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"GEO. JACQUES" IN THE PILLORY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your issue of Sept. 21st, there is another letter from this gentleman, who one week issues his "manifesto" to all England, and this week challenges any man in the county to debate "the point" with him (which point?) and next week the question will be who will dare to set his foot on the tail of my coat? Of course any man is entitled to hold any opinions he fancies, and by parity of reasoning, any length of coat tails. Was there a case of more consummedly innocent conceit than this? After this it is comical to the last degree to find him floundering in a perfect quagmire of pros and cons about Hammil and the Northern miners. However, there are two or three points (or ideas) in respect of which Mr G. Jacques thinks we hold mistaken views; these he sets himself to correct, but fails, and "by deciding worse embroils the fray." (1) He accuses us of misrepresenting the Independent Labour Party's attitude towards the two great historical parties in the political sphere. It goes without any argument that the I.L.P. must be held responsible for all inferences which are logically deducible from its own external and indisputably public characteristics. We are under no delusion, make no mistake at all, either this Socialistic (or Fabian) junto is knavish in doing political work for the Tories in disguise, or foolish in attempting to destroy the historic continuity of Liberal policy. (2) He admits that both Tories and Liberals have each done good political work, and, hence, there is no essential distinction. Really, Mr Editor, your correspondent "fogs" the very question at issue; I will correct him. It is a fact that the *Liberal Party* is that section of politicians who have throughout its whole history fostered and formulated all the principles of civil and religious freedom as distinguished from class privileges and monopolies in every sphere of civic life. To say that this party have passed the Parish Councils Act a generation ago, or the great Reform Act of 1832, a century sooner, is perfectly transparent nonsense. There is that in history which illustrates the doctrine of growth, whether in the evolution of order out of chaos, of organic life from its protoplasmal cell, or, as in the present instance, the evolution of individual manhood, through successive stages of social environments, in which the personal interests and aspirations of all are conserved by an all-pervading loyalty to the general freedom. This development must necessarily be progressive in stages of cause and consequence, *i.e.*, precedent and sequent. The Liberal policy is, the political science of this law. Toryism is the name of its antagonist and evil genius. As to what Socialism is, or meant to be, by its exponents to-day we learn from your correspondent's correction; (3) which, I take leave to say, is another misapprehension. He "really and sincerely believes that Jesus Christ and His Apostles were Socialists. Jesus said "Follow me," and Paul said "Follow me as I follow Christ." Nobody questions Mr Jacques' *sincerity*, but I question the argumentative value of his very slip-shod, and much too glib attempt to lift himself and his fad out of the dirt by quotations from the Great Teacher which, to say the least are totally irrelevant. If Mr Jacques had understood the epoch (the fulness of time) in which our Saviour appeared he would have better understood the drift and significance of His words. Christ was not a Collectivist, in the Greek sense in which citizenship was absorbed by the collective noun, *i.e.*, the State, as taught by Lycurgus especially in the Spartan Commonwealth; nor in the Roman sense as may be gathered from the Institutes of Justinian to which we owe the general fabric of European Codes. Our Lord said, "my kingdom is not of this world," it "is within you," and we know what that means. As far as Christian ethics are intended to apply to social interests, they found the reign of divine law on the regeneration of individual natures. We find this exemplified in those sporadic flashes of the true Christian Socialism amongst the first believers, when they were all of one heart and mind, and had all things common, whilst the rest of the world, Jews and Pagans, went tumbling along blindfold in their old world ways. The Socialism of Christ is found in an individualist conception of personal responsibility to God, and active obedience to His will. He was no Fabian seeking to re-model the social machine under the control of a new *Police Force*, with all its appropriate gearing of inspectors, spies, he knew better. He came *indeed* "to make all things new," but he began at the bottom of things, at the heart of man, "for out of it are the issues of life."

