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, Blackhill, and threatening to "break ... man's head."—P.C. Grant corroborated ... 's statement and defendant was fined

Jarrod was charged by P.C. Mothes ... bad language in Dawson Street, on ...—Fined 5/- and costs.

... was charged by P.C. Crabb with ... and wanting to fight with a man ... inson in Front Street, Leadgate, on ..., and was fined 7/6 and costs.

... Hughes answered to a charge of being ... disorderly on the 3rd inst., in Sunday ..., Leadgate.—He was fined 5/- and

... pleaded guilty to a charge of ... and disorderly on the 5th inst.— ... and costs.

A CHIMNEY ON FIRE.

... Armstrong was charged by P.C. Grant ... Towns Police Clauses Act with having ... set a chimney on fire.—The ... who did not appear, was fined 2/6

... LANGUAGE AT CONSETT.

... Stoker was charged with being drunk ... bad language on the 5th inst., in ... Street, Consett.—Evidence bearing out ... having been heard, defendant was ... a fine of 2/6 and costs.

FROM NEWCASTLE TO CONSETT.

... thorn was charged by P.C. Carruthers ... a horse and cart standing on the ... on the 7th September.—The officer ... about a quarter to six o'clock he noticed ... cart standing outside Victoria Hotel, ... with no one in attendance.—Defendant ... he had had a long journey, having ... Newcastle to Consett. The reason why ... so long was that the person to whom ... a piano refused to ... an agree... his business place was in ... Trafalgar ... Newcastle-on-Tyne, and he occasionally ... pianos for Waddington and Sons. It ... very damp day he was obliged to stay ... the piano in proper repair.—A fine of 1/- was imposed.

CONSETT INEBRIATES.

... McCutcheon pleaded guilty to a ... being drunk on the 17th in the Park, ...—P.C. Lawson stated that he had to ... defendant home in a wheel barrow.— ... and costs.

... Mullen, who did not appear, was ... with being drunk on the 17th., in ... Row, Consett.—P.C. Pringle proved the ... defendant was fined 5/- and costs.

... Conner was also charged with being ... Puddler's Row, and was dismissed.

... McQuire was charged with being drunk ... disorderly on Saturday night in Front Street, ...—P.C. Carruthers stated that on the day ... he found defendant drunk. He took ... custody and he resisted several times ... him (the constable) on the legs.— ... and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE AT TANFIELD.

... Atkinson, of West Leith Farm, charged ... Parker and Robert Brown, miners, Tan... with having done wilful damage on the ...vember.—P.C. Tomlinson stated that on ... afternoon he saw defendants in a field ... Leith Farm, belonging to Mr. Atkin... Defendants pleaded not guilty. Stating that ... were never off the footpath.—The constable ... that when the men saw him they ran off, and ... and caught Parker. He searched ... but did not find any nets in his pos... They were sixty yards off the road.— ... Ferguson and Mary Jane Laverick, were ... and stated that on the day in question ... in company with the defendants. They ... off the footpath.—Mr. Atkinson stated ... damage amounted to 1d.—Brown was ..., and Parker was fined 5/-, 1d. damage, ... costs.

FIGHTS AT CONSETT.

... Evans and Benjamin Evans were charged ... Pringle with a breach of the peace on ... of October.—The officer stated that on ... in question he found defendants fighting ... Block Street.—Defendants were bound over ... the peace and pay the costs.

... Thompson and George Mordue were ... by Sergeant Bellam with having been ... on Saturday night in Havelock Street, ...—Defendants pleaded not guilty.—Sergt. ... said he was in company with Sergeant ... when he saw the defendants fighting. ... afterwards went up to the Commercial Hotel, ... heard one of them say, "Are you going ... gate to fight?" Thompson thereupon ... Mordue off the flags.—Inspector Best ... saw the defendants at the Police Station, ... they never made any objection to the ...—Mattley Scott was called, and stated ... about 11 o'clock on Saturday night he ... crowd go up Front Street, when Thompson ... Mordue and knocked him down. He ... jumped up, rushed through the crowd, ... down Sherburn Terrace, where the fight ... resumed.—Defendants were bound over to ... the peace and pay the costs.

... JUBILEE OF THE RECTOR OF WHICKHAM.

...E COMMEMORATION WINDOW.

... has just been fixed in the church ... a beautifully stained window, ... of the jubilee of the Rev. Canon ... Carr, who has reached his fiftieth year ... of Whickham, and who, as was inti... in the "Guardian" at the beginning of ...nth, has resigned his living. A number ... were submitted to the committee who ... the testimonial in hand, and after con... the work was intrusted to Messrs ... and Strang, of Newcastle, who have com... their task in such a manner as cannot ... enhance the already high reputation of ... firm. The window is situate in the east ... the south aisle of the church, and com... four large lights, separated by the stone ... mullions, and geometric stone tracery ... under the Gothic art. Our Lord's Sermon ... Mount is the Scriptural subject illus..., and the picture extends over the four ... compartments. On a slight eminence on ... mountain side the Saviour is seated, and with ... arms is in the act of setting forth ... Beatitudes found in the Gospel of St. Matthew, ... v. The figure of our Lord fills one light, ... the "multitude" are variously grouped ... three others. Immediately on the Saviour's ... are the two chief disciples, St. Peter and St. ..., and the other figures represent all classes— ... and young children, soldiers, scribes, ... Pharisees. They are all symmetrically posed, ... features and expressions are most lifelike, ... the rich and varied colours of the draperies ... the figures lend considerable attractiveness ... the whole. The three quartrefoils of the ... above are filled in with delicately-tinted ..., and have representations of three angelic ... bearing scrolls, on which are inscribed ... of the beatitudes, "Blessed are the peace...," "Blessed are the meek," and "Blessed ... the pure in heart." The herbage of the ... side, with the "lilies of the field," ... the foreground of the picture, and the ... of figures are projected upon a background ... of the flat-roofed buildings and walls ... Eastern city and distant mountains. The ... subject is enclosed and framed with ... architectural canopies. The formal ... of the window will take place shortly, ... church in the meantime being cleaned and ...rated.

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No more on earth to roam;
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"Gone, but not forgotten".
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FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

South Moor Violets and Tanfield Lea Juniors played a draw of one goal each at South Moor.

Sunniside Young St. Cuthbert's beat Windy Hill United by six goals to nil, on the ground of the former.

Leadgate United beat Leadgate Royal Oaks, on the ground of the former, by five goals to two.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. TOW LAW.—These teams met at Tow Law, when the home team proved victorious by four goals to one.

BLACKHILL ROVERS RESERVE v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS RESERVE.—Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a draw of one goal each.

LANCHESTER v. KYO UNITED.—This match was played at Kyo, and after a good game Lanchester won by two goals to nil.

TANFIELD LEA CAESARS v. TANFIELD UNITED.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by five goals to nil.

BLACKHILL ROVERS JUNIORS v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CEMENT ROVERS.—Played at Annfield Plain, and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to three.

ANNFIELD PLAIN JUNIORS v. DELVES LANE UNITED.—This game was played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one.

LINTZFORD v. BRANDLING VILLAGE.—Played at Newcastle, a pleasant game resulting in favour of the home team. Score:—Brandling, four goals; Lintzford, one goal.

CONSETT UNITED v. CONSETT RISING STARS.—On the ground of the latter, and ended in a win for the Rising Stars by four goals to two. F. Dimmick, J. Bridgewater, and E. Almond played in good style for the United.

OXHILL JUNIORS v. BURNS TRUE BLUES.—Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a win for the home team by eight goals to one. Winners' team—Goal, H. Drake; backs, W. Hunter and M. Wilson; half-backs, J. Vasey, J. Armstrong, and E. Trueman; forwards, R. McVitty, J. Hunter, J. Armstrong, R. Palmer, and W. Hardy.

BURNHOPE YOUNG ROVERS v. EDMONDSLEY RANGERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a win for the home team by two goals to one. Rovers' team—Goal, J. Winter; backs, J. Peveller and J. Leeming; half-backs, J. Mason, J. Siddle, and G. Nicholson; forwards, T. Little, J. Heslop, J. Liddle, W. Lowerson, and J. Pigford.

GREENCROFT v. ANNFIELD PLAIN JUNIORS 2ND.—This match was played on the latter's ground. Greencroft won the toss, and decided to kick down the field. They pressed hard, but were stopped by the backs. Then the Juniors pressed and scored twice. Half-time—Annfield Plain, two goals; Greencroft, nil. On resuming, Greencroft scored No. 1, but the Juniors put on other two goals. Final—Annfield Plain, four goals; Greencroft, one.

ALLENDALE WHITE STARS v. ELM PARK.—Played at Allendale before a good muster of spectators, and after a very good game resulted in a win for the homesters by three goals to one. Allendale team—Goal, R. Coulson; backs, E. Coulson and M. Cavanagh; half-backs, C. Charlton, F. Cawthorn, and F. McGeary; forwards, C. Wigham, M. Davidson, T. Fawcett, J. Wigham, and J. Coates.

KYO UNITED JUNIORS v. STANLEY PLUNGERS.—Played at Kyo. Kyo won the toss and elected to play against a slight wind. Hodgson set the ball in motion, and the visitors were not long in hovering around the home goal. The homesters now got up to the Stanley goal, and Walker conceded a corner, which was well placed by Armstrong, and Williamson had to fist out. From now until the interval play was in the Stanley quarters, but the homesters could not break through the stubborn defence of the Plungers. Half-time—Kyo, nil; Stanley, nil. On re-starting the homesters were not long in being in the Stanley territory, and Swailes, with a splendid shot, drew first blood for Kyo. From now until the finish Kyo had all the play, the final being—Kyo, one goal; Stanley, nil.

DIPTON SCHOOL v. BROOMS.—On Saturday morning last, Dipton School had a visit from the Brooms R.C. The Dipton captain won the toss, and played towards the entrance goal. Dipton at once began to press, and after a smart run and centre by Thompson, Maddison scored amidst loud cheers from the goodly number of supporters present. Dipton continued to have the best of matters, but no further scoring took place, and at half-time the score stood—Dipton one goal, Brooms nil. Dipton kicked off, but Croney, a very clever and tricky player, secured and ran the ball right down, but shot past. From the goal kick Dipton ran up and should have scored, but Murray mulled the chance. The Brooms had all the play, but could not break the grand defence of the Dipton backs and goalkeeper. The latter needs a special word of praise, as he cleared many good shots in splendid fashion, and when the whistle sounded for time Dipton were victorious by one goal to nil. The Brooms were not fully represented, playing four reserves.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS RESERVE v. CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.

Played at Tantobie. The homesters won the toss, and the visitors kicked off uphill. From a centre by Walton the Swifts just missed. The home team defended well, but the Swifts were not to be denied, and McAleer scored with a low shot which gave the home custodian no chance. Although helped by several first team players, the home team could make little headway against the Consett half-backs, and were very lucky that more goals were not scored against them. Half-time—

Swifts.............................One goal
Co-operators.............................Nil

The Swifts were soon busy round the home goal, but the backs saved repeatedly when goals seemed certain. T. Carr made a good run and put in a splendid long shot, but Edwards saved at the expense of a corner. The ball was well placed, Edwards again saving by fisting out. Finnigan punced on the leather, and the Swifts were heartily applauded for some clever combination, the goalkeeper giving a corner in saving the final effort from the last-named player. McAleer shot through from the corner kick, but the whistle had just gone for time. Final—

Consett Swifts Juniors .... One goal
Tantobie Co-operators Reserve .... Nil

BLACKHILL CELTIC v. ESH VILLA UNITED

Played at Blackhill before a moderate attendance of spectators. The Celtic, who were without R. Moss, played against the wind in the first half. Their combination was much better than that of the United, and in the first five minutes Coyle beat the United goalkeeper with a swift shot. After "hands" against the visitors, T. Moss notched a second point for the Celtic, whilst Stokell added a third. Half-time—

Celtic ....Three goals
United ....Nil

Play had not been re-started more than a minute when a forward rush of the Celtic resulted in Farley scoring a fourth point. Blackhill still had matters their own way, and T. Moss registered a fifth. Then Stokell credited the Celtic with another point, and the game degenerated into a loose scramble. One of the visitors' full backs in trying to clear, put through his own goal, making No. 7. Stokell added another soon after. Final—

Blackhill Celtic...................Eight goals
Esh Villa United............................Nil

CONSETT SHAMROCKS v. BURNOPFIELD ATHLETIC.

The above teams met at Consett before a good number of spectators. At the home team won the toss, and elected to play with the wind in their favour. From the kick-off the Shamrock's front rank ran up, and B. Rafferty scored with a high shot in the first minute. From the centre kick the home team had all their own way, and Grant scored other two goals in as many minutes. Burnopfield now tried hard to score, but only received a fruitless corner. From the goal-kick the Shamrocks once more gained the upper hand, and registered another goal, the score at the interval being—

Shamrocks.............................Four goals
Athletic.......................................Nil

The second half was much the same as the first, the visitors not being able to make any stand against the home team, who had all their own way, and added other four goals to their total, whilst Burnopfield replied with one, the final score reading as under—

Consett Shamrocks.....................Eight goals
Burnopfield Athletic......................One goal

The following represented the winners:—Goal, Smith; backs, Rogers and Matthews; half-backs, Page, Clark, and Rogers; forwards, Rafferty, Day, Roberts, Barron, and Grant.

Referee, Mr J. Roberts, Leadgate.

WHITE-LE-HEAD TEMPERANCE v. TANTOBIE HEROES.

These teams met on the Temperance ground in a friendly game. Prompt to time the teams lined up as follows:—

Temperance—Goal, Joe Pyle; backs, W. Richardson and J. Kirtley; half-backs, Powell, T. Rennison, and J. Arthur; forwards, W. Pyle, John Arthur, Joe Blaylock, and T. Rodham.

Heroes—Goal, W. Entwistle; backs, J. Sanderson and Joe Fletcher; half-backs, R. Holmes, R. Hindmarch, and J. Short; forwards, W. Tyson, T. Beck, J. Campbell, J. Gedling, and Beck.

Referee, Mr Edward Spring.

The visitors won the toss, and choose to play down the slope. Houghton started for the home team, who soon made tracks for the visitors' goal, but Fletcher, with a huge kick, sent the ball to Beck, and he gave to Holmes, who shot from long range, but J. Pyle was all there and saved finely. The home team now began to waken up, and a nice run by W. Pyle and John Arthur resulted in the latter shooting, and though Entwistle touched the ball it went through, thus scoring the first goal for the home team. The Heroes now made a grand run but the home custodian was all there, and try as they would the visitors could not break the defence. The home team now had another look in, but found Entwistle too much for them. Then came a fine run by the Temperance forwards, who passed all opposition, and when W. Pyle was in the act of shooting he was fouled by T. Beck, and Fletcher shot the ball well down the field. The visitors here looked like scoring, but Richardson relieved by a long kick. Play now became very fast, each custodian getting some very smart shots to save, and Rennison nearly beat Entwistle, who managed to tip it over the bar, nothing coming of the corner. Half-time found the score—

Temperance ....One goal
Heroes...Nil

After a well-earned rest Beck re-started, but the home team were too good. Pyle and Arthur ran well up, the former shooting past, but from the goal-kick W. Pyle caught the ball and gave to John Arthur, who passed to Houghton, and he scored No 2 with a splendid shot. Joe Pyle scored No 3, and from the centre kick the same player had very hard lines in not scoring, hitting the cross-bar with a shot which deserved a better fate. The Heroes now began to look very dangerous, but Richardson was all there. Joe Pyle caught the ball and scored No 4, but it was disallowed The Temperance now began to give Entwistle a lot of smart shots to deal with, which he did in fine style. From a fast run down Houghton beat Entwistle for No 4. Tantobie now began to tire, and had it not been for Fletcher and Sanderson they would have scored. Just as the whistle was sounding Houghton shot into goal, and a fast and exciting game ended in a win for the home team as under—

Temperance...............................Four goals
Heroes...Nil

IVESTON VILLA v. STANLEY ATHLETIC.

Played on the Athletic ground at South Moor. The Villa arrived with a weak team and losing the toss. Stanley had to face the wind and hill in the initial half. Iveston pressed strongly, but the home defence was good. After a series of rapid exchanges, Noble for Iveston scored from a free kick taken by P. Foster. After some more give-and-take play Iveston added to their score from a terrific shot by Tweedy, which floored the goalkeeper and continued its course. Hereabouts Stanley showed their excellent quality. The visitors' halves, however, broke up their combination. Before half-time the Villans caused the homesters to shake in their shoes, Handy just pulling the ball round the post before Paul could reach him. Half-time arrived with the score—

Iveston...............................Two goals
Stanley..Nil

The second half was immediately commenced in a shower of sleet. Iveston, to the surprise of the home team, immediately commenced to press, and were within an ace of scoring. The home forwards, led by Chaytor, then commenced a fierce attack on the visitors' goal, but the defence was impregnable. At the other end Tweedy just missed scoring by slipping his foot when he had only to tip the ball through. Stanley re-commenced their attack, but owing to the stubborn defence and poor shooting failed to succeed. A single-handed run by Paul almost caused the downfall of the home goal. From "hands" Stanley obtained their first goal, Smith doing the needful. Final—

Iveston...............................Two goals
Stanley..............................Two goals

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS v. ALLENDALE PARK.

The above teams met in the Spa grounds to play off a "friendly" fixture before a good muster of spectators. Both teams were well represented, but Murray (who is on the injured list) was an absentee from the Shotley ranks. The teams lined up as follows:—

Rovers—Goal, Scott; backs, Oliver and Hobday; half-backs, Winter, Gray, and Robinson; forwards, Watson, Smith, Taylor, Barrass, and Joyce.

Park—Goal, Stoker; backs, Charlton and M Walton; half-backs, Mooney, T. Walton, and Freek; forwards, A Hedley, Walton, Houston, Robinson, and Glasgow.

Referee, Mr R. Robson, Shotley Bridge.

The opening exchanges were of a very even character the home team having slightly the best of matters, but the Park defence was very sound. The Rovers attacked strongly, and Watson forced a fruitless corner. The Park forwards getting possession got away in good style, but Oliver and Hobday proved too good for them. The Rovers' forwards again took up the pressure, and Stoker was called upon to save a sharp shot from Watson. Midfield play ensued until Barrass passed nicely to Joyce, but he dallied too long, and consequently lost a good chance of getting away, the ball eventually going into touch. A free kick for the Rovers was well placed, but Barrass headed past. The home lads still kept up the pressure, and after a prolonged attack Robinson shot past. From the goal-kick the Park forwards tried hard to get down, but found a stumbling block in Winter who broke up their combination time after time. The visitors were again penalised, but Oliver placed past. They got well down from the goal kick, and looked like scoring, but shot badly. They continued to press, however, but could not break through the defence opposed to them, and half-time arrived as under—

Shotley...Nil
Park...Nil

Houston re-started for the Park, but Gray robbed them of the ball. Joyce (who was now playing inside left) passed to Barrass, who raced down the wing, but touch spoiled his effort. Even play took place for a while, neither team showing much combination worthy of mention. The home forwards were rather disorganised, Taylor in the centre not playing the style they are used to when Murray fills that position. The Park took up the pressure, but T. Walton shot over. Hedley and Walton troubled the home defence a good deal, but poor shooting spoiled all their efforts. The Rovers were awarded a free kick for "hands," a corner resulting, but Barrass put behind. Taylor shot well, another corner resulting, and Barrass made amends for his previous failure. He placed the ball right into the goalmouth, and from a scrimmage Smith scored the only goal of the match. This put new life into the visitors, who went off with a rare burst, and it required all the energy of Scott and his backs to keep them out, but they came through the ordeal with flying colours. A miskick on the part of Charlton looked dangerous, but Stoker cleared, and play again raged in midfield. At this stage of the game Winter treated the spectators to some exceptionally clean kicking and tackling, and proved himself much too good for the visiting left wing. Towards the finish Allendale tried hard to equalise, but the whistle sounded with the score—

Shotley Bridge Rovers.............One goal
Allendale Park..................................Nil

HAMSTERLEY WHITE STARS v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS JUNIORS.

This match was played at Hamsterley in fine weather. The Stars were short of Blacklock and Turner; and lined up as under:—

Stars—Goal, C. Rudd; backs, J. Kay and S. Brown; half-backs, J. Pigg, R. Fenwick, and S. Brown; forwards, W. Armstrong, F. Graham, right wing; W. Rudd, centre; C. Kirtley, J. Fenwick, left wing.

Referee, M. L. Bell.

The Rovers won the toss and elected to defend the entrance goal. Rudd kicked off for the Stars, and play soon began to be of a give-and-take character; the Juniors showing some fine play worked the ball into the home territory, Robb putting by. From the goal-kick the Stars went away with the ball, only to be repulsed by Patterson, who was playing a sterling game; but the Stars not to be out-done, worked their way to the visitors' citadel, where some fine shots were put in. Graham receiving put across the goal-mouth, J. Fenwick scoring with a beauty. After the kick off the Juniors came away with a rush, and began to make things lively for the Stars, but R. Fenwick and Pigg at half kept them at bay for a time. J. Fenwick took the ball up the left wing and shot at goal, Patterson kicking out to touch. From the throw-in Fenwick shot across the goal-mouth, Armstrong scoring with a flying shot, but that player was ruled off-side. From the free kick Robb received, and passing the backs gave to Cheeker. The home custodian went out of his goal to save, the ball rolling through the goal, thus opening the score for the visitors. From the centre kick play ruled in midfield, and when the whistle blew with half-time the score was—

Hamsterley ....One goal
Shotley Bridge ....One goal

On changing ends Shotley kicked off, and the Stars returned with some fine passing, and warming them to their work soon made tracks for the visitors' goal, Patterson kicking into touch several times. The Stars getting well into the visitors' goal, out of a scrimmage Rudd passed to Armstrong, who scored No 2. The Juniors wakened up, and Robb coming away worked the ball into the home territory. Brown challenged, but was of no avail, and the home custodian could have cleared easily but for Kay sending through his own goal, much to the vexation of the spectators, thus making the scores equal. From the kick off free kicks were plentiful and the homesters getting well down received "hands," Graham taking the kick, which would have gone through untouched but for Barrass heading through his own goal, thus scoring No 3 for the Stars. After this the Stars had matters their own way, and kept the visitors constantly defending. Armstrong getting the ball had not a chance to put into the goal-mouth, but passing to Fenwick that player scored No 4. After this midfield play ensued for a time, when the Stars getting close to the visitors' goal had hard lines in not scoring. With the ball in midfield the whistle sounded time—

Hamsterley ....Four goals
Shotley Bridge..........................Two goals

MEDOMSLEY ROVERS v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC 3RD.

Played at Medomsley. The home team won the toss, and elected to kick down hill. Bell started the ball for visitors, who scored ten minutes from the start, and soon added another. This roused the home team up, and they went down the field with a rush, and from a scrimmage in the goal-mouth Stubbs headed through. Half-time—

Celtic ....Two goals
Medomsley ....One goal

After the interval, Collins kicked off for the home team and put to Robinson, and that player bringing the ball well up the field shot. Reay fisted out, but G. Nattrass scored with a low shot. The visitors went well down the field, and were awarded a corner, which hit the post and re-bounded in front of the goal, and from a scrimmage the Celts scored No 3. From the re-start the Rovers pressed, and Robinson getting possession brought well up the field and shot, G. Nattrass putting on the finishing touch, amidst cheers. Final—

Medomsley Rovers ....Three goals
Annfield Plain Celtic 3rd ......Three goals

Referee, Mr I. Gilliard, late of Dipton.

MEDOMSLEY YOUNG ROVERS v. GARESFIELD.

Played at Medomsley. The Garesfield captain won the toss, and elected to play up hill. Thompson kicked off for the home team, and gave to Wheatley, who got away, but the visiting half-backs checked him, and put to the forwards. Some midfield play followed, but the visiting forwards broke away, being brought up by Walton, who sent down the field. Again the visitors got up, and from a scrimmage they scored. From the re-start, Garesfield pressed, but some grand defensive work by Walton and Armstrong kept them back. At last Nattrass got away and centred, and J. Pattison scored for the Rovers. Garesfield scored other two. Half-time—

Garesfield..............................Three goals
Medomsley..................................One goal

After the interval it was seen that J. Walton had come forward. From the kick-off Medomsley pressed, but could not score. At last Garesfield got away and scored. Soon after they added No 5. From the centre kick, Nattrass and Walton broke away, and took the ball up the field and shot. The goal-keeper fisted out, but Beadling put through, making No 2 for the Rovers. The ball was in midfield when the whistle sounded for time—

Garesfield ....Five goals
Medomsley ....Two goals

Referee, Mr J. Stubbs.

SHOTLEY ROVERS WEDNESDAY v. CONSETT PARK WEDNESDAY.

These teams met to play the return fixture on the Rovers' ground, in a downpour of rain. The Park arrived minus several of their players, but the vacancies were quickly filled by some of the Rovers who happened to be on the ground. The Rovers' captain (T. Allison) having won the toss, set his men to face the slope. The Park kicked off, and rushed down, but sent past. From the goal-kick the ball was nicely placed to the Rovers' left wing, who quickly took up the field, and at the right moment T. Joyce screwed across the goal-mouth, and T. Moreland dashed through between the backs and breasted the leather into the net, thus scoring the first goal in three minutes. The Park now re-arranged their men in a laudable desire to draw level, but the Shotley halves, who were playing a splendid game, broke up all attempts at combination. The Rovers' right wing were here conspicuous with some dashing runs and centres, two of which ought to have been converted into goals. However, they quickly added a couple, which found the score at half-time—

Rovers ....Three goals
Park ....Nil

The rain still came down in torrents, but the players bravely stuck to their work. The game became very one-sided as time went on, Shotley having their opponents dead settled. The Rovers' custodian got tired of doing nothing, so came down the field and took several throws-in, to the amusement of the select crowd around the ropes. Hobday and Aynsley made desperate attempts to break through the Rovers' defence, but all to no purpose. The Rovers' left wing here took up the attack, and a "melee" ensued in the Park goal-mouth. The Park custodian beat the ball out several times, but it was at length rushed through. From now to the finish the Rovers held the upper hand, the whistle sounding soon after as the ball was travelling through the Park goal, which, however, did not count. Score—

Shotley Bridge Wednesday...Four goals
Consett Park Wednesday ....Nil

Referee, Mr Harper. Linesmen, Mr Dowson and Mr A. Charlton.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. SPEN ALBION.

Played at Marley Hill before a good muster of spectators, and after a good game the home team won by five goals to three.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS V. DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

Although the weather was rather threatening on Saturday, a fairly good number of spectators gathered to witness this match. When the referee's whistle blew, the teams were seen to be represented as follows:—

Tantobie—J. Gladders, goal; T. Hanover and J. McKever, backs; J. Beck, T. Ridley, and J. Smith, half-backs; T. Atthey, J. Brown, M. Burns, J. Watson, and T. Shield, forwards.

Linesman, W. Hodgson.

Dipton—R. Freek, goal; A. Thornton and T. Turpin, backs; J. Burton, G. Burton, and S. Evans, half-backs; T. Brown, J. Spinks, H. Walker, M. Brown, and M. Temple, forwards.

Linesman, M. Cain.

Referee, Mr. Moody, Hobson.

Dipton won the toss, and T. Shield set the orb in motion for the homesters down the incline, with a strong wind at their backs. A foul was given against Tantobie on the centre line, and Burton kicked nicely into the goal, but the ball was taken into midfield, only to be returned by Evans. A foul was next given against Evans. The kick was taken by Hanover, and the home team pressed, but only resulted in a corner, which was easily cleared by Evans. From a throwin a lot of midfield play followed. Then Brown shot in and seemed to score, which the referee allowed, but afterwards changed his decision and gave a goal-kick. From the goal-kick Tantobie pressed, but the ball went out. A foul was given against Dipton, and a lot of fruitless play ensued. Dipton now pressed, but "hands" was given against them at the goal-mouth, but this was got away. From a corner kick taken by Brown, "hands" was again given against Dipton in the goal-mouth. Tantobie pressed hard and Freek had to throw out to save, and after a scrimmage the ball found touch. Walker got nicely away up the left, but this came to nothing. From the throwin Tantobie again pressed, and after a tremendous scrimmage Thornton saved. Tantobie again pressed, but a good chance was missed, and the ball found touch at the corner. From the corner kick Tantobie worked hard, but Thornton saved by heading to midfield. Dipton were again penalised for a foul, the kick being taken by Hanover, who sent well up, but nothing resulted. Another foul was taken by McKever, but was returned by Burton, and when the half-time whistle sounded the game stood—

Tantobie .... Nil.
Dipton .... Nil.

On resuming, Tantobie pressed hard, and "hands" was awarded them, which went into touch. From the throw in Dipton ran down, and tried hard to score, but the ball went just past. After a good run up the field the ball was returned to the Tantobie goal, where Gladders fisted out in rare style several times in succession, and "hands" against Dipton relieved the pressure. The globe was now transferred to the visitors' goal-mouth, and things seemed unfavourable for the visitors, but Freek saved. "Hands" were given against Spinks in mid-field, McKever placing the ball in the Dipton goal-mouth, and after a short tussle, Hanover registered number one. Encouraged by their success the home team pressed hard, but the ball went by. Things were looking rather rosy for Tantobie, but Turpin saved by heading a corner. From the kick a scrimmage followed, and Freek was again called upon to save. Temple was getting nicely away with the orb when Hanover stopped his career, and after a good shot, put in by Thornton, was saved by McKever in the goal-mouth, the whistle blew—

Tantobie .... One goal.
Dipton .... Nil.

BYER MOOR V. LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

These old and friendly rivals met on Saturday last for the first time this season, at Byer Moor. The weather was cold and cheerless, nevertheless a fair number of spectators paid for admission. The home team turned out as advertised, but on the Park side Willis was a spectator, "Bob" Forster going centre forward. Tom Leighton, for the home team, won the toss, and choose to play from the entrance goal, with the breeze in his favour. Forster started, but the home forwards got hold and ran down, Cartmell repulsing them. Give-and-take play for a while ensued till the home men, warming up to their work, besieged their opponents fortress, but J. Calvert was on the alert and fisted away smartly. Still Byer Moor pressed, and Temple to save kicked into touch. From the throw in Welch shot, but again J. Calvert saved grandly. Cartmell conceded a corner, which proved abortive. From the goal-kick the Park vanguard, led by Forster, ran up. Tom Leighton, however, with a long kick drove them back and gave to his brother, who, with Lowe, took down and tried hard to improve matters, but J. Calvert would not be beaten, and although the "Moorites" pressed severely half-time arrived with the score—

Byer Moor .... Nil.
Leadgate Park Reserve .... Nil.

On re-starting, Welch kicked off, and with the wind in their favour the Park had slightly the best of it, but encouraged by the cries of their supporters Byer Moor, by a gallant effort, got the upper hand, W. Brown being conspicuous in robbing Forster of the leather, and gave to his forwards, who, by some pretty passing, got well in, and Welch escaping the vigilance of J. Calvert scored amid cheers. Directly after re-commencing E. Leighton dribbled well up and gave to Weedy, but Cartmell, to avert danger, kicked out, a subsequent corner proving barren. Bob Forster, the Park skipper, was playing grandly, and securing near the centre eluded the home halves, and with a hard and fast shot completely deceived Hodgson in the fading twilight, and equalised Both sides now made a final effort, but neither could score, a pleasant and enjoyable game ending—

Byer Moor .... One goal.
Leadgate Park Reserve ...... One goal.

Referee, Mr. T. Dixon, Lintzford.

BLAYDON UNITED V. HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE.

Played at Blaydon before a large number of spectators, the teams being as follows:—

Blaydon United—Goal, W. Biggars; backs, J. Biggars and J. Gair; half-backs, Wears, Pearson, and Somerville; forwards, J. Hands, J. Holmes, J. Batey, A. Batey, and C. Chapman.

Hobson Reserve—Goal, Wilkinson; backs, Nivens and Smith; half-backs, Hall, Croudace, and Sinclair; forwards, Hughes, Atkinson, Batey, R. Layton, and N. Bell.

Referee, Mr. G. Short, Spen.

Hobson started against a slight wind, the home team at once pressing, Wears sending out of play. Blaydon attacked again, and Pearson sent in a fine shot which Wilkinson saved at the expense of a corner. Hughes sprinted up the wing, Gair clearing, and Blaydon pressed again, and Chapman scored with a splendid shot which Wilkinson had no chance to stop. The game now became more even, each end being visited in turn. Hobson being awarded a free kick they became dangerous, Biggars fisting out twice. Blaydon gained a corner kick which Wears placed well, Holmes heading just over the bar. The home team were now having all the play, but bad shooting spoiled their efforts to score. "Hands" against Somerville once more gave the visitors relief. Chapman now had the goal at his mercy, but off-side spoiled his efforts. A. Batey put in a splendid run, shooting over with just the goalkeeper to beat. Half-time was now called—

Blaydon United .... One goal.
Hobson Reserve .... Nil.

On resuming, the home team pressed, and Batey scored within the first few minutes. Hobson defended well, shots being rained into their goal, Wilkinson saving marvellously. Bell and Layton now changed the scene, and Biggars had to save, he being lucky to clear a shot from Batey. The home forwards passing well once more besieged the visitors' goal, but Wilkinson and his backs kept them at bay. Numerous corners now fell to the United, but they could not score, the game becoming very one-sided. At length Somerville sent in a fine shot which fetched the goalkeeper on to his knees, and he only partly clearing, J. Hands dashed in and scored the third goal for Blaydon. Nothing else was done, and the game ended—

Blaydon United .... Three goals.
Hobson Reserve .... Nil.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

STANLEY V. LEADGATE PARK.

This tie was undoubtedly the tit-bit of the second round in North-West Durham, and caused a tremendous amount of excitement. Stanley thanks to a plentiful infusion of new blood, have a strong team this season, and as the Park have only been doing moderately the home team had no misgivings as to the result. However, the visitors determined to put forth an extra effort on this occasion, and had made up their minds to die hard. This they succeeded in doing, and may be accounted somewhat unlucky to have lost. The ground was in very fair condition, and as there was an almost entire absence of wind, everything pointed to a hard and fast game. There was a splendid attendance, numbering probably well over a thousand. For some reason or other the appointed referee, Mr. J. R. Douglas, did not turn up, but sent another Gateshead man, Mr. Mitchinson, to officiate in his stead. Both teams were exactly as advertised, and lined up a few minutes late as under:—

Leadgate Park—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Bell; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson (capt.), and T. Snowdon; forwards, A. Dunn and A. Burnhope, right wing; S. Thompson, centre; Joe Wilson and G. Lock, left wing. Linesman, J. Haggerstone.

Stanley—Goal T. Crooks; backs, E. Beckwith and W. Pouton; half-backs, J. Milburn, T. Fish, and E. Nicholson; forwards C. Crute, and T. Robson, right wing; S. Wood, centre; J. Howe and J. Pentland, left wing. Linesman, G. Morris.

Referee, Mr. Mitchinson, Gateshead.

The spin of the coin favoured the Park, who set their opponents to defend the entrance goal, and on Wood starting the ball Thompson got hold, but was quickly dispossessed by Nicholson. However, Cartmell kicked over to Lock, who passed to Joe Wilson, and the visitors attacked. Fish saved, and Milburn placed well forward, Howe having a fruitless shot after a short run. Nicholson robbed Burnhope in good style, and Foreman had to head away from Wood. Burnhope received, and gave to Thompson, who stuck to the ball too long, and Fish dashed in and beat him, but the Park returned, and Lock beat Crooks a few minutes from the start amid loud cheers from the goodly number of Leadgate supporters present. This did not at all suit the home men, who attacked determinedly, and the ball went out near the Park corner flag. Howe and Pentland did some clever work, and on the leather coming out to Wood he headed back to Howe, but the ball again went into touch. Wood received the throw in and shot, and R. Wilson missing his kick things looked black for the visitors till Foreman effected a timely save. Howe centred finely after a nice run, but the chance was missed, and Snowdon placed down the field, but the Stanley forwards ran back, and Bell gave a corner to save, which was followed by a second, and R. Wilson headed away for Fish to shoot past. Lock and Wilson ran down on the left, and Burnhope securing the centre shot, but Pouton was in the way, and the ball re-bounded from him to Crute, who sprinted off, and Bell was forced to kick out when pressed. Crooks was next called upon, and threw away a long shot from Thompson, following which Robson gave Crute a nice pass, and the latter put in a fine run and centred, but Bell headed away, and Robson sent past. Still the home team attacked, and Wood gave Crute a splendid opening, but only a goal kick resulted. Then the Leadgate forwards led the way to the other end, and Thompson was declared off-side when just about to shoot close in. Howe and Pentland raised the seige, the former putting into touch in the Park quarters, and from the throw in a scrimmage took place in the visitors' goal-mouth, but Pentland sent wide of the uprights. Some fine heading followed by the Stanley forwards, but Dunn got the ball only to be easily robbed by Nicholson, who placed to Howe, but the latter was beaten by Foreman in rare fashion. However, the home team returned and Howe put through, but was palpably off-side and no score resulted. Then the Park were granted a free kick in midfield, and Foreman placed beautifully in, Lock getting his cranium to the leather and not giving Crooks the ghost of a chance. On resuming Dunn made a poor pass, but Snowdon returned, and "hands" were awarded the visitors, who pressed, but Beckwith kicked away. After an attack by the home team had been repulsed, the Park forwards came away with some grand passing, which took play near the home corner flag, wrom whence Howe and Pentland ran the ball back, and beating R. Wilson, the farmer centred, a useless corner being conceded. Snowdon put in a beautiful long shot which just sailed by, and Leadgate pressed till Wood came away, but Sammy stuck to the leather too long and was easily dispossessed by R. Wilson. A foul to the visitors in midfield was followed by a second, in the goal-mouth, from which Pouton made a good clearance, and then Cartmell robbed Howe in fine style. Wood got off and passed out to Crute, and the home team gained a free kick in a good position. This was taken by Fish, who gave to Crute, and the latter made a good but unsuccessful attempt to score. Robson then had a try, but missed, and a foul followed to Stanley close in, from which a corner was given, and after an exciting tussle this was safely got away. Dunn and Burnhope got off with a neat passing run, and Milburn kicked out to save, Nicholson then checked Thompson and placed to his forwards, but Bell returned with a splendid kick, and followed this up by putting in a grand long shot which caused Crooks to fist away. Foreman was then prominent for two fine clearances, and Wood secured and gave to Robson, but Bell was too good for the latter. A short stoppage then occurred owing to one of the home team being hurt, and on resuming Pentland was getting away when pulled up by Cartmell, who repeated the performance just after. The home men attacked strongly, and one of the Leadgate backs making a mistake Wood ran in and scored the first goal amid a torrent of cheers. This encouraged Stanley, and Foreman had to head away a shot from Crute, and Lock and Wilson getting hold ran to the other end, Pouton clearing the outside man's centre. Howe contributed a good run, but the ball went out near the flag, and from the throw in R. Wilson made a good save right in the goal-mouth. A foul to Stanley close in gave them a chance, and Robson shot, the ball going through off Crowther's head, and the scores were equalised. Milburn put in some good play and centred, but Foreman returned, only for Beckwith to put in a good kick. Joe Wilson put in a capital shot, but the Park were twice penalised, a foul against the home men clearing danger. Beckwith made a fine save from Lock and Wilson, and then "Bob" Wilson put in a fine shot which was returned, but the Park came back, and a fruitless corner followed. Bell saved from Crute, and after Stanley had cleared a foul against Howe the half-time whistle sounded

Stanley .... Two goals.
Leadgate .... Two goals.

The Park right broke away from the resumption, and were awarded a foul, but Stanley quickly returned, and Foreman had to exert himself to clear. Still Stanley attacked, and gained a corner, which was put over the top. The home team pressed on the left, and Milburn placed a free kick for "hands" well in, but the ball was headed over. The Park forwards ran up, and Beckwith making a poor clearance Dunn put in a good shot which sailed over. Lock returned and shot, Crooks being called upon to save. Crute sprinted off at a rare rate, but made a miserable attempt at centreing. Crute again received and centred, and the ball was put through, but the whistle had previously gone for offside. After an attack by Stanley had been cleared, Lock got off on the left, and some weak play by the backs nearly resulted in a score, Burnhope shooting over. Stanley raced off to the other end, and were conceded a foul, which was easily got away. The Park right were beaten by Milburn, but J. Wilson got the ball, and "hands" ensued to the visitors, but Pouton made a capital save in the goal mouth. A free kick followed to the Park close in, and just as the whistle sounded for some infringement Thompson headed through. However, the visitors were not to be denied, and returning to the attack Burnhope beat Crooks Howe, Pentland, and Wood raced off to the other end, and Crute put by. Still Stanley pressed, and Wood receiving the ball equalised with a very soft attempt amid tremendous cheers. The home team again got in, and Crowther punted away a long shot, and the ball was returned past. From a free kick placed by Beckwith Bell conceded a useless corner. Some good work by the Leadgate forwards took the ball close in, and Crooks did well to save a shot from R. Wilson, a run to the other end by the home forwards resulting in a goal kick. Some exciting play followed in midfield, and then the ball came out to Crute, who sent through with a very soft shot which Crowther should easily have saved. Stanley now played up strongly but "hands" against them relieved the pressure, and from the free kick Pouton nearly put through his own goal. The home team got a foul close in, but only a goal kick ensued which was followed by a second, and then the Park forwards got off with some clever passing, but shot too far forward and Crooks ran out and kicked away. Fish got through the Park ranks and centred nicely, but Wood only made a poor attempt at goal, and Crowther easily cleared. Still Stanley attacked, and gained a fruitless corner. The visitors again came to the front, and Beckwith had to kick out to save The home men quickly scampered off to the opposite end, and although Bell beat Crute, the ball was returned, and a scrimmage in the goal-mouth looked like another score, but Snowdon headed away. The Stanley men looked like getting through once or twice after this, but first Foreman and then Cartmell came to the rescue. Fish made a good save at the other end, but the Park worked hard to equalise, and Pouton kicked out when pressed. The Park had rather the best of the finishing stages, but could not manage the equaliser, and a very fast and hard game ended with the score—

Stanley .... Four goals.
Leadgate Park .... Three goals.

