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HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your issue of the 16th inst., I observed that your correspondent "Annfieldite" in his Annfield Plain and District Notes has the following:—"It is a great improvement to find, when travelling from Lanchester, you can take a seat by the wayside. Seats have been placed there by the Lanchester Highway Board."

I think it is only fair to state that your correspondent has been wrongly informed, and that the seats referred to have been placed there by Alderman U. A. Ritson. He has placed four seats in that well-known constitutional bank between Lanchester and Burnhope, four between Lanchester and Maiden Law, and four between Rowley Station and Castleside.

The whole of these twelve seats are placed in such a position that they cannot fail to benefit the tired traveller, who has to climb these heavy roads, and I trust they will be allowed to stand by the younger portion of the community, in their present condition. I am yours &c. J. T. FORSTER.

FACTS v. FICTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—If your correspondent who wrote in your last issue under the *nom-de-plume* of "Nuda Veritas" will kindly disclose his identity in your next issue, I shall at once deal, an easy matter, with the allegations contained in his letter, enlightening him on modern political history, to which he is an evident stranger, and coaching him up to the same state of proficiency as his apparent knowledge of the parlance of the boxing ring.

I must refuse to enter into an endless paper controversy with a person who has not the courage of his convictions to affix his name to the doctrines he promulgates, who may be an irresponsible nonentity, who when knocked out of the ring, hands over the gloves to another to fight under the same *alias*, and so on *ad infinitum*.

"Nuda Veritas" forsooth! Let him seek after and acquire it.—Yours &c., J. ROYSTON BOOTH.

2, Derwent Street, Blackhill.
October 26th, 1891.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONVALESCENT HOME.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I am requested by the Local Committee of the North-Eastern Counties' Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home, situated at Grange-Over-Sands, Lancashire, to give you my experience as a patient of the Home, being the first one sent from Consett. I was met at Grange-Over-Sands Station by the patients of the Home on the train arriving, and they conducted me to the Home. The first sight that meets your eyes is the ornamental lake outside the station, and other sights, such as mountains, astonishes you, and the climate is mild and warm. It is a very fruitful place. Fruit grows in abundance. The Home that we have at present is lent by a lady, Mrs Williams, who lives at Home Island, and we are at lodgings at Yew Barrow estate. The new home is not completed, but when completed will accommodate upwards of twenty-four patients. It is situated in Meathop, Westmoreland, about three-and-a-half miles from the station. The lady superintendent is Miss Chislett, late of Stanhope. The food is plain and substantial and all of good quality, and everything is clean and up to the mark. And I would recommend all members of friendly societies to become a member of the same. Any one can become a member by paying the sum of sixpence to enter and fourpence per quarter, which entitles you to fourteen days at the Home free of all expenses, including train fare to and from. You meet with enjoyments on every side, which is one of the great panaceas of life. No joy is more healthful or better calculated to prolong life than that which is to be found in domestic happiness, in the company of cheerful and good men, and in contemplating with delight the beauties of nature. A few days spent in this country, under a serene sky, amidst a circle of agreeable friends, is certainly a more positive means of prolonging life than all the vital elixars in the world.—Yours, &c., A PATIENT.

A REPLY TO "NUDA VERITAS."

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—On reading "Nuda Veritas" on "Conservative sophistry" in last week's *Guardian*, I was considerably amazed at his extreme audacity. He commenced by defining a true critic, and, after denouncing Mr Booth as "a pure partisan, utterly blind to the goodness of an opponent," he proceeds in a tone which, without doubt, marks him as another of these "pure partisans." "It is becoming usual with them to claim our principles and cover their naked bodies with honour." If this statement is not that of a political bigot, what is it? To deny that the Conservatives have done one single deed of honour certainly is unbecoming to a man who signs himself "Nuda Veritas." My object in writing this letter is not one of wilful "mud-throwing," and if I indulge in such it will be merely in proof of the falsity of certain statements, and it must also not be supposed that I approve of all which Mr Booth said in his letter. But let me examine "Nuda Veritas'" naked truth. "Their aim is expense," he remarks. Some weeks ago at the Federation meetings in Newcastle, the payment of members was advocated as desirable. Mr Gladstone in 1881, I believe, made the following remarks on this topic:—"You have men of leisure, you have men of intelligence, you have men of integrity, who are prepared to do the country's work for nothing at all. Then why in the name of economy should you pay them? To offer the payment of expenses to a member of Parliament is to hold out a bribe to the most unscrupulous demagogues to mount the platform, and make the most generous promises in order to secure the representation and the £300 or £400 a year with it." And now, he proposes a scheme by which some £200,000 a year is to be paid to M.P.'s, and thrown on the Consolidated Fund. Moreover, he proposes to double the number of general elections, each of which costs £1,000,000, and place the burden on the rates. Let the ratepayers choose between the legislation of men of intelligence and integrity and the hired service of an assembly, apt to be partially composed of unscrupulous and possibly, half-educated, demagogues. Is this an example of Liberal economy? "Nuda Veritas" sneers at the fallacious statements advanced by Tories for political purposes. Let me shew him that even Mr Gladstone is not infallible. He has attributed the increase of crime in Ireland in 1886 to the indifference of Conservative statesmen to Irish distress and to the rejection of Mr Parnell's Arrears Bill. Mr Balfour at Bury repudiated this accusation on Friday last. The average amount of crime in Ireland in the first three quarters of 1886 was 300, and during the geater part of that time Mr Gladstone was Premier. The Bill referred to was rejected on Sept. 22nd, and in the last three months of the year, the only period affected by such rejection, the amount of crime had *diminished* to 160. With such a glaring instance of inaccuracy brought home to the chieftain of his party, how can "Nuda Veritas" impeach the infallibility of Conservatives without a sense of injustice. With regard to peace, I can only point to the trade returns, which shew an increase of £130,000,000 since the Conservatives took office in 1886. I refuse to believe that at the general election the people will be misled by glowing *promises* of reform, but I firmly believe that they will rather confide in that party whose aim is "deeds not words," and that they will prefer to be guided by Lord Salisbury, the skilful helmsman who has steered clear of belligerent rivals, and brought down on England the blessing of peace and consequent prosperity. Thanking you for giving me an opportunity of shewing that "Nuda Veritas" has made misleading assertions, I am, yours, &c., CONSERVATIVE.

TRUTH WANTED.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Mr Jones's gratuitous political henchman has come out of his shell. His training, I am afraid, has been entirely forgotten. No doubt, what he knows and what he doesn't would fill a large volume.

"Conservative Sophistry" is a big heading. "Brevity is the soul of wit." It seems bad taste to place before us "learners" such stuff as "Nuda Veritas" to chew. Please, Mr Oracle give us some plain English! The dead languages are awaiting decent burial.

Your correspondent says of himself, "The above remarks, apply most appropriately to the opening statement in Mr Booth's letter." Oh! A splendid specimen of the "whistler" style of egotism. Only a white-heated partisan would pen such a lengthy epistle free gratis and for nothing.

I beg to submit that this is not too severe a criticism of "Nuda Veritas" opening remarks.

As to Gordon—how shameful to speak of him in that political way. False glory!!! (Shame.) The undoubted fact is that General Gordon was betrayed and massacred because Mr Gladstone and his ministry were "too late." Assistance had to be wrung from him. He was unable to make up his mind. This hesitancy was fatal to Khartoum and its leader. Where's the "noble statesmanship" on that occasion? The red blot will stain a page of our national history for all time. It is admitted that Mr Gladstone left the theatre on hearing of Gordon's fate. Well he might. It was common decency.

We remember the "dilly-dally" policy that he used in dealing with the Boers. The British forces were defeated thrice. I ask, in the name of sound reasoning, why the "wondrous statesman" and his crew didn't end the war after defeat number one? They couldn't make up their minds. Not that I advocate simple retaliation for the sake of the last blow, but "a stitch in time" would have saved two defeats at least.

How some people fail to see which of the two Governments conduct our state affairs the best is a puzzle to many. Mr Gladstone's rule was a long, sad, and starving winter of discontent. England, at home and abroad was dejected, weakened, and crest-fallen. The Ex-Premier left the present Government a terrible legacy of universal disorder and general dissatisfaction. Her Majesty's opposition of this day are adepts at obstruction. At this time they have the temperance party tacked on to their platform, but Mr Gladstone gave to grocers the liquor license, and Mr Gladstone has just recently throttled the Tory attempt to legislate on the drink question. "Dog in the manger" policy. Did Mr Gladstone ever make much addition to our navy? Consett is directly affected with the ship-building trade. The Liberal party love to coffer up the spare cash, and shew big figures on the Budget. "Nuda Veritas" credits us Conservatives with aiming at expense. I hold that the man who spends well is a better citizen than he who hoards well. There are numbers of working men in this neighbourhood, who intend to vote, on the next opportunity, for a Government like the present, which will keep alive and stir trade. A Tory working man, whom I know, says "There's no mistake about it, this last Government has done well. Trade has been good, and the country has been quiet, very different to the time when the Liberals were in."

Mr Editor, it is pleasant to notice that you tolerate the opinions of "Brown and Robinson" as well as "Jones."

The member for the N.W. Division is an ideal M.P., *vide* "Nuda Veritas." Mr Jones has been all over Consett and part of Weardale, quite recently, visiting shrines, delivering pretty speeches, and making triumphant entries. Pleasant occupation for a champion sophist with plenty of time on his hands, but putting satire aside, he (Mr Jones) has repeatedly stated that the sole work of the County Council is to attend to the asylums and bridges. It is not so. Simple truth is wanted. The work of the County Council has 19 sections, not two. I can prove Mr Jones's to be a wrong statement. If it were possible to take up so much of your space, a reprint would soon shew that the new county body has plenty of work. This is one section of their duties: "The registration of Parliamentary voters, arrangements of polling districts and places of election for Parliamentary purposes, and the fixing of the revising barristers' courts." Mr Atherley-Jones is a Liberal sophist. "Voter" wants truth—not naked truth, nor fallacious truth. Mr Jones's informant must be a sleepy member of the C.C., if he only attends to the asylums and bridges.

To return to the unkempt critic—"Nuda." His last paragraph is just imaginary assumption. It's "Money that makes the mare go," and as expense is the Conservatives' aim, the working men will be benefitted by the impetus to work and labour which expenditure creates. We have to contrast "mistaken economy" with this, and choose for ourselves. VOTER.

Cycling Notes.

LEADGATE.—As a result of the challenge, articles were drawn up and signed on Saturday night, at Mr Hodgson's, Station Hotel, Witton Gilbert, for a bicycle match between Isaac Ledger, of Dipton, and Wm. Jackson, of Witton Gilbert, to ride 5 miles on the Leadgate track on Saturday, Nov. 7th, for £20 a-side, open for £40. A deposit of £4 a-side was placed in the hands of Mr T. Gott, of Langley Park, binding the match, and the remainder of the stake will be made good on the day of the race at Mr Jackson's, Coach and Horses, Leadgate.

Cricket.

CRICKET CLUB SUPPER AT TANFIELD.

On Saturday night, the members of the Tanfield Cricket Club, together with a few friends and supporters to the number of 40, held their annual dinner at the headquarters of the club, the Peacock Inn. An excellent repast was served up by the worthy host and hostess, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon them, as the *menu* was of the choicest description. Ample justice having been done, the cloths were removed and preparations made for the musical portion of the evening. Rev T. H. Archdall, president of the club, occupied the chair, while Mr N. Wilkinson, sen., filled the vice-chair. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given and duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN read the report of the club for the past season, which showed that during that time the first team had played 14 matches, seven of which were won, four lost, and three drawn. (Cheers.) In batting, Mr W. T. Brown heads the list with an average of 18·4 for nine innings, and becomes the winner of the president's bat, while the genial and veteran captain, Mr John Laidler, obtains second prize (a cricket shirt) with an average of 9·12 for seven innings. In conclusion, Mr Archdall complimented the members on their past efforts, and urged them on to further success, and he had no doubt if they all stuck together Tanfield C.C. would long hold the prominent position it had hitherto held in the district. (Cheers.)

In the absence of Mr Brown, Mr LAIDLER suitably responded.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to Tanfield C.C."

The toast was drunk with musical honours and Mr LAIDLER replied.

Other toasts followed, including "Our opponents," which was responded to by Mr R. ARMSTRONG, captain of Burnopfield C.C.

"The health of the president, vice-presidents, and other officers," and "The host and hostess" was next proffered, to which Mr JOHNSON, in a neat little speech, ably replied.

During the evening capital songs were sung at intervals by Messrs Lynn, Watson, Atthey, and others, while the Rev J. A. Bridges highly amused the company with his recitations. Altogether, a very jolly evening was spent, the assemblage dispersing after the "National Anthem" and "Auld Lang Syne" had been sung with best wishes for the next merry meeting.

Sporting Items.

FOOTRACE AT LEADGATE.—A match has been made, and £2 a-side deposited with Mr Gibson Teasdale, of the Mason's Arms Inn, Consett, between Wm. Elliott, of Consett, and H. Gair, of Blackhill, to run 100 yards level start, for £10 a-side, on the Leadgate Bicycle and Athletic Company's track, on Saturday, Nov. 7th.

QUOITING AT QUEBEC.—On Friday se'nnight, a deposit was made to bind a match between T. Young, Quebec, and R. Hull, Waterhouses, for £5 a-side. Conditions:—Distance, 12 yards, 4 lb. quoits, 2 in. pins, 2 steps only allowed, 41 chalks up. To be played for on Saturday, at the grounds adjacent Mr R. Wall's Hamsteels Inn, Quebec. Mr G. Ingleby was duly appointed stakeholder and referee.

Another deposit was made to bind a match between H. Hull, Esh, and W. Grayson, Cornsay Colliery, for £5 a-side, at Mr E. Taylor's Fir Tree, Three Lane Ends. To be played for on similar conditions on Saturday next.

PIGEON FLYING.—On Saturday afternoon, the pigeon handicap promoted from Rowlins Farm, one-and-a-half miles, to the respective Dove Cots, Quebec, for £5, with 5s entrance of each bird added to the sweep, was successfully brought off amidst a goodly number of spectators. There were 15 entries. Result:—R. Bell's Pilot, 7sec. start, 2min. 2sec., and W. Pigg's Lucky Lad, 1min. 55sec., flew a dead heat, and divided first and second money; I. Jones's Swift, 2min. 3sec., 3. Thomas Slater was appointed stakeholder and referee.

HUMAN LIFE.—Fifty years' record of Facts, Principles, and Discoveries relating to the Origin and True Treatment of Disease, and the preservation of Human Life on Earth. By Dr Samuel Eifley M.D., Ph.D., author of "Patriarchal Longevity Attainable," "Earth-Life," &c. &c. A series of most valuable articles in 52-paged books, containing Diet Rules—what to eat and what to avoid in various complaints, together with other useful and valuable information. Invaluable to every Sufferer. Sound and Practical. Write to-day for presentation copy to the publishers, Messrs Gordon, Murray, and Co., 48, Theobald's Road Holborn, London, W.C.

IRISH NATIONALIST MEETING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

SPEECH BY MR PINKERTON, M.P.

On Monday night, a large audience assembled in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, when a public meeting took place under the auspices of the National League of Great Britain. It had been intended to hold the gathering at Consett, but as a large hall was not available for that particular night, the venue had to be changed. Mr Philip Reay, Annfield Plain, occupied the chair, and he was accompanied by Mr J. Pinkerton, M.P. for Galway City; Messrs J. Denvir, general organiser of the Irish National League; Edward McConvey (organising secretary), of Whitehaven; J. G. Cooke, Blackhill; P. Campbell, Annfield Plain; — Eccles, Leadgate; Martin Scully (secretary of the "Thomas Sexton" branch of the League), Catchgate; — McHugh, Newcastle; and others.

Mr ECCLES proposed the following resolution:—

"This meeting pledges itself to support the majority of the Irish Parliamentary party, under the leadership of Mr Justin McCarthy—(cheers)—and also places its confidence in the Liberal party, under the leadership of Mr W. E. Gladstone—(loud cheers)—for the full and frank measure of Home Rule." (Renewed applause.)

This was seconded by Mr J. G. COOKE, who in an affective speech, asserted that the Liberals, with the aid of the Liberal party, intended to return Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones at the next election, not by the insignificant majority of 2,000 votes, but by a majority of over 3,000 votes. (Applause.)

The proposition was unanimously adopted.

Mr PINKERTON, who was warmly applauded, said that he was thoroughly ashamed to say that the late leader of the Irish party styled such men as Mr Cooke as "English wolves." In all probability one of the greatest Irishmen living at the present moment was about to join the majority of the Irish party—the representative for Kilkenny (cheers), and Mr Michael Davitt (renewed cheers) had been upon platforms in Erin, England, and Scotland, preaching exactly the same doctrines as were enumerated by Mr Cooke. It was only by the aid and co-operation of the English and Scotch democracy that they meant to secure victory. For his own part, he had no sympathy with the idea of total separation. He entirely sympathised with the movement that Irishmen would like to see Ireland a self-governed nation, to manage her internal affairs, and to develope her native resources; but it was simply a dream to talk about Ireland being separated from Great Britain. Ireland connected with Great Britain, however, was part and parcel of the greatest Empire of the world. (Cheers.) He held that, as true Irishmen, they were prepared to extend the hand of fellowship to their countrymen in England, and working men were united together to defend the great Empire. He maintained that Englishmen should grant Home Rule, not a question of sentiment, but as a matter of self-interest, inasmuch as they would gain decidedly more by conceding Home Rule than by withholding it. In case of any foreign complications, there was an army of 30,000 men doing nothing but simply protecting the Irish landlords. If they gave Home Rule, they made every man in Ireland a special constable. They would limit the total expenditure, and would maintain what was called "law and order" at a very much cheaper rate. Mr Balfour, at Accrington and elsewhere, had pointed out how their numbers had diminished in Ireland. It was a well-known fact that the Dublin Castle authorities had always their hands upon the throttle valve of the engine. The speaker narrated his experiences of having been "shadowed" by detectives a few years ago, and stated that he could not go to the railway station and procure a ticket without a plain-clothed officer entering the booking-office and enquiring where he had booked. Formerly, the Government magnified alleged outrages in Ireland, and looked through the thick end of the telescope. Now they were endeavouring to prove that "law and order" had been restored in Ireland, and scanned the other end of the telescope. (Laughter.) Within the past two years, in North Donegal, emergency men have been engaged by the landlords to cut down the unripe corn, in order that the poor tenants should have the benefit of the crops. After the turf had been cut for fuel for to warm the people during the winter, the Irish constabulary flung the stuff back again, so that the peasants and their families might perish. ("Shame.") Mr T. W. Russell, M.P., the Government emergency man, sent long letters to the English press denouncing the Irish tenants and upholding the landlords. If every Englishman had an opportunity of visiting Ireland and seeing the condition of things for themselves, he felt convinced that they would take care that not a single Tory candidate was returned at the general election. Allusion had been made to the withdrawal of British troops from Egypt, and the Tories were rising up in indignation at the bare suggestion of such an idea. Hitherto, the English people had been blameless for the mis-rule in Ireland, but now they were privileged to exercise the franchise, they had the responsibility cast upon them to amend this state of affairs. Therefore if they supported a Tory Government they were simply aiding and abetting a system of wholesale robbery and confiscation. He (the speaker) would never stand on any platform to advocate the cause of Home Rule if he thought the movement would stop there. Instead of Home Rule blocking the way for English reforms it was simply clearing the course for the legislation so much needed. The Irish were the first democratic party that ever stood in the House of Commons, and first recognised the principle that no person should enter parliament simply because he was rich, and no man should be detained from being a parliamentary representative merely because he was poor. (Applause.) The extension of the franchise was simply a delusion and a snare in this country, unless the people were prepared to support the programme outlined by Mr Gladstone at Newcastle. Undoubtedly, there had been troubles in Ireland during the past months. After their leaders' downfall, the Leinster Hall meeting was called exclusively for supporting the evicted tenants, and the resolution of confidence in Mr Parnell was passed as an afterthought. There was not a single individual present who did not entertain the feeling that Mr Parnell, in accepting this vote of confidence, would withdraw from the leadership of the party. When the Nationalist members subsequently assembled to elect a leader for the session a statement was circulated by Mr Parnell's private secretary that if he (Mr Parnell) was re-elected he would retire from the position for a few months. After he was reinstated, however, they soon perceived that Mr Parnell had no intention of retiring. There was no phrase of dictation in Mr Gladstone's letter. He simply told them that if Mr Parnell was allowed to continue as leader of the party, he would be endangering the Home Rule scheme, and the right hon. gentleman suggested that it might cause his retirement as leader of the Liberal party. When they remembered the sacrifices the Liberal party had made to ensure the granting of Home Rule to Ireland, they simply requested Mr Parnell to retire for at least six months. They only asked him to do what an honest man would have done without being asked—to simply efface himself from the leadership of the party. Mr Parnell, however, allowed his self-interest to blind his eyes. Mr Parnell had undoubtedly done great service to Ireland, but they felt that Mr Parnell retaining office in face of the protestations of Messrs Sexton, Dillon, and others was something like a cock floating on the stream. Every member of the Irish party loyally supported Mr Parnell, but he had a wonderful gift of appropriating other men's ideas. Mr Parnell turned round and declared that the attempt to thrust him from office was a conspiracy on the part of the Irish priesthood, because he happened to be a Protestant. Mr Parnell did not consider the fact that the Irish race subscribed £40,000 for his services, and that he received the handsome gift without even saying "Thank you." He (Mr Pinkerton) was a Protestant, but he had the honour to represent the most Catholic city in Ireland. There was more sectarian intolerance displayed in Protestant Ulster than in any part of the south-west of Ireland, where the Catholics were in the vast majority. Indeed in County Carlow the greatest cordiality prevailed between the Protestants and Catholics. (Applause.) The speaker refuted the allegations that the priests were placed in the polling booths to intimidate voters at the bye-elections in Ireland, and proceeded to point out that even if Home Rule was granted to Ireland the Catholics would be split up into different sections in Parliament, therefore the Protestant community would hold the balance of power in the House in the same way that the Irish members could, a few years ago, turn either Government out of office. (Cheers.) Sectarian feeling was rapidly disappearing in Ireland, and since Mr Sexton had been returned to Parliament order was being maintained. Did the Orange party consider the Irish so incompetent to manage their own affairs that they would have a stupid Scotchman or Englishman installed in Dublin Castle to govern them? It would be a pity if they could not control their own affairs infinitely better than they had been done in the past. (Cheers.) Mr Pinkerton stated that when Mr John Redmond was kicked out of Cork, they would force the hands of Parnellism in Ireland, and before the next general election arrived, they would present an undivided front against the common foes of their country. (Applause.) He finished an interesting speech by earnestly appealing to all persons, of whatever nationality, if they wished to further the cause of Ireland, to join the National League of Great Britain. (Loud cheering.)

Mr J. CAMPBELL next moved:—"That we, as supporters of the Irish National cause, urge upon all friends of the cause of our country to support the cause of justice and of right, and join the ranks of the Irish National League of Great Britain, as the times demand that every man should do his duty." (Cheers.)

Mr M. SCULLY seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr J. DENVIR, in the course of his remarks, referred to the progress of the party in this country, both in the matter of organisation, registration, &c., and mentioned that there were only 80,000 votes between the number cast in favour of Lord Salisbury and those given to Mr Gladstone at the last general election. They had already gained these 80,000 votes at the revision courts, and as the Irish party predominated in 100 constituencies in England, Home Rule would undoubtedly be victorious at the forthcoming general election. (Loud cheers.) Even if Mr Gladstone did not succeed in giving Home Rule to Ireland, they owed him a deep debt of gratitude for having been instrumental in placing Irishmen in other countries on an equality with the natives. (Cheers.)

Mr McCONVEY also spoke, and asked for support on behalf of the Catchgate Branch of the Irish National League.

The proceedings terminated with the customary votes of thanks.

We are informed that a deputation from Consett consisting of Messrs Jas. Daly, J. O'Connor, M. Rogers, and A. Roberts, waited upon the three members of the executive of the League at Annfield Plain, and exacted a promise that either Dr Tanner or Mr T. D. Sullivan should visit Consett shortly.

DEATH OF MR HENRY SMITH, J.P., OF ESHE HALL.

On Monday, intelligence was received of the death of Mr H. Smith, J.P., of Eshe Hall, Durham, and Leamington, Warwickshire, the sad event having just occurred at the last-named place, after a somewhat protracted illness. The deceased gentleman, who was between 70 and 80 years of age, was at the time the oldest acting magistrate in the Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division. He was a most energetic and painstaking justice, and up to within the past eight years he sat on the Lanchester Bench with punctilious regularity; but he left Eshe Hall and took up his abode principally on his estate at Leamington, where the climate was better suited to his health. Whenever he happened to visit the north, however, he always attended the Lanchester Court. Mr Smith, with his great knowledge and varied experience, was in much demand in arbitration cases in all parts of the north. Mr Smith was married, but his wife preceded him hence two or three years ago, being buried at New House. He was a staunch Roman Catholic, but was not known—at least in recent years—to take any prominent part in Imperial or local politics. There is no family. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, New House, on Wednesday morning.

THE LATE MR HENRY SMITH.

