park, one at Quebec; five of scarlet fever and one of erysipelas at Hedleyhope; nine of scarlet fever, 4 of measles, 22 of diarrhœa and seven of influenza at Craghead; five of measles and one of diarrhœa at Holmside; two cases of continued fever, three of scarlet fever, one of erysipelas, 25 of measles, 30 of diarrhœa, and 12 of influenza at Burnhope; two of diarrhœa at Holmside Cottages; one of erysipelas at Dormand's Cottages, and one at Ornsby Hill; one of typhoid fever, six of diarrhœa, and two of influenza at Lanchester. The case of typhoid fever he had mentioned was the second in one house in Victoria Street, Lanchester. Infection could not possibly be the cause in this case as the first was removed to Langley Park Hospital seven weeks before the seizure of the second case. Neither had the disease arisen from a foul condition of the drain in connection with the house as it was satisfactory; but, he believed, the cause was to be found in the yard being overcrowded with buildings, and preventing a free circulation of air between the privy, ashpit, and the house, and also the state of the yard from the want of subsoil drainage. Were the buildings removed from the yards in this street and the yards properly cemented it certainly would make the place much healthier for the inhabitants.

The reports were adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Lupton reported that 44 notices and letters had been sent to owners and occupiers respecting defects and nuisances. Taking the district generally the scavenging was now fairly well carried out. During the month the sewers had been blocked in three separate districts. At Hamsterley the dirt box had been taken out and the cross-bar bent and put down the lamphole, which was afterwards half filled with brick and stone. At Quebec both the dirt box and the cover had been put into the lamphole and filled with brick and stone. At Craghead the marble cover had been removed, and was found a hundred yards away, the manhole being half-filled with broken stones. Time required for other work had been given to the clearing of these places. As it was impossible for children to move these covers, it was desirable that some steps be taken to stop the idiotic practice of tampering with the sewers, and he would suggest that a substantial reward be offered for anyone giving information that would lead to the conviction of the offenders. The sewers and filtration plot at Cornsay Colliery were now completed, and three samples had been taken during the month. Samples had also been taken at Malton, Craghead, and Holmside. He had asked several farmers in the neighbourhood of Craghead to give a price for ploughing out the filtration plot of ground but had only received one offer. Mr. R. Smith, of Fawside Farm, offered to mow off all the rough grass and plough the plot for £5 5s. There was an acre and a quarter of land to be ploughed. He had asked the joiners in the parish of Esh for prices for fixing plates and numbers and, subject to the consent of the Council he had accepted the lowest tender, namely, that of Mr. G. T. Storey, whose terms were street name plates at 9d each, find screws and fix numbers at 8/3 per hundred figures.

On the motion of Mr. Muse, seconded by Mr. Oliver, it was resolved to offer a reward of £2, according to the suggestion of Mr. Lupton.

The report was then adopted.

PLANS.

The Building Committee recommended that the following plans be approved:—Amended plan of house at Villa Real, Leadgate, for Mr. Stephenson; plan of one house at Quebec for Mr. J. S. Hewitt; plan of vestry for trustees of the Methodist Free Church at Derwentside, Medomsley. A plan of a house and workshop at Langley Park for Mr. Wm. Foster was disapproved.

The report was adopted.

HIGHWAYS REPORT.

Mr. Cumming reported that he had prepared a section of a proposed new road from Cowsley to Hedley Hill Terrace. The length of the road was 654 yards, and he had allowed for a roadway 14 feet wide. The gradient varied from 1 in 14.5 to 1 in 7.5, which would be very sharp. The line of the road ran diagonally across the fell and up in front of the houses till it joined the road made a short while ago. A tramway was laid down for the purpose of getting coals to the Hedley Hill Cottages, and this crossed the line of the proposed road. The ground was very much cracked below the tramway caused by the colliery workings. It would be necessary to build a bridge over the stream at Cowsley and this had been included in the estimate. He estimated the cost at about £620. The bridge and approaches at Donley Ford were completed, with the exception of the fencing, which would be erected when the filling in was sufficiently consolidated. He had received a letter from the Surveyor of the Crook Urban District Council stating that the road near Low West House would receive immediate attention. There were two depressions across the road between Peth Burn and the four road ends, near Burnhope for the purpose of carrying the surface water from one side of the road to the other, which would be about £3 10s. About 94 yards of kerbing was required from the three road ends at Quebec towards Clifford Road. The footpath was very much used and the surface water in heavy rains got on to the footpath making it at times impassable. The cost would be about £15.

On the motion of the chairman it was resolved not to incur the expense of making the new road from Cowsley to Hedley Hill Terrace.

The report, with this exception, was adopted, and the meeting soon after terminated.

In Collision with the Salvation Army at Blaydon.

A Would-be Drummer.

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, a young man named William Reay was charged with assaulting Thomas Cann at Blaydon on the 16th inst.

The prosecutor stated that on Monday evening, the 16th inst., he was coming from the direction of Blaydon station and playing the drum of "the Army," when the defendant struck him, and got hold of the drum-stick. The accused again struck prosecutor in the mouth, and he fell upon the ground.

The defendant: I never interrupted him at all; he started to hit me with the drum-stick as I was walking past him. I never knocked him down; he knocked me down with the drum-stick. (Laughter.)

A youth named Robert Davidson, said that "the Army" was marching near the station, when the assault took place. The accused walked across the road and deliberately struck the prosecutor, and witness saw him strike a second time.

The defendant who pleaded guilty to "insulting" the Salvation Army, was bound over in the sum of £5, and ordered to pay the costs—8/-.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday night, at the Board-room, Medomsley. Mr. H. Palmer, J.P. (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Mr. W. R. Cooke, Mr. W. Hogg, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, Mr. W. Robinson, Rev. W. Cockin; and the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland.)

PUPIL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Clerk reported that he had written the secretary of the above association, but had received no reply. He wrote saying that he understood the association was not going on.

In reply to Mr. Cockin, the Chairman explained that the Board had just paid their subscription (£2 2s), and then they learnt that the association was going to wind up.

The Clerk was instructed to write the association again.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Management Committee recommended that Emma White be appointed monitress in the Mixed Department of Westwood School.

The recommendation was approved of.

The committee further recommended that the Board revise their present bye-laws.

Mr. Cooke moved that the Chairman, Mr. Cockin, and Mr. Jamieson be appointed a committee to revise the bye-laws and report to the next meeting.

This was seconded by Mr. Hogg, and carried.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The Attendance Officer (Mr. M. T. Milburn) reported that there was a large amount of sickness in the district, in consequence of which the average percentage was only 76. At the Catholic Schools, Low Westwood, the number on the books was 148; average attendance, 115; average percentage, 78.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. J. W. Daniells reported:—No. on books, 361; admitted, 2; left, 3; average attendance, 271.8; average percentage, 75.4. During the month the attendance has seriously suffered owing to the epidemic. If the Board wish to claim grants under 101*, doctor's certificates ought to be got and filled up as set forth on page 182 of the Code. The claim will amount to about £4. Some of the children are returning to school again now.

It was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to get certificates from the Department, and have them signed by the Medical Officer.

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT.

Miss M. J. Watson reported:—No. on registers, 191; admitted, 5; left, 2; average attendance, 94.2; average per cent., 49.3. The attendance, which during the month has been very low on account of the prevalence of sickness among the children, is this week rather improving.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Mr. Daniells submitted his report re the evening school, which was considered satisfactory.

ESTIMATE FOR THE HALF-YEAR.

The Clerk submitted the estimate of receipts and expenditure for the half-year ending 25th March, amounting to £770. The probable resources were:—Present balance, £64 4s 11d; annual grant, £423 18s; fee grant, £158 12s 6d; Agricultural Rate Grant, £10 10s 10d; total, £657 6s 3d. The amount required from the rates was £112 13s 9d.

Mr. Hogg moved that two precepts be issued on the overseers for £150 each, payable on the 12th December and 13th February next.

Mr. Jamieson seconded, and the motion was adopted.

THE BOARD'S EXPENDITURE.

A statement was submitted showing the Board's expenditure during the past year to have been £1,528 8s 3d. The outstanding liabilities (consisting wholly of loans) were £3,013 3s 8d. The rate during the past year had been equal to 5.639d. in the pound.

The Chairman said that cheques were required that day for £121 16s 7d. Before that amount was paid there was £64 4s 11d in the treasurer's hands. Thus there was a deficiency of nearly £60.

The Clerk said he expected the grant the next day.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.

The Chairman explained that this was the time when the salaries of the teachers were increased according to the length of time they had been serving.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of H.M. Inspectors was before the Board. The annual grant earned amounted to £423 18s. whilst the fee grant was £52 17s 6d, making a total of £476 15s 6d. The following remarks were also appended with respect to the two departments:—

Mixed School.—"Work proceeds regularly and efficiently. The children make sound progress."

Infants' School.—"The teachers are industrious, and the children receive a creditable preparation for the senior school. The organisation would be improved if the babies were taught in the class-room."

The report was considered very satisfactory.

The Board then adjourned.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD

An elderly gentleman while walking down one of the principal streets yesterday was alarmed at experiencing a sharp pain that shot through his head. He knew immediately that a headache was threatening, and, being a man of great good sense, he also knew that the best possible remedy was Bile Beans for Biliousness. These Beans, acting directly on the liver, give almost instantaneous relief in all cases of constipation, headache, indigestion, debility, biliousness, and similar complaints, which all have their origin in liver derangement. If the liver gets out of order, as it often does in a climate such as ours, the whole system goes wrong, and as the proper digestion of food is the most essential thing in the sustaining of life, the consequence of bad digestion must be most disastrous. They are the greatest specific of the age, and, as such, they have positively cured many cases where other remedies for which much is claimed utterly failed.

Cruelty to a Horse at Victoria Garesfield

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Adam Smith was charged with cruelty to a horse by driving the same whilst in an unfit state. Thomas Hirst was at the same time charged with causing the said animal to be worked whilst in an unfit state. Smith pleaded guilty, and Hirst pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Johnson stated that on the 6th inst. at about three p.m., he was on duty near Victoria Garesfield, where he saw the defendant Adam Smith who was driving an old brown hose, which was attached to a coop-cart, loaded with soil. Witness noticed that the horse swayed about whichever way the cart went, owing to its poor condition. Witness followed the defendant down the road to where he was depositing——

Supt. Rutherford (interrupting): Never mind about that.

Witness, continuing, said he examined the horse, and upon the near shoulder he found a wound, upon which there was no hair. On the "off" shoulder there were two wounds which were covered with scab. There were several other wounds upon the animal one of which was larger than a five-shilling piece. Witness asked Smith if his master was aware that the horse was being worked, and he replied, "Yes." Witness afterwards charged the defendant with the offence, and he replied, "I know it is unfit to work." The horse was afterwards unyoked and taken to the table.

Sergeant Burnip said from something he was told he examined the horse belonging to Mr. Hirst, and found two wounds upon its back——

Supt. Rutherford (interrupting): It does not matter about that; did you go and say anything to Mr. Hirst about it?

Witness (continuing) said he told Hirst that he ought not to have sent the horse out, when he replied that he had examined the horse in the morning, when it had two "marbles" upon it.

Supt. Rutherford (to witness): I suppose Mr. Hirst is a man who will see his horses every day?

Witness: Yes.

Supt. Rutherford: Could he not see that this horse was unfit for work?

Witness: Certainly, sir.

The defendant Hirst: No, sir; I don't see that horse every day; I am a blacksmith. I never told the sergeant that I saw the horse, because I was not at home.

Witness: You told me.

Defendant: I did not, sir.

Supt. Rutherford: Don't argue.

The Bench fined Smith 5/- and costs, while Hirst was ordered to pay 10/- and costs.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a thoroughly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette.—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and round tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

"MOUNTS, AND RIDES OFF."

THE CYCLE BOOM OVER.

At 98, Radnor-street, Hulme, Manchester, is the cycle establishment of Mr. Thomas Hughes, whom a "South Manchester Chronicle" commissioner lately visited, the "boom" in cycles is over, but (as the newspaper man found) the trade still has its sensations, as Mr. Hughes' story showed.

"Yes, cycle making and cycle riding are good things," said Mr. Hughes. "About twelve months ago I was in a terrible state of collapse. I had no energy or life in me at all, and could do no work. My appetite became very bad; in fact, I could not eat any of the meals set before me, and a most extraordinary thing, I was losing my memory. All I wanted to do was to sit down. One time I went out and could not find my way home again I was so bad. I could no longer mount and ride off as of old."

"But did you not take any medicine?" queried the pressman.

"Yes. In conversation with a chemist's assistant I told my tale of woe, and he, without hesitation, recommended me to try Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. I took his advice. In a week after first commencing my appetite began to return, and now," added Mr. Hughes with a hearty laugh, "I can eat three as good meals in a day as any man in England, and enjoy them. I continued taking Dr. Williams' pink pills, and can now do a hard day's work; my memory has returned, and my eyesight is completely restored; in fact, I am now completely cured, but I still take the pills as a precaution."

The precaution is a wise one. A serious illness leaves serious effects, and while there is no object in taking medicine of any sort needlessly, it is always advisable to continue for a few days after the last symptoms have disappeared, so as to avoid a relapse. Dr. Williams' pink pills have permanently cured paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, the after-effects of influenza, consumption, bronchitis, anæmia, and all diseases arising from impoverished blood; but it is the genuine pills alone which cure—no case was ever cured by a substitute such as some shopkeepers offer. The genuine pills may be obtained post free for two and ninepence from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, and it is best to send direct for them when substitutes are pushed.

"THE IDEAL OF A NATIONAL CHURCH."