CONSETT SWIFTS V. HOBSON WANDERERS.

Great interest was manifested in the meeting of these two teams on Saturday, on the Fell enclosure, and a large number of spectators lined the ropes. The visitors, it will be remembered, vanquished the Swifts the previous week in a Tyneside League fixture, to the tune of five to one, and the home team were determined to leave no stone unturned to reverse their big defeat. The visitors came with a strong team, while the Swifts were minus M. Eustace, who was a spectator of the game. Hobson arrived late, and half-an-hour after the advertised time the players were called up by the referee, and they took their places in the following order:—

Consett Swifts—Goal, H. Highfield; backs, J. Finnighan and J. McKie; half-backs, J. Allison (capt.), R. Wake, and J. Rafferty; forwards, J. Little and B. McKie, right wing; R. Harkness, centre; J. Turley and J. Dempsey, left wing. Linesman, C. Ternent.

Hobson Wanderers—Goal, J. McNeil; backs, M. McCue and W. H. Liddle (capt.); half-backs, J. Weedy, T. Heslin, and J. T. Bell; forwards, J. Layton and J. Newliggen, right wing; E. Muirhead, centre; A. Lown and J. M. Maddison, left wing. Linesman, T. Amos.

Referee, Mr. Bennett, Gateshead.

The home captain won the toss, and elected to play towards the entrance goal against a slight breeze. Amidst great cheering Muirhead set the globe in motion, and Harkness secured and made off towards the visitors' goal, but "hands" spoiled their efforts. From the ensuing kick the Hobson men attacked, but found Finnighan and Joe McKie in good form, and they had to beat a retreat. A throw in again favoured the visitors, who got in close proximity to the home goal, but Finnighan cleared with a nice kick, and the leather went out. A foul against Heslin let in the home team, but Liddle cleared with a powerful kick, sending the ball well up. The Hobson men acted on the aggressive for a short time, but found the Swifts' halves in good trim, and could make little headway. From a goal-kick Harkness received and came down the slope in grand style, but the ball was put past. Dempsey got hold and passed to Turley, who raced down the wing and put in a nice shot; McNeil, however, was not to be beaten, and cleared in good style. The Wanderers attacked with great dash, but were beaten time after time by the home backs A foul against Joe McKie favoured the Hobson men, but the danger was cleared by Allison kicking well down the field. "Hands" was given against the home centre forward, and was well placed by Liddle, but the same concession was granted to the Swifts. From the free-kick Little and B. McKie secured and passed well down the wing together, but the ball found touch. Dempsey again got hold and passed to Turley, who ran the ball out, but the home team returned, and Liddle was forced to concede a corner to clear his lines. It was nicely placed, but the ball went past. The Swifts now attacked with great spirit, and came near scoring on several occasions. Lown and Maddison ran up, and the former put in a nice shot, but Highfield cleared in clever style. The referee ordered a free-kick, on account of the home custodian being charged when not playing the ball. The home team still continued the pressure, and Allison shot over with a strong kick. Little and McKie ran the whole length of the field, but put the ball out. Little again ran nicely down, and when well placed was pulled up for off-side. A foul given against B McKie was nicely placed, but Joe of that ilk cleared well. The Swifts now broke away, but the ball went out. Not to be denied the home team attacked in determined style, and were awarded a free-kick, which, however, came to nothing. Consett still pressed and Liddle was forced to give a corner in clearing. This was cleverly put in, and Harkness, when in the act of shooting, was robbed by Liddle, who cleared well. The Hobson men now made tracks for the home goal, but try as they would they could not penetrate the defence, which was splendid. Little ran down and after beating McCue he put the leather too far in front of him, and McNeil ran out and kicked away. The Swifts ran down again, and the visitors' custodian gave a corner to save a shot from Little. It was well placed, and McNeil gave another, which he again cleared at the expense of another flag-kick, from which the Hobson broke away. Lown secured, ran up, and shot well in, but Highfield cleared. The visitors then shot over the bar, and took the ball down to the centre for a goal, to the surprise of all the spectators. The home captain, however, strongly objected to this, and after a lot of arguing the referee awarded a goal-kick, stating that he had not given a goal. From the goal-kick the Hobson secured, but just after the whistle sounded for half-time with the score standing—

Consett Swifts .... Nil.
Hobson Wanderers .... Nil.

After a short interval Harkness set the ball in motion amidst cries of "Play up, the Swifts." The Hobson at once made tracks for the home goal, but Joe McKie pulled them up in cool fashion. Turley and Dempsey ran up the wing, but the former was knocked off the ball. Despite the fact that the visitors were playing three full-backs, the home team attacked with great vigour. Little secured and ran up, but the ball went out. A foul against Rafferty let in the Hobson, but Finnighan cleared the danger by kicking well up the field. Turley and Dempsey ran up the field, but the ball went out. A throw-in for the home team resulted in Liddle conceding a corner to save. Rafferty took the kick, which was well placed, and the ball was headed in and out of the visitors goal time after time, but at last Liddle conceded a fruitless corner to save. The Swifts now seemed to have their opponents beaten, and hemmed them in their own goal, but owing to the grand display of McNeil between the sticks they could not score. A free kick was given for the home team, and the ball went through, but as it was not played a second time no goal resulted. The visitors once more made a spasmodic effort, but J. McKie pulled them up again. Turley ran up and shot nicely in, but McNeil cleared splendidly. Not to be denied, the Swifts continued to assume the upper hand, and Turley had the hardest of hard lines in heading just over the bar. It was a well-meant effort, and well deserved the loud cheer from the spectators. The home team still pressed, and when in close quarters off-side spoiled a fine chance. Turley and Dempsey ran up and put over to Little, but that player sent past with a fast shot. Still maintaining their pressure Consett gained a corner, which proved of no advantage From the goal-kick Harkness secured and sent by with a fast low shot. Turley and Dempsey next got hold, and when in close quarters the former banged the leather through amidst terrific cheering. It was a splendid goal, and McNeil had not the ghost of a chance to save. From the centre-kick Lown and Maddison broke away, but were pulled up by Joe McKie, who was playing a grand game. "Hands" favoured the home team, but from the free-kick the visitors secured and ran down, forcing a corner off Finnighan, which came to nothing. The Swifts ran up, and Turley when nicely placed shot past. The home team had matters all their own way, but were met by a grand defence. The Swifts gained a corner, followed by another, which was well placed by Rafferty, but McCue headed out. Little put in a good shot, but the leather went past. The Swifts still assumed the aggressive, and were awarded a corner, which Rafferty took and placed well in for Dempsey to head through number two amid great cheering. This seemed to knock all the dash out of the Hobson men, who were completely outplayed. From the centre-kick the home team came to the visitor's goal once more, and from a corner Little had hard lines by striking the upright with a terrific shot, the ball re-bounding into play again. From now till the finish Consett had entirely the best of matters, and but for the grand defence opposed to them the score would undoubtedly have been much larger. The whistle sounded time leaving the Swifts with a well-deserved and splendid victory. Score—

Consett Swifts .... Two goals.
Hobson Wanderers .... Nil.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC V. OUSTON.

The Plain boys have been playing very consistently this season, and taking into consideration the fact that Ouston are a club who, though they have an excellent record in the Chester-le-Street League, have not been used to meeting clubs of the class of the Celts, the game was looked on as a pretty easy game for the Celts, who were confidently expected to go up into the third round of the cup competition. In the initial round of this tournament they had a stiff encounter with Axwell Rovers, but managed to emerge victorious. There was in spite of these facts a good deal of interest centred in the game, and the flow of spectators was pretty strong, there being the usual crowd of supporters in addition to a considerable number who were brought down from the benighted region wherein Ouston is situated. Ellis was missing from the home team, but with this exception the homesters were fully represented. The following were the teams.

Annfield Plain—Goal, Lynop; backs, McClatchie and A. Moore; half-backs, A. Coyle, Parker and Bell; forwards, J. Coyle, Foster, J. Lynop, Gillender, and R. Bell.

Ouston—Goal, Elliot; backs, M. Willis and Cockburn; half-backs, Quinn, Moody, and Smith; forwards, H. Dixon, G. Mains, Carr, Riley, and Clark.

Referee Mr. Fletcher, Swalwell.

The home team started towards the bottom goal and Gillender and Bell running up on the wing imperilled the Ouston goal. Ouston retaliated but McClatchie cleared well, Coyle and Foster taking the ball well up gave to Lynop, who was not good enough to pass Willis who cleared a hot rush by the Celts. Foster then centred well and Coyle sent towards the goal, and Gillender, after five minutes play, shot the first goal. On the restart the visitors at once pressed and forced Lynop to kick away, but the Celts ran down and several times had hard lines in not scoring. The familiar kick and rush tactics took Ouston into dangerous proximity to the home goal, which was, however, never imperilled by the nearness. Gillender then neatly tricked the opposing half and running up the field at a rare pace shot a beautiful goal. Ouston next came up to the Celts goal, but Coyle and Foster ran the ball away, "hands" off Foster stopping the rush. P. Bell sent the ball well into the Ouston goal but Cockburn cleared and a bye-kick resulted. For some minutes the home forwards had a pic-nic with the visitors' defence, but poor play by P. Bell resulted in Mains forcing Lynop to concede a corner, which proved fruitless, and the Celts immediately ran down and returned the compliment, having hard lines in not scoring. Some combined play by the Ouston forwards made things look rather threatening for the Celts, but Mains was ruled offside when in a fair position. Dixon once or twice threw away good chances by passing too far forward, and general injudiciousness in the visitors attack rendered their attempts to score very easily nullified. The Celts continued to take things very easily and Parker sent in one or two nice long shots, though the Ouston men once looked like scoring, Lynop just managing to kick away when hotly pressed. Lynop again saved well, and then Riley struck the cross-bar with a cleverly placed shot, and the ball rebounded to Mains who promptly banged it through. On the restart Parker banged towards the home goal and Willis conceded a corner. A Coyle sent in a grand shot and from the resultant scrimmage Coyle placed the ball through. A. Coyle sent in a good shot, but the home forwards were slow to improve the advantage and the point was cleared. "Hands" was given against the Celts, but the home defenders nullified the advantage without difficulty, Gillender and Bell on the left put in some clever work and then Ouston by some excellent play threatened the home defence. Coyle ran well up the field but Foster sent in the ball too "cannily" and it went past. Gillender soon afterwards worked a good opening for himself but shot high, and Ouston running up Dixon forced a fruitless corner. Gillender then by some good play twice troubled the home defence, and Lynop at length shot over, and some give and take play followed. Ouston were sticking well into the home territory, ... they were pressed back, through handling. Lynop then put in a grand shot, which went through as the whistle blew but no score accrued, Half-time ended with the score:—

Anfield Plain .... Three goals.
Ouston .... One goal.

On restarting matters were for some time very even, and Ouston were the first to place the ball over the line, but Foster ran up and placed the ball into goal, and after his partner had missed Willis kicked the ball away from Bell's feet just as the player had the goal at his mercy. Robinson Bell had a good chance but on the ball going too far up sent bye, and Lynop shortly after placed a ball across the goal just past the posts. Contrary to expectations the Celts pressed strongly and Lynop ended up a clever piece of play by completing the quartette of goals for the Celts. J. Coyle ran cleverly up the field and sent in a swift shot which travelled over the bar. Ouston now ran down, but Coyle and Foster by some clever passing brought the ball up the field, and the latter just hit the bar with a good shot, and the Ouston goal shortly after had a narrow escape. The Celts ran up and Parker put in some clever play, and Bell getting a good pass from the opposite wing made nothing of his chance. Ouston pressed and McClatchie returned the ball cleverly into the centre, but some combined play by Ouston made things warm for the home defence. Ouston could not sustain the pressure and the Celts were soon again swarming round their opponents goal. Ouston then came away again and several times it looked like a pinch on their scoring, but somehow they could not manage to do the needful. Quinn by fouling Bell gave the Celts the ascendancy once again. Parker put in some clever play and sent in a shot which forced Elliot to clear, but nothing came of the advantage. Ouston were penalised for handling, and Moore placed well, Lynop heading over the bar. Gillender ran up the wing neatly and tricked two or three of his opponents and passed to Lynop, who sent the ball through. The Celts several times looked like scoring, Gillender making good attempts but "hands" against the homesters at length relieved the pressure. Play was for some time very spiritless, and a shot from Riley went far wide of the mark. From the bye kick Gillender and Lynop were left with an almost open field, but could not improve the chance. Bell on the wing next sent in a nice shot, which missed and then Gillender put in some smart play but ended by shooting wide. The Ouston men in spite of the big score against them continued to play up pluckily, and shortly before the whistle blew Mains ran up the field and put on a second goal by means of a nice shot, and the game ended with the score:—

Annfield Plain .... Five goals.
Ouston .... Two goals.

LEADGATE EXILES V. BIRTLEY.

This fixture was brought off at Birtley in excellent weather. The Leadgate team travelled by the mid-day train, and although most of the followers from the Leadgate district followed the Park team to Stanley there was a fair following with the Exiles. The ground which is situated near the Railway station was in capital condition, and when the teams lined up there was a good number round the ropes. Mr. Douglass of Gateshead was referee, and prompt to time he called his men together. They lined up as follows:—

Leadgate Exiles—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, B. Rogers, and W. McGee; half-backs, J. Haggan, T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, J. McGee, J. Brannan, P. Daley, P. Haley, and M. Doyle.

Birtley—Goal, H. Collins; backs, C. Gray and T. Rowell; half-backs, G. Ryle, R. Rutherford, and H. Dixon; forwards, J. Bolam, C. Lasson, W. Scaife, J. Palmer, and G. Brown.

Referee, Mr. Douglass, of Gateshead; linesmen N. Knox and J. Haggan.

Leadgate won the toss and Scaife opened play against the wind. McGrechan prevented Dowson from getting away, but a second later the Birtley right wing got in a long shot which carried hostilities to the Leadgate end. The ball was headed over the goal line and the free kick brought the ball to the centre of the field, where a foul against Birtley gave the Exiles a look in. Dowson beat Haley, but Doyle was too tricky to allow of any progress being made. The Exiles left wing and the Birtley right wing continued to fight against each other and it was not until Dixon rushed in and sent the ball across the field that Brown kicked well up, Bolam having a shot at goal which was easily coped with. Doyle got in a good header from the centre line and Daley carried the trust to Birtley's left corner. Palmer relieved, but a free kick a minute or two later by Leadgate landed the ball into the goal mouth. Nothing resulted, however. Play was now somewhat tame and the only point calling for special mention during the next few minutes was a piece of splendid passing between Scaife, Palmer, and Robson. Birtley rushed up on the right wing, and were in a capital position, having passed through the defence, when Palmer was penalised for off-side. The Exiles now awakened to the task before them, and tried a little pressure, with the result that for some time they kept their opponents well in check. McGrachan was now playing a sturdy game, and try as they would the Birtley eleven could not get up the field. McGrachan gave J. McGee a neat pass, and the latter passing the ball nicely above the heads of the men in front of goal, Daley got in a kick which witnessed Collins' downfall for the first time. On resuming Leadgate kept up the pressure but the ball was only once directed at the home goal Collins having plenty of time to save. He kicked out stoutly, and Scaife sending over to Palmer and Brown, the latter got away. Rodgers was "too many" for the home forwards and ere many kicks had been tried the ball was again rapidly rolling in Birtley's lines. Rutherford relieved, and the home forwards worked their way steadily up the field, Scaife missing a chance to score by an erratic kick. Shortly afterwards Birtley again had hard lines in not scoring, and then play become rather slow. W. McGee made a foul charge, and the consequent free kick by Dixon was only very poorly manipulated. Leadgate made tracks to midfield and after some long shooting at this part of the field, Birtley worked their way up and forced a corner. Bolam took the kick but Monaghan banged away. Daley received after the ball had gone over the touch line, and sent over to Daley, who got in a fast shot. The attempt missed its mark and Birtley visited Leadgate

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gate's quarters. Their stay here was only momentary, for Haggan was at his post and an excellent kick gave Brannan a chance to shine. His supporters were not disappointed in their expectations from this advantage, as with some judgment he fed Doyle, but the latter's shot at goal went high above the cross-bar. Birtley showed a more determined spirit, and about 20 yards in front of the Leadgate goal they were awarded a free kick for hands. The Exiles defence was safe in their respective positions and danger was easily averted. Just before half time play became more exciting. Once or twice Birtley got into a good position, but they were weak in front of goal, and the whistle sounded with the half-time score—

Leadgate Exiles .... One goal.
Birtley .... None.

A few quick exchanges in mid-field followed the interval, and then Birtley charged the Exile's goal, by way of the right wing. At various points they were non-plussed in seeking an opportunity to shoot. Eventually Dawson and Bolam tried to dribble round Haley, Doyle, and Daley, in order to get an opportunity towards Callaghan but without avail. Wisely they gave to Scaife, but no sooner did that player meditate his next move than J. McGee dispossessed and kicked well up the field. Brannan, who was "lying" in a good position took up the running, and on being challenged by Ryle, some struggling took place. This enabled the forward ranks to get into play proper, and some hard work ensued. The Leadgate right wingers tried all they knew to centre the ball, but failed, and had to give way to a piece of capital play by Brown who neatly gave to Dixon and enabled play to be carried over to the opposite wing, further down the field into Leadgate's lines. Bolam and Dawson were well up, and although it might not be strictly termed genuine football, McGrachan kicked over the line and thus averted danger. Later on Leadgate were again seen carrying everything before them, and McGrachan was brought into evidence by a good long kick towards Birtley's goal. There was no one there, however, to improve upon McGrachan's effort and the Birtley forwards had plenty of time to position themselves while the backs gave them the lead. In a body they scampered along the field, and Brown missed an easy chance. As the result of some close scrimmaging, a free kick was given in favour of the Exiles, and again their defence was relieved by the leather bieng taken to midfield. Birtley's backs had stationed themselves near the centre line, and had not the ball narrowly passed over the touch line, and thus given them time to beat a retreat, their goal would have been in immediate danger. Luck—if such can be spoken of in the football game—appeared to be greatly against the visiting team. In the open, they were a capital combination, and fairly outwitted their opponents, but on each occasion that they got into the latter's quarters they were defeated. Rutherford, Rowell, and Gray got round Daley and Haley and fed their front rank, who, after a little difficulty landed the ball into the Exile's territory. McGrachan was there in an instant, but the pressure against him and Haggan, who ultimately came to his assistance, was too great and a break through to the Leadgate backs was effected. Rodgers and W. McGee fought bravely for a few brief moments, but despite their resistance Scaife got a shot at goal. There was nothing to fear, however, as Callaghan was as safe as a rock, and fisted away in splendid fashion. Play continued near the Leadgate goal until Monaghan relieved. The ball, nevertheless, went no further than the half way line, where Dixon was waiting to return. This he did, and Brown was given a chance to score, but he mulled. The Birtley men kept up the pressure, and by means of a fast shot close to the Leadgate goal, Lawson got through, equalising amidst tremendous cheering. Now on an equal footing, both teams exerted themselves considerably to gain the leading point. In the midst of the fast play it was difficult to foretell which would be the successful side. At one time Leadgate looked like deciding the matter, but Birtley, on the other hand, appeared equally determined, and made use of every point of vantage. Every player on the field played for all he was worth, and after about ten minutes, the homesters, spurred on by the shouts of their supporters, made a charge upon Callaghan, who, in the end, was beaten by a shot from the right wing. The Exiles tried with might and main to gain their lost laurels, but as the close drew near their chances were found wanting, and the game ended—

Birtley .... Two goals.
Leadgate Exiles .... One goal.

TANFIELD SCHOOL LEAGUE.

CAUSEY BOARD v. BURNOPFIELD NATIONAL

At the Causey, when the homesters won by five goals to one.

TANFIELD LEA BOARD v. FLINT HILL NATIONAL.

At Tanfield Lea. A draw of two goal each resulting after a hard fought game.

PICKERING NOOK v. LEAZES.

These two teams met at the Leazes on Saturday morning, when the Nook asserted their superiority to the tune of twelve goals to one. The Leazes played the last twenty minutes with ten players, one of their full backs being struck on the head by the cross-bar falling, and he was unable to take any further part in the game.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

SALTBURN v. TOW LAW.

Played at Saltburn in fine weather, and before a moderate attendance. Saltburn kicked off, and went away with the ball, but were soon overtaken by the visitors. The home team got possession, and for a time held the upper hand. A free kick was given by the visitors, and Simpson and Hardy got away, and rushed the ball up the field to the home goal, but Coulthard managed to prevent any score taking place. Grange then got the ball, and put in a magnificent shot, which Allison saved well. For a short time give-and-take play ensued, until McIntosh ran the ball down the field, and put through. The home team retaliated, but were unable to improve matters, although Orange and Cartwright put in some very good shots. At half-time the score stood:—

Tow Law .... One goal
Saltburn .... Nil

Upon resuming play, the home men attacked, and before many minutes had elapsed several shots had been banged at the visitors' goal, which Allison invariably saved, until Millwood secured, and put in a hard shot, which Allison was unable to stop. End-to-end play ensued, until after some sharp play before the home goal Coulson rushed in and put through. The home team retaliated, and after some midfield play, Cartwright got the ball and banged it hard at the goal. Potts tried to save, but was unable to do so. Play continued to be of a very exciting nature, but no score took place until a few minutes from time, when Saltburn, by some splendid play, got possession. Cartwright passed to Anderson, who put through. A minute later, Hunter scored again. Final—

Saltburn .... Four goals
Tow Law .... Two goals

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BEAMISH v. PELTON FELL.

This league fixture was played at Beamish before a large number of spectators. Beamish won the toss, and choose to play downhill. Beamish had a good run down, but the backs stopped them, and the ball travelled from end to end. The homesters claimed a foul off Usher, but Watson made a bad kick, and a goal-kick was the result. The visitors passed well up to the home quarters, where Dobson put in a smart shot, but the custodian managed to save. Beamish now managed to run well down, and Trotter was called upon to save, which he did in excellent style. The homesters at this moment were pressing very hard, but failed to score. The visitors got away, and Tiplady dribbled well up and centred to Dobson, who put in a rattling shot which took Shield all his time to save by giving a corner, Dodds put in a good shot, but Lowery sent over the top. The ball was kept well in Beamish quarters, and another kick from Tiplady went past the post. The goal kick was the means of the leather flying into the centre, but it was soon brought back, and Laverick had to concede a corner, from which Tiplady put in a grand shot, but the custodian saved well. Beamish managed to get the ball down the field, and the Fell custodian was again called upon to save, but had to concede a corner. The home eleven were pressing hard, but the visitors played well on the defence, and with the ball in midfield the whistle sounded half-time—

Pelton Fell .... Nil
Beamish .... Nil

The second half opened in favour of the visitors, who were now playing downhill, and they gave the home defence plenty of work. Shield had to concede a corner, which was the means of Dobson scoring a grand goal. On re-starting from the centre Dodds dribbled splendidly down the field, and Usher put in a rattling shot which quite defeated Shield, making number two for the visitors. The Fell kept the ball in the home quarters for a long time, and Dodds put in another good shot which just went wide. From the goal-kick Beamish ran well up, and received a corner, but it proved fruitless. The ball was again s on in the home quarters, where it remained. Tiplady at last sent the leather flying between the posts, making the total three for Pelton. The visitors seemed to be quite content with their goals, and when Beamish tried to get away they were stopped at midfield. Final—

Pelton Fell .... Three goals
Beamish .... Nil

CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND v. OUSTON 2ND.

Played at Chester-le-Street. The home team lined up as follows:—

Chester-le-Street—Goal, Chrichton; backs, Hand and Lynch; half-backs, Harle, Halliday, and Temple; forwards, Clegg, Grivson, Wilkinson, Bowery, and Legg.

The "citizens" won the toss, and elected to defend the ropery goal. The visitors having kicked off were soon driven back into their own territory, Wilkinson getting in a lofty shot, which was saved splendidly. From the very beginning the "citizens" monoplised the play, and being awarded a free kick Lynch sent well in, and Legg smartly scored the first goal. After this the home team still kept up the pressure, and the forwards got in some good shots, but the goal-keeper of the visiting team was simply marvellous, saving again and again the most difficult shots. From a mis-kick by Hand, the visitors had a look in, but Lynch and Chrichton were on the alert, and saved brilliantly. This proved to be their last chance in the first half, for shortly after the whistle went, finding the score—

Chester-le-Street .... One goal
Ouston .... Nil

In the second half the game was very uninteresting, the visiting forwards getting in no work at all, leaving all the play in the hands of their defence. From a bit of tricky play in front of goal Wilkinson got in a grand shot but it was neatly fisted out, and Bowery catching the ball on the re-bound sent in a fine daisy cutter, the forwards in the meantime attending to the goal-keeper, and the second goal was added to their credit. After this the sky became very cloudy and dark, and it was almost impossible for the player to see the ball, and time being called with the score—

Chester-le-Street .... Two goals
Ouston .... Nil

NOTABLE FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

Arthur Hedley is one of the finest players North-West Durham has ever produced—and at the same time one of the most popular and gentlemanly. He first showed a liking for the game when at school in 1884, and so enthusiastic was his love for the sport that he quickly gave promise of becoming an exceedingly clever exponent of the Association code. He played his first club match for Medomsley in 1888 before leaving for Germany to pursue his studies. On returning from the Fatherland in 1889 he joined the Medomsley club, playing for them first on the left wing, and later on as full-back, till the end of 1892, soon after which the club collapsed. During these years Hedley showed grand form for the old Medomsley club, and was fairly idolised by the home spectators, but no amount of flattery could spoil him, and there was no greater favourite with his clubmates than the subject of our sketch. At the beginning of 1893 he left for Yorkshire, remaining in the Barnsley district for two years. There he joined the Birdwell club, and played out the season for them as left wing forward. The next season (1893-4) when playing centre half for this club he sustained an injury to his right knee, and this necessitated more than a year's retirement from the football field. On his return to this district in the early part of 1895 he again commenced playing, occasionally assisting the Leadgate Exiles. The result of his temporary retirement, though, was manifest, and his form was much below that of previous years. In the season 1895-6 he played for Allendale Park, taking up his position at left half, and he is figuring this season in the same club. At one time and another he has played in every position on the field, and has distinguished himself in all alike. In 1891 he was picked as reserve left wing forward for Durham County, but was not called upon to play, although he well deserved his place. Hedley has played for a large number of clubs at different times, amongst these being.—Medomsley, Leadgate Park, Leadgate Exiles, Medomsley White Stars, Durham University, Bishop Auckland C.I., Science and Art (Newcastle), Durham College of Science, Birdwell (Yorkshire), Leadgate and District (county trial), and Allendale Park. A thorough gentleman both on and off the field it is little wonder that Arthur Hedley is so popular with all classes of the community, and it is to be hoped that it will be some time before he finally retires from the game of which is such a distinguished adherent. A free, frank, and manly young fellow he has not got a single enemy, whilst those acquainted with him are never tired of singing his praises. Arthur Hedley is an honour to the game and district. May his shadow never grow less.

ARTHUR HEDLEY.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

BY "OFF-SIDE."

A GRAND STRUGGLE AT STANLEY.

Rarely have I seen a better-contested game, or one in which the excitement was so well maintained from start to finish, as in the cup-tie at Stanley on Saturday. Both teams had evidently made up their minds for a tough encounter, and no quarter was given or asked for. The pace at which the game was maintained during the whole ninety minutes spoke volumes in favour of the training which the men had undergone, and it was not to be wondered at that most of them had had enough of it at the finish. The spectator must indeed be had to please who would grumble on Saturday that he had not had his money's worth. The game was full of exciting incidents, and the Park supporters (who mustered in considerable numbers) quickly had cause to be on good terms with themselves, as Lock opened the scoring not many minutes after the start. Not content with this, the smart left-winger headed a beautiful goal from a free kick finely placed by Frank Foreman. Then we had some fun, the home men settling down to their work in rare style, and they would not be beaten off, with the result that the interval found the teams on level terms—and this was just about a correct reflex of the play, which had been of the best possible quality.

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It was scarcely expected that the second half would be fought out in such a hammer and tongs style as the first, but on the game being resumed the men showed no symptoms of falling off, and the issue was in doubt right up to the end. The Park again got the lead, but so far from this daunting the Stanley men they played up harder than ever, and were rewarded with a very soft point which Crowther altogether misjudged. Then we had a "battle royal" for the winning point, which, when it came, was quite unexpected. Crute got away on the right and put in a slow centre which should have been landed far up the field. However, it came straight to Crowther, and to the surprise of all, this usually safest of custodians let it through. It was an inglorious finish to a glorious game, and was certainly one of the most fluky goals I have ever seen scored. The visitors played up gallantly to the conclusion in their efforts to get on an equality with the home team, but they were kept out, and Stanley qualified for the third round by the odd goal. I do not wish for a moment to detract from the brilliant performance of the winners, but, although they had fully their share of the play I think all who saw the game will admit that they were a trifle lucky to win.

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I had not seen Stanley perform this season previous to Saturday, but I can quite endorse all that has been said respecting the great improvement they have made. They have a splendid set of forwards, who can all get over the ground in rare style, and the way they make for goal on the least opportunity is a treat. Crute on the outside right is an artist, and is one of the most dangerous forwards I know. The other extreme man (Howe) is also a very fine player, whilst Sam Wood is worth playing if only for the splendid judgment he shows, and is quick to take advantage of the slightest slip on the part of his opponents. Though not so prominent as their partners, Pentland and Robson are a couple of good inside men, and altogether the quintette are a lot to be seriously reckoned with. Stanley have also a grand trio of halves, and this is where one of their chief sources of strength lies. Fish is a "classy" half, and all his work is done with a cleanness and finish delightful to see. He is equally good at stopping a rush, feeding his forwards, or having a shot at goal. I do not know of a harder trier than Jacky Milburn, and he is the same sticker in that he was at Dipton. Nicholson completes a fine half-back line, and was continually prominent. The weakest part of the team is at back, where neither Beckwith or Pouton are anything like so good as those in front of them. They are all right when they have plenty of room to operate in, but seem to lose their presence of mind when pressed at all, and in the last few minutes the Craghead man narrowly escaped putting the ball through his own goal. Not much fault could be found with Crooks, but fit and well I prefer Morris. With two backs as good as the halves Stanley would make the best of teams travel.

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Although beaten it must be confessed that the Park played one of the best games that they have done this season, and after their display at Stanley I shall look for something better from them in future. Frank Foreman and Bell both did grandly at back, their kicking, tackling, and heading being irreproachable, and I have seldom seen them to more advantage. With two men like these what a team Stanley would be! Nothing but praise must be lavished on the halves, who were triers to a man, and they had something to do to keep the smart home forwards in check. Cartmell was perhaps slightly the best, but there was very little in it, both "Tommy" Wilson and Snowdon getting in a lot of splendid work, and there was no mistaking their earnestness. The only weak man in the defence was Crowther, who was unaccountably out of form, and I have never seen him do so badly. Of course it cannot be expected that a man will always be up to "concert pitch," but it was hard lines that the magnificent work of the other defenders should be nullified by a poor display in goal. However, Crowther has done such grand service for the Park in the past that it is easy to forgive him one bad game. The forwards did their best, but were nothing like so good as a combination as the Stanley five. The chief thing they lacked was pace, and they might with advantage go in for a course of sprinting. Joe Wilson and Lock were a long way superior to the other three, and played exceedingly well. Dunn was out of it, Burnhope fair, and Thompson moderate.

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I cannot conclude these jottings on the game without commenting on the excellent spirit displayed by both teams, and the friendly manner in which the match was fought. It reflects nothing but credit upon the whole twenty-two players. Although there was so much at stake, and the great excitement amongst the spectators could hardly but infect the men, dirty tricks were conspicuous by their absence, and I heartily congratulate both winners and and losers alike on their sportsmanlike conduct. If all games were contested like this one we should hear fewer complaints from the namby-pamby school about the alleged brutality of the pastime. It was a splendid game played in the most gentlemanly manner.

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THE EXILES GO DOWN.

As was generally expected the tie between Birtley and the Exiles was one of the most stormly contested in the second round, and there is little doubt but that choice of ground meant all the difference between winning and losing to Birtley. However, the latter had to fight two hard games at Dipton previous to Saturday's encounter, so that they have had their share of the bitters as well as the sweets. The teams were excellently matched, and the result hung in the balance throughout. The visitors had somewhat the advantage in the initial period, and the lead of a goal to nil possessed by them at "lemon time" was thoroughly deserved on the play. Birtley had their turn in the second half, and after they had drawn level they worked very hard to register the deciding point, which they ultimately succeeded in doing a short time before the end, although, had the "greens" been able to put the finishing touches on several nice openings they made for themselves, the verdict might very easily have been a different one. My prediction of last week that the struggle would be a tight one was fully borne out, and the least little bit of luck might have turned the scale either way.

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The Exiles put a somewhat re-arranged team upon the field, bringing in Rogers at back and putting Haggan at right half. Doyle also made a welcome re-appearance. These changes seemed to work very well, and, although beaten, the team gave a very good account of themselves, and only succumbed after a stiff struggle. The best man on the defence was probably McGrachan, who was in grand trim, and the amount of work he put in was prodigious. He always seemed to be in the right spot at the right time, and completely bottled up Scaife, the home centre forward. Haggan also did well in his new position, whilst the veteran Monaghan was often conspicuous. The backs were fairly good, but Callaghan might possibly have stopped one of the shots which took effect, otherwise he was as safe as ever. The forwards displayed some clever tactics, but their shooting still leaves plenty of room for improvement. Doyle was as tricky as ever, and many a time "astonished the natives" by his sly dodges, whilst both Haley and Daley played a fine game, the latter improving on acquaintance. The whole lot worked hard for victory, but had to accept the inevitable.

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I remarked last week that Birtley were by no means a weak team, and what has transpired since has not caused me to change my opinion. Whoever they fall against in the next round may look out for some trouble, and if they are only fortunate enough to secure choice of ground they stand a remarkably good chance of figuring in the competition proper. Tom Rowell once more gave an admirable specimen of his powers, and his head was for ever bobbing up and getting in the way of well-directed shots. Rowell is still a fine back, and he appears to have a worthy partner in Gray. Ryle and Rutherford were the best of the halves, and they were not kept idle many moments during the game, as the Leadgate front rank were very persistent in their attacks. Palmer and Bolam were perhaps the most prominent of the forwards, amongst whom Scaife was dead off-colour, and appeared quite unable to do anything right. The defence of Birtley is undoubtedly superior to the attack, and another good forward or two would make a considerable difference to the team.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN IN THE THIRD ROUND.

The Celts of Annfield Plain had not much difficulty in demonstrating their right to figure in the third round of the Durham Cup. Their opponents were Ouston, a team with a fairly creditable record in local football, and who were at the top of the Chester-le-Street League. The Celts were unquestionably the better team, although the Ouston lads occasionally put in some exceedingly clever play, their forwards on numerous occasions displayed very good form. The Celts had Ellis and Allison off, A. Coyle, a brother of the old Oakey's player, figuring in the team at right half. Seeing that it was his first experience of better-class football "Anty" played a very fair game, and sent in some good long shots; indeed, one of his long range attempts was responsible for a goal, J. Coyle (his brother) reaching the ball in the goal-mouth and banging it through. Among the Celts' forwards Foster and Coyle on the right made a most excellent wing, the clever and judicious passing of the latter being one of the features of the game, whilst Foster put in some clever and tricky work on the outside, and the opposing half could do nothing against them. Jacky Lynop in the centre worked like a horse, and kept his men thoroughly well in line, and none of his partners in the forward line lost any chances through his mistakes. Gillender on the inside left was another shining light, and the ex-Allendale man played a splendid game. R. Bell gave his worst display of the present season, but this consistent player can easily be forgiven for being off once in a while.

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Among the half-backs Parker stood pre-eminent. It is a wonder that "Walloper" has not been snapped up by a variety company as a champion "high-kickist" ere now. On Saturday his legs, and, of course, his feet, were literally "all over the shop," though it must be admitted that wherever his feet were the ball was generally not far off. Coyle has been already dealt with, and the remaining man of the trio, P. Bell, was, like his brother, not very bright, though he put in some real hard work, and showed himself of great service to his side. Jimmy McLatchie at right back again demonstrated his powers of "sticking in," and he was always on the spot when wanted. Moore also played a safe and steady going game, though on one or two occasions he played the ball rather carelessly. Ned Lynop was as safe as ever in goal, and could not be blamed for the goals he conceded.

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The Ouston men were outplayed, but they were thorough triers, and played a plucky and determined game, the forwards being the best division of the team. It was really pleasing to see these, even after they were four goals behind, again and again nearly circumvent the home defence, who were apt to be lulled into a false sense of security. The half-backs were not a very class lot, but they worked hard for their side, and more could not be expected of them. The two backs also have the making of excellent players, but they were on so many occasions too hard pressed to make effective clearances. The goalkeeper made some of the most peculiar saves which I ever saw attempted on a football field, but he had plenty of pluck, and kept pretty cool in the midst of the hot attacks. It is no reflection on his custodianship that he let a quintette of goals through, as with a less effective goalkeeper the number might have reached double figures.

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A REVERSAL OF FORM.

Football form is a thing to be avoided, as the more one dips into it the greater does he become involved. By its aid the red-hot partisan can spin you out a string of records proving that his club is any amount of goals in front of Aston Villa or Sunderland, and so on "ad. lib." We had a specimen of what football form is worth last Saturday, when the Consett Swifts on their own ground actually turned a defeat of five goals to one into a victory of two goals to nil. And these two remarkable results occurred on succeeding Saturdays. It may be urged that the Swifts had a better team than did duty at the Hobson, but the latter were also more fully represented, so that the only conclusion we can strive at is that playing at home means a difference of six goals to the Swifts. In any case the Consett men well deserved their victory, and on the day's play were the superior combination. It was expected that the heavy ground would favour the visitors, but this proved to be a fallacy, as the smart Consett forwards spun round their more weighty rivals in clever fashion, and the two goals they gained were admirably worked for. Altogether it was a famous victory for the Swifts, and I trust that they will improve upon it by asserting their claims to a place in the competition proper.

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The changes made in the team by the home committee were more than justified by the play of the men and the result. They seemed an entirely different lot to that which had been so decisely thrashed at the Hobson only a week previously. Highfield had very few shots to deal with, but he did his work well. Joe McKie played a splendid game at back, and the way in which he pulled up the Hobson forwards time after time was a treat. Finnighan was also in capital form. Rafferty was wisely placed at half, and he should not be shifted from this position, where he can invariably be depended upon to give a sterling display. This was the case on Saturday. Johnny is not a forward, and I am glad the committee have tumbled to the fact. Wake showed up finely at centre half, and Allison was often prominent for some effective tackling. However, the greatest improvement was noticeable amongst the forwards, who were irresistible. Turley and Dempsey were a treat on the left, and the two goals they were responsible for were the outcome of splendid work. Harkness was a success in the centre, whilst Little and Barney McKie got along together wonderfully well on the right. In fact, it would be a difficult matter to find a weak spot in the front line.

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The Hobson men appeared to have lost a deal of the dash they exhibited on the preceding Saturday, and on the whole were very disappointing. No matter how "rockily" the rest of the team may be going there is always one man that can be relied upon to play up to form, and that is McNeil. Good old "Mac" is a trier at all times, and had it not been for him on Saturday the score against his side would have been much bigger. Liddle and McCue played a fine game at back, but the halves were not as good as usual, and generally found the Consett forwards too much for them. Heslin and Weedy were fair, but the whole three were below par. The vanguard have rarely given a more moderate display, and seemed inclined to take things too easily, but they quickly found out that the game was not going to be a repetition of the previous one between the teams. Lown and Maddison did best of the five, who were only dangerous on a very few occasions during the game. Muirhead was evidently tired of trying to score in the first half, as he was to be seen figuring at full back in the second "45." Come, Hobson, this form will not win the Tyneside League.

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A REVERSE FOR TOW LAW.

Taking into account the form of the respective teams this season, the result of the visit of the Durham cup-holders to Saltburn on Saturday was regarded as very open, but the home men played an exceptionally fine game, and had the satisfaction of winning by a majority of two goals. Tow Law had the best of the first half, and crossed over leading by a goal to nothing, but afterwards there was only one team in it, and that not the bill-top lads. Temperley was again the shining light in the visitors' defence, and keeps up his form in wonderful fashion. There are few more enthusiastic players than the Tow Law skipper. Allison also played well, and had little or no chance with the shots that scored. McIntosh was the pick of the forwards, but was not too well supported. Perritt showed up finely amongst the Swift's forwards, who all indulged in some very pretty and effective passing at times. The backs both exhibited sterling defence, and Hodgson in goal was seldom found wanting. The win should do the Saltburn men a deal of good, as they have not been having too gay a time of late.

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HONOURS EVEN AT BYER MOOR.