Your correspondent knows well enough that "J. B.," living at Oxhill Colliery, is not the identical with the "J. B." at Salta (in the Brazils) though he makes it worth his while to insinuate, by a pointless inuendo, an identity founded upon the mere alliteration of the two J. B's. So it is that he compounds the Socialism of Christ founded upon man's regenerated nature, and culminating in a perfect type of manhood in the individual, and brotherhood in the race, with that other Socialism which ignores all this and would put in its place a merely corporate, *i.e.* "the collective conscience" of an irresponsible mob, and grind out of existence all those (even Secular and Socialist) virtues which, when specialised by the native force of individual and personal character, whether in skill, thrift, talent, technical aptitude, self-denial, philanthropy and patriotism, inspired by loyalty to God's eternal virtues, establish the true social compact, and ensure equity, peace, and contentment forever. Oh, yes, Mr Jacques, you'll admit there is a difference between a chesnut horse, and a horse chesnut! This "cause" of yours is but the down grade rush of a juggernaut with its howling mob as compared with the steady, safe coach which rattles along at a fairly good pace, and with an assuming probability of the end "all well."—Yours faithfully,

J. S. U.

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To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir.—I thank you for giving me an opportunity by the publication of my views of arousing a spirit of critical inquisitiveness, by two or more of your readers and humbly ask you to favour me, by allowing me one more chance to say a few words to Messrs Carr, "Searchlight" and Burt. Mr. Thos. Carr, says, I have taken in hand, to clear away the misconceptions, that exist in minds of workers, in North-West Durham, anent the I.L.P. "to this statement allow me to say I have not taken in hand to clear away all such, for many and various reasons—and on what he says about "Norwich Trades Union Congress resolution," and what ought in his opinion to be our name, &c.—I wish to say, that we do not, and never have as far as I know, objected to be labelled "a" or "the" "Socialist Party,"—outsiders may name us what they like, our own adopted name is, "The Independent Labour Party," and I see no sign of it being changed to suit the whims, or wishes, of outsiders, and as to informing Mr. T. C. how the Trades Congress resolution is to be brought about, I would refer him to the delegates who carried it, and also to read Edward Bellamy's Book, entitled, "Looking Backward," and I may say I can see very little difference, between my opinion and that of Mr. T. C. on the matter of Christ and Socialism, I say I sincerely believe, Jesus Christ was a Socialist.—T. C. says, "He believes Jesus Christ was the greatest social reformer, the world has ever known,"—and anent his remarks, as to how Jesus Christ found society in Greece and Rome. I hold a different opinion. But decline to drift into a paper-war on Theology and Pagan history. As to the wisdom of us contesting seats, we exercise our own inherent judgment, and so far are quite satisfied with past results, and future prospects, and all we ask of Mr. T. C. is as Paul says, "Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good,"—To Searchlight all I have to say is, "That I am not a man, eager of picking bones, I prefer solid meat, and that I decline to discuss with people, who do not sign their true name to their letters.—Now I come to Mr. John Burt.—I am glad to learn, that to some extent, I have done as he expected, though not in a hurry, and he is right in saying I hold a high opinion of myself, I am the very best man in the world at least I think so. But Mr. J. B. says he expected. I would have manliness enough to state facts, &c. Well, let us see—Fact No. 1—I do not hold a brief for Mr. Hammil. No. 2—Mr. Hammil's speech was theory all the way through. No. 3—Hammil's arguments founded on logical basis. No. 4—Hammil's arguments, were, and are yet unassailable, and beyond the power of critic Christian Burt, or any other opponent to disprove. No. 5—Hammil did prove that Durham, Northumberland, South Wales, and Scotland (yes, Scotland remember) had tried, and failed by their Trades Unions, to obtain, and maintain benefits that operated through the entire area of their geographical limits, and fact No. 6, you, or any other person, connected with Durham or Northumberland Miners' Unions, are challenged to show us any boon procured, or secured, by local county unions, are these facts, or are they not? And if Mr. J. B. has nothing better than insinuations, and innuendoes of personal fitness to lay before us, he may as well try a more effective court, in which to make his mud-stick, the sum, and substance of the whole matter, as between I, and J. B. amounts to this, I am anxious to disseminate what small knowledge I possess, with a view to benefit my poor fellow-workers; to be, and to do good, is what I strive after, but I opine that my opponent, prefers others doing the work. I have since I came to West Stanley, arranged, a few public open-air meetings, and got good men and true to address them. But my opponent deems it his duty, to attend, and throw cold water on such efforts, he has been four times challenged to enter into public debate, on any subject he chooses, but dare not, and the I.L.P. signified by himself as being a party of one, must indeed have some potency, as he Mr. J. B. has been trying to establish a "West Stanley, and District, Liberal, and Radical defence association," I hope he will succeed as nothing pleases us I.L.P.'ers, better than to make a stir. Allow me to say that unless principles are promulgated, I shall not reply to any more personal attacks.—Yours sincerely, GEO. JAQUES, Miner.

West Stanley.