On Wednesday, there was a solemn *requiem* at St. Mary's Church, New House, Waterhouses, Durham, for the repose of the soul of Mr Henry Smith, of Eshe Hall, Durham, and formerly of Drax Abbey, Yorkshire, who died at Leamington, on Saturday last, aged 83 years. The church was richly draped in black, surmounted by numerous white crosses, and there were a large number of wreaths and crosses on the coffin. The Rev G. Coulston, D.D., was celebrant, the Rev J. Broadhead, deacon, and the Rev Ed. Blakes, sub-deacon. The Rev M. P. Horgan was master of ceremonies. There were present in the sanctuary the Rev T. Croskell, of Bentham, Yorkshire, and the Rev J. P. Sheehan, of West Cornforth. Among the mourners were Mrs Charles Smith and Miss Smith, of Askham Bryan; Mrs Goodsen, Leamington; Mr Wilson, Birmingham; Mr J. A. Sim, Wooton; Mr Thornton, of the firm of Messrs Thornton and Sons; Mr Cochrane, Aldin Grange; Mr F. Greenwell, J.P., Durham; Mr Henry Pierson, Brancepeth; Mr J. G. Crofton, Esh Winning; Mr P. Kirkup, Cornsay; Mr and Mrs Collingwood, Esh; Mr H. Johnson, Sherburn Hall; Mr G. Kirk, Mr Owen McArdle; Mr J. Hand, Haugh Farm, and numerous other tenants. A number of the neighbouring clergy and of the professors of Ushaw College were prevented from attending the funeral owing to the opening of St. Michael's Church, Newcastle.

The *Newcastle Journal* says:—The death of Mr Smith removes another connecting link between the old magistrates and the new. Of the old generation of justices at Lanchester, only Mr Talmadge remains, and his connection with the bench all but ceased on his removal to the south of England. They were a painstaking lot of men these old Lanchester magistrates, and in the early seventies, when trade was brisk, and many pitmen and ironworkers spent their earnings merrily, if not wisely, it was not an unusual thing to find them administering justice at this time of the year by candle-light in the little room that was then used as a court-house. The mutability of human things is illustrated in the change that has taken place in the constitution of the bench since then. In the chair sat the handsome, broad-shouldered, foxhunting Mr Kearney, and on his right and left were grouped Mr Taylor-Smith, another foxhunting squire, Mr John Greenwell, Mr John Clavering, Mr Henry Smith, and Mr Talmadge, all of whom, alas, except the latter, now await judgment at another tribunal than their own. In one corner, on a bench, sat blind, grey-headed old Tinkler, one of the earliest members of the police force, whose eyes were deliberately and cruelly gouged out during his attempt to quell a public-house disturbance. Near him stood the clean-shaven, much-dreaded Morland, the chief of thief-catchers in his day. It was his boast that only two men in his parish had escaped him, the parson and the schoolmaster. Albeit the terror of evil-doers, he was always on the best of terms with them. "Now, John," he would say to some poor mortal whom he was prosecuting for drunkenness, and who had denied the impeachment, "didn't I set you twice on to your legs before you fell into the gutter? The fact is, John, you were mortallious"—this latter favourite expression of his conveying the meaning that the defendant was utterly incapable.

Morland was the most methodical of policemen. At one court he brought up a regiment of drunk and disorderlies, at the next he had twenty or thirty pitch and toss cases, and at the succeeding court he would usher in a batch of delinquents for garden-breaking and such like offences. He would never confess to being overmatched but twice. Once was when a gang of poachers permanently flattened the most prominent organ of his face by thrusting him head foremost into a drain, with his legs in the air, in which position he was found next morning by a labourer going to work; and the other occasion was when a raid was made on the keepers of unlicensed dogs, and he was appointed dog-catcher-in-chief to the county constabulary. His entry into a village was the signal for the barring-up of all unlicensed members of the canine species. "You have a dog here ma'am," he would say to a poor woman, who, having heard of his approach, had just secreted her husband's companion in the front room closet. On receiving an assurance to the contrary, he would emit a succession of howls that speedily found an echo. But he was once beaten on his own ground. Being told that a dog was kept by a man named Liddell, at his house in Delves Lane, not far from Consett, he went thither, and found that the only dog about the place was a pot effigy of one fastened to a tree in the garden!

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HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS.

MEDOMSLEY.

At Medomsley Parish Church on Sunday, Rev A. Boddy, M.A., vicar of All Saints', Monkwearmouth, preached on the occasion of the harvest festival. The services were musical. The church was filled at each service many not being able to gain admittance at night. The offertories were for the Church Missionary Society.

LEADGATE.

The harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. Ive's Church, Leadgate, on Sunday. The edifice was tastefully adorned. The vicar (Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A.) preached in the morning, and the Rev F. W. Glyn, M.A., J.P., vicar of Lanchester, in the evening. In the afternoon, a special children's service was held, when an address was delivered by the Rev A. Dunn, curate of Collierley. There were full choral services, the anthem being "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." The congregations were very large on each occasion.

HARE LAW.

On Sunday, the harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. Thomas's Church, Hare Law, Rev A. Dunn, curate, preached in the morning, and in the afternoon, a children's service was conducted by the Rev S. Tuson, vicar of Dipton. In the evening, the preacher was Rev J. Gornall, vicar. The sacred edifice was packed at each service, and good collections were taken on behalf of the church funds. The church was superbly decorated for the occasion with fruits, flowers, bread, &c. The South Derwent Brass Band was present at the morning service, and after the sermon they played a fine piece of music. On Monday morning, the vicar gave to the deserving of his parish the bread and fruit which was so abundantly supplied for the decorations.

WHITTONSTALL.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in Whittonstall Church on Thursday and Sunday last. The church was tastefully decorated with corn, ferns, flowers, &c. The sermon, on Thursday, was preached by Rev Seymour R. Cone, rural dean and vicar of Stamfordham, and on the Sunday by the rector. The congregations were very good, and the offertories were given to the church expenses, with the exception of that on Sunday morning, amounting to 10s 6d, which was given to the Newcastle Hospital Sunday Fund.

FROSTERLEY.

The popular annual harvest thanksgiving came off on Thursday se'nnight, in Frosterley Church. For a number of years now, Frosterley Church has led the van in harvest thanksgiving services. Excellent music, superb decorations, popular preachers, and choral services throughout, until the cathedral village, as it is sometimes called, has become noted for its excellent church choir. The large and commodious church was crowded on the occasion. Rev R. Marsh, vicar of Thornley, was the preacher, and the Rev J. Eddowes, vicar of Masgate, read the lessons, whilst the Rev J. Oldacre, rector of Illingworth, assisted in prayers. Mr J. Raine presided at the organ with his usual ability. The choir rendered, in excellent style, the anthem, "Blessed be Thou," by Burnett, which the congregation highly appreciated. The decorations were beautiful, and were very neat and artistic. The services were continued on Sunday. In the evening, Rev F. C. Jagg preached an excellent sermon to an attentive and appreciative audience. The service was choral throughout.

HAMSTEELS.

On Thursday se'nnight, the usual thanksgiving services were celebrated at St. Jno's Church, Quebec, the interior of the sacred edifice presenting a most attractive appearance to the visitor, being neatly and artistically decorated with corn, fruits, plants, and flowers. The Rev J. Howarth, Durham Cathedral, conducted the services, which were continued on Sunday, with equal success.—In the evening, Rev J. Dent officiated, and the spacious building was packed by a most respectable audience, some of which were turned away unable to gain admission. The anthem selected was, "I will feed my flock," which was effectually rendered by the choir. The offertory was taken in aid of the aged Ministers' and Orphans' Fund.

BENEFIT CONCERT AT CASTLESIDE.

On Saturday night, a benefit concert—in aid of the Castleside Brass Band—was given in the Board Schools, under the presidency of Mr T. J. Muse. There was a crowded attendance.

The CHAIRMAN in opening the concert said he was pleased to see so many people congregated in the schools that night. The artistes who were to contribute to the programme had come free of charge, and he hoped they would receive a hearty reception. (Applause.) There were several on the programme who had appeared before them before, and he was sure the concert would be a success. He had that night the pleasing duty to perform of presenting to Mr J. Lamb (conductor of the band), an ivorytte conducting staff, and a meerschaum pipe. The presents were of a good and valuable nature. The staff was silver-mounted, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr Joseph Lamb, by the Castleside Brass Band, Oct. 24th, 1891."

The programme was very lengthy, and was opened with a quartette, entitled, "Sweet and low," which was well received, after which Mr B. Duckworth sang in a splendid manner, the song, "Jack's yarn." Mr J. Raine, who, in appearing was heartily greeted, and scored highly in his song, "Do, ra, me, fa," at the conclusion of which he received a loud *encore* and was equally well taken with in the song, "Tim McCarthy's daughter." Mr T. Wardle received loud applause for the manner in which he rendered the song, "Good-bye, sweetheart, good-bye." "Dream of a home," by Miss Stephenson, was ably executed, as was also Mr Dodd's stump speech, entitled, "That's when you feel all right." Mr Lamb gave a good cornet solo, "Pretty Jane," for which he was loudly applauded, after which Miss Collingwood rendered in satisfactory style the song, "Please give me a penny, sir," and in doing so, performed the part of a beggar-girl. Mr McLeod rendered the comic song, entitled, "The chilly man," for which he had to pay the penalty of an *encore*, and gave in creditable style, the comic song, "Muccalappy, the School Board man." A clog dance was next given by Mr Clark (champion clog dancer in the North of England). The Misses Dent scored highly for the manner in which they sang "The cousins," as did also Mr Duckworth for his song, "The boy can say papa." Miss Stevenson was happy in her song, "The song that reached my heart." Mr McLeod appeared next in the comic song "McGinty," and received a hearty reception, and was re-called, but owing to shortness of time, he was unable to oblige. Another beggar-girl's piece was next rendered by Miss Collingwood, "Buy a broom," which was well taken with. Mr Dodds followed with a "darkey's" stump speech, entitled, "Advice to young men." Mr Wardle was again well received for his song, "The lost chord." Mr Raine, who appeared in suitable costume, sang his comic song, "His funeral's to-morrow." This song had a very "catchy" chorus, and was well taken up by the audience, to which part of the band in another room played an agreeable air, and rendered the song more comical. For this good performance, Mr Raine was loudly re-called, and although the chairman reminded the audience about the time of the evening being late, he was compelled to re-appear, and in a satisfactory manner rendered the comic song, "Up to date." The programme was, on the whole, well executed, and was terminated by Mr Clark performing a clog dance, in which he danced the steps, with which he won the North of England Championship Cup.

After the concert, a coffee supper was provided in the schools, the tables being presided over by Mrs Ripley, Mrs Davidson, and Misses Bainbridge (2), Yeates, Fairless, Thompson, Wilkinson, Millener, and Young. The supper was well attended, and was followed by dancing, to which the band supplied the music.

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A CHILD SCALDED NEAR IVESTON.

An inquest was held on Saturday afternoon at the Iveston Inn, Iveston, before Mr J. Graham, coroner, touching the death of Elizabeth Hunt, aged two years, the daughter of Catherine Hunt, living at Stoney Heap, who died on the 22nd inst. It appears that the mother was busy washing clothes three weeks ago, and was in the act of placing the pan on the fire when her attention was drawn to her daughter, who had fallen into a pot of boiling water. The girl told her mother that the dog knocked her into the water. The injured child was attended to by Dr O'Brien, Catchgate.—A verdict of accidental death was returned.

DRAMATIC RECITALS AT BURNOPFIELD.

An entertainment in connection with the educational department of the Co-operative Stores took place at Burnopfield, on Saturday evening. The committee had engaged the services of Mrs Boughton from London, and her little daughter, Miss Violet Boughton, to give a series of recitals from Shakespeare and the Poets, to be interspersed with songs, violin solos, and pianoforte accompaniments. The audience, which was fairly good, was very attentive and appreciative. The chair was occupied by Mr Jas. F. Robinson. After an overture on the piano by Mr N. Smailes, Mrs Boughton recited a piece, entitled, "The women of Mumbles Head," in which she shewed by the manner in which she recited how much a story can gain by the way in which it is related. A song, "Afton waters," was very sweetly rendered by Mrs Saunders, of Marley Hill Board Schools. Scene I., in act IV., in "King John," was very ably rendered by Mrs Boughton and her little daughter. The way in which the young lady acted the part of Arthur, and succeeded in turning away Hubert from the purpose of putting out his eyes, was highly appreciated by the audience, with whom the little lady became quite a favourite. A violin solo by Mr Lawson, Marley Hill, was next given. Mrs Boughton then recited with excellent taste and force, "Billy's rose." Miss Violet Broughton next sang, in a very tender and pleasing strain, "The song that reached my heart." A violin solo by Mr Lawson, completed the first part of the programme. The second part commenced with an effective solo on the piano, by Mr Smailes, followed by Mrs Boughton in the scene in "Hamlet," between the Queen and Hamlet and the Ghost. During the progress of this scene, Mrs Boughton succeeded in so gaining the attention of the audience, that the often mentioned pin might almost have been heard to drop in the room. It could have almost been imagined that the ghost which Hamlet saw was present. Two songs by Mr Saunders, were also much appreciated by the company. Miss Broughton recited with much dramatic force and pathos, the affecting story of the death of "Poor Joe," the closing part being exceedingly well acted by the talented young reciter. A recital by Mrs Boughton, of a piece called "The little hero," was given. A violin solo by Mr Lawson, and "Auld lang syne" by Mr Saunders, in which the audience joined in the chorus, brought a delightfully spent and instructive evening to a close, in which pianist, reciters, and soloists, appeared to have given every satisfaction to the company that had assembled to listen to them.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

On Saturday evening, the members of the North-West Durham Constitutional Club held a smoking concert in the Conservative Rooms, Consett, Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., Shotley Hall, presiding. Amongst those present were: Mr J. Dunville, private secretary to the Marquis of Hartington, and Liberal Unionist candidate for the division; Mr C. D. W. Balleny, Delves Lane; Mr J. G. Murray, Benfieldside; Mr J. R. Booth, Blackhill; Messrs H. Park, A. Russell, jun., J. Harkness, J. T. Heslop, J. W. Drougan, J. Carruthers, W. Richardson and others.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, said it gave him great pleasure to preside over the gathering and he hoped they would all profit by the same. Mr Dunville, the Unionist candidate, was present, and he intended to say a few words in order to encourage the club.

Mr DUNVILLE, on rising was loudly cheered. He said that when he came to that gathering, he did not expect that he would have to give anything in the shape of an address. However, he would try and say something that would stimulate the members, and help them to further the good cause. At one time he was informed that the club was at a very low ebb, and was not likely to have a very long existence. He was glad to think that the report was an unfounded one, and by the large number of present on that occasion it distinctly showed that the club was in a prosperous condition. (Cheers.) This statement went to prove that it was like a great many more which they got from their opponents. They were told that they as Unionists were very much afraid of the forthcoming contest. He was glad to state that they were not afraid, and meant to fight the forthcoming attack. When he said this he was speaking his own mind on the subject, but also that of his supporters. He trusted that the Conservative and Liberal Unionist party would do all in their power to try and gain a victory against Mr Atherley-Jones. (Cheers.) He noticed that Mr Atherley-Jones during his last campaign never made any definite remarks about Home Rule. Mr Gladstone had put this question to the forefront. They all knew that Mr Atherley-Jones had made some very curious statements. Mr Atherley-Jones, a short time ago, addressed a letter to *The Times* on the Home Rule question, and said the party ought to let the Home Rule question drop, and return to their ordinary cause. He thought that it was entirely strange for Mr Atherley-Jones when addressing his constituents, had never said anything about the subject. The present Government were going to bring in a Local Government Bill for Ireland as early as possibly next session. He was strongly in favour of a Local Government Bill for Ireland, something similar as to what they had in England. (Cheers.) Mr Atherley-Jones did not make his position clear with regard to Local Government, and he ought to do so in order that he might not deceive the electors. He (the speaker) was determined to make his views very clear on every subject that he brought forward. (Cheers.) He thought that the programme of Home Rule brought forward by the Liberals, meant separation to the country. He hoped at the next general election victory would be on their side. (Cheers.)

During the evening music was rendered by Messrs S. Mace, J. R. Booth, J. S. Murray, J. Gleghorn, — Matthison, A. Wilson, H. Lynn and others; Mr G. Stephenson acted as accompanist, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, Oct. 26th.—Before Councillor JAMES ANNANDALE (chairman), W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq., F. PRIESTMAN, Esq., J. T. POTTS, Esq., and the Hon. J. G. P. VEREKER.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE AT MEDOMSLEY.

Edward Dickinson, miner, was summoned for committing an assault upon P.C. Thorogood, at Medomsley, on the 10th inst. Defendant admitted his guilt.—The officer attested that whilst on duty in the village he heard a disturbance. On going to the place he found two men fighting. He took one of the men into custody, and was bringing him up the village, when defendant got hold of him and tried to rescue the prisoner. Defendant refused to desist, and assaulted him. He took defendant in charge, and with the assistance of Mr S. Mace, brought him to the Police Station.—Defendant alleged that he merely went to the officer and asked him to let the man go home with him. The officer told him to go about his own business.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

AN AFFRAY NEAR HOBSON COLLIERY.

Patrick Collins, miner, was charged with causing damage to a house door, to the amount of 12s 6d, the property of George Craig, at Lintz Colliery, on the 17th inst.—Complainant said that late on the night in question, defendant came to his house with a pick and smashed in the door. Collins further threatened to take his life. Defendant returned two or three times to the house, and at last caught complainant at the back side. Collins then dealt him a blow on the nose with his fist, causing blood to flow, and kicked him. Complainant, in self-defence, seized hold of a coal-rake, and felled his antagonist.—The case was adjourned for 14 days.

Craig (who had been arrested that morning on a warrant) was charged with unlawfully wounding Collins on the same occasion.—Complainant (whose head was bandaged) alleged that he went to Craig's house to get some money owing. He acknowledged that he did strike the door twice with a pick, knocking out a piece of wood. P.C. Rogerson was sent for to examine the damage. About two hours afterwards, witness was fighting with a man named Rowell, when defendant rushed out of his house, and felled him upon the head with a coal-rake, knocking out his left eye, and he fell on the ground.—Craig declared that Collins attacked him in his own house, and he merely retaliated to protect his life. He expected that he had taken out a summons against complainant for threatening him.—The Clerk (Mr Grainger): Your wife came to apply for a summons, but you ought to have come yourself.—The Magistrates remanded the accused for a week, and consented to accept bail.

ASSAULTING A BOY AT BLACKHILL.

John Bland, a youth, was accused by James Reynolds, another little boy, with committing an assault upon him at Blackhill, on the 17th inst. Defendant said he was guilty.—Complainant averred that he was standing near the door of their own house when defendant came up and dealt him a blow in the eye.—Bland stated that complainant struck his little brother first, and then he dealt complainant a blow.—In answer to the Chairman, complainant denied striking defendant's brother.—Complainant's mother deposed that defendant deliberately came up and struck her boy on the face. The lad's face was bruised and cut, and she took him to the police.—Defendant was fined 1s and costs.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

John Thomas Bullerwell was proceeded against that he "unlawfully did cause to be cruelly ill-treated, a certain animal, to wit, a horse, by then and there allowing the same to be worked whilst it was in an unfit state at Blackhill, on the 14th inst."—P.C. Pemberton stated that he was on duty near the Blackhill Coal Depot, when he saw defendant in charge of a horse and cart. The animal had fallen down, and when the saddle was removed he discovered two large wounds on the animal's back. He ordered defendant to take the animal home. Defendant was leading coals with the horse from the depots to Shotley Bridge.—In answer to Mr Van Haansbergen, the officer stated that the size of the wounds were 1½ inches across, and four inches long.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £1 and costs.

Joseph Bell, hackmaster, Shotley Bridge, was accused by the same office of being the owner of the animal, and allowing the same to be worked whilst in an unfit state.—The policeman stated that when he questioned Bullerwell about the horse, he admitted that Bell knew all about it being bad.—In reply to the Clerk, Pemberton explained that defendant's stables were at Shotley Bridge. He had never seen defendant going with the animal. He thought the wounds were caused through neglect, and it was not a warble. Defendant's man had a thin sheet under the saddle.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and the case was dismissed.

CHIMNEY ON FIRE.

Edward Mellen, labourer, Dale Street, Blackhill, was summoned by Sergeant Tate for allowing the chimney of his dwelling-house to be on fire, on the 16th inst.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was fined 1s and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Seven miners named *Joseph McNastrie, William Dawson, Walter Hedley, John Turner, George Redhead, John Musgrove* and *Robert Whitfield* were all summoned for playing at pitch and toss at Blackhall Mill, on the 10th inst.—Hedley, Turner, and Redhead did not appear, and the other defendants pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Lawson deposed that he was on duty at Hamsterley Colliery, when he saw defendants playing at pitch and toss. He watched the men for a considerable time, and proceeded to where the men were playing. When defendants espied him they all ran away.—The Bench inflicted a penalty of 10s and costs upon the defendants that did not appear, and the others were let off with 5s and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Arthur Daley, John Laville and *James Stobbart*, boys, were charged with doing damage to turnips, the property of Jane Blench, farmer, The Brooms, on the 19th inst.—P.C. Crisp spoke to catching the defendants in the field taking the turnips, and doing considerable damage.—Mr Blench proved the damage, which he valued at 2d each, and stated that the damage which had been caused to this particular field was very serious.—Defendants were fined 1s each, and ordered to defray the damage and costs.

DID HE REFUSE TO MAINTAIN HIS WIFE OR NOT?

Robert Bewicke, miner, of Westwood, was summoned for refusing to maintain his wife, Jane Bewicke. Mr T. W. Welford defended, and pleaded not guilty. — Complainant said that about two months ago she left defendant owing to his conduct. She wanted some maintenance, because when she did stay with defendant he would not allow her any meat, and she was afraid of him.—In answer to Mr Welford, complainant stated that she left her husband on her own accord.—Mr Welford said defendant was willing to take his wife back again, and consequently there was no desertion.—The Magistrates' Clerk: It is for the magistrates to decide that, and not you.—Mr Welford: I am only pointing that out.—The Chairman said they would hear the evidence, and then give their decision.—By Mr Welford: Complainant stated that she never pawned her son's clothes. Defendant got drunk as often as he dare. He did say that the house was open for her, but she was afraid of him. She never took a sheet off the bed and pawned it. Defendant had been a bad husband.—George Weston said that complainant left defendant because she was afraid of him. She had been shamefully treated, and he had known the family for 12 years.—Mr Welford contended that the house was open, and defendant was perfectly willing to take his wife back. There was no desertion whatever.—Weston stated that complainant had never received a penny from defendant during the last nine years, and he had witnesses present who would testify to defendant's conduct.—Mr Welford: Call your witnesses, and let us hear what they have got to say.—Ann Charlton averred that complainant had never had any peace when living with defendant. He never allowed her any meat in the house.—By Mr Welford: Witness stated that she had never examined the pantry, but had seen defendant carry his meat from another house.—Elizabeth Dinning said that defendant was always quarrelling with his wife from noon till night. Witness had seen defendant carry his groceries to another house.—For the defence, Mr Welford called Thomas Graham, miner, who stated that he heard defendant tell his wife to come back again, as there was plenty of meat in the house.—Barbara Moody gave similar testimony.—The magistrates said the case did not come under the statute, and would have to be dismissed. They would remit the costs.—The magistrates' Clerk advised complainant to get out-door relief.

DEAR VEGETABLES.

John Townson, labourer, of Consett, was charged with stealing vegetables to the value of 1s, the property of Mr John Allison, of Rose Mount, Consett, on the 17th inst.—Prosecutor stated that the vegetables produced were taken out of his garden on the night in question. He found the stalks left where the vegetables had been pulled. They were worth 1s.—J. Froedick deposed to seeing defendant in the garden, and he went and caught him. He detained defendant till the police arrived.—Supt. Oliver said he had received a great many complaints about produce having been stolen from gardens, and they wished to put a stop to the practice.—Defendant was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered to defray the costs.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT CONSETT.

Barbara Lamb, married woman, of Harvey Street, Consett, was charged with unlawfully wounding Edward Tracey, at Consett, on the 19th inst.—Supt. Oliver stated that prosecutor did not appear. It was supposed that he had left the district. Defendant had inflicted a scalp wound on Tracey, and Dr Ross, assistant to Dr Macintyre, had considered it to be a very dangerous one.—A warrant was issued against prosecutor.

FOUND ON ENCLOSED PREMISES.

Two miners, named *Matthew Robinson* and *Wm. Routledge*, hailing from Dipton, were placed in the dock on a charge of being found on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose, at Medomsley, on the previous (Sunday) night.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr John Hunter, farmer, alleged that about a quarter to eleven o'clock he heard a noise in the farmstead. He asked one of the servants to put his coat on, and they went out to see what was the matter. On getting outside he found the two defendants wandering about the yard. One of them asked for a match, which he refused to give, and requested them to go away. Defendants refused, and threatened to put him into the pond. He found the door of the hen-house open, which he fastened up himself that night. There was no poultry in the house. One of the defendants told him that they had lost their road to Dipton.

P.C. Thorogood deposed to hearing a disturbance, and on going into the farm-yard he found the two defendants and the farmer standing. There were other two men standing near the gate, who ran away when he came upon the scene. Defendants gave false names, and he asked the farmer what they had been doing. He examined the place, and found the duck-house door open, and the prop removed from the hen-house door. Defendants by this time left the farm-yard, but after hearing what the farmer had to say, he went after defendants and took them into custody. The candle produced had never been lit. He heard the two men near the gate say, "Here's the old b——; be very careful, lads."

Defendants said they were innocent, and had lost their way. They had stopped rather long at the leek show at Medomsley. When leaving the village, they borrowed a candle to give them a light through the fields to Dipton. After traversing a short distance they lost their road. They went to Mr Hunter's to get a match, but he would not give them one. They went a little further on, and asked a woman to give them a box of matches to light them to Dipton. The night was very dark, and a thick mist prevailed. After going a little further, the farmer and police came upon them, and took them into custody.

In answer to the Chairman, Mr Hunter stated that the gates were shut, and defendants had no business in the yard.

The case was adjourned for 14 days in order to allow defendants to bring forward substantial evidence, bail being allowed.

LARCENY AT BLACKHILL.