The Rev. C. E. Osborne, vicar of Seghill, speaking on Sunday afternoon, in St. Columba's Church, Gateshead, on "The ideal of a National Church," said he was of the opinion that we were rapidly entering a period when the Church of England must have self government. (Hear, hear.) The maintenance of the present state of affairs could not last very long, and the only real question was, were those who loved the Church of England to say it was possible to enlarge the Church of England, and to make her more than she had been in the past; to make her more worthy of the claim of the Church of this nation, and whilst doing so to retain in some sense her connection with the State. Was it worth while attempting to retain the connection with the State? Personally, he did not believe that State Socialism in a doctrinal sense would ever really become the final solution of this question. Whilst holding that the National Church should be a living church, broad, large-hearted and free, yet he did not wish that she should be sufficiently comprehensive as to take in everybody. He quite agreed that the multiplication of dogmas was a great misfortune, but then no church could live without some dogma. Some people seemed to think that the only things that our dogma were, were the things that they did not like. At the backbone, the church must have a Divine Message, and not degenerate into what some people had termed a sort of Improvement Sanitary Commission, or superior debating society. The church must have a real message, and the Church of England claimed to have that message. Now, at the same time that ideal of a National Church was to be broad in the truest sense of the word. The difficulty—the real difficulty—was perhaps the limits of this comprehension. He thought it might be better if in regard to the arrangements of Divine Worship a good deal of latitude was allowed where the priest had his people with him. Of course, there were some things not to be altered at all—(laughter)—but then there were large united congregations who had grown up for many years to a sensuous form of worship, and it seemed a hard thing that these congregations should have everything interfered with, because a bookseller of Paternoster Row thought their services were beyond the Reformation. They could not make everybody think alike, and in their zeal for law there was a tendency to drive out of the church everybody but the safe and moderate man. No doubt the extreme people had their dangerous side, but if all the eccentric people had to be driven from them, the church would become a very respectable, and very dull body. They ought to try and see that every person who believed in and grasped the Divinity of Christ, and wished to join in the worship of the National Church, should have a little corner in which they could work. He believed that everybody doing what they liked was a great misfortune; there ought to be an ascertained law, and there ought to be a great authority. Above all things he thought the church ought to keep above party politics. The leaning in the past of the church to Conservatism and of Nonconformity to Liberalism had been a great misfortune, and a great loss. They did not go to church to be taught Conservatism or Liberalism, and the priest was going out of his way if he used his office for the promotion of party politics.

The Result of Falling Asleep

£5 and Costs.

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Patrick Kelly was summoned under the Employers and Workmen's Act, to show cause why he should not pay the sum of £10, damages alleged to have been sustained by his employers, Messrs Alfred Alexandra and Co., Bottle Manufacturers, Blaydon, through breach of contract. Mr. J. A. Dixon appeared to prosecute, whilst Mr. Fred Robson defended.

Mr. Dixon, in opening the case, said that the defendant was a gas-maker, employed by the prosecutors. It was the defendant's duty to look after four fires and a tank. On Saturday, Sept. 30th, after the workmen left the place, the fires were in good order, and the defendant was to look after the fires until relieved. The defendant was found sleeping, and was wakened up by a man, whom he told "to go to h—." In consequence of this great loss had been sustained, the same being estimated at £50, but they only claimed £10, as that was the highest amount they could claim in that Court.

The manager and other witnesses gave evidence in support of Counsel's opening statement.

The defendant, in his defence, said he did not fall asleep, as he spoke to the man who came to his furnace when he was said to have been asleep. The reason the fires went out was because he could not work them after his assistant left.

The defendant was ordered to pay £5 and costs.

LOCAL PATENT APPLICATIONS.

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

20,299. October 10th, 1899. J. Anderson, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Portable saw-mill.

20,369. October 11th, 1899. T. Harrison, Gateshead. Improvements in and relating to coin-freed automatic machines.

20,375. October 11th, 1899. A. E. Gilbert, Newcastle-on-Tyne. A new or improved power machine.

20,544. October 13th, 1899. R. Bowman, Cramlington. A waterproof compound electric bell.

20,562. October 13th, 1899. R. W. Wilson, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in bicycle free wheel gear and brakes actuated thereby.

20,616. October 14th, 1899. W. A. Jackson, Whitley. A theatrical advertising mirror.

Stanhope Petty Sessions

FRIDAY, October 20th.—Before Mr C. J. Backhouse (Chairman), Mr V. A. Rippon, and Coun T. D. Collingwood.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

George Sanderson applied for transfer of the license of the Sir George Inn, Crawleyside, from Mat. Richardson to himself.—It was granted.

DRUNKEN CASES.

The undermentioned persons were fined for drunkenness:—Adam Bell, 12s 6d; John Bee 12s 6d; Joseph Allison, 10s and costs; George Holland, 10s; Joseph Bainbridge, 12s 6d and costs; Wm. Cooper, 10s; Richard Barningham, 12s 6d and costs; John Goodburn, 10s.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Emmerson Little and Albert Proud were charged by P.C. Applegarth with committing a breach of the peace by fighting on October 7th.—Fined 7s 6d each.

BREACH OF THE EXPLOSIVE'S ACT.

Lewis Sanderson was fined 7s 6d for a breach of the above Act on October 6th.

THE VALUE OF AMBULANCE WORK

[BY AN EXPERT.]

In times of peace, as well as of war, the necessities of the age we live in, with its toiling millions of working-men who, during every moment of their working life, are subject to accidents of life and limb; the dangers on road, rail, and river to our travelling community; the wear and tear of our commercial life, and with the disappointment and rash acts of foolish men—it becomes a matter of some importance to commonsense people to know how to act in cases of emergency in treating the tragedies of human life, and these are not a few. There are very few working-men, who, in their daily employment, are not brought face to face with accidents in one form or another and what a source of secret pleasure it must be to the man who has trained himself to know what to do, when to do it, and how to do it, at a time such as this. The mere act of placing the forefinger upon a bleeding point might be the means of saving life, while, on the other hand, the simple act of giving brandy to an injured man, while neglecting the all-important bleeding point, might possibly spell death to the sufferer. A man who has no knowledge, however elementary, of "first aid" in these days of almost free technical education, must find himself sometimes out of touch with his surroundings, and the sooner he acquires some knowledge of how to relieve suffering at a time of need such as is indicated by these classes, the better for himself. The elements of "first aid" are simple in the extreme, but the great secret of its usefulness lies in the fact that it makes a man a ready man—gives him a confidence in himself in trying to do his best under difficulties, and if he be a man of any ingenuity, it is sometimes wonderful how this virtue can be utilised in turning to good account the means which nature or accident has placed at his disposal, should he be called upon to aid an injured friend or alleviate his sufferings in an unfortunate hour. Work of this kind, more especially where mechanical skill is required in improvising splints, &c., becomes an easy matter to a skilled mechanic—it is part of his work—and this knowledge, combined with a certain amount of information received from "first aid" lectures, makes him generally a useful member of the community in times of sudden emergencies, and when life is endangered. Men of a mechanical turn of mind therefore become first-class pupils in ambulance work. In mining districts such as this, it becomes what we might call a "sine qua non"—a necessity—on the part of the miners to possess some knowledge of "first aid." Accidents in the pit are of daily occurrence, and very often of an alarming and fatal nature. In these cases it is utterly impossible, from the nature of the situation and work, when such accidents occur, to receive prompt skilled assistance, and it is at a time of momentous importance to life such as this that a man should know what to do and how to do it, as it might possibly mean the difference of life and death to the injured man. You should practise as much as possible how to carry a man supposing him to be injured in a low seam or narrow space. These are things that no lecturer can teach you, as it entirely depends upon the nature of the place and other circumstances. Your knowledge of "first aid" will certainly help you—the rest depends upon your own common sense, which is, after all, the greatest genius a man can possess. Ambulance work, in one form or another, is not a thing of yesterday. Like many more things which we now possess, we received it originally from the ancients. We have borrowed our ideas from them, and put them into use to suit our nineteenth century requirements. In the days of the Crusaders, when Richard of England espoused the cause of the Holy Land, we are told that during the battles with the infidels there were men whose duties it was to attend to the wounded. These men were known as "Knights of St. John," and as time went on we read of them under various names. In some places on the Continent the monks, to whom we are indebted in so many ways, were the ministering angels to the wounded paladins. It was not, however, until the end of the last century that ambulance work, as understood to-day, took a definite form. One Baron Larrey, a famous surgeon in the army of the great Napoleon, is credited with being the originator of the present arrangement for picking up the wounded and carrying them to hospital to receive the necessary care. You will thus see that ambulance work was first associated with the army, but now its function is as much civil as military, and with the civil ambulance we are at present entirely concerned. It is only within recent years that the lay community have recognised the importance of "first aid" to the injured, and the St. John's Association has taken this matter in hand in England, while in Scotland the association, under the eye of the patron saint, looks after the interests of the injured citizens of that country. Classes have been extensively formed all over the country for teaching the elements of ambulance work. Every small town possessing a Volunteer Corps boasts of an ambulance class during the winter months; every railway system have their centres; the police force are usually possessed of a knowledge of "first aid," and rightly too. By this system of giving instruction in "first aid" to the lay community many a life is saved and suffering relieved that would most likely perish. To those who have set before themselves the task of rendering aid to their fellow-creatures when accident or injury overtakes them, some knowledge is necessary of how the human frame is formed; how the different bones, muscles, blood-vessels, nerves, and internal organs are correlated one with the other, so as to form man—the crowning work of the animal kingdom. The study of the human body, or, as Sir William Hamilton once said—"the greatest study of mankind is man" opens our eyes to the fact that we are indeed "wonderfully and fearfully made," and that after all we know very little of ourselves. We all know that sometimes a "little knowledge is a dangerous thing," at any rate to some people; and we must take care that we do not presume too much on our slender knowledge of ambulance work, but, when necessity arises, do only what we know to be right. As a result of these lectures we expect that all of you who previous to now would shirk a manifest duty to your "brither man" when in trouble, because of want of confidence in your own knowledge, and faint at the sight of blood, may prove, I hope, "in need a friend indeed" by removing discomfort or even saving life itself. Mr. J. Curry, the secretary of the Railwaymen's Class at Annfield Plain Station, will be pleased to supply full particulars to intending students, and will be glad to receive the names of outsiders, as these are specially invited to avail themselves of the valuable information given by an efficient medical gentleman—Dr. W. Morison, of Catchgate.

Alleged Theft of a Gold Ring at Whickham.

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Jane Wardell, a young girl 16 years of age, belonging to Whickham, was charged with stealing a gold dress ring, valued at 15/- the property of Alice Heron.

The prosecutor, a young woman, said she resided with her mother at Back Row, Whickham. Prosecutrix was employed at the electric light works, South Benwell, and the prisoner was likewise employed there. On Thursday, the 12th inst., about 7.30 a.m., the prisoner called at her home on her way to work. Prosecutrix was not ready at the time, so she therefore asked the accused into the house to wait for her. Prosecutor took off her ring in the presence of the accused, and afterwards hung it up in the kitchen. Subsequently prosecutor went upstairs, leaving the defendant alone in the kitchen, and when prosecutor returned the prisoner was standing at the door waiting for her, when they both left for their work. Upon looking for the ring on the following morning it was found to be missing, and accordingly information was given to the police. The ring produced was prosecutor's property, and worth 15s.

P.C. Carr said on the 15th inst., from what he was told, he went to the prisoner's residence, and afterwards charged her with stealing the ring, when she replied, "Yes, I took the ring, and you will find it in the pantry." Witness found the ring, which had been all broken.

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PHOTOGRAPHY AS A ROYAL HOBBY.

One of the most striking articles in the November WINDSOR MAGAZINE deals with Photography as a Royal Hobby. It is illustrated with excellent specimens of snapshots taken by various members of our Royal Family. "The Princess of Wales is a photographer of more than ordinary ability; she and her daughters keep their kodaks busily employed on every possible occasion; and were the Royal portfolio of views and photos to be thrown open to public view, the biographical work of our future historians and writers would be substantially assisted, and, one ventures to think, uniquely benefitted. At the time of Prince Charles of Denmark's visit to England before his marriage, Princess Maud's camera was kept constantly busy. Often the Royal lovers might have been seen starting for a ramble in the Norfolk lanes and fields, their cameras slung across their backs, and their trained eye ever on the alert to detect a subject, be it pasture, peasant, or prince, on which their photographic zeal might be expended. At an exhibition of amateur photos held by the Eastman Kodak Company, some short time ago, in Regent Street, there were exhibited many excellent specimens of kodak pictures taken by the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York, Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Fife, and Princess Charles of Denmark, besides an admirably executed set by Princess Victoria of Wales. Many distinguished Royalties have stood before the camera of the Princess of Wales, who, it can easily be imagined, would have put little difficulty in securing a numerous "clientele," while her winning, fascinating manner would immediately dispel all those traditional drawbacks associated with having one's photograph taken. Princess Victoria of Wales, besides manipulating her kodak on land, has, like H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, taken a little leather-covered black box to sea with her on some of her yachting trips. On her father's boat, Princess Victoria 'snapped' her sister very effectively, seated in a deck chair, while she has also taken several of the officers. Speaking of water pictures reminds me that the Princess of Wales secured a fine impression of the harbour of her native place, Stockholm, with the small steamers plying here and there, and the masts and sails of the bigger merchant vessels clear in the background. Ships, indeed, appear to be popular subjects with our Royal amateur photographers. Princess Beatrice is said to have much pleased the Queen by her prowess in taking good pictures, and there is little doubt that her Royal Highness inherits much of the late Prince Consort's love for pictures and everything connected with art. Another Royal Princess who has become a successful photographer is the Duchess of Fife. Both in London and in Scotland, the eldest daughter of the Prince of Wales has manipulated her camera on the most enthusiastic amateur in the art of picture reproduction. In selecting her own subjects, in diligent study of point of view, in focusing—perhaps the most important point of all—and in releasing the shutter, Princess May has made herself quite proficient; and the Duke of York, who has himself 'pressed the button' on more than one occasion, is nearly as interested as his popular wife in the final results of expeditions with a hand-camera. That the Royal picture-makers are not ashamed of their work, is fairly evident from the fact that many of the snapshots they have created figure in frames on the walls of Royal residences, where distinguished visitors may inspect and admire them. The Queen herself has a special bureau at Windsor in which repose morocco-bound albums containing a whole series of snapshots, the work of her daughters and grand-children. And all the Royalties whose photographs are reproduced here have a gold-embossed album, in which copies of their own and their relatives' snapshots are beautifully engraved. This little book is marked 'Royal Edition,' and was prepared exclusively for Royal patronage; such being the case, I refrain from describing it further."