VACCINATION AND ITS RISKS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir.—The danger of imparting infection of certain loathsome and incurable diseases syphilis and leprosy being the two worst, by means of vaccine pus, is an acknowledged fact by the world's closest observers, such as Professor Ricord, Sir Thomas Watson, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, Dr. Cory, Dr. Brudenell Carter, Dr. Warlomont, and a host of others in England, America, the Colonies, and continental Europe; it is a fact, however, that is far far from being well-known, especially by the working classes. Dr. Robert Cory, who stands a living monument of having syphilised himself by vaccination, and whose experience as a public vaccinator is far and away greater than any other London operator, has said in regard to calf-lymph, now so much paraded, and of which we hear so much cant, humbug, and nonsense, that if as many complaints were made about human lymph as are made about it, there would be many thousands of complaints in this country in a year; but it was not calf-lymph that syphilised him; he vaccinated himself from the pustules of a syphilitic infant, using the matter in the manner adopted by the leading authorities in all vaccinations. By so doing, Mr Cory proved what he had previously thought to be impossible, and which he publicly declared to be impossible at the Calf-Lymph Conference of the British Medical Association some years ago. Would that others, if there are others who hold that syphilis cannot be transmitted through the medium of vaccine pus, and especially those who hold that there is no "reasonable ground" for withholding children from vaccination, had the courage of their opinions like this one. Yes, he firmly established what many medical men still deny—that there is a true loathsome danger incidental to all arm-to-arm vaccination. Referring to this appalling danger, in an address before the Paris Academy of Medicine, Dr. Ricord, the Nestor of French medicine, observed:—"At first I repulsed the idea that syphilis could be transmitted by vaccination. The recurrence of facts appearing more and more confirmatory, I accepted the possibility but still with reserve and even with repugnance; but to-day I hesitate no more to proclaim their reality. Sir Thomas Watson, another medical man who occupied a similar position in England, referring to the same subject, in an article contributed to the "Nineteenth Century" of June, 1878, says:—"I can readily sympathise with and even applaud a father who multiplied judicial penalties rather than expose his child to an infection so ghastly." Dr. Thomas Wilson, F.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Alton Union, Hants., in a letter to the editor of the "Lancet," says:—"It is useless to deny that vaccination with human lymph involves scrofulous, syphilitic, and erysipelatous inoculation." Mr Brudenell Carter states that "A large proportion of cases of apparently inherited syphilis are in reality vaccinal." Think of it. "But surely the lymph must have been bad, contained disease?" say you. Nothing more probable; but then, as there is no test whatever, neither by chemical nor microscopic examination, how are you to select the so-called bad from the so-called good, if there is any such thing or any other kind of lymph? Dr. Warlomont says, that a perfectly irreproachable looking vaccine vesicle may be highly syphilised. Has not the examiner of lymph for the Local Government Board, Dr. Farn, admitted before the Royal Commission on Vaccination that he does not know pure from impure lymph; that he cannot tell whether lymph is tainted with syphilis, leprosy, or any other disease; in fact, that he is as ignorant of its purity or impurity as the man in the moon. The law of vaccination robs you of your liberty—that is, your personal and parental rights; the inoculation very frequently transmits disease and sometimes kills your babe. Away, then, with vaccination and its multiplied abominations!—I am, yours faithfully, JOSEPH COLLINSON.

Front Street, Wolsingham, Co. Durham, September, 1894.

LAND LAW REFORM.

Sir.—In reply to "Incedo's" paragraph on the land question in your last week's issue, allow me to state that having posted a letter for the "Guardian" on Monday, Sept. 24th, in reply to an article of his which appeared in your issue of the 21st, which letter I suppose from pressure of news, was not inserted in last week's "Guardian," I shall, after the appearance of the said letter, be glad to answer to the best of my ability the question he propounds last week. I may state that the former part of his paragraph is altogether unintelligible to me, as it is altogether unintelligible to all my friends who have read it. Yours, &c.

JOHN ROBINSON.