Thomas Kay and *Margaret Elizabeth Coates* were again charged with having stolen two guards, valued at £5, the property of the late Henry Harris, contractor, Durham Road, Blackhill, on the 10th inst.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

The evidence of Mrs Harris was to the effect that her late husband had the contract from the Consett Iron Company for the painting of the blastfurnaces, bridges, &c., and the male prisoner worked for him as a painter. The male prisoner came to the house to get a note for some groceries, and was followed shortly afterwards by his wife. Mr Harris was ill in bed at the time. Mrs Harris took both prisoners upstairs into the bedroom, and at that time both the guards were lying on the mantel-piece. She left the house for the purpose of sending a telegram, leaving prisoners in the bedroom. On her return she found them still there. Shortly afterwards she went into the kitchen to have a cup of tea, when the male prisoner came downstairs, and said he would have to go, as he had some business to attend to. A few minutes after the male prisoner left, she went upstairs to the bedroom, and found both the guards gone. She ordered the female prisoner to be detained, and sent for the police. The guards produced belonged to her late husband, and were found underneath the carpet near the mantel-piece. The guards were valued at £5.

Maria Eady, wife of William Eady, of Baxton Burn, said that on Saturday, 10th October, she was in the house about two minutes past five o'clock. She went up to the room where Mr Harris was in bed. She was present when the male prisoner came in about 8·30, and was followed by his wife. About 9·30, she had occasion to look on the mantel-piece, and saw the guards. The defendants were left in the room together. After the male prisoner left, the guards were missed, and she kept the female prisoner till the sergeant came.

Emma Jane Eady, daughter of the last witness, said that she was servant for Mrs Harris. On Thursday, 15th October, she cleaned the bedroom. In taking up the carpet, she found the two guards underneath. The carpet was nailed down.

Sergeant Tate spoke to arresting prisoners on suspicion of having stolen the guards on the 10th inst. He found the female prisoner detained at Mrs Harris's house, and also the male prisoner at a lodging-house. He took them to the prosecutrix's house, and charged them with the offence. Defendants denied the offence, and said they knew nothing about it.

The Chairman said it was a case of strong suspicion, but they would give defendants the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the case.

SECOND COURT.

Before F. PRIESTMAN, and J. T. POTTS, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

Twenty-four persons were accused of drunkenness, hailing from Dipton, Leadgate, Blackhall Mill, Blackhill, and Consett, and were fined in penalties varying from 2s 6d to 10s and costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

The following persons were proceeded against by Mr David Mole, at the instance of the Collierley School Board:—*George Robson*, dismissed; *Michael McClusky*, 5s; *Philip McGuire*, 5s; *John Russell*, dismissed; *John Kelly*, adjourned; *Jonathan Gill*, 5s.

Patrick Keefe was summoned by Mr Wm. Ward, attendance officer for the Lanchester School Attendance Committee for a similar offence and was fined 5s.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

William Clifford and *Patrick Agnew* were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months for fighting at Consett on Saturday.

CONCERT AT LEADGATE

On Monday night, an entertainment was given in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, for the benefit of Matthew Nevin, of Bradley Cottages, who has been off work for a number of weeks. The entertainment was promoted by his fellow-workmen, and great credit is due for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. The programme was rendered by the Brittannia choir, under the able leadership of Mr R. Jones, Bradley Cottages. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Winter, of Leadgate, who said, that although this choir had only been in existence for about two months it had made rapid progress. The first piece, entitled "Awake Aeolian Lyre," was contributed by the choir in excellent style. This was followed by a solo, "Maggie's secret," by Miss L. Jones, who did full justice thereto. The next was a solo by Mr R. Jones, who sang splendidly "Hearts of oak." A duet, "Flower girls," by the Misses Dent was received with evident satisfaction. A recitation was then given by Miss Richardson, who proved herself to be an efficient elocutionist. "Mary of Argyle," was next sung by Miss K. Jones in capable style, and was followed by Miss Joel singing "The song that reached my heart," which was greeted with applause. Messrs Jones and Kennedy appeared in the "Pilot brave" with equal success. "Afton water" was sung by Miss Dent in good style. After "Comrades song of hope" by the choir, "The banks of Allan water" was given by Miss Dent, and Miss Harwood followed with "Love's golden dream," which fairly held the audience spell-bound. The duet, "Come o'er the moonlit sea," by Misses Jones and Joel won the appreciation of the audience. The next was a recitation by Miss Richardson, and Mr J. Kennedy sang "Wreck of the life-boat" in good style. "Love was once" by Miss K. Jones and "Grandma's advice" by Miss L. Jones were given in an appreciative manner. A hearty vote of thanks to those who had taken part in the proceedings brought the meeting to a close. Mr R. Bartle, Leadgate, acted as accompanist. The sum of £5 10s 3d was handed over to the unfortunate man.

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UNIONISM IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

MR JOHN DUNVILLE AT SOUTH MOOR.

On Thursday se'nnight, Mr J. Dunville, Liberal Unionist candidate for North-West Durham, inaugurated another campaign in that division, by addressing a large public meeting of the electors in the Infant Schools, South Moor. The chair was filled by Mr James Fairley, colliery manager, and he was supported by Mr Dunville, Mr J. G. Murray, Conservative agent; Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., Shotley Hall; Coun. J. T. Forster, Burnhope; Mr W. Welsh, South Moor, Mr J. Errington, Oxhill; Mr W. Archer, Stanley; Mr J. Gibson, Burnhope; Mr J. T. Wardle, Craghead; Mr W. Gray, Burnhope; the Misses Fairley, the Misses Welsh, Mr J. Royston Booth, Blackhill, and others.

The Chairman said he wanted to remove the impression that he was a Liberal. He was a staunch and sound Tory. (Applause.) He looked upon the word "Liberal," so far as it referred to politics, as a delusion. He believed if they wanted to make a purchase they would get from a Conservative for £100, what the Liberals would charge £500 for. (Applause.)

Mr J. DUNVILLE, who was favourably received, stated that as the general election drew nigher, great issues were at stake, and the questions upon which that election would be fought had been brought home to them more clearly. He came there in hopes of gaining some small support—perhaps a good deal of support—for the Government, which had maintained peace abroad and had produced prosperity at home; a Government which had done so much for the community at large, and was eager to do even still more for that community—especially the working classes. (Applause.) The Liberal Unionist party had been very much abused, and they had received very little credit for the action they took in 1886. He thought all fair-minded men amongst their opponents would admit that they had absolutely nothing to gain by opposing Home Rule. They were actuated not by motives of party venture, but because they believed it to be a movement of national importance. Had the 93 members of the Unionist party supported Mr Gladstone at that time, they would probably have had granted Home Rule to Ireland under the Bill of 1886—a Bill which the Nationalist party in Ireland only accepted as a "go-between"—as something whereby they expected to gain a great deal, and a Bill which they knew would most probably have proved very disastrous to the sister country. (Applause). What scheme of Home Rule was now offered by Mr Gladstone? The ex-premier did not favour his own supporters, let alone his political opponents, with any outline of the scheme he advocated. He (Mr Dunville) felt quite certain that whatever Home Rule Bill was introduced, it must be a measure of a very extreme sort if it attempted in any way to satisfy the Irish Nationalist party. (Applause). They knew for a fact that a Parliament established in Dublin would really be guided by the Roman Catholic section in Ireland. They had very distinct proof of this at the recent elections. Such a thing was unknown, and would not be tolerated in this country, as electors being brought to the polling booths by the priests. It had always been trumpeted forth that one of the great principles of the Liberal party was religious equality, but the Gladstonians accepted the priests as their allies, and they would consequently be the future rulers of Ireland, if Home Rule was conceded. He thought the electors of that constituency would soon judge that matter for themselves. (Hear). Another thing he wished them to consider very carefully at the next election—was it more or less probable that if a separate Parliament in Dublin, which must be composed of men avowedly hostile to Great Britain and her interests—would Ireland be a greater thorn in the side of England than she had been before. It was all very well for Mr Gladstone to talk about "sweeping Ireland away," by giving Home Rule and handing the Government to the party of disorder, but he (the speaker) felt certain that would not keep Ireland out of the way. Very little was said by various speakers regarding Lord Salisbury's Government's Foreign Policy, which was of the very utmost importance to their national welfare and interests. He (the speaker) said that during the past five years there had been peace abroad and prosperity at home, and the greatest confidence reposed in the ministry in all commercial circles. (Applause.) The matter for the electors to consider was whether they would run the chance of a very different state of affairs indeed, if Mr Gladstone was returned to power. They had observed from reports in the newspapers this last few days, that in several foreign countries and diplomatic circles there was a certain feeling of uneasiness in view of Mr Gladstone being returned at the head of affairs in this country, inasmuch as several of their alliances abroad would be broken up. (Voice: "Keep the bear back, or else he'll be biting us.") That gentleman was perfectly right. Mr Gladstone had not spoken in very amicable terms of the Triple Alliance. The great power were England's fast and firm friends, and if she quarrelled with them she must seek other friends, and the latter would demand something in return for their friendship. Suppose England had to turn to Russia or France to form an alliance, Russia would want to extend her frontier to India, or perhaps demand Egypt. Mr Gladstone in his speech at Newcastle did not say very definitely—in fact he did not make a definite statement on any point (laughter)—but he implied that the British troops should be withdrawn from Egypt at the earliest possible opportunity. That was all very well, but there might be a question as to whether it was right or wrong to occupy Egypt. When they had gone there, however, and had accomplished so much useful work there, surely they were not going to allow another nation to step in and reap the benefits of what they had done. (Applause.) England and France entered into an alliance with the Khedive, and promised to re-establish his authority and restore order in that country. France, however, backed out of the transaction, and England was left to do the work herself. The present would therefore be the worst possible time to evacuate Egypt, for if they did, either the Turkish pashas would gain possession of the country, or France would step in and reap the benefits of the work begun by England. (Applause.) The programme enunciated by Mr Gladstone at Newcastle was a very strange one as far as it goes. Amongst the many items in the programme were "one man one vote," Dis-establishment of the Scotch Church, and a legal eight hours' day. He (Mr Dunville) believed the Eight Hours Bill was not unanimously accepted by the Gladstonian party, and he imagined that the majority of Radical members were not in favour of the proposal. "One man one vote" should be analysed most carefully. It was a very sound principle so far as it went, but if they had "one man one vote," why should they not have equal electoral districts? Why should one man's vote in one constituency be worth two of another person's vote in the next district? The Gladstonians should be honest about this matter, and go in for a new Reform Bill or Manhood Suffrage. Scotch disestablishment was a point that ought to be decided, more or less, by the Scotch people themselves. He did not think there were any grounds for assuming that the majority of the electors of Scotland were in favour of the disestablishment of their church, and he had no doubt this would be made a test question at the ensuing election. Then if it were found that the majority of Scotch people wished for the church to be disestablished, the Liberal party would be perfectly justified in dealing with the question on its merits. (Hear.) In the Gladstonian programme they must not lose sight of the fact that Home Rule was to be carried before any other social legislation embodied in the programme was entered upon. He would ask his Gladstonian friends how long did they suppose it would take the Home Rule Bill to pass through the House? Three or five years would probably elapse before they got those reforms, which were said to be so necessary at present, and Ireland would simply be made an obstruction and stumbling block to anything else. (Applause.) He would like to know what grievances existed in Ireland at the present moment? In what respect were they treated differently by the law to the English people? It was intended by the Government early in the coming session to pass a measure of local government for Ireland. Nothing but total separation, however, would satisfy the party of agitation in Ireland. (Applause.) The present Government had passed a Local Government Bill, and had remitted more taxation than any administration had done during the past 10 or 15 years. (Loud cheers.) They had granted a Land Bill to that downtrodden country, whereby a tenant could become the absolute owner of his farm by purchase at a price varying from 20 to 30 per cent. lower than the original rent in the space of 49 years. (Applause.) The Irish were lucky indeed, for they had not got such a measure as that in England. (Applause.) Another beneficial Act was the Free Education Bill. (Applause.) And yet they were told that this was a reactionary Government, and that the only Government likely to do anything for the working classes was a Gladstonian Administration. The Radical orators seemed to have no substantial policy to present to the country, but contented themselves with adversely criticising the deeds and actions of the Unionist Government. In conclusion, Mr Dunville repudiated the assertions of Radical orators that the Government would not do anything for the working classes until pressure was brought to bear, and appealed to his hearers to record their votes so as to keep Lord Salisbury's Government in office for another period. (Loud cheers.)

Mr J. G. MURRAY (Conservative agent) and Mr J. ROYSTON BOOTH (Unionist sub-agent for the division) also addressed the gathering.

On the motion of Mr DAVISON, seconded by Mr SMITH, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr Dunville for his address.

Mr DUNVILLE, in reply, stated that although they might not win the next election, he would be very much mistaken indeed if they did not materially reduce Mr Atherley-Jones's majority at the last election. (Applause.) He believed the voters of North-West Durham would not be led blindly to the polling booths. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very successful meeting.

MR DUNVILLE AT SATLEY.

On Friday night, Mr J. Dunville, in continuation of his campaign, spoke at a public meeting of the electors in the National Schoolroom, Satley. There was a good attendance of ladies and gentlemen, including Mr W. Fawcett, Satley Grange; Mr M. Buckham, Satley; Mr M. Bullen, Barnard Castle; Coun. J. T. Forster, Burnhope; Mr H. L. Burgess, Burnhope; Mr J. Gibson, Burnhope; Mr J. G. Murray, Benfieldside; Mr J. Royston Booth, Blackhill; Messrs Dixon, Nicholson, and Green, Satley, and others.

The chair was occupied by the Rev J. T. L. Warneford (vicar of Satley), who in a few choice sentences introduced

Mr DUNVILLE, who was heartily cheered on rising. He remarked that Mr Atherley-Jones, when addressing his constituents last autumn spoke of the Nationalisation of land, and led his hearers to understand that he was in favour of some measure of this sort. He did not pretend to say whether this idea was accepted by the majority of the Gladstonian party. Mr Gladstone denounced such a scheme, and considered it would prove disastrous to this country. There were only two methods by which this plan could be carried into effect. One would be to take possession of the land and hand it over to the people, from whom they would not receive anything, and the outcome would naturally be that payment to the landowners would fall upon the taxpayers, and would be an enormous burden to the taxpayers, and moreover what he considered a most unjust one. (Applause.) There were large mortgages on most farms—lent by insurance companies and building societies, in which the agricultural population had their savings invested—and if a measure of Nationalisation of land were passed, and the property confiscated, they would be robbing the agricultural labourers. He (Mr Dunville) did not think Mr Atherley-Jones gave any definite idea as to how this scheme could be accomplished, indeed, it was one of the peculiarities of the hon. members not to give definite ideas on any subject. (Laughter.) The proposal of "one man one vote" would not benefit the working classes in any way. Why should not the Gladstonians go in for manhood suffrage or a new Reform Bill? An eight hours bill sounded very well, but the people of this country were the best judges of how long they should work. It would be a most injudicious thing to allow Parliament to determine the number of hours they should toil, or the natural consequence was that Parliament would decide the wages that should be paid to them. (Voice: "That's about it.") He urged the working men, and particularly the mining classes in Durham to consider this matter gravely and see what benefit or advantages they would derive from such a Bill. With regard to Home Rule for Ireland—(a voice: "We want Home Rule for England as well as Ireland")—if such a measure was granted to Ireland, similar concessions would undoubtedly have to be conceded to England, Scotland, and Wales, and this would indeed result in a curious state of affairs. A Home Rule scheme for Ireland must necessarily be of a controversial sort, and would effect a great constitutional change in the country—one of the greatest changes known in the memory of man. If there was an Imperial Parliament at Westminster, and separate Parliaments for Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, each with different Prime Ministers, how would they manage affairs, assuming that a Conservative Goverment was in office in England, a Gladstonian Government in Scotland, and a Nationalist Government in Ireland? Did they suppose these four Governments would pull harmoniously together? What was going to happen to their imperial affairs? It was a most extraordinary thing to entertain [illegible] an idea. If they split up the empire into different parts what would be the result? Unity is power. If broken up into parts, Great Britain, instead of having the greatest and most powerful Empire in the world, would become a very insignificant country. (Applause.) The Coercion Bill was only now enforced in one or two districts in Ireland, and its influence only felt in the slightest degree. Last winter grievious distress existed in Ireland, the people in some districts being on the verge of starvation. The Imperial Parliament, chiefly through the great ability and influence of Mr Balfour, laid down light railways, thus affording employment to many out of work. If a Parliament was established in Dublin it would not be in a position to find resources or funds to cope with a crisis of that sort. Under the circumstances it would be much better for Ireland, Scotland, and Wales to remain under one Parliament and one constitution—Westminster. (Cheers.) Adverting to the Gladstonian allies—the Roman Catholic Hierarchy—Mr Dunville explained that the Archbishop of Armagh (who was against the Parnellite party) had issued a pastoral, in which he said:—"The state of affairs in Ireland is very bad indeed. The doctrines preached by the Parnellite party tend to wean the people from their priests—in fact, to allow the people to use their own judgment." Such a statement has never been uttered before, and yet the Gladstonians accepted the faction guided by the priests as their allies. What was the Ballot Act for except to give the privilege of exercising their own judgment? (Applause.) They would not tolerate such a state of things in this country for one moment. He therefore asked his hearers not to hand that party over to be dominated and swayed over by the Roman Church. The Nonconformists of Ireland had appealed to their co-religionists in England, but they had received very little support from them. They said that Mr Gladstone was going to Disestablish the Church in Wales, and consequently the handing of the Nonconformist bodies to the mercies of the Roman Catholics was of concern to them. The speaker next recapitulated the various measures adopted by the present ministry, and said it would be a pity to do away with the voluntary schools, which had done so much good in the past, because it would result in the doubling of the school rates. He finished his speech by appealing for support at the next general election. (Cheers).

Mr BULLEN, in the course of a telling and effective speech, criticised the Newcastle programme, and pointed out that several items of "reform"—such as triennial Parliaments, payment of members, &c.—had in past years been in operation in this country, but had been abolished as measures of "reform" by the Whigs, who were the ancestors of the present Liberal party. He (the speaker) contended that triennial Parliaments would throw the country into a continual state of turmoil. They would have to pay a large salary to get competent and efficient men to go to Parliament, and this would entail an enormous expenditure. Besides, the custom would lead to trading in politics, in the same way as it had resulted in America. Mr Bullen next dwelt on Irish affairs.

Mr W. FAWCETT proposed, and Mr W. NICHOLSON seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr Dunville for the exposition of his views.

This was carried by acclamation, and Mr DUNVILLE, in response, said he had been told that it would be an uphill battle to contest that division, but the friendly way he was received at the different places he had visited gave him very great encouragement. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging a similar expression of thanks, remarked that the Conservative and Unionist party were making rapid strides throughout the country, and the miners and others were beginning to think, as they gained more intelligence and enlightenment, that it was perhaps much better to retain the present Government in power, as their ministers had shown themselves the true friends of the people. (Cheers.) The next general election would show the advance of the Unionist party in North-West Durham. (Cheers.)

The meeting then ended.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT QUEBEC.

On Monday night, Mr Dunville addressed another large public meeting of the electors in the School Room, Quebec. The chair was occupied by Mr Thos. Lowdon, colliery manager, Hamsteels, and he was supported by Mr Dunville, Mr McCullagh, London, Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, Messrs J. G. Murray and J. R. Booth, and others.

The CHAIRMAN said he was glad that they had turned out to hear Mr Dunville express his views upon the various topics that they heard so much about at the present time. He hoped that if Mr Dunville should say something that did not agree with them they would accept the same in good spirit. (Hear.) What he wanted them to do was to give the Liberal Unionist candidate a hearing. Mr Dunville was a perfect stranger to him and in all probability to them also. He advised them to treat the gentleman kindly, in order that wherever he went he might speak well of the Durham miners. (Applause.)

Mr DUNVILLE, on rising, was loudly cheered. He remarked that at the meetings that he had addressed so far he had been very favourably received, and his hearers had listened very carefully to what he had to say. They all knew that he came there as a Unionist candidate, and belonged to that section of Liberal Unionist which separated themselves from Mr Gladstone in 1886. Mr Dunville proceeded to speak of the various topics he touched upon at previous meetings. The Newcastle programme, he went on to say, promised them everything, but contained nothing. He would like them to examine it and exercise their judgment upon the same. Proceeding to deal with the question of paid members of Parliament, Mr Dunville said that if such a thing did come to pass they, as electors, would not get such good men to represent them as they had at present. He thought that the money that paid the members would have to come out of the pockets of the ratepayers, and they would be greatly taxed. (Applause). He next referred to what the present Government had done, and appealed for support at the coming contest.

Mr McCULLAGH next spoke, and said that he took it as an honour to address them, because he understood that the majority present were Gladstonians. At one time there was never a more devoted follower of that great statesman than he was; but like many more he differed from him with regard to the Irish question. If they did differ from Mr Gladstone they were seekers after truth, and acted according to the dictates of their conscience. He asked them to exercise very carefully their votes at the next general election. He declared that the Unionist party was the best. Mr Gladstone's programme consisted of promises, and promises only. The present Government had done a great deal for the working-classes. It was only right that a Government should be economical, and this was what the present Government had been. They had saved the country one million pounds. They had reduced taxation. This he considered a great financial achievement for any Government to accomplish. (Applause.) Speaking of Ireland, he (the speaker) said that the Gladstonians had admitted that a great deal of good had been done by the Government passing the Land Act of 1887. Last year Mr Balfour did a great deal to cope with what would have been a great distress over that country. (Cheers.) They had been asked to put aside all this, and support Mr Gladstone. There was a minority in Ireland which had given to this country many great men, and helped the country in many ways, and for the sake of that minority he would ask them to use their judgment and decide very carefully with regard to Home Rule.

Some questions were answered by Mr Dunville, and the usual votes of thanks terminated an enthusiastic meeting.

LIVELY MEETING AT TANTOBIE.

On Thursday evening, Mr Dunville addressed a meeting in the Co-operative Hall, Tantobie. There was a large attendance, and the chair was occupied by Ald. U. A. Ritson, J.P. He was supported by Mr Dunville, Mr Walton-Wilson, Mr McCullagh, Mr Jefferies, Sheffield; Coun. Forster, Mr Murray, Mr J. R. Booth, and others.

The CHAIRMAN referred feelingly to the death of Mr H. W. Watson, J.P., late president of the North-West Durham Conservative Association. The present Government had reduced taxation, and he dealt on local taxation, imperial taxation, and trade in general, showing how the country had benefitted by the present Government. The Liberal Government spent £20,000,000 in war, whilst the present administration had not spent a penny, which he considered was a great saving. He pointed out the fact that the navy had been brought up to her proper strength. To show the excellence of the present Government the chairman quoted Mr Plimsoll's testimony and concluded by asking those present to vote for the Government which had done most for the masses, and if they did that he had no fear but what the right party would be returned to power at the next election. (Cheers.)

Mr DUNVILLE, who was favourably received, referring to Mr Gladstone's question of payment of election expenses and paid members of Parliament, he said that such a measure would not answer, if such a thing had to be done by the electors, and if one member was paid they would all have to be paid. The men that represented them would have to be paid large salaries, and would greatly increase the taxes. Mr Dillon, on Saturday, addressed a meeting at Dundalk, and in his remarks he said "Let us give the Liberals a chance to make public their Home Rule Bill." If it is not satisfactory, he would denounce them. In the north of Ireland the cry came forth that they would have nothing else than English rule. It was a serious question indeed if they were going to make the minority of Ireland submit to the rule of catholics. Ireland was entitled to no more than they possessed in England. (Applause.) He was glad to say that a Local Government Bill for Ireland was about to be introduced next session. He (Mr Dunville) next referred to what the Government had done. The case of Ireland was one that they were tired of, but nevertheless they had greater prosperity in that country at the present time than they had ever had for 10 years. They knew that money was raised to meet the distress in Ireland, and Mr Balfour formed a scheme for making light railways.

A VOTER asked if Mr Dunville was in favour of the registrar attending marriages at the different places of worship?

Mr DUNVILLE: I am not. (Applause.)

An ELECTOR stated that Mr Dunville, in his speech, had travelled all round the world——

The CHAIRMAN: Question, please.

The ELECTOR (continuing): I will give you the question. I was going to say that the name of Dunville did not commend itself to my mind. (Cheers.) It smelt of whiskey. (Laughter.) I would like to ask Mr Dunville if he is any relation to the great firm of Dunville's. (Cheers.) I would also like the candidate to express his views on the Sunday closing question, which was of vital importance to this district.

Mr DUNVILLE said he was not ashamed to tell them that he was connected with the firm of Dunville and Co. (Laughter and applause.) With regard to Sunday-closing, he was in favour of handing over the licensing powers to the County Council for them to deal with the matter. (Cheers.)

Several other questions were asked and answered.

Mr McCULLAGH, in a short address, proposed a vote of confidence in Mr Dunville.

This was seconded by Mr JEFFERIES, who addressed the meeting at some length on trades unionism. The speaker at times was interrupted with such remarks as "Shut up," "Bouncer," "Bunkum," &c.

Mr NICHOLSON (White-le-Head) thought he would be perfectly in order in submitting an amendment——

The CHAIRMAN (interrupting): It is getting late to do such a thing. (A voice: "Sit down," and disorder).

Mr NICHOLSON: It is only right. You have submitted a vote of confidence in your candidate, and it is only right that there should be an amendment. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Come, now, let us close the meeting. (Hisses, hooting, and shouting "Let the speaker have the chair.")

Mr NICHOLSON: My amendment is "That we pledge ourselves to support Mr Atherley-Jones, and that we do all in our power to secure his return at the next general election." (Cheers.) He was——

The CHAIRMAN (interrupting) said they could not allow him to speak, because it was getting so late.

Mr NICHOLSON: I am perfectly in order, Mr Chairman, and I will not keep the meeting ten minutes. (A voice: "Stick in," and loud cheers.)

At this point, Mr MURRAY rose to his feet, when the audience hooted and hissed, and requested him to sit down.