HOW MENELIK WATCHES HIS PEOPLE.

A particularly readable article on King Menelik of Abyssinia appears in the November "Windsor Magazine." From the writer's description, it is evident that the government is truly a "paternal" one. "Full of original ways is Menelik. If a chief has displeased him in some slight manner, he calls him to the palace, and settles the score at once with a heavy cane. He does not rebuke the offender, nor put him to public shame; but, in a truly fatherly way, gives him a sound beating with his own strong hands, and the chief departs the better for it. Again, instead of getting reports about happenings in the city from his policemen or other subordinates, he finds out what is going on himself with the help of a powerful pair of field-glasses. With these in hand, he spends many hours in a tower built for the purpose, from which he can sweep the principal streets and open places. And as the people never know when the Emperor may be watching them, they are careful what they do. Then he is constantly supervising all that goes on in the palace, making his tour of inspection at all times of the day or night through the narrow streets and among the countless little straw-covered buildings that compose the palace—for this is really only an agglomeration of seperate structures, a small city within itself, with a population of three or four thousand. Now he stops at the kitchen, which is a building by itself, and sees what the cooks are doing. Now he looks in at the treasure-house, where the gold and precious things of the kingdom are guarded; now at the saddler's and blacksmith's; now he watches the women making hydromel, and now the children chanting their reading lessons in dull sing-song. Or, again, he walks through the gardens, where acres of fruit trees trees are growing, many of them specially imported from Europe. He loves every detail of gardening, and is particularly interested in experiments in irrigation, fertilising, and the like. If a Gatling gun arrives from abroad, he must set it up with his own hands, and understand every detail of its working. If his watch gets out of order, he must take it apart himself, and find out what the trouble is and how to remedy it. When he first saw a pair of European shoes, he insisted upon having them taken apart piece by piece, so that he might have another pair made like them. When a visitor once suggested to him that these were details which he might safely leave to the care of others, Menelik replied: 'If I did not look after these things myself, the waste would be enormous. The time will come, I hope, when I shall be able to leave important things to those about me, but now nothing is unimportant.' One result of this untiring interest and activity is that Menelik sleeps only three or four hours a day—he has no time to sleep more. He is exceedingly fond of games, especially those calling for bodily skill, and he often joins himself in the dangerous sport of javelin-throwing, in which horsemen going at full speed hurl lances at one another, often at the risk of life or limb. He is fond of rifle-shooting also; and formerly he used to amuse himself by playing with three full-grown lions which were allowed to roam free about the palace grounds, to the great disquietude of visitors. 'Do they never kill anyone?' asked an European.

'Yes,' answered Menelik, 'they do occasionally; but whenever one of the lions kills a man, we kill the lion.' He spoke of it as a matter of trivial moment. At the time of the great famine about eight years ago, however, Menelik had them all killed, saying that he could not bear to feed wild beasts while his people were dying of hunger."

WHY ENGLISHMEN CANNOT MAKE PIPES.

There is a most instructive article in the November "Windsor Magazine" on the making of a "Briar Pipe." In the course of the article, Mr Weingott, of Fleet Street, one of the greatest authorities on the subject, says: "It is strange, and yet it is a fact, that the English workman is of no use in the manufacture of pipes. The most skilful artisans are either the Austrians or the French. The pipemakers are a very select, small body, and observe every precaution to prevent their trade being learned by outsiders. They will have no apprentices, and if I introduced any boys into my factory I should have to pay them the Union minimum wage, which is two pounds a week. On the other hand, the workmen are clever, and they earn high wages." Speaking of the cost of a pipe, Mr Weingott remarks: "When the blocks arrive over here they are at once sorted. Out of one gross of blocks I rarely ever get more than three or four pieces of wood good enough for the very finest class of pipes, about a dozen good briars for fine quality pipes, and perhaps as many as four dozen pieces of wood for the ordinary everyday pipe. The remaining seven dozen pieces of wood are thrown into the furnace, and I might mention, help considerably to generate the necessary steam power for the machinery. Thus fully sixty per cent. of the material I purchase is of no use whatever, and it is this extraordinary amount of waste that causes the briar pipe to be so expensive. The prevailing defect, I may mention by the way, is generally in the form of a crack in the wood. I used to sell these defective blocks of briar at a penny per piece, and have sent away as many as 40,000 condemned briars at a time, but now I burn them all. The briars were sent abroad, and the cracks and flaws stopped with putty or some other composition, and then steeped in a strong solution of permanganate of potash, which deeply coloured the wood and made the defect invisible except on close inspection. All those briars you see of a very deep colour have passed through the permanganate of potash bath, and you may rest assured that there is a defect somewhere—they would not be that colour if it were not so, because natural briar is of a medium light hue. As to the average life of a briar pipe, you may take it for granted that a pipe will last you as many years as it costs you shillings. That is to say, if you pay six shillings for a pipe, if you are a moderate smover it will cost you six years. The style of briar pipe that is mostly in demand is that with a bowl cut the straight way of the grain. This, I may tell you, is not the most reliable kind of pipe, as the sudden expansion by the heat, and contraction of the wood when you stop smoking, causes it to split in a short time. The best pattern of briar is that with a bowl the grain of which is very mottled in appearance, or, as we call it, a 'bird's-eye grain.' This will never split.

THE ORIGIN OF THE "BRIAR" PIPE.

"The so-called briar pipe is not made of briar at all. This may sound rather paradoxical, but, nevertheless, such is the case. 'Briar' is a corruption of the French word 'bruyere,' meaning heath, and the so-named is in reality the wood of the heather. This peculiar corruption, like many others, is solely due to the English tradesmen, who, on finding the correct word 'bruyere' somewhat difficult for the British tongue to negotiate, quickly reduced it to the more familiar 'briar,' and the wood has been known by that name ever since. The heather thrives in great profusion on the rocky slopes of the Tuscan Alps in North Italy, and on the mountain sides in Corsica; a little is also to be found in Algeria, though this is not of a sufficiently high quality to be used for the best English pipes. A few years ago the plants flourished on the French side of the Jura Mountains, but this supply has long since been exhausted. The only briar to be obtained, at the present day, from France, grows in the Alpes Maritimes, near Nice, but even in this neighbourhood the root is so scarce that it would not pay the peasants to work it. Hence there is no such wood as 'French briar,' notwithstanding the frequent announcements to the contrary. When the Jura heather became exhausted, the peasants had to seek pastures new in order to carry on their industry, and the Tuscan Alps then came into prominence. In the early days the communal authorities of the various districts permitted the peasants to cut the tops off the heather plants for the purpose of making brooms, for which the bushy branches are eminently suitable. This continual pruning had the effect of considerably developing the root of the plants, for the simple reason that the sap which would otherwise have nourished the branches was forced to extend itself upon the roots. At the proper season of the year the natives were allowed to dig up these roots. By this means vast tracts of land hitherto only the abode of heather and other wild plants, were gradually cleared and opened up for the cultivation of vines and other agricultural produce, the authorities congratulating themselves upon the fact that all this was being accomplished without the expenditure of a single penny of labour. In the course of time, however, it came to the ears of the communal officials that the peasants were growing rich on the sale of the heather roots, which had hitherto been regarded as so much useless vegetation. When they discovered the real purposes for which it was utilised, and the high commercial value of the wood, they promptly repealed all permissions that had been granted for the destruction of the 'bruyere.' To-day a vastly different state of things exists: the peasants have to lease tracts of heather land from the authorities, for which they pay a yearly rental."—From the November number of the "Windsor Magazine."

"'Weldon's Ladies' Journal' came this morning. The November number is perfectly delightful. I cut the leaves, I must confess, very expectantly, wondering all the time what the fickle goddess Fashion had prepared for her many votaries, and there, given away, were the very two paper patterns I wanted. One is the smartest 'bolero' jacket, and a silk blouse trimmed with two sweet little frills down the front. The skirts are perfect studies of ideas, such charming millinery, and the daintiest confections of velvet and fur, with lace trimming for muffs imaginable. The afternoon toilettes are very smart for visiting and home wear, and I mean to have my new evening-cloak made like the one shown, with scalf ends, they are so fashionable just now. There is also a perfect dream of a tea-jacket. I think I must leave the fashions now before I become too enthusiastic. Well, there is a nice lesson in vegetarian cookery, which I am sure you will find such a change, and the ever welcome toilet hints. The Boudoir Supplement story, "For the love of man," will pass a dull half hour splendidly, and for those with leisure moments the directions for the netted d'oyleys will be greatly appreciated, they are so handy, you know, and always look dainty.

"By the way, I have also got 'Weldon's Knitter' (No. 177) You will find a lot of useful designs, with directions, among which that for a lady's belt I think is very novel, and a useful mitten for the poor cabbies in the cold weather."

SWALWELL.

QUOITING.—On Saturday afternoon, a large company assembled at the quoit grounds attached to the Wherry Inn, Swalwell, to witness the decision of a quoit match between J. Hands, Blaydon, and G. Robinson, Stargate, who contested with 5lb quoits, 2in. pins, 19 yards on the clay, 41 points up, for £10 a-side. The game resulted as follows:—Hands, 41; Robinson, 23. Mr. M. Kelly was referee.

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GARDENING NOTES

FRUIT NOTES.

GENERAL.—The planting season is now almost at hand, and it is therefore advisable to review the actual details of the work.

TREATMENT ON ARRIVAL.—All packages of trees need to be opened directly they arrive, and the trees ought to be planted as soon as possible. If, however, from one reason or another, planting is necessarily deferred for a time, the trees must be placed one by one in a trench wide enough to take all the roots, which are then closely covered with soil to prevent drying. Such trees as arrive during periods of frost, when the ground is, of course, too hard for planting, should be stored in safety in a cellar or shed where the temperature is above freezing point. A few days are beneficially allowed to elapse before unpacking the bundles under these circumstances.

PLANTING.—The holes in which fruit trees are to be set must be dug out by hand, and—speaking generally—the harder the soil the wider must the hole be, though it ought always to be of ample size to take all roots when spread out. The soil in the bottom of the whole is carefully chopped up with a spade. The earth will naturally settle down in the course of time, so it is advisable to plant each tree about two inches deeper than it stood in the nursery. Thus it will eventually stand at the same depth. All cut and torn roots should be cut away just above the injured portion, every cut being made from within outwards, in order that the wound slants across the root, and rests firmly on the ground when the tree is in position. Any disproportionately long roots will need cutting back to make [...]

PRACTICAL MARKET GARDENING

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CUCUMBERS.

GENERAL.—Winter cucumbers require great care, but are very profitable when well grown.

VARIETIES.—Amongst the best kinds are Sion House, Telegraph, Tender and True, Model, and Marquis of Lorne, the last named being perhaps the best of the very large-fruited varieties. Generally speaking very long cucumbers are unfit for ordinary table use, specimens of from 12 to 15 inches in length being much more saleable.

THE SOIL.—The best results are obtained in light, turfy loam, admixed with one-third to one-half its bulk of well-rotted manure, and enough sand to prevent compost feeling sticky, to ensure porosity.

THE TEMPERATURE.—Temperatures should range between 60 and 66 degrees by night, and 70 and 75 in the shade during the day. Strong bottom-heat is essential, its failure resulting in stunted and unprofitable plants. Practically no ventilation is needed in winter, and but little—and that only from the top of the house—in spring.

THE LIGHT.—All possible light and sunshine must be admitted to young plants, and to winter crops; but thin, light shading is essential during hot, sunny, summer days, to prevent the leaves scorching, as they are liable to do, especially when the foliage is wet.

THE WATER SUPPLY.—Abundant moisture is necessary to avoid flagging, sufficient water that has been standing in the house or frame long enough to become of the same temperature being given, to prevent the roots becoming dry underneath. On sunny, bright, days, the atmosphere may be kept moist by damping down the walks; but it is most important to thoroughly dry off the house every two or three days, to prevent mildew obtaining a foothold. No syringing must be done in winter, and little only in spring, though summer crops need thorough syringing at both morning and evening on bright days.

THE PLANTS.—The seeds are sown about a month before the plants are required, in 3-inch pots, half filled with good, porous soil, and plunged in bottom-heat. When the second pair of leaves is well above the rim additional soil is provided to fill the pot. Plants that have been checked by failure of bottom-heat, lack of water, the admission of draughts, or attack of aphides should be thrown away.

FORCING IN HOUSES.—Good crops may be secured in large pots, provided they are occasionally top-dressed with rich soil, and supplied with liquid manure, but the usual plan in this country is to cover the heating pipes with large inverted pans, and these in turn with slates, and a bed of strawy manure and leaves, before adding the soil, which is lightly covered over the whole, and heaped up into a mound wherever a plant is to be set. A still better method is that of forcing on benches containing eight inches of soil. Preferably the benches are covered with an inch of clinkers, and two or three inches of partially decayed turves, before the soil is put on. In any case the whole of the soil must be warmed to the temperature of the [...]

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

Where Gloves are Grown.

The rearing of kids for the skins is a leading industry among the French mountaineers, who obtain no small part of their subsistence from this source. Softness, delicacy of texture, and freedom from blemish are principal factors in the value of kid skins, and to secure these essentials great pains are taken. So soon as the young animal begins to eat grass the value of the skin declines, for with a grass diet its skin immediately begins to grow coarser and harder in texture, and its chief merit vanishes. It is, therefore, kept closely penned, not only to prevent it from eating grass, but also to secure the skin from accidental injury from scratches or bruises, which impair its value. When the kids have reached a certain age, at which the skins are in the best condition for the use of the glover, they are killed, and the hides are sold to travelling hawkers, through whom they reach the great centres of the tanning industry.

A Sure Test for Diamonds.