Sunniside, Tow Law, Oct. 1st, 1894

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—In his last effusion, "Incedo" has given me so little to reply to, that is germain to the subject in hand, that the caption to this letter may very well seem a misnomer, but, as we are informed that the mountain has gone into labour, it may perhaps as well stand until we have the opportunity of witnessing what the mountain brings forth. Your correspondent affects to believe he has done me no injustice by the mutilated quotation he gave from my letter. He tries ineffectually, as he shall find, to squirm out of the situation by stating that the text of the omitted words had no reference to him. Was there ever, in the annals of newspaper controversy, a more lame excuse? If he thought any language of mine presented him in a false light, it will be quite obvious to any less subtle person that his duty was clearly to have pointed that out to your readers, and that it in no way warranted him in dishonestly tampering with my sentence in the manner he did, for the purpose of discrediting me in the eyes of your readers. I was under the impression, at the time I wrote, that "Incedo," judging from what he had already written, was a defender of the present system of land monopoly which obtains in this country. That being so, it was his duty, if he quoted me at all, to quote me faithfully. But no, that would not have suited his purpose. Before that could be attained, he must first make me say that which I never did say and never intend to say. Let me here tell him such tactics are contemptible and ought to be beneath the practice of one who is connected with the "leading dailies of the North and the Metropolis." He has been taken red-handed and has not the courage to do the amende honorable. I am but an ordinary workingman, without education and without culture, but I do hope I am above that kind of thing. I may hit hard at times, but I try to hit fair. I have ever been ready to allow that "Incedo" is a superior person, what I shall not allow is that he shall parade his superiority before me in an offensive manner. I repeat the charge that he made a wilful and deliberate attempt to mislead your readers, and I am content to leave the matter to their judgment.

"Incedo" informs us he is not a defender of private monopoly. Will he kindly inform us then what he has been defending all these weeks? I am free to confess that I have had considerable difficulty in deciding upon what principle he acts. He complains of the depression in agriculture, and rails at foreign competition, but, so far as this correspondence is concerned, he has not ventured to put forth any remedy he may have in his mind. He started out by stating that there was no fear of he and I disputing on the question of land law reform, and in succeeding articles cast nothing but ridicule and sneers on the proposals I made and the probable results that would accrue from the enactment of such proposals. He stated that farming in this country could not be made to pay (presumable on any conditions) without a life of incessant hardship. Immediately he wheels round and proves what I have all along been declaring, viz., that he knew two farmers who held "moor and uphill land" on reasonable terms and managed to make a "fortune in nineteen years" and left a "harvest for the landlord to reap." When faced with the difficulty he had got himself into he evades it as long as possible, but when compelled to deal with it, he tries to get out of it by stating that foreign competition had no existence in that day,—quarter of a century ago. When his authority for such a preposterous statement is demanded he tries again and this time states that it only existed in name. Still no proofs are forthcoming, and I still invite him to produce them. It is too severe a sult upon our credulity to expect us to take away statement on the bare and unsupported testimony of "Incedo." Now, was there ever such a tergiversating in matters of principle?

My "better informed neighbours," know nothing of flour at 5/- per stone a quarter of a century ago, and I question very much whether "Incedo's" do either. I am inclined to think that if he bought flour at that time and at that price his grocer has imposed upon him. I have given facts and figures and quoted authorities to show that farmers were continually becoming bankrupt at a period when the foreigner was effectually barred out from our markets. What was the cause of the distress then? It couldn't be foreign competition. This is one of the difficulties "Incedo" up to now has successfully evaded. Will he deal with it in his next? The trouble is that while other nations have been progressing we have been standing still. Our farmers have no incentive to keep abreast with the foreigner, because all his improvements have been confiscated by the landlord. One wonders how anyone of intelligence could so effectually miss the point as "Incedo" seems to have done. But, granting for the moment that foreign competition and that alone, is the cause of all the distress in the farming industry, what does "Incedo" propose as an antidote? Is it some scheme of protection whereby the foreigner may be prevented from landing his produce within the bounds of this country? If so, how does he propose to carry it out? Does he think for one moment that the masses of the people will ever again submit to for the aggrandisement of an idle landlord class by such a foolish policy after the bitter experience of past protectionist times? If, then, we cannot stop the influx of foreign products are we to sit down and do nothing but croak? It will be interesting to have "Incedo's" views on those points.