If there are any two teams in the Derwent Valley League who can play against one another and still respect each other, those two teams are Leadgate Park Reserve and Byer Moor, as the games between them amply proves. Although several changes have been made in the ranks of the Park since last season, they will yet make themselves worthy foemen of more than one team, and on Saturday last they had the satisfaction of playing a draw with the rapidly improving Byer Moor team. Undoubtedly the "Moorites" had slightly the best of the game, but on the whole their play fell far short of what they have done this season, and if they wish to retain top place in the League they will have to show vastly different form to-morrow (Saturday), when they tackle Allendale Park, who are very strong, and will take a lot of getting over.

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Coming to the players, Hodgson could scarcely be blamed for the shot that passed him, for although it looked a simple thing to negotiate it was one that would have deceived more experienced custodians than him, as the ball was shot in hard and true, and the light was none too good at the time. Tom Leighton was the best of the backs, Bennett being slightly off colour, a remark which may also be applied to J. Brown at half. Was Joe saving himself for the "feed?" W. Brown and Nicholls, however, played a hard and determined game, and the latter may properly be termed a utility man, as he can figure creditably in any position. The forwards played miles below their true form, and chances galore went a-begging, and they must not forget to remember that a game is never won without scoring.

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On the Park side J. Calvert played a champion game between the sticks, and in him the Park committee have a second Crowther. At back Aitkin kicked well, and Cartmell never hesitated to land the ball out when necessary. In the intermediate division Tom Calvert got through a lot of work in his own quiet and unassuming manner, but Temple spoiled his otherwise good display by continually kicking out. Among the forwards "Bob" Forster shone conspicuously, and to him and J. Calvert belong the honour of saving their side from defeat. The game was a most pleasant one, and the decisions of Tom Dixon gave every satisfaction.

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A WIN FOR MARLEY HILL.

The "Saints" gave a much improved exhibition against Spen Albion on Saturday, and had the satisfaction of running out winners of a prolific scoring game by five goals to three. The form of Marley Hill was greatly superior to that shown in the match with Byer Moor, and with their full strength on they will give most teams a shaking up. Morten in goal might have stopped one of the shots which beat him, but he had no chance with the other two. Burn, the old Swalwell man, played a grand game at back, his tackling and kicking being a treat. Dawson did fairly well, but his tackling is rather weak. The halves were splendid, and are undoubtedly the mainstay of the team. The forwards showed up much better than usual, P. Cullen and McEnaney making a capital wing. Ringer was fair in the centre, while McDermott and Douglas combined well together on the left. The Spen men made a very creditable show, but had to submit to a better team.

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IVESTON VILLA IN FORM.

The Villa appear to have a very useful team this season. After defeating Consett Park at Consett, and drawing with that clever team, Stanley Athletic away, when only poorly represented, they must not be made light of. On Saturday's form they may reasonably claim to be classed amongst the best second-class teams of the district. In Graham they possess a goalkeeper who has few equals in the locality, whilst the backs and halves are equal to all emergencies. Clark quite surprised his club-mates at Stanley by the grand game he played. The forwards are a fast set who pass well, and know where the goal is situated. Saturday's result fully bears out this statement. To draw with Stanley Athletic on their own ground is a feat in itself. Play up, Villa!

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TWO POINTS FOR THE "CITIZENS" 2ND.

Chester-le-Street acquitted themselves with credit on Saturday, and had not much trouble in asserting their superiority over Ouston 2nd, although, considering how much they had of the play, they should have won by a bigger margin than two goals. Lynch played a grand game at back for the winners, with Harle the pick of the halves. The forwards were in their best vein, showing any amount of dash all through, and had they not been opposed by a more than usually powerful defence would have piled on many goals. Clegg and Legg were especially good. The defence of the visitors was simply superb, and showed any amount of tact and energy. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the goalkeeper, who cleared marvellously on several occasions. Had the forwards been as good as those in the rear there would have been a rare fight for supremacy.

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THE DURHAM ASSOCIATION, AND NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

A correspondent writes:—

DEAR "OFF-SIDE,"—I read in your "jottings" two or three weeks since an account of a meeting held at Blackhill in connection with the Referees' Association, and therein it was stated that Mr. Conqueror, of Southwick, had promised to urge the claims of this district in regard to the appointment of referees for the cup-ties, and also on other matters. Now, a meeting of the Durham Association has taken place since, and what do we find? That for last Saturday's ties two referees were appointed from Gateshead, one from Durham, and one from Swalwell. Are we to infer from this that Mr. Conqueror forgot to redeem his promise, or else that the Challenge Cup Committee treated his remarks with contempt, and added another to the many slights they have favoured us with in the past? (I ought to add that I am unaware whether Mr. Conqueror attended the last meeting.) I see now that we have a number of local gentlemen who have become members and passed the examination of the Referees' Association, and what else is wanted to qualify them for the cup-ties I am at a loss to know. To me it seems plain that jobs must be found for the members of the Challenge Cup Committee at all costs, and as there are next to no clubs in the Gateshead district affiliated to the Association, engagements have to be found for them in North-West Durham, seeing that that is the only part of the county that can be insulted with impunity, and that we have no representative on the committee. I am not a referee myself, but as the secretary of a club in membership with the Association I object to having strangers foisted upon us, with the increased expense, when local men can be found fully qualified to act. There may come a time when we shall have a say—and a considerable say—in the doings of the Challenge Cup Committee, and when that time does come I trust all the many slights that have been put upon us in every possible way will be repaid with interest. We shall not always be a scattered party, and ere many years have passed we shall be represented by men who have the interests of the game at heart, and who will replace some of the present ornamental fossils who seek only their own aggrandisement. With apologies for trespassing so much on your space,—I remain, yours truly,

A SECRETARY.

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Whilst agreeing with some parts of my correspondent's letter, I would like to point out that Mr. Conqueror has scarcely yet had time to carry out what he promised, and from what I know of him I don't think he is a man at all likely to run away from what he said. As my correspondent himself admits, he does not even know whether Mr. Conqueror was present at the last meeting of the Association, so that it would be manifestly unfair to condemn him on such poor evidence. I would also like to remark that when the referees for Saturday's ties were selected the names of those who had passed the examination at Blackhill had not been published. I hold no brief for the Durham Association, but "fairplay is a jewel," and let us await further developments before we finally condemn the committee.

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ITEMS.

I understand that after all expenses were paid Stanley and the Park shared nearly £11 between them.

Although the "gate" was hardly so big as I expected, this must be accounted very satisfactory.

After seeing them perform on Saturday I have no hesitation in saying that there are many worse teams in the Alliance than Stanley.

It is wonderful how the club partisan sees such a difference between things done by his own team and the same performed by the opposition.

When Stanley scored their winning goal on Saturday an excited spectator on the grand-stand declared that it was a "splendid goal."

As a matter of fact, it was one of the most miserable flukes I have seen for some time.

All the same, Stanley deserve every credit for pulling off the game after being two goals behind soon after the start.

There will be another rousing game at Stanley on Saturday.

Dipton will be the visitors, and there is sure to be a big fight for whom will be the first of the two clubs to register Alliance points.

The Hobson are fond of providing surprises in the cup-ties.

At Medomsley last season they created a great sensation by allowing Allendale Park to knock them out.

Their defeat at Consett on Saturday was almost as great a surprise.

This in-and-out form is not good enough to secure the "Evening News" trophy.

What a "gate" and game there will be if Stanley and the Celts fall together in the next round.

It will be a second edition of the Park and Exiles.

When considering the chances of the various clubs for the Derwent Valley League championship it will be well to bear in mind Blaydon United.

The United are without doubt a strong team, and visitors to Blaydon will have to have all on in order to win.

There was a very enjoyable function after the match at Byer Moor on Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Dawson, the Byer Moor secretary, was the recipient of a handsome writing desk.

A better fellow or a more hard-working secretary than Dawson it would be difficult to find.

Only a very few are aware of the large amount of time and money he has expended on behalf of the Byer Moor club.

I regret to hear that Jack Hunter, the Park Reserve goal-keeper, has retired from the game.

I understand that he is going in for some examination or other.

Hunter is one of the oldest players in the district, and has well earned his retirement.

Both for Medomsley and the Park Jack has done good service, and, when in his prime, he and Tom Dales formed probably the strongest wing in the locality.

I trust that some effort will be made to suitably recognise his services, as I feel certain many would give a trifle towards such a worthy object.

Rumour has again lied, and Gillender once more donned the Celts' colours on Saturday.

His rest appears to have done him good, as he played a spanking game.

I hear that Mr. Bryant has resigned the secretaryship of Consett Park, and Mr. John Barrow will act in his stead.

Stanhope sustaiend their first defeat of the present season on Saturday.

The powerful Crook team were their conquerors, the Northern Leaguers rubbing it in to the tune of four goals to nil.

The Park will receive Mickley on Saturday in an English cup-tie.

This should draw a good attendance, as the Mickley team are a rare lot of triers.

However, I shall expect the Park to break the spell of bad luck that has stuck to them for some time.

George Milburn, of the Reserve, is to be given a trial at outside right in place of Dunn.

The Exiles have to make the long journey to Stockton in the same competition.

Naturally, they scarcely expect to win; but have made up their minds to give the home team a good game.

Dame Rumour states that Iveston Villa think themselves fully capable of leading the Park Reserve a very dance.

At any rate they would like home-and-home fixtures, and such an arrangement would not probably hurt either team financially.

Shotley Bridge and Allendale Park met on the former's ground on Saturday, but as neither team was representative the result does not count for much.

The Park have one of the most promising goal-keepers in the district in J. Calvert.

He played a marvellous game at Byer Moor, and is a worthy successor to Hunter.

M. Hunter and G. Jamieson played a rattling game at back for Medomsley Rovers on Saturday.

Kyo were minus Turnbull and Newell at Lanchester on Saturday.

Had Turnbull been in goal the result might have been different.

The Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association held an examination at Blackhill on Tuesday night.

The following referees were successful in passing:—Messrs R. Milligan, Allendale Cottages; W. G. F. Thompson, Medomsley; G. Grey, Marley Hill; T. Dixon, Lintzford; J. Carruthers, Consett.

The Hobson expect to get two points out of Wallsend Celtic on Saturday.

I shall be surprised if they don't.

I have received a letter from the Stanley secretary denying that there has been any grievance between Morris and the Stanley committee.

Mr. Wood further says that they are on the best of terms with each other.

I am exceedingly pleased to hear it, and should not have given currency to the rumour had my authority not been what I considered of the best.

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

The following is the table of the tournament up to date:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Newcastle United A	7	6	1	0	26	5	13
Shankhouse	6	5	1	0	22	7	11
Jarrow	6	4	1	1	17	5	9
Southwick	5	3	2	0	18	5	8
Blyth	4	2	2	0	19	4	6
Hebburn Argyle	5	2	2	1	11	7	6
Gateshead N.E.R.	7	3	0	4	21	19	6
St. Peter's	4	2	0	2	3	3	4
Rendel	5	1	1	3	6	15	3
Birtley	3	0	1	2	2	11	1
Willington Athletic	4	0	1	3	1	14	1
Stanley	4	0	0	4	3	13	0
Axwell Rovers	4	0	0	4	2	17	0
Dipton Wanderers	4	0	0	4	1	27	0

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NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Results up to date:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
South Bank	5	5	0	0	13	3	10
Middlesbrough	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Darlington	5	2	2	1	16	10	6
Stockton	4	3	0	1	18	6	6
Bishop Auckland	5	2	0	3	8	6	4
Crook	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
Tow Law	4	1	0	3	7	10	2
St. Augustine's	5	0	2	3	8	20	2
Saltburn Swifts	4	1	0	3	6	14	2
Leadgate Park	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Result up to date:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Byer Moor	5	3	1	1	13	7	7
Blaydon United	3	3	0	0	9	0	6
Shotley Rovers	3	3	0	0	7	4	6
Stanley A	5	3	2	0	13	11	6
Allendale Park	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Marley Hill	4	2	2	0	10	7	4
Leadgate Park Res	5	1	2	2	16	15	4
Tantobie	4	1	2	1	5	6	3
Lintzford	3	1	2	0	4	8	2
Dipton Wanderers Reserve	4	1	3	0	5	12	2
Spen	2	0	2	0	3	6	0
Hobson Wanderers Reserve	4	0	4	0	2	12	0

W. SMITH, SEC.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

JOICEY CHALLENGE CUP.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Newbottle	8	4	4	0	23	14	12
Pelton Fell	7	5	1	1	16	7	11
Waterhouses	6	5	1	0	22	2	11
Bearpark	6	4	1	1	20	11	9
Chester-le-Street	5	2	2	1	9	6	6
Usworth Church	6	2	2	2	12	[illegible]	6
Usworth Colliery	7	2	3	2	12	14	6
Edmondsley	7	1	3	3	8	16	5
Brandon Albion	7	2	4	1	12	21	5
Heworth	5	2	0	3	5	15	4
Woodside	3	2	0	1	9	4	4
Patfield	6	1	4	1	9	15	3
Ouston	5	1	0	3	11	12	3
Beamish	8	0	1	7	11	31	1

The result of the Brandon v. Woodside match, on Oct. 24th, not yet to hand.

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TANFIELD SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Results up to date:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Pickering Nook	2	2	0	0	16	3	4
Tanfield Lea	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Leazes	2	1	1	0	3	13	2
Causey	2	1	1	0	5	5	2
Flint Hill	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
West Stanley	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Burnopfield	1	0	1	0	0	5	0

J. L. WEEDY, SEC.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Park have still several vacant dates, and would like them filled up as early as possible. Apply to J. Borrow, Taylor Street, Consett.

Blackhill Celtic Reserve have several dates vacant; ages, 15 to 17. Apply at once to R. Tweed, 17, West Row, Blackhill.

Allendale White Stars would like to arrange matches with junior teams within a radius of five miles; ages, 11 to 13. Apply to M. Davidson, 117, Allendale Cottages, Medomsley, R.S.O.

East Stanley Juniors would be pleased to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 11 to 14. Apply to H. Brown, 10, Front Street, East Stanley.

Victoria Garesfield White Rose require dates with teams under 16 years. Apply to J. G. Stobbs, View Terrace, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green, R.S.O.

Derwent Excelsiors have the following dates vacant for moderate firsts or good reserves:—Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 28, home; Nov. 14, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, and 20, away. Apply to J. T. Little, Hamsterley Colliery, Ebchester.

Derwent Excelsiors Reserve have all dates vacant for moderate seconds or good juniors. Apply to T. Richardson, Cement Houses, Hamsterley Colliery, Ebchester.

Burnhope Young Rovers have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible with junior teams; ages, 13 to 16. Apply to G. Nicholson, 8, Fell Cottages, Burnhope Colliery, near Lanchester.

White-le-Head Heroes would like to arrange dates; ages, 9 to 11. Apply to John M. Hardy, 4, New Row, White-le-Head.

Tantobie Heroes have still a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 15 to 17. Also, the reserve team; average age, 13. Apply to J. Gelling, Post Office, Tantobie.

Sunniside Swifts would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 12 to 14. Apply to L. Ryan, Prospect Terrace, Sunniside, near Gateshead.

West Pelton Violets 2nd team would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply to M. Turnbull, 25, Edward Street, West Pelton, R.S.O.

Kip Hill Young Wanderers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 14 to 15. Apply to Ralph Smailes, Kip Hill, Stanley, R.S.O.

All clubs having dates with South Moor Violets are requested to note change of secretary—Geo. Wm. Nicholson, 63, Poplar Street, South Moor, via Chester-le-Street.

Esh Village United have the following dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible with good minor teams:—Oct. 17, 31, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1. Apply to Chas. Tighe, Old Esh Village, near Durham.

Shotley Bridge Juniors would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 17 to 18. Apply to W. F. Surtees, Benfieldside, Shotley Bridge.

Hamsterley Colliery Lilywhites are in want of matches. Note change of secretary—P. Walker, 17, Dene Row, Hamsterley Colliery, near Ebchester.

Consett Rising Stars would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 13 to 14. Apply to L. Clarke, 20, Newmarket Street, Consett.

Blackhill Rovers Juniors are in want of dates with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply to C. Lumley, 27, Dixon Street, Blackfine.

Grange Villa Lilywhites are in want of games with junior teams; ages, 8 to 12. Apply to Henry Fairley, 13, Grange Villa, near Chester-le-Street.

Blackhill Rovers A.F.C. have fixtures open for good 1st teams and reserves. Apply to J. Carr, 23, Dixon Street, Blackfine.

Consett Park Reserve have nearly all dates vacant for good junior teams. Apply, Jas. Benzies, Parliament Street, Consett.

West Pelton Wanderers would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 10 to 12. Apply to M. Avery, 11, George Street, West Pelton.

Cricket.

CRAGHEAD COLLIERY CRICKET CLUB.

The third annual dinner of the Craghead Colliery Cricket Club was held on Saturday evening last, at Mr William Dyson's, Black House Inn, which was attended by about 60 members and friends of the club, who did ample justice to the good things provided by the host and hostess. The meeting following was presided over by Mr E. Wardle, assisted by Mr Wm. Welsh, South Moore. After the usual toasts, the Chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, complimented the club on their success during the three years that it had existed. Since the year 1894 the club has played 52 matches; of these 38 have been won, 7 lost, and 7 drawn, the club having only been beaten at home twice. They had the honour in 1895 of winning the Durham County Challenge Cup, and in 1896 won the Durham County Junior League Cup.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report showed that this year the first eleven had played 15 matches—won 11, lost 2, and drawn 2, scoring 1,419 runs for the lost of 127 wickets, an average of 11·17 per wicket, against their opponents' score of 940 runs for 147 wickets, an average of 6·39 per wicket. In the Junior League Competition they had played 10 matches—won 8, lost 1, and drawn 1, and scored 940 runs for 84 wickets, an average of 11·19 per wicket, against their opponents' score of 519 runs for 87 wickets, an average of 5·96 per wicket. The second team had played 16 matches—won 13, lost 2, and drawn 1, and scored 1,203 runs for 151 wickets, an average of 7 per wicket, against 1,095 runs scored by their opponents for 211 wickets, an average of 4·76 runs per wicket. In the Durham County Challenge Cup Competition they had played 13 matches—won 10, lost 2, drawn 1, and scored 1,133 runs for 161 wickets, an average of 7·03 per wicket, against their opponents' score of 941 runs for 191 wickets, an average of 4·92 runs per wicket.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Chairman presented the following prizes, viz:—A bat given by Mr J. W. Smith, of Newcastle, for the highest batting average in the first eleven matches, to William Railton (captain of the club)—13 innings, once not out, 210 runs, most in an innings 74—average, 17·5. The medal given by the club for the best bowling average went to George Turnbull, who figures are—Overs, 154; maiden overs, 48; runs, 311; wickets, 57; average per wicket, 5·45; also, a silk cap for performing the "hat trick." A bat was also given by Mr T. Lambert, Newcastle, for the highest batting average in the second eleven matches. A medal given by the club for best bowling average in second eleven matches went to John J. Linsley, who has taken 85 wickets at an average of 2·68 runs per wicket; also, a silk cap for performing the "hat trick."

Throughout the evening, Messrs R. Higginbotham, M. Walton, John Waugh, R. Holmes, G. Hunter, and John Moody contributed towards the entertainment of the company. A vote of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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THE Celebrated Royal Mail Steamer, "Ionic" will sail from London, on November 26th, calling at Plymouth, Teneriffe, Cape Town, Hobart, and New Zealand. For Particulars and Passage, apply without delay to, JOSEPH WETHERALL, Emigration Agent, West Stanley, R.S.O., Co. Durham. 318v

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 7th of November, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave BLACKHILL at 2·25 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE; returning at 9 10 p.m. the same day.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, Oct., 1896 439v

NOTICE.

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Public Notices.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS will be held on Wednesday, November 4th, 1896.

20 IS the WINNING NUMBER for Melodeon raffled at West Kyo. 422v

THE DRAWING for Bicycle and Clock held at Burnopfield, resulted in the WINNING NUMBERS being 175 and 144. 440v

A LEEK SHOW will be held on Saturday, October 31st, 1896, at MR. W. SMITH'S, Black Bull Inn, Leadgate. Judge, W. Smith. 410v

DON'T FORGET THE PROMENADE CONCERT (P.C.) in the TOWN HALL, CONSETT, on Wednesday, November 4th, 1896; also the Special Train leaving Consett at 10·30 for Leadgate, Annfield Plain, Shield Row, &c. See posters and programmes. Admission, 6d. Doors open at 6·30, concert at 7 p.m.

PIGEON FLYING CLUB, LEADGATE.

A MEETING will be held to further the above at the Sportsman's Arms Inn, Leadgate, on Friday night, at 7·30. About twenty members were enrolled at the first meeting, and it was decided to hold their meetings every pay Friday night as above.

EBCHESTER HOMING CLUB.

THE FANCIERS of this District intend forming a Homing Club. Any person within a radius of six miles desirous of becoming a member, write for particulars to Secretary, G. TEMPERLEY, Chelmsford Hotel, Ebchester. 411v

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ANNIVERSARY SERMONS will be Preached in the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, on Sunday next, November 1st, by the Rev. C. M. GREENWAY. Services—Morning 10·30; Evening 6 30. The Sermon in the Evening especially for Young Men. The Choir will Sing special Music. Collection at the close of each Service. 405v

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1896.
Morning 10·30 } Mr. D. A. HOLDSWORTH,
Evening 6·0 } of Newcastle.

KAFFIRS, BOERS, AND BRITONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A MAGIC LANTERN EXHIBITION will be given in Blackhill Wesleyan School-room, on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 7·15. Songs and Solos will be given by Misses Tweddell and Leybourne, and Messrs. J. Bell and R. Pearson. Chairman, T. J. Muse, Esq. Pianist, Mr. J. Davison, Consett. Reader, Mr. R. Franklin. ADMISSION, 6d. 409v

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Pickering Nook Board Schools, on Saturday first, at 6 30 p.m. Chair taken by Mr J. Lowes, Stanley, when Addresses will be delivered by M. Storey, Esq., Secretary to the United Ratepayers and Property Owners Association of Great Britain, N. Wilkinson, Esq., and others.

RE HENRY CROSTON, DECEASED, late of Milkwell Burn, General Dealer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all DEBTS due to the above Estate must be paid to me the undersigned.
Dated this 27th day of October 1896.
GEORGE LEADBITTER,
Catchgate, Annfield Plain,
403v Assignee.

CONSETT WESLEYAN NEW SCHOOLS.

YOUNG LADIES'
SOCIAL & SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11th, 1896.

TICKETS, NINEPENCE EACH, to be had from any of the Young Ladies, or at Mr. Lamb's, Shakespeare Street, Consett. 401v

SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL CONCERT in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on MONDAY NIGHT, Nov. 2nd, ARTISTES:—Miss Marge Gray, L.R.A.M., Soprano, Newcastle; The Durham Quartette, viz.: Mr W. F. M. Jackson (late of the Chapel Royal, Windsor) Alto; Mr D. S. Macdonald, Tenor; Mr John Nutton, Baritone; Mr J. Duncanson, Bass, who will give a selection of Glees, Part Song, and Solos; Mr M. Porter, Humourist, (the New Newcastle Entertainer; Accompanist, Mr Geo. Stephenson. ADMISSION: Reserved Seats (numbered), 2s.; Second Seats or Gallery, 1s. Plan of Hall at Mr J. W. Forster's. Tickets from any Member of the Committee. Doors open 7 o'clock; Concert at 7·45. No Money taken at the door until 7 30. Carriages for 10·15. 392v

WILLIAM S. SHELL, M.S.A.,
ARCHITECT AND SURVEYOR
Begs to inform the Public that having completed the Works in course of Erection at the decease of the late Mr. John Smith for the Executors, he is now Practising
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APRIL, 1896. 913t

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, THE
REV. J. H. HECTOR
(THE BLACK KNIGHT),
FROM SOUTH AMERICA,
Will PREACH in the above Church.—Service at 3·30—Collection at the Close.

A PUBLIC TEA at 4·30. Tickets 6d each.

At 7 o'clock, MR. HECTOR, will deliver his THRILLING LECTURE—"THE STORY OF MY LIFE."

J. BUCKHAM, Esq., Lanchester, will preside.

A SILVER COLLECTION at the close. Proceeds in behalf of the Trust Fund.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

Rose Cottage, Shotley Bridge.—Monday, November 2nd, 1896.

W. ROBINSON, honoured with the confidence of J. H. Stephenson, who is removing to a smaller House, will SELL BY AUCTION part of his FURNITURE, PIANO, AMERICAN ORGAN with 10 Stops, Foot Lashe, &c. Full particulars in Posters. Sale at One p.m. 421v

MR. ROBINSON, honoured with instructions from the Executors of the late W. Wilkinson, Hare Law, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, November 4th, the Whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects; Harmonium; Phœnix Sewing Machine, in perfect working order; Safe, by Cartwright; also, TWO SHARES IN THE KYO GASWORKS. For full particulars see Posters.
Sale to begin at 12 p.m. prompt.
Come early, as the Lots are numerous and days are short. 425v

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.
Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

By Mr A. Phillipson.

Rock Cottage, Jackson's Terrace, Annfield Plain.
Saturday, 31st October, 1896.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from J. Allan, who is Emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, the whole of which are quite new, of excellent quality, and well deserving the attention of buyers. See bills for particulars.

Castleside.

MR. A. PHILIPSON, honoured with instructions from the Representatives of the late Robert Robson, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at an early date, FARM IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c. Details to follow. 357v

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Emigration Agent, will undertake AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and conducted in the best style. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for Cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYNELL under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Office—Front Street, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station.

Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

SALES BY AUCTION by J. S. MURRAY.

Monday first, November 2nd.—Usual Weekly Sale at the Royal Auction Mart.

Thursday, November 5th.—Property Sale in the New Town Hall, Consett.

Wednesday, November 14th.—Hack Horses, Traps, Harness, &c., at Leadgate.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 1896.
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1 Harness Horse, 4 years old, 14 2, sound and all right.
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Sale at One o'clock prompt.
447v JOHN S. MURRAY.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE IN CONSETT, LEADGATE, AND BLACKHILL.

MR. JOHN S. MURRAY (instructed by Mr J. Johnson, who is about to leave England) will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the New Town Hall, Consett (Smaller Hall).

On THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1896, at 7·30 prompt (not Tuesday, November 3rd, as previously advertised), subject to such Conditions of Sale as will be then read—

Lot 1.—Freehold DWELLING-HOUSE and SHOP, at the Corner of Sherburn Terrace, and Gladstone Street, Consett, containing Kitchen, Shop, Pantry, with Wash-house and Out-offices on Ground Floor, with Two Rooms above. All rooms fully 9ft. clear height. Also, a Three-roomed HOUSE, behind and adjoining the above, containing Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, a Cemented Yard, and separate Out-offices on the Ground Floor, with Bed and Sitting Room above. Bedroom lately raised to 8½ft. high throughout. The combined gross rents of Lot 1, amount to £29 5s. per annum.

Lot 2.—Freehold DWELLING-HOUSE, in Stephen Street, Consett, containing Five Rooms, with Wash-house, Out-offices, &c. This property is very pleasantly situated, overlooking Consett Park, and can be let off to one or two Tenants, as required. Present annual rents, £24 1s.

Lot 3.—Two valuable Freehold BUILDING SITES, adjoining Lot 1, in Gladstone Street, Frontage 42ft., depth 67ft., on which is erected a New Workshop, 24ft. by 13., with loft above. This Shop is warmed with large Combustion Stove, and the ground is thoroughly fenced in 6ft. high.

Lot 4.—At the same Time and Place, a JOINER'S SHOP, situate at Leadgate, near Mr Luke Nicholson's Draper's Shop. The shop is 32ft. by 9ft., added part 15ft. by 6ft, well ventilated, and fitted up with two Slow-Combustion Stoves; also a Drying Shed, 20ft. by 6ft. The whole fenced neatly in, with about 22 lineal yards of Fencing 4ft. high, and Two Gates. The above stands on rented ground belonging to Mr J. Parker, butcher, Leadgate. This is a suitable opening for a joiner, being quite in the centre of Leadgate.

Lot 5.—Freehold DWELLING-HOUSE of 4 rooms and Conveniences owned and occupied by Mr Diamond, Templetown.

Lot 6.—HOUSE in 2 tenements Nos. 1 & 2, Dobson Street, Blackhill.

Lot 7.—No. 49, Thomas Street, Blackhill, containing Kitchen, Scullery, 2 Bed-rooms, Self contained Yard, and Conveniences, in the occupation of Mr Poglen.

Lot 8.—No. 55, Thomas Street, Blackhill, containing Sitting-room, Kitchen, Scullery, and 3 Bedrooms, Self-contained Yard and Conveniences, occupied by Mr Price.

Lot 9.—No. 56, Thomas Street, Blackhill. Same as Lot 8, in the occupation of Mr Thos. Lowther.

Lot 10.—RITSON'S ROAD HOUSE, containing Sitting-room, Kitchen, Scullery, and 3 Bed-rooms, Self-contained Yard and Conveniences, in the occupation of Mr John French.

Lot 11.—2 Fully-paid up unappropriated SHARES in the Shotley and Blackhill Starr Bowkett Building Society.

Sale at 7 o'clock.

The Tenants of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, will allow the various Properties to be viewed, and further particulars may be obtained of Mr JOHN JOHNSTONE, Joiner, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; Mr MURRAY, the Auctioneer; or at the Offices of Messrs HARGREAVES and JOBLIN, Solicitors, Durham.

Particulars of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, may be obtained from Mr J. G. MURRAY, Solicitor to the Vendors, or the Auctioneer, Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Blackhill.

LEADGATE.

IMPORTANT TO POSTMASTERS, TRADESMEN AND OTHERS.

MR. J. S. MURRAY.

FAVOURED with instructions from Mr. Ed. Kinleside, who, on account of the Opening of the New Station on the Annfield Plain Branch of the N.E.R. at Leadgate, is declining the Hacking business will SELL BY AUCTION on Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 1896, his HORSES, HARNESS, TRAPS and other Miscellaneous Lots, as under:—

1 Bay Mare, 5 year old; 2 Black Horses, 6 and 7 years old; 1 Dun Horse, and 1 Pony, all well-seasoned for work, and used up to time of Sale. 1 Brake, Four-wheeled Dog Cart, 1 Landau, Gig, and Pony Trap, 2 Sets Single Harness, 1 Set Double Harness, Miscellaneous Lots of Odd Harness, Coup Cart, Riding Saddle and Bridle. A lot of Butchers' Fittings, Strong Table with Elm Top, Block, Cart Cover, and other miscellaneous lots.
Sale at One o'clock. 449v

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
THE
AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

By Messrs. R. March and Son.

Barlow South Farm, Winlaton.
Farm Stock Sale on Thursday, November 5th, 1896.

MESSRS R. MARCH AND SON, instructed by Mr Thomas Robson, who is declining farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, without reserve, as above, the whole of his LIVE AND DEAD FARMING STOCK, HAY, CORN STACKS (for removal), SWEDE AND WHITE TURNIPS, POTATOES, &c.
Particulars in Newcastle *Journal* and *Leader*.
Houghton-by-Wylam.
October 28th, 1896. 436v

By Mr. J. Green.

Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Ltd.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, at 1·30 prompt.
100 to 120 Fat Sheep and Lambs. 21 Young Pigs. 1 Brawn Pig, and 20 Young Hens. 441n

Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Ltd.,
MR. JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, AT 1 30.
SPECIAL SALE for Dairy Cows, Store Cattle, Keeping Sheep and Lambs. Entries to time of Sale to JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Important Notice.
Sale of High-class Furniture at Mr. J. Crawford's Sale-rooms, Consett.

JOHN CRAWFORD instructed by S. James, Esq., will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday first, November 2nd, the following: Splendid Toned Piano, Harmonium, Mahogany Drawers; Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Two of Jones' Sewing Machines and other Machines in working order, and the contents of Seven Rooms of FURNITURE. The Lots are on view. See Posters.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 430v

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

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Election Address.

LEADGATE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have been requested by a large number of Ratepayers to offer myself as a Candidate for the Seat on the Urban District Council, vacant by the removal of Mr. Dormand from Leadgate, and in acceding to their wishes beg to thank them for this mark of their esteem.

I am a Ratepayer Resident in your District, and well-known to most of you.

Believing that I understand the requirements of the District and your wishes, if elected, I shall support the Scheme that has been recently formulated for the acquisition of a Building in a central situation as Council Offices, Free Library and News-room, the last especially as tending to the mental and moral elevation of the People.

The Sanitation of the District will receive my earnest attention.

Additional Railway facilities are needed, and will receive my support.

I shall at the same time oppose any unnecessary expenditure of Public Money, believing that with administrative economy much may be done for the welfare of the District without unduly burdening the Ratepayer.

Trusting that these views will meet with your acceptance, and hoping to receive your support at the Poll,

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
360v. WILLIAM WHITFIELD.

Business Announcements.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. 648q.

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BEEF & MALT WINE.
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BLACKHILL ...	—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
	—R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel.
BURNOPFIELD ...	—TURNBULL BROS., Grocers, &c
	—W. WRIGHT, Burton House.
CONSETT ...	—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
„ ...	—T. D. DRYDEN, Grocer, &c.
„ ...	—N. ELSDON, Wine Merchant.
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TE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS,

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g that I understand the requirements of ct and your wishes, if elected, I shall he Scheme that has been recently for for the acquisition of a Building in a tuation as Council Offices, Free Library s-room, the last especially as tending ental and moral elevation of the People. nisation of the District will receive my attention.

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

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Last week we chronicled the death of Mrs. W. J. Scott, of the Sycamores, Rowley, and having had a brief review of her career supplied to us, we do not falter in arriving at the conclusion that there were few more studious ladies in the district than the deceased person. During the latter part of her life she mixed very little amongst her relatives, or her neighbouring friends. She found excellent company in her extensive library, and was wont to revel in her books for many a long hour. Ancient and modern history was her pet subject, and with some of the best works of this age, she was familiar. We regret to learn that her sister—Miss Hogarth, of Hexham—who was seriously ill when Mrs. Scott was interred, has since also passed away.

For months—aye for years—has the railway service in this district been a burning question, and even since we were provided with a new line from Consett to Newcastle, the question still burns. At present the matter is smouldering as it were. While that is so, however, people should not lose sight of the fact that at the request of the Consett Amateur Orchestra the North-Eastern Railway Company intend running a special late train for their promenade concert next Wednesday evening, from Consett to Stanley. We are informed that the guarantee for this extra service is only small, and although some may look upon the late train as an act of kindness to the instrumentalists, there are others who have the impression—and perhaps they are quite justified in it—that it is chiefly a trial, in order to see whether such facilities are permanently required on the line.

That a kindly feeling prevails between the Empires of Germany and England, is well known to us all, but we would hesitate before setting down in black and white anything which might in itself suggest that the feelings of friendship between the subjects of these great countries had ever been more warmly displayed than was the case in this district, last week, when a large number of friends met at the Commercial Hotel, Consett, to bid adieu to Mr. Von Fischer, who is leaving England to return to his native soil. This German gentleman has only resided in this district some eighteen months, his chief purpose being to obtain a general knowledge of the great industry owned by the Consett Iron Company, but so well has he endeared himself to those around him during his brief stay, that his numerous friends could not allow him to leave their midst without showing their personal regret in the good old English fashion. The dinner, of which the company partook with Mr. Von Fischer, was a capital spread

Mr. Von Fischer has not only interested himself in matters pertaining to the social world, but he had also made common cause in various English sports which are indulged in, in this district. The amount of interest he has shown in the latter is clearly made manifest in the fact that he has given £5 towards a prize for a paper-chase, to be held in this locality. This game is practised very little here, but along the banks of the Tyne packs of harriers can be seen on nearly every country road in winter evenings. It is a capital sport for every young male, and a beneficial practice for footballers. Let it be hoped then that the game will be revived, and that Mr. Von Fischer's prize money will not lie long in the hands of Dr. Renton. The donor evidently means well, and it would be unlike our local sportsmen to show a lack of appreciation for such kindness.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

["By Incedo."]

ALL ABOUT A SEXTON.

The members of the Collierley Burial Board had a little rumpus the other evening, the chief bone of contention being the alleged dismissal of the sexton by the vicar. A feeling of great cordiality usually exists between clergymen and the sextons—both performing the last offices to the dead, one the mental portion, and the other the physical. The sexton is usually a regular attender at the church, and he is in many cases a sort of henchman to the spiritual guide of the people. "Ye have heard me preach so many sermons, Sandy," said a Scotch divine to the sexton one day, "that ye could very nearly preach ane yersel." "Weel," said Sandy, scratching his head, "I dinna ken that I could preach a sermon, but when ye gie out the text, I can aye draw an inference." "Well," continued the minister, with a knowing twinkle in his eye, "if I were to give out the text: 'And the asses sniffed up the east wind'—what inference would you draw from the words?" The sexton looked a trifle puzzled for a moment, and then said: "Ah, weel, I wid think it wid be a lang time afore they grew fat on't!" It is recorded that a Clergyman was walking in the Churchyard one day when he came upon the gravedigger at his gruesome task. "You ought," said the Clergyman, "to be a very exemplary man, and of pure life—so frequently are you brought into contract with death." The sexton leaned on his spade, and looking up at the speaker replied: "You know sir, that there was the Scotch gravedigger, who assuming a rueful countenance exclaimed: "Trade is awfully dull, for I hinna buried a living soul for sax weeks!"

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

(By the "Old Crow.")

The opposition to the license for which Mr. Aynsley applied at Stanley must have been of a very powerful sort to have resulted in the non-confirmation of the decision arrived at by the Lanchester Bench of Magistrates. Few suspected that in the result Mr. Aynsley would be defeated and the decision at the Quarter Sessions has caused very general surprise, whilst affording gratification to the teetotallers. The main objection raised to the granting of the license was the proximity of the proposed house to the Wesleyan Chapel. As was pointed out by the applicant's counsel, this would have had strength in it if it could have been shown that, situated as Stanley is, any house at all could be constructed without being fairly close to the place of worship alluded to. The Temperance Party, however, are to be credited with having conducted their case with moderation and fair play and they may well be congratulated on the successful issue. It is purely a matter of time—and no long time either, for this question to again come to the front, and it will be strange indeed if evidence be not thus forthcoming to prove overwhelmingly the inadequacy of hotel accommodation in the town.

At the recent meeting of the

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL,

in the course of the discussion on the railway facilities on the Derwent Valley line, Mr. Telford is reported to have expressed the utmost satisfaction with the North-Eastern Company, and, figuratively, admitting that the service is an altogether excellent service and there is no cause to grumble. Well, I admit that if this had been reported in any other paper than the "Guardian" I should have been disposed to doubt its accuracy! It is indeed curious, an opinion of this kind in the face of representations made by every local authority in the district for many a year past to a distinctly contrary effect. Mr. Telford, perhaps, has not occasion to use the line to the same extent as many of his confreres. If so he is to be congratulated for he can feel really happy in the fact. He should, however, feel some little sympathy with those whose business compels them to travel frequently up and down. Their number is great and their complaints are in proportion.

By the way, I am desired to draw my readers' attention to the forthcoming

PROMENADE CONCERT,

to be given under the auspices of the Consett Amateur Orchestra Society, in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday evening next. It is unnecessary to say that since the establishment of this very praiseworthy Society many evenings have been made brighter for those living in our still isolated town, and in the district round about. But for a few enterprising spirits, such as those connected with this Society, getting up and doing, our winter evenings would lie on us distressingly heavily. During last winter the Society did really yeoman service in the way of providing good entertainments from time to time and the members, if assured of proper support, intend to repeat their good work again during the winter we are about to face. The programme, a rough proof of which is before me, is altogether just such a one as is required at a concert of the free and easy kind that is to be attempted. The string band is down for several capital pieces that should prove pleasing, and amongst these, I notice, is a new polka "Promenade Polka," still another effort of Mr. Geo. A. Williams, the energetic conductor. To give variety, the following gentlemen will participate:—Mr. Thomas Hoffman, humorous comedian, Professor Harper, ventriloquist, Mr. Geo. Dryden and Mr. Geo. P. Stephenson. The orchestra numbers some twenty five performers.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. Nixon.—Your letter arrived too late for insertion this week.

Liberal.—The insertion of your letter would only advertise the publication referred to.

ANNFIELD PLAIN DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Argus."]

THE NEW COUNCIL.

Now that the formation of an Urban District Council has, after a long and severe struggle by the leading ratepayers and energetic public men of the district, become an accomplished fact, the members of the new authority will undoubtedly feel the responsibility of performing their arduous tasks in an efficient manner. The election was one in which a great amount of enthusiasm was manifested. Notwithstanding the fact that a few residents holding pessimistic views of the case, depreciate the step which has been taken, there is a pretty general feeling afloat that the district will be worked more satisfactorily and with less expense than it has hitherto been done. With such bright prospects before them, the electorate ought and unquestionably do, hail with delight the acquisition of powers which will enable them to govern and control there own affairs.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN AND J.P.

At their first meeting, held in the West Kyo Board Schools, on Thursday evening, this new body carried out with fitting propriety, the wishes of the greater part of the electorate in the selection of Mr. J. W. Taylor, Dipton, as chairman. That was an honour conferred upon a gentleman who, along with a few true-hearted followers, bore the brunt of the battle like soldiers, and manfully championed the cause of freedom and fairplay. By virtue of the office Mr. Taylor will become a J.P., and those who are inclined to be unruly will have to mind their p's and q's. For the first time in its history the quiet and respectable little village of Dipton can boast of a resident magistrate, and one who will adorn any magisterial bench. The office is one of grave responsibility, and one in which the judgment of the cleverest and most prudent men finds amlpe scope for development. I wish him every success in his new sphere.

VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The second honours were showered upon the head of Mr. Wm. Fitzpatrick, an energetic reformer, and one of the prime movers in the noble cause of Social Government. I take this opportunity to congratulate him on his success, and hope he will continue to work on in the good cause to which he is espoused.

THE NEW CHURCH.

On Wednesday afternoon the opening services of the Primitive Methodist Church were celebrated. The great centre of attraction was in the person of the Rev. A. T. Guttery, whose straightforward, plain spoken manner won for him the applause of large and appreciative audiences. The building is a fine specimen of architecture of the latest design, and fitted with all the latest improvements. The total cost is £2,000.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

It will be gratifying to the electors and ratepayers of the above area to know that they will be free from the cost of an election this year.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

There will be great rejoicing in the camp of the Independent Labour Party over the recent victory which they have achieved in returning a member to a seat on the School Board. Nothing has been spared by them to secure the result, and they have now the satisfaction of knowing that their labours have been successful.

LATE PRIMROSES

Two beautiful primroses were seen at Dipton the other day.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[By "Observer."]

TEMPERANCE.

The "Hope of West Stanley" Temperance Lodge, No. 1355, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, held their annual anniversary last week end. On the Saturday, a substantial knife and fork tea was provided in the Wesleyan School Room, Front Street, after which followed a grand concert of a miscellaneous character; the programme being rendered by local talent of a varied and interesting description. On the Sunday, temperance services were held in the Co-operative Hall, morning and evening, which were full of interest and profit. The whole of the proceedings were fairly well patronised. The Gospel Temperance meetings are to be continued on the Sunday until further notice.

A CHARITABLE ACT.

A special effort was put forth in the shape of a concert which was held a few days ago in the West Stanley Co-operative Hall, for the benefit of a young man named Paddison, of Cross Lanes, East Stanley. This person has been unable to follow his employment owing to injuries received at the Beamish Jackey's Pit; the accident occurred about two years ago, and the injuries are of a peculiar nature which render it impossible for Paddison to resume work. The programme of miscellaneous selections was effectively rendered to a capital audience, by local talent, and all departed to the homes having enjoyed the proceedings, being assured that their patronage had served a noble and generous purpose.

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE.

The Rev. J. Urwin, preached the missionary sermons on Sunday last at the West Stanley Wesleyan Chapel, and the annual missionary meeting was held on Tuesday evening, when profitable addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. Urwin, C. M. Greenaway, and J. A. Dixon. the chair was occupied by Mr. Kellett, South Moor. The proceedings were well attended.

IMPRUDENT MISTAKES.

Mistakes do, and will occur, but there are certain items in connection with them which require an explanation. It is customary for the children attending Board Schools to hang their jackets, hats, etc., in a porch located at the school entrance. The children when the school duties are over, sometimes in their hurry secure the wrong articles out of the porch; this matters little if the mistakes are rectified on the following morning. But there are instances where the articles are never returned, and in all these cases the missing articles are superior, to the ones left in their place. A few days ago a sealskin jacket, worth ten shillings was removed from one of these school porches, and a much inferior one left in its place; up to the time of writing this almost valueless article still hangs awaiting its owner. "Of course," the good article has not been worn at school since, nor can it be traced.—Query, Who is to blame, and what is the remedy?

A SINGULAR DEATH.

A young married man named Henry Ferguson, of High Hold, near West Pelton, was buried at St. Paul's churchyard, on Sunday last. It appears that while attending the duties of his work in the mine he accidentally received a blow on his thumb: this in a few days developed serious symptoms which necessitated his removal to Newcastle Infirmary. The medical staff of that institution operated upon him; but that proved unavailing, for in a few hours the injuries culminated in death. Great sympathy was manifested on his behalf by the residents and friends, consequently the funeral was a very large one. He was a quiet, inoffensive man, and highly esteemed by his fellow men.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

"Custandee Dorsie," a native of Jerusalem, who has spent 21 years there, gave a lecture a few days ago in the West Pelton Wesleyan Church; the subject being "Jerusalem and its surroundings." A number of persons were attired in highly embroidered and elegant costumes; there was a large panorama of Jerusalem with other diagrams and curiosities were also used to illustrate the lecture. A large number patronised the proceedings.

AN OLD RESIDENT.

From East Stanley, named Nicholas Summerbell, was buried at the St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday last. He has resided in the district for over 40 years, and was well known and respected. The funeral was well attended by the inhabitants and friends.

GREENCROFT.

The Parish Council Election.—Through a printer's error in our last issue the name of Mr. J. S. Ward was spelt as Wark.

WEARDALE.

Liberalism.—On Monday, the first of a series of Liberal meetings throughout the polling districts of Weardale took place in the Board School, Wearhead, where Councillor Jos. Harrison presided over an enthusiastic company. The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Joseph Coulthard, Cowshill, and seconded by Mr. H. Featherstone, Middle Rigg, was carried by acclamation:—"That this meeting desires to affirm its loyalty to the Liberal Party, and express its approval of the efforts of the Party and its leaders in opposing the reactionary domestic policy of the Government during the past session."—Councillor A. Henderson, J.P., in supporting, gave a succinct review of the past session in Parliament, and with trenchant eloquence contrasted it with that of the late Liberal Government, dealing exhaustively with the Agricultural Rating Bill and Local Government (Ireland) Act. At the conclusion of the address Mr. J. Thompson, Burtree Pasture, moved and Mr. Watson seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Henderson, which, with one to the Chairman, closed an instructive meeting, with loudly applauded references to Sir. Joseph Pease.—The Liberal Council representatives were then chosen.

Local and District News

CONSETT.

Alleged Till Robbery.—A youth named James Sullivan, 19, labourer, has been arrested at Consett during the week on a charge of stealing £1 1s 6d from the till of Mr. Geo. McCann's Railway Hotel, Middle Street, Consett.

Wesleyan Church.—In connection with this place of worship, the Rev. J. H. Hector, of South America, will preach next Wednesday afternoon. A public tea will afterwards be held, and in the evening Mr. Hector will deliver his lecture "The Story of Mr. Life." A silver collection will be taken. The proceeds will be devoted to the trust fund.

Police Cases.—At the Consett Police Court on Monday before Mr. Jno. Davison, J.P., Hy. Cain was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk in the streets of Consett on Saturday night last, Sergeant Bellam proving the case. A boy named Philip Ward, was remanded to the Workhouse for seven days, for sleeping on the coke-ovens at Consett on Sunday night last, the police in the meanwhile making enquiry into his case.

Social.—On Tuesday night a social was given in the Wesleyan Schools, Consett. There was a good attendance. The usual parlour games were indulged in, and some excellent harmony contributed. The gathering was a complete success, the arrangements being carried out by Mrs. R. C. Foster, and Mr. W. Grainger.—The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School Building Fund.

A Deserter.—At the Consett Petty Sessions on Tuesday morning before Mr. Geo. Ainsworth, a young man named Charles Smith was apprehended and charged with being a deserter from the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.—P.C. Crisp deposed that Smith had come from Ireland to Consett only a few weeks ago. He recognised a person of the same description in the "Police Gazette," and he apprehended the prisoner who eventually turned out to be one and the same person.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was remanded to await an escort.

Accidents at the Foundry.—On Tuesday morning two somewhat serious accidents occurred at the foundry at Crookhall. In the first case a man named Thomas Bullock, living at Consett, was struck on the foot with a heavy weight, causing great injury to his ankle and other parts of the foot. Later in the day, as a young man named Thomas Allister, who resides at Leadgate, was pushing along a "bogey" containing a quantity of metal, by some means the latter fell to the ground, and catching Allister on the foot, broke one of his big toes. The injured men were at once attended to, and are progressing favourably.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A Distinguished Student.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. Joseph Bowes, a son of Coun. Thomas Bowes, of Annfield Plain, has attained a honours certificate at the recent Surveyor's examination in the Yorkshire College, at Leeds, in addition to other scholastic successes. Mr. Bowes, who is a candidate for the surveyorship of Annfield Plain Urban District Council is the first candidate of the Rutherford college to obtain a honours certificate in these subjects.

Newcastle Royal Infirmary Fund.—There has been forwarded to the "Newcastle Chronicle" Office for this fund, the sum of £14 11s, being a subscription by those employed in the pit, at coke works, screens, mechanics, masons, and labourers of Pontop Colliery, Annfield Plain.

A Curious Find.—During the demolition of the old Primitive Methodist Chapel, at Annfield Plain, there was found a copy of the "Consett Guardian," in the foundation stone. The copy is of the year 1880 and it is somewhat curious to notice that at that time Mr. W. Fitzpatrick is the only tradesman mentioned in the advertising columns of the journal. Several other interesting mementoes were found at the same time.

The first social of the Annfield Plain District tennis club was held in the Annfield Plain Board Schools on Wednesday evening. Amongst those present were Mr. W. H. Martin, president, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, Mr. R. Moor, Mr. Robinson, the Misses Sterling, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Lowe, Craghead, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gawthorn, Mr. Weston, the Misses Cooke, Mr. Wm. Stafford, Mr. Sterling, jun., Mr. Hodgson, Miss Gladders, Miss McKay, the Misses Thompson, Miss Maddison, Miss Heslop, Miss Eltringham, the Misses Robinson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss E. Wilson, Lanchester, Miss Stoker, Mr. and Miss Oxley, South Moor; Miss Lowe, Mr. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hobson, Catchgate; and others. The M.C's of the dance were Messrs Barrow, Sterling, and Martin, in which capacity they performed their duties to the satisfaction of all. A supper was provided and partaken of by a large company. The party broke up about two a.m., after having spent an enjoyable evening.

P. M. Church.—On Saturday afternoon, an eloquent sermon was preached in the above place of worship by the Rev. F. Richardson, of Ashington. A sumptuous public tea was afterwards provided, and partaken of by a good company. At 6.30 in the evening, a lecture on "Hobble-de-hoys, neither men nor boys," was delivered by Mr. Richardson. In the course of his lecture, Mr. Richardson pointed out that some people thought that a fully developed muscular frame constituted manliness, others thought a well dressed personage, and a third class ventured to assert that wealth was the chief factor in manliness. The lecturer, by lucid illustrations pointed out the absurdity of those notions and showed that true manliness consisted in conscientiousness, moral courage, fidelity to principles. He next proceeded to view the habits of "hobble de hoys," amongst which were the useless habits of loitering about the street corners, where the great bulk of sins were constantly being committed. Profane and tall talk, exaggeration, gambling, and thoughtlessness were also included in the category of the habits of his subject, while their haunts were to be found at the public house, the theatre, the ball-room, and the turf. The lecturer concluded an earnest address, especially suitable for the young people by exhorting them to avoid those courses of life which only resulted in debauchery, degradation, and ruin.—The chair was occupied by Ald. J. A. Curry, Gateshead, who said that he had thoroughly enjoyed the lecture.—On Sunday, the pulpit was occupied in the morning and evening by Mr. Richardson, who delivered two stirring sermons to large congregations. In the afternoon a musical service was rendered by the chapel choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Herdman, who was assisted by Mr J. Robinson on the organ. Collections were taken at each service on behalf of the building fund.

BLACKHILL.

We have pleasure in announcing that at the examination recently held in Edinburgh under the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Mr. Jabez Swindale, of Bessemer Street, Blackhill, was successful, and is now qualified and registered chemist and druggist.

U. M. F. C.—At the usual fortnightly entertainment of the Young People's Society for Christian Endeavour on Wednesday evening, Miss L. Sanderson, and Messrs E. and R. Parker, Cook, and Hall, gave the musical programme Mr. R. Richardson presided, and Mr. J. Gardiner supplied the accompaniments.

Lecture.—On Thursday night the Rev. Foster S. Raine, of Sheffield, (who formerly lived at Benfieldside), delivered a lecture in the Methodist Free Church, Blackhill, on "The Life and Work of the Rev. Peter Mackenzie." Mr. Jas. Palliser presided, and there was a large attendance. The proceeds were in aid of the forthcoming bazaar and sale of work. Mr. Raine was announced to preach a sermon in the afternoon, but having missed a connection on the railway, was not able to fulfil the engagement.

Visit of the Rev. F. Raine.—On Thursday last, special services were held in the afternoon and evening on the occasion of the visit of the Rev. F. Raine, a clergyman very well known in this district of which he is a native. Some disappointment was felt when it was announced that Mr. Raine would not be there to preach in the afternoon, but his place was ably filled by the Rev. F. S. Foster, who preached an excellent sermon.—In the evening Mr. Raine delivered his lecture in the chapel to a very good audience, Mr. Jos. Palliser presiding. He took for his subject "The life of Peter Mackenzie," and handled his subject in a masterly manner. The lecture consisted largely of anecdotes and amusing incidents in the life of the great Methodist, and in addition to this the lecture was an excellent resume of the life of the great preacher. After the lecture a supper was held at which Mesdames Pickles, Foster, Sanderson, Richardson, and McWilliams presided.

St. Aidan's Church.—The annual harvest festival in connection with the above church was celebrated on Tuesday evening. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated with corn, wheat, flowers, fruit, evergreens, &c., and reflected great credit upon those who had taken part in the decorations. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., vicar of South Hetton, and late of Leadgate, who preached an eloquent sermon, to a good congregation. The anthem, "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord," was done full justice to by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Ward Davison, and the solo was admirably rendered by one of the choristers (Master Oliver). The services were continued on the Sunday, when the Rev. R. C. Page, vicar of St. Jude's, South Shields, preached two instructive sermons to good congregations, the church in the evening being crowded. The anthem was repeated in excellent style, and altogether the choral part of the services was given in such a manner as to show the great pains the choir master had taken with his singers. The collections at each service were in aid of the church hall.

Supper and Social.—In aid of the Building Fund of the Wesleyan Church Sunday School, Blackhill, a successful supper and social was held on Wednesday evening, the school-room being crowded. Mr. E. Eltringham presided, and at the outset explained that for about two years the Sunday School had been a little in debt and the young people of the congregation were taking steps to rub it off, by holding such gatherings as was taking place that evening. It was encouraging to see such a good response to their efforts, and he hoped they would not be long in achieving the object they had in view.—The social was then commenced, a capital programme of songs, recitations, etc., being provided by Misses Richardson, Sterling, Dent, Brown, Palliser, Leyburn, Frankland, and Messrs J. Ashby, W. Leyburn, T. Reed, W. Palliser, W. Wilson, and W. Ellison, Mr. Palliser supplying the accompaniments on the piano.—A supper was afterwards spread, the following ladies attending to the wants of a large company:—Misses Palliser, Richardson, M. Brown, Sterling, Wallace, Parker, Elsden, Frankland,

BURNOPFIELD.

The weekly sewing meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Society was held at Parkfield House, Hare Law, the residence of Coun. G. Wailes. In the afternoon the ladies met for sewing, and in the evening a grand supper was held. The proceeds are for the bazaar fund.

P.M. Chapel.—On Sunday morning and evening the missionary services were conducted by Mr. Thos. Armstrong. On Monday evening the usual missionary meeting was held, when stirring and instructive addresses were given by Rev. J. H. Jackson, E. Campbell, and Mr. Fidler. The chair was ably occupied by Mr. J. W. Bell, collections were taken at each service in aid of the foreign mission cause.

CASTLESIDE.

Sudden Death.—On Friday last a man named John Carrick, of the Four Lane Ends, near Castleside, had just left his house with the intention of visiting his sister Mrs. T. Raine, of Castleside, and he had got on to the road, when he was taken seriously ill and suddenly fell down dead. He was conveyed back to his home, and on medical aid being called it was found that the unfortunate fellow had bursted a blood vessel. It appears that Carrick had been suffering for some time from heart disease, and the doctor supplied a certificate; consequently no inquest has been held. Deceased who was formerly a leadminer, was recently employed at the Tinmill Coal Pit, Blackhill, and leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss. He was an industrious workman, and was widely respected in the district. The funeral took place on Tuesday, at Castleside Churchyard, to where a large procession followed his mortal remains.

DERWENT COTTAGES.

Band of Hope.—An evening entertainment was held on Wednesday night, in the Wesleyan chapel which was almost full, when recitations were given by J. Edgar, Thomas Kay, and Charles English, and a duet was sung by Misses Graham, of Medomsley, and A. Davison, entitled "The Convent Bells." A violin solo was given by two brothers—A. Davison and W. Davison, of Westwood. Mr. Fletcher, of Consett, acted as Chairman. An address was given by Mr. Dodds, of Consett, on "drinking, gambling, and other evil vices." The choir gave special songs, under the leadership of Mr. Philip Graham, while Mr. John Harbottle acted as harmoniumist.

DIPTON.

Mountsett Leek Show.—The annual leek show was held on Saturday in a barn near to the Plough Inn, belonging to Mr. Thos. Watson. The exhibits were of an excellent quality. The secretary was Mr. Clark of Hobson. The following is a list of the awards.—Leeks—1st, G. Gray; 2nd, R. Nicholson; 3rd, Thomas Potts; 4th, T. Brown; 5th, John Anderson; 6th, B. Mason; 7th, J. Morton, jun; 8th, W. Wailes; 9th, Wm. Burnip; 10th, G. Tool; 11th, J. Ledger; 12th, Thomas Clark; 13th, S. Trewick; 14th, Edward Charlton; 15th, W. Lown; 16th, G. Weedy; 18th, R. Arthur; 19th, J. Spoor; 20th, J. Harrison; 21st, J. Graham; 22nd, W. Dawson; 23rd, W. Dowsey; 24th, R. Lamb; 25th, J. Hudson; 26th, E. Morton.—Red cabbage—1st, John Ledger; 2nd, G. Gray.—Celery—1st, J. Anderson; 2nd, J. Spoor.

Sale of Land.—On Wednesday evening week, at the house of Mr. John Bennett, Fox Inn, Dipton, Mr. A. Phillipson, auctioneer, offered for sale, a meadow field measuring 2 acres, 3 roods, 16 perches, and situate between Hill Top and Flint Hill Dipton, and owned by Mr. M. Southren, Flint Hill, Dipton. The bidding was begun by Mr. G. Murray, Dipton, at £100, and was followed by Mr. Wm. Southren, Dipton, until £160 was reached, at which figure the field was withdrawn, but was afterwards sold to Mr. Southren, at a satisfactory price. The speculative spirit seems to be dormant in the district just now, as there was only a moderate attendance.

EBCHESTER

Proposed Homing Club.—Pigeon fanciers of this district will be pleased to learn that a movement has been set on foot to establish a homing club. The secretary is Mr. G. Temperley, Chelmsford Hotel, Ebchester, and he will be pleased to enrol members who reside in the radius of six miles.

LEADGATE.

Cow Club.—On Monday night a meeting was held at the Masons' Arms, Leadgate, with the object of establishing a cow club for Leadgate, Mr. T. Longstaff presiding. There was a fair attendance. Mr. Ridley, Crookhall, moved, and Mr. White seconded, that a cow club be formed to be called the Leadgate and District Cow Club, to be conducted on similar lines to the Blanchland Club. It was decided that the boundaries should be—on the north of the Derwent, south, Woodlands and Lanchester; east Annfield Plain, Lintz, and the Derwent; west, Castleside. The next meeting is to be held on the 7th prox.

Pigeon Flying Club.—On Friday evening a meeting to further this club will be held at the Sportsman's Arms Inn, Leadgate. There are already some twenty members on the books, but others are still invited to join.

MILKWELL BURN.

Mr. John Anderson, of Milkwell Burn, took up from his garden the second crop of potatoes on the 21st inst. They are all good, and are magnum bonums.

STANLEY.

Benefit Concert.—A grand concert, promoted by a few of the workmen of East Stanley Colliery, for the benefit of Mr. John Pattison, who was disabled at the above colliery in August 1894, was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, on Wednesday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen gave their services, which were highly appreciated by a large audience:—Miss Fiddes, Stanley; Miss M. Flinn, Oxhill; Miss Fawcett, Havannah, Stanley; Mr. Gatis, Tantobie; Mr. Holland, Annfield Plain; Mr. J. Ellwood, and

Good Templary.—The Wesley Centenary Juvenile Temple of the I.O.G.T. held their usual sessions on Monday evening, there being a good attendance of members. The programme consisted of a magic lantern entertainment, in the course of which some interesting views of the surrounding neighbouring district were given. Brother J. Carr presiding at the lecture. Bro. T. Galley, of Houghton-le-Spring also said a few words, and a coffee supper was afterwards held. On Saturday evening the anniversary services of the West Stanley Star of Hope Lodge of the I. O. G. T. held their anniversary services. Bro. J. Dodd, of Cornsay, gave an excellent address.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Wesleyan Chapel.—At this chapel on Sunday, anniversary sermons will be preached by the Rev. C. M. Greenway, the sermon in the evening being specially for young men. Special music will be provided, and with such an attraction as Mr. Greenway, the services should be well attended.

The Shotley Bridge Cricket Club have the reputation of providing one of the best concerts of the season in this district, and if our readers will refer to the advertising columns, they will conclude, that the entertainment advertised to take place on Monday night next will not be any behind those previously held. The quartette, from Durham Cathedral, in addition to those well tried and ever fresh favourites, Messrs Macdonald, Duncanson, and Nutton, will include Mr. Jackson, the newly-appointed alto, late of the Chapel Royal, Windsor.

WASKERLEY.

Liberalism.—At the Waskerley School-room a Liberal meeting was held on Thursday night last, to hear an address from the Liberal Agent, Mr. Winter, on "The Work of Liberal Organisation."—At the conclusion of his address several questions were put to him by a prominent socialist, Mr. Lowes, and were courteously answered by Mr. Winter.—Mr. Hudson proposed and Mr. Thompson seconded, "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to form a Liberal Association; and that we do all in our power to further the interests of Liberalism in the district." As an amendment Mr. Lowes proposed, and Mr. Dent seconded, "That a Branch of the Independent Labour Party be formed at Waskerley." For the amendment there only voted Mr. Lowes and Mr. Dent, and for the resolution the rest of those present.—Mr. Campbell was appointed secretary; the other officers will be appointed in due time.—Mr. Winter was thanked for his address, and was promised every assistance in the shape of organisation.

WOLSINGHAM.

Lecture.—A highly interesting lecture was delivered in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, on Friday night last, by Professor H. Stroud, M.A., on "Ice, Water, and Steam." Mr. J. A. Snowdon presided. A large audience was present, the hall being crowded.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this authority was held in the Urban District Council office, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. H. O. Wood, chairman.—There were also present—Messrs J. Green, Rev. T. H. Archdall, R. Mason, W. Severs, W. Bulmer, Rev. J. Thompson, M. G. Armstrong, G. Foster, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Attendance Officer (Mr. S. Meddick.)

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Attendance Officer (Mr. Meddick) reported several cases of measles and scarlatina in Stanley, had made 56 visits, 173 absentees, served seven bye-law notices, and issued one official warning. The attendance during the month at East Stanley mixed school was 209; East Stanley Infants, 95; West Stanley Mixed, 177; West Stanley Infant, 92; Pickering Nook, Mixed, 186; Pickering Nook Infants' 74; Leazes, Mixed, 208; Leazes, Infants', 84; Tanfield Lea, Mixed, 162; Tanfield Lea Infants, 110; Causey Row, 129; Tanfield, Mixed and Infants', 96; Stanley Central, Mixed, 236; Stanley Central, Infants', 143.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Wilson, architect, Blackhill, submitted plans showing the proposed additional school accommodation at West Stanley, making the total accommodation for 770 children, together with a central hall measuring 47½ feet by 45½ feet. The estimated cost is £2,500.

Mr. S. Piper, architect, Newcastle, submitted plans for the proposed accommodation for 770, the total estimate for the scheme being £4,000. He also submitted a second plan for the accommodation of 670, at an estimate of £2,500. A third scheme accommodating 566 children, at an estimate of £2,300.

Messrs Bendle and Davison, Newcastle, submitted plans showing accommodation for 510 children on the ground floor, and 230 on the second storey, making a total accommodation for 740, and could be easily extended by doubling ground floor for 1,100 children, at an estimated cost of £3,000.—This matter was adjourned to a special meeting on Tuesday next, at Stanley, in the Urban Council Offices.

ADVANCE OF SALARY.

An application from Mr. A. Bolam, master of the central classes, for an advance of salary, on the grounds of his great responsibility, and for equality with the other head masters under the Board.

Mr. Green moved, and Mr. Archdall seconded, that Mr. Bolam's salary be £140, which was carried with three dissentients.

Mr. Hodgson, master of Causey Row, applied for an allowance in lieu of house rent and coals

Mr. Archdall moved, and Mr. Thompson seconded, that £20 be allowed.

Mr. Wood gave notice of motion to raise the question of building a house for the head master at Causey Row.

Mr. Bulmer moved in accordance to his notice of motion that Mr. Dawson, head teacher of Tanfield Lea Schools be allowed £20, or that a house be built.

Mr. Archdall moved, as an amendment, that £15 be allowed as lodging money.

This business fell through.

CLASSROOM AT TANFIELD LEA.

Mr. Bulmer moved that a class-room be added to the Mixed Department of the above schools, and that they invite tenders for the same.

Mr. Mason seconded the motion.

Mr. Archdall moved as an amendment that a committee of the whole Board be appointed to consider the whole matter of the enlargement, and report to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Thompson seconded, and it was carried. It was also decided that the meeting be held in a fortnight at two o'clock.

SCHOOL MATERIALS.

Mr. Armstrong, in accordance with his notice of motion, moved that the materials for use in the schools, such as writing paper, ink, pencils, envelopes, copies, chalk, etc., be contracted for at a uniform price.

Mr. Thompson seconded, and in doing so said that Mr. Armstrong was confering a public benefit on the Board by bringing the matter before their notice.

The motion was carried.

The Chairman said that the Board was very much indebted to the mover of the motion, for having brought that important matter before them.

ROUTINE WORK.

Mr. Archdall, in accordance with his notice of motion, moved that the routine work of the Board be discussed in committee.

Mr. Mason strongly objected to the work being done in committee.

The Chairman said he was in favour of everything being made public.

Mr. Archdall said he was also strongly in favour of the work of the Board being made public; but if the routine work was done in committee and presented in the form of a report to the monthly meeting as was the case with other Local Boards, the work would be greatly facilitated, otherwise he was quite in favour of full publicity being given to their proceedings.

At this point, Mr. Bulmer gave notice of motion to admit the public to the Board meetings.

The Chairman said there was no motion in the minute book which excluded the public. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

LETTER FROM MR. BROWN, H. M. INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Brown, H. M. Inspector for Schools, in which he recommended the Board to build a Pupil Teachers' School at Tanfield Lea.

The Chairman moved and Mr. Archdall seconded that the letter lie over until the enlargement of Tanfield Schools was taken into consideration. This was agreed to.

The Teachers' Reports were read and adopted, and the Board rose.

WEARDALE NOTES.

By "Stanhope."

A NECESSITY.

Frosterley needs a Mechanics' Institute, or a large hall of some kind very much, in which to hold lectures, concerts, and various other public meetings.

SCIENCE LECTURES.

The public of Wolsingham are coming out well to the University Extension Lectures. The Town Hall was well filled on Friday night last to hear Professor Stroud on "Ice, Water, and Steam." His experiments were well appreciated.

OUR FOOTBALLERS AT CROOK.

The Stanhope football team were well beaten on Saturday by Crook. Although they lost they played a good game. The Crook team were a very strong one, and included some tip top players. It is the first time Stanhope has been beaten this season. I think they would get a few wrinkles in respect to passing the ball, and in placing their men. Wherever the ball went, Crook had a man there to intercept it, whereas Stanhope had to run to it. Crook also defended their goal splendidly.

AN EPIDEMIC.

Measles are still prevalent at Wolsingham, but are abating. At a recent Weardale District Council meeting it was stated there were over 100 cases. This was contradicted by the medical officer, although the authority on the other hand came from a Wolsingham Councillor.

HIGHER HONOURS.

Mr. J. Bell, of Stanhope, is supposed to have the best smooth collie dog in the world. That's big mind ye! It won the championship of Great Britain at the Crystal Palace last week, and beat a dog valued at a £1,000. At the same show Mr. Bell also won another championship with his smooth collie bitch, "Stanhope Village Girl."

MORE LECTURES.

Cookery classes are being held at Stanhope; Drs. Livingstone and Gray are also teaching ambulance subjects. Classes on cow keeping are also being held weekly. In several of the dale's villages Miss Lottie Dunn has been giving a course of lectures on health and home which have been well attended.

ITEMS.

Messrs Hildyards family left Horsley Hall this week for their Yorkshire residence at Hutton Bonville.—Stanhope Band is practising hard for the band contest at Newcastle next month.—A salmon 8½ pounds was caught in Bollihope Burn the other day.

CAUSEY ROW.

On Sunday morning the Rev. J. W. Jackson, missionary deputation preached at the Causey Row Primitive Methodist Chapel, and at Marley Hill on Sunday evening. The rev. gentleman also delivered an instructive address at Marley Hill on Monday, on foreign mission work. Collections were taken for the foreign missionary cause.

TANFIELD LEA.

Ratepayers' Association.—By our advertising columns it will be seen that a meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday first. Mr. Storey, secretary of the U. R. P. O. A., of Great Britain and Mr. N. Wilkinson will address the meeting.

P. M. Chapel.—The Tanfield Bell Ringers gave an excellent miscellaneous concert on Saturday evening, when the place was packed to the door. On Sunday Mr. J. Soulsby preached two eloquent sermons to large congregations.

WEARDALE.

The Crops.—There is still in the fields in Derwent district in the neighbourhood of Edmundbyers corn standing rotting in the fields, and also at Stanhope, and cannot be got in, in a dry state on account of the prolonged rainy weather. Primroses are now in bloom in some sheltered gardens at Stanhope.

WASKERLEY N.E.R. INSTITUTE

SPEECH BY MR. WILSON WORSDELL.

With a membership of about 60, a painstaking president in the person of Mr. Wilson Worsdell, and an energetic secretary in Mr. W. Lowes, the North-Eastern Railway Literary Institute, Waskerley, is progressing remarkably well. The institute itself does not perhaps present the most modern appearance, but within its doors many an hour is well spent. By everyone in the village its objects are appreciated, and it was only to be expected—as was the case—that the Waggon Shops would be crowded to the door on Tuesday evening when a concert was given in aid of the institute funds. The whitewashed walls of the concert rooms were nicely hidden from view by trees, holly, plants, evergreens, etc. The temporary stage was well erected and decorated, and altogether the surroundings of the audience were pleasing to the eye. The atmosphere was somewhat chilly, but there was no delay in the execution of the programme. Prompt to the advertised time Mr. Wilson Worsdell took his seat in the president's chair. In opening the proceedings, he congratulated the members of the institute upon the continued good progress they were making in connection with the institute. He was pleased to find that since he had last been amongst them they had increased the number of books on their shelves by over one hundred, and that their membership was also increasing. As he had said before, the more interest the members themselves took in the institute, the more would he interest himself in it, and as soon as they found out that the present building was of that capacity as to be becoming irksome and short in its sitting accommodation he would assist them either in improving the building or erecting a new one. (Loud applause.) There was one particular matter he would like to refer to before the concert was commenced, and that was, the advisability of forming an ambulance class in connection with the institute. (Hear, hear, and applause.) In his own department with which they were also concerned, it numbered about 15,000 workmen, and when they imagined such a large number they must admit that occasionally accidents must happen, and the men employed in that department knew full well that they were working amongst men who, when accidents did occur, could render first aid, and so lessen the period of suffering. Major General Hutton had spoken most highly of the ambulance classes in connection with the North-Eastern Railway. He had said that they were at the top of the tree in that respect, and he (the chairman) was proud to know that the work was continuing amongst the railway men. (Applause) In the village of Waskerley, there must be a sufficient number of men to form a class. He would be only too pleased to give them every encouragement. (Applause) They would experience no difficulty in getting the services of a doctor to give them lectures. The fee—if any—would be very small, and he had no hesitation in saying that at Waskerley they would soon be able to boast of a successful ambulance class. (Hear, hear, and applause.)—The programme was then proceeded with, the artistes being Mrs. Ryott, Mrs. Abraham, Miss May Ritson, Miss May Bradford, the Misses Wallace (2), Mr. Athol Wallace, Mr. Frank Cooke, Mr. J. A. Stephenson, and Mr. H. B. Angus. Mrs. Ryott's songs "Katie's Letter," "Fiddle and I," and "Dinah dear Dinah," were very nicely given, the latter being sung with clear expression and good taste. Miss May Ritson is a clever reciter; she carries with her some becoming airs, and her pieces which required such diction, benefited greatly thereby. The Misses Wallace, and Mr. A. Wallace, as a trio (violin and piano) were really a musical treat; their touch was altogether fine, and as a result of their playing they were awarded the hearty plaudits of the audience. Mr. Frank Cooke is a charming character; his songs fit him well, and delighted his audience at every attempt, "The Tipperary Christenings," being his most popular songs. Stories as a rule do not obtain popular receptions by the concert audience, but the quaint manner in which Mr. J. A. Stephenson told his tales in the Cumberland, Sunderland, and Tyneside dialects, was such as to evoke laughter from the most sober-minded person; his stories were given without unnecessary padding, and were generally appreciated. Miss May Bradford is the possessor of a rich soprano voice; moreover, she has proper command over it; "Daddy," and "That's what I'll do," were the songs she contributed, and for her pains she got a warm reception. Mr. Abraham supplied the accompaniments.—Each of the artistes received an encore, and this speaks well for the class of programme that Mrs. Wilson Worsdall arranged.—At the close, Mr. Jos. Robson said at the request of the committee he had the greatest possible pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mrs. Worsdell, and the artistes who had kindly given their services. By getting a large number of new books for the library the institute naturally found their funds getting rather low, but he believed the result of that concert would again "place them upon their legs." (Laughter, and applause.) He was indeed, proud to think that the North Eastern officials took such a deep interest in the institute, and had the welfare of their workmen so much at heart. (Applause) Before asking Mr. Lowes to second his motion he would just like to remark that although Waskerley was a somewhat out-landish place the people were fond of liberty; they now had a mission church in the village, and he hoped some one would set about to establish a Nonconformist church. (Hear, hear, and applause.)—Mr. W. Lowes, secretary, seconded the motion. He said he could assure Mr. and Mrs. Worsdall and party that they had enjoyed the programme very much, and were deeply thankful for their services. (Applause.)—The vote was accorded with acclamation.—Returning thanks on behalf of his wife, the artistes, and himself, the Chairman promised that before they asked the people to patronise their entertainment again, he would see to it, that the roof of the concert room was boarded on the inside, and the place would be made warmer, and more comfortable.—"The National Anthem" brought the proceedings to a close, the artistes returning to Newcastle by special train, provided by the president of the institute.

DIPTON.

P. M. Chapel.—On Sunday the mission sermons were preached by the Rev. E. Campbell, circuit minister, morning and evening. On Wednesday evening the annual missionary meeting was held, when addresses were given by the Rev. E. Campbell, who also read the report which showed a material increase on last year's labours.

WHICKHAM.

Presentation to a Curate.—The Rev. H. Henderson, curate of Whickham, has been appointed to the curacy of Collierley, near Annfield Plain. A large number of friends have agreed to present Mr. Henderson with a purse of gold and a timepiece, as a token of respect.

Accident at the Colliery.—James Dunnigan, 15, met with a serious accident at Whickham Colliery on Tuesday. The accident occurred at a certain part of the pit where the coals are lowered down from one seam to another, and it is stated that he was in the act of passing under a tub which was being lowered down, and not having noticed its descent the unfortunate lad was caught by the tub and held until his shouts brought assistance. He sustained severe injuries to his back and also to his right leg. The lad is now progressing as well as can be expected.

GREENSIDE.

Leek Show.—The sixth annual show in connection with the High Greenside Leek Society was opened on Saturday at the Black Horse Inn, Greenside. Prizes to the value of £16 were offered, and the show was largely attended. There was an excellent entry, and the competition as usual was keen. Mr. John Fellis took first prize, Mr. Michael Wheatley second prize, and Mr. Wm. Fellis third prize. Twenty-nine other prizes were awarded. Mr. Wm. Scott, Blaydon, acted as judge.

WINLATON.

Fatal Accident at Blaydon Burn.—An inquest was held on Tuesday evening at the Dene House Hospital, Newcastle, respecting the death of John Shotton, 63 years of age, and lately residing at North Street, Winlaton. According to the evidence, deceased had been employed as an engineman for Messrs Joseph Cowen and Co., at Blaydon Burn Colliery. Whilst following his employment he was knocked into one of the furnace fire holes and sustained a sprain from the effects of which he died. The jury returned a verdict that Shotton died from the effects of injuries accidentally received.

Death of a Consettonian in America.—We regret to announce the death on Tuesday September 15th, of Mr. William Bessford, who for several years was employed as fireman on one of the Consett Company's locomotives at their works. Deceased left Consett about ten years ago, and secured a similar situation in the United States. He was killed by falling from the platform of the car he was driving, at Alexandria, on the Whelling division of the B. and O.R. Railway. He was 33 years of age and was highly respected. His funeral was largely attended by friends and the members of the various societies with which he was connected. His interment took place at Braddock, previous to which the funeral services were held in the First English Lutheran Church, on Fifth Street, of which deceased was a member, the Rev. Ira M. Derrick, the pastor, officiating.

Correspondence.

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

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

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

Letters or News, to secure insertion, must be addressed to the Editor, and not to individuals.

LEADGATE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—On Thursday next the electors of Leadgate will be called upon to exercise their votes in the election of a member for the above Council, and I trust before they decide upon the matter they will weigh well the issue at stake, and ask themselves the question, "which of the candidates are most likely to voice their wishes and aspirations on the question of the hour?" The majority on the Council have decided if powers can be obtained to provide news and recreation rooms for the people in Leadgate. No one can deny that such a place is required by the vast majority of the working-men in the place, but few of us have the means of individually providing ourselves with daily papers, magazines, &c., and I think no one will be so selfish as to deny us the right of the privilege of getting to know how the world wags daily. Our legislature has enacted that we may have this privilege, and it seems the majority in our local parliament have determined to exercise the power they possess, and provide us with a public building, in which means will be provided for getting a look at all the best daily and and weekly papers, and also of enjoying healthy and harmless recreation, and a place in which the humblest and poorest working-man in the place will have an equal right with the richest man in the place. I know there is a certain amount of opposition to this scheme by a number of people who call themselves direct ratepayers. Some of these people turn up their faces in a sort of pious scorn, and express surprise that working-men should claim any of the rights and privileges of modern citizenship, and fellow working-men be not deceived by this hue and cry about rates. You are the wealth producers in the place, and but for you some of these people would have no rates to pay. If you produce the wealth of the place you ought to enjoy the advantages that come from the spending of it. Shall we by our votes at the coming election put a sprag in the wheel of local progress, or will we say to the majority on the Urban District Council, "you have endeavoured recently at least to represent our desires and we will send you another staunch supporter of our wishes." How are we to decide? Three of the candidates, so far, have treated us with a sort of silent contempt; they have not even condescended to issue an address setting forth their views on any question that affects our welfare, and I can hear of no public meeting they intend to hold to give you and me an opportunity of expressing our approval or otherwise of any programme they may have in their minds. On the other hand, the other candidate has caused to be scattered broadcast his address, in which he deals with questions—all of them of great interest to the toilers of the place, and besides, I hear he is going to hold a public meeting and there allow the public to ply him with questions. I have no doubt he will be able to satisfy any reasonable demand for reforms in our town. This is what I call having confidence in the public, and I will be greatly surprised if the working-men of Leadgate do not fully reciprocate this act of confidence on the part of the candidate who must have already appeared to be the best of the four. In conclusion, I would just like a word to the religious community. I know efforts have been made to stir up religious strife on this question of a public news room. Have we not lived long enough apart from each other? Is there not some common ground upon which we can meet and bury our differences of creed and religious belief? I think there is, and if this news room can become an accomplished facts in the days that are to come, we will understand each other better, and thus bring about the happy period when

"Man to man the world o'er
Will brothers be and a' that."

—Yours etc.,
A WORKING-MAN.
Leadgate, Oct. 27th, 1896.

SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In discussing the comparative results of Roman and Protestant Missions, there are certain beliefs and usages of Roman Catholicism which must be taken into account, and which give it a decided advantage over Protestantism in obtaining nominal adherents among the heathen. Roman Catholicism contains much which most primitive peoples would recognise at once as corresponding to similar beliefs and customs among themselves. Amongst these may be mentioned appeals for aid made to the spirits of the departed, veneration of the relics of the dead—the belief that spirits of dead men (saints) preside over certain events of life and preserve their votaries from special evils, the recognition of possession and the fact that every Roman priest is supposed by his ordination to be an exorcist and to have the power of expelling evil spirits—the wearing of amulets on the body—the use of fire or candles for warding off the attacks of evil spirits, and a similar use of water blessed by the priest, and so on. For instance, most primitive peoples would understand the following passage taken from the Roman formulary for the benediction of candles:—"That wherever they are lighted or placed, the rulers of darkness may depart and tremble and fly in terror, with all their ministers from those habitations." Protestant Missionaries do not and would not avail themselves of these aids. They believe, in common with all anthropologists, that they are merely survivals from a lower stage of culture, that they can be found among primitive tribes in every part of the world, and that they must inevitably die out in course of time. Protestantism has had its own superstitions, and, very likely has some still. The belief in witchcraft is a case in point. Once all the Christian world was persuaded of its reality, and, if I am not mistaken, it held its ground longest among the Protestants of Scotland. Belief in witchcraft is now a thing of the past. The delusion was not killed by either Roman or Protestant divines, but by the fact that the laity ceased to believe in it. The retention, however, of beliefs like those previously mentioned must, in dealing with the heathen, give Roman Catholics an advantage which Protestants have no wish to possess. In the second place, if we are to estimate truly the value of conversions, we must know what is the religious standard to which they have attained, as well as the methods used in attaining them. In the case of the South American Indians, we have ample means of ascertaining this from independent observers free from any sectarian bias. Mr. Darwin, in his book, "A Naturalist's Voyage round the World," speaks in anything but enthusiastic terms of the so-called Indians. "A large portion of these men were Indians (Mansos—or tame) belonging to the tribe of the Cacique Bernantio. They passed the night here, and it was impossible to conceive anything more wild and savage than the scene of their bivouac. Some drank till they were intoxicated, others swallowed the steaming blood of the cattle slaughtered for their suppers, and then, being sick from drunkenness, they cast it up again and were besmeared with filth and gore." (18th ed., p. 100). Of the Guachos, after praising their courage and hospitality, Mr. Darwin writes:—"On the other hand, many robberies are committed and there is much bloodshed; the habit of constantly wearing a knife is the chief cause of the latter. It is lamentable to hear how many lives are lost in trifling quarrels. Robberies are a natural consequence of universal gambling, much drinking and extreme indolence." (Ibid., p. 156.) Mr. H. W. Bates, one of the secretaries of the Royal Geographical Society, an eminent naturalist who spent many years travelling in South America, writes of the Indians of Para:—"As to the Indians, with the exception of the more civilised families residing near the large towns, they exhibit no religious sentiment at all. They have their own patron saint, St. Thome, and celebrate his anniversary in the orthodox way, for they are fond of observing all the formalities; but they think the feasting to be of equal importance with the church ceremonies. When St. Thome's festival takes place, every employer of Indians knows that all his men will get drunk. The Indian, generally too shy to ask directly for cashaca (rum), is then very bold; he asks for a frasco at once (two bottles and a half) and says, if interrogated, that he is going to fuddle in honour of St. Thome." ("A Naturalist on the Amazons," fifth edition, p. 44). And again, speaking of the Indians of the Ega district:—"All the Roman Catholic holidays are kept up with great spirit. The Indian idea of a holiday is bonfires, processions, masquerading, especially the mimicry of different kinds of animals, plenty of confused drumming and fifing, monotonous dances kept up hour after hour without intermission, and the most important point of all, getting gradually and completely drunk. He attaches a kind of superstitious significance to these acts and thinks that the amusements appended to the Roman Catholic holidays, as celebrated by the descendants of the Portuguese, are also an essential part of the religious ceremonies. But in this respect the uneducated whites and half-breeds are not a whit more enlightened than the poor dull-souled Indian. All look upon a religious holiday as an amusement in which the priest takes the part of director or chief actor." (Ibid., p. 260). A Protestant missionary would hardly consider himself justified in baptising these men—a Roman missionary baptises them all, puts every soul of them into his statistical returns, and claims the credit of having "converted" a whole district. Mr. Alfred Russell Wallace sums up his long experience of the Indians of Brazil, Venezuela, and Peru, in these words:—"I have myself had opportunities of observing the aborigines of the interior in places where they retain all their native customs and peculiarities. In the neighbourhood of civilisation the Indian loses many of his peculiar customs, becomes imbued with the prejudices of civilisation and adopts the forms and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic religion. In this state he is a different being from the true denizen of the forests, and it may be doubted, where his civilisation goes no further than this, if he is not a degenerate and degraded one." ("Travels on the Amazon and Rio Negro." p. 331). If the having produced this state of affairs is to be regarded as a missionary success, it is at least a success about which it becomes Roman Catholics to be exceedingly modest. I am, &c.,

THOMAS J. STOREY.

Blackhill Vicarage, 26th October, 1896.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—If Mr. Simpson is satisfied with his defence I, for one, do not begrudge him his happy state of mind; but I leave it to the readers of these letters to judge between us. Whether or not, however, I have been guilty of "subterfuge," published "garbled extracts," and made "shrewd omissions" from his society's report is a question which anyone may verify for himself by applying by post for the report of the S.A.M.S. for 1895, at number 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London. Attempting to draw me off the "State of South America past and present" he may have thought good strategy but really Mr. Simpson it was a little too thin to work. Let me again remind you that the subject of discussion was the "Success or failure of the S.A.M.S. in Patagonia and Tierra-del-Fuego."

Again, I beg to state that I have not argued from the particular to the universal. Such men as Ortiz-de-Sarate were but the leaders of hundreds, nay thousands of Jesuits, who laboured no less earnestly in the same field, while the Reductions of paraguay Mr. Simpson knows, or ought to know, are universally recognised by Protestant and Catholic alike, as without parallel in the history of missionary enterprize. And these were the work of the Jesuit Order for 150 years—not of any one individual. Hundreds of thousands of Indians converted is surely sufficient to prove my point—the Jesuits succeeded!—Has the S.A.M.S?

Mr. Simpson complains of my "Utter contempt for facts and figures in the case of our Society's work at the present day at home and abroad." Come, Mr. Simpson, you must be poking fun at me! Why it was I advertised your facts and figures for you, and, with Oliver Twist, cried out for more! For, unfortunately, the facts were very meagre and the figures only £. s. d.

But wild horses shall not drag from you the record of unseen work wrought in Patagonia and Tierra-del-Fuego. Such is the effect of humility on the Society. I must, however, apologise for not recognising more fully the efficient work of the S.A.M.S. at home, and now beg to rectify any omission with apologies to Messrs the Secretaries. Of the total receipts of £14,280 7s 10d last year, £10,715 4s 0d was raised at home by subscriptions. For administration at home, the cost was the modest sum of £2,795 17s 1d, of which £1,850 16s 8d went to the secretaries and the clerk. What further was done at home for the advancement of the Gospel the report stateth not.

Let me again tell Mr. Simpson he is wrong in his history when he asserts that the Jesuits "abandoned all South America, and were justly expelled by indignant people, and with the full approval of the Pope and his advisers." In 1759, the infamous Pombal expelled them from the Portuguese dominions, while Spain expelled them in 1767. This was not abandoning. The Jesuits never did that sort of thing. The Society of Jesus was not suppressed by Clement XIV until 1773. The Pope had nothing to do with their expulsion, but on the contrary received them most kindly in Rome when they were cast ashore at Civita Vecchia. So much for that portion of Mr. Simpson's statement. Now let us see what the peoples of South America thought of the expulsion. With the Portuguese merchants they were certainly unpopular. Mr. Southey (a Protestant author) tells us the reason. "The Jesuits were the only unpopular order, because they were the only missionaries who uniformly opposed the tyranny of the Potuguese." (Hist. of Brazil, p. 518.) and of the accusations against them he disposes thus, "All that are not absolutely false are merely frivolous," (p. 518.) Of the view taken by the Indians, Mr. Mansfield (Protestant) tells us "Upwards of a hundred thousand civilized Indians were ready to take up arms in defence of their spiritual leaders, and it was only by their own earnest entreaties to their flocks that tranquility was preserved." (Paraguay, Brazil, etc, p. 443.) And well they might fight for such men, for, as Southey exclaims, "Never has there existed any other society in which the welfare of the subjects, temporal and eternal, has been the sole object of the Government;" and again, "The inhabitants (of Paraguay) for many generations enjoyed a greater exemption from physical and moral evil than any other inhabitants of the globe. (vol. II, chap. 24, p. 360.) Again, "In every reduction, not only was the knowledge of reading, writing, and arithmetic, literally universal, but there were some Indians who were able to read Spanish and Latin as well as their own tongue." Where are your indignant peoples, Mr. Simpson? It was the success, not the failure of the Jesuits that led to their expulsion. Jealousy and greed of the gold they were thought to possess was one element, their firm defence of the poor Indians another. In 1817 the revolted Spanish colonies of South America justifying their separation, reproached their former mistress in these earnest words:—"You arbitrarily deprived us of the Jesuits to whom we owe our social state, our civilisation, all our instruction and services we can never dispense." In 1834, they were re-called to Argentina; in 1842, to Columbia; in 1843, to Mexico; and in Chili they are once more the admiration of their brethren. The S.A.M.S. need not fear the compliment of expulsion or recall on grounds like these.

Mr. Simpson, in a former letter, accused the Jesuits of purloining babies, and, when I laughed at him, he attempts to illustrate his accusation by a very interesting and touching story from Humboldt. Now, unfortunately for Mr. Simpson's argument, history tells us that that scientist was in South America only from 1799 to 1804, but the last of the Jesuits, as we have seen, were expelled from South America in 1767, i.e., 32 years before Humboldt's arrival, and the Order was only reinstated in 1814, i.e., ten years after his departure. The Jesuits then not being in South America, or rather not being in existence out of Russia at the time, could not have purloined the parties in question. One feels sorry for Mr. Simpson; for it was a pretty story!

Now, Mr. Simpson, before we shake hands and part, I have one more crow to pick with you, and it is a black one. In my last letter I contrasted your missionaries on the one hand with their comfortable homes, their wives, and children, and good salaries," with the Catholic missionaries, the Jesuit, the Franciscan, and Salesian, on the other. The question was of missionaries, and of their respective suitability for work among the savages. Not one word was said about the clergy in general throughout South America. I cast no aspersion on the private life or morals of anyone. I am no mud-slinger, Mr. Simpson! My point was the unsuitability of the means to the end, and the folly of men "living at home at-ease," with the daily anxiety for wife and family, hoping to make headway among the wild Indian tribes. Why this very celibacy is declared essential for success by your own missionary in Chaco. "Missionaries for this field must therefore be prepared to remain bachelors for the work's sake" (Report, 1895) The same is the cry from India and Central Africa, and history and common sense teach the same lesson. But the celibacy of the clergy to some people is like the red rag to the bull. Mr. Simpson proves to be one of these, so off he goes on the schocking lives of the clergy in South America, who are about as much concerned with our subject as the Jesuits were with Humboldt's story. They have a worthy spirit, says Mr. Simpson, or rather quote, Mr. Simpson, lead a jovial life, have no morals, 99 per cent were better married. Now, Mr. Simpson, to use no colloquilism, "this is a tall order," and introduced at the last moment to draw off attention from—shall I say—your strategic movement to the rear. Mr. Simpson knows as well as I do that St. Paul urges celibacy, and, if so, surely on the clergy. As to compulsion, every Priest is free or not to undertake the obligations of the Priesthood—but if he does he may not marry. He knows the obligations beforehand. Where, then, is the compulsion? The Anglicans alone among Christian communities, claiming Priestly orders, allow their Priests to marry. The Eastern rites indeed ordain married men, but never allow marriage after ordination. This is a large subject, however, and not the one we are discussing. Now I have no doubt whatever that within the Continent of South America, and among the thousands of Priests scattered over a surface four times as large as Europe, with a population of some twenty-five millions—among whom practically the Catholic religion is the only one known outside the commercial centres—there will be found some who have a worldly spirit. Let it be granted also that the Priests of South America can enjoy a joke or a good dinner, there are degrees of joviality and "dulce est decipere in loco," and, perhaps, even Mr. Simpson and the pious missionaries of the South American Missionary Society will unbend sometimes. Let it be granted, also, that some Priests in South America are faithless to their vow of celibacy; for if there was a Judas among the twelve we need not be surprised to find scandals among the clergy. But that these scandals are general among the South American clergy, as Mr. Simpson would have us suppose, I absolutely deny. In South America, as in several countries on the continent of Europe, there exists an atheistic class, the enemies of all religions, who, throwing aside all decency and truth, heap ridicule and the vilest calumnies on Priests and religious, simply because the lives of such are, as a rule, a reproach to their own evil lives. It is this class that pour their vile tales into the ears of the "intelligent foreigner," especially the Protestant—who returns home and writes of his travels with a tone of Infallibility far exceeding any claims of the papacy. Every fall of a Priest is seized hold of, every scandal does duty for a thousand, until "The three black crows" grow pale by comparison. Here is some evidence that will have weight with my readers, Protestant, as well as Catholic, who know the men and the value of his word. Father James Foran, of Blackhill, who spent years off and on working in South America, says, "The clergy of the Argentine and of Chili, as a class, are good, moral, hard-working, zealous Priests. I have heard of scandals among them, but they were few and far between, I have no personal knowledge of any other part of South America." One cause that will account for a certain amount of laxity in parts is the unsettled state of things in some portions of the continent. Wars and revolutions are not conducive to religion and morality. But that these revolutions in South America are the result of the influence of the Church no sensible man will assert; they are the very circumstances that militate most against her. Rather must we seek the cause in the scramble for wealth and power in a new land among the hot-blooded Latin, Indian, and mixed races that form the populations of these tropical and subtropical climes. Take the Republic of Paraguay—some years ago it was attacked, at once, by Brazil and the Argentine—and the men of Paraguay, the pure-blooded Indians for the most part, descendants of the Jesuit converts of the 17th century, carried on the war so long as three were men left alive to fight. More power to Jesuit training say I! But one can see the difficulty the Bishops would have to contend with, to keep up a supply of good Priests under such circumstances. I will give you the opinion of some Protestant writers on the clergy of South America (I may remark my authorities throughout this discussion, with the sole exception of Father Foran, have all been Protestants) Writing of Columbia, Mr. Molliens says, "The prudence of the clergy and the education which the people have received from the Spaniards, have inspired all the Colombians with a profound respect for the exercises of religion . . . the authority of the parish priest is absolute . . . . . the greatest decorum prevails in the churches, and the devotion of the faithful is no less striking." (Travels in the Republic of Colombia chap. 13, p. 354.) Rev. R. Walsh, L.L.D. An Anglican clergyman writes—"I really cannot find that the Brazilian clergy deserve the character imputed to them. From what I have seen myself and heard from others, they are, generally speaking, temperate in their diet, observant of the rules of their Church, assiduous in attending to the sick, and charitable as far as their limited means permit." (Notices of Brazil p. 374.) Messrs Smyth and Lowe, two British officers who travelled by water from Lima to Para, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, repeatedly assert the powerful influence of the Franciscans at the present day—and influence with his people is not a bad pledge for the moral character of a Catholic Priest. Thus at Saposoa on the river Hualaga. "The Priest is treated by the people with great respect." On the banks of the magnificent Ucayali, "the only Europeans they met were "those excellent persons whose aim had been to rescue its inhabitants from the most miserable and horrid state of barbarism," in spite of the criminal indifference of "what is pleased to call itself a Liberal Government." (Narrative of a journey from Lima to Para, chap. 4, p. 194.) Again, at El Paso, many a league to the North of Peru, Mr. Kendall, an American Protestant, encounters "the incomparable Ramon Ortiz," whose charity and manly virtues adorn the faith which he professes and illustrates by his life." While Mr. Edmond Temple, speaking of the clergy generally in South America, sums up the situation thus—"The clergy are everywhere respected as friends worthy of double honour. Friendly indeed I have ever found them in this and in every country where I have travelled, and Englishmen of every denomination must, in gratitude, acknowledge as much. They must own also that our prejudices, whether as a nation, or a sect, soon appear to us as unworthy, inveterate, and unjust, as those of any other under the sun. They will admit that no set of men in their private character have been so injuriously aspersed by the cankered tongue of slander as the Roman Catholic Priesthood. (Travels in various parts of Peru, vol. I, chap. 19, p. 418). Space forbids me to add heaps of similar testimony. It is a logical fallacy to attempt to prove a negation, and I shall not be so foolish as to try; but in the teeth of such testimony as I have adduced from Protestant writers, I do not think that Mr. Simpson's atrocious calumny against 99 per cent of the clergy of South America will have much weight with honest and pure minded men. The whole question has been raised altogether apart from the main issue, and indeed without any obvious connection with it. It was calculated to cause pain to many and satisfaction to only a small minority of purient minds—to whom eating dirt seems a pleasure—but whose taste one would think a minister of religion would hardly care to cater for. It could be of no service to elucidate the points at issue, and at best I can only refer its introduction at all to the cuttle-fish policy to which, as we have seen, Mr. Simpson is largely addicted.

And now, I agree with Mr. Simpson that the time is come to close this discussion. "South Americans have fallen very low indeed, and honest buyers will have none of them and so, Mr. Simpson, farewell. To you, Mr. Editor, my thanks for your courtesy and even-handed justice.

Faithfully yours.
A. MAGILL.

P.S.—The Rev. T. J. Storey has chosen to interfere at the eleventh hour in this discussion. He has seen fit to cut the ropes and break the ring. Had he confined himself to fair argument, I should have made no complaint, but when he quotes Wallace's story of Frei Jose—whom no Christian Bishop or people in the world would endure for one moment—and, far outstripping Mr. Wallace, represents this confessed profligate and debauchee as a sample of the South American Priesthood, his motive is only too patent. My pen is my sword, and I refuse to tarnish it by contact with the muck-rake of the scavenger.

A. M.

SERGEANT MITCHELL'S TESTIMONIAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—I was rather amused on reading the letter of our good friend, Mr. Eccles, anent the above, in your last week's issue. I think, however, if he had taken the same amount of pains to ascertain facts (as he evidently has done over his epistle) before rushing into print, as to who were the promoters and collectors, &c., he would have found them to be genuine working men, and those at the presentation were not composed of one class as he alleges, but of working men and tradesmen of Consett, who had a true respect for the recipient as an upright man and fellow-townsmen who had lived amongst us. With reference to his suspicions, I consided them unworthy of comment; but there is an old adage "that a man who is so suspicious of others generally is not of much consequence himself." Thanking you in anticipation for insertion of above.—I am, yours faithfully,

F. A. COLTMAN.

Consett, October 28th, 1896.

A COWARDLY CUT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir.—Not for a long course of years have I seen anything approaching in meanness the contemptible letter in the last issue of the "Guardian," from the ill regulated pen of Mr. Robert Eccles, of Blackhill, in reference to the public presentation to Sergt. Mitchell, lately stationed at Consett. This newly-fledged would-be censor gravely informs the public that he was much struck by the singularity of the proceedings, as he failed to find so and so. Well now, good reader, this savours of a real palpable yoke, as the unblushing use of the letter "I" all through the communication infers, without the shadow of a doubt, that R. E. regards himself as the only personage in the Consett district gifted enough to sit in judgment upon sinful mortals, the white robes worn by his superior and precious self, rendering him wholly outside the vortex of cause and effects. I feel confident that every well disposed reader of this letter is at one with me in the expression of regret that R. E. was literally "struck" but such is the irony of fate: for it is a trite saying that whom the gods love die young. The effects of the thunderbolt appears to have given R. E. an attack of some mental derangement, depriving him of the little discrimination which he had in common with other small men before he was "struck," and hence, we find him literally lost among his bewildering "I's"—"I do not intend;" "I failed to find," "I look upon," "I feel confident," "I wonder if," "I hope so," and so on, from which it is evident that Mr. Robert Eccles is in a very uncomfortable position. No mere man could for long waddle along under such a burden of ready made "I's," but the crowing evil seems to be that Robert is "suspicious." Nay, he is frank on this point and declares openly that he has "a great amount of it." One is really sorry to learn that his wandering mind is in such a deplorable state, for suspicious folks are neither trusting friends nor desirable neighbours, for is it not written: "to the pure, all things are pure."—I am, sir, yours truly,

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ANNFIELD PLAIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

COUN. J. W. TAYLOR ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

The inaugural meeting of this new authority was convened by the returning officer, Mr. G. Ridley on Thursday evening, in the West Kyo Board school. There was a full attendance of members, namely Councillors J. W. Taylor, J. G. Taylor, J. Storey, W. Young, W. Fitzpatrick, T. Bowes, S. Swalwell, J. Mason, W. Eltringham, W. Taylor, W. Down, G. Wailes.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

After the members had signed the declaration of office, Mr. Ridley announced that the first business was to elect a temporary chairman to preside over their deliberations until a permanent one was elected.

Coun. W. Fitzpatrick then moved, and Coun. J. Storey seconded, that Coun. J. W. Taylor be Chairman pro. tem.

This was carried unanimously.

Coun. Taylor accordingly took the chair, and said their next business was the election of a permanent chairman and invited nominations for the office.

Coun. J. Storey moved and Coun. W. Down seconded that Coun. J. W. Taylor become the chairman of the Council. As there was only one nomination, the chairman asked Mr. Ridley to put the proposal to the meeting.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Coun. J. W. Taylor, responding, said he was very much obliged to them for the honour conferred upon him by electing him the chairman for the first Urban District Council of Annfield Plain. As far as he possibly could, his chief object would be to exercise impartiality and fair play. (Applause.) One of the first things a chairman had to make up his mind to do, was to strip himself of individual preferences, and as far as possible, endeavour to influence the council without partiality. To take right steps was always a hard and difficult thing for a man to do, because they were all subject, more or less, to passion and prejudice, but he believed it was possible, and he would try as far as he could to attain that ideal. He could guarantee that every member would have fairplay to state his opinions frankly and freely. Open discussion would be one of the things he would aim at, and the rights of every individual member of the Council would be protected, and, he trusted the Council would be an example to neighbouring authorities. (Hear, hear.) A great deal would depend upon the Council respecting the decisions of the Chairman; they might not always be correct, but if the Council respected the Chairman's verdict, there was no fear but that they would be able to conduct the business in order and decorum. The Council just elected was one in which there would be a great conflict of opinion and if every member got an opportunity of expressing his opinion frankly and freely, and they listened to each other without imputing bad motives,—for that sometimes crept in,—but give every man credit for honest intentions he believed they would have a fairly good Council. Some people prided themselves upon their regular attendance at the Council meetings, and while he did not want to say anything against that, he wished to say that if they desired to make the Council a good one, a great deal would depend upon the individual effort they were prepared to put into their work; and if they tried to develope their minds to understand the questions before the Council, and with open minds discuss those questions frankly, he had not the least doubt they would be enabled to steer a steady course and work out such reforms as would be useful to the people and beneficial to the district. (Hear, hear.) By carefully and deliberately plodding through the difficult work lying before them he felt sure they would be enabled to accomplish many a good purpose. Before concluding, he wished them to understand that he would not be intimidated by anybody, but as time wore on he would like to see the Council succeed, by devoting their best energies and capacities of which they were capable. If they did that, he would do his best to see that the honour would remain unsullied.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman explained that the next business on the agenda was to elect a vice-chairman, if the Council thought proper, although it was entirely optional.

Coun. Young asked if the other Councils in the neighbourhood had a vice-chairman.

Mr. Ridley explained that it was not at all necessary, but was a matter for the Council to decide upon.

The Chairman thought it would be a distinct advantage to have a vice-chairman.

Coun. S. Swalwell moved, and Coun. W. Eltringham seconded, that Coun. T. Bowes be elected to that office.

Coun. J. G. Taylor moved as an amendment that Coun. G. Wailes occupy the vice-chair.—This had no seconder.

Coun. W. Down moved, and Coun. J. Storey seconded, that Coun. W. Fitzpatrick be vice-chairman.

On the nominations being put to the meeting, there voted for the first motion, 4; and for the third, 5. Coun. W. Fitzpatrick being therefore duly elected.

In returning thanks, Coun. Fitzpatrick said he quite endorsed the Chairman's opening remarks. If ever he was called upon to preside over their meetings,—and he hoped those occasions would be few, as he had not the experience which their respected Chairman had enjoyed—he would endeavour as far as he possibly could, to do so in an impartial manner, and strive to keep things on the right line, without seeking or granting favour to any particular member.

The returning officer's certificate of the election was next handed to the Chairman to be kept in the possession of the Council.

PLAN.

A plan showing the boundaries of the new area was next examined by the Council, when the Chairman pointed out and explained the difficult points of the same.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK.

Coun. J. G. Taylor moved and Coun. S. Swalwell seconded, that the Chairman act as corresponding Clerk pro. tem.

This was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman explained that the officers to be appointed were a clerk, inspector, surveyor, treasurer, medical officer, and a rate collector, and he asked the Council if they wished to consider the question or postpone it to a meeting later on, so that they would have more time allowed to think the matter over.

Coun. G. Wailes thought the matter was a very important one, and favoured the idea of taking thought about it.

Coun. Young also concurred.

Coun. J. G. Taylor moved and Coun. Wailes seconded, and it was agreed that the question be defered until a future meeting.

The question of the election of committees was also deferred til the next meeting.

THE ROADMEN.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Parker, surveyor of the Lanchester District Council, respecting the roadmen. It stated that it was the intention to retain the services of the roadmen employed on the mainroads, but those employed on the district roads would terminate their engagements as soon as the new council came into office.

The Chairman thought there men would have to be seen immediately in order to retain their services.

Coun. Bowes thought it would be advisable to appoint an "Urgency Committee."

Coun. Young moved, and Coun. Wailes seconded that the roadmen be seen with the view to the retention of their services on the district roads at the usual rate of wages.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

The Chairman informed the Council that the time and place of the meetings of the Council would require to be fixed.

Coun. Eltringham thought Catchgate would be a much more convenient place than that in which they were met that evening.

Coun. Wailes moved that the Council meet at Hare Law Board School.

Coun. Swalwell seconded.

The Chairman stated that he had been thinking about the matter, and would suggest that the Council meetings be held in the Burial Board Room at Hare Law, provided that it was large enough.

Coun. W. Down thought that is would be too small, and besides, there were only six chairs in the room.

Coun. T. Bowes thought that the Greencroft schools would be decidedly the best place, as they would be sure to get admission, whereas in the case of the Hare Law schools he was not sure that they could obtain them.

Coun. Young asked why the latter place could not be obtained? He understood the schools were under the Kyo School Board.

Coun. Ridley explained that the Hare Law Schools partially belonged to the Kyo Board and partly to the late managers of the old school.

The Chairman thought if there was any doubt of that kind in their minds, they had better agree to go to Greencroft for the present time.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Coun. J. G. Taylor moved that the next meeting be held on Thursday evening.

Coun. J. Storey seconded.

Coun. G. Wailes moved and Coun. Bowes seconded a motion in favour of Wednesday evening, and Coun. W. Taylor moved and Coun. W. Down seconded, a motion for the meeting to be held on Tuesday evening. Coun. W. Young supported the last motion.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday evening at the Greencroft Board Schools at seven o'clock, the arrangement for having the schools being left in the hands of Coun. J. Mason.

RETIREMENT AND PENALTY.

According to the Act if a member of the Council retired from office he would thereby be liable to pay a penalty not exceeding £50, but the Council had power to fix the sum.

On this point Coun. W. Fitzpatrick moved that if any member wished to retire a penalty of £1 be charged. They would, he said, be obliged to recognise the law.

Coun. W. Down seconded.

Coun. Young thought the fine too small as it would not cover the expenses of an election and moved that the fine imposed be £5.

Coun. Wailes in seconding had seen Councillors in the past, tender their resignation for very petty things, where the fine was only a small one.

On the motion being put to the meeting there voted for the motion four, and for the amendment eight.

THE QUESTION OF RETIREMENT.

On this subject the Chairman explained that it was necessary to have a resolution passed by two-thirds majority of the Council and forwarded it to the County Council asking for power to retire once in three years. That resolution, together with a petition from their District Council, would have to be forwarded to the Local Government Board, making the above request. He thought none of the requests of the neighbouring Councils in that matter had been rejected, but they would not be able to have it passed before three months.

The meeting then adjourned.

ANOTHER MEETING ON TUESDAY.

A meeting of the Annfield Plain District Council was held on Tuesday evening in the Board Schools, Catchgate, under the presidency of Mr. J. W. Taylor. The other members present were Messrs W. Fitzpatrick, S. Swalwell, W. Young, J. Storey, T. Mason, J. G. Taylor, Geo. Wailes, W. Eltringham, M. Down, Wm. Taylor, and Mr. T. Bowes, who acted as clerk.

PRELIMINARIES.

The Chairman, after reading the minutes, said that the next business of the evening, and the chief business, would be the fixing of salaries and securities.

THE CLERKSHIP.

The Chairman remarked that they must now consider whether they would appoint the clerk as clerk, or combine his duties with that of the rate collector. He then read the amounts paid to the clerk and officers by the Stanley District Council and the Whickham District Council. He might mention that half of the Inspector's and Medical Officer's salary was returned by the County Council.

Mr. Young said that in his opinion the election of clerk had best be left single.

Mr. Wailes: For my part I would like to see them combined.

Mr. Mason enquired if the present rate collector would be finished on the appointment of a fresh man by the Council.

The Chairman said that the present rate collector would still act as assistant overseer and collect the Poor-rate. They should endeavour to work the offices with as much regard to economy as possible to appoint a clerk, and divide the rate-collectorship between the two assistant overseers. They might thus be able to get the rates collected at a considerably less price than if they gave it to a distinct rate collector for their Council.

Mr. Eltringham said that he too, was in favour of the offices going separately.

Mr. Young pointed out that if they had a collector-clerk there would be less confusion, as that man would have all the accounts passing through his hands.

It was then suggested that if they had two men the one would be a check on the other but,

The Chairman pointed out that they would not appoint any man who could not find ample security.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was for his part undoubtedly in favour of having a separate rate collector, because one of the men would be a check upon the other.

The Chairman did not see how they would lessen the responsibility upon any officer whether he was simply clerk, or rate collector and clerk.

Mr. Young moved that the clerkship and rate collectorship be separate offices.

Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded.

Mr. Wailes moved an amendment to the effect that the offices be combined, and Mr. Eltringham seconded this.

On the amendment being put to the meeting there voted for it.—Messrs Swalwell, James Taylor, Eltringham, Mason, Wailes, and Storey.

In favour of the motion were Messrs W. Taylor, Young, Fitzpatrick, and Down, and the amendment was therefore carried.

The Chairman said the next question would be one of salary and security, and though they had decided to have one man for the offices, they must vote separate salaries.

Mr. Wailes moved that the salary of the clerk be £50, and the collector's £30, £80 in all.

Mr. Swalwell seconded.

The Chairman said they might make a proviso to the effect that he should devote his whole time to the office.

Mr. Wailes said he would add that to his motion.

The Chairman: We might as well start right on this question and have no further trouble.

Several members said that they could hardly expect a solicitor to devote his whole time to the work for that.

The Chairman said there was nothing to preclude a solicitor from holding the situation. I move that that part of the motion relating to the man devoting his whole time to the work be cut out.

Messrs Down, Young, William Taylor, Eltringham, Bowes, and Mason voted for the amendment, and for the original proposal Messrs J. G. Taylor, Swalwell, Fitzpatrick, Storey, Wailes, and the Chairman.

The Chairman then voted for his own proposal with his casting vote and it was carried.

The Chairman said that they would next have to fix the amount of security that they would expect the Clerk to deposit.

Mr. Wailes enquired if he would have much money through his hands at once?

The Chairman: He will probably have £400 on some occasions. It is customary to find bond through some registered guarantee society and make up for this by an increase in the salary. Of course, it is possible that the man may be able to find two safe bondsmen and then we need ask no further guarantee.

After some discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Jos. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Down that the bond asked amount to £100.

The Chairman said that possibly they might ask the large ratepayers to pay their contributions direct to the bank.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER.

On the motion of Mr. Down, seconded by Mr. Storey, it was decided that the salary of the medical officer be £30.

SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR.

The Chairman then asked if the Board were in favour of combining the offices of Surveyor and Inspector. In most places one man filled the two offices, and devoted all his time to the work.

Mr. Storey thought if they could get a man who would take one office and devote all their time to it, it would be advisable, and it was very probable that they could get plenty of such men in the district.

Mr. Wailes said they paid £80 and £40 respectively for the two offices at Tanfield, and they could not get a good man for much less than that.

The Chairman pointed out that much of the success of the Council would depend upon the kind of men they got as Surveyor and Inspector and Clerk. Some Councils insisted upon the Surveyor and Inspector having a Sanitary Institute certificate of competency. Of course, they might appoint a man subject to his gaining a certificate within 12 months.

After considerable discussion it was decided to advertise for a surveyor and inspector, and the Council would go further into the matter of his securing the certificate when they were considering the applications.

THE TREASURER.

Mr. Wailes said that with regard to the treasureship he had had a gentleman visiting him on behalf of the North-Eastern Banking Company who assured him that if the Council dealt with their bank, they would open a branch at Annfield Plain within a week after their decision.

A letter was read from Mr. Barclay, offering his services as treasurer.

Mr. Downs moved that Mr. Barclay be made treasurer.

Mr. Wailes said that they should offer Mr. Barclay the treasurership on the distinct understanding that he received no pay.

Mr. Mason said that if the North-Eastern Banking Company opened a branch, it would be open all day.

Mr. Swalwell said that Mr. Barclay's firm were owners and occupiers in the district.

The Chairman said that they had no application from Mr. Robinson, and it would be much fairer to ask the two gentlemen to meet the Board.

This course was agreed upon.

COMMITTEES.

It was decided that each committee should consist of five members, the chairman to be an ex-officer member of each. The following gentlemen were elected on the various committees: Finance—Messrs T. Bowes, W. Fitzpatrick, J. G. Taylor, S. Swalwell, and Geo. Wailes. Highways and Lighting—Messrs J. Storey, W. Down, W. Eltringham, W. Young, T. Mason. Sewerage and Building Committee—Messrs T. Bowes W. Eltringham, J. Storey, Geo. Wailes, and Wm. Taylor. It was also decided that each committee should elect its own chairman.

RE-ELECTION.

It was decided that the Council should petition the County Council for permission to retire triennially.

This concluded the business.

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DEATH FROM BURNS AT CONSETT.

At the Consett Police Station, before Mr. John Coroner Graham, on Tuesday morning an inquest touching the death of a boy named William Grant was held.—John Grant deposed that he was eight years of age, and resided with his parents at Sand Street, Consett. On Thursday, the 22nd inst., he was upstairs with his brother William Grant, the deceased, who was playing with a piece of ribbon, which caught fire, and also set fire to his pinafore. Witness then shouted for help.—Bridget Crawley said she heard someone shouting "Tommy" at the time stated by the last witness. She went to the bottom of the stairs and saw deceased coming down. His clothes were in flames, and witness covered him with clothes she had been washing at the time. His legs, arms, and body were severely burned. Deceased's mother came in at this point, and together they cut his clothing from off him.—Catherine Grant said she was the wife of Charles Grant, and resided with her husband at 2, Sand Street, Consett. The deceased was her son and was four years and nine months old. On the 22nd inst., she was at her father's house 19, William Street, Consett, washing clothes. About 5 p.m. she heard some one shout "Kate one of your children have fallen downstairs." She then went home from her father's house, and found the deceased in the kitchen with Bridget Crawley, suffering from burns. His clothes were very much burned, but the flames were then extinguished. Witness cut off the deceased's clothes, left him in charge of Bridget Crawley and went for Dr. Pratton. Deceased lingered until the 24th inst., when he died at 8.45 p.m.—A verdict to the effect that deceased died from burns was returned.

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WHITE-LE-HEAD P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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THE RUMOUR OF MURDER AT CONSETT.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL WOUNDING.

On Monday a rumour was set afloat in Consett that a man named Hart had been murdered in William Street, but the case afterwards turned out to be one of alleged unlawfully wounding.—A special sitting of the Consett Police Court was held on Tuesday morning before Mr. George Ainsworth, when three persons named Ann Aken, Mary Aken, and John Aken, mother, daughter, and son respectively, were placed in the dock, charged with unlawfully wounding a man named William Hart at Consett on the 26th inst.—Supt. Benzies prosecuted.

Esther Hart said she resided at a lodging house in William Street, two or three doors from where the prisoners lived. On Monday afternoon she was preparing some tea at her lodgings when she heard a noise along the street. She looked out and heard someone quarrelling with her husband, who was opposite the prisoners' house door. Witness immediately ran up to where he was standing, and just as she reached him, a pint pot, which was thrown from the prisoners' house, struck him on the side of the face and neck. She took hold of her husband and was persuading him to return to his lodgings when John Aken rushed out and pushed him away. At that moment witness saw blood teeming out of her husband's neck. Witness finally got her husband into the house, and he became unconscious.

Supt. Benzies: Did you see who threw the pot?

Witness: No; I was too excited. I am certain that it was that man who pushed my husband.

Superintendent Benzies: Did you see the others there?

Witness: Yes; they were all there.

The Chairman: Had there been a quarrel?

Supt. Benzies: Yes, sir; they had all been drinking together, I understand.

Dr. Bratton was next called. He stated that at about five o'clock on Monday afternoon the wounded man, William Hart, was brought to his surgery. Witness examined him, and found him to be suffering from concussion of the brain. In front of the exterior ear there was an incised wound about 1½ inches long, which might have been caused by a sharp instrument, it being a clean cut. Witness stitched the wound.

The Chairman: Would the concussion of the brain be due to this wound?

Dr. Bratton: The concussion would be due to a fall or a blow from a hard substance.

Inspector Best deposed that he apprehended the prisoners about 5.30 p.m. on Monday, and brought them to the police station. There they were charged with unlawfully wounding William Hart. The two women made no reply, while the male prisoner said "Bring the man here." Witness then locked the prisoners in a cell. The clothes produced were those worn by Hart at the time in question, and were very much saturated with blood. Witness afterwards searched the prisoners' house, but found no instrument likely to have caused the wound. There were a number of pieces of broken pot lying on the floor.

The Chairman: But it was outside where the pot was thrown at Hart.

Supt. Benzies: He was on the door step, your worship.

The Chairman: Just so.

Inspector Best, continuing, said that morning (Tuesday) Hart made a statement to him. On the previous evening he was unconscious and was unable to attend the court.

Supt. Benzies applied for a remand for eight days.

The Chairman (to prisoners): Have you anything to say why you should not be remanded?

John Aken: I wish to ask the inspector a question.

The Chairman: You will get an opportunity to do that when the case comes up again. Have you anything to say why you should not be remanded?

John Aken: I have five witnesses outside.

The Chairman: At present, it is just a question of remand. Your witnesses will be heard afterwards.

John Aken: I saw the man interfering with my mother, and I went up, put my mother into the house, and shut the door, so as not to let her out again. That is all I saw.

Ann Aken: He called me bad names. They were looking for lodgings on Friday, and because I said I could not take them in as lodgers he seized upon my daughter yesterday. I went out to separate them, and he kicked me on the face with his clog. I was unconscious, and that's all I know. (To the other male prisoner): Go on now, tell the gentlemen what he did. Don't stand there saying nothing. He had no right to come into another woman's house.

The Chairman: It is not necessary to say anything more. It is certain that the man has received ill-treatment, and the case will be remanded for eight days.

Prisoners made application to be allowed out on bail, and it was granted—themselves each in £10, and one security each of £10.

DEATH OF MR ADAM BRODIE.

A telegram was received at Consett on Monday, announcing the death of Mr Adam Brodie in London on Sunday night. The deceased, who was about 63 years of age, was the son of the late Mr. John Brodie, tailor, and was born at Shotley Bridge. Upon attaining manhood he started business in Consett, which was then but a small town, but gave every promise of developing in growth. Mr. Brodie was an auctioneer and accountant in the Old Town Hall, Consett, and at one period occupied a leading position amongst the tradespeople of the town and district. He was a prominent Liberal, and acted for years as the local agent for the party under the old North Durham regime; and in 1885, when the district was mapped out into a separate constituency, he was the first secretary and registration agent of the North-West Durham Liberal Association. On three occasions he filled the office of agent to Mr. Atherley-Jones, M.P., and safely piloted him through three contested elections. Mr. Brodie was also the secretary of the Consett Liberal Association and the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms. He was one of the promoters and secretary of the Consett and District Permanent Benefit Building Society, and, moreover, officiated in a similar capacity when the soup kitchens were established in the town through the prevailing depression in trade. The deceased gentleman took an active part in all educational and other movements for the benefit of the townspeople, and some eight years ago was made the recipient of a testimonial in recognition of his past exertions for the welfare and prosperity of the locality. He left the district about four years ago. Mr. Brodie leaves a widow and family of four.

BURNOPFIELD.

Death of Mr. Ralph Kirkup.—We regret to record the death of Mr. Ralph Kirkup, late of Lintz Hall, which took place on Thursday of last week at the house of his sister at Syke Lane. The deceased was well known in agricultural circles, having for many years been the winner of valuable prizes for stock at the neighbouring agricultural shows. Deceased was 76 years of age. His remains were interred on Saturday afternoon in the Leazes Cemetery, in the presence of a large company of sorrowing relatives and friends.

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Sergeant T. Sanderson	17	11	28
Sergeant J. Priestman	19	13	31
Private J. Golightly	18	11	29
Private H. Golightly	6	0	6
Private W. Elliott	15	13	28
Corporal T. Best	14	14	28
Private W. Swatten	10	2	12
Corporal W. Philipson	14	13	27
Private R. Armoury	12	12	24
Private J. Bainbridge	13	6	19
Private J. Egglestone	15	10	25
Private J. Jacques	13	12	25
Private F. H. Brown	14	5	19
Private J. Norman	10	9	19
Private J. Stephenson	15	6	21
Private J. W. Watson	13	8	21
Private W. Robinson	18	9	27
Private T. Thompson	8	4	12
Private J. H. Thompson	13	4	17
Private J. F. Pattinson	11	12	23
Private Jos. Elliott	16	12	28
Corporal T. Wales	13	11	24
Col-Sergt. Egglestone	13	10	23
Private J. Tweddle	7	7	14
Private J. Loftus	11	11	22
Private W. Cleasby	13	2	15
Private G. Robinson	7	6	13
Private T. Elliott	10	0	10

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 32 dairy cows and heifers, 14 fat cattle, 10 store cattle, 13 calves, 15 young pigs, and 230 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £19; fat heifers to £15; store cattle to £9; calves to 51s; young pigs to 14s 6d; fat lambs to 24s 6d, from Mr J. Dowson, West Newlands; to 24s, from Mr B. Hodgson, Etherley; to 23s 6d, Mrs Lawson, Wooley Inn; to 23s 3d, Mr J. T. Morton, Tow Law; fat sheep to 40s, from Messrs Cochrane and Co., New Brancepeth.