Mr MURRAY: Mr Chairman——

A VOICE: "Sit down, hinny," and stamping of feet.

Mr JEFFERIES (interposing) asked the audience if they called that liberty, and if it was right to hoot a gentleman when he was on his feet?

After order had been restored, Mr MURRAY said that he merely wished to point out——

A VOICE: "Put him out," and hisses and hoots.

AN ELECTOR: Let the speaker have the chair. (Cries of "Sit down," and hisses and cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said he would really have to interpose. (Ironical laughter.)

Mr NICHOLSON stated that he would ask his supporters to keep their eyes open to the Conservative trickery. A reporter was present, and in all probability they would see in the papers that a vote of confidence was carried in Mr Dunville, which will not be the case. (Cheers and further disturbances.)

Mr MURRAY said he wished to rise to a point of order. (A voice: "Sit down.") He wanted merely to point out that if the motion was not carried, it would go in favour of Mr Atherley-Jones. (Cheers.)

Another ELECTOR rose to his feet, and said that it was very unfair that no reply could be given to the different speakers. It was hardly fair that the different statements made that evening should go forth unchallenged. (Cheers.)

Mr NICHOLSON said he wished to press his amendment. The present prosperity was not due to the present Government——

The CHAIRMAN: We can't allow you to make a speech. (Hisses.) They had not come there to hear him. (Disorder.)

At this stage, the CHAIRMAN'S voice could not be heard on account of the noise being made by the audience.

A VOICE: Let the speaker have his say. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said there had been a mistake made. What was really meant was a vote of thanks to Mr Dunville for his address. (Laughter and ironical cheers.)

The motion was put by the CHAIRMAN, when some 20 hands were held up in favour of the proposition.

Mr DUNVILLE said that it did not discourage him in the least if they did not pass a vote of confidence in him. If he had said anything that had given offence, he could assure them that he had not done it intentionally. He had his convictions, and he would not give them up. In reply to Mr Nichalson, he could inform him that the present prosperity was in no way due to the Liberals. (Cheers.)

A VOICE: You should have allowed the speaker to finish his remarks. (Interruption.)

Mr DUNVILLE: I have only taken him as far as he went.

At this point, Mr NICHOLSON rose to his feet, and put his amendment, which he declared carried by an overwhelming majority amidst ringing cheers and hooting.

The meeting broke up with "Three cheers for Mr Atherley-Jones."

At the close of the meeting, Mr JEFFERIES threw out a challenge to Mr Nicholson that he would debate with the best man that they could bring forward the question of "Peace, retrenchment, and reform," and Mr Murray offered to pay the expenses of the hall.

MEETING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A public meeting of the electors was held on Wednesday night, in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain. There was a large audience, which was presided over by Mr R. B. Parry, Sunderland. On the platform were Councillor W. M. Roche, Sunderland, and Mr J. R. Booth.

Mr DUNVILLE was applauded on rising to speak. Criticising the Newcastle programme, he stated that he did not think triennial Parliaments would do any good to the country. It would be a very difficult matter for a Government to carry on the nations affairs satisfactorily, if they were obliged to appeal to the electorate every two or three years to support their policy. Concerning "one man one vote," under present circumstances, one archbishop could command 10,000 votes in Ireland, therefore if Mr Gladstone was returned to power, he would be wholly dependent upon the Irish members to keep him in office, and he would consequently have to satisfy their demands in return for their support. There was a considerable loyal minority who did not want Home Rule. For instance, the Ulster Old Reform Club, consisting of 400 Liberal members, but at present only 15 or 16 followed Mr Gladstone. (Cheers.) The speaker dealt with the legislation of the existing administration, referring particularly to the Coal Mines Regulation Act, which had done good to the pitmen of that country, and the Merchandise Marks Act, which had resulted in preventing foreign made articles palmed off as British goods, and the County Government Bill. Commenting on the firm foreign policy of the Government, the speaker averred that it had produced increased trade and prosperity.—With regard to Heligoland—a barren piece of country scarcely more than a mile in extent—England had received in return about 2,000,000 square miles of territory in Africa, and 20,000,000 population, which in time would be brought under British influnce and civilisation. (Cheers.) Would the same tide of prosperity continue if Mr Gladstone's Government came into office? (Cheers.)

Mr ROCHE, in his address, dealt with the utterances of Mr Storey and Mr Atherley-Jones, on the occasion of their visit to Annfield Plain, a month previously, but was interruped by Mr Jas. Strawbridge (who wanted to ask questions of the candidate), and a voice calling "Three cheers for Jones," which was lustily responded to. Mr Roche stated that Mr Atherley-Jones buttered Mr Storey and then abused Mr Dunville and the Tories; afterwards, treating of the legal eight hours question, Mr Storey buttered Mr Atherley-Jones, and proceeded to deal with the same subject; their opinions being diametrically opposed to each other. (A voice: "All the better for that.") The question had been discussed by officers of Trades Unions for years, and yet Mr Gladstone confessed at Newcastle that he had not made up his mind on that point. He was merely sitting on a fence, and whatever way the voting power turned at the next election Mr Gladstone would climb down on that particular side. Another important and burning question was Home Rule, and Mr Gladstone ought certainly to give an outline of his proposed measure. A universal eight hours' day would be impossible and utterly impracticable, but the hours of railway servants ought to be curtailed by legislation, and the officers of governmental and public bodies might set an example of shortening the daily hours of toil. The miners, he argued, were powerful enough to acquire an eight hours' working day by means of their organisations. (Applause). Mr Roche contended that neither party had done as much legislation as they ought in the interests of the working classes, but he averred that the Tories had passed more measures of social reform during the past 20 years than the Liberals had ever done. (Applause). He trusted, therefore, that working men would not be led blindly to the poll at the next election, but support Mr Dunville if they thought he was the best member they could have. (Cheers and dissent).

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that there were three things which contributed towards their commercial prosperity—peace, the expansion of old markets, and the development of new markets. They had all this during the present Government *regime*, there being no less than an increase of 130 millions of commerce connected with that country. (Loud cheers).

Mr DUNVILLE was plied for three-quarters of an hour with interrogations. Briefly answered, he gave a definition of a Liberal Unionist, and asserted that the Conservatives had passed more Liberal measures these past few years than ever the Gladstonians had done. (Cries of disapproval). The reason they did not support Mr Gladstone on the Home Rule question was because there was a possibility of him changing his mind again. He (Mr Dunville) was in favour of the removal of religious disabilities, although he did not approve of the proposal of Mr Gladstone to allow a Roman Catholic to hold the office of Lord Chancellor and Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. (Some disorder). He did not speak of the Catholics in reference to their religion, but simply criticised the action of the Hiearchy in regard to its political actions. The bishops and priests guided the people as to how they should vote at elections. (Cheers and dissent.) He did not think any responsible statesman had given a pronounced opinion on the eight hours question. He was not in favour of parish councils, and considered there should be a monetary qualification for all public bodies.

In answer to Mr P. REA, Mr DUNVILLE said he had not investigated the question as to equal rights of Dissenters with the Church people in relation to the marriage and burial laws, but promised to consider the subjects, and let that gentleman know his views on the points. (Cheers.)

After further discussion, Mr DUNVILLE moved a vote of thanks to the chairman.

This was seconded by Mr J. ORR (who said he admired Mr Dunville for the straightforward manner in which the candidate had replied to the questions), and carried unanimously.

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Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for the "WRECK OF THE ARGOSY" in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, Nov. 25th, 1891. 843g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS will be held on Wednesday next, November 4th, 1891. 836g

A LEEK SHOW will be held at Mr THOMAS WATSON'S, Plough Inn, Mountsett, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 1891. Judge, Mr John Cawthorn, Windy Hill. 785g

LARGE BRED BOAR, furrowed March 10th, 1891, bred by Mr TOM STRICKLAND, Thirsk Junction, kept by JAMES BOLAM, Ewehurst, Dipton. Sire, Thirsk Champion 13th; Dam by Lord Worsley; g dam by Thirsk Champion 4th, 793; g g dam by Caltination 30th; g g g dam by Joseph 4th, 101. 5s to be paid at time of Serving. 739g

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The 3rd BALLOT will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, on Friday, October 30th.

Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

All joining on or before Thursday, October 29th, will participate. Only 31 Books remain to be issued. 719g

Public Notices.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES, THURSDAY, November 5th, at 7·30 p.m., Preacher—Rev J. INGHAM (Vicar of Muggleswick), and SUNDAY, Nov. 8th, Preacher—Rev G. D. COPELAND (Vicar of West Rainton). Services at 10·30 a.m., and 6·30 p.m. 849g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Saturday. October 31st, 1891, at 7 o'clock p.m.
808g W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

T. BARTLETT,
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THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

MONDAY, November 2nd, and during the Week, the Great Drama, "THE FRENCH LEAGUE."

Look out for "SIBERIA," and the "COUNT OF MONTE CHRISTO," "NOBLE LOVE," "THE STRIKE," &c. 870g

THE MEMBERS of the First Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society will hold their 61st APPROPRIATION by Ballot, on Monday, 16th November, 1891, at 7·30 p.m., in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill. Those clear on the 10th Nov. will participate.

By Order,
D. ORMEROD, Chairman.
858g J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

S. IVES, LEADGATE.

IN accordance with the Notice in the *Guardian* of the 23rd inst., a large and Influential MEETING of the Inhabitants of Leadgate was held in the Infants' School, on Wednesday Evening, October 28th, Councillor Nicholson in the Chair. Mr E. TODD was appointed Treasurer, and Mr W. BREARS, Secretary.

It was then proposed, and unanimously carried, that a Testimonial be presented to the Rev J. W. MITCHELL, who is leaving the above Parish, where he has faithfully laboured for so many years, for that of South Hetton, to which he has been presented by the Lord Bishop of Durham.

Contributions will be gladly received from all who have appreciated the work of the rev gentleman in the district, and who wish him well in his new sphere of labour.

The Subscription List will close Nov. 30th.

Subscriptions will be received by the Managers of the North-Eastern Bank, Consett and Shotley Bridge, and of Hodgkin, Barnett and Co., Consett and Shotley Bridge; Mr Edward Todd, Leadgate; or by any of the following gentlemen of the Committee:—Messrs. E. W. E. Balleny, Little Greencroft; Chas. Clegg, M. Robson, W. Wharton, J. Parker, M. Willey, Leadgate; J. Graham, Bradley Cottages; W. McIver, Crookhall; Wm. Ward. Iveston; Wm. Gibson, Stoney Heap.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 6, 12, and 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION, at the above Rooms, on Monday, November 9th, 1891, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE. 867g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25 Victoria Street, Consett. 905a

By Mr. W. Cook.

Preliminary Announcement.

MR. W. COOK, instructed by T. H. Parker, will SELL BY AUCTION, on November 14th, 1891, Household FURNITURE, &c. Also, STOCK and HAY, the property of Miss Oliver. Particulars next Week. 847g

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.

A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station. AUCTION SALES will be conducted in the best style, and upon most reasonable terms. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE &c., can be bought right out for Cash.

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Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Great Sale of China and Earthenware, including all the Latest Novelties in Art Pottery, Ivory, or Queen Anne Ware, New Syrian Raised Flower Goods, Artistic China, and Well-executed Services of almost every description.

MR ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr P. HOBSON, of the British China Works, Hanley, Staffordshire, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, November 2nd, 1891, and following Days, a large and most Valuable Stock of High-class CHINA & EARTHENWARE, comprising—Dinner Services of the Latest Designs, embracing different Patterns and Shapes, Tea Services of the Finest China, Painted in Landscape, Flowers, Rustic, Cobalt Blue, Mazarine Blue, and Salmon Colour, finished in Gold, also a few of less expensive character; Breakfast Services similar in design, and in many instances to match the Tea Services; Toilet Services double and single, in New Japonica, Rustic Pompadour, Worcester, Painted Ivy, Landscape, and Flowers, all of which are richly finished in Gold; also a few Servants' Sets; China Painted Dessert Services, handsomely Decorated, Painted by Hand, and richly finished in Gold; Vases, many of which are of costly character, superbly Decorated with Birds, Flowers, Landscapes, Groups, &c.

The Auctioneer has much pleasure in calling attention to this magnificent Stock, the Goods supplied by Mr Hobson at previous Sales having given great satisfaction.

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MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, Nov. 9th, 1891, the Superior HOUSE FURNISHINGS, including :—Handsome Walnut Sideboard, with Bevelled Plates; Neat Dining Table; Powerful American Organ, with 12 Stops; Mahogany Couch, in Hair; Leather Couch; Pair of Easy Chairs, in Hair; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair; 6 Leather Chairs; 6 Windsor Chairs; Rocking and Arm Chairs; 2 Austrian Bentwood Rocking Chairs; 3 Brass-Mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses; Feather and Down Beds; Bolsters and Pillows; Fenders and Fire Irons; Glass and China; Earthenware; and other Effects.

Also, Fined-Toned Trichord Pianoforte in perfect order.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock. 869g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall, Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

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862g J. S. MURRAY.

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MR. JOHN S. MURRAY will SELL BY AUCTION in the Royal Auction Mart, a consignment of Draperies, as above, comprising among other Goods, 30 Men's and Boys' Shirts, 60 Print Remnants, 60 Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Bed Hangings, Skirts, Aprons, Laces, Lace Collars, Bonnets, Felt Hats, Straw Hats, and various other lots connected with the Trade. No Reserve, everything to be absolutely sold out.

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MR. JOHN S. MURRAY, having received instructions, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, November 11th, 1891, subject to conditions which will be read at the time of sale, all those Six very Superior and Well-built DWELLING-HOUSES situate in Market Street, Blackhill, near the Wesleyan Chapel.

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MONDAY, NOV. 2nd, 1891.—60 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 10 Fat Cattle; 215 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 6 Shearling Rams; 9 Finger Calves.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

864g J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Change of Residence.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from JOHN CARR, Esq., of Ebchester Hall, who is leaving the district, will SELL BY AUCTION, at an early date, a large quantity of SURPLUS FURNITURE and other effects. Full particulars in future advertisement and posters. 863g

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865g JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGNITO."]

IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

I was passing along the Quayside, Newcastle, on the afternoon of Wednesday last, when my attention was drawn to a large crowd of people on a thoroughfare abutting that public place of resort. "What is the matter yonder?" I asked, addressing myself to a middle-aged man, a native of Newcastle. "I's sure aw divvent knaw," was the modest reply. "Aw think, hooiver," he observed, "its a monument to a chep who made a speech up theor 4,000 yares syne." I walked up smartly and a few minutes latter stood on the outskirts of the crowd, over whose heads rose a neat column of the shape of Cleoptra's Needle. I noted that it was of Aberdeenshire granite, beautifully polished, the base being of the white granite found in the vicinity of the City of Aberdeen, and the upper cone-shaped part of the red granite found on the coast of the same county, near Peterhead. The effect thus produced is naturally very pretty; but as I could not get near enough for the people to read the inscription, I addressed myself to a policeman who stood by me in the following strain, "To whom is that memorial stone erected?" The preserver of the peace looked at me pitifully, and said deliberately: "It's not a stone; it's a drinking fountain." "To whom is it erected?" I asked sharply. "To anybody," was the provoking reply, and I turned on my heel impressed beyond a doubt that if all policemen were like my latest acquaintance they were more likely to cause men to break the peace than to induce them to preserve it.

[illegible] JOHN WESLEY.

It may be assumed that I at length succeeded in acquiring the desired information, and I was very much pleased to learn that the leading gentlemen of the City of Newcastle had turned out, the Mayor in his chain of gold, to do honour to the name and revered memory—not of a "chep" who made a speech on the banks of the "Coaly Tyne" four thousand years ago, but to the illustrious John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who was born in 1703, and died in 1791. It is very desirable that the name of such a man should be kept green, and a public drinking fountain is a strikingly appropriate memento of a great man whose life work, richly blessed, exerted a reviving influence among the masses like water to the drooping herbs on the scorched plain. There is assuredly no finer symbol of purity of motive and of life than water, and the Newcastle admirers of John Wesley have done well, inasmuch as they have raised a granite pillar and a well of water to perpetuate the loving memory of a great man, who awakened a latent spirit of Christian enthusiasm in the world, laboured to give it freedom of action, and thereafter went to his rest; and he surely sleeps the sleep of the just.

Local and District News

CONSETT.

On Saturday, successful leek shows were held at the houses of Messrs A. Parker, Beehive Inn, and G. Teasdale, Masons' Arms, Consett.

On Wednesday night, the children of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Infant School, Blackhill, favoured with a repetition of the excellent entertainment given by them in the same place on the previous week. There was again a large and appreciative audience.

ALNWICK SEWAGE DISPOSAL.—The Alnwick Local Board of Health have instructed Mr D. Balfour, M.I.C.E., 3, St. Nicholas Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to report on a scheme of sewage disposal for the town of Alnwick.

NEW COUNTY MAGISTRATES.—On Monday, at the Consett Petty Sessions, the Hon. J. G. P. Vereker, of Hamsterley Hall, and Mr J. Thurlow Potts, of Consett and Allansford House, who qualified for the Commission of the Peace at the Durham Quarter Sessions, last week, took their seats on the bench for the first time.

The Young People's Guild in connection with the Consett Primitive Metodist Society was successfully set on foot last Saturday night, where a paper was read by the President (Rev T. J. Watson), subject "Knowledge: its acquisition and power." Mr T. Hull was chairman.

TEMPERANCE WORK.—Mr Thomas Rosbottom, Wigan, concluded a four weeks' temperance mission in the Town Hall, Consett, on Sunday night. Mr Palliser, Blackhill, presided. The hall was crowded to excess, whilst many persons could not get in. This is the most successful mission ever held in Consett. The musical programme given each night received repeated *encores*. Mr Rosbottom has been assisted by Mr J. W. Davison, and Messrs Brodie, Ellison, Palliser, and Douglas. At Saturday night's concert Mr Charles Davison was *encored* for his singing of the "Death of Nelson." Master John R. Davison, a little wonder, ten years of age, received an *encore* for each of his pianoforte solos. Miss S. Walker, of Sheffield, a soprano soloist, was highly successful, her song, "Happy moments," being *encored*. The talented Warr family have proved a great success, and Mr H. Walker has been a first-class accompanist. During the mission many pledges have been taken. Mr Rosbottom and his concert party have been invited to pay another visit to Consett.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Messrs Castle and Ellis's company are fulfilling a 12 nights' engagement here, producing this week the Irish drama, "A world of pride," and "The first false step." Good houses have been the rule during the week, and it is also a good all-round company. In the first-named piece "Sir Ralph Oswald" is ably filled by Mr C. Clifford, and Mr Horace Sedgeley renders a good account of himself as "Colonel O'Cleary." Mr Henry Braham as "Father Egan" is a typical "soggarth aroon," and was rewarded with well-merited applause for his deliniation of the character. Mr Geo. D. Knight gave entire satisfaction in the dual parts of "Morris Fitzgerald" and "Monsieur Beaureget," and as "Crawley Cappey" Mr J. P. Lallen received his share of applause usually meted out to the viallian of the piece. Miss Louise Brioli was an able "Lady Isabel Oswald," and Miss Maud Camfield was most pleasing as "Katie Fitzgerald." Mr Edward Beasley as "Trickey Mickey Moran" and Miss Lizzie Wilson as "Biddy O'Hara" managed to keep the audience in the best of humour.

FAILURE OF A GROCER.—On Tuesday, at the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court, before Mr Registrar Ingledew, Robert Willey, grocer, Mount Pleasant, Consett, underwent his first public examination. Debtor said he had been in business twelve years, and had been in Consett six years. His takings had averaged £60, £70, or £80 a week, upon which there would be about 12 per cent profit. Recently he entered into an agreement with a friend by which he got £100 on the security of his furniture. He had carried on business for about two years at Shotley Bridge, but finished with it in January last, transferring his interest in it for £80. He had not got all the money yet. He first became aware of his insolvency about three months ago. His deficiency was £418. The examination was adjourned.

BLACKHILL.

At the grand opening of St. Michael's New Catholic Church, Newcastle, on Sunday, the work selected for the evening service was the new "Festival Benediction Service," composed by Mr E. J. Sloane, L. Mus., L.C.M., of Blackhill. The accompaniments were skilfully performed by Mr J. H. Beer's full orchestral band. The soloists were;—Madame Tomsett (soprano), Madame Fleming (contralto), Mr G. J. Moody (tenor), and Mr A. Lohmeyer (bass). The composer (Mr E. J. Sloane) conducted the choir and orchestra.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS.—The November hirings will be held on Wednesday next.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.—Rev Edward Harcourt Greatorex, M.A., Pembroke College, Oxford, curate of St. Hilda's, South Shields parish Church, has accepted the curacy of St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, and will shortly begin to work in the parish.

MISSIONARY LECTURE.—A lecture illustrated by lantern views was given in St. Cuthbert's Parochial Room, Shotley Bridge, on Monday evening, by the Venerable Archdeacon Chiswell, B.D., late of Madagascar. The chair was taken by Mr Annandale, J.P., and there was a good attendance. The lecture was very interesting and calculated to promote a greater interest in foreign missions. The collection was in aid of the "Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts." The appointed Society for the Propagation of the Gospel office for meetings—was said by the vicar, Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., and Mr E. Hay ward acted as organist. The lecturer (Mr Chiswell) translated the English prayer-book, for the Madagascar mission, into the chief language of the island.

PROPOSED PRACTICAL DAIRY LECTURES.—We are glad to note that arrangements are being made to secure a course of practical dairy lectures for Shotley Bridge and district at an early date. The funds are being supplied by the Durham County Council out of the Technical Education Grant, and the Travelling Dairy School will be under the direction of Professor Garnett, of the Durham College of Physical Science. The only difficulty seems to be the obtaining of a sufficient supply of cream daily, but as those who will be mostly benefitted by the lectures can easily supply the cream by a little co-operation, we think there ought to be no difficulty in the matter.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Our Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Methodist friends are to be highly congratulated on the success which has already attended their entertaining and most instructive temperance and band of hope meetings, and notwithstanding many counter attractions the school-room, on Monday night, was filled, and Rev J. V. Sutton presided. The rev. gentleman was well received, and gave some very interesting and graphic illustrations on temperance. The address to children was instructive. The programme was introduced by the Chairman, who called on the choir, under the leadership of Mr J. Johnson, to give their pieces, and the string band gave music selections. Several excellent recitations were given by the children. Mr A. Seed, Shotley Bridge, gave a very amusing address, and Miss S. Wilson, Shotley Bridge, acted as accompanist.

MEDOMSLEY.

A leek show was held at the house of Mr John Minto, Miners' Arms, Medomsley, on Saturday, when 30 splendid prizes were given. Mr Johnson, Low Fell, acted as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF A BOY.—On Saturday, an inquest was held by Mr J. Graham, coroner, touching the death of the boy George Lovatt, aged 11 years, who died at the door of his mother's house at Medomsley, on the previous Thursday afternoon, while watching a conveyance go past.—The jury, having heard the evidence, recorded a verdict that death was due to "failure of the heart's action.

BURNOPFIELD.

LOCAL HONOURS.—The many friends of Mr W. Brabban, fifth son of the late William Brabban, of Byer Moor Colliery, will be glad to learn that Mr Brabban has been promoted to the head-mastership of St. John's National School, Newcastle. Mr Brabban served his apprenticeship with Mr Saunders, of Marley Hill Board School, and as the result of careful and strict industry he was enabled to secure a two years' term in Bede College, Durham. Upon leaving college he was engaged as senior assistant-master in St. John's schools for the last four years.

WHITE LE-HEAD.

The members of the Middleton Leek Show held their exhibition of leeks in the Bird Inn, White-le-Head. Mr Robert Stella, Swalwell, was judge.—On Monday night, at the close of the show, a most enjoyable evening was spent, under the chairmanship of Mr J. Brewis, and songs were sung by Messrs Bock, Houghton, Christie and Brewis.

LANCHESTER.

Yesterday (Thursday), Miss Edith Taylor-Smith entertained her tenants on the Colepike and Broadwood estates to their annual dinner at the Queen's Head Inn, Lanchester, a substantial repast being served up by Mr and Mrs Towns. Afterwards, Mr Thomas Taylor-Smith, of Heathdale, Gosforth, was voted to the chair, and a social evening was spent.

SWALWELL.

BAND OF HOPE.—On Monday evening, the usual weekly meeting of the Swalwell Band of Hope was held, Mr Speers presiding. The programme was supplied by some friends from Newcastle.

WEST STANLEY.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The anniversary services were held at West Stanley, on Saturday afternoon, a powerful sermon being preached by the Rev A. T. Guttery, South Shields. A substantial tea was provided by Mesdames Clough and Manisty, to which about 250 sat down. In the evening Mr Guttery lectured on "Wilberforce, the slave's friend." On Sunday, sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Mr Guttery, and in the afternoon by Rev T. Archer. The chapel was crowded on Sunday evening. The total proceeds for the week end were £19.

WEARDALE.

HIGH HOUSE WESLEYANS.—On Friday night, the annual gathering in aid of foreign missions was held—Dr C. C. Hewitson in the chair. Eloquent appealing addresses were given by Revs Joshua Haigh, Birmingham, and J. Gibson, St. John's.

THE WEATHER AND CROPS.—There has been over a week's dry weather in Weardale—something unusual for the present and past season. Farmers have largely taken the advantage of it, and have secured their corn crops and lifted most of their potatoes.

WESTGATE OCTOBER FAIR.—This annual fair was held on Thursday week. There was a large quantity of stock for sale, but it was characterised as a slow, dull fair. At the close of the fair, Mr Dalkin held a sale of fat Scotch wethers, and other special cattle. Prices had slightly a downward tendering.

ACCIDENT.—While Mr Dowson, Ireshopeburn, was proceeded to Wearhead his horse bolted. On reaching the bend of the bridge over the Wear, it leapt the wall flanking the rocky ravine of the river. The animal was much cut and bruised.