There is an easy, simple way to tell if a diamond is genuine. Make a small dot on a piece of paper with a lead pencil, and look at it through the diamond. If it shews but a single dot the diamond is genuine. If it shews more than one, or the mark appears scattered, it is false, no matter what it cost.

About Sponges.

The finest and most expensive of all the commercial descriptions, says *Knowledge*, is the fine Turkey toilet sponge, found in greatest perfection off the coasts of the Levant, where it assumes the well-known cup-like form. The average wholesale price of picked specimens of this description ranges from 5s. to 9s. each. Next in value are the so-called "Turkey solids," in which the cup-shape is lost and the top of the sponge is flat. These are the only kind of Turkey found to the westward of Malta. Their wholesale price is from 2s. to 2s. 6d. each. In these sponges the apertures of the waste-paper are larger than in the Turkey cups. Another remarkable variety of this specie is the *lagofina*, or elephant's ear sponge, of the Adriatic. These form huge fungus-like lappets, which sometimes join at the edges so as to produce large open cups. Cut into small pieces they are used for house cleaning, but the most important use of the larger sizes is for certain surgical operations; they are also employed for stuffing saddles. The wholesale price of the best descriptions varies from 30s. to 60s. per dozen.

Scotch Humour as Shewn in Examinations.

Humour, it has been said, has no part in the constitution of the average Scotchman. Seemingly the reproach is not to be levelled in common fairness at the Scotch student. A Government report which has just been issued giving the results of examinations held at Scotch training colleges during the year of grace 1893 furnishes some exceptionally funny reading.

One student, for instance, distinguished himself in a paper dealing with authors and the dates of their works by boldly declaring that John Ruskin's principal work was "John Gilpin," and that Bede wrote "The History of the Reformation" in the ninth century; while another ventured the information that "nickname" was "formed from Nick, an old name for the Evil One."

Some of the descriptions of the duck were even more comical. One of the examiners somewhat scathingly observes that in regard to this familiar denizen of the farmyard pond "the notes of lessons were of the all-too-common type. That the duck has two eyes, two wings, two feet, a bill and a tail was all that most of them contained." These were correct, if not ambitious, efforts but when the writers wandered further afield they appear to have floundered somewhat. As, for example: "The eyes [of the duck] are small, because they have to see very small things. The mother duck is called a drake. The principal use of ducks is to make chicken broth for invalids."

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The Weardale Poaching Affray.

Prisoner Committed for Trial.

Charles Maddinson (single) Daddry Shields, Weardale, was brought before the Stanhope Bench on remand on Friday, charged with shooting John James Dodd, game watcher, on Westernhope moor, on September 30th. Mr Jennings, Bishop Auckland, prosecuted, and Mr Proud, Bishop Auckland, defended.—Westernhope Moor is Mr Hildyard's, of Horsley Hall, Eastgate, Weardale, shooting preserve. Dodd is both shepherd and game watcher on this moor. He was out on this moor on duty on Saturday September 30th, when he came in contact with the prisoner whom he said deliberately levelled his gun at him and shot him in the legs. He dropped, but afterwards recovered, but could not follow the prisoner. He however made his way to Maddinson's house, and enquired for him but he was out. He then made his way to Dr Easton's, and got his wounds dressed. He then gave information to the police. Prisoner was apprehended, and brought to Stanhope before a magistrate, and was remanded on bail, pending the recovery of Dodd. The case excited considerable interest in the dale, and consequently the Court was crowded. Messrs Backhouse, Rippon, and Collingwood were on the Bench.

The Chief Constable was also present in Court. A number of witnesses were called for the prosecution, including G. and Wm. Stephenson, Glenwhalt Farm; J. Jackson, gamekeeper; G. Middleton and his wife, of Swinehope House; James Dodd, father of the man shot; Sergt. Foreman, St. John's Chapel; P.C. Foster, Eastgate; and Superintendent Snowdon, of Stanhope.

For the defence, Mr Proud contended that his client was not the man who shot Dodd, as he had never fired a gun, nor was he accustomed to carry one, nor cared for it; besides some of the witnesses swore, as also did the gamekeeper, to him being a tall and dark complexioned man, whereas he was neither, besides there were discrepancies about his dress among the witnesses against him. Four men were also seen, three of whom were carrying game, and it might be any of them. He thought there was not a tittle of evidence to prove it was his client.

Dr. Easton gave evidence as to dressing Dodd's wounds, and described the nature of them. The shot had penetrated his legs and thighs, one hit his hand and another his under lip.

The prisoner was committed for trial.

CAN NOW EAT PASTRY.

INDIGESTION AND CONSTIPATION CONQUERED.

A GREAT BILE BEAN CURE.

[FROM THE "LEEDS DAILY NEWS."]

Indigestion is laughed at by persons in boisterous health. The following Yorkshire case will show that indigestion is not to be laughed at.

Miss Elizabeth Tyson, of 29, Scarborough Road, Norton, near Malton, from her earliest years has been a victim to a chronic form of indigestion, so acute at times as to prostrate her completely. "In fact," said Miss Tyson to a representative of the "Leeds Daily News," who called upon her to hear the story, "I had indigestion to such a degree when I was a child going to school that my mother had to warn people not to give me anything to eat. And since then I have been a martyr to the complaint. I have taken dozens of bottles of medicines of every sort. For weeks and months I have lived on nothing but milk and porridge. I dared not touch meat; pastry was a thing I would not have eaten for anything. Nearly every year I should be in bed for several weeks, hardly able to get a wink of sleep, and with severe pains in my chest, back, and shoulders. My chest has been quite purple with pain. Sometimes I lost all patience with medicine, and pitched it on one side, saying that I would die before I would take any more."



"But you seem in capital health now, Miss Tyson," said the reporter, after listening closely to this distressing recital.

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "I've improved tremendously. About eight weeks ago I was recommended to try Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness, and I did so. The effect was marvellous. I had only taken a few doses when I got relief.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

Grass stains may be removed from light summer frocks by damping the soiled part in a little alcohol and rubbing well until no trace of the green is left.

To remove syrup stains from materials, wash the stained part with warm water without soap, then rub with ammonia diluted with warm water.

To ventilate your bedroom thoroughly, substitute for one of the upper panes of glass in the window a sheet of finely perforated zinc cut to the size required.

LINOLEUM should never be scrubbed, but may be washed with soap and water and then dried with a cloth. It is a good plan to polish it with equal parts of oil and vinegar applied with a flannel. This should be rubbed off carefully with a cloth so that not the least stickiness remains.

THE ABUSE OF MEDICINE.

Both women and men are prone to meddle far too much with drugs which they understand little or nothing about. Medicine is very necessary at times, but in overdoing a remedy it is only too easy to increase or produce the ill which we wish to prevent. Aperients and tonics are perhaps the two medicines which are most often abused in the hands of the amateur, for the indiscriminate and constant use of medicine has the worst possible effect on the complexion. Cosmetics, emollients, lotions, &c., are all very good and useful in their way if used when necessary and with care, but women as a class are far too eager to see the result of their doctoring, and have not the necessary patience to wait for the effects, for they should remember that it is useless to heap on coatings of cosmetics and lotions one after the other before the first application has time to do its work. Nature declines to be hurried, and will only respond to external help when it is wisely given. When medicine is prescribed by a doctor the hour of administering the dose should be carefully observed or it may not take proper effect, and if perchance a medicine has been forgotten at the time stated it is useless to administer it at any other time.

TO USE UP CANDLE ENDS.

Candle ends should always be saved, and when a little collection has been made they should be melted, and as much turpentine should be added as there is candle-grease. Let this cool, and then use for polishing floors, oilcloth, &c. It will be found to make an even better polish than beeswax and turpentine.

TO BOTTLE FRUIT.

First be sure that your fruit be absolutely fresh, perfectly dry and sound. Having picked it carefully and rejected any that is not quite good, place it in glass bottles or jars, and when full tie over with bladders. Place the jars now with some straw or hay wrapped round each in a copper or fish kettle, rather more than half filled with cold water. Bring slowly to the boil and directly the fruit begins to crack or burst, take [...]

A PLATE CLEANING MIXTURE.

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HOW TO RENOVATE FURNITURE.

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DO'S FOR GIRLS.

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HOW TO QUIET A CHILD.

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NICE DISHES.

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Stanhope Urban Council

The ordinary meeting was held on Monday night, Councillor T. D. Collingwood in the chair.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment of John Elliott as Inspector of Nuisances, the Council having fulfilled conditions in respect to advertising it in the local press.—A letter was read from the County Council enclosing a circular on the feeding of children, copies of which are to be got for circulation.—A circular was also before the Council on the Small Dwellings' Act. Printed copies are to be got for each member.—A letter was read from Mr Cuthbert, of the North-Eastern Railway Company, in respect to the sewerage tank at the Station. It was left over to the Ways and Works' Committee.—A letter was read from Mr Murphy offering £25 for the monopoly of stand for his roundabouts at the next Stanhope Fair, and £17 10s for one stand of market if let to two different persons.—The estimate of expenses of the Council, the Clerk intimated, was £388. With part on hand and part to come from the County Council there is only £187 to raise. It was stated that 1s rate would raise £150, of which notice was given.—The fire-plugs and hose questions were discussed. It was stated that there was not sufficient force of water in the Square and at the West End, to throw it sufficiently high in case of fire, so that fire-plugs are to be put in, and they will only be put in at present as far as the water supply is adequate for the purpose. The cost of fire-plugs and fittings is estimated at £72 5s.—New water pipes are to be put in at the top of Martin Street, at a cost of £40.—It was decided to repair the Victoria Terrace Bank, the Ways and Works Committee to inspect it, and get the work done. Also to erect another lamp at the foot of the bank.—A contract let some time ago to improve the front of Mr Turnbull's house at the West End not having been commenced with yet, the contractor is to be given seven days; failing to comply it is to be re-let to some other contractor.—Mr Murphy's tender of £25 for the Market Place for his roundabouts was accepted for the next Fair. No other to be allowed in but himself.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE

The last marvellous cures of this medicine was the restoration of sight and hearing, but lately still more wonderful cures have been effected. Fully half of the people above sixty are troubed with bladder disease and stoppage of water. The Consumption Cure has proved itself to be a certain cure. This Medicine is sent out without the money on the clear understanding that if it does not do good for Consumption, Cancer, Tumours, Sleeplessness, Debility, Languidness, Indigestion, Blindness, Costiveness, Bladder Diseases, and all other diseases, no money is required. It must be perfectly understood that if the organs of the eyes are defective no cure for blindness need be accepted, but the many thousands of cases of blindness, through weakness of the organisms of the eyes can be obtained. The marvellous cure of blindness at the Sunderland Dispensary was seen by the reporter of the "Jarrow Guardian," and when the lady was restored to the blessings of sight I invited him to see the marvellous results, which he published. Bladder disease has never been cured in the annals of the world, but millions of people have died with it in torturing pain. The person I allude to would have given a fortune to be cured, but no one could hold out any hopes, and the way it was discovered to cure Bladder Disease was he took it for another disease, and to the great astonishment of myself and his doctor he got perfectly well. He ceased to take the Medicine for nine years, and back the disease came, and after again taking the Medicine for a few weeks he is perfectly well. I have been much pressed by many people who have received benefit from it to make the Medicine better known. I intend to do so, and will open out more Dispensaries, where anyone can go and see for themselves cures that have baffled all medical skill. To those who live too far away from the Dispensaries I intend to ask newspaper reporters to visit the Dispensaries, and report upon the marvellous cures the Medicine is making.

HOW TO CURE RHEUMATISM AND SCIATICA.

Take Handyside's Rheumatic Cure, and rub the part affected twice a day. Care should be taken not to rub too quick to produce friction and bring off the skin. Very little Liniment should be used after the first five minutes' rubbing. When there is little applied to the part affected it removes the invisible scurf, and when all the scurf is removed it must be rubbed until the pain is gone or considerably lessened. Some cases require a full hour's rubbing to get sufficient Liniment rubbed into the part affected. Sometimes one or two rubbings is quite sufficient to cure either Rheumatism or Sciatica, if the patient is below sixty, but if above sixty, and in a malignant form or long-standing it should be rubbed full two hours at a time, and rubbed three times a day. A warm bath should be frequently taken. A good quick walk once or twice a day if able [...]

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TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

A monthly meeting of the members of the Tanfield School Board was held on Tuesday evening last at the Board Room, Tanfield. Mr W. Severs presided, and there were also present the Rev. T. H. Archdall, the Rev. Father Thompson, Mr Jonathan Green, J.P., Messrs W. Bulmer, R. Mason, M. G. Armstrong, W. A. Swallow, and the Clerk (Mr W H. Ritson.)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT.

Mr Seymour Meddick (School Attendance Officer) reported that since his last report he had made 58 visits to schools, 702 absentee visits, served 12 bye-law notices, 2 official warnings, and reported 50 children to other officers. The attendance during the past month had been fairly good, with the exception of West Stanley Board and Burnopfield National Schools, the attendance at these schools being considerably affected by measles, scarlatina, and typhoid fever. On Monday, Oct. 2nd, a resident of Tanfield Lea was fined 5s. for not sending his child regularly to school. On Saturday, Oct. 7th, Mr Crompton, H.M. Inspector, held an examination at Tanfield Lea for children who required exemption certificates when 46 children were examined with the result that 24 obtained exemption certificates, and the other 22 were failures.

The report was adopted.

THE LAMESLEY SCHOLARS.

Mr Green, in accordance with notice, moved "that children belonging the parish of Lamesley be excluded from the Causey Row Board School." He said the elder members of that Board knew the position they stood in with respect to the Causey School. Since they took the school one-third of the scholars had come from Lamesley Parish. The school was largely used by the Lamesley parish, and he thought it was only just they should have a contribution from Lamesley.

The Chairman asked if Mr Green would name a day?

Mr Green said he would name the end of this month, and that would bring them to the end of the school year.

Mr Archdall seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

THE SALARIES QUESTION.