Benfieldside.—There was a very mixed sale here on Monday, very few cattle being forward, with a fair supply of sheep and pigs. A fair company was present, but the trade lacked animation, making it slow work for the auctioneer. Only 2 fat cattle were forward, which sold at £7 and £17. There were 3 cows, 165 fat sheep, 30 keeping hoggs, 8 calves, 34 pigs, a big lot of poultry, 2 horses, and other lots, the most of which made fairly satisfactory prices.

Benfieldside.—A special sale of store cattle took place at this mart on Saturday. The whole of the entries were forward, viz., 106 heads of cattle and 45 keeping lambs. Although the sale opened rather slow there was on the whole a fairly good trade, only a few having to pass the ring unsold. The majority of the stock found purchasers at current going prices, which are at the present a little disappointing to those who bought in the spring. The following are a few of the prices:—Leicester ewe lambs to 23s 6d; mule do., 25s 6d; mixed ewe and wether to 18s 6d. Small stirks, 38s, 50s, 69s, 82s 6d to £6 10; one year and a half old heifers, £7 to £12 17s 6d; steers, £6 2s 6d to £8 10s; two year old steers to £13 10s, from Mr Galley, Stewart's Field Lodge, who topped the market. Although it was nearly two o'clock before the sale commenced, the whole of the stock were cleared out of the mart considerably before dark.

STANLEY POLICE COURT.

A Drunken Clown.—On Wednesday morning of last week before Mr George Ridley, John Young, performing clown, who was attired in his stage costume with his face coloured, and presenting a very laughable spectacle was charged with being drunk in Front Street, on the 20th inst. He was fined 5s and costs, or in default 14 days imprisonment.

Another Drunk.—Mary Ann Young, wife of John Young, was also charged with being drunk and disorderly on the same date and place, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.—Thomas Close, assistant of the above, was fined 2s 6d and costs for a similar offence.

On Monday, before Mr G. Ridley, in the chair, and Mr J. Green, William McLachean, sweep, was charged with being drunk in Front Street, on Saturday.—Edward Lowes, East Hartlepool, shoemaker, was charged with being drunk at Stanley, on Saturday. They were both fined 2s 6d and costs.—John Henry Sproates, labourer, was charged with being drunk at Stanley, on Saturday. The Bench imposed a fine of 5s and costs.—Peter Murray, labourer, for being drunk and disorderley, at Stanley, on Saturday, was fined 5s and costs, or 14 days imprisonment. He was likewise charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mark Coates, Commercial Hotel, Stanley, on Saturday, and was fined 10s and costs. P.C.'s Dobinson and Iceton proved the cases.

DISCOVERY AT EIGHTY-SIX.

At Keinton Mandeville, in Somersetshire, lives an old gentleman, Mr. George Brooks, whose nervous system is, he says, as robust at any time in his life, and whose eyesight is remarkable for a man of his years. These happy conditions he attributes to quite a providential discovery.

Mr. Brooks, in response to a "Somerset Express" representative, said he was in his eighty-sixth year, and for twenty years he had suffered more or less from rheumatism. But he is now thankful to say that that pain is much less, whilst the aching round the waist which he used to experience has nearly gone.

"How was this brought about?"

"Well," said Mr. Brooks, "about a year and a half ago I had a very severe illness, in fact, I almost had a fit once or twice. I took some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which, in addition to greatly relieving me of my rheumatic pains, did for me what I much more value than that—entirely took away the sensation of fits, and that was brought about after I had only taken about ten Pills. In addition to this, my eyesight has improved almost as much as any part of my body."

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"Yes; every medicine brought out during the last twenty years, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have given me more relief than all the others."

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HAMSTERLEY YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY MR. F. RAYNER.

The above guild, which has a membership of about sixty, is progressing favourably, thanks to the support rendered to it by the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. G. Vereker, Mr. H. Palmer, mining engineer at Medomsley, and other local worthies. On Monday night a lecture was given under its auspices by Mr. Frederick Rayner, who travelled especially from Birmingham for that purpose, and who was a guest at Hamsterley Hall. The proceedings were presided over by the Rev. W. Cockin, M.A., Vicar of Medomsley, and amongst those also present were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. P. Vereker, Miss Surtees, Miss Adams, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Chaytor, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Anderson, the Rev. H. Jecks, the Rev. G. V. Halliwell, and others.—At the outset the Chairman expressed the pleasure it gave him in presiding over the gathering. His duties, he pointed out, would be very light indeed. He was sorry that the proceedings were a little late in commencing, but he knew they would be rewarded for their patience. He introduced Mr. Rayner to them as a gentleman having travelled a great deal, and the information he would impart was not merely gathered from books, but from personal observations. He would have been much more pleased had the weather been a little finer during Mr. Rayner's visit, but he (the lecturer) would return good for evil by showing them bright scenes. (Applause.)—The Lecturer then introduced his subject—"A Tour Round the world: Forty Thousand Miles," which he illustrated with lantern views. In the course of his lecture, which was interesting in the fullest sense of the word, he said there was no difference between him and his audience, on the subject before them. They had been round the world in their imagination, while he had been round in person, and the only difference was that they had saved their money, while he had spent his. (Laughter.) During his journey round the world he travelled in 295 vehicles. He had been away for some eight months, and had returned about a year ago. On his journey he was 86 days at sea, and it might interest his audience to know that of the last 42 nights he spent on his travels, only twelve were spent in bed, while the remaining thirty were spent either in railway carriages, or on a sofa on board ship. He had visited nearly every quarter of the globe. Proceeding, the lecturer gave a graphic description of the islands of the South Pacific, California, Lakes Superior, Huron, Ontario, Erie, and twelve hundred miles down to St. Lawrence.—The views—150 in number—were well shown, being taken from photographs which Mr. Rayner had obtained during his travels. In detail they were clear, and the audience found no difficulty in following the discourse. At various stages of the lecture, the appreciation of the company was openly displayed by hearty rounds of applause.—At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer and chairman.

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BILLIARDS.

Stanley.—Mr T. Scott, of Stanley, has recently had two billiard tables erected in his saloon, Market Place, Stanley, by Messrs Burroughs and Watts, Newcastle. The tables have the latest improvements, being fitted with the patent pneumatic steel block, vacuum cushion. Mr Scott has generously promised to give the week's takings of the table, commencing on Oct. 26th, to the funds of the Stanley Football Club.

DOMINOES.

Derwent Cottages.—The reading room of this place has been making rapid progress, and a domino handicap is now on the "tapis." The first round will be played on November 1st. A large number of competitors have already entered, and the affair seems likely to be a success. The hard-working secretary, Mr Philip Graham, and the president, the Rev Harold Jecks, curate of Medomsley, are doing their utmost to make the institute attractive.

RABBIT COURSING.

Match at Dipton.—In the grounds connected with the house of Mr Samuel Ledger, Bird Inn, Hill Top, on Saturday afternoon, a match was decided between Gibson's Leatherlugs and Parker's Just in Time, the best of 11 courses, for £15. There was a very large attendance, and Just in Time, who was installed favourite at 5 to 4 on, won easily by six courses to three.

North Side Birtley.—A company of 50 spectators assembled in a field near Mr Joseph Robson's, Moor Inn, North Side, Birtley, to witness a rabbit sweep promoted by Mr Wardle, best of three courses. Results:—Leighton's Bird Inn Lass beat Kipper's Lass by 2 to 0; Hall's Crofton Ghost beat Coltman's Ace of Trumps by 2 to 0; Dobson's Fireside Pet beat Bell's Mischief by 2 to 0; Leighton's Fell Lass beat Watson's Owt Ye Like by 2 to 0; Dowsey's Moor Lad beat Errington's Wallace by 2 to 1; Hall's Dolphin Lass beat Smith's Brickey Lad by 2 to 1; Hunter's Jack beat Jackson's Shakespeare Lad by 2 to 0; Dobson's Fireside Lass beat Hunter's White Rose by 2 to 0; Dowsey's Mutton beat Redshaw's Poll by 2 to 1; Dorman's Never Can Tell beat Lowrey's Lady Pat by 2 to 1; Smith's Brickey Lass beat Smith's Daft Billy by 2 to 0; Brown's Monkey Puzzle beat Wilson's Daft Lad; Crofton's Ghost beat Bird Inn Lass. Second round—Fell Lass beat Fireside Pet by 2 to 1; Dolphin Lass beat Moor Lad by 2 to 0; Jack beat Fireside Lass by 2 to 1; Never Can Tell beat Mutton by 2 to 1. Third round—Crofton's Ghost beat Fell Lass by 2 to 0. Owing to darkness, the stake was divided. Mr Wardle was judge, and Mr Greenwell pistol firer.

QUOITING.

Burnopfield.—On Saturday afternoon, a quoit match came off in the grounds near the house of Mr Isaac Thirlwell, Queen's Head Inn, Burnopfield, before a very large muster of spectators, between Robt. Bell, of Crookgate, and Thos. Baker, of Tanfield, 41 points game, for £10 a-side. Scores:—Baker, 41; Bell, 26.

SHOOTING.

Greenside.—On Saturday afternoon, a large company assembled to witness the conclusion of the pigeon sweep, which was brought off in a field adjoining the house of Mr Fellows, Rose and Crown Inn, Greenside. The shoot was promoted by Mr William Johnson, who added 3s to 1s 6d entrance, the conditions being from 19 to 24 yards rise, 60 yards fall, double-barrel guns, with the use of both barrels, 1oz shot. Details:—C. Hall, 12, 1 1 0; C. Hall (second lot), 1 1 0; C. Hall (third lot), 1 0; J. Fellows, 20, 1 1 1 1 1; Kit, 20, 0; Gun Cotton, 18, 0; Rose and Crown, 20, 1 1 0; Chit Chat, 20, 0; second lot, 1 1 1 1 1; Bridge Street, 20, 0; Top Man, 20, 0; St. Bris, 20, 1 1 1 1 1; Tatie Chips, 19, 0; second lot, 1 1 1 1 1; Jubilee, 16, 1 0; Spider Web, 19, 0; Spider Web (second lot), 1 1 1 1 1; J. Little, 20, 0; Clifford (second lot), 21, 0; J. Mallen, 20, 1 0; Peggy, 19, 0; Old Bill, 20, 1 1 1 1 0; W. Whitfield, 19, 1 1 0; Chin Chin, 16, 1 1 1 1 1; W. Lawson, 21, 1 1 1 1 1; White Swan, 20, 1; second lot, 1 1 1 1 0; Common, 20, 0; second lot, 0; Springfield, 20, 1 1 1 1 1; Rose and Crown (second lot), 1 0; Pork Pig, 20, 1 1 0; W. Lawson, (second lot), 1 1 0.

Tanfield.—The pigeon sweep at Tanfield for which £1 was added to 2s 6d entrance, was finished in very favourable weather, in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr T. H. Smith. The birds were of good quality, as will be seen by the scores, as out of 48 entries only four were standing at the finish of the sixth round. The following were the officials:—Bookkeeper, W. Wallace; trappers, R. Green and T. Irwin; referee, T. Green. Scores:—Pop Gun, 19, 1 1 0; Nimrod 18, 0; Young Squire, 18, 0; T. H. Smith, 18, 1 1 0; John Irwin, 11, 0; Sportsman, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 0; John Irwin, 18, 1 0; 2nd lot, 0; Beamish, 18, 0; Nimrod, 18, 1 0; Joseph, 21, 1 1 0; Pop gun, 20, 1 0; Williams, 21, 1 0; 2nd lot, 1 0; F. Clark, 18, 1 1 1 1 1; Sportsman, 21, 1 1 1 1 1; F. Clark, 18, 0; J. Coxen, 11, 0; Old Nobility, 19, 0; Old Gold, 19, 1 1 1 1 0; Swinbane, 19, 1 1 1 0; F. Walker, 21, 1 1 0; 2nd lot, 1 0; W. Smith, 10, 1 1 1 1 1 1; R. Johnson, 19, 1 0; Tanfield, 19, 1 0; Annie, 18, 0; Tiesie, 18, 0; Twister, 20, 1 0; Sotty, 20, 0; Wallace, 21, 1 1 1 0; Scotch Lassie, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1; Posy, 19, 0; F. Walton, 20, 1 0; Young Squire, 18, 1 1 0; Small Footy, 19, 1 1 1 0; Butcher, 20, 1 1 1 0; Roy, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 0; Jess, 20, 0; Chester, 22, 1 0; Nip, 18, 1 0; Williams, 21, 0; Chester, 22, 1 1 1 1 0; S. Smith, 18, 1 1 1 1 1 0; Williams, 21, 1 0; Edmund, 20, 0; Williams, 21, 1 0; Smelters' Arms, 20, 1 1 1 1 0.

HOCKEY.

Derwent Valley v. St. George's (Newcastle).—The Derwent Valley Club opened the season by meeting St George's on the Slonk's ground at Shotley Bridge. Each side played nine men, Derwent Valley being minus J. E. Parker and J. Todd, while the visitors were without T. Eyton and R. Stephenson. The game was played in two periods of thirty minutes, and was a fast one throughout. In the first half Greenhow notched the initial point for the home side, Spencer soon afterwards following his example, while Foreman scored the third just before the interval. In the second portion of the game, St. George's displayed more vigour, the brothers C. M. and W. S. Pennefather registering one goal each, while Wattsford and Foreman also registered a point. Subsequently the visitors added two more goals, the final score being:—Derwent Valley, 5 goals; St. George's, 4.

SOCIAL AT TANTOBIE.

The first annual social and ball of the Tantobie Co-operative Football Club was held in the Tantobie Co-operative Hall, on Friday evening. The social commenced at 7 o'clock, when a large company gathered to partake of the excellent provisions and to enjoy a pleasant evening. During the evening, songs were contributed by the following gentlemen:—Mr Christopher favoured with the song "She wore a bunch of roses," for which he was applauded. Mr R. Bartle contributed "Kathleen" and "Bonnie Mary of Argyle" which were well received. Mr Joseph Beck gave the "Miner's dream of home" in good style, and Mr Jas. Nicholson sang "The ship that carried me." Mr J. Miller contributed "The monarch of the West" which was also well received, and the song "The wreath of roses" by Mr J. Wood brought the former part of the proceedings to a close. Supper being now over the room was cleared for a more lively scene than that of eating and drinking, and when the ball commenced the following ladies and gentlemen were seen taking part in the dancing:—Misses E. Furguson, Reay, K. McKever, Walton, Robson, A. Ferguson, E. Ferguson, A. Gibson, M. Brown, M. Miller, Ferguson, M. A. Kelly, Mrs Vasey, Misses Hardy, Nicholson, Atkinson, McHugh, Cockburn, M. Bell, McKever, S. Luke, Chrisp, Watson, Gedling, McKever, Steward, Hayes, Collins, Gates, Mrs Beck, Misses Harrison (2), Reay, Miss Joyce, Miss Flood, Miss Hall. Messrs McPherson, McKever, Atkinson, W. Robson, H. Robinson, W. Holmes, J. Beck, J. Miller, T. Hanover, T. Newbiggen, C. Armstrong, J. Nicholson, M. McHugh, Luke Reay, S. Watson, D. McGuire, W. Richardson, J. Hunter, T. Whorley, W. Armstrong, R. Dodds, Jas. Wood, J. Gladders, W. Burns, H. Herron, W. Simpson, Joseph Beck, R. Bartle, Alf Cooke, T. Lamb, Geo. Grix, D. McCabe, J. G. Harrison, A. C. Lewins, Geo. Pringle, P. Burns, J. Hindhaugh, Jas Blaylock, and Sam Wood. The musical accompaniments were supplied in excellent fashion by the Blaylock Bros., Messrs C. Elliott, and J. Dixon officiating in the capacity of M.C.'s. The programme consisted of the Circassian circle, quadrilles, waltzes, shottisches, lancers, caledonians, "royal albert" and the barn door dances. The company broke up at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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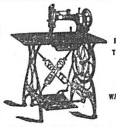

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STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the Stanley District Council was held on Wednesday in the Board Room, at West Stanley. Mr. Jonathan Green, J.P., presided, and the other members present were:—Messrs T. W. Ritson, R. Kay, Jno. W. Foster, Jno. Smith, Wm. Indian, and the Clerk, Mr. J. W. Ridley, and the Surveyor and Inspector, Mr. Routledge.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of £224 13s 10d, the Surveyor's bill amounting to £67 6s 2d.

On the motion of Mr. Ritson, seconded by Mr. Foster, the report was adopted.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector, Mr. James Hewison, reported that he had collected and paid over to the treasurer during the month, £45 7s, on account of private street works.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.

THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

Dr. Benson, the Medical Officer, reported that scarlatina had been the only infectious disease reported during the month, the number of cases reported being 16. The whole of the cases occurred in the Oxhill, and Havannah portion of Stanley. The outbreak was unaccountable as there was no evidence to show any direct infection, and it covered a very large area, and infected no less than 15 houses. The mortality during the month had been somewhat higher than usual, there being 17 deaths, equal to a rate of 20 per thousand per annum. The death from diptheria which was reported in the returns had not been yet notified to him. None of the remaining deaths were due to infectious diseases.

The Chairman moved that Dr. Benson be asked to ascertain if there was any Medical Officer in attendance on this case of diptheria. He remarked that the Council could not assume that there had been one in attendance from the doctor's report.

Mr. Ritson: There must have been a medical man in attendance if a certificate has been granted.

The Chairman said a doctor might have been called in after death.

Mr. Ritson seconded the Chairman's motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Indian, the doctor's report was agreed to.

AN "AFTER" DAMP COURSE.

A letter, dated October 24th, was read from Mr. Richard Murray. He said he did not in any way admit the right of the Council to reject the plans for the Commercial Hotel for want of a damp course. He would, nevertheless, in order to prevent any unpleasantness, accede to the request to have a damp course into the building.

The Chairman: Can he put a damp course in there, Mr. Routledge?

The Surveyor: He says he can.

The Chairman: Very well, we can leave it in your hands.

BOUNDARY STONES.

Mr. Parker wrote the Council asking them to co-operate with the Lanchester authority to place boundary stones at the boundary points of the district.

Mr. Smith thought the stones would be very useful.

The Chairman: There will not be very many points were we touch.

Mr. Smith said that there were three, Dogger Bank, Burnhope, and Holmside.

Mr. Smith moved that they share the cost, and Mr. Indian seconded.

Carried.

THE JOICEY'S SQUARE HOUSES.

A letter was read from the local Miners' Lodge in respect to the provision of back kitchens to the houses in Joicey's Square, and roads out of the north and south ends of the East Stanley Streets.

The Chairman moved that a letter be written to Mr. Asquith asking him to redeem his promises in respect to the Joicey's Square houses, and the other matter, and this course was agreed upon.

A PROPOSAL FROM TANFIELD.

The Tantobie Council's proposal to purchase a roller for the joint use of the two Councils was next considered.

The Chairman thought that an invitation might be sent to all the neighbouring Councils. There would be none too much work for the six Councils. They would only be using it about a month each.

The Surveyor said perhaps the larger Councils would use it for six weeks.

Mr. Ritson thought that four Councils would keep the roller fully employed.

It was eventually decided to write to Tanfield, agreeing with the idea and suggesting that the other Councils should be written to, and representatives appointed to a conference.

THE SEWAGE WORKS.

A letter was read from Mr. N. Clark, saying that he had received a letter from the solicitors stating that the trustees of Mr. Eden agreed to the lease for 21 years of the field at Stanley Edge Farm on the terms mentioned in their previous communications. It also stated that a lease of 21 years for the Pea Farm could be granted.

The Chairman moved that they again write to the parties mentioned, and ask for a lease for 30 years, pointing out that the Local Government Board would probably refuse to sanction the loan of money if the lease were not for that period.

Mr. Foster seconded, and it was agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor, Mr. Jas. Routledge, reported that the workmen had been, during the month, chiefly employed on the roads and footpaths. They were at present extending the sewer from Joicey's Square to the Co-operative Society's houses. The surface water drain at the low end of the Misses Dagliesh' houses at South Moor Lane required to be extended about 60 yards. In stormy weather the stone drain across the road overflowed. The road from High Stanley to East Stanley required widening. The macadamized part was only 12 feet wide, and much too narrow for the present traffic. He had received 145 tons of hard broken limestone during the month.

Mr. Ritson moved, and Mr. Smith seconded the adoption of the report, and it was carried.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee advised that the following plans be approved:—Plans for four houses at East Stanley for Jas. Joicey and Co; plan of house in Front Street, South Moor, for Mr. A. Wilson; plan of three houses in Delacous Street, for Mr. Charles Beet. Also that plan of wood stalls at Stanley for Mr. Jno. Chayter, be received subject to the cess-pools being provided, all drains connected with it to meet the approval of the Inspector, and that the plan of wood shed in Back Stanley Street, for Mr. George Forster be received.

This report was adopted, and the Council rose.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the general committee of this society took place on Friday evening in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. Amongst those present were Messrs J. Lax, J.P., H. Smailes, A. Trotter, M. Redshaw, L. Urwin, W. Wilson, J. W. Forster, A. Houliston, Geo. Rochester, and the secretary (Mr W. Ramsay.)—The various collectors presented their reports shewing the amount of subscriptions they had received towards clearing off the sum of £124 that was standing against the society. Each collector reported that much practical sympathy had been shown toward the society, and the subscription list amounted to £80 14s 3d, leaving a deficit of £40.—The Secretary pointed out that owing to a number of influential gentlemen being away from home, their donations had not yet come to hand; but he fully expected the amount that was yet required would be raised, and the society once more free from debt.

SPEN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Paul Pry."]

THE I.L.P.

The Independent Labour Party in this district has been keeping itself very quiet for a long time, until Sunday, the 18th inst., when Mr L. W. Walton, of Crawcrook, delivered an interesting address on "Essential topics for working-men." Mr R. Dobson occupied the chair, and a vote of thanks to the speaker and chairman brought the meeting to a close.

A FOOTPATH REQUIRED.

The school children, I am sorry to say, are not blessed with a suitable footpath to travel on to and from school. I am sure it is not because there has not been time enough, and to spare, for the U.D.C. to have had a footpath made on this road. I have seen some of them returning home in the morning with their cloths covered with mud when it was almost impossible for anyone to proceed on a journey from the Store to the Schools without falling or losing a boot in the mud. The state of the road is also dangerous to the health of the children, and it is to be hoped that a broad view will be taken of the whole question. It is now about three years since I first pointed out the great need of a footpath at this particular place.

TECHNICAL CLASSES.

I am well pleased with the progress made in connection with the classes. The number of students is increasing, and if the committee would attend more frequently it might stimulate the students into more earnest research in the course of their studies. The School Board members make the least number of attendances. This is a bad example, and I hope that the members of the committee will take a hint from their friend, "Paul Pry."

COLLIERLEY.

Parish Church.—The farewell sermon of the Rev. A. Dunn, M.A., curate of the above church, was preached on Sunday evening before a large congregation. The preacher was much affected during his discourse, the basis of his remarks being taken from the word "Mizpah," recorded in Genesis, 21st chapter, 49 verse. The rev gentleman succeeds Canon Carr, of Whickham, who is retiring from his charge, having been 50 years rector of the parish.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY VEGETABLE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND PRESENTATIONS.

On Saturday evening last, about thirty members of the above show sat down to a splendid supper purveyed by the genial host and hostess, Mr and Mrs Edgell, of the Colliery Inn, Burnhope. During the evening Mr J. P. Kirkup acted as chairman, and Mr W. Gray as vice-chairman, adding much to the success and pleasure of a supper party. After the cloths had been removed Mr Kirkup proposed the toast "Success to the Burnhope Colliery Vegetable Society," which was heartily responded to. Some music followed, after which

Dr Gardiner rose and said that their society was still in its infancy, but those present would all agree with him that their first effort had been a distinct and unqualified success. Exhibitors and visitors at their late show were all agreed that it had been an extremely good one. Much of this success had been due to the energy and ability of their office bearers. The members of the society had expressed their desire to present these gentlemen with some tangible token of their appreciation of their services. He had the pleasure and honour of asking Mr J. P. Kirkup, president of the society, to accept a meerschaum pipe, and he hoped he would long continue to take the same interest in the society. To Mr Edgell, the treasurer, he also presented a meerschaum pipe and "in absentia" to Mr R. Summerbell, the secretary, who was prevented from being there by family bereavement.

Mr Kirkup in reply, thanked the members for their kindness. Anything he had done had, he said, been for the advantage of the members. Next year he would do his best to supply as many as possible with manure, as he could not supply them all. He hoped that the next show would be second to none in the district.

Mr Edgell, replying, said he had found a deep interest in what he had done for the society, and would also be ready to assist in keeping their society a successful institution.

Mr Gray next proposed "The Health of Dr Gardiner," for the interest he had taken in the society, and for the kindly manner in which he had made the presentations that evening. (Applause.)

Dr Gardiner suitably replied.

Mr Gray proposed "Success to the Coal Trade" more particularly as it affected Burnhope Colliery. In his remarks he said that were it not for the colliery none of them would be there. He trusted that Mr Ritson and his family would long continue to carry on the colliery. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr Kirkup and the other officials, for the manner in which they conducted the colliery so as to have a prosperous trade.

Mr Kirkup wished that Mr Ritson or some of his family could have been present to see and hear the hearty manner in which this toast had been received.

During the evening songs were given by Messrs J. Hovvells, J. Uncles, and J. Thompson; duets by Messrs Hovvells and Uncles; recitations by Mr David Musgrove; and concertina solos by Mr J. Hovvells.—A vote of thanks to the host and hostess for the style in which they had provided the supper, and a similar compliment to the chairman brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

LEADGATE U.D.C. STAKES

Run November 5th, 1896.

(By Old Taraban.)

As the above important event will soon be upon us, I have again been pressed to give my predictions and upon a very close inspection of the various horses that are entered for these stakes I venture very humbly to put my conclusions before the public. And let it be understood that through the kindness of the separate owners I have had special facilities afforded me for viewing the work of the horses, their trainers, and jockeys, every morning since the acceptances were out. I have seen all the four horses at exercise, and there can be no doubt that their trainers are determined to bring them all to the post fit and well. Monday being a fine day, and the course in excellent condition, all the four had a trial spin, and I fancy I cannot be far wrong in basing my calculations upon the result of that trial. The first horse, brought out very early in the morning, was Quicklime. He was mounted by the famous jockey Matt, who has had some experience of the course. He very courteously invited me to closely inspect his favourite. Up till now he has been kept very much in the dark and has been wrapt in heavy sheets, but for this occasion he was stripped and I must confess that if size goes for anything he has plenty of that. But upon close inspection I was not favourably impressed with the horse. It is true he carries his head well, but he draws up his shoulders every now and then. Moreover, I am afraid there is some blemish in these quarters, which is a clear indication that he has been down. However, Matt determined to give him a fair trial, and off he rushed from the starting point at a desperate rate. As he passed his headquarters, the Masons Arms, in Front Street, his owners fairly danced with delight, and on coming to the turn at Lukeys corner, I saw his trainer, Mr. Stamps, with a number of supporters, mounted on disused brakes and wagonettes. Mr. Stamps here shouted at Matt to be careful how he took him through the bridge, and strange to say, just as Quicklime was brought in sight of the Miners' Hall, he began to plunge and rear, as much as to say "I wont have it." Matt's temper got up, and he began to lash and spur him, with the result there was a spill and poor Mr. Stamps was heard to exclaim in despair, "We will be beaten again."

Following Quicklime came Black Diamond, and here let me say, I regret this tidy little animal has been kept in such close quarters, so that the public can form but little opinion of his qualities. It was expected that Joe Technical would mount him, but his owners have decided to entrust him to Mr. Viewer, who is considered a shrewd sly boy for this particular course. Black Diamond started well, and kept up a rattling pace past the Store, and down Front Street. When he came opposite the League Rooms a large number of his supporters were assembled, whose shouts of encouragement seemed to send him past the Wesleyan Chapel at a good speed. At the bottom of the street and near the famous corner, I saw Mr. Oilcloth, his trainer, scanning him closely and he gave a knowing signal to Viewer to steady up at the Miners' Hall. Here again this same building was a bogle to Black Diamond, for instead of keeping a straight course he took the fence and made right for the Station. Before Viewer could pull him up and get him back to the course, he was quite done for, and, what otherwise looked like a splendid tryer was pulled up lame and weak.

The next animal to turn out for his trial was Dividend, a well built animal, and evidently well groomed. He looked every inch a stayer. He was greatly admired by those who saw him for the first time. He has been kept in the dark, and many were surprised at his being nominated, but his owners are determined to make a big effort to win this race. He was ridden by Checkweighman, a comparatively strange jockey, and I am not over sure whether he is competent to steer his charge to the finish. At the start, Dividend was given his reins, and he dashed off at a great speed. Coming up to the New Stores, where his supporters were assembled in large numbers, he was literally flying. A great shout of delight came from the rolley and from behind the counters, and Alex waving a Union Jack, declared that Dividend was as fast as electric light, but coming down the Front Street, Checkweighman pulled him up a bit, until opposite the Black Bull. I thought he was going to stop altogether, but in response to a few of his supporters at the Store Avenus, he went off again, and at the famous corner was going well. Emerging from the bridge in Watling Street, Dividend actually turned his head rather than face the Miners' Hall. Here his jockey spurred him most unmercifully, but to very little use. Dividend would evidently rather have had the winning post up the Park way. Unless his jockey on the day of the race can get him more comfortably past the Miners' Hall I am afraid his chances of winning will be gone.

It was late in the afternoon before Wheatmeal, the favourite, was brought to the post for his trial. Wheatmeal has been seen out every day since he came to his present training quarters, and if I rightly judge the sentiments of the public, they will support him on the day of the race, for they consider that training in the open daylight is much more preferable to being kept in the dark. All the good things that have been said about this splendid animal are fully borne out by his appearance. By some he is considered to be as grand a horse as ever entered the paddock, and to the delight of the public he is to be ridden by the popular jockey, The People's William from Crookhall, and for judgment and tact, a better jockey than William never got astride. Wheatmeal was started at a moderate pace, and as he came in sight of the Stores he was going slow. It was not until he got fairly into Front Street that he seemed to have got into his stride. At the Wesleyan Chapel a fair number of his supporters had assembled, and they were delighted to see their pet settle down for a good race. Further down the street I saw his burly trainer, Butcher, whose face was covered with smiles, give William the hint to push on. Coming to the turn, we heard the shouts from Iveston and East Castle grand stands. Here were many of his admirers, but not until Watling Street Bridge was reached did Wheatmeal show his true form. With head and neck craned like that of a beautiful swan, William touched him with the whip, and in response he seemed to almost double his pace. At the Miners' Hall there was a huge crowd of miners from the Busty, the Derwent, and Hunter, and as they saw Wheatmeal face like a hero the difficult ground in that locality, they cheered again and again, and offers of 3 to 1 were made on his chances of clearing the Miners' Hall. He went a tremendous rate down Watling Street, until the Primitive Chapel was reached, where Mr. Singer, his owner, shouted to William to pull him up, as at that rate he could win hands down.

TANTOBIE.

Wedding.—On Wednesday afternoon week, at the Tanfield Parish Church, the marriage ceremony of Miss Maggie Gladders, Tantobie, to Mr. James McGarrety, Annfield Plain, was performed. The brother of the bride, Mr. John Gladders, gave the bride away. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A.

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DERWENT VALLEY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Derwent Valley Ploughing Association was held on Monday evening, in the Chelmsford Hotel, Ebchester, Mr. R. Moffitt presiding. There was a fair muster of members.—The annual balance sheet of the Society was presented. This showed the Society to be in a fairly sound position. The balance in the hands of the treasurer was £40 14s 9d. The members' subscriptions and donations had reached the sum of £56 15s 5d, a slight falling off from the previous year.—The Chairman said that taking everything into consideration the Society seemed in a fair condition. One of the most expensive items in the sheet was the trap hire.—The Secretary said that they could not very well ask the sub-committee to walk to Tanfield to inspect the ground. It was suggested that they should endeavour to secure a good site.—On the motion of Mr. Stonehouse, Hedley, seconded by Mr. Robt. Dixon, Broad Oak, the balance sheet was adopted.—On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Robert Dixon, it was decided that the list of vice presidents and committee should be re-adopted, Mr. Robt. Anderson, Mosswood, being added to the Committee.—Mr. Lewis Priestman, of Shotley Park being elected president.—The list of vice-presidents thus elected is as follows:—

Messrs J. Pumphrey, Esq., Derwent Hill; R. Murray, Esq., Benfieldside; J. S. Murray, Esq., Blackhill; R. S. Aynsley, Esq., Gosforth; J. Hunter, Esq., Antons Hill; R. Dixon, Esq., Lead Hill; Hugh Wilson, Esq., Shotley Hall; J. T. Potts, Esq., Consett; F. Priestman, Esq., Shotley Park; W. Annandale, Esq., Lintzford; J. Annandale, Esq., The Briary; R. G. Barclay, Esq., Shotley Bridge; T. D. Eden, Esq., Beamish Hall; R. Wallis, Esq., Old Ridley; G. Hunter, Esq., Medomsley; H. Oliver, Esq., Hurbuck; Rev. T. H. Archdale, Vicar of Tanfield.—The Committee is composed of the following gentlemen:—

Messrs T. Walker, Medomsley, G. E. Millburn, Medomsley; G. Hunter, Medomsley; R. Moffitt, Medomsley; J. Hunter, Grange, Medomsley; A. Fewster, Low Bradley; T. Bushby, Hole Row; J. Pattinson, High Washerley; R. Giedstone, High Field; A. Anderson, Black Hedley; H. Oliver Hurbuck; W. Graham, Wittonstall; G. Snowball, Stocksfield; T. White, Fotherley Buildings; R. Stokoe, Airy Hill; R. Stokoe, Hedley Woodhead; R. Johnston, Tanfield; R. Anderson, Mosswood; M. Thompson, Fairlee; J. Fisher, Redwell Hall; W. Archer, Eddis Bridge; W. Dixon, Hollands; J. Miller, Panshield; W. Cowen, Grey Mare Hill; W. Fenwick, Bradley; R. Johnson, Unthank; C. Thompson, Newlands; W. Stonehouse, Hedley; S. Bruce, Whittonstall; W. Potts, Shotley Field; G. Morgan, Shotley Bridge; R. Wilson, Shotley Bridge; W. Bruce, Newlands Grange; W. Green, Mare Burn; J. Henderson, Tanfield; M. Adamson, Leazes, Burnopfield.—Messrs George Bell, Jun., East Farm, Medomsley, and R. Dixon, Broad Oak were elected joint secretary and treasurer.—A considerable amount of discussion then ensued as to Rule 13, which read to the effect that an assistant might be allowed to lead the first horse when finishing. Many of the members complained that this rule was meant to apply only when the competitor finished in tandems whereas in many instances the assistant took the leader out, and led the remaining horse. The Chairman, moved that the words "in tandem" be inserted in the rule, so that there could be no doubt about its meaning.—Mr. Pattinson moved that an assistant be allowed only off the head rigg, but the Chairman's motion was carried Mr. Stonehouse seconding.—After some revision of the prize list, it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Stonehouse that the ploughing competition be on December 23rd.—This concluded the business.

DERWENT VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The monthly meeting of this body was held at the headquarters, Towneley Arms, Rowland's Gill, on Wednesday evening. Mr Jas. Bennett (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Messrs Thos. Amos (Hobson), T. Wood and J. Fosbergill (Stanley), Dawson and Barrett (Spen), Lamb (Byer Moor), W. Smith and T. Dixon (Lintzford), W. G. Thompson and T. Walton (Allendale Park), W. Hodgson and J. Bell (Tantobie), G. Hands and Farrow (Blaydon), J. Grant (Shotley Bridge), A. Graham and J. Calvert (Leadgate), G. Grey and J. Robinson (Marley Hill.)

THE SPEN AND ALLENDALE CASE.

Mr Dixon reported that the Chairman and himself waited upon the Challenge Cup Committee at Durham as a deputation from that league with respect to the abandoned game between the above clubs, and after laying the facts before the committee, the latter recommended that the league committee award the points to Allendale.

Mr Barrett said this was not the unanimous verdict of the committee, but only a majority of them.

The Spen and Allendale representatives then retired, and after a short discussion it was resolved to uphold the recommendation of the Challenge Cup Committee, and award Allendale the points.

THE TRANSFER OF PLAYERS.

The question of transferring several players from the Lintz Rovers (who have become defunct) to the Hobson cropped up; and Mr Hands mentioned that his club had Lintz Rovers before the Challenge Cup Committee for non-fulfilment of fixtures, and were awarded damages. It seemed to him that the Hobson were the indirect means of the Rovers being broken up.

Mr Amos explained that this was not the case, and the players were transferred.

Marley Hill applied for the transfers of Thompson Gateshead St. Cuthbert's) and C. Adamson (Axwell) Rovers), but the matter was left over until the two clubs had granted these players their transfers.

With respect to this matter the Spen representatives declared that Adamson was playing for Marley Hill last Saturday.

Mr Thompson moved, Mr Barrett seconded, and it was carried that Adamson and Nicholson (who was given as playing left half for Marley Hill on Saturday) be requested to attend the next meeting.

It was resolved that Masterman, of Stanley, be drafted into the A team, and that Crute be substituted for him.

THE DISTRICT MATCH.

A letter was read from the Stanley committee granting the use of their ground for the district game, the Stanley club to take grand-stand receipts. The following team were chosen to represent the Rest of the League against Stanley on Nov. 28th:—Goal, W. Biggars (Blaydon United); backs, J. Biggars (Blaydon United) and R. Charlton (Allendale Park); half-backs, T. Calvert (Leadgate Park), E. Cullen (Marley Hill), and H. Marshall (Lintzford); forwards, Tom Berry (Lintzford) and P. Cullen (Marley Hill), right wing; T. Houston (Allendale Park), centre; Tom Seath (Lintzford) and J. Birtley (Leadgate Park), left wing. Linesmen, Messrs G. Grey and W. G. F. Thompson. Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun. Kick-off at 2-30.

THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr Smith, it was decided that the referees of the Derwent Valley League should be requested to sit for the examination of the Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association.

Mr W. Hogarth, Burnopfield, was added to the list of referees.

CLAIM FOR HALF-GATE.

Blaydon claimed half gate from Leadgate Park Reserve owing to having to re-play their league fixture.

Mr. Graham opposed the claim, stating that his club did not receive a penny in the first game.

The claim was disallowed.

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES.

The following referees were appointed for November:—Nov. 7th—Dipton v Tantobie, T. Dixon; Spen v Byer Moor, W. Smith, Dipton; Blaydon v Marley Hill, J. Ross, jun.; Hobson v Stanley, J. E. Taylor; Nov. 14th—Lintzford v Hobson, J. Ross; Byer Moor v Blaydon, A. Kempster; Spen v Shotley, C. Ternent; Marley Hill v Dipton, T. Amos. Nov. 21st—Hobson v Spen, W. Hodgson; Allendale v Leadgate, T. Amos; Lintzford v Blaydon, R. Milligan; Dipton v Byer Moor, A. Little; Shotley Bridge v Tantobie, J. Ross. Nov. 28th—Shotley v Dipton, Geo. Short Byer Moor v Tantobie, W. Hogarth; Hobson v Blaydon, A. Little.

This concluded the business.

STANHOPE.

Local Dogs at the Crystal Palace.—Mr. John Bell, of Stanhope, at last week's Crystal Palace Dog Show, won two championships with a dog and bitch of the smooth collie class, named respectively "Stanhope Veto," and "Stanhope Village Girl." He also won a first and a third with the same dogs at this same show.

Epps's Cocoaine.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea like.)—The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now beneficially taking the place with many. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in tins, by Grocers, labelled "James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

HERE AND THERE I' WOR DISTRICT.

Dear Son,—The elekshun's ower, an Ralphy is hissel agyen. Efter a gud neet's sleep, and a dose of "Gregory's Mixtor," aw went off ti wark thi next mornin as fit as a fiddle, an by gox, aw wes i that gud a humor wi mesell, that aw got a tub or two mair louse afore thi lads com in than aw'd had for monny a lang day before. But thi crack at wor flat aboot thi lekshun banged awl, forst thi Scheul Bord than thi District Coonsil, thin back ower agyen. Thor wes seck a pack o' sorprises that neebody cud accoont for. We awl felt glad that thi thing wes ower, an that we'd gettin a Coonsil ov onny kind. Wor Nance seems varry weel setisfied wi thi men wive gettin, tho she thinks that we shud hev hed Jack Harrison an another miner on. "But we'll hev to be content noo, Ralphy," says Nance, "an awl tell thoo what, awl back thor twelve apostles of reform agyen onny uther twelve thoo likes to menshun: an aw divvent care a "doody" whether thor "anshent or modurn." "Thors a bit deed weight amang thim aw knaw, but aw think after awl that brains hes thi bettor o' carkish, an they'll get on if it's possible. Aw wish awl maw best respekts."