HEALTHY WEARDALE.—Few places are so healthy as Weardale, with its bracing air and pure spring water. Smoke is an unknown factor in the sweet mountain air of Weardale. The death returns afford conclusive evidence of the healthy locality, as the average of the few deaths therein is 74½ years, while for two months only eight deaths have occurred.

NEW CURACY FOR IRESHOPEBURN.—It is reported that a curacy in connection with St. John's Chapel Church is to be founded at Ireshopeburn, and that the ex-dale's teacher, Mr V. English, who has just been ordained, will receive the appointment.

FROSTERLEY.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.—Mr John Oliver, of Burn Hill, preached two excellent sermons to large companies, in the Frosterley Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday, in behalf of Wesleyan missions.

GEOLOGY.—A geological class has been formed at Frosterley for young men. It is being taught by Mr Barker, quarry manager for Messrs Pease and Partners. Upwards of a score of members have been enrolled. An examination takes place in May at the end of the session, when prizes will be given by Messrs Pease and Partners to the most successful students, also certificates will be given and prizes awarded by the South Kensington Science and Art Department.

LANGLEY PARK.

WESLEYAN SERVICE OF SONG.—On Tuesday evening, a repetition of the service of song as recently given at Newcastle was given in the Wesleyan Chapel, Langley Park. The conductor was Mr H. Hepburn, and Mr T. Chicken officiated at the organ. In the absence of Mr Wm. Logan, Mr P. Hall occupied the chair. The proceeds were in aid of the choir.

WOLSINGHAM.

FUNERAL OF "WILLIE" WINDLE.—On Tuesday, the funeral of William Henry, son of Mr and Mrs C. Windle, took place at Wolsingham amid many tokens of sincere respect. Service was conducted in the Wesleyan Chapel by Rev J. R. Cleminson. A large number of day and Sunday scholars joined in the long procession. Much sympathy is felt for the parents in their sad bereavement.

POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT.—On Saturday night, in connection with the temperance cause, an enjoyable entertainment was provided in the Wesleyan School-room at Wolsingham, by the members of the Tow Law Wesleyan Mission Brass Band. A number of "speechettes" and solos were effectively given, whilst the Brass Band was an attraction in itself. Mr T. E. Fenwick presided. Votes of thanks to the entertainers and chairman were proposed by Mr Joseph Parker, and seconded by Mr Langdale.

CONCERT BY DR STEPHENSON'S CHILDREN.—On Wednesday se'nnight, the public of Wolsingham and neighbourhood had a musical treat in the Wesleyan chapel. The Wolsingham Wesleyans had succeeded in securing the services of Dr T. B. Stephenson's boys and girls from the Home for such. The chapel was crowded to excess by an appreciative audience. C. Bainbridge, Esq., presided. The children acquitted themselves nobly and well, and their performance reflected upon their trainers the very highest credit. After each piece, they were vociferously applauded. Now people are aware of the extensive and permanent work done in the Homes by the inmates, as, for instance, they do all their own printing on the place, as well as washing, cooking, dressmaking, carpentering, and repairing; and clerk's work, farm work, knitted goods, and cultivation of flowers also receives much attention. The boys make boots and clothing, and thus each child receives a thorough industrial education. There are now in full operation, 5 branches of the work in England, 1 in Canada, and corresponding agencies in South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand; 3 industrial farms, 8 industrial shops, 27 houses for the shelter and moral and domestic training of the children, 3 hospitals for sick children, 850 children in the mission schools, 500 in situations, but still under the control and supervision of the establishment, a shelter open night and day for girls and young women, and a girls' helpful society, with 800 correspondents in various parts of the country. One child costs about £16 a year. The work is a large and benevolent one.

TOW LAW.

Mr Vickers, auctioneer, offered for sale by public auction in the Mart Hotel, Tow Law, on Monday, three freehold dwelling houses. Bids did not reach the reserve price and the property was withdrawn.

Miss E. Christison, daughter of Sergt. Christison, Tow Law, late pupil teacher at the Tow Law Wesleyan Schools, has passed first-class in the recent scholarship examination, occupying a very creditable position in the list. The young lady will shortly become a student of the Darlington Training College.

LECTURES.—A lecture was delivered in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, on Saturday night, by Mr G. W. B. March, B.A., on "Ireland's Glories." Rev F. Wood occupied the chair.—A lecture on the "Cathedrals and Abbeys of England" was delivered in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, on Monday night, by Mr G. B. March, B.A. The lecture was illustrated by limelight views. The chair was occupied by Rev F. Wood.—A lecture on "My run to Norway," illustrated by magic lantern views, was delivered in the Presbyterian Church, Tow Law, on Monday night, by the pastor. Rev A. Smith occupied the chair.

I.O.G.T.—The "Pride of West" lodge received an official visit from the "Flower of Truth" lodge (Crook) on Tuesday night, and shortly after the meeting had commenced, Mr J. E. Dixon, D.C.T., came in, accompanied by Bro. Wrathall, home mission agent for the northern district, who kindly took the chair, and gave a short address. The visitors gave a good programme which was much appreciated and enjoyed by the company which numbered over 160. At the close of the meeting, the visitors partook of a good supper, provided for them by the home lodge, and then left for home by brakes, having spent a pleasant evening.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr John Hopwood and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday at Tow Law, as Mr Hopwood is old and past working, there was no great display or feasting. Mr Hopwood was born at Mould in North Wales in the year 1821, and was sent to work at the early age of nine at a cotton mill, and at 13 years of age he was employed as a sawyer. In the year 1848 he came to work in the Ironstone Mines at Consett, and was one of the originators of the Durham Miners' Union in that part of the county. At the great meeting at Pinnington Hill he was on the platform with Messrs Jude and Roberts. At Wingate, Spennymoor, Blaydon Main, Derwent, Tanfield Lea, &c., he took an active part along with the late Mr Crawford and John Hunter in looking after the rights of the miners. He also took the the chair at a mass meeting on Willington Batts, with Tommy Ramsey as speaker, and had to suffer for it. In the year 1875 he removed to Tow Law, and worked as a miner till he reached the age of 67, when he ceased work and became a recipient of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund. He is still hale and hearty, and looks like living many years. Mrs Hopwood is not so active or strong. However, we wish them the very best wishes in their declining years, and though they may not be rich in this world's goods, may they be rich in grace and made ripe for the Garner above.

QUEBEC.

On Sunday, Mr Jonathan Southron preached two excellent sermons in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Quebec. The services were attended with great success, the chapel being literally packed with people.—On Monday evening, Mr Southron delivered a lecture on "Samson," to a large and attentive audience. Mr James Wilkinson occupied the chair. The services were interspersed with a choice selection of hymns and anthems by the choir. The proceeds were devoted to the chapel fund.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday night, a fruit banquet and entertainment was held in the the above chapel at Hamsterley Colliery. Mr W. Allan filled the chair, and was accompanied by Mr Maddison, of Blackhill Mill. Duets and solos having been sung by members of the choir, fruit was served at intervals, and the choir sang selections of music, under the leadership of Mr Thomas Hodgson. The usual vote of thanks having been tendered, and the singing of the doxology brought a very successful meeting to a close.

STANHOPE.

WESLEYAN METHODISM.—The Stanhope Wesleyans have just raised £340 towards their new organ and chapel renovation, and £160 remains to be raised, which they intend clearing off this winter, and for that object have arranged for a series of ladies sewing meetings. They are sanguine of success.

PHRENOLOGY.—Prof. Randolph is delivering a series of lectures this week on "Phrenology" in the Town Hall, Stanhope, which are well attended.

Mr Joseph Spark, late quarry manager for Messrs Ord and Maddinson at their Stanhope, Frosterley, and Middleton-in-Teesdale quarries, has taken a limestone quarry to work at Melsomby, near Darlington. There are three kilns in connection with the quarry.

STANHOPE AS A HEATH RESORT.—Stanhope is fast becoming a popular health and pleasure resort. Only this week visitors have been looking up at engaging apartments for next summer. The Improvement Association contemplate doing a lot of work before then, in opening up to the public the sylvan scenery and picturesque beauties of Stanhope Burn wood.

IVESTON.

On Saturday, a celery show was held at the house of Mr Matthew Wilson, Travellers' Rest, Iveston. The exhibits and prizes were greatly admired by the visitors. Mr Lovatt, gardener at Greencroft Hall, officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Mr J. Wiseman acted as secretary.

SATLEY.

The death took place on Wednesday morning, of the oldest inhabitant of Satley, namely, Mr Michael Buckham at the age of 77 years. He was born at Satley, and carried on business for a vast number of years as a joiner and carpenter. Deceased was well known in that portion of West Durham. His wife still survives. Mr Buckham had been ailing for some months.

CATCHGATE.

FARMERS' YEARLY CLUB.—On Saturday night, the first anniversary of the farmers' yearly club was held at the house of Mr Miles Handy, Smith's Arms, Catchgate, when the members, thirty-two in number, sat down to a splendid repast served up by Mrs Handy. After the cloths had been removed and the business of the club transacted, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

FATALITY TO A BURNHOPE MINER

An inquest will be held at the Newcastle Infirmary, on the body of John Galles, 32 years of age, a miner, who met with so serious an injury to his leg at Burnhope Colliery that he was taken to the infirmary, where he expired on Wednesday night.

WEATHER CHART FOR OCTOBER.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following chart for this month:—Cold; rather wet and stormy, especially the first half of the month. Gales about the 2nd, 9th, 13th, 18th, and 23rd. Snow probably about the 7th. Fog about the 25th. Temperature: High thermometer about the middle of the month and 20th; cold periods round the 7th and 23rd. Rain: About two inches; chiefly in the early part of the month. Prevailing Winds: N.W. and S.W. Westerly winds predominate.

PROPOSED LOCAL BOARD FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Monday evening, a ratepayers' meeting was held in Mr W. Taylor's long room, Annfield Plain. Amongst those present were Mr G. Ridley, West Stanley; Messrs Moor, Russell, Cooke, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Pringle, R. Kay, W. Taylor, M. Handy, G. Bullerwell, J. R. Hobson, J. Hall, R. Ayre, Strawbridge, G. Ayre and Rev J. Gornall.—Mr Russell was elected chairman, and read the notice convening the meeting, which was to decide as to adopting the Lighting Act in conjuncting with Greencroft and a portion of Collierley townships. Through the Urban Sanitary Authority at Lanchester there was a lengthy discussion, and on being put the motion was lost; but the Lighting Act was adopted by means of a Local Board, which was carried by a large majority, and a requisition is to be drawn up to be signed by the ratepayers in the three townships—Kyo, Collierley and Greencroft—to be forwarded to the County Council. The prospect of the formation of a Local Board is looking more favourable than any other time in connection with these three townships.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

The nomination of candidates for the Medomsley School Board closed on Wednesday night, the following list having been received by the returning officer (Mr W. H. Ritson, Lanchester):—

John Geo. Armstrong, Medomsley, assistant inspector of weights and measures.
John Calvert, Fell Cottages, blacksmith.
aRev Wm. Cockin, Medomsley, clerk in holy orders.
aWilliam R. Cooke, Westwood, under colliery manager.
aRalph Fenwick, Hamsterley Colliery, under manager.
John Joseph Hedley, Derwent Cote, colliery manager.
aWilliam H. Hedley, Manor House, mining engineer.
aJohn H. Morris, Medomsley, colliery viewer.
aWilliam Robinson, New Fines, grocer.
aThomas Simpson, High Bradley, farmer.

There are 11 candidates for the seven seats. The poll is fixed for the 10th November.

CONCERT AT ROOKHOPE.

On Saturday evening, a concert was given in the Board School, Rookhope, for the benefit of the Working Men's Institute. The school was packed to excess, and the performers were favoured with an attentive and appreciative audience. After a few remarks by the chairman, Mr Parker, the concert was opened by Mr P. Walton giving "The knights' march" as a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by Miss Walton. Miss Clayton followed with a song entitled "Needles and pins," which was well received. "Poor old Joe" was then sung by Mr W. F. Walton. The next piece, a selection from "Maritana," given as a violin solo by Mr Walton, was rendered with great taste and skill. Mr J. Moore sang "John Bull," and was followed by Miss Walton giving a piano solo, "Home, sweet home." "What is home without a mother?" was sung by Miss Bell. Mr Freeman appeared in excellent form, and gave in his inimitable manner the reading entitled "The census paper." Mr T. Moore, whose comic performances are bad to equal, gave "Rooty tooty," which was deservedly *encored*. "The schoolmaster" was next given by Messrs T and J. Moore. Mr P. Walton followed this with a fine rendering as a violin solo of a Scotch selection. Miss Clayton then sang with good effect "Wishes and fishes," after which Miss Bell gave "Only a pansy blossom." Miss Walton then played a piano solo, entitled "The mocking bird," which was listened to with rapt attention. Mr J. Moore gave "My wife's relations" in very good style, and was loudly applauded. This was followed by Mr Freeman giving a reading entitled "Receipt for catching a husband." Mr T. Moore then sang "Square the missus," which was *encored*. The usual votes of thanks brought an exceptionally good concert to a close, after which supper was provided, to which nearly 200 sat down.

The Teredo.

The genus Teredo consists of marine animals having a special and irresistible inclination for submerged wood; for while wood exposed to the air becomes a prey to terrestrial animals, so submerged wood is subject to invasion by aquatic animals, of which the Teredo is by far the most formidable. The Teredo in the bosom of the ocean perforates the hardest timbers, whatever be their hardness. The galleries bored by these imperceptible miners riddle the whole interior of the piece of wood, destroying it entirely, without the slightest external indication of its ravages. The galleries sometimes follow the grain of the wood, sometimes they cut it at right angles; the miners, in fact, change their route the moment they meet in their way either the furrows hollowed out by one of their congeners, or some ancient and abandoned gallery. By a strange kind of instinct, however multiplied may be their furrows or tubes in the same piece of wood, they never mingle—there is never any communication between them. The wood is thus attacked at a thousand diverse points, until it is invaded, and its entire substance destroyed. It is by secret ravages of this kind that the piles and other submarine constructions upon which bridges are built are often riddled and perforated. They appear to all outward examination as solid and perfect as at the moment they were first driven; but they yield to the least effort, bringing ruin and destruction on the edifices they support. Ships have been thus silently and secretly mined, until the planks crumbled into dust under the feet of the sailors. Others have gone down with their crews, their destruction being entirely caused by the ravages of these relentless enemies, which are terrible from their unapproachable littleness. Fortunately, a close attention to the habits of the molluscs has brought a remedy to a most formidable evil; the mollusc has an inveterate antipathy to iron rust, and timber impregnated by the oxide of iron is safe from its ravages. The taste of the Teredo being known, it is only necessary, in order to avoid this dangerous mollusc, to sink the timber which is to be submerged in a tank of prepared oxide of iron—clothed, in short, in a thick cuirass of that antipathy of the Teredo, iron rust. Ship's timbers are also covered with the same protecting coating; but the copper in which ship's bottoms are usually sheathed serves the same purpose.—Cassell's "The Ocean World."

The Weir Valley Harriers met at Fern Lees, Wolsingham, on Wednesday morning.

"HOW TO BEHAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Steeet, Consett.

Football.

☞ Secretaries of clubs will greatly oblige by sending their fixture cards to our office as early as possible.

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

ASSOCIATION.

Oxhill Violets beat West Kyo Rovers, at Oxhill, by one goal to nil.

Sheep Hill Rovers beat Busty Bank Junior Swifts, on the former's ground, by two goals to one.

Consett Swifts beat Crookhall Wanderers, on the former's ground, by three goals to one.

Consett Half-and-Halves (what a name) beat Crookhall Wanderers B, on the latter's ground, by four goals to one.

South Moor Juniors v Allendale Juniors.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by twelve goals to one.

Barcus Close Exiles v Allendale Cottages Juniors.—Played on the Exiles' ground, and after a pleasant game the home team won by three goals to none.

Delves Lane Rovers v Shotley Juniors.—Played at Shotley Spa. After a warm game victory rested with the home team. Score—Shotley, four goals; Rovers, one goal.

Consett Fell B v Derwent Cottages Ramblers.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a win for the Fell by five goals to one.

Allendale Cottages Rising Stars v South Medomsley Heroes.—Played at Dipton, and after a good game resulted in a win for Allendale by three goals to nil.

Oakey's Lilywhites v Tanfield Lea 2nd.—Played on the ground of the latter, and after a well-contested game ended in a win for the Lilywhites by two goals to one.

Hobson Wanderers v Byer Moor.—Played at Byer Moor, the game ending in a draw, each side scoring two goals. Keefe, the home custodian, displayed splendid form between the sticks.

Langley Park Rising Stars v South Medomsley Heroes.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to one. E. Dodgson, J. Hall, and F. Vickers played a good game for the winners.

Marley Hill 2nd v Kip Hill Wanderers.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a pleasant game Marley Hill won by three goals to one. J. Croft played well at half-back for the home team, as did T. Grant and D. Maughan at back, the rest only playing moderately.

Blackhill Park v Hamsterley Excelsiors.—Played at Shotley Spa, and resulted in a win for the Park by twelve goals to nil. The following represented the winners:—Goal, Smart; backs, Kempster and Ritchie; half-backs, Askew, Tyndall, and Chilton; forwards, Lindsay, Chatt, Butler, Tyndall, and Robinson.

Lintzford Reserve v Spen Albion.—Played on the former's ground in fine weather, and before a good gathering of spectators. From some nice passing, in which Gibson, McQuade, and White were conspicuous, the homesters notched their first goal. The visitors shortly after equalised, and at half-time the score was one goal each. The second half was of an even character, and each side scoring once, the result was a draw of two goals each.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Newcastle Falconar.—This match was played on the ground of the former in splendid weather. The home captain won the toss, and elected to kick towards the entrance goal. The visitors set the ball in motion, and some good play was witnessed. About ten minutes from the commencement the home forwards got possession of the leather, and after a capital run scored the only point that was obtained during the game. This roused the visitors, who were soon in the home quarters, but the grand defence of the backs prevented them from scoring. The game after this was very evenly contested, both goals being visited in turn, but no further scoring took place, and a well-contested game ended in a win for the Park by one goal to nil.

Tow Law Athletic v Road End Wanderers.—These clubs met on the ground of the former. The home team won the toss, and chose to kick down the hill. The ball from the start was kept at the visitors' goal, but all attempts to score failed. At last, however, a stinger from the home team's right wing scored a beauty, the only score during the first half. After changing ends, the Wanderers made several unsuccessful attempts at goal, but then the Athletic broke away, and a beauty from the left scored the second point. Midfield play followed till shortly before the close, when the homesters scored again, and the game ended as under—

Athletic........................Three goals
Wanderers ....Nil

The teams were as follows:—Athletic—Goal, McIntyre; backs, Lawson and Campbell; half-backs, Gardiner, Wilkinson, and Foster; forwards, McIntosh, Dixon, Potts, Hodgson, and Work. Wanderers—Goal, Richardson; backs, Greathead and Morgan; half-backs, Renwick, Richardson, and Holmes; forwards, Ward, Proud, Heseltine, Moore, and Lee.

DURHAM ASSOCIATION CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

Dipton Wanderers v Medomsley.—Played on the Dipton ground before a fairly large attendance of spectators. Leadbitter won the toss, and elected to play towards the north goal. Cant set the leather in motion, and the Medomsley forwards made a rush on the Dipton goal and soon obtained a corner, which was well cleared by Freek. The Dipton men obtained possession and ran down, a free kick for hands being given. Buck took the kick, and placed a splendid shot into the goal-mouth, which was put through, scoring first goal for Dipton. Medomsley put on all they knew, and had a few shots into goal, which were cleared by Freek in grand style. A lot of give-and-take play followed, and then Medomsley got dangerous again. Taylor shot and Freek fisted out, the ball being put back again, and Dodds headed the leather through his own goal, scoring for Medomsley. After this the Dipton men had all the best of the play, Leadbitter scoring No. 2. Shortly after T. Walker put in a stinging shot and notched the third point. Then Leadbitter got possession again, and scored No. 4. The whistle sounded with the score standing as under—

Wanderers ....Four goals
Medomsley ....One goal

In the second "45" Medomsley pressed for a while, and then Dipton had a look in, having hard lines in not scoring. After this the sun brightened out, and interfered with the play of the Wanderers very much, it being impossible to see the ball. The visitors took advantage of this and pressed the homesters, with the result that Hedley put in a splendid shot, scoring the second goal. Medomsley were unlucky in not scoring again, Freek being out of goal, but Cant put the ball over the bar. Dipton spurted up again and had a look in, and shortly after time was called, the final result being—

Wanderers ....Four goals
Medomsley ....Two goals

The following were the teams:—Wanderers—Goal, R. Freek; backs, Jas. Walker and T. Turpin; half-backs, A. Dodds, E. Buck, and W. Bowes; forwards, W. Turner and I. Gilliard, right wing; J. Leadbitter (capt.), centre; T. Walker and D. Crozier, left wing. Linesman, Rev R. Tuson. Medomsley—Goal, Thos. Bramley; backs, Wm. Baron and W. Mansell; half-backs, T. Walton, G. Moon, and Robt. Abbott; forwards, J. E. Taylor and H. Smith, right wing; R. Cant, centre; A. M. Hedley (capt.) and J. Veitch, left wing. Linesman, Mr W. Cant. Referee, Mr J. Costello, Leadgate.

Leadgate Exiles v Langley Park Rovers.—Played at Langley Park in fine weather, and before a fair gate. Soon after starting, Dixon obtained possession, and after a capital single-handed run, put on the first goal for the Rovers amid loud cheers from the home supporters. Then the Exiles quickly retaliated, and a good shot from the left was converted into a goal by Kelly, and the scores were equal. Even play followed for some time, and the home forwards kept the Leadgate back division very busy, McGee and Monaghan showing up well. Eventually, the visitors' forwards, after several fruitless attempts to score, again got close in, and Quinn placed his side a goal ahead. Both citadels had narrow escapes subsequently, but the custodians were on their best behaviour, and at half-time the record was—

Exiles ....Two goals
Rovers ....One goal

On resuming, the Rovers were the first to become dangerous, but McGee and Hughes, ably assisted by the halves, repelled all invasions. The visitors then had a look in, and Newton knocked out splendid shots from Monaghan and Kelly, and dealt successfully with several more shortly after. The home forwards tried hard to get through, but the defence was too good, and they seldom got within shooting range. Playing up determinedly, the Exiles had the best of matters, and J. McGee headed a splendid goal from a well-placed corner. Notwithstanding Newton's excellent defence, a fourth goal was quickly added, and J. McGee put on a fifth. By strenuous exertions, the visitors were kept at bay after this, and the final score read—

Exiles ....Five goals
Rovers ....One goal

The teams were—Exiles—Goal, J. McMahon; backs, W. McGee (capt.) and P. Hughes; half-backs, Peter Hughes, J. Haggan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, O. Hughes and T. Kelly, right wing; C. Quinn, centre; J. McGee and J. O'Neil, left wing. Langley Park—Goal, T. Newton; backs, R. Rutter and J. Pickering; half-backs, J. Vickers, J. Agar, and G. Ibbinson; forwards, Chas. Jackson and M. Shorten, right wing; T. Dixon, centre; J. Iveson and J. Gott, left wing. Linesman, T. Rutherford. Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun., Medomsley.

Tanfield Lea v Leadgate Park.—Played on the ground of the former in grand weather, and in the presence of a large number of spectators. Tanfield Lea played in grand style, and soon attacked the Park goal, but the backs saved well, and Hewitt relieved with a long kick. The ball was well returned by the home halves, and N. Gailes secured and put in a good run, centred well, but Beadling fisted out, only to see McDonald send the leather through amid loud cheering. The visitors then attacked the Tanfield fortress, and had hard lines in not scoring, as a good shot struck the bar and Smith relieved, but the ball was well returned. Burnhope obtained possession, but came to grief through colliding with W. Christopher, and the game was stopped for a few minutes. The ball was thrown up, and the Park obtained a corner, which was well placed, but Smith headed over the bar. From the second corner the home forwards secured, Gailes, Neile, and Holmes passing brilliantly, and from a scrimmage in front of the visitors' goal Tanfield put on a second goal. The home team continued to have the best of matters up to half-time, when the score stood—

Tanfield ....Two goals
Park ....Nil

After the usual rest, both teams played well, and the game became very exciting, each goal being stormed in turn. Then the Park seemed to fall off, and the home halves playing well to the forwards, Tanfield put two goals through in quick succession, one being disallowed. The home team maintained the lead to the finish, although only playing ten men during the last 15 minutes, and secured another goal before the call of time. Result—

Tanfield ....Four goals
Park ....Nil

The following represented the visitors:—Goal, Geo. Beadling; backs, T. Hewitt and J. Haggerstone; half-backs, C. Burnhope, J. Wilson (capt.), and R. Boustead; forwards, G. Walton and Chas. Foreman, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; J. Cruddas and J. Hunter, left wing. Linesmen, Messrs F. Jackson and N. Christopher. Referee, Mr W. G. Thompson, Medomsley.

Wolsingham v Woodlands.—Played at Wolsingham. Woodlands kicked off, and the home forwards rushed down, but Hinchley shot high over the bar. From the goal kick Wolsingham pressed strongly, but owing to the erratic shooting of the forwards, and the defence of the Woodlands' backs, they were not able to score. After about 20 minutes' play, Williams miskicking let in Woodlands, and Shipley with a sharp shot scored. From the centre kick, Wolsingham ran down and Metcalfe did the needful. Score at half-time—

Wolsingham ....One goal
Woodlands ....One goal

After give-and-take play in midfield, Hinchley ran down the left and centred beautifully, and Williams scored with a low shot. From now to the finish the home team seemed to have the best of the game, and scored again. Final result—

Wolsingham...........................Three goals
Woodlands ....One goal

Wolsingham team—Goal, Pickering; backs, Herron and Williams; half-backs, Harker, Bell, and Herron; forwards, Williams, Hawdon, Metcalfe, Etherington, and Hinchley. Referee, Mr J. Lowthian, Shildon.