The Chairman said the Board had sat in committee to consider several applications for advances of salary, and they had resolved not to entertain the applications.

Mr Mason moved, and Mr Swallow seconded, the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL LEASE.

The following letter was received from the Rev. D. W. James, of Beamish Vicarage:—"I regret that I am not yet in a position to give you a final answer re the extension of the National School. The cause of the delay is, I venture to say, well-known to the members of the Board. Personally I am anxious to give such assurance as will justify the Board in maturing the project for the improvement of the school premises. I am prepared to advise the extension of the present lease for another term of seven years with its safeguards for monies expended, and I have no reason to think my co-trustees will reject such a proposal. I shall be glad to hear from you fully upon this point so that when it is possible for me to have a meeting of the trustees I may have something definite to set before them."

Mr Green said it would be necessary for the Board to ask for a 21 years lease of the Central Schools.

Mr Archdall said he had had some conversation with the vicar, and at the same time he had had a look at the deed. He found it was provided that in the case of any borrowed money spent by the Board, should they take it over, they would have to pay the present value. He thought under the circumstances the full lease would be granted. In any case they could safeguard the new lease as to money spent out of the rates as well as borrowed money.

Mr Bulmer: Is it essential for a committee to meet the rev. gentleman?

The Chairman: I think it will be.

Mr Bulmer thereupon moved the appointment of a committee.

Mr Archdall said the vicar would have to consult the other trustees. He was only one of the trustees.

Mr Bulmer said Mr James would have to make his own arrangements as to who should meet the committee.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that it would be a very difficult matter to safeguard themselves to any extent in a school like that. It would therefore be better to appoint a committee to go into the whole matter with the trustees.

A committee was then appointed, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Father Thompson, Mr Green, and Mr Armstrong.

SCHOOL TEACHERS' REPORTS.

The reports of the school teachers showed the following average attendances:—West Stanley mixed 232, infants 145; West Stanley senior 364, junior 198, infants 205; Tanfield Lea mixed 243, infants 95; Pickering Nook mixed 156, infants 86; Leazes mixed 213, infants 103; Tanfield mixed and infants 51; Causey Row mixed and infants 128.

Matters affecting certain improvements at several of the schools were decided, but the suggestions in the teachers' reports were held over for consideration at an adjourned meeting.

Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 25th.—Before Mr H. W. Kerrich-Walker (in the chair), Mr A. L. Wood, and Mr C. F. Forster.

DRUNKENNESS.

There were 25 cases of drunkenness, and fines varying from 2s 6d to 5s were imposed, with costs in each case.

NO LIGHTS.

John Booth was charged by P.C. Meehan for driving without lights at Teams Colliery, and fined 10s and costs.

RAILWAY ACT.

Patrick McKenna was summoned under the Railway Act, with riding on some trucks on the Tanfield branch of the N.E. Railway. Evidence was given showing that the defendant had been charged with a similar offence at Gateshead some time ago. A fine of 10s and costs was imposed.

IN PURSUIT OF GAME.

John Thoburn, Henry Wardle and Wm. Jefferson were charged with trespassing in pursuit of game at Lamesley on October 18th. Thoburn pleaded guilty and the others not guilty. Mr John Sibbald gave evidence as to seeing the defendants and showed a net he had taken off one of them. After the defendants had each given evidence, Thoburn was fined 2s 6d and costs, and the case against Wardle and Jefferson was dismissed.

A DISORDERLY PAUPER.

Thos. Wilson was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner in the Chester-le-Street Workhouse, and was sentenced to seven day's imprisonment.

FIRE-WORKS.

Robert James and Matthew Yorke were each fined 2s 6d and costs for setting off fire-works at Pelton on October 15th.

DISMISSED.

Jessie Shaw summoned her husband George Shaw, for persistent cruelty. Mr. Turnbull defended. The complainant said that last Christmas her husband had struck her, and again three weeks ago he would not let her into the house, and after that had struck her.—By Mr. Turnbull: She had frequently gone to South Shields, for the good of her health. She had stopped with her sister, not with a man named Sherwin.—The defendant said that he and the complainant had lived together happily up to a short time ago. On Monday evening, Oct. 16th, while in a neighbour's house his wife told him that Sherwin was her first love, and she would live with him. On the Wednesday evening his wife came home very late, and she asked for her clothes to be thrown out to her. He did so, but she would not have them. She asked to be let in the house until a policeman came for to explain where she had been. She then commenced dancing and singing about the road. Early on the Thursday morning he went down to let her in, and as soon as he opened the door she rushed at him and tore his shirt, and then he struck her. He had struck her last Christmas.—Evidence was also given by Mrs Shevels and Mrs Crisp corroborating the defendant's statement.—The case was dismissed.

GAMBLING.

Gilbert Richardson and John Bankhead were fined 2s 6d and costs for playing pitch and toss, and James Perry, John Pieron, Robt. Georgeson, and Geo. Coulson were fined 1s and costs for gaming with cards.

ALLEGED POACHING AT OUSTON.

John Palmer and Matthew Palmer were charged with poaching at Ouston.—Mr Harle appeared for the Birtley Iron Co., who own the land on which the alleged poaching took place, and Mr Turnbull defended.—P.C. Buckley said he saw the defendants come along the road at Ouston about a quarter past eleven o'clock. They each had lurcher dogs. They sent the dogs across a field, and a hare was set up. When they came away from the hedge side he noticed that Matthew's pockets were rather bulky, and tried to search him, but the latter swung himself round and fell to the ground. He then got up and ran off. He (witness) took John into custody.—Each defendant went into the box and gave a positive denial to the charge, and two other witnesses gave evidence that they were in defendants company, and no poaching took place.—The case was dismissed.

ASSAULT.

Richard Davis was charged with assaulting his daughter, Mary Ellen Davis, by striking her.—The defendant was fined 20s and costs.

Kyo School Board Election Gossip.

[By An Onlooker.]

Following closely upon the heels of the Collierley School Board Election is that of Kyo. There is a great coincidence between the two in the number of candidates, for in both the areas the number is exactly the same, viz., nine. In the selection of representatives for the Kyo Board I hope the electors will display their intelligence. It is absolutely important, if the work of the Board is to be carried out efficiently and impartially, that the successful candidates should be men of sterling ability, with plenty of backbone, individuality, and independence—men who will discharge their duties as laid down for them in the Educational Laws and Code, without courting the smile or fearing the frown of a changing and ever-changing public opinion and mind. They should be men too, who will not seek the good of any particular class or creed, but men gifted and imbued with the highest sense of honour and justice for all shades of opinion and belief. Nor should the mischievous spirit of party politics sway their minds in the administration of their arduous—for so they are—and important duties, which some seem to be rushing into with a light heart. The motto for every elected candidate should be "Justice and the highest possible attainable good for all within the Kyo School Board area." The retiring Board have been censured in some quarters for having provided additional school accommodation at Annfield Plain, simply because the colliery owners in that locality have, through undermining the school foundations, plunged the Board into further expenditure in the shape of repairs, consequent upon the subsidence. Another grievance is the paucity of readable accounts of their monthly meetings with which the public think they have been served. And I am bound to confess that I share their sentiments in that respect, because I think the transactions of public bodies should, in the main, appear in the press circulating in that particular locality. However, the electors must be their own judges in this, as in the other questions which appertain to School Board work. It might be advantageous here to give a resume of the work accomplished by the old Board, for which I am indebted to one of the old members. He states that "The arrears of school requirements justly complained of during the election of 1893 have been practically recovered." And a very important item too. What can be more distasteful to a teacher who is seeking to instil the best information into the minds of his pupils than to feel himself hampered for want of school accommodation, with which other disagreeable elements, such as foul air, caused by the overcrowding, are invariably associated. Then by the appointment of a headmaster to the Kyo School the necessity for children having to tramp to Hare Law after passing Standard III. had been obviated. This also is a humane and wise provision, and one which cannot fail, I think, to commend itself to the thoughtful, observant elector. In speaking of the Board's work at the Oxhill Schools, I am bound to admit in all fairness and reason to the members of the retiring Board, let them as individuals be what they may, that they have carried out several very important, necessary, and salutary improvements. The teaching profession know the superiority of the class-room over the large room for accomplishing downright good results, and the Board, having been made aware of this, have divided the large room accommodating 135 children into three class-rooms by the erection of two partitions, and are contemplating the formation of an additional class-room for giving parents an opportunity of securing a higher course of education for their children after having passed the elementary period. Having found the experiment successful, the Board have adopted similar improvements at the Annfield Plain Schools. Other matters, such as the enlargement of windows, the replacing of old desks with the dual desk, the improvement of the galleries, the provision of pianos to assist the children in singing and drill, and make their lessons that attractive sort of thing they should be, the provision of heating apparatus and stoves for the additional comfort of the children, the supplanting of the old diseased open water-closets with the modern healthy water apparatus, and the additional school accommodation at Annfield Plain, have had the attention and consideration of the Board, and these matters, with many other, which as the auctioneers say of job lots, "are too numerous to particularize," should convince the candid mind that the life of the old Board has by no means been wasted over trivialities. With these improvements it is not wonderful that the head teachers have been able to obtain the high results which under the old order of things, would have been unattainable, inaccessible. Some people are ready to condemn the Board for having erected the new Infant's School at Annfield Plain, but what, under the circumstances, could they do? If they had refused to meet the requirements of the district the Education Department would have come down upon them and said, "Oh! You are a lot of old fogies; out of office you can go, and we will elect a paid Board which will carry out our requirements at the expense of your district." And a pretty state of affairs that would have been, to be sure. But such trifles as these are generally overlooked by persons whose mental perception is dimmed by prejudice and ignorance. The Board were justified in building the structure referred to, but having built they should have protected it from the damages it subsequently sustained by giving the colliery-owners clearly to understand that any damage sustained would be recoverable by an appeal at law. On this point the Board were evidently divided, and the Chairman, no doubt with the laudable idea of saving the enormous expense which would be involved in settling this vexed question of Royalty Leaseholders Liabilities, gave his casting vote against such a course being pursued. With such an excellent record of work done the Board now come to the electorate asking "Are you satisfied?" and Monday next will afford the voters an opportunity to reply. That there are good men and true amongst the new candidates no one can deny, and Messrs Storey, Down and Reece are a trio, for instance, either of whom would make an excellent member of the Board. The two former have had some valuable experience of public affairs on the District Council, and both, we feel sure, if elected, would do their duty to the satisfaction of all concerned. Messrs Bainbridge and Bullerwell too possess the necessary qualifications for the post. These are the two remaining candidates, and each of them expects to have a good following. We shall not attempt to forecast the result, but the ballot-boxes will tell their own tale on Monday night. Let the electors vote for whom they consider the best men, irrespective of politics or religion, neither of which should be introduced into an election of this kind.

The Late Mr. John Waggot, of Blanchland

A correspondent forwards us the following interesting particulars concerning the late Mr. Waggot:—At Garden House, near Blanchland, there passed away on Thursday morning, the 5th inst., in the 70th year of his age, Mr John Waggot, estate bailiff to Edward Joicey, Esq., Newbiggin Hall. Mr. Waggot took service under the father of the present squire 33 years ago, for many years being head gamekeeper. He was afterwards appointed estate bailiff, and satisfactorily discharged the arduous duties devolving upon that responsible post up to the time of his death. Of tall physique, and vigorous beyond his years, deceased was a keen sportsman and a splendid shot, until failing sight compelled him to abandon the gun. Frank and kindly of speech, his genial presence and advice will be sadly missed by all those with whom he came in contact. Congestion of the lungs, supervening upon an accident sustained whilst superintending the removal of some timber, was the cause of death. The interment took place at Hunstanworth Church, of which deceased was vicar's churchwarden, on Monday 9th inst., in fair weather, and was one of the largest known in the neighbourhood, thus telling of the respect in which deceased was held, relatives and personal friends being present from Newcastle, Castleside, Consett, Stanhope, Haydon Bridge, Darlington, Leadgate, Blackhill, and Haltwhistle. Before leaving the house the hymn, "How sweet the hours of closing day," was beautifully sung by an augmented choir; deceased's favourite hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," being sung in church. At the close of the service, the "Dead March," in Saul, was played on the organ by Mr C. I. Bradley, organist. The Rev P. Cooke-Jones was the officiating clergyman. Mr Joicey kindly had the interior of the grave beautifully lined with ivy, the top part being nicely done with maidenhair fern and white flowers. The wreaths and crosses were beautiful, and were sent by the following:—Mr and Mrs Ed. Joicey and children, Mr and Mrs R. Davis, Orpington, Kent; Mr and Mrs F. S. Stephenson, Playford Mount, near Woodbridge; Rev J. and Mrs Cooke-Jones, Mr and Mrs Mein, Newcastle; Mr and Mrs Mallet, Tynemouth; Mr and Mrs Piddington and family, Newcastle; Mr J. Walton, Hexham; Mr and Mrs Wm. Southern and family, Blanchland; Mr J. and Miss Julia Southern, Blanchland; Mr and Mrs J. J. Maxwell, Hexham; Mr and Mrs W. Strachan, Blackhill, &c. A widow and one son and three daughters, with whom heart-felt sympathy is felt, are left to mourn his loss. Members of the Weardale Naturalists' Field Club will remember that on the occasion of their visit to Blanchland Mr Waggot proved an able and courteous guide. Mr Wm. Waggot has succeeded to the post rendered vacant by the death of his father.

CONSETT WESLEY GUILD

On Monday evening, a public meeting was held in the Consett Wesleyan Church, under the auspices of the Consett Wesley Guild, to hear an address from the Rev. J. W. Lightley, of Newcastle, who delivered an able address on "The aims and objects of the Guild." There was a good attendance of young people, for whose special benefit the Guild was instituted. The chair was occupied by Coun. J. Lowes, of Consett. During the evening Miss A. Richley rendered a pianoforte solo, while Miss Graham recited "The Greenwood Shrift." Mr M. Lowdon sang "Rock'd in the cradle of the deep." Mr P. E. Surtees, the secretary of the Guild read his annual report bearing on the work of the Guild since its inception, which was as follows:—

Mr Chairman and Comrades.—In obedience to the order of the Guild Executive Committee I have very much pleasure in submitting to you and this meeting a brief survey of the work we have undertaken, and accomplished from the time of the inception up till now.