Aw must confess that aw wes a bit amused at thi shortsightedness o' that awd acquaintance o' mine "Ebenizer Dubbs" an his spouse "Eliza" gannin doon ti thi Plain an thi Dykes to view the horses as he calls them, and then cummin to Consett to furnish a t'p aboot thi race for yor lokil contemporary. His seet mun be best at a lang distance, at least he didn't seem to myek much oot at close quarters. The gud awd horse, "Father o' thi Guardians" that knew ivvory inch o' thi corse an hed to win biv a length, wassint int. Noo, wor Nance says "a horse may luk well eneugh, an yet be broaken-winded," whether this was thi case or not aw divvent knaw, but this aw dee knaw, that ye want mair than a gud horse. Ye want a jockey that can keep his eyeseet when thi race is at its best, and he wants to knaw hoo to get round an ugly corner without lossin time. Aw hope thi next race thor is i this kind both trainer an jockey ill luk eftor thi gud awd horse a bit bettor. Wor Nance says "they might hev knawn when they hed to scratch for the Scheul Bord Stakes at Kyo, a much shorter corse, that thor waddint be much chance for him in thi big event." It wad hev been a gud thing for "Quilldriver," oot o' thi Dipton styebles, if he heddint been si much harrassed iv his trial gallops by thor uthor two horses belanging ti thi syem owner. Its not oftin that thi public put thor munny on three horses belangin one man; next time this horse is oot, his girth shud be a bit slacker, an he may hev a fair chance to land. Another certain winner, accordin to thi tip, wes "Green Grass," or sumthing like that, but wor Nance got hor eye on him during thi race, an she thowt thi way thi hair wes standin up on this horse's back wes a sure inslin that he cuddent gan the length. Then thor was a gud horse oot o' the Annfield Plain styeble, "Pioneer," by "John Forster," that had ti be in "amang thi forst six," an they tell me he was aboot thi fifteenth or sixteenth. Noo aw knaw that this horse is a gud un; thor's neethor "bog spavin," "swelled hocks," "side bones," or "sandcracks," aboot him, an aw must confess awm a bit put aboot that he didn't land, but fra what aw can heer amang maw chums, here and there, they tell me, that he wes run ower much amang horses that are not o' thi syem class at awl, an that he wad hev dyun much bettor if he'd hadden a gallop or two alang wiv "Printer" and "Newsy," oot o' thi Dipton steyble, "Bow, wow," oot o' thi Catchgate steyble, and Welshman oot thi Hare Law styeble. These horses, alang wi "Tommy," oot o' thi Annfield Plain steybles, hev proved that thor gud stayers, an hev some metal i them, an thi trainer o' "Pioneer" mun luk eftor this i time to cum if he wants his horse to land a prize. Wor Nance says "A horse may be weel eneugh bred, but that, if ye want bone and mussel, give him plenty of exorcise, and divvent keep him ower much amang horses o' one kind." She seems ti knaw a thing or two eyen aboot the trainin of horses as weel as thi trainin o' men and bairns. Aw wes pleesed ti see that wor Dipton cheps,—(Aw mun leeve this chep that myeks thi tips alyen abit noo)—did si weel on thi powl, tho aw mun confess that aw wad like weel to hev seen another one o' them in, tho' awl hev ti be contint as it is. Aw hope they'll stick in an lets hev wark, needful wark, dyun as syun as possible. Thors three or fower places where a bit gud wark cud be dyun without much expense. Awm content to wait till ye get fairly into yor jobs, but if ye divvent altor thor two or three things ye may be sure that eithor me or wor Nance ill be at thi Coonsil Chambers, wherivvor they are; an mind, if she cums, ye'll hev a job to get hor oot agyen, without what she calls "a clear and definite understandin" that things i'll be attended tee. She'll not be put off wiv aboot fifteen shillins worth o' railins at thi Busson Bank, or wiv thi water cairt cummin to sludge thi drains noo and agyen. So tyek warnin, an "be in time," as thi showmen say, if ye want ti keep clear of hor fearful denunciations, an escape hor delightful prissence. We byeth knaw that ye'll hev a lot o' wark, an that sum on't ill require ye ti be varry careful, an ye hev oor best wishes, but, that's as much as we'll gie ye. Aw hev awl yor eleckshun papers carefully preserved, an while sum o' ye were modest in yor promises aboot what ye intended te dee if ye got elected, thors uthors amang ye that aw think ill hev sumsins to answer for. Aw naw yor what they call a "Sanitary Authority." Weve read a gud deel aboot this sanitashun for thi last three weeks, but mind, lads, wor Nance says "that ye munnit put these promises o' yors into thi sewers and think ye can wesh them away wiv an "automatic flushing tank," or that ye can destroy them by a "process of chemical filtration." An aw say that ye munnit think that ye'll get shot o' them by a "scheme o' land irrigation." That may scatter them for a time, but they'll vegetate and spring up agyen to remind ye "O' thi days o' auld lang syne."

"So we've lost Billy Eltringham off the Scheul Bord at Dipton," says an awd frind o' mine, as aw stood at thi store window on Friday neet. "Aye, lad," says aw, "we hev." "Hoo's thoo account for that, Ralphy?" "Whey, because he haddent plenty votes to put him on," says aw. "Thoo's reet there, Ralphy," says he, "but how dis't cum that he haddent plenty votes?" "Wey," says aw, "thoo knaws aw dare say that in Collurly Dykes thors nee greet luv for collury managers or under managers. Men are getting noo te understand that that issent thi only qualificashun a man wants to sit on a Scheul Board, or onny uther Bord; an awl alang awve bein agyen these cheps hevvin a monopoly o' thi public offices. An aw think that wen thors one collury offishur on thi Bord its plenty. It used to be, thoo knaws, that they had these things amang thorsels, an what awm pleased at is that thi men are begenning to see through thi bianess. Aw knaw that thors sum good cheps amang them but, as wor Nance say, "The men hevvint always thor awn way, the collury interest hes to be protected, an they offen get thor instructions fra the big man hoo they hev te dee." Noo, aw like a man that hes nee tie o' this kind, an that's free te speak his mind, an where the froon of a mining engineer (or as its bettor knawn by thi nyem o' "heed viewer") tyeks nee mair effect than a snawball wad on a fiery pit heap. We've gettin a bona-fide working man on in Billy's place, let's hope he'll succeed as he desarves te dee, be the gallant fight he won.

Anuthor awd sayin i my muther's used to be, "Thor's monny a slip twixt thi cup and thi lip," an aw think that this was weel proved at thi Quarter Sessions at Durham last Wednesday, when thi Stanley cheps won their appeal agyen the license that was granted tiv Aynsley by thi Lanchester bench o' magistrates. Thi license hes been knocked off agyen, notwithstandin thi canny little speech that was myed at Lanchester aboot thi lokil magistrates knawin mair aboot thi localty than onnybody else. Thor's greet rejoicing at Stanley aw can tell ye, an awm a bit pleesed mesel. Not that awm agyen a license been granted, for aw thinks thors room for one or two publik hooses ower there. Aw knaw this, that wen awve wanted a nip at one o' the hooses ower at Stanley, especially on a Friday or Setterday neet, its not easy to get it. Noo, wor Nance says, "that if she had hor way she wad giv a license or two before she wad let one man hev aboot three publick hooses wiv only one license." She wes tellin me, on Friday neet, that she'd heard one o' wor newly-elected coonsillors tawkin i' this fashion, an she thowt thor wes a gud deel o' sense in what he said. Aw dee knaw this mesell, that at one o' thi hooses there theyve myed ivvory bit place they can spare intiv a drinkin room, an that that hoose is noo as big as three public hooses, an lads, thi man that belangs tid ill rub his hand wi glee when he coonts his tyekins ower. Noo awm "deed nuts" on this kind o' thing. Aw divvent think it reet at all, but, at thi syem time, awm pleesed that thi prisent license awm tawken aboot hessent been granted. It seemed a hard nut to crack at thi time, hoo thi magistrates at Lanchester did grant a license to a man that was met wiv a truck-load of opposishun an a stranger to thi place, while thor wor two awd natives that were not opposed at awl cuddent get a luk in. Wor Nance said at thi time "that she knew thi reason," but awve not heard hor say owt mair than this, "that British Justice is sumtimes a peculiar mixtor that works out different results ti what's offen intended." Noo thor's a clear field agyen; lets hope that next time thi thing cums up, thi men and wimmen that have stuck to Stanley throo thick an thin, before it had thi big nyem it hes to-day, that hev spent thi whole o' thor time aboot Shield Raw an thi locality, that are knawn amang us for what they are, an hevvent cum amang us only wiv a big nyem. Let these f-kes hev a chance for thi gud thing that a license seems to be.

Aw see thors been a bit of a carry on at the last Burial Board meetin at Hare Law. That respekible boddy seems to be in a bit of a mist. According to maw awd an tried frind, "Tommy" Reid, thors sumboddy been owerstepping thor authority. Wor Nance says "that's an easy thing te dee, an can be dyun wi varry little grace, but if ye want that boddy to step back agyen it tyeks a lot o' grace to did weel." Noo what puzzles me is that this thing hessent been put reet afore noo. Its been draggin on for a few weeks they tell me, an noo they've handed it ower, in thi words o' one o' thi speakers, ti thi "new authority" to deel wid. That's certainly varry kind o' them, but at thi syem time aw think that it luks a bit soft. Of corse aw divvent pretend to know much aboot burial laws, but aw dee think this, that if we are to hev a public body of aboot 8 or 10 men to direct things, an thi priest hes to dee as he likes in them an set them awl at defiance, its time we were gettin things reckoned up a bit. Thor seems to be sum diffikilty aboot settlin we's reet it is to appoint a man to dig thi graves on that portion o'land thi call "thi unconsecrated." Wor Nance says "she always thowt thi church party waddent put thor hands upon owt that wassent consecrated, unless it was to consecrate it." But it appears fra thi report that its not so. In this case thor not agyen bossin thi whole show. Aw was sertainly a bit vexed when aw larned fra thi last speech o' thi chairman o' thi meetin, when he was retornin thanks, "that everything was absolutely in thi hands of thi church of England and her clergyman." Aw thowt this wes a bit funny stuff, espeshully efter he'd tell'd thi meetin, just a few minnits afore that, that "the unconsecrated land wes absolutely in thi hands of thi Bord." Eftor this, its time thi thing wes handed ower to sumboddy else. They divvent seem varry sure o' thi grund thor stannin on, an aw hope that thi New Authority ill show a bit mair capacity for dealin with these questions than was shown at this Burial Bord Meetin. Wor Nance says "That thi ex-sexton hes his reets as weel as thi vicar, an that while it may be possible under sartin conditions, to tolerate a priest, priestly intolerance cannot be allowed to gan unchecked lang in this pairt of England." Aw hope when thi thing turns up under wor new boddy, they'll consider byeth sides, an that they'll let thi public see cleerly, we's reet an we's rang.

Awve heard a few o' maw frinds grumelin aboot maw short letter last week. Aw hope they'll not grummell aboot it been ower lang this week. Yours truly—

RALPHY RIDDEL.

Collurly Dykes, Oct 28th, 1896.

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Football.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 31ST.

CONSETT PARK v. TOW LAW WANDERERS.

At Tow Law. The following will represent

Consett Park—Goal, J. Burnett; backs, H. Symington and A. Atkinson; half-backs, F. Warwick, C. Cooke (capt.), and W. Dawson; forwards, J. Barrow and S. O. Else, right wing; T. Carr, centre; J. Jones and J. Wilkinson, left wing.

Leave Blackhill at 2-45.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS RESERVE v. BIRTLEY RESERVE.

At Birtley. The following will do duty for the

Swifts—Goal, W. Robson; backs, G. Wood and A. Frosdick; half-backs, R. Bradley, J. Walton, and T. Ellis; forwards, J. Nichol and J. Sheldon, right wing; J. Laidler, centre; G. Hamilton (capt.) and E. Sisterson, left wing. Linesman, W. Harris.

Travel by train leaving Consett at 1-33.

ANNFIELD CELTIC RESERVE v. CRAGHEAD RANGERS.

On the ground of the former, when the Celtic will be chosen from—

S. Forster, A. Coyle, A. Bell, T. Pickervance, T. Knotts, T. Martin, G. Taylor, G. Robson, W. Bell, E. Storey, T. Taylor, W. Carr, W. Vickers, E. Watchman, and J. Quinn.

Kick-off at 3.

BLACKHILL CELTIC v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS RESERVE.

This match will be played at Shotley Bridge, when the following will do duty for the

Celtic—Goal, S. Johnson; backs, W. Moore and M. Robinson; half-backs, E. Harris, T. Bell, and H. Bennett; forwards, R. Tweed, T. Moss, J. Coyle, F. Stokell, and F. Farley.

Meet at clubroom at 2.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. IVESTON VILLA.

At Blackfine. The following are the teams:—

Blackhill—Goal, J. Carr; backs, J. Johnson and J. Haggerston; half-backs, J. Butler, G. Bell, and D. Routledge; forwards, F. Johnson, C. Bellinger, T. Lindsay, G. Smith, and J. George.

Iveston—Goal, W. Graham; backs, T. Toole and J. Thompson; half-backs, J. Forster, J. Corr, and P. Forster; forwards, J. Noble, J. Tweedy, J. Paull, F. Mason, and J. Harker.

BLACKHILL ROVERS RESERVE v. CONSETT PARK RESERVE.

At Consett. The undermentioned players will represent

Blackhill—Goal, Morgan; backs, J. Carr and D. Aitken; half-backs, B. Whaley, F. Lavender, and J. Blaylock; forwards, J. Tindle, R. Newbold, W. Askew, T. Hodgson, and T. Tindle.

CONSETT RESERVE v. CORNSAY RISING ROVERS.

To be played at Consett, when the following team will do duty for

Consett—Goal, R. Harkness; backs, T. Davis and T. Dimmick; half-backs, T. Wilkinson, F. Richardson, and T. Harris; forwards, G. Kellett, J. Peacock, W. Griffiths, T. Ingliss, and G. Lewis.

Referee, Mr John Peacock. Kick-off at 2-30.

CONSETT SHAMROCKS v. KYO UNITED.

At Consett.

Shamrocks (selected from)—E. Smith, J. Welsh, P. Rogers, H. Rogers, P. Clark, M. Page, J. Rafferty, M. Day, A. Roberts, J. Grant, P. Matthews, J. Barron, B. Rafferty, and T. Spencer.

Kyo (selected from)—M. Turnbull, W. Platten, P. Shield, T. Williams, R. Dawson, R. Simpson, S. Parlett, J. Marriott, G. Parlett, G. Riley, J. Newell, E. McClenning, W. Shield, and J. Gallagher.

Referee, Mr J. Roberts, Leadgate. Kick-off at 3.

ESH VILLAGE UNITED v. BLACKHILL CELTIC.

At Blackhill, when the following will represent

Esh United—Goal, J. Smurthwaite; backs, T. McKenna and J. Rowntree; half-backs, C. Steward, J. Errington, and J. Atkinson; forwards, R. Steward, R. Wood, J. Kirtley, T. and J. Hannan.

DERWENT EXCELSIORS v. BURNOPFIELD ATHLETIC.

On the ground of the latter. The following team will represent the

Excelsiors—Goal, R. Bell; backs, F. Richardson and J. Fenwick; half-backs, G. Dodds, J. T. Little, and A. Anderson; forwards, G. Parker, G. Craig (capt.), J. Thompson, S. Seymour, and T. Charlton. Linesman, G. White.

Kick-off at 1-30.

CONSETT PARK RESERVE v. LANGLEY PARK RESERVE.

On the Consett ground at No. One Farm. The following will represent

Consett Park Reserve—Goal, A. Maddison; backs, R. Tindle and J. Devey; half-backs, J. G. Robinson, J. Benzies, and J. Tindle; forwards, J. McNair and W. Loam, right wing; J. Dennis, centre; L. Stephenson and J. Smith, left wing.

Kick-off at 3-30.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS JUNIORS v. SOUTH MOOR.

The following will represent the

Swifts Juniors—Goal, T. Edwards; backs, D. Marshall and S. Gambles; half-backs, P. McNally, R. Moore, and W. Atkinson; forwards, J. Finnighan and A. Robinson, right wing; R. McAleer, centre; E. Pratt and W. Walton, left wing. Reserves, P. McArdle and J. Mathieson.

SOUTH MOOR ALBIONS v. TEAMS VALLEY UNITED.

At South Moor. The subjoined will play for

South Moor—Goal, J. Walker; backs, J. Clark and and W. Beckett; half-backs, T. Cook, J. Hendy, and J. Dawson; forwards, R. Fletcher, R. Moore, G. Garnett, G. Robson, and J. Smailes.

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v. HAMSTERLEY WHITE STAR.

On the former's ground. The following will do duty for

West Pelton—Goal, Wilkinson; backs, Hall and Mallams; half-backs, Willis, Cornforth, and Southren; forwards, Patterson, Overs, Hutton, White, and Cherry (capt.)

LEADGATE UNITED v. BEAMISH ATHLETIC.

At Leadgate. The following will represent

Leadgate United.—Goal, T. Richardson; backs, J. Whitfield and J. Crowther; half-backs, A. Marley, W. Milburn, and B. Johnson; forwards, J. Hanson, J. Davidson, A. Urwin, J. Lee, and J. Turner.

DELVES LANE UNITED v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE JUNIORS.

To be played on the ground of the former, when the following will do duty for

Delves Lane—Goal, R. Johnson; backs, L. Haggan and J. G. Bell; half-backs, I. Dryden, J. Cain, and Fenwick; forwards, J. Johnson, J. Gowland, A. Overal, C. Redshaw, and T. Cain.

ENGLISH CUP.

STOCKTON v. LEADGATE EXILES.

This tie will be decided on the Victoria ground, Stockton. The N.E.R. Company, with their usual courtesy, have arranged to run an excursion to Stockton, so that the Exiles will have a good many supporters to urge them to do their utmost to lower the home team's colours.

Exiles—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, W. McGee and J. Daley or B. Rogers; half-backs, J. Haggan, T. McGrachan (capt.), and J. Monaghan; forwards, J. Brannen, P. Haley, P. Daley, J. McGee, and B. Rogers.

Referee, Mr R. Buckton, Darlington. Kick-off at 3.

LEADGATE PARK v. MICKLEY.

These teams meet on the Park ground on Saturday, and as they were keen rivals in the Tyneside League an interesting game is expected.

Leadgate Park—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Bell; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson (capt.), and T. Snowdon; forwards, G. Milburn and A. Burnhope, right wing; S. Thompson, centre; Jos. Wilson and G. Look, left wing.

Linesman, A. Graham.

Referee, Mr T. Amos, Hobson. Kick-off at 2-30.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

STANLEY v. DIPTON WANDERERS.

Stanley will receive a visit from Dipton on Saturday in an Alliance match, and a good game may be looked for, as they are near neighbours. Each team stands pointless, and a hard tussle will be witnessed, each team being confident of the points. The following will do duty for

Stanley—Goal, G. Morris; backs, W. Pouton and T. Crooks; half-backs, J. Milburn, T. Fish, and E. Nicholson; forwards, T. Crute and T. Robson, right wing; S. Wood, centre; J. Howe and J. Pentland, left wing.

Dipton Wanderers—Goal, R. Palmer; backs, G. Underwood and R. Coates; half-backs, W. Thompson, E. Busk, and M. Evans; forwards, M. Temple and J. T. Willey, right wing; centre, W. Evans; A. N. Other and T. Walker, left wing. Reserve, S. Evans.

Leave Dipton by brake at 2.

Referee, Mr Endean, Newcastle. Kick-off at 3.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. WALLSEND CELTIC.

At the Hobson, when the following players will do duty for the

Hobson—Goal, J. McNeil; backs, M. McCue and W. H. Liddle (capt.); half-backs, J. Weedy, T. Heslin, and E. Henderson; forwards, R. Hindhaugh; J. Layton or Henderson, A. Lown, E. Muirhead, and J. M. Maddison.

Referee, Mr H. Smith, Gateshead.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. PRUDHOE.

At Prudhoe. The undermentioned will represent the

Celtic—Goal, E. Lynop; backs, T. Moore and J. McClatchie; half-backs, W. Allison, W. Parker, and P. Bell; forwards, R. Forster and W. Ellis (capt.), right wing; J. Coyle, centre; J. Lynop and R. Gillender, left wing. Linesman, H. Mande.

Leave Annfield Plain by 11-27 train.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

STANLEY RESERVE v. TANTOBIE.

At Tantobie. The following will do duty for

Stanley Reserve—Goal, J. Brydon; backs, S. Chisholm and M. Joyce; half-backs, R. Cunningham, J. Galles, and R. McGuiness; forwards, J. Cunningham and G. Whitfield, right wing; G. Purvis, centre; J. Dodds and W. Gibson, left wing. Reserve, W. Southern.

Tantobie—Goal, J. Gladders; backs, T. Hanover and J. McKever; half-backs, T. A. Ridley, J. Cochran, and C. Armstrong; forwards, J. Smith and J. Brown, right wing; J. Beck, centre; M. Burns and T. Atthey, left wing.

Kick-off at 3.

BYER MOOR v. ALLENDALE PARK.

At Byer Moor. The following are the teams:—

Byer Moor—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, G. Bennett and Tom Leighton (capt.); half-backs, Jos. Brown, W. Brown, and T. Young; forwards, R. Clasper and G. E. Weedy, right wing; J. Welsh, centre; E. Leighton and H. Lowe, left wing. Linesman, S. Lamb.

Allendale Park (chosen from)—Bailey, Stoker, R. Charlton, W. Clegg, Forster, M., T., Jos., and Jno. Walton, B. Mooney, M. Hedley, W. Freck, T. Houston, J. Robinson, and H. Glasgow.

Kick-off at 2-45.

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FIRST DIVISION.

OUSTON v. EDMONDSLEY.

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Ouston—Goal, J. Elliott; backs, M. Willis and W. Cockburn; half-backs, J. Smith, G. Robson, and J. Quinn; forwards, H. Dixon, G. Minns, J. Carr, J. Riley, and F. Clark. Reserves, G. Harle and W. McAndrew.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

HAMSTERLEY WHITE STAR v. WEST PELTON VIOLETS.

This match will take place at West Pelton, under the auspices of the above league, when a good game should be witnessed. The subjoined players have been selected to do duty for the

Stars—Goal, G. Rudd; backs, Joe Kay and T. Blacklock; half-backs, Joe Pigg, R. Fenwick, and T. Brown; forwards, W. Armstrong and F. Graham, right wing; W. Rudd, centre; C. Kirtley and J. Fenwick, left wing. Linesman, S Brown.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v. SUNDERLAND.

At Shotley Bridge on Saturday, bully-off at 3 30.

The Derwent Valley will be:—Backs, T. D. Dales (capt.), J. E. Thorpe, and H. G. Young; half-backs, J. M. Nicholson, G. G. Robson, and H. H. Wattsford; forwards, E. H. Greenhow, J. Spencer, J. O. Todd, F. J. Wiggins, and C. J. Foreman.

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BIRTHS.

DOUGLAS.—Lintz Green, Priestfield Farm, on the 21st inst., the wife of J. R. Douglas, of a daughter.

HUMPHRIES.—Low Fell, 6, Prospect Terrace, on the 22nd inst., the wife of Meredith P. W. Humphries, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ADAMSON-SANDERSON.—At Stanhope Church, on the 22nd inst., Jacob Anderson, miller, Stanhope Hall, to Charity Sanderson, Snows Field Farm, near Stanhope.

McGARRITY—GLADDERS.—St. Margaret's Church, Tanfield, on the 21st inst., W. J. G. McGarrity, of Annfield Plain, to Maggie Gladders, of Tantobie.

STOREY—AISBITT.—At St. John's Church, on the 25th inst., George William, son of W. M. Storey, Low Fell, to Ann Elizabeth Aisbitt, daughter of the late Matthew Aisbitt, of Newcastle.

WARD—LIGHTBURN.—At Stanhope Wesleyan Chapel, on the 24th inst., Cuthbert Ward to Miss Lightburn, both of Rookhope.

DEATHS.

BARRASFORD.—Crookgate, Burnopfield, on the 27th inst., aged 66, Charles Barrasford.

BESSFORD.—William Bessford, son of Joseph Bessford, late of Carr House, Leadgate, died Sept. 15th, and buried at Braddock, U.S.A., on Sept. 17th, 1896.

BROWN.—Winlaton, 48, Front Street, on the 25th inst., aged 75, William Brown, husband of Emma Brown.

CHARLTON.—Ewe Hill, Ouston Colliery, on the 24th inst., aged 86, William, husband of Isabella Charlton.

CARR.—Beamish, 5, Eden Place, 27th inst., aged 65, John, husband of Jane Carr.

GREATHEAD.—Crook, Church Hill, on the 21st inst., aged 72, George Greathead, late of the Victoria Hotel.

HOGARTH.—Hexham, Chisholm Place, on the 22nd inst., Mary Ann Hogarth, eldest sister of the late Mrs W. J. Scott, of Rowley.

HADLOW.—Low Fell, on the 26th inst., aged 59, Mary, wife of John Hadlow.

HOGARTH.—Rookhope, on the 25th inst., aged 58, James Hogarth.

JOHNSON.—Waldridge Fell, on the 24th inst., aged 81, Catherine, wife of the late John Johnson.

JEFFERSON.—Birtley, on the 15th inst., aged 60, Isabella, wife of John Jefferson.

KIRKUP.—Burnopfield, Syke Lane, on the 22nd inst., aged 76, David Kirkup, late of Lintz Hall.

NORTH.—Chester-le-Street, 59, Front Street, Lucy Ann, wife of John North.

PRINGLE.—Winlaton, 2, California, on the 26th inst., Sarah Ann, daughter of John and Jane Pringle.

RITCHIE.—Birtley, Warwick Square, on the 27th inst., aged 27, Robert, son of Hannah Ritchie.

SHOTTON.—Winlaton, 6, North Street, on the 25th inst., aged 63, the husband of Ann Shotton, who died at Dene House Hospital, Newcastle (late Major of the 5th V.B.D.L.I.)

STITT.—Crook, on the 22nd inst., Hugh Stitt, husband of Dorothy Stitt, and brother of Michael Stitt, of Crook.

SUMMERBELL.—East Stanley, on the 23rd inst., aged 77, Nicholas Summerbell.

TIPLADY.—Greenside, The Folly, on the 23rd inst., aged 70, William Tiplady.

TELFORD.—Lanchester, on the 23rd inst., aged 66, John Telford, late of Tantobie.

WOOD.—Winlaton, No. 4, California (at the residence of her brother-in-law, J. Ivison), on the 25th inst., aged 14, Mary B. Wood, eldest daughter of the late John Graham.

WILLEY.—Slaley, Holly Hill, on the 24th inst., aged 38, Margaret Ann, daughter of John and Elizabeth Willey.

WEIGHTMAN.—Birtley, on the 22nd inst., aged 77, Elizabeth Weightman, relict of the late Edward Weightman.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1896.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held on Thursday last under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Logan, J.P. The other members present were Councillors Hudspith, Kirkup, Wilkinson, Greener, Collier, Gray, Hobson, Muse, and Watson; the Clerk, Mr. W. H. Ritson; the Surveyor and Inspector, Mr. J. E. Parker; and the assistant Surveyor, Mr. Cumming, being also present.

A VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman, referred with regret to the death of Mr. Wm. Charlton, of Ebchester. In the ordinary course of events, there would be a new election taking place in the April of next year, but seeing that that date was somewhat distant it would be better if someone would give notice of the vacancy and ask that it be filled up at once. But before that was done, he would like a vote of condolence to be sent to Mrs. Charlton expressing their regret at the death of her husband. He had been a member of the Council for many years and had always worked well, and taken a large amount of interest in the district, and also in sanitary matters.

Mr. T. J. Muse seconded, and it was agreed to unanimously.

ESH WINNING SEWAGE WORKS.

The Chairman said that it would be necessary to affix the seal of the Board to the conveyance of the land required for the Esh Winning Sewage Disposal Works. The agreement was with Mr. Leadbitter-Smith and a clause had been inserted dealing with any subsidence which might be caused by coal working, and Mr. Lyall, their solicitor, had approved thereof.

Mr. Gray moved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the conveyance, and this was agreed to.

THE NEW PARISH.

The Chairman stated that as Craghead had been formed into a new parish, it would be necessary to have an adjustment of the accounts. A small committee would, together with the Clerk, confer with a similar committee from the Chester-le-Street Council and the Lanchester Parish, and see to the matter.

A small committee was accordingly appointed.

THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

Dr. Benson, the medical officer of health for the Stanley division of the district, reported that he was happy to be able to present them with a clean bill of health as far as notifiable diseases were concerned. This district was on the whole, in a very healthy condition, the death-rate being below the average, being equal to 16 per thousand per annum.

A SERIOUS MATTER AT LANGLEY PARK.

Dr Jno. Wilson reported that in the Langley area there had over 520 cases of infectious diseases in the district, the majority of these being measles, the majority of the cases occurring in Hamsteels, New Cornsay, East Hedleyhope, Malton Colliery, Burnhope, Maiden Law, Marsfield, Lanchester, and Hill Top Esh. The Hamsteels schools were closed and would remain so till November the 9th owing to an outbreak of measles in the neighbourhood. At Langley Park, two butchers had scarlet fever in the house, and continued to sell butcher meat despite his remonstrances. Both of the cases were near to the infectious diseases hospital.

The Clerk stated that Dr. Wilson was in attendance as he wished to have the instructions of the Board, as to what steps he should take in regard to the last part of the report.

The Chairman intimated that Dr. Wilson should meet the Council and he was accordingly called in.

Dr. Wilson then stated that it was a very important thing that the sale of such meat should be stooped.

Mr. Muse asked if it was the children in the house who were ill.

Dr. Wilson: Yes, and it is just as important that the sale of meat should be stopped, as that the sale of milk should be stopped in similar cases.

The Chairman remarked that it was really inexplicable that people should act like this with the hospital at their very door.

Mr. Muse asked if Dr. Wilson had advised the people to take the children to the hospital?

Dr. Wilson explained that he had told them that the hospital was open to them.

Mr. Kirkup asked how long it was since the case had first occurred?

Dr. Wilson: A week ago.

Mr. Kirkup asked if the local medical officer had not advised the people to go into the hospital?

Dr. Wilson said that it had only been notified as a mild case of scarlet fever, but it was nevertheless just as infectious as a malignant case.

The Chairman did not think they could do anything but ask the clerk to write to the people.

Dr. Wilson: I am afraid that will not do any good. Can this Council not prohibit the sale of such meat.

The Chairman: We have no such power with regard to meat, though we have in the case of milk. The County Council might be able to do something in the matter, but I doubt if even they have got the power.

Mr. Kirkup: I suppose that if the infection was to spread it would be quite possible that the cases might be malignant?

Dr. Wilson: Quite possible.

The Chairman enquired if it would not be wise for Dr. Wilson and the Inspector to visit the premises and see what could be done.

Dr. Wilson said they could not enter the premises, without the permission of the occupiers.

The Chairman: I mean that if you were both going as officials of this Council to point out what a very improper and dangerous thing it is to have the children in the house when there is an infectious hospital near their own door it might have a good effect.

Dr. Wilson thought that the better plan would be to have the Clerk write to the people on behalf of the Council.

Mr. Kirkup: The letter might be followed up by a visit from the Inspector, and the medical officer.

The Chairman: Then you agree that the Clerk should write to the people that the medical officer inspector visit the place to-morrow.

The other members expressed their concurrence in this course.

THE WATER SUPPLY AT HARE LAW.

Mr. Parker, the Surveyor and Inspector in a clause of his report, stated that Mr. Asquith said the Water Company could not see their way to lay down their mains until they were quite sure that they were exempt from any objections which might be made by the owners of the soil.

The Chairman said that this would be a case for the New Urban District to deal with. Hare Law was a public watering place under the Lanchester Common Act, and the public had a perfect right to the supply.

THE HAMSTEELS HUTS.

Mr. Parker stated that he had taken proceedings against the owners of the Hamsteels huts. A satisfactory arrangement had been come to.

The Chairman said the owners had agreed to put some of the huts into habitable condition, as a sort of sample and if those were satisfactory the rest of them would be proceeded with.

THE MEDOMSLEY SEWER.

One portion of the Inspector's report stated that additional ventilators were required for the Manor House Sewer at Medomsley. At present the sewer emitted a great quantity of foul gases.

The Chairman: I think the consensus of opinion in regard to this sewer is very strong, and you are quite satisfied Mr. Parker that these ventilators are needed.

Mr. Parker: They are very necessary.

Mr. Gray moved that the ventilators be put in and it was agreed upon.

Mr. Muse asked if ordinary ground ventilators only were necessary.

The Chairman said that the report stated that column ventilators nine feet high would be necessary.

THE NEW DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Parker wished to know whether the opinion of the Council it would be advisable for Mr. Reay, his assistant, to continue to reside at Annfield Plain, having regard to the formation of the new Council at that place.

The Chairman saw no objection to Mr. Reay continuing in the same residence, seeing that he is in the heart of the district even if not in the Council's territory.

ORDANCE MAPS.

Permission was granted to Mr. Parker to get the ordnance maps covering the Councils district as soon as they were issued. Mr. Parker further stated that he visited over 30 villages in the course of his inspection of the district.

THE STATE OF THE HIGHWAYS.

Mr. Parker reported that the new road from the watering place at New Houses was in course of construction and would shortly be finished. He also thought that a length of curbing and channelling was necessary at Burnhope, and permission to put this in was granted. He further said that the main road at Annfield Plain had subsided, and the surface water could not get away very easily. He did not know which colliery was working underneath the road, but he would take steps to ascertain this. One hundred tons of limestone would be necessary on the road from Waskerley, and he was of opinion that a man should be continually employed on it during the process of depositing the material.

The Chairman said that Mr. Jno. Scott had promised to provide the material, if the Council would bear the expense of laying on, they had written to him some three or four months ago and he had replied to the effect that the matter would have his attention. The road was in a very bad condition. The Clerk might draw his attention to the matter.

Mr. Hudspith said that the loads which had been, and were being, carried over the road, weighed over two tons.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr. Scott, asking him to attend to the matter.

THE FOOTPATH AT TEMPLETOWN.

The Surveyor said that there had been a complaint from the Knitsley Parish Council in regard to the footpath. The footpath should be heightened and the Company were willing to do this. The Board decided that the householders should be asked to heighten their door steps so that they might be able to heighten the footpath.

THE WORKMEN'S HOURS.

Mr. Parker submitted a scheme whereby the workmen's hours should be arranged, so that it would work out to an average of 51½ hours a week throughout the year, and leave the men at liberty at 12 o'clock on Saturdays. In the summer months the men would start at 6 o'clock and in the winter months at 7.30.

THE NEW ROAD AT CORNSAY.

A letter was read from Sir F. Smythe saying that he was not inclined to subscribe towards the road from Cornsay to New Houses unless he could be sure that the road would be taken over within reasonable time.

The Chairman said that the Council was prepared to take over the road as soon as ever the transfer was properly completed.

Mr. Kirkup said that Sir Frederick Smythe would probably not have the power to give them the land as he believed the estate was entailed.

The Clerk was eventually instructed to write to Sir Frederick Smythe stating that the Council were prepared to take over the road immediately on the completion of the transfer.

AN INCREASED SALARY.

Mr. Brabham the foreman of the roadmen was, after some discussion granted an increase of 2/- per week or 4d a day. Mr. Brabham stated that the County Council rate was about 35/- per week.

THE ANNFIELD PLAIN U.D.C.

The Clerk reported that the order of the Local Government Board had been received confirming the order for the formation of a new District Council at Annfield Plain.

TRAP HIRE.

The Surveyor, Mr. J. E. Parker applied for trap hire for surveying the remote roads in the district. The Board decided that the charge should be allowed and subsequent cases decided on their merits.

This concluded the business.

WOLSINGHAM.

Recognition Service.—In connection with the settlement of the Rev. Bosher as pastor of the Baptist Church a series of recognition services were held on Wednesday of last week. In the afternoon a special sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Jones (moderator of the Northern Baptist Association.) A public tea followed in the interval. In the evening a large public meeting was held in the chapel, when congratulatory addresses welcoming the new pastor to his fresh sphere of labour were given by the Revs. G. Samuel, M.A., Tow Law; F. Friend, Wesleyan supernumerary; A. Westwod, Bishop Auckland; W. H. Rowling, Hamsterley; E. W. Jenkins, Blackhill; A. Graham-Barton, Crook; G. C. Jones, R. Scott, late pastor, now of Guiseley; Messrs W. Steel, J. Golightly, Castleside; the pastor being present. A general statement of the call of the Rev. A. Bosher was read by the Church Secretary, Mr. M. Lawson. A collection was taken at each service to defray expenses. There was a large and representative congregation present. Sergeant Bryan presided at the organ with his usual willingness. The singing of the Doxology and the Benediction brought to a close a most pleasant meeting.

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THE WHICKHAM RECTORSHIP.

CANON CARR'S JUBILEE.

The celebration of the jubilee of Canon Carr's rectorship of Whickham took place on Saturday, when an illuminated address was presented to the rev. gentleman, and the stained glass window in the transept of St. Mary's Church (which, with the re-decoration, constitutes a permanent memorial of his labours) was unveiled. The presentation of the address was made in the school, where there was a large gathering, amongst those present, in addition of Canon Carr, being the Hon. Mrs. Vereker (Hamsterley Hall), Miss Carr-Ellison, Admiral Henry Carr, Mrs. R. Carr, Ellison, the Misses Carr, Mr. J. R. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Cuthbert E. Carr, Mr. Cuthbert Carr, Miss Amy Carr-Ellison, Mr. E. Carr, Canon Baily, Mr. and Miss Baily, Mrs. Attwaters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Miss Brown, the Misses Taylor, Major Hunter, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Hunter, Rev. and Mrs. Greene (Blaydon), Rev. E. Shortt (Swalwell), Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton Henderson, Mr. A. C. Coning, Mr. J. O. Elliott, Mr. R. Swinburne, Mrs. Willis, Miss Gedge, Dr. H. Smith, Mr. William Walton, Mr. J. E. Blenkinsopp, Mr. J. Harbottle, Mr. T. Nicholson, Mr. R. O. Castles, Miss Williamson, Miss Dyson, Mrs. Blenkinsopp, and Miss Turnbull.—Mr. Turnbull (one of the secretaries) read a letter of apology for the absence of the Rev. Edward Johnson, formerly curate of the parish; and also the text of the address (which had been beautifully illuminated by Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Co.) as follows:—"To the Rev. Byne Carr, M.A., rector of the parish of Whickham, county of Durham, and honorary Canon of Durham.—Rev. Sir,—We, on behalf of the parishioners of Whickham and others who have been privileged to know of your good works, beg to offer you our heartfelt congratulations on your having completed the 50th year of your service as rector in the parish, and which is being commemorated by the insertion of a stained glass window, decoration of chancel, and other improvements in the church. We congratulate you not only because a jubilee is in itself an event of rare occurrence; but more especially because of the many blessings, which, in God's mercy, have been conferred on the parish during your ministration. When you first took office only the mother church of St. Mary existed. One of your first acts was to establish mission churches at Marley Hill and Dunston, which by your instrumentality have been converted into separate parishes with permanent churches. Your next effort was directed to the mother church, which was in need of repairs; by your exertion it was restored, extended, new organ added, besides other internal alterations, making it one of the most handsome edifices in the country. The burial ground has been twice extended. The old school which had done good work for over a century next claimed your attention. It was rebuilt and adapted to modern requirements at considerable expense. The growing need of greater church accomodation at Swalwell was your next undertaking, the building in which divine service was held being inadequate for this populous corner of the parish. On your own responsibility and cost you acquired the old mission church and adjoining land, on which the handsome church of Holy Trinity has been erected. We also do not forget your kind sympathy and helping hand in time of sickness, of distress or bereavement, when the burden has been lightened by your active help and wise counsel. We feel sure that your family and yourself will long be revered, not only in the parish, but throughout the whole district. It is with deep regret that we learn you have considered it necessary to resign your charge, and it is our earnest prayer that God in His goodness may long spare you to enjoy enjoy your well-earned repose.—Yours faithfully, H. A. Smith, N. Horn, T. Nicholson, J. E. Blenkinsopp, W. Walton, Jas. Harbottle, committee; Wm. Willis, treasurer; R. O. Crowther, and J. Turnbull, secretaries.—Whickham, 24th October, 1896."—Dr. Smith, on behalf of the parishioners, and numerous other friends, presented the address and offered their heartiest congratulations to Canon Carr on the celebration of his jubilee as vicar of Whickham.—Canon Carr having responded, Mr. J. Carr-Ellison addressed the gathering, after which the memorial window was unveiled.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST SWALWELL MINERS.

At Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, before Mr. U. A. Ritson and Mr. John Simpson, Mr. Ramsay, owner of Swalwell Colliery, and Mr. Barron, manager, were each summoned under the Mines Regulation Act with four offences, namely, with failing to keep the hauling engine securely fenced, with failing to hang up, in the proper place, notices relating to code signals to be used; with failing to keep a certain winding engine securely fastened; and with allowing naked lights to be used in a certain place where the use of naked lights were dangerous. Mr. Edward Clark prosecuted, and Mr. Fred Harle defended.

Mr. Clarke said he was instructed by Mr. Hedley, Government Inspector of Mines, and with regard to the naked lights pointed out that it was a serious matter. At the Swal pit some little time ago there was unfortunately an explosion of gas, which resulted in a man losing his life. Mr. Hedley, in pursuance of his duty, on May 30th last, wrote a letter to Mr. Ramsay in which he advised him to adopt safety lamps, and pointed out that it was not safe to work the seam with naked lights. At the inquest on the man, Mr. Ramsay was absolved. Instead of using safety lamps, the same condition of things went on until September, when another explosion of gas occurred. Through that they had to bring these proceedings. Having described other cases,

Mr. Harle pleaded guilty to the offences, but said that the two engines were enclosed in houses by themselves. So far as the winding engine was concerned, the board was put on the door stating that there was no admittance, and anyone that went into the house would be trespassers. The notice board had been fixed in the engine room, but it subsequently disappeared, and the absence of it had never been noticed. Up to the light explosion on April 27th there was no sign whatever of Swalwell pit being fiery. The use of the lamp after the 30th of May was greatly extended, although it was a fact that on the day mentioned in the summonses the lamps were not universally used. They were used in all the districts that were thought to be dangerous. The lights, however, were gradually being used universally.