Consett League v Consett Y.M.C.A.—This cup-tie was played on the Leadgate Park ground. The game was a most one-sided affair, and resulted as follows—

League ....Twelve goals
Y.M.C.A. ....Nil

Referee, Mr W. Brears, Leadgate.

RUGBY.

Benfieldside Rovers v South Shields Union British.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals and two tries to one try and six minors.

Blaydon 2nd v Crusaders 2nd.—Played at Hartlepool. Nothing was scored in the first half, but in the second Atkinson, receiving from W. March, ran half the length of the field, and scored a try, which he failed to improve, Blaydon thus winning a good game by two points to nil.

Ryton Wanderers v Tynedale 3rd.—Played at Ryton. Tynedale had the help of six of their second team, including Love, Fenwick, and Charlton. Finlay for Ryton dropped two goals, and a hard game resulted in a victory for Ryton by two goals (dropped), one try (10 points) to nil.

Blaydon v Crusaders (Hartlepool).—Played at Blaydon. The home team had slightly the best of the first half, but did not score. In the second period, Tingate, by a good follow up, scored for Blaydon, but the kick at goal failed. Shortly after this, Robinson received the ball from March, and scored again, but the place failed. From the kick out the home forwards dribbled over the line, and Alston touched down, March converting. Blaydon eventually won by one goal and two tries to nil. The Crusaders played two short.

Blackhill Rovers v North Durham 2nd.—Played at Blackhill before a large gathering of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and Anderson kicked off for the Rovers. The leather was forced into the home quarters, but Brown relieved with a good kick into touch. The Rovers now began to press, and good running and passing by the backs put the North Durham line in danger, but the visitors got away, and by smart passing were soon attacking the home line. Several scrimmages took place, and North Durham had hard lines in not scoring. Ward here received, and was not stopped till he had reached the half-way flag. The home forwards were now playing a smart game, and after some scrimmaging in the visitors' "25," Anderson got over for the Rovers, the same player converting. The game now became very fast and exciting, the home forwards still pressing, and they had hard lines in not scoring more. Half-time found the score—

Rovers...One goal
North Durham ....Nil

After a short interval, the visitors re-started, and the home back returned into touch, where several line-outs took place. Neither side could gain any advantage until Brown received and passed to Ward, who made a capital run down to the North Durham line, but the latter averted the danger. The Rovers' forwards again broke away, and Stobbs got over, Anderson once more converting. From the kick-off the visitors showed great roughness, but could not break through the home defence, and the latter's forwards again forced the work to the North Durham "25." Here Brown received and dropped at goal, but just missed. The Rovers still continued to press, but did not score, and after a fast and exciting game the final result was—

Rovers.................Two goals (10 points)
North Durham ....Nil

Referee, Mr J. Askew.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

THE DURHAM CUP.

THE EXILES SURVIVE THE SECOND ROUND.

The draw for the second stage of the Durham Cup Qualifying Competition brought the Langley Park Rovers and the Leadgate Exiles together, the Rovers having choice of ground. The Exiles made overtures to their opponents with the object of getting the game played at Leadgate, where there was a likelihood of a good gate, but Langley Park declined the proposal, and consequently the tie was brought off at Langley Park on Saturday. The Rovers possess a very good ground, but the approaches to the same are far from perfect. The gate was, I understand, a pretty large one for Langley Park, and I am afraid the home club are not so well supported by the public as they ought to be. As regards Saturday's game, the Rovers, to the great delight of their supporters, scored the first goal, and play was very even up to the interval. However, the Exiles stayed the longest, and ultimately won by five goals to one.

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The Rovers have a very good back division, but the forwards are greatly behind the times. They do not appear to have the faintest idea of passing or combination, and go in for the long kick and rush business. Individually, Dixon and Gott are capital forwards, but, if they wish to hold their own with the district clubs, the whole five must practise passing and combination assiduously, as these are the chief factors in a club's success. The Rovers are a fine set of young fellows, and properly coached, would doubtless soon prove a really good eleven. I was much pleased with their conduct on the field on Saturday, as they accepted the referee's decisions without a murmur, as indeed did both teams.

Newton is a most promising custodian, and saved dozens of shots. A better fister I have seldom seen, and the distance he sent the ball on several occasions on Saturday was something wonderful. Both Rutter and Pickering are fairly good backs, and worked hard all through, but they are rather inclined to be rash. The halves were capital, Vickers and Agar being the most prominent. The front rank have the makings of good forwards, but must at once drop their present style of play, and adopt the modern system. Otherwise, when opposed by moderately strong backs, they will invariably be beaten. They have plenty of pace, but tired towards the finish of the game.

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For the Exiles, McMahon had little to do in goal, but on two or three occasions he cleared very nicely. McGee was in much better form than in the district match, and scarcely ever made a mistake. His partner also played well, and kicked very cleanly. Haggan is one of the neatest kicks I have seen, but I think he would be more suited at full back. Peter Hughes always plays a quiet, steady game, without any show, but is nevertheless an invaluable half. Monaghan was about the best man on the field, and played splendidly. He tackled and kicked most judiciously, and his judgment was never at fault. He had hard lines two or three times in not scoring. The front rank, without being brilliant, played a very fair game. J. McGee and Hughes were slightly the best, but O'Neil improved on his previous displays, while both Kelly and Quinn were frequently conspicuous.

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A SPLENDID GAME AT DIPTON.

The meeting of the Dipton Wanderers and Medomsley in the Cup competition provided the onlookers with one of the best and most exciting games that has been seen on the Wanderers' ground for some time. Owing to powerful counter attractions, there was not such a large assemblage as would otherwise have been the case. Medomsley were strongly represented, but the Wanderers lacked the valuable services of Tuson and Smith, the former, I regret to state, having very severely injured his leg last week. I trust that this brilliant back will be sufficiently recovered to take his accustomed position in the field very shortly, as his place is difficult to fill.

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The game throughout was most stubbornly contested, and after the home team had scored and the visitors equalised, the former treated the spectators to some of their old form, combining splendidly. Crossing over three goals in arrears, Medomsley played up determinedly, and although they rubbed one of the points off, they could never get on level terms with the Wanderers. They had hard lines on several occasions, Mansell and Taylor putting in some real beauties. But the forwards were not properly backed up, the half-backs indulging in too much tall kicking, and invariably sending the ball over the forwards' heads. Bramley kept goal remarkably well, and saved some tremendous shots, while Hedley, Smith, Taylor, Walton, Abbott, and Baron were continually prominent, and strove hard to avert defeat. The halves should endeavour to feed the front rank instead of putting in such big kicks, and then doubtless more goals would be scored.

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For the Wanderers, Freek was in splendid form, and cleared all sorts of shots. He several times saved what appeared to be certain goals, and his display was simply grand. The backs were pretty fair, but Tuson was sadly missed. Buck was the best of the halves, and played a capital game. The forwards were in excellent trim, and did some sterling work. T. Walker, who had been ill and was scarcely fit to play, was not up to his usual form. Although he pluckily kept on to the finish, and put in several neat pieces of work, he was palpably done up before the whistle sounded for time. Gilliard played a splendid dashing game, and his passing was a feature of the afternoon. The others also did well. I ought not to omit to mention that the game was fought out in the most pleasant and friendly manner—in fact, as football should always be played.

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A SURPRISE AT TANFIELD LEA.

The cup-tie between Leadgate Park and Tanfield Lea had been looked forward to in the Tanfield district with the utmost interest. It is some four or five seasons since the teams met, and as the Park had considerably improved since then, it was calculated that the home side would receive the order of the knock. But to the great satisfaction and surprise of their supporters, they played one of the finest games that has ever been witnessed on the Tanfield Lea ground, and gained a brilliant victory by four goals to nil. The whole of the winners showed up splendidly, the front rank being especially good, and it is doubtful if Tanfield have ever before exhibited such grand form as they did on Saturday.

Cruddas, Foreman, and Walton were the pick of Park forwards, and played well all through. Wilson was a host in himself, and never seemed to tire, while C. Burnhope played a grand game. Hewitt was the best of the backs, and kicked and tackled well in front of goal. Beadling has been seen to greater advantage, but nevertheless he stopped several difficult shots, and had not much chance with those that got past him. The game was rather rough at times, and the referee had to order one of the Tanfield men off the field before the finish. Although beaten, the Park team accepted their reverse like sportsmen.

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Apropos of the Tanfield Lea club, I may mention that the popular centre forward of the team—R. Holmes—is about to strike his name off the bachelors' list and join the noble army of Benedicts. I am sure that all chasers of the leather will re-echo my sentiments when I wish Mr Holmes and the bride elect every happiness.

NORTH DURHAM BEATEN AT BLACKHILL.

North Durham 2nd opposed the Rovers at Blackhill on Saturday. This match had been eagerly looked forward to, as the Gateshead men have been playing well, having defeated Rockcliff 2nd the previous Saturday. However, they had to return beaten by ten points to nil. McElrue at full back played a splendid game, his picking up and kicking being very sure. The three-quarters again played well, but I have seen Hewitson in better form. Brown and Ward were as safe as ever, their running and passing being superior to anything I have seen them do. The halves were in good form, but should not pass on their own goal-line, as it is very dangerous. The forwards were once more the best on the field, and will be bad to beat. They have great dash and speed, and their footwork is really excellent. It would be difficult to say who was the best. Anderson plays well, but should pack in the scrimmages instead of hanging out and interfering with the half-backs' play. The visitors' back played a sterling game, while their three-quarters showed some good passing, and their kicking was strong. I did not think much of the halves, as they were continually off-side. The forwards are a strong pack, with plenty of dash, and saved the backs a great deal of work. Altogether, the Rovers are to be congratulated on a very meritorious victory, and they are displaying capital form.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drn	Goals For	Goals Ag.	Pts
Dipton Wanderers	4	3	1	0	18	5	6
Cornsay Rovers ...	4	2	1	1	14	16	5
Leadgate Exiles...	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Medomsley	4	1	1	2	9	10	4
Langley Park R...	5	1	4	0	11	20	2
Tanfield Lea	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Hedley Harriers...	1	0	1	0	0	5	0

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BAD BEHAVIOUR.

Mr F. Kay writes:—"Beamish True Blues have been disappointed two Saturdays in succession by Pelton Fell 2nd and South Moor Rovers, and I think it is very bad behaviour of them. All teams that have dates with Beamish True Blues and don't intend to come to our ground, please to write and let us know, as we can arrange other matches."

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MATCHES WANTED.

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's 2nd have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled with junior or 2nd teams. Apply to G. Grey, 42, Marley Hill, via Whickham, R.S.O.

Oxhill Violets wish to arrange matches with junior clubs in the district. Ages, 10 to 13. Apply to Geo. F. Kay, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O.

Sheep Hill Rovers would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, from 9 to 13. Address—W. Handcock, Sheep Hill, Burnopfield.

Consett Young Shamrocks would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 12 to 15. Apply to Charles McCrory, 40, Princess Street, Consett.

Lintz Rovers have still some vacant dates for moderate 1st and good 2nd teams. They also would like matches for their junior elevens. Nearly all dates vacant. Address—Danl. McGinn, 9, Kit Row, Lintz Colliery.

The Hobson Wanderers have inaugurated a reserve team, and would be pleased to arrange matches with other reserves. Address—J. T. Bell, 66, Hobson, Lintz Green.

Quebec St. Michael's have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up with good junior teams. Apply to E. Connell, Marley's Houses, Quebec, near Durham.

Allendale Park would like to arrange matches with 2nd or 3rd teams. Address—Edward Lynop, 50, Dean Bank, Allendale Cottages, via Medomsley, R.S.O.

DARKWOOD.

A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

CHAPTER XLVII.

HER ANSWER.

That message was more than startling—it was appalling.

In her wildest imaginings, in her search through the whole range of possibilities, Miss Norreys had not fully dared to imagine any possibility like this. It smote her like an awful blow.

She reeled against the wall, looking as if struck with death. The telegram was crushed in her hand, and clenched in a grip of steel. She looked as if she were about to faint or die. Then she rallied suddenly by a superhuman effort, and tottered back to her seat, her face like ashes, her eyes wild and staring, her white lips moving feebly, but giving emission to no sound.

Her aspect chilled the marquis with an awful terror.

"What is it?" he exclaimed. "Have you ill news, Miss Norreys?"

She waved him from her, shrinking back as if his very touch were pollution.

There was terror of him in that look—frightful unmistakeable horror. Had she gone mad under some fearful shock?

"Shall I call some one?" he exclaimed, wild with alarm. "You are ill."

With a supreme effort of her will she commanded the emotions that raged in her heart like furious beasts of prey.

"No—no!" she gasped. "I want no one. Leave me to myself. I would be alone."

The marquis, without a word, obeyed her. He saw that she was suffering intensely, and although consumed with curiosity and jealousy, he yet submitted wisely to her command.

"I will stand guard at the end of the avenue," he said, respectfully and very quietly, quite as if such scenes were of every day occurrence in his experience, and not at all remarkable. "No one shall intrude upon you. I will hear when you call me."

He moved away as one moves in a sick chamber, softly, almost noiselessly.

Miss Norreys looked after him with that stare of horror seeming frozen in her eyes, and slowly mingling in it an expression of bitterest hatred and loathing.

"Marry him!" the thought struggled through all the chaos of her mind fierce and strong. "I would rather die."

She shivered as with an ague.

He walked to the end of the avenue, and stood there under an orange tree in a careless attitude, guarding her solitude.

And she—left alone amid the odorous blooms and golden fruits and mellow lights—opened the paper again, and read those strange words, every syllable of which burned its way into her brain.

And then she gave way to a paroxysm of emotion, all the greater for her recent stern self-repression.

Her lips quivered, her brown eyes flooded with tears, and she raised the paper to her lips and kissed it passionately again and again.

Then, as if loathing herself for the action, she looked upon the paper in disgust, and deliberately tore it in pieces so minute that Lord Darkwood would have tried in vain to decipher a word of its contents.

"Not dead!" she whispered. "Not dead!"

The words sounded strangely to her ears.

"Not drowned!" she muttered. "He came back to England six months ago! He came to England—where he should have been safe and secure—he came to England!" she repeated, with increasing emphasis. "What does that mean?"

Ah, she hardly dared acknowledge even to herself.

"Six months ago Captain Tollish was safely established at Dunholm Castle as Lord Darkwood," she thought. "Did the real Lord Darkwood return to Dunholm Castle? If he did—as seems probable—what then?"

The question was one bristling with importance. She turned it over and over in her own mind. And gradually there grew within her into vast proportions that horror of suspicion against the present Lord Darkwood that she had felt in the moment she had sent him from her. Had he seen his cousin in the hour of the latter's return?

Upon that final question everything was hinged.

"I must know—I must know!" she thought, in a very frenzy. "Where would he be during six months? Perhaps he had died in England? There is some mystery in the case which I must fathom. The man who stands yonder may be guiltless of bloodshed. I think he would scarcely dare kill his rival—and yet there was so much at stake! But Lord Darkwood could not have reappeared at Dunholm Castle secretly and unrecognised. He probably had a relapse of illness in London, was unable to make known his identity, and died unknown. Bad as he is, I can't think that Captain Tollish would be guilty of deliberate murder—or that he had an opportunity to commit it."

She sat there among the blooms and glossy leaves a long time, thinking over these thoughts, and others like these. And gradually she grew calm. The lovely face hardened in every feature and grew strong and resolute.

"I hate them both with a bitter, unrelenting hatred!" she said to herself. "So that his blood stains not his rival's hand, I do not care that he is dead! His death wipes out the past, so far as he is concerned. It remains for me to deal with the living. I think I will marry Lord Darkwood."

She looked towards him with an uncontrollable loathing.

She seemed to feel her glance and turned around. She lifted up one gloved hand and beckoned to him.

He obeyed with alacrity.

The storm had passed and no traces were left, save in the languor of her movements and the pallor that still dwelt in her complexion. She was gracious in her manner, with a reserve, however, which had not marked it before, and which piqued him.

"You are better?" he exclaimed, eagerly.

"I am well, thanks," she answered. "My telegram contained news that disturbed me deeply; that is all."

She dismissed the subject with the scraps of paper she flung from her dress, and he could not return to it.

"Our conversation suffered a little interruption, my lord," she said, gently. "I fear you will think the interruption a rude one. Let us return to what you were saying."

"With all my heart," he replied, trembling, anticipating his dismissal. "I asked you to be my wife, Miss Norreys. I love you, and if you will trust your happiness to my keeping, I will endeavour to be worthy of the trust."

"I will not refuse you, my lord," said the lady, with a gracious sweetness that took the sting from her words. "I am sensible of the honour you do me, but if I do not refuse you, neither can I accept you. Give me a week for consideration. At the end of that period I will give you my answer. And that answer will be, she added, deliberately, "if nothing occurs to change my mind, an affirmative."

The great dome of glass, the flowers and lights, seemed to swim around Lord Darkwood in a great chaos. An immense exultation filled his being to its utmost capacity. He believed that his prize was won. He caught up her hand and kissed it in a transport of delight.

"You are all coming to-morrow to the castle," he exclaimed, "If I might only present you as its future mistress!"

"Give me a week!" insisted Miss Norreys, growing colder. "And during that time do not speak to me of love or marriage."

It was so settled, and presently the hostess was conducted back to the ball-room by her suitor, who seemed to walk on air. He was in the seventh heaven of delight. He considered himself her accepted suitor. But, although she intended to marry him, although her scheme of revenge seemed so near its fulfilment, her heart lay like lead in her bosom. She would have her revenge; but, like Samson's, it would involve her own destruction.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

A GLIMPSE OF HER LOVER.

The spectre of Dunholm Castle ruins had not been quiescent during the past few months. Not that he had been seen—there was no one adventurous enough in the household to risk an encounter with him. But the servants whispered to each other of spectral lights at the hour of midnight in the ruins, and one or two asseverated that they had seen an awful figure, with streaming hair and bloody visage, flitting before the ruined windows, and surrounded by a lurid glare of light.

These stories had been repeated to the Lady Georgina by her maid. Lord Darkwood's heiress, with big round eyes and pallid complexion, repeated the tale to her governess-companion. Gwen laughed them to scorn, declaring their author to be endowed with a vivid imagination and unlimited superstition.

Yet none knew better than Gwen that these wild stories had a certain foundation in fact.

Her rooms, situated over the great banqueting hall of the castle, were upon the opposite side of the quadrangle to the main portion of the ruins. And night after night she had seen a light flitting palely through the ruins, but she had never seen the figure of anyone, human or spectre—nothing but the feeble, glimmering light.

It appeared sometimes at midnight, sometimes later. Some nights it did not appear at all. Gwen was inclined to be wakeful, and she often watched for the mysterious gleam, wondering at it, and constructing in her own mind fanciful explanations of its origin.

But when the servants began to whisper about it in the servants' hall, and to recall the ancient tragedy of centuries since, and shudder over it, and grow frightened, the nightly gleams died out, and the spectral lights were seen no more.

It was the morning after the ball at Beechmont, and the morning of the day appointed for the visit to Dunholm Castle of Miss Norreys and her guests.

Lord Darkwood, regarding himself as the accepted suitor of the lady of Beechmont, and desiring to show himself and his possessions to their best advantage in her sight, paid personal attention to the preparations for the reception and entertainment of his expected visitors.

He had consulted his cook, a Frenchman of the true *cordon bleu*, in regard to the *menu* of the dinner to be served upon the great occasion. He had given minute instructions to his daughter in regard to her toilet and deportment, for he had decided that the Lady Georgina was to make her appearance; and he had visited the ruins and personally superintended their preparation for the dance to be held in them by moonlight.

The day dawned clear and bright and pleasant. Lord Darkwood had not returned home from the Beechmont ball until nearly dawn, and he slept until noon. When he awoke, Pietro was not in attendance upon him, and he was obliged to submit to the ministrations of his second valet, a stupid, good-natured fellow, who was in reality the servant of the Maltese, and more in awe of him than of his master. The under valet gossiped as he dressed his lordship, and repeated the tales current in the servants' hall concerning the spectre.

The marquis listened with a brow dark as a thundercloud, and he exclaimed harshly against such folly, desiring a stop to be put to such ridiculous stories. He descended to breakfast moodily, and afterwards retired to the library. Here he rang his bell, and ordered Pietro to be sent to him.

The Maltese, sleek and silent as usual, dressed entirely in black, appeared at his summons.

"It seems to me that you are missing all the morning," observed the marquis, angrily. "Why were you absent from your usual duties?"

"I was in the old banqueting hall in the ruins, signor," replied the valet, smoothly. "The servants are waxing the floor for the dance, and completing their preparations for the evening. I but just looked in. When I returned, you were at breakfast."

Lord Darkwood turned abruptly, facing the Maltese sharply.

"What's this nonsense the servants are gabbling, Pietro," he demanded, "about the Darkwood ghost?"

"Oh, you have heard that story, signor?" inquired Pietro, carelessly. "I heard it weeks ago."

"What does it mean?"

"It all sprung from certain visits I made to the ruins after midnight months ago," declared Pietro, steadily. "The light I carried—it was that old lantern—chanced to be seen by some wakeful servant, and the story has been repeated until it has grown into a great tale of a bloody spectre, with a red light enveloping him."

"And you hav'n't been in the dungeons for some time?"

"Not until last evening, when I obeyed your command, and went below to see that all was safe."

"It was safe?"

"Perfectly. Yet, signor, I should advise you not to permit these visitors to go below," said Pietro, in a low voice. "You see, my lord, if an owl but hoots below there, as he did when the young ladies went through the dungeons, some fine lady will shriek that it is a ghost, and the party may wish to investigate——"

"I will lock up the dungeons and conceal the keys," interrupted Lord Darkwood, hastily. "When my daughter and her governess visited the dungeons and heard that owl, and thought it the cry of a ghost, I was in a mortal terror. For the—the body lay then upon one of the dungeon floors, did it not?"

"Stark and stiff as on the night when you and I, signor, carried it down there. We had not had time and inclination to bury it, you remember."

"Yes, I remember. I am not a coward, and not superstitious," said the marquis, with a shiver, "but I could not look again upon that dead face, nor could I help to bury him. But you attended to it—he is buried?"

"Out of sight, under six feet of dirt," declared the Maltese. "The body lay on the rock floor for months, mouldering. But when you told me it must be got out of the way, and offered me a hundred pounds to bury it, I took the matter in hand. You remember when we went down together into the ruins, to settle what was to be done, and met the strange couple coming out of the doorway. Well, after that I was occupied several nights in the task, and it was my light the servants saw and took for that of a spectre. I worked a dozen nights, more or less, in all," said Pietro, glibly. "It was a horrible task, signor, and I think my pay for it should have been doubled."

"It shall be," declared his master.

"I could not bury the body out of doors," remarked the Maltese. "I dared not dig a hole in the gardens or park, or elsewhere, the gardeners and labourers are so prying and busy. I could not fling it in the pond or in Dark River, for it would have been found immediately. The floors of most of the dungeons are of solid rock, and of course could not avail me in my work. But in the far tower in the black dungeons I found a hard clay soil, which I picked up. And it was there," and the valet lowered his voice to a whisper, "that I buried him."

"Have you levelled the grave?"

"Yes, signor, and I carried most of the dirt away in bags," said Pietro. "I knew not where to put it, and I feared its nature, so different from the surface soil, would betray it. So I rowed out in the pond and flung it into the water."

"A wise precaution. But some dirt still remains?"

"A heap of it on the floor. I have not had time to remove it, signor. I will do so as soon as possible. If you had helped it might have been done by this."

"I would not help—I would not do that work"—cried Lord Darkwood, quickly—"not for a fortune."

"I am made of tougher stuff," said Pietro, smiling. "We Maltese are more used to bloodshed than you cold Englishmen. But even I would not go through this digging and anxiety and hard work again—not for a thousand pounds."

"You shall not be stinted in your reward," said the marquis. "But if there is fresh dirt still on that grave in the dungeon, no one must go below. Some inquisitive person might pull ruin down upon our heads. Lock up the dungeons. Keep the keys, Pietro. And when you can, finish your work below, stamp down the grave, and make all secure."

The Maltese assented, and presently retired.

Then the marquis leaned back in his chair and drew a great sigh of relief.

He had often thought during the last months of that ghastly object lying on the dark dungeon floor, of the white face and fair hair hidden amid the blackness of gloom, and determined to muster up courage to assist in burying it for ever from all possibility of human search, but he had never been able to look upon his victim again.

The Maltese was more used to such frightful experiences, and he had confided the task to him.

"Pietro does not look upon murder as we English do," he muttered. "He thinks all the better of me for having rid myself of my rival and enemy. I am fortunate in having attached to me a man of his character and turn of mind."

He smiled complacently, flinging off the load of care and anxiety that had rested so heavily upon him.

"Now for enjoyment," he soliloquised. "Now for unalloyed happiness! No obstacle can come between me and my beautiful Sicily. She intends to marry me, and I shall urge a speedy marriage. I am impatient to call her mine."

As the hour approached for the arrival of his guests, he made a careful toilet, and took his place in the drawing room.

The Lady Georgina, in a dress of pale blue silk, with embroidered Swiss overdress, presently joined him.

Mrs. Dover, in a long dress of lavender silk, with a *coiffure* of black and white lace, also appeared. It was Lord Darkwood's wish that his lady housekeeper should matronise his daughter.

Gwen was not asked to appear in the drawing-room. The Lady Georgina was divided between affection for her beautiful companion and jealousy of her. She would not consent that Gwen should join the company upon this occasion, and the young girl remained, therefore, in her own rooms, Lord Darkwood not desiring to contest the point with his daughter.

As an exploration of the castle was the project in hand, the carriages from Beechmont began to arrive about four o'clock. Miss Norreys came last of all in a waggonette with Lord Chilton.