Our late superintendent, the Rev. Joseph Bacon, had a meeting of church members called for the purpose of laying before them proposals for the formation of a Wesley Guild, which was held on the 1st day of December, 1897, when Mr Bacon explained in part the object and aim of this new movement of Wesleyan Methodism. Some 20 or 30 of our people were found willing to band together and help to put this church in touch with other societies all over the country. After other preliminary business it was proposed to adjourn till the following Monday. Mr. N. Fawell, jun., acted as secretary pro tem. At the adjourned meeting (Dec. 6th) full explanations were given by the chairman, and the first officers of the Consett Wesley Guild were appointed, and commissioned to commence work at once. Everything in connection with this work was strange and new to us all, yet we managed to arrange a programme, and we had our inaugural meeting on January 26th, 1898, in the shape of a musical social, which we very soon abbreviated to M and S night, and since that time we have had a Guild meeting of one sort or another every week, excepting six, when we had to give way for the usual Church and Sunday School efforts at Christmas and New Year. We started with four departments of work, namely, devotional, literary, bible class, and M and S, each department to have one night in rotation. This was a short season, and notwithstanding our inexperience we pushed on, and completed our first syllabus without a hitch of any moment. We added fresh names to the roll every night, so that at the finish in April we had a membership of 84. Our progress was not phenomenal, perhaps, yet it was steady, and was comprised for the most part of the very ones the Guild was intended for, viz., the young people of the Sunday School and church; anyhow, at our closing night we had a mutual admiration conversation, and congratulated ourselves and each other on the result of our first three months working. Although what we called the winter session had closed the members decided to continue meeting in devotional and bible classes every week till such time as they found it was not desirable. This time I am happy to say has not yet arrived, there has been no need to curtail them, for they have increased in popularity, and are better attended than they ever have been. During the summer we visited the "comrades" at Lanchester, and had a splendid time, a short outdoor service, then a service in church, finishing up with supper. We afterwards had them up with us here, and spent a very pleasant and profitable night together. Every now and again the syllabus for 1898 and 1899 was coming into my mind, and I was full of concern as to the possibility of arranging a full bill of fare for a six months' session. I needn't have been fearful however, for the members buckled to, and almost before I was aware of it the thing was accomplished, and a varied and interesting programme was provided for our second winter season. All the items on the list were carried out by those appointed except two, one gentleman being unable to come on his particular night, and the other, Mr J. W. Swainston, who had removed in the meantime from the district, a removal by the way which I am sure every one in connection with this Guild much regrets. We still continue to add to our membership, our numbers being now 102, and had better average attendance and greater interest manifested at all our meetings. A temperance department was added to our institution this season, with Mr J. Lowes as vice-president. Commencing on the Saturday of temperance weekend with Mr W. Whitehead, the veteran temperance advocate, we continued them into April of the following year, having temperance speakers at each meeting, and providing songs, recitations, &c., by some of the best amateurs in the district. We introduced the magic lantern to illustrate the several items, and many a profitable and interesting evening was spent in this work. Although unable to speak very highly of the results from a pledge and financial standpoint, I am persuaded that the efforts in this direction were not wasted, but will bear fruit probably at those intended for this season. The church choir also helped us by rendering the temperance cantata, "Harold Glynde," on the following Monday. Through the efforts of Mr G. T. Broadbent we had the services of the Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan for a week-end, and a very successful time we had. We had the privilege of calling the Sunday Guild Sunday, and I hope we will be able to repeat this this session. At the close of this season our financial position was good, as we had paid all formation expenses, and had a balance of £2 19s 9d, with only a few accounts that had not been rendered standing against this balance. These have since been paid, with the exception of one not yet being rendered. Part of the above surplus has been devoted to supplying our young men with cricket requisites and ground, so that they are able to enjoy healthy, reasonable recreation, with their own material on their own ground, and in their own way. We had a visit from the Rev J. T. Wardle Stafford on May 18th, and he preached in the afternoon and lectured on "C. H. Spurgeon" in the evening. The summer of 1899 has been worked on similar lines to the previous year. Our one ramble took us as far as Blanchland, and was a pleasant and profitable outing; profitable in a double sense, for the friends gave us a collection at a meeting we held there amounting to over 15s. Every one enjoyed themselves. We have collected and paid over to the trustees the sum of £4 2s 6d. We have held two field services, and our mission band has visited Castleside, Crookhall, Ebchester, and held numerous services in the streets of our own town, have distributed round the town cards detailing the order and number of services held, and next week they start on mission work at Newlands, under Mr N. Bell, for the whole of next quarter. Our third session is just commencing, and if the meetings that have been held are any criterion, we are going to have a more successful time than ever, for I am happy to know and say that our superintendent is an out and out guildite, and what is more both Mrs and Miss Polkinghorne have joined us, and are helping us with time and ability. This meeting is intended to bring before our church members the object and aim of the Guild, hoping to secure from them countenance and support, if we cannot have them join us. We would like to provide a reading room, to be open daily, a reference library, and there are other things which we would like to have, but we will be content to wait and obtain them as time and circumstances present.

Destructive Stack Fire at Lumley

A destructive fire was discovered on Monday night in the stackyard of Mr William Robinson, Lumley East Farm. The stackyard and farm steading are in the village of Lumley, which stands on an eminence overlooking the Wear Valley and Chester-le-Street, and the fire was seen for miles round. The flames spread with alarming rapidity, and the well-stocked rickyard was quickly all ablaze. The village is without appliances of any kind for dealing with an outbreak of this kind, and although there were hundreds of willing hands ready to render assistance, little could be done beyond endeavouring to prevent the spread of the flames to the adjoining buildings. Fortunately, this was so far successful, but at ten o'clock on Monday night the fire was still burning fiercely. The damage done is very considerable.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—As I was scanning over your paper, I came across a letter signed "Ratepayer," who gives us a retrospect of the proceedings of the Kyo School Board for the past three years. It is a pity "Ratepayer" did not give the six years' proceedings, probably he thought it too much trouble, or too big an undertaking, but thanks for his little kindness. He does not give a very lengthy list of what has been done; he will have his own reasons. One in particular stands out prominent, viz., a Savings Bank; and, strange to say, it has been done through the influence and practical assistance of one of the members of the Board, and that member not a man of substance, but who realises the hardships of the pick points, etc. He concludes by kindly advising the electorate to be cautious, not to be deluded by generosity at election times. Some one might think that "Ratepayer" must have arrived at a conclusion that this is now going on. I don't believe he does. It is an unmanly blow. He is striking at the popular candidate—and this is the only way he can get a side shot which is cowardly. The person he is aiming at is no more generous at election times than any other time; he was generous before he ever attempted to come before the public. The inhabitants of Annfield Plain and district ought to feel proud of such a benevolent person. He is ever ready to assist the needy, and has done so as many could tell. He has rendered assistance that the public knows nothing about, and I am surprised that some people are evil enough to call "Tammany," and advise the voters to vote for ability not generosity. "Ratepayer" has failed to show the ability of the old Board. True, he mentions the savings bank, which is a good thing; but what about the new old schools at Annfield Plain and the ratepayers' money. They would do well to commence a savings bank for the ratepayers. I have sufficient money sunk in the damaged schools already. I would advise the voters to be cautious, to think for themselves on Monday first, and not be influenced by other peoples' character. I will vote for ability, coupled with generosity, and that is found in the person who is cowardly shot at by "Ratepayer."

I am, Sir, yours truly,

UT-SUPRA.

Annfield Plain, October 23rd, 1899.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Your contributors of last week's issue, "Fire Eater" and "Ratepayer" respectively have made use of the little literary ability of which they are possessed to bring about certain electioneering ends. "Ratepayer's" effusion is pretending a condemnation of the late Kyo School Board; but it is only a pretention in order to gull your readers, and to tempt them to forget the indolence and the incapacity of the old Board. Their election addresses were looked forward to in the hope they would treat the electorate to some small account of any good work done, or any reason why they should be returned at the next election. But, sir, what they have failed to do "Ratepayer" attempts.

If there is not room for it in your next edition you can print it in miniature, or, perhaps it would be best to reserve half of it for the following week. A savings bank has been formed at one school, and he tells us that this has been done through the influence and practical assistance of one of the members of the Board, and this member not a man of substance but who realises the hardship of the pick points. This, he says, spoke volumes for the man's sincerity and interest in the children's welfare, and which Englishmen cannot deny or yet forget. This is an exhaustive resume of the doings of this Board during their term of office. I should say voters don't be intimidated, or yet deceived on the day of poll. They have served their generation faithfully and well. "The children have got their savings bank, and the people a sinking school." We are asked by "Ratepayer" not to select a man at the election for his generosity but for his ability. Now what I am going to say shall be plain and to the point. One of the men who happens to be a candidate for School Board honours is Mr. J. Storey, and if he is known for anything at all it is for his boundless generosity. If there were more men of his stamp and disposition there would be fewer homes in penury and want. He has been the means of raising a tremendous amount of money for charitable purposes, and never allows a needy case to pass him unrelieved. Has this been his characteristic during election times exclusively? No, for many years the poor in the district and out of it have been the recipients of his unstinted generosity.

I am aware that "Ratepayer" will show the white of his eye, and say that he did not refer to any individual in particular. All right, my friend, but a ray from a welcome lamp has shown the cloven hoof. In conclusion I would ask him does all the ability belong to the trio of the Bus Muz party? Our man can hold his own where ability is required, and it will be seen when the result of the poll is declared who it is that the people delight to honour. I beg to remain, yours truly,

ANTI BUZ MUZ.

Annfield Plain, Oct. 23rd, 1899.

WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD. A REMARKABLE CASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—I was surprised to read the letter of Mr. McIntyre on the above case, in which he suggests the readiness of our number to make out a case without first grasping the details. That is not, nor never has been my policy, and a moment's reflection on the part of the delinquent schoolmaster would demonstrate that fact.

I most humbly desire to point out that the only true statement contained in the letter of Mr. McIntrye's is that of the boy's age, which does not touch even the fringe of the question at issue, viz., the boy's absence from school one month without his parents having been made aware of it by the proper authorities.

Mr. McIntyre states that the case of this particular boy was inquired into; and that the Board Officer called upon his mother, who informed him that he had been sent to the Church School, and on going there found his information misleading, and immediately penned a letter to his mother, and at his next call was told the boy had been sent to Victoria Road Board School. That is perfectly true, but it is also true that none of this happened until after I reported the case first to the Management Committee, and then to the School Board; but the boy had then been absent from school one month, and no intimation of any kind was given to his parents. It is quite a long time ago since our member discovered the slip system in Gateshead; and if the delinquent schoolmaster had been abreast of the Board's doings, as he presumes to be, he would have known that it is over twelve months since I raised the question.

The difference between Gateshead and Whickham is that the former obey the orders of the Authority, and the latter do not.

I know nothing of the reported affairs referred to in my friend's letter; but I do know of cases that might have been reported and have been kept silent.

I will ask my friend to accept the advice he so willingly gives to others,—to grasp the details of the case before he so recklessly enters into print.

I feel sure that I have said enough to convince the public that our member is one to keep an eye upon; further, that Mr. McIntyre is not only the delinquent schoolmaster, but is very anxious to become master of the School Board. Mr. McIntyre states that it is a frivolous case; I will leave the public to form their own opinion. Yours sincerely,

WM. WALLS.

Dunston-on-Tyne, 24th Oct, 1899.

Concert at Blackhill

A grand benefit concert was given in the St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill, on Monday evening last, when the several artistes rendered their gratuitous services in the rendition of a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music. There was a fair attendance. The popular Consett Amateur Orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. Geo. A. Williams, rendered choice selections of popular and up-to-date music. The proceedings opened out with a march by the orchestra, "Sons of the Brave" (Bidgood), which was rendered in a spirited fashion. This was immediately followed by an overture, "Tancredi," which was also performed with equal skill. Other selections by the orchestra were "The belle of New York" (Ivan Caryll), "Unter dun Siegesbanner" (Franz Blon), "A Jolly Holiday" (Williams), and "The Shop Girl" (Ivan Caryll), all of which were rendered by the Orchestra in their customary characteristic fashion. Miss Davison gave "The last Milestone" (Henry Pontet), and Miss Williams "Land of the Harp" (J. Hearn). Mr. J. W. Heslop sang "By the fountain" (S. Adams) in a clear and bold voice, whilst the same singer was also heard to great advantage, together with Miss Williams, in the duet "The Sailor Sighs" (Balfe). Perhaps, however, the two most popular artistes were to be found in Mr. Tom Atkinson, who gave several of his humorous songs in his usual droll and inimitable fashion, and Mr. George Munro in his concertina solos, both these artistes being deservedly encored. Mr. R. Evans was also down for two songs, but unfortunately could not be present.

AUSTRALIAN DESCRIPTIVE TALES AND SKETCHES.

[J. W. Fawcett.]

(1). PORT MACQUARIE—AN OLD CONVICT SETTLEMENT.

Picturesquely situated on the sea-coast of New South Wales, on a promontory at the entrance of the river Hastings, at a distance of 240 miles north of Sydney, stands the town of Port Macquarie. It is a most interesting, as well as a most picturesque town, being one of the oldest settlements in New South Wales. The site is an ideal one for a town, and especially for such a one as Port Macquarie is doubtless destined to become—namely a sanitorium and a pleasure resort for the inhabitants of Sydney and the large towns on the west. It lies on the declivity of a small ridge that runs down to the water's edge, and is well sheltered from all quarters—except the north-west, from which, however, it has little to fear, as even the most devastating "black nor-wester" could scarcely succeed in doing much damage to the town, although it might be able to take its revenge out on some of the buildings erected on one or other of the many pleasant hill sites which surround the business part of the town. The undulating character of the position gives it a good natural drainage into the tidal waters beyond the Heads, and a short distance away to the south west a never ending supply of fresh water of excellent quality is easily obtainable whenever it may be required.