The magistrates retired, and on returning, the chairman said that Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Barron would be fined 20/- and costs each for each of the offences of fencing and notice board. As to the question of lights, that was, of course, of a much more serious nature, and they did not think they would be doing their duty unless they fined Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Barron each the sum of £10 and costs.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held in the Board Room of the Castleside Schools, on Monday evening. Coun. T. J. Muse presided, and there were also present the Rev. J. Wallis, Mr. W. Pattinson, Mr. J. W. Golightly, Mr. M. Lee, and Mr. Joseph Proud (clerk.)

THE ATTENDANCE OF SCHOLARS.

The Chairman read the Attendance Officer's report which stated that the attendance at the school since the examination had slightly fallen, partly owing to indifference, and the bad weather they had had at the latter end of the month. He had made 58 absentee visits. He had sent a list to other districts.

SCHOOLMASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. T. Duckworth, schoolmaster, reported that the great event of the month had been the annual inspection by Mr. H. Brown, and his assistant, Mr. Crompton. During a portion of the examination the school was visited by Mr. Muse, the Rev. J. Wallis, and Mr. Pattinson. Last Saturday he visited Mr. Brown to receive approval of time-tables and object lessons. They were now approved. He pressed the necessity of getting, at once, a supply of all needful text books, etc. He therefore, submitted a general list of goods required for the Board's order thereon. He would suggest that this was a favourable time for making an effort for an improved attendance during the coming year. He thought it could be done by encouraging the good attenders and pressing on the bad ones a little more strictly. On Tuesday afternoon, there were 30 children away from school; many on the most trivial excuses. The last fortnight dropped 20 on an average. The number of scholars on the roll was 206, the average attendance being 177, and the percentage attendance, 86.

The Board having revised the list mentioned in the report,

Mr. Pattinson moved, the Rev. J. Wallis seconded, and it was agreed that the Clerk communicate with different publishers in order to obtain tenders, etc, for books required by the school.

Mr. Golightly: What do you think Mr. Duckworth suggests to encourage the attendance?

The Rev. J. Wallis: I think prize books would be a good thing.

The Chairman: It has been tried and when we gave the prizes there was still a deal of trouble with the bad attenders. Mr. Walton, the late vice-chairman of the Board gave prizes, but they still had difficulty with some of the children.

Mr. Pattinson said he had heard that there were two cases of measles, and that might have some effect upon the attendance.

The Chairman: That is so at Manchester, and schools are being closed, but I did not know that we had any epidemic at Castleside. I have said before, and I am still of the opinion that when there is no epidemic in the district we ought at least to have a percentage attendance of 90.

Mr. Golightly thought it would be advisable to have a list of the irregular attenders.

The School-master was called in, and he suggested that in order to encourage scholars to attend school more regularly, certificates should be given.

After further discussion it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to obtain a list of the irregular attenders, and that the matter be dealt with at the next meeting.

The School-master pointed out that it was extremely essential that these cases should be investigated and the children compelled to attend school, as at the beginning of the school year the teachers were pushing on with the work and fresh subjects were being taken every day.

INTERESTING TO SCHOLARS.

The Chairman introduced the question of establishing in the school a museum. He thought one could be fit up with but little expense, and would prove very interesting to the children.

Mr. Golightly concurred. He pointed out that in their midst there were several important industries, the produce of which the scholars knew very little. A museum could easily be arranged, and he was of opinion that the children would greatly benefit thereby.

On the motion of Mr. Golightly, seconded by the Rev. J. Wallis, it was decided to erect a museum in the school.

MRS. LEE'S RESIGNATION.

In reference to Mrs. Lee's resignation, which was tendered some months ago, to terminate at the end of the school year, the Chairman read some communications on the question, and after a few remarks by the members of the Board it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write Mrs. Lee, asking her intentions in the matter.

ECONOMY.

The question of obtaining coke and coal from Rowley instead of Shotley Bridge was brought forward, and Mr. Golightly thought it would be more convenient and cheaper, if the Board would procure a large quantity of coke from Rowley, instead of getting it by cart from Shotley Bridge.

In answer to Mr. Pattinson, the Chairman said he thought they would be able to store about one truck load of coke at the schools. The lighting and firing of the school, he remarked, was one of the heaviest items they had to meet.

Mr. Golightly thereupon moved that the Clerk ascertain the cost of getting a truck load of coke delivered from Rowley.

Mr. Pattinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

CHEQUES.

The usual pay sheets were examined and foundd correct, and on the motion of Mr. Pattinson, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was resolved that cheques be signed to the amount of £28 4s 8d.

This was all the business and the Board rose.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Turnip Competition.—The annual turnip competition of the Chester-le-Street Farmers' Club has just been completed, and the awards of the judges issued as follows:—Landlords and tenants, six acres of swedes, 1, W. W. Coxin, Chester-le-Street; 2, E. H. Wilkinson, Ouston. Landlords and tenants, six acres of any variety excepting swedes, 1, J. Robson, Bowes House; 2, W. Dryden, Washington. Tenant farmers, four acres of swedes, 1, J. Dickenson, Washington; 2, Mrs. Oswald, Herrington. Tenant farmers, four acres of any variety, excepting swedes, 1, Thos. Hall, Fatfield; 2, E. J. Weightman, Herrington. Messrs Finney's special prize for six acres of their swedes (open), 1, J. Dickenson, Washington; 2, W. W. Coxon. Messrs Dixon, Brown, and Tait's special prize for five acres of their swedes, 1, W. W. Coxon; 2, T. R. Holmes, Witton Gilbert. Messrs Hadfield and Co.'s special prizes, open to tenants, for four acres of swedes, 1, T. Young, Broomy Holme; 2, Jas. Bradford, Virgo House. Tenant farmers' sweepstakes, for the best general crop on any farm, to compete with not less than 15 acres, 1, E. J. Weightman, h.c., Jas. Bradford.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A special meeting of this body was held on Thursday morning at the Union Buildings, Lanchester. Mr. Wm. Logan presided and the other members present were:—Mrs. Piercy Taylor-Smith, Miss Gibson, and Messrs T. J. Muse, T. Collier, J. W. Taylor, E. Sloane, Geo. Wallace, Geo. Hobson, the Rev. A. Magill, E. Wigham, P. H. Kirkup, and W. Young, the Clerk, (Mr. W. H. Ritson) being also present.

THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

This Committee recommended that the Master advertise for tenders and samples for 10 tons of potatoes to be sent in in two tons lots. They also recommended the purchasing of three additional water beds for the Infirmary as the medical officer said there were urgently needed.

The report was adopted.

PRECEPT.

The Chairman said they had had a very large amount of work to get through, and they had gone into the whole system of rateable value of the Union. There might be some of the townships which would require a little adjustment, but they thought that on the whole, they had rated all kinds of property upon a fairly equitable basis. There might, perhaps, be some appeals, but that, of course, was almost unavoidable. The rateable value of the whole Union was last year, £293,998, but by the adjustment the gross rateable value at present was £348,191, so that there was an increase of about £50,000 on the rateable value of the Union. He might say that about £15,000 of that amount had been brought about by the increased amount of coal worked in the district, and also to some extent by the increased method of valuing coal mines. They had adopted a basis so as to try not to put them all upon the same basis, and relieve the coalowner by taking into consideration of the degree of thickness of the seam which he was working. The previous rate was 4d in the £; and that brought in £5,804, but through the adjustment the amount they had ordered from the overseers was £5,828, that was for the township.

On the motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Sloane, a precept for the was ordered to be issued upon the overseers.

The Chairman said the school attendance rate was ½d in the £.

Mr. Taylor: Will that amount be added to the precept?

The Chairman: Yes, that will make the rate 4½d though, or course, there will be no need for this in districts where there is a school board, such as yours, Mr. Taylor.

This concluded the business, the Chairman apologising for calling a meeting for such a trifling matter.

QUARREL BETWEEN FATHER AND SON AT HAMSTERLEY.

A SERIOUS CASE.

At the Consett Police Court on Friday morning, before Mr. J. W. Davison, Adam Stonehouse, a miner, living at Hamsterley Colliery, near Ebchester, was brought up on a charge of cutting and wounding his son, Thos. Stonehouse, on the previous day. Adam Stonehouse, Jun., son of the accused deposed that on Thursday afternoon the prisoner and his wife had a quarrel, and witness interposed, when his father struck him. He went out and sought his two married brothers who lived close at hand, and they both went to the house, while he (witness) also returned for his clothes. While seeking his clothes, he heard a scuffle between the complainant and his father, and when witness turned round, he saw the prisoner holding a knife in his hand. Witness took the weapon from him, and found that his brother had been stabbed in the side. A doctor was sent for and his brother was now confined to his bed.—The Magistrate: What sort of a knife was it?—P.C. Dixon: An ordinary pocket knife. I produce the blade, which has been broken.—P.C. Dixon spoke to going to the complainant's house at 2.30 on the preceding afternoon, on the strength of information received, and found the prosecutor lying in his bed. He had a wound on his left side, which he alleged had been influenced by his father. Dr. Marshall dressed the injury. The doctor informed the policeman that the man was in a dangerous condition, the knife having penetrated the left lung. Supt. Benzies applied for a remand.

Accused asked to be admitted to bail, as he should like to consult a solicitor. This, he said, was a very awkward case. Two of his sons were married. About dinner time on Thursday he was busy cutting up some tobacco with his knife, when his wife and he differed. He got up, and the son assuming that he was going to strike his wife, got hold of a dinner knife and kept "prodding" him with it. For his own protection, he (prisoner) struck at his son, and knocked him out of the way. The son ran out and brought his married brothers, and as soon as they came in they drove him into a corner, and beat and kicked him all over the body. A struggle ensued. God knew whether he used a knife or not. He could not remember, although the son said that he took the weapon from him.—Supt. Benzies opposed the application for bail, as the complainant was seriously ill.—The magistrate remanded the accused for eight days, without bail.

LANCHESTER.

Attack on a Workhouse Porter.—At the Lanchester Police Court, on Thursday, before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Isaac Armstrong, a vagrant, who said that he belonged to South Shields, was brought up charged with wounding Thomas Maxwell, the porter at Lanchester Workhouse, on Tuesday morning.—Inspector Daley said that the prosecutor was too ill to appear. Prisoner was admitted into the casual ward on Monday night, and Maxwell had occasion to find fault with the accused for refusing to perform his task. The man grumbled, and waited for an opportunity to retaliate. He picked up a large stone, and standing behind the door, felled the prosecutor (who was in a stooping position) with the missile. The stone penetrated the cap Maxwell was wearing, and inflicted a serious wound upon the head. The stone was broken, and blood and hair still adhered to it. The Inspector applied for a remand for a week.—Accused, who alleged that he had been ill-used, was remanded in custody till yesterday (Thursday.)

"How to Debate."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of 6d, (post free 7d), may be had at Robert Jackson's, bookseller, Front Street, and 21, Newmarket Street, Consett.

LILITH.

A SEQUEL TO "THE UNLOVED WIFE,"

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CHAPTER XXI.

THAT STARTLING INTRODUCTION.

A SLIGHT start from Tudor Hereward, and a sudden paleness of Lilith's face, were the only signs of the shock that both had sustained in this unexpected encounter; and even these had been seen by no one except the watchful princess, who had planned the meeting and studied its effect.

Hereward bowed as to any other lady,

Lilith courtesied.

Both grew paler. Neither spoke. The strain was becoming unbearable. Besides, Hereward was stopping the way.

The princess pitied them; and then she became frightened for the result of her own *coup-de-théatre*. Should Hereward "lose his head," or Lilith faint, or should they in any other manner bring "admired disorder" into the serene repose of this patrician drawing-room? For nature, when hard pressed, does sometimes break through all the elegant little barriers of *convenances* and assert itself.

All this flashed through the mind of the princess in a very few seconds, and then—always equal to the occasion—she turned with perfect ease to her latest guest, and said:

"Mr. Hereward, the rooms are close, and Mrs. Wyvil is faint; will you give her the support of your arm to my boudoir? She will show you the way."

Hereward bowed, drew his wife's arm within his own, and led her from the *salon* by the shortest way indicated only by a gesture from Lilith.

They entered the elegant boudoir, with its walls of fluted white satin, and its furniture and draperies of white satin flowered with gold, and its innumerable treasures of beauty and of art; but they saw none of these things. They might have been in a West Virginia hut, for all consciousness they had of these splendours.

As soon as they entered the room—which had no other occupant—Lilith, sliding from her hold on Hereward's arm, dropped into the nearest chair, as if no longer able to stand.

Hereward bent over her.

No word had passed between them as yet.

"Lilith!" he said, at length.

"Tudor!" she murmured in reply.

"Lilith, is this real? Can this wonder be real, or is it only a phantasm of fever, such as I have often had since I lost you! Oh, Lilith! if this be real, come to me!—come to me. Come to me, my own, and let me clasp you to my heart!" he pleaded, holding out his arms.

"Tudor—do you care for me—*now?*" she inquired, in low and broken tones.

"Do I care for you? Oh, Lilith! so much, so much that your loss almost destroyed my life! Oh, my love! Oh, my darling. Why, why did you ever leave me? Why, Lilith, why?" he pleaded earnestly.

"Because," she murmured very low—"because you told me that you had *never* loved me; you said that you had married me only to please your dying father; you bade me leave your presence, and you added that in a few days you should leave the house, never to return to it while I should desecrate it with my presence."

"I! Did I ever utter such words as those to you—to my wife?" exclaimed Hereward, as soon as he had recovered from the shock of hearing them repeated to him.

"Indeed you did, Tudor. They were stamped—*burned*—too deeply into my memory ever to be forgotten. I do not give them back to you now in reproach, but only in reply to your question as to why I left you. You see now that I had no alternative. I answered you at the time that I must not be the means of banishing you from your patrimonial home; that since one or the other must go, I myself should leave, and leave you in peaceable possession of your home. Something like this I said to you then, Tudor; but you bade me begone, and—I obeyed you. That was all," she concluded, in a low, gentle tone.

"I was mad—mad! Not one word that I uttered then was true or rational! Oh, Lilith, I am no more responsible for the words and actions of that hour than is the veriest maniac for his ravings!" he pleaded, sinking over and leaning heavily on the back of the chair that supported her slight frame.

"I know, Tudor," she said, in a humble, deprecating tone—"I know, and I do not criticise you. How could I? The circumstances that surrounded me seemed incriminating enough to destroy the faith of the most confiding husband in the world, though he were married to the most faithful wife!"

"And yet they should not have touched my faith in you; the child brought up in my father's house, the child not only loved, but esteemed and honoured by my father, and not by him only, but by all his friends and neighbours! No, Lilith, even those surrounding circumstances, though you could not explain them, should never have touched my faith in you! *would* never have done so, but that I was mad!—mad with jealousy! Yes, I confess it. Lilith, can you forgive me for that causeless jealousy?" he pleaded, bending over her.

"Oh, Tudor! If there were anything to forgive, it was forgiven on that very night in which we parted."

"Ah! why did you go, my Lilith? Why did you let words of frenzy drive you away? Could not you, my gentle child, have been patient with a madman for a little while? Why act upon reproaches that you knew to be undeserved and altogether unreasonable?"

"I knew they were undeserved, but I thought they were very reasonable, under all the circumstances. Oh, Tudor, it was not your reproaches, not your anger, that drove me away from you! I could have borne them and waited for time to vindicate me, to justify me in your sight. No, Tudor, it was not anger nor reproach that drove me away."

"What was it, then?"

"I told you; but you have forgotten it, or misunderstood. Tudor, *I had to go*. I had no choice. You told me that you did not love me; that you had *never* loved me, and said that you would go away and never come back while I stayed in the house. But you '*never loved*' *me*. These were the words that drove me from you."

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"Did you find my farewell letter, left on your bureau, Tudor?"

"Yes—I did."

"Do you remember its contents?"

"Yes. When I think of it I can recall every word. That letter is stamped upon my memory, Lilith, as you say my sentence of banishment is upon yours."

"Then, Tudor, will you now recall what I said on bidding you good-bye? It was something like this—though I cannot recall the precise words—I told you that though I should not trouble you by my presence, or my letters, yet neither should I take any pains to hide myself from you. I told you that if the time should ever come when, after revising your judgment of me, you should see reason to retract your charges against me, and should ask me to return to you, I *would* return and would be all to you in the future that I had been in the past. Do you remember reading that in my farewell letter, Tudor?"

"Yes, yes! I do, I do! And oh, my child, I do retract all the cruel charges that Satan and false appearances ever goaded me to make. I believe you to be as pure in mind and heart and life as any angel that stands before the Throne," he said, bending over her chair.

"Thank Heaven!" she fervently breathed.

"And you forgive me, Lilith?"

"I have more cause to ask forgiveness than to extend it," she answered, humbly.

"No, no!" he exclaimed, deprecatingly.

"Tudor," she said, "you say that you esteem me—that you trust me; and I thank Heaven for that! But—Tudor—*do you love me?*" she inquired, in a low thrilling pathetic tone.

"I love you more than my own life," replied Hereward, in such tones of impassioned earnestness that no one who heard them could have doubted their truth.

Lilith arose and turned, fronting him, and said:

"Then, Tudor, take me, for I am yours, yours entirely—spirit, soul and frame! I say now, as I said once before, there is not, there never was—a pulse in my heart that is not true to you."

These last words were breathed out upon his breast, to which he had gathered her.

Presently they sat down, he holding her hand within his own, and gazing with infinite content into her beautiful face.

(To be continued.)

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening of last week a complimentary dinner was given to Mr. E. von Fischer, of Blackhill, a gentleman who, since he came to this district from Germany some 18 months ago, has entered heartily into all the social functions and many of the sports connected with the neighbourhood. He has, by his amiability, courteous manner, and genial disposition become a general favourite with all with whom he has been brought into contact, and therefore it can easily be imagined that the news that he was about to take his departure to his native country caused great regret amongst Mr. Fischer's large circle of friends and acquaintances. A proposal to in some way recognise Mr. Fischer's worth, and at the same time show the respect and esteem in which he is held, was warmly received, and a complimentary dinner having been decided upon, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to carry out the necessary arrangements:—Messrs J. Sloane, C. T. Foreman, Wm. Jenkins, J. M. Aynsley, J. E. Thorpe, Dr. Bratton, and Dr. Henley, with Mr. J. M. Nicholson as hon. sec. As mentioned above, the event duly came off on Wednesday week, the "rendezvous" being the Commercial Hôtel, Consett. The dinner served up by the worthy hostess (Miss J. Redshaw) was a really excellent one, and reflected the utmost credit upon the culinary resources of the establishment. Dr. Geo. Renton occupied the chair, with Dr. Bratton in the vice, and amongst those also present were—Dr. Henley, Messrs Von Fischer, W. Raw, J. E. Thorpe, J. E. Parker, G. R. Aynsley, P. Ainsworth, V. Thirlwell, H. Dowson, S. Aynsley, W. J. Foreman, J. Kershaw, J. O. Todd, J. M. Nicholson, H. G. Young, A. Esmond, etc. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Messrs J. Sloane, H. Wattsford, C. T. Foreman, and Douglas.

The cloths having been removed, the Chairman gave the health of "The Queen," and said that in this particular year the toast must be one which appealed to all loyal nd true Englishmen. (Applause.) The Queen had reigned longer than any other sovereign in the world, and that must be a matter of great satisfaction to them all. (Hear.) She had ruled over them with the most beneficent sway, and no country had enjoyed a greater state of prosperity than England had enjoyed under Queen Victoria. He hoped her reign might be still further prolonged. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Rest of the Royal Family," and alluded to the fact that the Prince was a great sportsman, and had carried off three of the most important races of the year. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in giving the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," remarked that amongst the great nations of Europe no two nations were so intimately allied by blood, kinship, and friendship, as the Great German Empire and Great Britain. (Applause.) These two nations for hundreds of years had been the pioneers in the civilisation of the barbarous nations of the world. As long as they went hand in hand together, assisted by that great Anglo-Saxon race across the sea, they had nothing to fear, and if combined they might bring about that promise of everlasting peace. (Loud applause.) As they had a member of that great German nation present that night it was only fit and becoming, as he was going back to the Great Fatherland, that they should assemble to wish him God-speed. (Applause.) Mr. Von Fischer had entered heartily into their social pleasures since he came to England, and they had all learnt to admire him. He was always kindly disposed to everyone, no matter in what position he had met them, and he (Dr. Renton) believed there was no more popular man in the neighbourhood than Mr. Fischer. (Loud applause.) He trusted his recollections of his stay in England would be pleasant. When Mr. Fischer first came amongst them he was at a disadvantage not having quite a perfect knowlege of the English tongue, but he had made the most of his opportunities, and endeared himself to all. He was sure they would all join him in wishing Mr. Fischer God-speed, and that his life would be one of uninterrupted pleasure, and that when he got back to the Fatherland he would think of the many warm friends he had left behind him in England. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Thorpe expressed the pleasure he felt in supporting the Chairman's remarks. They had met to say good-bye to Mr. Fischer and to wish him every good luck. (Applause.) The district was a somewhat cold and bleak one, but it had one great charm, and that was the bond of good fellowship which existed between the young fellows of the place. (Applause.) Although Mr. Fischer had not been long amongst them he had at one bound become one of themselves. He had always found him an honourable, upright, and true friend, and they would all greatly miss him. He had joined in their sports, and he (the speaker) hoped that Mr. Fischer would take back with him nothing but the kindest thoughts. (Applause.) He trusted that their friend would at some future period come back for a short time at any rate—(loud applause)—and he wished him good luck wherever fate might take him, and he might rest assured that he had the good wishes of all. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Young also supported the toast, and endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers. Mr. Fischer came there as a stranger and a foreigner when the relations between the two countries were somewhat strained, but he seemed to at once become one of themselves. (Applause.)

After the toast had been musically honoured, Mr. Von Fischer, who was greeted with loud cheers, rose to respond. He said the kindness he had received had quite unnerved him, and he never thought he was so appreciated in that district. He though they had really done too much, and that he did not deserve it. ("Yes, yes.") When he came over to this cold country he was quite astonished on coming to this district to find such a number of warm-hearted and true friends. He thanked them for all their kindness to him, for the amusements to which they had introduced him, and he would take the best opinion concerning England back with him to his Fatherland. (Loud applause.) He hoped the two nations would always remain true friends, and he would ever do his best, when he got into a higher position, to foster a good spirit between England and Germany. (Loud applause.) He had always got a true hearty welcome wherever he went, and he would ever remember his many friends in that district. He hoped to be permitted to come back to see them, and trusted he would see them prosperous, and the same gallant, freehearted, and true friends. (Loud applause.)

Dr. Henley, in a humorous speech, proposed "The ladies," and Mr. Esmond replied.

Mr. Von Fischer next proffered "The Sports of the District." He thought all nations had got sports, although those of his country were a little dangerous. (Laughter and applause.) He had enjoyed hockey very much, and was sorry that he would not be able to play any more. The speaker then referred to cricket and football, and remarked that he had played the latter game under the Rugby code. He had found their sports the best thing to make a man strong and happy, and to make the equilibrium between the body and mind. (Applause.) He had found one sport missing, and that was paper-chasing. He would like to see that sport come up again, and for this purpose he would hand over a five pound note to the Chairman to be expended on a prize for the first winner of a paper-chase. (Loud applause.) He asked them to drink to the sports of the district, and that they might long flourish. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman mentioned that paper-chasing was a common sport in the South of England. He (the Chairman) had taken part in many a paper-chase.

Mr. Parker, in responding, said he could assure them on behalf of those who partook of the sports and pastimes of the district that he had great pleasure in replying to this toast. He thought the people of the North of England entered into their sports and pastimes with the greatest enthusiasm. (Hear, hear.) They could not have a sound mind unless they had a sound body, and that was produced by sports and pastimes. (Applause.) He had no doubt that if a paper-chase was inaugurated they would have a large field, and they would send a Consett paper containing the result to Mr. Fischer, showing him how greatly his magnanimity had been appreciated. (Applause.) After alluding to hunting and shooting, Mr. Parker went on to say that football stood second to none as regards numbers and enthusiasm. They had in the North of England some of the best footballers the country had ever seen. (Applause.) Then they had hockey—(applause)—and he was very pleased to respond to the toast inasmuch as it was at hockey that he first met Mr. Fischer. They had had many a happy time at hockey, and they had seen how thoroughly their friend entered into the sport, and how he had adapted himself to the environments of the district. (Applause.) They had not to go far to find one of the greatest enthusiasts at cricket, and that was their worthy Chairman. (Loud applause.) Mr. Parker also referred to cycling and other sports, and concluded by saying that he felt sure if representatives of all the sports were present they would drink the toast with the utmost enthusiasm. (Loud applause.)

Mr. W. Foreman also responded to the toast.

Mr. Nicholson felt it a great privilege to have to propose the toast placed in his hands, and that was "The Chairman." (Loud applause.) They all knew that Dr. Renton took the greatest interest in their sports, but if there was one position more than another in which he excelled it was when he graced the chair. (Applause.) On behalf of those present he offered the doctor hearty congratulations on his recovery from his recent illness, and hoped to have the privilege of proposing that toast on many another occasion. (Loud applause.)

The toast was received with musical honours.

The Chairman thanked them for the flattering manner in which they had received and drank the toast. He felt it a pleasure to attend any little festive gathering of that sort, because it raised one a little above one's routine of work. (Applause.) Mr. Nicholson had alluded to his connection with sport, but there was one thing they were perhaps not aware of—he was the first cyclist in the country. (Laughter and applause.) The Chairman then went on to relate his experiences in learning to ride the "bone-shaker," and caused much laughter by stating that on the first morning he commenced to practice the lads going to work at the pit were so much astonished that they stopped to watch him, with the result that the pit was laid in for the day. The next morning he received a polite note from Mr. Hedley asking him not to practice on the velocipede when the boys were going to work, as it had laid the pit idle, and caused a consequent loss to the Consett Iron Company. (Much laughter.) He thought they should pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Fischer for the prize he had offered, and the Chairman suggested that a representative committee should be formed, and that instead of giving the £5 to the winner a prize should be bought and held by the winner from year to year, the same as a challenge cup, and so become an annual institution. (Applause.) He suggested that Mr. Nicholson act as secretary and call a meeting to arrange for a chase, and that the prize be called the Fischer prize. (Applause.)

Mr. Thorpe proposed "The Hon Secretary," who had worked well for them. The entire arrangements were left in Mr. Nicholson's hands, and the enjoyable evening they had spent was due to his efforts. (Applause.) The duties entrusted to Mr. Nicholson had been most ably and efficiently performed, and he asked all present to join with him in thanking Mr. Nicholson. (Loud applause.)

The toast was musically honoured.

Mr. Nicholson stated that so far as his duties were concerned they had not been at all onerous. He was more than compensated by meeting so many friends there that evening. (Applause.) He felt thankful that they had appreciated his efforts so much. (Loud applause.)

The last toast was "The Hostess," proposed by the Chairman, who referred to the excellent repast provided by Miss Redshaw, and also the admirable arrangements made for their enjoyment. (Loud applause.)

During the evening some splendid songs were contributed by Messrs V. Thirlwell, P. Ainsworth, J. E. Thorpe, J. E. Parker, A. Esmond, W. J. Foreman, S. Aynsley, and Dr. Bratton, whilst the Chairman rendered an amusing recitation, "Hawke's men at Waterloo," which was given amidst a running fire of laughter. Mr. J. E. Thorpe ably presided at the piano, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a thoroughly enjoyable and harmonious evening.

THE LARGEST SCHOOL IN THE WORLD.

"The Jews' Free School, situated in Bell Lane, Spitalfields, comfortably accommodates more than 3,500 children," writes Mr. S. L. Bensusan in the October number of the "Windsor Magazine;" "and if any larger school exists it must be in some undiscovered country whose civilisation has escaped European notice. Circumstances that make the Free School one of the most interesting institutions in London have little to do with its mere size. The difficulties and interests of working lie in the surroundings of the pupils. More than ninety-five per cent. of the children attending the school are the sons and daughters of foreign refugees, ignorant of their own names, poverty-stricken, scarcely robust, and so accustomed to ill-usage in the lands of their birth that they cannot at first understand kindness. Jewish refugees divide certain East-end slums with the very poor Irish. They come for the most part from Russia, Poland and Germany; they know no other language than Yiddish. For them papers are printed and notices posted in that mongrel language. They seldom or never use their surnames, being content with the Hebrew, that only takes first names into account. Thus some Polish edition of John Smith, son of Tom Smith, would be called, in Hebrew, John the son of Tom, and Smith would be ignored. Consequently, when the ignorant children come to school for the first time, they give their names in Hebrew method, and many a boy whose real name is an offensive compound of gutturals will call himself Abraham son of Isaac, or Moses the son of Jacob, which is picturesque in its way, but might lead to confusion where more than 2,000 boys are concerned."

THE CONSETT IRON CO.'S WORKMEN'S PRIZE BRASS BAND

DINNER AT BLACKHILL.

During the past few months the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Brass Band, has experienced many honourable successes, and the members have by assiduous practice gained for themselves a position of no mean standing amongst the best groups of instrumentalists in the North of England. Among the chief of their achievments was their visit to the Olympia, Newcastle, a few weeks ago whence they returned with the second prize, being defeated by the Hartlepool Old Operatic Band, which is accounted amongst musicians the best in the North of England, though the Consett Band hope to depose them from this position during the forthcoming contest season. To celebrate these triumphs a supper and social gathering was held in the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, and though the accommodation was far from small the room was packed to its utmost limit. Amongst those present were Coun. E. Sloane, Messrs J. Jack, T. H. Woods, Newcastle, J. Ord Hume, Sunderland, Mr. Douglas, Gateshead, E. Hall, G. Turner, M. Hobday, H. Dowse, J. W. Davison, E. Oliver, S. Johnson, T. Johnson, R. Routledge, M. Bell, Pearson, J. Stokoe, Wigham, R. Miller, J. Askew, Lynn, J. Dick, S. Lumley, J. Marshall, J. Hobday, G. Dales, G. Robson, Page, T. Smith, T. Stokoe, D. Howard, C. Routledge, F. Smith, J. Barnard, W. Gibson, A. Lamb, H. Tindale, T. Tindle, H. Carter, G. Young, T. Harrison, J. Allen, F. Campbell, F. Moss, T. Whinney, M. Bell, jun., J. D. Wray, the band secretary, and numerous others.

The supper provided by Mr. R. J. Brodie, the landlord of the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, was excellent, and those present did ample justice to it. On the cloths being removed,

Mr. M. Hobday moved that Coun. E. Sloane take the chair. This motion was carried with acclamation, and Coun. Sloane briefly thanked the company for the honour they had done him.

The Chairman in appropriate terms then proposed the loyal toast which was duly honoured.

Mr. J. S. Murray then proposed the toast of the Bishops, the Clergy, and all other ministers of the gospel. He was very much astonished at being called upon to respond to the toast, and he thought they might have easily been able to find someone better fit to propose the toast. He believed that in that diocese they had a Bishop second to none in England. (Hear, hear.) He was a man of much learning, who had the welfare not only of his clergy, but also the whole of the people in the diocese at heart. (Applause.) In regard to the clergy he thought that as a body they were doing their duty nobly and well to the people round about them. Ministers of the gospel, of all denominations had calls upon them of which the outside public had very little idea. He believed the ministers of all denominations were working for one and the same end, and he believed the ministers of the district faithfully discharged their duties. He thanked them for coupling his name with such a toast, and thanked them for the way they had received it. (Applause.) Before closing he would like to say how proud he was of the band, and and its successes, and he believed that in the course of time it would be one of the best bands in the County. (Loud applause.) They had from the nature of their employment many difficulties to contend with; difficulties which could only be overcome by practice. They had stuck manfully to their work and he was proud to say that success had been the result. (Cheers.)

Mr. J. Ord Hume then displayed his grand powers as a pianist in a "Grand March," which was heartily aplauded.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Ord Hume to propose the toast of the Army, Navy, and Reserve forces. He believed that Mr. Hume was entitled to do so, as he had been in the ranks and seen active service, and he believed he would do justice to the toast. Before that, however, he would call upon Mr. M. Hobday for a song, so that Mr. Hume might have an opportunity of collecting his thoughts. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hobday responded at the Chairman's request and gave a comic song which was excellently received.

Mr. Hume then proposed the Toast of the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, and said it was a very awkward toast to deal with. His only right to respond to the toast was that he had been practically born in the army, and had seen the workings of the army in big military stations like Aldershot. The Chairman had said that he had seen active service. Well the only active service he had ever seen was as a little boy not allowed in the canteen. (Laughter.) He described his experiences on the big military stations, and said he did not believe in the short service system. The Volunteer system was the backbone of the Army, and he was proud of being a volunteer himself, he did not believe that if the volunteers were called upon there would be a faint hearted man among them. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Hobday then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was received with musical honours. They had a great many visitors there that night, indeed as many as they had room for, and he was very pleased on behalf of the band to extend to them a hearty welcome. He would like to couple with the toast the names of Mr. Ord Hume, whom they all knew by repute, and an old friend. The first time he met Mr. Hume he did not think much of him. It was at a band contest and they were not in the prize list, and like other bands they were not satisfied. (Cries of "Bad judge" and laughter.) Since that time, however, they had met Mr. Hume several times and had made their band, a little bit better, and sometimes they had not been satisfied and sometimes they had, sometimes Mr. Hume had been a bad judge, and sometimes a good one. Then they had with them Mr. Jack Woods, of Newcastle, who could claim a warm corner in their hearts, if it was only for his fathers sake,—(hear, hear.)—and lastly they had Mr. Douglas, of Gateshead, and from what he knew of him, Mr Douglas was "all right." (Cheers.)

Mr. Hume said it was a great pleasure indeed to him to have to respond to the toast of the visitors. He was very fond of Consett, inasmuch as he came there, first five years ago, and it was the first place in which he had ever taught a band. It was the Catholic band which only lasted a little while, and since then he was proud to say he had been coaching the the Consett Mission Band. (Applause.) Whenever and wherever he had met the Consett Band he had always found them very fine, gentlemanly fellows, and it always gave him the greatest pleasure to read of the success of the band. When he read of their success at the Olympia, contest he said to his friends that they thoroughly deserved it. He knew that the Band were very assiduous and attentive at practice, and for all these reasons it gave him the very greatest pleasure to be present on that occasion, with his two friends. (Cheers.)

Mr. J. Woods was the next to respond. He said he hardly understood why he had been called upon to respond to the toast of the visiotrs as he could fairly call himself one of themselves He had been amongst them many times and always took a warm interest in their doings. In fact, his first interest at a contest was in the performance of the Consett band and he always liked to see the band come off well, and to see them successful at a contest.

Mr. Douglas, of Gateshead, also responded. He had many times intended to came down with his old friend Mr. Tom Woods, and hear the band practise, but his visit had got postponed and postponed till it never came off at all and they would all know the reason why. He wished the band every success and warmly thanked those present, on his own behalf and on that of his friends and for the way they had received and entertained them.

Mr. Douglas then entertained the company with the comic song "That's where they found me," in a manner which fairly brought down the house.

Mr. Henry Dowse, of Blackhill, next proposed "The trade of the district." They all knew that the subject of their toast was in a very prosperous condition at the present period, and indeed it had been so ever since he had known the district. They had had at one time and another very good times and very bad times, but things were at present excellent, and by all accounts seemed likely to continue so. (Cheers.) The Chairman had coupled his name with that of Mr. Jack, and he was sure that Mr. Jack would be able to do ample justice to the subject. (Hear, hear.) He had great pleasure in proposing the toast of "The trade of the district."

The toast being duly honoured, Mr. Jack responded. He could not speak with much authority upon the other trades of the district, but as far as that in which he, and most of the bandsmen, were concerned things were in a very satisfactory condition indeed. It was a good and healthy sign when they saw every branch of business fully occupied, and at present the demand in some branches of trade was too great to be supplied. In Consett they had not a colony of capitalists who lived upon their money, they had men at the head of affairs who were fully able to manage such vast affairs as the Consett Works and who treated their men with proper consideration. It was some time since they had been enjoying such a prosperous state of affairs as they had at the present time. The works were fully employed as they could possibly be, and certainly, as well employed as many of the men wanted. (Laughter and hear, hear.) It was a somewhat remarkable fact that a place which was turning out such vast quantities of stuff was so little known. Many people had no idea of where the place was, in fact for all they knew it might be in New Zealand, but acongst the better and more intelligent classes of the community Consett was known for its products all the world over. And in almost every part of the world Consett plates and angles were to be found. He then related an instance wherein a ship which had been manufactured from Consett plates had been battered and mangled frightfully by the rocks, but let in no water whatever, and the vessel had been visited in the Tyne by many of the most prominent engineers in the North Country who were not slow to express their admiration thereof. He had never seen a works so well managed as the Consett works, and he spoke from wide experience, and he could also venture to say that a few works had such a capable class of workmen. If the management at Consett had not treated their men well they would not keep them so long and he knew many of the workmen who had been at Consett all their lives. (Applause.) He hoped that the prosperity of the works and the district would increase and that they would never know what dull times were. (Loud applause.)

Mr. J. Woods then gave an amusing imitation of a one armed flautist, and a comic song by Mr. M. Wilkinson followed.

Mr. Sloane then proposed in eulogistic terms the "Leader of the Band." Mr. Hobday was a well known figure in their midst, a conscientious and skilful workmen, and he could say that few men had risen in the way that Mr. Hobday had done. They knew that as a bandsman his sole aim was to make the Blackhill Band one of the best in the country, and he believed that he would succeed in that end. Some nine months ago the band were labouring under great difficulties, and many of them recognised this but were too modest to ask for assistance. That assistance had however, been vouchsafed them, and they were now in possession of several new instruments, and their successes since they got them had been numerous and creditable. (Cheers.) They had raised themselves into a position of prominence by sheer hard work, and no one would deny that they had thoroughly deserved deserved their success. He had no doubt Mr. Hobday would do justice to himself in his reply.

Mr. Thos. Johnson then sang "Good Old Jeff" in excellent style.

Mr. Hobday, replying to the toast, said he thanked them very much for the manner in which they had received the toast. He was not a great hand at making a speech, and he did not intend to trouble the reporters very much. The Chairman had said some very kind things about him, and his connection with the band, but he always thought that whilst working for the band he was doing something for his own enjoyment and improvement. He had never thought of the band without including himself as part of it, and when doing work for the band he was also working for himself. (Applause.) His motto had always been that if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well, and this motto he had carried out in connection with the band. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The Chairman had also referred to the difficulties under which they were labouring some nine months ago. It was then pretty clear that the band wanted about a dozen instruments and that the cost of them would be about £120. That was at Whitsuntide. They had now got the instruments and even if that gathering had taken place in October they could have said that they were clear of debt. Everybody knew that they had had to work hard to attain this result. Amongst the many friends who had assisted them was Coun. Sloane, and if it had not been for him they might not have been so far out of the wood as they were. Then they had had good friends in the Consett Iron Company. One of their supporters had said to him at that time, "If you want £150, I am good for it." They had not wanted that sum but even if it had been necessary, they would not have cared to have taken it from one, who was, like themselves, a working man. He might safely tell them who that was. It was their friend Jack Gambles. (Cheers.) They borrowed £25 off Mr. Gambles, and his absence made his statement that they were out of the wood not quite correct, but if Mr. Gambles had been in there that night he would have received a cheque for that amount. He was sorry to say that Mr. Gambles was not very well, and he hoped that he would be with them a long time yet. (Hear, hear.) They had several new members and some of the old ones had left them, but they generally came back again believing that 5/- regularly was better than 7/6 occasionally. (Hear, hear.) When he left the district he would be driven away from it, and he could say that when strangers came amongst them they had always been well treated. He could say with pride that they had never grumbled at a decision on the contest field. Mr. Hobday then proposed the toast of "Our Collectors and Subscribers," coupling the names of Mr. Jack, Mr. George Johnson, and "Dr." Marshall, with the toast, which was enthusiastically received.

In the interval before those gentlemen responded Mr. Hobday sang, "Give him my kind regards," in his usual excellent style.

Mr. Jack, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Marshall, briefly responded.

The toasts of the Press, the Chairman, and the Host and Hostess were duly honoured, and the gathering broke up.

SWALWELL.

THE AXWELL COLLIERY CASE.—On Thursday at the Gateshead County Police Court—Messrs U. A. Ritson and J. Simpson on the Bench—an adjourned case came up in which eight miners employed at Axwell Colliery were summoned under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, for unlawfully following a man named James Coxon, in a disorderly manner, with a view of compelling him to abstain from working in the employment of Messrs Hannington and Co., Limited. Mr. Thos. Lambert appeared for the owners of the colliery, and Mr. Isadore Isaac represented the men. The cases arose out of the dispute at Axwell.—Mr. Isaacs announced to the Bench that, owing principally to the exertions of Mr. Lambert, who represented the owners, the matter had been settled, and he had to express the regret of the defendants that they had allowed their feelings to overcome them.—Mr. Lambert said the owners were anxious that a good feeling should be re-established, and they consented to the withdrawal of the summonses.—The Bench agreed to this course.

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