The guests were all radiant in fresh toilets, and were all in fine spirits, notwithstanding the previous night's ball at Beechmont.

Miss Norreys wore a black silk dress, embroidered with pink rosebuds. Her corsage was cut in pompadour fashion, with a square neck, and sleeves cut off at the elbow, and frilled with lace. She greeted her host with a rising flush on her pale olive cheeks, but her manner was devoid of consciousness. She was gracious, yet cold as an iceberg. He felt his love for her glow and kindle within him, and he longed to proclaim to those around him that this superb woman had half promised to become his wife.

Miss Norreys was very courteous to the Lady Georgina and to Mrs. Dover. Then her glances sought for missing Gwen. In the press of her many recent duties, and the excitement attendant upon the projects she had in hand, she had neglected to visit Gwen as she had intended, but she had thought of her many times.

The girl's beauty and innocence, sweetness and loveliness, had touched her heart. She had grown to love her with an intensity that surprised herself, for she was not one to love readily. She had even thought of a plan by which she might remove Gwen to her own house and protection, but this being difficult was in abeyance.

"Is not Miss Myner able to join us, Lady Georgina," she asked, perceptibly disappointed.

"No," answered Lord Darkwood's daughter, falsely. "Her arm still pains her. She begged to be excused from seeing anyone to-day. The excitement is not good for her."

"Would she not see me?" asked Miss Norreys. "Might I not go up to her room?"

"Impossible!" said Lady Georgina. "She is unable to see anyone, Miss Norreys. But I will tell her of your kind inquiries after her."

The East India heiress was not quite satisfied, but she was compelled to appear so. She longed to see Gwen, and her failure to do so was a severer disappointment than she would have deemed possible.

The visitors explored the gardens and conservatories, the park, and the various objects of outdoor interest. They rowed in barges on Dark River, and returned to the castle between five and six o'clock, eager to examine the ruins.

Lord Darkwood devoted himself to Miss Norreys, but as they crossed the quadrangle Mrs. Kenright slipped and nearly fell, and he sprang to her assistance. She clung to his arm for support, and quite unconscious that he was the escort of Miss Norreys, kept him in attendance upon her for some little time thereafter. He anathematised her in his heart, and secretly invoked curses hot and heavy upon her for her stupidity, while she placidly rehearsed to him some longwinded East Indian story concerning people she had known, but of whom he had never even heard.

Lord Chilton walked beside Miss Norreys.

And Gwen, looking from her upper window, screened by her curtains, saw them, and recognised the lover she believed false to her!

Her soul throbbed with her passionate joy and grief. It was her hero of the Yorkshire moor—the noble, gallant hero of her dreams—he who had wooed her, and won her promise to be his wife—and whom she believed to have thought better of his proposal and abandoned her!

"Oh, Ronald! Ronald!" she murmured. "He is here with his father. Oh, if he knew that I were so near him!"

She did not even suspect that the Hon. Ronald Chilton was become Viscount Chilton. She had never heard that his father had died.

An intense longing arose within her to see him from a nearer point of view; to hear his voice, herself unseen and unheard.

"I have hungered so to look on his face once more," she said to herself. "I have yearned to hear his voice again, even if I hear it uttering words of love to another. Is he her lover? This beautiful Miss Norreys has everything—birth, connections, family, riches, all! Will she have him too?"

The poor child's heart was wrung with a bitterness too deep for expression. She watched Lord Chilton with a yearning look in her purple-pansy eyes. The longing to get nearer to him and to hear his voice became uncontrollable.

"I will wait!" she murmured. "They are to dine and dance here. I will watch my opportunity and see him. But he shall not see me!" she added, proudly. "He shall never see me again!"

She looked after him with burning eyes, as he disappeared within the portal of the ruins with Miss Norreys, and no instinct told him that she was so near!

Lord Darkwood, Pietro, Miss Norreys, and Lord Chilton, were each and all searching secretly for the lost Gwendoline Winter, some with evil and some with good purpose, and here she was and had been for months in their very hands, and none of them guessed the truth!

But not much longer was she to be so safely hidden from her enemies—not much longer was she to preserve the secret of her identity. Before that night should be ended, the bloodhounds would take up the scent anew and be at her very heels.

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A CYCLING TOUR THROUGH THE BORDER COUNTIES OF NORTHUMBERLAND & BERWICKSHIRE.

[BY "ARCANUM."]

We leisurely made our way to the high end of Berwick near the station, as the objects of interest are centred in this locality. After having refreshments, we had a rest for a few hours, and employed the time in having a look round the ancient town of Berwick, with its many old-fashioned red tiled houses. From a commercial point of view, the town seems in a prosperous condition; there are many large and handsome shops in the principal streets, and they appeared to be carrying on a brisk business. Walking up the busy thoroughfare of High Street, we came to the Scots Gate, one of the entrances to the town when Berwick needed strong walls and stout arms to defend it from it foes. Near to the gate are some stonesteps that led us to the summit of the Ramparts, and giving a pleasant half-hour's walk to the visitors. The Ramparts were built in the reign of Queen Elizabeth out of the materials of the old walls, and were greatly strengthened during the 18th century. The existing walls do not cover so much area as the former walls that were built by Malcolm the Fourth in the 12th century. There are little of the ruins of the old walls to be seen now, as time, and they many assaults they have withstood, have nearly obliterated all traces of them. A curious incident in connection with those walls is that the first cannon used by the English in war was directed against the walls of Berwick.

The old castle is now in complete ruins, partly owing to some of the ground on which the castle stands being required to build Berwick Station; but in its palmy days it would, owing to its position, present an animated scene with its mailed warriors thronging its courtyard and walls where:—

> "Timing his footsteps to a march
> The warder kept his guard,
> Low humming as he marched away,
> Some ancient Border gathering song."

Tradition informs us that in this castle Edward the First imprisoned the Countess of Buchan in a wooden cage for six years. Then there is the Bell Tower, now partly in ruins, where a bell was rung when it was necessary to call the inhabitants to arms on the appearance of any enemy. I think no town of its size has been the scene of so many sanguinary encounters as the Border town of Berwick; for in each successive age it was repeatedly attacked by Picts, Romans, Danes, English and Scotch. The possession of the town was a very important object to the enemy, on account of it being so strongly fortified, and it was frequently taken and re-taken by the Scotch and English during the Border wars. Both countries claimed Berwick for their own, but in the reign of William the Fourth it was made a county by itself, and declared to belong to England, thus ending a dispute that had been the cause of so much bloodshed in the past. Berwick first came into the possession of England in 1174 as part of the ransom of William the Lion, but Richard the First being greatly in need of money to prosecute the war against the Laracens of Palestine, it was restored for a monetary consideration to Scotland in 1189. The warlike King of England, Edward the First, beseiged it in 1296, and in two days—to their disgrace—17,000 persons were massacred by the English soldiers. However, not long after, the English, under the command of the Earl of Gloucester, suffered a reverse, and were compelled to deliver up the town to the victorious Scotch, led by their champion William Wallace.

After spending as much time in this historical town as we possibly could afford, we resumed our journey making our exit by the old bridge of Berwick. Formerly the Tweed at this point was spanned by a wood erection but it was washed away by the force of the river. Another wood bridge was built in the reign of William the Lion, King of Scotland, and it was on this structure that the head of Sir William Wallace, by command of Edward the First, was exposed to the populace, as a warning of the manner in which this cruel King treated those who rebelled against his authority. The bridge now standing was built in the early part of the 17th century and is nearly 400 yards long, with fifteen wide arches, and is a well-built nice looking structure.

Immediately after crossing the bridge we were in Tweedmouth, and from what we saw of this suburb of Berwick it is a very commonplace town. It is uphill for about a mile after leaving Tweedmouth, and we had to push our machines the greater part of the way. We passed close to the place which tradition assigns as the locality where Grizel Cochrane performed the heroic deeds that were the means of saving her father's life. From what I can learn on the subject, it appears that Sir John Cochrane was condemned to death for being implicated in the Argyle rising of 1685. While waiting the arrival of the messenger with the King's warrant ordering the execution to be carried out, his daughter, Grizel Cochrane, conceived a plan to gain the freedom of her father. Dressing herself in masculine attire she accosted the King's messenger on Tweedmouth Muir, and took by force the death warrant from him on two occasions. The friends of Sir John Cochrane having great influence with the King, who after twice signing warrants for his execution, and it not being carried out, granted a free pardon to the father of that courageous girl.

The road from Scremerston to Belford is very well attended to, and is on the whole level with a hill here and there, but none but what can be easily surmounted by an ordinary rider. The cyclist, for nearly the whole of the fifteen miles between Berwick and Belford, has a view on the left side of the North Sea, and on the right a pleasant country scene is presented to his view, with the Cheviots looming in the background. Away to the east is Holy Island, noted in the annals of history as having been the residence of St. Cuthbert and St. Aidan; the memory of those holy lives are still preserved in our district by the dedication of two churches to their names.

We had a short stay in the litte market town of Belford, and a conversation with Mr George Young, a former resident of Consett, but who is now actively engaged in business in this pretty Northumbrian town. At Belford we left the main road and made for Bamburgh, six miles further, and found the road to be in good condition and mostly downhill. We made a slight mistake by keeping straight on instead of turning to the left, but fortunately after going a mile or two out of our way, we were directed on to a level road that led straight to Bamburgh.

The next morning after breakfast we had a walk along the sands, and then visited the castle of which the poet, in describing the nun's voyage along the Northumbrian coast, wrote:—

> "Thy tower, proud Bamborough, marked they there,
> King Ida's castle, huge and square,
> From its tall rock look grimly down,
> And on the swelling ocean frown."

It is larger than many of the old castles I have seen, and is in good repair, looking as if it had been partly re-built; but several places show the ravages time has made to this once impregnable bulwark. There are a number of small cannons in the castle, whether as ornaments or for means of defence it would be difficult to say; and one of them had the word "Armada" ligibly carved upon the carriage the cannon was resting on. One of the principal sights to be seen in the castle is a draw well 145 feet deep, penetrating through the rock into the sandstone below. Bamburgh Castle is one of the oldest fortresses in England, dating back to the time of the Saxons; but was of little importance as a stronghold until the 11th century. In 1095, Robert Mowbray rebelled against William II and defended Bamburgh Castle against the king and his army; but the emissaries of William enticing him from the castle, he was taken prisoner. His wife would not consent to yield the castle to her husband's enemies, and it was only on seeing them prepare to tear out his eyes that she delivered up the castle. The Forsters came into possession of the castle in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; but it was forfeited by Thomas Forster in 1715 for his taking part in the Jacobite rebellion. It was afterwards purchased by one of the family, Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, who bequeathed the castle and adjoining estates for the relief of sufferers by shipwreck and other charitable purposes. From the castle walls we had a splendid view of the Farne Islands, and it being a clear day these many different sized islands were very visible.

We then retraced our steps through the village, where once the Kings of Northumbria resided; and visited the Parish Church. In the interior of this venerable building there is erected a marble statue in memory of three of the trustees of Lord Crewe's charities. Walking round the churchyard we passed the monumental pillar placed over the remains of the Rev John Morrell Mackenzie, M.A., who lost his life by the wreck of the "Pegasus" near the Goldstone rocks on July 20th, 1843. This celebrated scholar, before his death, held the post of professor of Biblical Criticism and Church History in the Glasgow university. Without a doubt the great attraction to the visitor in Bamburgh churchyard is the tomb of Grace Darling. It is a splendid statue, and under a canopy of stone there is a sculptured figure of a female reclining with an oar in her hand. On the monument there are carved the following words:—

> "GRACE HORSLEY DARLING, born Nov. 24th, 1816,
> Died October 20th, 1842.
> S.S. Forfarshire wrecked September, 1838."

The story of the heroism of Grace Darling is so well known that a few words will suffice to describe so noble a deed. Living with her father in Longstone lighthouse, they descried a steamer in distress. The courageous girl, to save the lives of the sailors put off from the lighthouse in a small boat, and was successful in rescuing the mariners from a watery grave. After bidding farewell to our hostess of the Crewe Arms, we left Bamburgh intending our next resting place to be Alnwick, 17 miles further south. The roads were in a disgraceful state for three miles, until we reached the small village of Lucker, when they were a little firmer, and with a more even surface. One-and-a-half miles out of Lucker, we joined the old coach road, and it was everything the cyclist could desire a main road to be, free of stones, and in capital order. The district we were passing through is very sparsely populated, but along the coast, which is visible from the road, there are many thriving villages devoted to the fishing industry. We saw little of interest beyond the scenery in our journey from Bamburgh to Alnwick, but were pleased on coming to a well to notice that some good Samaritan had provided a drinking cup for the weary traveller to use when quenching his thirst. The road is level to within four miles of Alnwick, when the cyclist will have to encounter two steep banks, and then it is a ride down hill to the ancient home of the Percy's. We crossed the river Alne at the Lion Bridge, which derives its name from there being a figure of a lion placed on the parapet. In times past there were two lions on this bridge, looking defiance to the north, and there is a mystery about the disappearance of one of them, some contending that the Scotch stole it, while others say that it has most probably been blown into the river by the force of the wind.

We had a good view of Alnwick Castle, one of the residences of the Duke of Northumberland, and it is the most magnificent building I have seen in my wanderings. In the good old times it belonged to the Percy's, who were veritable kings of the north, and in history occupy a prominent position both as warriors and statesmen.

The town of Alnwick is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river Alne, and the streets are well built, the names of the majority of them ending in gate.

It has thrice withstood the seige of the Scots, once in the reign of the misguided Charles I., when it was compelled to surrender to the enemy in 1642. There is still standing in a good state of preservation, as one of the entrances to the town, an old gate built by Hotspur.

Time, however, was precious, so after partaking of a substantial repast, we left the town of Alnwick for Morpeth, the milestones describing it as 19 miles ahead. About five miles out of Alnwick it commenced to rain, making the roads very soft and disagreeable for cycling, but having mudguards on our machines, we did not suffer so much inconvenience as we might otherwise have done. The little experience the writer has had of cycling is altogether in favour of mudguards being fitted to machines, and I would strongly advise any cyclist who may have a long distance to go not to start without having these useful articles on his bicycle. Many cyclists object to mudguards on account of the extra weight involved in carrying them, but if it is pleasure, and not record-breaking the tourist is seeking, the pound or two extra weight is imperceptible. It is an old saying that there is nothing bad but what might be worse, and if we had rain to contend with, we were favoured with level roads for the remaining 44 miles to Blackhill.

About half-way between Newton-on-the-Moor and Felton, close to the road side, there is a pillar 30 or 40 feet high, with—"England expects every man to do his duty," and "Victory 21st October, 1805," carved on one of the large blocks of stone. I am in igorance as to why this monument has been erected in such an out-of-the-way place, but it is presumably to commemorate the naval victory gained by the British fleet at Trafalgar.

Soon after passing the aforementioned monument, we arrived at the pretty little village of Felton. It has been aptly described as the oasis of this route, for it was the only village we passed through on the road between Alnwick and Morpeth. Pushing our machines up the hill, riding for a few miles along a level road, then down hill for two or three miles, we at last reached Morpeth, where we indulged in a half-hour's rest.

We rode from Morpeth at a rattling pace, and soon came in view of the lights of the city famed for its manufactures of ships and munitions of war. At Newcastle, we lit our lamps, and made the best of our way home along the low road, for

> "The night it was gloomy, the wind it was high,
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After hymn and prayer, the CHAIRMAN said he was pleased to see so many present. They were met together to hear something on the temperance question which was very important. It was a question that was gaining ground very successfully, and was coming to the front. It had been stated that the number of public-houses in special districts was excessive. This they quite believed and realised, and he was pleased to think that they were awakening themselves up to the fact that something ought to be done. The older he got he was more convinced that the temperance question ought to be taken up as one of the leading questions of the day. (Applause). They could scarcely take up a paper without seeing the sad effects of the drinking customs of their land. The exertions of the temperance party was to try and reclaim drunkards, and bring happiness to their homes. He was of an opinion that the lessening of the public-houses should be placed in the hands of the people. Some people said if they took away the houses, what would they provide in their place? They had already had an instance of what would be provided in the shape of entertainments, similar to what had been held in that building of late. He thought that if social entertainments could be more fully brought to the front, they would be the means of doing a great amount of good. The reading-rooms and libraries had also their influences, and much good could be derived from them. (Applause).

Mr POWELL said that he wished to say a few words on the work of the association. It was true that the temperance question was coming well to the front. (Applause). The object of the association was twofold. The first was individual persuasion. They knew very well that if they persuaded men individually, it was the means of reaching others, and influencing the young. It was their duty to see that children were not going about their streets in an impoverished condition. It was a disgrace to see children going about half-clad in a civilised country. In their own town on Saturday, he was coming along one of the principal streets, when he passed a man whose voice drew his attention. The man was speaking to two boys in this fashion: "Your mother wants some money, does she? Tell her to go and mind her own business." This was a teetotal lecture for them if they had a mind to take it. They were often told to mind their own business, and that was just what they were doing. (Applause). Their business was to see that publicans conducted their houses properly. The second object was temperance legislation, and enforcement of existing laws for the curtailment of facilities for drinking. They did not stand still on that point, and they had difficulties to contend with. They all knew of Dr Murray, who did not see eye to eye with them. That gentleman believed that a little drink did good. He (the speaker) had had some experience of several complaints, and knew that common-sense remedies were the best. Mr Murray had not quite made up his mind to give up intoxicating drinks as a medicine. What did that gentleman say? He said that the health question blocked the way. If they removed that, every clergyman and every man who had the welfare of his fellow-creatures at heart would be bound to be a total abstainer. Solve the health question, and they would then have plain sailing, and be able to carry the question of total abstinence into every rank of society. The Bishop of London, in a speech at the same time, said that he could not admit that any man had a right to call himself a Christian who was probably indifferent to the fact that so many were perishing from drink. Whether a man thought he was to fight in one way or another might be a matter of opinion, but every man, as a Christian, was bound to feel for those who were perishing, and ask himself "What can I do to stem this dreadful current? How can I most help my fellow-men in this matter?" This was the thing that the association had been trying to do. They had been trying to help their fellow-men, and looking after their welfare and happiness. When licenses had been applied for, the association had opposed them, and when doing this they had a great deal of opposition to contend with. In working locally they found that extra extensions had been made to a certain public-house. Upon making enquiries, they found that no extra license had been procured for the new part of the premises, where drink was sold as soon as completed. They came to the conclusion that it was a case that needed to be inquired into. To sum the whole thing up, the association took it to be a distinct challenge to ratepayers, police, and magistrates. After finding that other authorities would not move in the matter, the Temperance Association determined to bring the matter before the magistrates at the Lanchester Brewster Sessions for their decision. This was done, and the magistrates decided the case in favour of the publican, and against the association. The only thing left for them was to pay their own expenses, but they had the consolation and satisfaction of knowing that they had done their duty, which was a very disagreeable one. The owner of the house whilst the case was approaching got very much annoyed, which they need hardly wonder at, and indulged in strong language against the temperance party generally, and used very insulting language against him in particular. He might state, however, that he sympathised with the publicans, because they had a large business to conduct. They were men who had to work hard, and he had no ill-feeling against any of them. Whilst their business was a lawful one, they had a perfect right to carry it out. It was only when they stepped outside the law that the association interfered. Adverting to the case again, he (the speaker) said that after the trial was over he called the owner to account for what he had been saying. The result was the battle at Blackhill. They all, no doubt, had read the high-coloured report of the one-sided statement of the affray given by the other party. This did not do any great damage to either party, but brought at once a change of manner on the part of his opponent, whose first words were, after the battle, "He's a good deal better man than I took him to be; that's very good for ginger beer." Having the voluntary statement given from a voluntary trumpeter as to what sort of a man he (the speaker) was, he thought he need not say a great deal more about himself. After the affray he came home and changed his clothes, and caught the next train to Durham for Newcastle. In the evening he met his opponent at the Central Station, who told him "that he was a good deal better man than he took him to be," and with a few more words in the same strain, which he (the speaker) took as given in a friendly spirit, and not wishing to be thought surly, he held out his hand and they shook hands, and the last words from his opponent were—"I am done with it; you will hear no more of it from me." However, he was very much surprised to find in the papers the coloured report in which his opponent stated he told him that he had thrashed him. He never heard these words stated or he would have made some reply. His opponent said "that he was never more grieved than when he was at difference with anybody. I don't even like to quarrel with my wife." (Laughter.) He (Mr Powell) thought that if his opponent was so wishful to keep the peace, that after shaking hands with each other, he ought to have let the question drop. He was called by his opponent a high priest of religious cant. All he could say to that was that nobody present had seen him stick himself up as a priest. He knew that some opponents treated the present question as religious cant, but it was not so. He asked them to look in the face of the question. If the temperance question was religious cant where was there any expression of solid religion which worked for the good of their fellow men. Busy men were to be found who had made colossal fortunes out of the drink traffic, and the misery of its victims, and either as a step to an uneasy conscience, or the oil for the machinery of the trade gave handsomely to restore cathedrals, build churches, and helped other religious denominations who sometime refused to accept such help. Amongst these might be found some instances of religious cant, and if they wanted a high priest they must look to some of those who had risen to the House of Lords. Their duty, as temperance men, was to press forward in the interests of all; not pressing unduly against individuals, and not yet hanging back through fear of favour but knowing that they were on the side of truth, right, and charity. Let them use the talents which God has given them on behalf of their fellowmen, and not stand idly aside while the country around them was being devastated, and the children of the victims being weakened by poverty and vice to the shame of the present generation, and the great loss and disgrace of the future. (Cheers.)

Mr MCMILLAN and Rev T. DURANT addressed the meeting.

During the evening vocal and instrument music was rendered by Mr M. Fawell's string band, Miss Weaver, Miss Egglestone, Messrs A. Wilson, J. Hope and others. Miss Fawell presided at the piano.

The usual votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

WESLEY CENTENARY MEMORIAL.

SPLENDID GIFT BY ALD. U. A. RITSON, J.P., OF BURNHOPE COLLIERY.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

On Wednesday afternoon, the new drinking fountain, which has been erected as a centenary memorial of John Wesley's first visit to Newcastle, was formally unveiled by Ald. U. A. Ritson, and handed over to the Newcastle Corporation, on the Sandhill, Quayside. A large number of members of the Corporation and well-known local Wesleyans attended the ceremony.

Rev D. C. INGRAM, chairman of the Newcastle and Gateshead Wesleyan Council, said they were there as Wesleyan Methodist people to unveil a memorial to the venerable founder of Wesleyanism, and to hand it over to the Mayor and Corporation of the city.

Ald. U. A. RITSON then unveiled the drinking fountain, which is of granite, and bears the following inscription:—"John Wesley Centenary Memorial, 1891. The gift of Utrick Alexander Ritson, J.P. Rev Joseph Bush, Chairman of the Newcastle-on-Tyne District. Joseph Baxter Ellis, Mayor."

The fountain is of obelisk shape, and is artistically carved. Cheers having been given,

Ald. U. A. RITSON said that one hundred years ago the end of last March, John Wesley died in City Road, London, at the advanced age of 88 years. In connection with the centenary services celebrated in Brunswick Chapel, it was decided to erect a memorial of his first visit to Newcastle. That memorial you now see—the obelisk of Aberdeen granite with its very useful arrangements. Without dwelling in detail on the several features of the obelisk, I trust it will be acknowledged to be an acceptable memorial of one of the most remarkable characters in the history of the 18th century of this beloved country of ours. Students of that history may be met with on every hand. Some are friends, others are dissentients, a small number are foes. They have given their impressions. Though they differ in estimating the motives—the characteristics, the achievements of John Wesley—they all agree in regarding him as the foremost evangelist of the 18th century, and as placing his country under great indebtedness to him for the promotion of the noblest and best interests of his fellow-countrymen. The beneficial results of his life-long work are now acknowledged by our leading historians. John Wesley was not merely a zealous and effective evangelist. He was a pioneer in many valuable movements calculated to lessen the ignorance and miseries, and increase the general well-being, of his fellow-men. He was eminent as a philanthropist; he pitied orphans and slaves. One of his latest acts was to write an inspiriting letter to William Wilberforce (who I need scarcely remind you was the grandfather of the Bishop of this diocese), encouraging him to persevere in his efforts to extinguish what Wesley called slavery—viz., "the sum of all villainies." He was one of the earliest advocates of popularising education. He actually published a cheapened literature for the people. He discovered the power of the penny, whether applied to religion or to literature—an infinite boon to the masses of the people. Wesley's philanthropic and educational efforts were admirably combined in the establishment of the Orphan House, which at the time of its erection was situated in open fields outside their own town of Newcastle, where the first Sunday School in the North of England was instituted. He conceived a peculiar affection for Newcastle, which he first visited on Friday, May 28th, 1741, preaching on Sunday, May 30th 1742. He records in his journal, with marked interest and tenderness, numerous visits made until close upon his death. In one instance, he declares that the beauty of the neighbourhood and heartiness of the people so attracted him that if he dared to cease his labours and settle in any place, as a permanent resident, Newcastle would be that place. In our study of the heroes of the past, we must learn to distinguish between what is fleeting and permanent in the characteristics of their life. We venture to say that the study of John Wesley's life reveals monuments of most beneficial and ever-enduring preciousness. They are to be seen well nigh the whole world over. But we are not to be denied the pleasure and the privilege of erecting a memorial in our city, and we are met together today to give an expression of our grateful admiration of him to whom our country and this city are so much indebted. The Wesleyan Council of Newcastle and Gateshead decided to erect a monument as near as possible to the spot where John Wesley took his stand and preached his first sermon on that now historic Sunday, May 30th, 1442. John Wesley records in his journal:—"Sunday, May 30th, 1741. At seven, I walked down Sandgate, the poorest and most contemptible part of the town, and standing at the end of the street with John Taylor, began to sing the 100th psalm. Three or four people came out to see what was the matter, which soon increased to four or five hundred. I suppose there might be 1,200 or 1,500 before I had done preaching to them. I applied the solemn words, "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." Observing the people when I was done to stand gaping and staring upon me with the most profound astonishment, I told them if you desire to know who I am, my name is John Wesley. At five in the evening, with God's help, I design to preach here again. At five, the hill on which I designed to preach was covered from the top to the bottom. I never saw so large a number of people together, either in Moorfields or Lemington Common. I knew it was not possible for the one-half to hear, although my voice was then strong and clear, and I stood so as have them all in view as they ranged on the side of the hill. The word of God which I set before them was—"I will heal their back-sliding; I will love them freely." After preaching the poor people were ready to tread me under foot out of pure love and kindness. It was some time before I could possibly get out of the pew. I then went back another way than I came, but several got to our inn before me, by whom I was vehemently importuned to stay with them, at least a few days more, or however one day more. But I would not consent, having given my word to be at Birstall, with God's love, on Tuesday night. It gives me great pleasure, Mr Mayor, to ask you, in the name of the Wesleyan Council of Newcastle and Gateshead, to accept this drinking fountain, which stands on ground generously given by the Corporation, and I have now, in the name of the Wesleyan Council, to beg of you to convey our hearty thanks to your colleagues for the kind way in which your Town Improvement Committee freely granted the site and agreed to supply the fountain with water free of cost. We feel greatly the honour you have done us in giving us your presence here along with so many of your colleagues. Your year of office has been beguiled by many important events, but I trust when you look back on the past you will not think your time was misspent in lending your name and great influence, and in giving us your presence this day to assist us in the dedication of the obelisk with its foundations, which, I trust, will be of benefit both to men and animals, as well as to serve as a small memorial of one of England's greatest benefactors.