Tourists who have had special opportunities for travelling, and who have afterwards visited this historic town, have often expressed an opinion that they have visited few coastal towns in the Colony so picturesquely situated amid their natural surroundings as Port Macquarie. Whether approached by land or sea the town presents a remarkably pretty appearance. It stands on the southern bank of the Hastings river, at its embouchere to the Pacific Ocean. The mouth of this river, which forms what is known as the harbour, is a large expanse of water, extending northwards for about two miles, and bounded on the northern, western, and southern shores by a considerable amount of country, that nearest to the harbour being covered with trees of a low scrubby growth. The Hastings river rises in Mount Seaview, one of the loftiest peaks of the Coast Ranges—a series of mountains wich lie on the east side of, and which generally form the edges of the elevated tableland, upon which lies the great dividing chain that runs from north to south of the Colony—and after a serpentine course of over sixty miles, reaches the sea at this town. It receives the waters of some small tributaries, chief of which are the Wilson and the Maria rivers. The former comes from the north-west, and the latter from the north. To the west, forming a fine background, is the range of lofty mountains known as the Great Dividing Range.

"The chain of mountains as they rise
Far in the distant west,
Tinged by the evening's setting sun
In calm and tranquil rest.
Lead to the eye a beauty rare,
As we the scene beheld;
Their cloud-clad tops seem mantled o'er,
With crimson and with gold."

In whatever direction we look from the town—north, south, or west—we cannot but admire the surrounding scenery which nature in her bounty has clothed with verdant beauty. The hills and their valleys, which yield an abundant pasturage for cattle, also afford a pleasing retreat for those who wish to enjoy solitude or who desire a temporary retirement from the busy scene of life—a solace for grief or an opportunity for meditation.

It is a pleasing fancy how in the old convict days many a wounded spirit may have had their deep-rooted sorrow assuaged amidst the soothing quiet of some of these lonely, but lovely, grassy hills and dales—how many an earnest prayer may have ascended to heaven from solitary beings, whose private devotion may have been elevated as they gazed on the magnificence of the surrounding scenery, or listened to the solemn music that unceasingly booms from the roar and swell of the vast Pacific Ocean.

The town of Port Macquarie, founded in 1821, was, for many years, known by its inhabitants under the simple name of "The Camp." Its rude outline, formed by convicts, under military supervision, among the ti-tree and wild honey-suckle scrubs, have undergone several alterations since those days. The principal thoroughfare is Horton Street, which runs in a direction north and south through the town. In it are situated the majority of the business and commercial buildings. To the north of it is the Government wharf, and to the south of it the old cemetery. A short distance beyond this wharf and Horton Street is a creek called by the Aborigine name of Coolunboung or Kooloonbung, which flows into the Hastings in a winding course from the southwards, partly round the cemetery, and dividing the town east from west. From Horton Street is a street which crosses Coolunboung creek near the cemetery by a substantial bridge—which replaces one that was built by convicts. This bridge, which is one of the principal ones of the district, conveys from the east end of the town to the west a larger amount of milage to inland towns and villages, the principal of which is Armidale, and also to the Masleary and Manning river districts, and the road is known as the north coast line. As we leave the town in this direction the land gradually becomes more elevated until, at about a mile distant, we reach the summit of a hill, where the main road is reached. From the top of this hill there is a fine view of Port Macquarie. Before us lies the town with its green hills and dales, houses and cottages dotted here and there, with the river, and beyond it the harbour and the vast Pacific Ocean. William and Clarence Streets run from Horton Street in a direct line eastwards to the sea and the Pilot Station, near the entrance to the harbour. In William Street are the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. The former stands on the summit of a hill, which rising gradually overlooks the town. It is a historic building—a relic of the convict days, and from its tower, which can be seen a long way out at sea, a pleasing view of the town, harbour, and ocean may be obtained. The Presbyterian Church is a substantial building erected a few years ago on the site of a former building. The Wesleyan Church had an addition made to it some years ago. It is in Horton Street. Separated by only a street is also the Roman Catholic Church, a neat substantial edifice of modern date.

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS.

Since the "Times" gave the public the opportunity of obtaining its Encyclopædia on the novel system of monthly payments, there have been several imitators, but nothing approaching a greater degree of novelty than the arrangements made by Messrs J. W. Benson, the well-known watch makers and jewellers of Ludgate Hill, and Old Bond Street, who are willing to supply their famous watches, jewellery, etc., on the same plan. We counsel our readers to take advantage of the unique offer made by Messrs Benson. One pound only has to be remitted to obtain the watch at once, and an undertaking signed to pay the balance in monthly instalments of one pound. The name of Benson is all-sufficient to guarantee the excellence of manufacture and the time-keeping capabilities. Forms can be had at 62 and 64, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.

AN Illustrated Narrative of the Transvaal War is being prepared for the new issue of Messrs Cassell and Company's "Battles of the Nineteenth Century," of which the first part will appear next week. Of this work the Commander in Chief, Lord Wolseley, has written:—"I hope this New Serial will have a very wide circulation amongst the people, for the history of what has been accomplished by their countrymen in recent years cannot fail to implant in them a sounder and a better love for England. The young are naturally inspired by the record of noble deeds done by those who have gone before them. The first duty of every British subject is to defend his country in time of need, and the man who has a knowledge of what has been accomplished by his forefathers in war will be more prepared to do this well than the man who has been bred in entire ignorance of his national history. To foster a love of country ought to be amongst our prominent aims, and this new work of yours will, I am sure, contribute to it."

FOOTBALL.

Fixtures for Saturday, Oct. 28th.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

CONSETT SWIFTS v. HOBSON.

At Consett on Saturday first.

CONSETT.—Goal, W. Graham; backs, J. Laidler and J. Dempsey; half-backs, R. McKie, T. McGrachan, and W. Harrison; forwards, R. Rafferty, J. Little, James Finnigan, M. Eustace, and J. Morgan.

Referee, Mr Mitchinson, Gateshead; linesman, R. Wake. Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

ALLENDALE PARK v. BLAYDON.

At Medomsley.

ALLENDALE (chosen from)—Goal, J. Scott; backs, W. Walton, M. Walton; halves, Hobday, T. Walton, W. Gillender, W. Oliver; forwards, Craig, Wright, Truman, Robinson, Lynop, Brown and Hanley.

Referee, Mr. W. Halliday.

Kick-off at 3 prompt.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

CONSETT SWIFTS' RESERVE v. MARLEY HILL.

At Marley Hill, on Saturday first.

MARLEY HILL.—Goal, T. Grant; backs, P. Cullen (captain) and R. Davinson; half-backs, J. Gilbert, R. McDermott, and E. Boulter; R. Lyall, J. Warnaby, F. Baker, W. Douglass, and T. Morton.

CONSETT RESERVE.—Goal, J. Sheeky; backs, J. Wilson and G. Wood; half-backs, P. McNally, R. Bradley, and J. Sheldon; forwards, W. Walton, W. Little, J. Hull, E. Pratt, and T. Boyle.

Linesman, T. Coleman. Kick-off at 3 p.m.

Brake leaves headquarters at 1.30 p.m.

Referee, Mr J. R. Curry, Swalwell.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS v. LINTZ ROVERS.

To be played at Lintz.

TANTOBIE.—Goal, Lishman; backs, I. Adamson and J. Gladders; half-backs, T. Middleton, J. McKever, and F. Bell; forwards, R. Weightman, W. Adamson, W. Fletcher, T. Seath, and R. Atkinson.

LINTZ (chosen from)—Dews, Wood, Turpin, A. Dews, Barnes, Sinclair, Watson, Pyle, J. and W. Humble, McAneny, G. Nevins, Hanrattie, M. Hughes.

Referee, T. Reed, Leadgate.

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. TANFIELD LEA.

The following will do duty for

BLACKHILL.—Goal, S. Johnson; backs, R. Patterson and W. Moore; half-backs, J. G. Robinson, T. Taylor (captain), H. Rogers; forwards, R. Browell, J. Robson, C. Lumley, G. Smith and M. Robinson.

Brake to leave Derwent Hotel at 1.45 p.m.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. BURNHOPE.

This game comes off at Burnhope, when the following will represent

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, P. Clark and W. G. Robson; half-backs D. Cartmell, C. McAloon, and W. Calvert; forwards, J. Harper, P. Hughes, M. Willis, J. Grant, and C. Todd.

Brake leaves headquarters at 1.30 p.m.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC RESERVE v. SOUTH TANFIELD.

At Annfield Plain.

CELTIC.—T. Sellaway, J. Foster, A. N. Other, T. Reay, D. Pendleton, G. Watchman, M. Mason W. Bell, J. Hill, E. Rutherford, and A. N. Other. Referee, Mr H. Cruddas. Kick-off at 3 p.m.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

LEADGATE PARK v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

This important game comes off on the Park ground on Saturday, when the home men will strive their utmost to secure their first Alliance victory.

LEADGATE PARK.—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, G. Temple and J. Wilson; half-backs, T. Cartmell R. Wilson, and P. Daly; forwards, R. Cook, W. Crowther, S. Thompson, G. Forster, and J. Birtley.

Referee, Mr J. R. Douglass, Gateshead.

Kick-off at 3.15.

SUNDERLAND A. v. STANLEY.

For this Northern Alliance match to be played at Roker Park on Saturday the visitors will rely on the same team as the one which played so well against Hebburn Argyle.

STANLEY.—Goal, Robins; backs, Saunders and Bell; half-backs, Coates, Allison, and Redpath; forwards, Ellis, Robson, P. O'Connor, W. Douglass, and J. Masterman.

Stanley leave Shield Row at 11.50 a.m.

WALTON CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

LEADGATE WEDNESDAY v. NEWCASTLE CO-OPERATIVE.

This cup-tie will be played on the Park ground at Leadgate on Wednesday next. The Leadgate men are in excellent trim, and bent upon winning.

LEADGATE WEDNESDAY.—Goal, W. Bell; backs, R. Cheesmond and F. Lowes; half-backs, W. Forster, T. Greener, and J. Steel; forwards, J. Kennedy, A. McGowan, A. Burnhope, F. Lockey, and J. Tolson. Reserve, J. Kershaw.

SINCLAIR CUP.

STANLEY WEDNESDAY v. GATESHEAD

These teams met at Stanley on Wednesday, in the second round of the Sinclair Cup, and after a well contested game the homesters were victorious by one goal to nothing.

LEADGATE UNITED v. STANLEY ATHLETIC.

To be played at Leadgate, on Saturday first.

LEADGATE.—Goal, Crowther; backs, J. Foster and W. Tait; half-backs, A. Purvis, J. Scott, and W. Turnbull; forwards, T. Tait, J. Whitfield, Temple, Oxley, and Crowther.

PICKERING NOOK LILYWHITES v. TANFIELD LEA.

To be played at Tanfield. The following will do duty for the

LILYWHITES.—Goal, J. Lockey; backs, T. Moyles and J. Oyston; half-backs, H. Simpson, G. Syme, and R. Holt; forwards, J. Greenacre, J. T. Oyston, F. Moyle, Mat. Ferguson, and R. Oyston.

Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

CEMENT RANGERS v. BLACKHILL.

At Blackhill on Saturday first, the following will do duty for the

CEMENT RANGERS.—Goal, F. Martin; backs, J. T. Foster and W. Foster; half-backs, E. Dover, J. Williamson, and J. Close; forwards, B. Embleton, J. Smith, T. Charlton, C. Daglish, J. Vincent. Reserve, C. Kerswell. Linesman, G. H. Webb. Kick-off at 3.0 p.m.

STANLEY v. CONSETT UNITED RESERVE.

At Stanley.

CONSETT UNITED RESERVE.—Goal, T. Dodds; backs, Jones and Wilkinson; half-backs, Connor, Overall, and Johnson; forwards, McCone, Grant, J. Emmerson, Donnelly, and Bridgewater. Reserves, E. Murphy and Redshaw.

Meet at headquarters at 2 o'clock.

CONSETT UNITED v. STUDLEY (NEWCASTLE.)

At Consett.

CONSETT UNITED.—Goal, J. Henderson; backs J. Longhorn and S. Dimmick; half-backs, T. Dimmick, W. Peacock, and R. McIntosh; forwards, Lewis and Kellett, Keenan, D. Robinson and Simm. Reserves, T. Harris and F. Ward.

BLASTFURNACE RANGERS v. STEELWORKS' ROVERS.

This match is to be played on Saturday first, for the benefit of Charles Powell. Teams:—

BLASTFURNACES.—Peter Smith, Jas. McElrue, William Laws, Edward Humble, Andrew Dempsey, Hugh Devine, James Crosier, Arthur W. Conville, Anty Marion, Michael Forkin, and George Gladders.

STEEL WORKS.—J. G. Richardson, James Aitken, Thos. Forster, Jos. Spencer, Duncan Aitken, Wm. Toward, John Struthers, Thos. Atkinson, Andrew McNally, John T. Little, and Henry Murray.

Referee, Mr T. W. Gaughan. Kick-off at 3.30 p.m. prompt.

BYER MOOR v. TYNEMOUTH.

At Byer Moor.

BYER MOOR.—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, G. Bennett, and H. Lowe; half-backs, T. Young, T. Spoor, and M. Bell; forwards, A. Matthews, R. Hall, J. O'Neil, G. Nicholls, G. E. Weedy. Reserves, J. Smith and J. Keefe.

Kick-off at 3.15.

MATCHES WANTED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kip Hill Wanderers have all vacant dates, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages from 15 to 17 years.—Apply, R. Lauder, 13, Shield Row, R.S.O.

Stanley Athletic Reserve are in want of dates; average age, 16 to 17 years.—Apply, T. Robson, 40, Joicey Square, West Stanley.

Hobson United have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up at once with good junior teams; ages 15 to 18 years.—Apply, R. W. Hallam, 50, Front Street, Hobson, Burnopfield.

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

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

Tantobie Ned Stars Reserve have all dates vacant; ages, 12 to 15. Apply, F. Nather, Quarry Row, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Pickering Nook Lilywhites are in want of matches; ages, 10 to 13. Apply, T. Moyle, Hobson.

Burnhope Violets are in want of matches; ages, 11 to 15 years.—Apply, William Hobkirk, 17, Westwood Row, Burnhope Colliery.

Sunniside United have all dates vacant; ages 16 to 18 years.—Apply, W. Maddison, Quarry Cottage, Sunniside, near Gateshead.

South Pontop Albions would like to arrange matches with teams ages from 13 to 15 years.—Apply, Albert Walters, South Pontop, Annfield Plain.

HOBSON ROVERS v. PICKERING NOOK TRUE BLUES.

Played on the ground of the former on Tuesday evening, and ended in a win for the Rovers by one goal to nil. The goal was scored by Maddison.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agt	Pt
Consett United	6	4	0	2	13	10	[illegible]
Blackhill St Cuths	3	2	0	1	4	3	5
Consett Shamrocks	3	1	0	2	5	4	4
Leadgate Park Jr	4	2	2	0	7	9	4
South Moor Untd	3	1	2	0	10	16	2
Catchgate Lilyws	3	1	2	0	7	9	2
Allendale A	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Stanley Athletic	5	0	4	1	6	9	1

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agt	Pts
Leadgate Exiles	3	3	0	0	18	1	6
Leadgate Athletic	4	3	1	0	14	6	6
Con Shamrocks R	5	2	2	1	12	15	5
Allendale W S	2	2	0	0	11	1	4
Catchgate Res.	2	1	1	0	15	4	2
Medomsley Junior	3	1	2	0	10	23	2
Blackhill Juniors	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Annfield Plain CR	2	0	2	0	1	10	0
Derwent Cottages J	4	0	4	0	2	26	0

E. BIRTLEY, W. ATKINSON, } Secretaries.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agt	Pts
Leadgate Prk Res	6	5	0	1	16	4	11
Tantobie	5	4	1	0	21	4	8
Consett Swifts R.	6	3	2	1	6	9	7
Hamsterley	4	3	1	0	15	6	6
Burnhope	5	3	2	0	8	7	6
Tanfield Lea	4	2	1	1	9	6	5
Annfield Plain A	6	2	3	1	9	16	5
Marley Hill	5	1	2	2	7	6	4
Lintz Rovers	4	1	2	1	9	13	3
Byer Moor	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
South Tanfield	5	0	4	1	2	13	1
Blckhill St Cuths	4	0	4	0	1	10	0

WM. PAYNE, Secretary.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v. DURHAM CITY.

At Shotley Bridge. The Valley team will be chosen from T. D. Dales (capt.), J. E. Thorpe, J. Hamilton, T. W. Hanson, A. G. Blunt, J. M. Nicholson, W. H. Crondace, H. H. Wattsford, J. O. Todd, R. S. Renton, W. S. Douglass, E. Roe, and G. Hamilton.

Bully-off at 3.30.

AUCTION MARTS

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward 64 dairy cows and heifers, 13 fat cattle, 15 calves, 142 fat sheep and lambs. Calved heifers, £15 10s to £18 15s; calved cows, £15 10s to £19 10s; incalving heifers, £12 2s 6d to £16 7s 6d; incalving cows, £13 10s to £21 15s; fat cattle to £17, from Messrs Bell Bros., Hollywell; £12 17 6d, from Mr W. R. Van Haansbergen, Woodlands; £11 15s, from Mr R. Dalkin, Westgate; calves, to 35s. Fat sheep: 18s 6d, from J. Featherstone, Tow Law; 19s 6d, from Mr T. Emmerson, Uthank; 20s, from Mr E. Pickering, Allergill; 33s, from Mr E. Noble, Sweet Wells; 26s, from Mr G. Stephenson, Stanhope; 18s, from Mr S. Harrison, Stobbilee. Fat lambs to 22s 3d, from Mr T. Walton, Allergill; 23s, from Mr T. Emerson, Unthank; 17s 6d, from Mr T. Moffatt Frosterley; 21s 3d, from Mr J. Bainbridge, West Park; 17s 6d, from Mr S. Harrison. Cows receded in price, upon last week's quotations, and met a slower trade. Beef and mutton in good demand at late rates.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and in conjunction with the same a special sale of grazing cattle and sheep was held. The numbers forwarded were 25 fat cattle, 175 fat sheep and lambs 1 calf, 36 SH incalving and newly-calved cows, 75 SH and polled graving steers and heifers, 30 HB mule and gimmers and 50 cross Oxford and half-bred lambs, 50 pork and young pigs, 1 boar pig, 2 horses, waggonette, harness, &c. There was a good attendance of butchers and farmers. Trade for milch cows opened slow, as there were nearly double the advertised number of cows forward. The class of cattle shown was of the best, and this mart promises to become one of the best markets for milch cows in the district, as nearly all cows are guaranteed. Nearly a full clearance was effected. Fat sheep were an excellent show, and met a fair trade, although at a slight decline on last sale prices. Fat cattle were a good trade for good class. Supply far short of the demand. Fat cows sold well. Sheep were in excess of the expected supply. Vendors do themselves an injustice by not notifying the auctioneer of intended consignments, so that the buyers may know what number to expect. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, a fair trade resulted. Grazing cattle were a good show, but the demand was not so good as at the last special sale here, although the quality was superior. The consignments of young pigs were chiefly direct from Yorkshire, and met a good and spirited competition. Prices as follows:—Incalving and newly-calved cows to £22, for a very grand cow from Mr F. Harrison, Street House, Ponteland. Fat cattle: Bullocks, to £15 10s, top Mr J. Hutchinson, The College, Durham; fat heifers to £13 10s, top from the north; fat cows to £13 15s top the Earl's House Industrial School. Sheep: Shearlings to 46s, top Messrs Joicey and Co., Beech Grove; fat ewes to 39s, top the Earl of Durham, Picktree; fat lambs to 33s, top Mr J. D. Taylor, Chester Moor. Grazing cattle: Bullocks 1½ years, £13; heifers, £12 10s; bullock stirks, £9 10s; heifer stirks, £9 7s 6d. Pork pigs, 46s; young pigs, 30s. The sale concluded at 4.45 p.m.

ALARMING RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT EAST TANFIELD

A Driver Injured.

On Wednesday afternoon an alarming accident occurred on the colliery line leading from Tanfield Lea to East Tanfield. A train consisting of an engine and 20 trucks of coal left Tanfield Lea for Bowes Bridge, the engine being in charge of Robert Leighton (driver), a married man residing at Sunniside, and a fireman. On approaching East Tanfield crossing the engine struck the points, and, owing to the momentum on the train, left the rails and dragged half a dozen of the full trucks after it. Immediately after leaving the rails the engine tore into the ground, and toppled over. When the fireman saw what was about to happen he jumped and saved himself, but the driver was less fortunate. He fell under the engine, and fatal results were feared. Willing hands were soon at work, and when Leighton was extricated it was found that his injuries were less severe than anticipated. They were, however, bad enough. His leg was broken, he was scalded and otherwise injured. Dr. Benson and his assistant were called, and later on the unfortunate man was removed to his home in a van. Needless to say, considerable damage was done both to rolling stock and to the permanent way, and some delay will be experienced in the conveyance of coal along the line from Tanfield Lea.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

PRIMITIVE CHOIR ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday evening a grand concert was given in the above chapel by the choir, assisted by a few friends, under the leadership of Mr. T. Brabban. Selections on the pianoforte, violin, mandoline, and auto-harp were skilfully rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Sunderland, while Mr. G. M. Miller, a popular reciter, paid his first visit and recited some amusing recitations. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Harrison, of Tantobie, who presided over a goodly assembly. On Sunday morning and evening special sermons were preached by Mr. W. Reed, of Blackhill, to large congregations, while in the afternoon the chapel choir rendered the service of song, entitled "A Rosebud Fairy," the connective readings being supplied by Mr. Reed. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the Choir funds.

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PELTON FELL.

LECTURES.—The Primitive Methodists have been more than fortunate in once again securing the very valuable services of Mr. E. W. Bailey, of London, in giving a course of lectures in their chapel. On Saturday last the first lecture was "Christ, and not the Czar's Rescript, the hope of the world." Mr. Robt. Clark, of Chester-le-Street, made an excellent chairman. Then an excellent supper was provided under the care of Mrs. Hair, Mrs. Malliams, and Mrs. Miller, when the supper tables were in charge of the Misses Dixon, R. Heppie, M Howe, F. Lloyd, A. B. Maltby, A. Powell. A good company was present. On Sunday Mr. Bailey preached three times to large companies. The morning subject was "True and false views of Christianity." The afternoon sermon was "Pentecostal Blessings," while the evening discourse was "The purpose for which Christ died." The lecture of Monday evening was "Trifles, or next to nothing." In the absence of Dr. Berrie, on account of illness, the duties of chairman were well sustained by Dr. McKenna, M.A., of Edinbro'. Tuesday's lecture was "Teachers without fees, and Preachers without Pulpits;" chairman, Mr. Hy. Pringle, of Chester-le-Street. Wednesday's lecture was "Contradictory—yet true views of life;" chairman, Mr. J. Turnbull Pelton Grange. Thursday's lecture, "Lesson of a harvest field;" chairman, Mr. R. K. Aunger, of Chester-le-Street. This was a grand opportunity of hearing one of England's greatest sons. The proceeds were in aid of the Trust Fund. This was Mr. Bailey's seventh visit to Pelton Fell Chapel during the last nine years.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

MADDINSON—ILEY.—At Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 21st inst., Mr George Maddinson, Frosterley, to Miss Margaret E. Iley, daughter of Councillor J. Iley, of Stanhope.

RUTTER—BROWELL.—Ponteland, St. Mary's Church, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. F. W. Langton, M.A., vicar, Robert Rutter, of Lumley White House, Chester-le-Street, to Mariannie, second daughter of the late Joseph Bell Browell, of Coldcotes, Ponteland.

TAYLOR—WINTER.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, Houghton-le-Spring, on the 24th inst., Samuel Taylor, of Rochdale, to Minnie, eldest daughter of John Winter, of Cornsay, co. Durham.

Deaths.

ATKINSON.—On the 21st inst., at Kimblesworth, Jane, widow of the late Robert Atkinson.

ALDUS.—Esh Village, Durham, October 18th, aged 20 years, Clara Louisa, daughter of Henry Aldus and Mary Hannah Keeley.

ANDERSON.—Elm Park, Shotley Bridge, on October 21st, aged 23 years, Margaret, dearly beloved daughter of James W. and Mary J. Anderson.

BURTON.—Union Lane, Chester Moor, 16th inst., aged 38 years, Mary Jane, wife of John Slater Burton, coke burner, late of Dipton.

BURNETT.—London, 16th inst., aged 59, Margaret, widow of the late Thomas Burnett, of Beda Lodge.

CLARK.—Waldridge (at her brother's), aged 22, Annie, wife of Fitch Clark, and daughter of John and Mary J. Dodds, of Ouston.

CLASPER.—Newcastle, 10, Newcombe Street, 18th October, Richard Clasper, aged 74, husband of Elizabeth Clasper (brother of the late Harry Clasper.)

HUTCHINSON.—Chester-le-Street, 14, Adelaide Street, 18th inst., aged 27, Christopher, son of Jane and the late John Hutchinson, of Perkinsville.

LAVENDER.—Craghead, 4, George Street, 18th inst., aged 25, Samuel Lavender, husband of Frances J. Lavender.

LEDGER.—Pelton, The Vicarage, on the 19th inst., in the 87th year of her age, Maria Ledger.

LUMLEY.—Whickham, at the residence of her son-in-law, G. Curry, on the 23rd inst., Agnes Lumley, aged 72, relict of the late Rowland Lumley, late of Birtley.

MILLER.—Dunston, 39, Athol Street, 24th inst., suddenly, aged 61 years, Joseph Miller, husband of Isabella Miller.

PESCOD.—At Cornsay Colliery, October 18th, F. R. Pescod, aged 76 years.

SHAW.—At Chopwell, 17, Wear Street, on the 23rd inst., aged 15 years, Isabella, daughter of Robert Shaw.

WILLISS.—Lumley, on the 25th inst., at the Fox and Hounds Inn, aged 82, Thomas Williss.

WAUGH.—35, John Street, Blaydon, on the 19th inst., Elizabeth, wife of the late Joseph Waugh, late of Allendale.

WATSON.—At 15, Grafton Road, Whitley, on the 18th inst., aged 75 years, Sarah, widow of the late Samuel Watson, of Brockley Whins.

In Loving Memory of my dear mother, Margaret Inglis, who died October 26th, 1898.

Death did to me short warning give,
Therefore, be careful how you live;
My weeping friends I left behind,
I had not time to speak my mind.

Ever remembered by Lizzie.

In ever loving and affectionate remembrance of my dear mother, Margaret Inglis, wife of Joseph Inglis, of Consett, who departed this life Oct. 26th, 1898.

All nature dies, the earth itself must fade,
She only slumbers, till the waking day;
When life is o'er, we but aside are laid,
Peaceful in rest, till He the word shall say.

Her dear daughter, Meggie.

In Loving Memory of my dear husband, James Shepperd, who died at 23, Cutlers Hall, Blackhill, October 26th, 1898.

'Tis hard for those who mourn thy loss,
'Tis hard to bear the bitter cross;
But when we think of thy great gain,
It almost quells the sting of pain.

Ever remembered by his wife and family.

In loving memory of Charles Barrisford, the beloved husband of Dinah Barrisford, who died at Crookgate, October 27th, 1896, aged 46 years.

His end was peace.

We fain would have kept him, and shrank from the stroke,
But link after link his tender chain broke;
In sadness we watched the last lingering breath,
Till he lay, like the snowdrop, so lovely in death.
Ever remembered by his wife, son, and daughters.

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