The MAYOR said he had great pleasure in taking part in that most pleasing ceremony. In the name of the Newcastle Corporation, and of the people of Newcastle, he accepted the fountain in the spirit in which it had been given. (Loud applause.)

The Rev J. BUSH addressed the audience, and on the motion of Ald. STEPHENSON, seconded by Mr J. H. BAINBRIDGE, a vote of thanks was passed with cheers to his Worship the Mayor.

The MAYOR replied, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

There are many people in Weardale who have never travelled in a railway train, singular to say; yet nevertheless it is too true. One of this class, an old lady, got into the train at Stanhope to go down Darlington way the other day. She was very funny in her remarks anent riding by steam, and seeing trees, plantations, fields, all go whirring past the carriage window. She had to go through Shildon tunnel on her journey. She was not aware of it, and after leaving Bishop Auckland the train all at once darted into the tunnel. Those sitting next her in the carriage heard her exclaim: "Lord, hev mercy on us; aw was nivvor in a train afore, but aw've gone stone blind."

A Balaclava hero, of light brigade renown, is now working at the steam navvy, at Jack Cragg quarry, Stanhope. On Saturday, he loaded a cart with corn, until it "couped" over. He had gone through the Crimea War without a spill, but ingloriously fell loading corn at a country place like Stanhope.

Frosterley Church choir possesses one of the best bass singers in Weardale—Mr Wm. Waller. The part he took in the service on Sunday evening did him great credit. He has few equals in that line. Nature has been lavish in bestowing her favours on him. He is possessed of rare and exceptional talent and ability.

At the annual harvest thanksgiving services at Frosterley Church, last week, I heard again the renowned Frosterley Church choir, whose equal will be difficult to find between Killhope Head and Bishop Auckland. For superb decorations, nice choral services, and splendid singing, Frosterley Church stands high. It was generally thought that this year the attendance would be below that of other years; but not so. The church was packed at each service. Frosterley Church harvest thanksgiving is as popular as ever, and is one of the red letter events in Frosterley year by year.

The Weardale railway project is absorbing the attention of the Weardale public. Surveyors are at work, and have been every day for some time now (Sundays included), taking measurements and surveying. The committee are also actively engaged hunting up shares and shareholders with wonderful success, and now the people are becoming pretty sanguine of the success of the undertaking, which will save Weardale from becoming a purely agricultural district.

A lady fight occurred the other day at the Butts, Stanhope. The combatants fenced some time in close quarters, and then took to stone and water throwing. One of them, a crack shot with a gun, had a garden syringe, and with it washed her opponent at a distance, and at the same time dodging her opponent's stone throwing. Women, as is well-known, cannot throw stones like men, but always figure awkwardly in so doing. So it was on this occasion; the stones flew wide of the mark, but the water didn't. After the battle no ambulance men were required, as there were no slain and no wounded. A boxing booth for ladies will soon be opened at the Butts.

HANDYSIDE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINES.

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Trade Notes.

COKE TRADE.—The prospects appear not so good as were anticipated in this trade, which must be due, principally, to the falling off in the shipping. The unsettled state of the weather and repeated gales that have so recently played such havoc on our coast will have very greatly impeded the export trade. The eventual loss through shipping causalities must have a direct effect in commercial circles, occasioning a good deal of hazard and risk. At least coke produced in the district is noticeable from time to time accumulated on the benches and appears to diminish slowly.

EXCITING SCENE AT WINLATON.

A horse attached to a flat laden with empty bottles, belonging to Messrs Bewick Brothers, mineral water manufacturers, ran away from Winlaton Bank Top at full speed on Friday. The driver held on gallantly, but could not steer the horse, which ran into a fruiterer's rolley, almost smashing it to pieces. The driver of the rolley was considerably hurt, and at the same time the driver of the flat was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining a severe cut on his head. He was picked up by Mr W. Robson, representative of Mr C. J. Weir, tea and coffee merchant, Newcastle, and carried to the nearest house. He was attended to by Dr Smith, Winlaton, and Dr Brown, Blaydon, and the wound in his head was stiched up. The horse continued its mad career, but was ultimately brought to a stop by running into a beer waggon near the foot of the bank at Blaydon.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER FOR MEDOMSLEY.

The offices of assistant overseer and poor-rate collector for the parish of Medomsley having recently been separated by order of the Local Government Board, and a collector duly appointed by the Lanchester Board of Guardians, a poll of the inhabitants was conducted on Thursday week, in the Westwood Board Schools, to select a person to fill the office of assistant overseer. The candidates were: Mr M. Coupland, of Westwood House (who previously held the combined offices), and Mr John G. Armstrong, of Medomsley (a sub-inspector under the County Council). A great deal of interest was manifested in the poll which closed at eight p.m. Soon afterwards the returning office (Mr W. H. Ritson, of Lanchester) declared the result as follows:—

	Votes.
Mr Coupland	410
Mr Armstrong	120
Majority	290

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, OCT. 31ST).

Durham County Trial Game—Darlington and District v Bishop Auckland and District, at Tow Law.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Consett League, at Consett (Durham Cup tie).
Dipton Wanderers v Cornsay Rovers, at Cornsay (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Leadgate Exiles v Langley Park Rovers, at Leadgate (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Medomsley v West End Reserve, at Medomsley.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Consett Fell, at Dipton.
Consett Fell B v Tanfield Lea 2nd, at Consett.
Stanley Hedley Harriers v Heaton Rovers, at Stanley.
Blackhill Rovers v Tyne Dock, at Blackhill.
Sacriston St. Peter's v Langley Park Rovers 2nd, at Sacriston.
Tanfield Lea v Wardley Star, at Tanfield.
Lintzford v Science and Art 2nd (Newcastle), at Lintzford.
Medomsley Reserve v Leadgate Exiles Reserve, at Leadgate.
Hobson Wanderers v Burton Star, at Hobson.
Lintz Rovers v Shotley Bridge, at Shotley Bridge.
Consett Swifts v South Medomsley Heroes, at South Medomsley.
Byer Moor v Heaton North End, at Heaton.
Lintz Rovers 2nd v Blackhill Park, at Blackhill.
Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd v Marley Hill, at Pelton Fell.

LEADGATE EXILES v LANGLEY PARK ROVERS.—The above teams will meet at Leadgate in an Alliance fixture. The Exiles' team will be as follows:—Goal, J. McMahon; backs, Wm. McGee (capt.) and P. Hughes; half-backs, J. Monaghan, J. Haggan, and Peter Hughes; forwards, T. Kelly and O. Hughes, right wing; O. Quinn, centre; Jas. McGee and P. Quinn, left wing. Kick-off at 2-30. Referee, Mr W. G. Thompson, Medomsley.

TYNE DOCK v BLACKHILL ROVERS.—This match will be played at Blackhill. The following will do duty for the Rovers:—Full back, J. Aitken; three-quarter backs, J. Brown, W. Patterson, and A. Ward; half-backs, G. Smailes (capt.) and J. McTaggart; forwards, A. Taylor, A. McGhee, T. Robson, J. Anderson, L. McTaggart, R. Stobbs, G. Hewitson, G. Sayers, and J. G. Askew. Reserves, G. Davison, A. Elliott, and W. Blacklock. Kick-off 3-45.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v NEWCASTLE TRAFALGAR.—To be played at Leadgate. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, R. Noble; backs, A. Little and J. Crowther; half-backs, T. Stephenson (capt.), J. Brown, and Kennedy; forwards, Lock and Day, right wing; Haggerstone, centre; Willey and Foreman, left wing.

CONSETT FELL v DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.—To be played at Dipton. The Fell will be represented by the following team:—Goal, G. Smith; backs, W. Bell (capt.) and T. Skelton; half-backs, C. Ternent, T. T. Gray, and J. Carruthers; forwards, R. Harkness and T. Dunn, right wing; A. Wood, centre; W. Atkinson and T. Watson, left wing. Reserves, M. Williamson and J. Dunning.

MEDOMSLEY v WEST END RESERVE.—This important game will be played on the Medomsley ground. The visitors are bringing a very powerful eleven, and as the homesters are now playing in capital form, the spectators should be favoured with a splendid exposition of the dribbling game. The Medomsley team will be selected from the following:—T. Bramley, W. Baron, W. Mansell, T. Walton, R. Abbott, R. Cant, G. Moon, J. Veitch, J. E. Taylor, H. Smith, A. M. Hedley, and T. Bailey. The West End eleven will be—Goal, Whitton; backs, Queen and Taylor; half-backs, Wilde, McKenzie, and Ryder; forwards, Heslop, Ritchie, Dodds, Anderson, Barker or another. Kick-off at 3-45.

CONSETT FELL B v TANFIELD LEA 2ND.—To be played at Consett. Fell team:—Goal, W. Williamson; backs, W. Oliver and W. Wake; half-backs, J. Parkinson, Gardner, and Bates; forwards, C. Winter and A. N. Other, right wing; F. Arlott, centre; M. Eustace (capt.) and R. McCance, left wing. Reserve, Dunning.

LINTZFORD v SCIENCE AND ART 2ND.—These teams will meet at Lintzford. The following will represent the home club:—Goal, McGregor; backs, J. W. Andrews (capt.) and J. Brown; half-backs, E. Stobbs, M. Swinburn, and J. Andrews; forwards, Jos. Andrews and Crooks, right wing; R. Goodman, centre; Rule and McMillan, left wing. Reserves, J. Seath, Hulsh, and Newton. Linesman, Mr J. Reed. Kick-off at 2-45.

MEDOMSLEY RESERVE v LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE.—At Leadgate. The Medomsley team will be chosen from the following:—W. Bailey, H. Pearson, J. McColl, W. Hunter (capt.), J. Milligan, W. Ryan, J. T. Paige, R. Wilson, J. Hunter, Jas. Hunter, W. Walton, T. Coates, G. Abbott, and M. Hunter.

LINTZ ROVERS v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—At Shotley Bridge. The Rovers' team will be as follows:—Goal, M. Watson; backs, Nevins and Haywood; half-backs, McGurk, McKenna, and Lee; forwards, Watson, Weedy, W. Johnson, J. Talbot, and Hughes.

LINTZ ROVERS 2ND v BLACKHILL PARK.—At Blackhill. Lintz team—Goal, J. Owen; backs, Fenwick and Talbot; half-backs, Heslin, J. Dinning, and Sinclair; forwards, Hughes, McGinn, Jones, Fail, and B. Dinning.

CONSETT SWIFTS v SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES.—At South Medomsley. The Swifts' team will be—Goal, B. McKie; backs, G. Seaham and T. Winter; half-backs, J. Pescod, P. Froedick, and J. Allison; forwards, G. Eustace and G. Forster, right wing; B. Wake, centre; J. Wake and R. Barron, left wing. Reserve, J. McGuckin.

DURHAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Challenge Cup Committee of the above Association, on Wednesday night, Consett Y.M.C.A. lodged a protest against Consett League on the ground that the latter's team included several players who had taken part in a contest in the close season. After a full hearing, the protest was upheld, and the committee ordered the tie to be re-played tomorrow (Saturday) without any players who participated in matches in the close season. Mr T. Bryson, Bishop Auckland, will officiate as referee, and the Y.M.C.A. again have choice of ground.

The draw for the third round of the Qualifying Competition was then proceeded with. We append the draw (together with the referees appointed by the Association) for the

LEADGATE DIVISION.

Consett Y.M.C.A. or Consett League v Dipton Wanderers. Referee, Mr T. D. Dales, Medomsley.
Leadgate Exiles v Tanfield Lea. Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun., Medomsley.

The ties are to be played on Nov. 7th, the first-named club having choice of ground.

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NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

There is little or nothing having a local bearing on which to speak this week, and so, with the Editor's permission, I purpose imposing upon my readers a few stray thoughts on a

FLYING VISIT TO SCOTLAND,

which I made a few weeks ago. They will indeed be scattered thoughts, and made regardless of connection, for I have given the subject no previous consideration, and I write as a player once put it, "On the spur of the moment."

It was by the Waverley route I travelled on a particular morning some three weeks ago, leaving the Central at, for me, a particularly early hour. But the passengers were numerous, and all of them it seemed, except myself, in the very best of spirits. Perhaps they had all partaken of hearty breakfasts before leaving home! Be that as it may, the fact remains that I personally had not done so, and I somehow felt the punishment. I was anything but jubilant, anything but well; nay, I felt awfully "seedy," and considered myself quite out of keeping with the rest of the party—a right jolly lot, whose compartment I shared. And it was thus the journey commenced. The country, enveloped in an early morning mist, could not be much admired, for very little of it could of course be seen, but Hexham having been passed, one began to inhale the freshening breezes, and by the time Riccarton Junction—that funny little nondescript sort of place on the summit of the Cheviot hills—was reached, the warmth of the sun was already beginning to be felt and appreciated.

Riccarton Junction is not remarkable for much else than its isolated position and its station refreshment-room. It is the first place at which refreshments are to be had, and these are doled out in very original style.

"A glass of beer, please."

"We don't serve glasses."

"A small whiskey, then."

"We don't measure."

"What do you mean?"

"We only sell bottles."

"Well, let's have a bottle of beer, then. How much?"

"Sixpence"—holding the bottle in the distance—"give me the money."

"Oh, you want the money first, eh? That's very creditable to you, and exhibits an eye to business. Do you allow for the bottle?"

"No, we don't take them back."

Surely, reader, this is sufficient to satisfy you that at this funny little spot they know how not to be imposed upon, while at the same time they are not remarkable either for an excess of civility or a too conscientious regard to return value for the "siller" with which you part. I shall not forget Riccarton for a long time—you see if I do.

Hawick is soon reached, and discovers itself as a busy little town, a trifle smoke-begrimed to boot. Seated the length of a wall adjoining the station as we pass, are some thirty or more young urchins, all shoeless and minus stockings, who bellow not unmusically, to the extent of their lung power—"Hoy oot bawbee," which, I understand, being interpreted, signifies a request to us to "throw out halfpennies," and we comply or not, according to our respective whims, and these, I may remark in passing, are chiefly on the negative side.

Galashiels, quite a second Hawick, is reached and passed much in the same manner. Here, too, there is a wall, and here also, in manner similar, is a row of small boys seated, all dressed—or undressed shall I say?—as were their predecessors, singing out equally lustily—"Hoy oot bawbee," as though their very lives depended on it. The cry is altogether a very curious one, and quite amusing to the "unsophisticated" stranger. Melrose, with its abbey and soft delicate-looking rising grounds, and its memories of Scotland's greatest novelist, seems quite out of keeping with all that has gone before, only so recently. With Hawick tweeds it has indeed little in common, and it must be admitted something of the poetic and artistic is lost to it by reason of a too close proximity to all that is humdrum and commonplace. By and bye we catch a glimpse on our distant left of "Arthur's Seat," with, later on, an occasional strip of blue sea to our right, and presently we are rushed past Portobello with its meshes of interlacing railway lines, all crowded with trucks, and passing by the foot of the gaol—often pointed out in mistake for the castle—after a longish ride of something like five hours we glide into the Waverley Station, Edinboro'—about one of the ugliest and least inviting of stations it has ever been my lot to see. But it was not Waverley Station we came out for to see. Thank goodness, there are things better worth seeing in the modern Athens than *it*. Leaving the unattractive dismal place, I smile as the thought occurs to me how lost the youth of Newcastle would be with no more suitable *rendezvous* for sweethearting than this! Why, if they were so unhappily situated, they would be disposed to look upon the whole business as a failure.

EDINBORO'

is well entitled to feel proud of its Prince's Street, a picturesquely-situated thoroughfare two miles in length, and of quite unusual breadth, bordered on the one side by many handsome buildings, and on the other by much that is strikingly romantic-looking, with the gardens in the foreground, together with the Scott Monument and the several public buildings in close proximity, the Sculpture Gallery, National Gallery, &c., and towering black and sombre in the back ground on the summit of the precipitous rock, as if keeping watch and ward over all, stands the majestic old castle, whose walls, if they could speak, would indeed a tale unfold.

Of all the points of vantage, I think Calton Hill the most satisfactory from which to view this charming and always active thoroughfare. If not satisfied with the view from here, ascend the Nelson Column, which stands at your elbow. You should be cautioned, however, not to make the ascent, as I once foolishly did, in the early morning, and before breakfast. Let the sun first have risen and the morning fogs cleared away, and if you would be secured from an unpleasant giddiness and exhaustion, do not on any account neglect your stomach.

Another thing on which Edinboro' feels, or should feel, proud is the

EXCELLENT TRAM SERVICE

provided. The road-ways are a very network of tram lines, and handsome cars are running in every direction, and very frequently. The most popular tram route to strangers is what is known as the "Morningside Circular Tour." You jump in a tram at the post-office, and for a fare, I think, of 6d, you are driven a long circular round, passing through the most attractive of the suburbs, and are brought back again to the starting point, the ride occupying quite an hour. Good as is the service, there was a severe tax on it last year during the run of the

EXHIBITION,

which, of course, you know was a failure. To prophesy after the event is always safe, but really when I was there in the middle of September last year, I was persuaded the exhibition would not prove a financial success. There seemed a want of enterprise in the management, and everything about the building looked somehow as if "done at the lowest possible figure." I could not banish the thought from my mind as I walked uninterestedly from court to court waiting, Micawberlike, for something to turn up. It was a cheap day, too, that on which I went, and the patronage until late on in the evening was anything but liberal. The musical attractions, to make matters worse, were very "so so." There was an organ recital, at which no one applauded, as usual, and later on a military band in the grounds. Everything and everybody seemed half-hearted, and there was no enthusiasm anywhere. That mismanagement had been present throughout was significantly shown in the end, and few expressed surprise when failure was written against Edinboro's Exhibition, 1890. But I have wandered. The tram service was pretty severely taxed at this time, as I have said, and I recall an amusing incident on leaving the grounds. After some half-dozen vain attempts to get a tram—such was the rush for each as it came up to the entrance—I at length got a footing, and clambered wildly to the roof of one. In less time than I can write the words, and before I can protest, the roof of the car has become more than crowded, and a buxom Scottish lassie has seated herself as for a long and comfortable journey on my ponderous knees.

"Are you quite comfortable, Jennie?" ask her wicked-eyed companion with a slight leer.

"Yes, pretty well," Jeannie replied, "but there is na' much room."

No, my reader, there was certainly *not* much room. The half-hour I spent on that tram was the hottest I have ever experienced. Other "scattered" thoughts must be left for a future article.

THE FLOOD-PORTERS AT CONSETT.

Through the enterprise of Messrs Waddington and Sons, the well-known music-sellers, the inhabitants of Consett and vicinity have once again been privileged to listen to the very excellent performances of Madame and the Misses Flood-Porters' party, who gave two high-class popular speciality costume concerts in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The hall was by no means filled on either occasions; but the audiences were of a select and appreciative character. The artistes, who have had the honour of appearing before royal and ducal families, consist of Miss Ada Flood-Porter (the celebrated London quartette), contralto, vocalist, pianist, and reciter; Miss Gertie Flood-Porter, solo violinist; Miss Amy Flood-Porter, solo violincellist; Miss Nellie Flood-Porter, solo flautist and piccolist; Miss Amy Eustace, soprano vocalist, and Madame Flood-Porter, who acts as accompanist and director of the entertainments. The varied and interesting programme submitted each evening are suited to the tastes of all classes of lovers of popular and refined music, and where the whole of the executants are generally acknowledged to be of such distinguished ability it is needless to particularise every item presented at each concert. Miss Flood-Porter is undoubtedly clever, both as a pianist and vocalist, and her brilliant efforts gained, in almost every instance, an *encore*. It was a genuine treat to hear her sing "Number two," "Just in a casual way," &c. Miss Gertie is a skilful and accomplished violinist, and her solo on that instrument were appreciated in the fullest degree. The flute and piccolo solos by Miss Nellie were performed in a masterly style, her rendering of the "Irish airs" literally charming her hearers. Miss Amy's solos on the violincello were so brilliantly executed that they could not be surpassed. Indeed, it would be difficult to find a lady who can handle the instrument with better judgment and more ability. Her contributions of "Le Desu," "Barcoral," and "Seranade Badine" were an exceptionally good performance. Miss Amy Eustace possesses a sweet and melodious soprano voice, and she was happy in the selection of her songs—"All on a market day," "Two's company," "At my window," and "Stories." The instrumental pieces by the full company were thoroughly admired, particularly in the cases of the selections from the operas—*Figaro* and the *Gondoliers*. The party also favoured with mandolin and guitar quartettes in a most efficient manner, "The death of Nelson" being a brilliant performance. Miss Nellie likewise gave some humorous recitations, which produced endless merriment amongst the audience. Vocal duets, trios, and quartettes are introduced. Perhaps the item most appreciated was the song and chorus, "Hush! the bogie man." The artistes appear in complete Grecian costumes, which which are changed for dazzling dresses when they appear in some new speciality dances; this feature of the programme being most attractive to everybody, and evoked general approbation. These concerts, without doubt, rank amongst the best ever given in Consett, each and everyone of the artistes being mightily re-called. Mr Flood-Porter thanked the public for their patronage, and promised to pay a return visit to Consett next year—an announcement which was greeted with prolonged cheering.

A CRUEL AND BARBAROUS ACT.—For some time an inhuman monster has been tarring domestic animals, dogs, cats, and fowls. Some have died in consequence of this diabolical act. It ought not to be a very difficult matter to secure the culprit, and when secured an example should be made of the wretch.

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BIRTHS

LANCHESTER—The Cottage, Greencroft Park, 14th inst., the wife of Frederick G. Hooper, of a daughter.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—24th inst., the wife of Rev F. L. Milward, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 24th inst., W. A. Shearer to W. Morton, both of Iveston.—Same day, Thomas Smith, Westwood, to M. J. Craigs, Milkwell Burn.—Same day, M. Hall to J. H. Gibson, both of Stanley.—Same day, D. York, Stanley, to J. Ruddick, Tanfield Lea.—29th inst., Henry Bates, Kyo, to Agnes Spark, East Pontop.

WHITE-LE-HEAD—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 24th inst., by Rev M. Johnson, Robert H. Crossman, South Moor, to Elizabeth M. Jackson, White-le-Head.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—13, Palmerston Street, 28th inst., aged 4 years and 10 months, Sarah Jane, beloved daughter of Matthew and Sarah Cuthbertson. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday. Friends, please accept this, the only intimation. 860g

SATLEY—28th inst., aged 77, Michael Buckham. To be interred at Satley, at Four o'clock, on Saturday. Friends, please accept this intimation. 835g

STANLEY—At the house of John Maddison, 23rd inst., John Robert Bird.

BEAMISH—Shepherd's Inn, 22nd inst., aged 62, Joseph Ramshaw.

BROWNEY COLLIERY—20th inst., John, husband of Dorothy Cowings.

TANTOBIE—21st inst., aged 66, Grace Firstbrook.

WHICKHAM—19th inst., aged 25, Margaret, wife of William Gray.

PELTON FELL—21st inst., aged 55, Sarah, wife of George Forster.

BLAYDON—Bridge Street, 22nd inst., aged 7 months, Hilda May, daughter of John and Margaret Bewick.

Bridge Street, 26th inst., aged 29, Isabella, daughter of Robert Rutherford.

BURNOPFIELD—Wesley Cottages, aged 11 months, Sissy, twin daughter of Douglas and Mary Patterson.

ROWLAND'S GILL—25th inst., aged 61, Thomas, husband of Isabella Leonard.

WHITE-LE-HEAD—19th inst., aged 43, Hannah, wife of John Gladders.

STANHOPE—27th inst., aged 68, Joseph Sanderson, joiner.

HAND-IN-HOLD—25th inst., aged 79, Frances, wife of Thomas Batey.

MICKLEY—23rd inst., aged 55, suddenly, Walter Dalrymple.

LEAMINGTON—The Chesnuts, 24th inst., in his 80th year, Henry Smith, of Esh Hall, Durham, and formerly of Drax Abbey, Yorkshire.

SOUTH WALES—The Cottage, Cwmpemar, Mountain Ash, 22nd inst., Mary Ann, wife of Wm. Little, formerly of Vigo House, near Chester-le-Street.

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