Your correspondent takes exception to my quotation from Goldsmith and declares it to be inappropriate. Well, there is no accounting for tastes. I thought it was singularly appropriate, and I still think so, "Incedo's" opinion to the contrary notwithstanding. "Incedo" innocently comes to the conclusion that because land is falling in value that wealth is not accumulating. What he ought to have said was that wealth is not accumulating so rapidly as it did, in the hands of the few, in protectionist times. That it is accumulating there can, I think, be no manner of doubt. If not, then the money drained away from the land to the coffers of those who make no adequate return for it must be squandered in disgusting extravagance, and, without doubt, a large portion of it is so squandered. The Earl of Shaftesbury, (I am quoting from "Our Old Nobility" by Noblesse Oblige, (Howard Evans) has a rentroll of £14,617. Lord Bolton, £27,565. The Bridgemans, £31,934. The Greys of Howick, £23,724. The Loftus family, £47,560. The Wards, £123,178. The Villiers, £55,773. The Heathcotes, £120,805. The Stanleys, £170,266. The Talbots, £38,335. The Somersets, £36,209. The Wyndhams, £83,484. The Herberts, £62,925. The Howards, £48,602. The Vanes, £91,734. The Greys (Stamford and Warrington branch), £58,395. The Bruces, £57,716. The Hamiltons, £140,525. The Campbells, £44,644. The foregoing are just a sample of the poverty and lack of wealth accumulations of our poor landlords. Does "Incedo" deny that our peasantry are almost destroyed? In 1790 "there were (more pamphlets) a hundred and sixty thousand yeomen peasant proprietors, constituting, with their families, one-seventh of the population of England, who have now disappeared." After this even "Incedo" must concede that Goldsmith is still available for valuable lessons on the land. "Incedo" may some day drop out of date, but our great poets are not of that ilk: they are not so readily disposed of in that way. Let him ask the Scottish crofters. That contemptible argument of "Incedo" about pamphlets and blue books is not worth a moment's thought, and I am simply astounded to find a person of "Incedo's" abilities stooping to it. I tell him again it is a subject he is of necessity wholly ignorant upon. But anyway, I would much rather prefer any of the authorities I have quoted in the humble pamphlet from then "Incedo" (and we have had nothing but "Incedo") labelled "Standard" and bound in the most costly vellum. "Incedo" must pardon me, my opinion on the matter has been counted. I am advised to follow Longfellow's advice and "Act in the living present." Well, I hardly see how I can act in the past, and I fancy I am too impatient to wait for into the future. I am quite ready to act, and have stated on what lines. What is "Incedo" anxious to do? Let him inform us, and I give him my word that if his solution of this abstruse problem be more practical and moral than my own he shall have my adherence.

"Incedo" affects to despise the lessons that the records of the past teach us. There can in my judgment, be no greater folly. For the man or woman who refuses to learn from the successes and failures of our forefathers, I have, I confess no great admiration. And such a man or woman cannot in any sense claim to be a fitting counsellor and guide among the shoals and quicksands of their own time. Yours, &c., JOHN ROBINSON.

Sunniside, Tow Law, Sept. 24th.

SPEN FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.

On Saturday, the annual flower show and sports under the auspices of the Spen Floral and Horticultural Society were held in a field at the High Spen, kindly granted by Mr John Anderson. The fine weather brought large numbers of visitors from all parts. The committee had provided a very interesting programme of sports for the afternoon. The duties of handicapper rested with Mr John Charlton, Victoria Garesfield; whilst William Robson, Spen, acted as pistol-firer, and Mr Robert Oliver, Rowland's Gill, as referee. Messrs John Weatherley, secretary, and P. Browell, treasurer. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band rendered a programme of music during the afternoon, and at the ball, which was crowded to the door. Results of the sports:—

120 Yards Handicap for £6 10s.—Heat 1—W Marsden, Ovingham, 25, 1; H Brown, Spen, 26, 2; W Watson, Gateshead, 24, 3; James Farrage, Spen, 27, 4; J Newton, Wylam, 25, 0. Won by one yard. Heat 2—W Jones, Winlaton, 24, w.o. Heat 3—J Anderson, Whickham, 25, 1; R Gladstone, Dunston, 24, 2; P Thirlwell, Gateshead, 23, 3; J Cox, Spen, 26, 4. Won by two yards. Heat 4—E Rodger, Winlaton, 20, 1; W Smith, Spen, 26, 2; F Fletcher, Teams, 24, 3; W Mack, Gateshead, 24, 4. Won by two yards. Heat 5—J Dawson, Ovingham, 24½, w.o. Heat 6—James Gibson, Low Spen, 25, 1; F Shotton, Gateshead, 23½, 2; P Ryan, Consett, 23, 3; W Hewitson, East Holywell, 25, 4. Won by a yard. Heat 7—Void. Heat 8—F Swinburne, Blackhill, 22½, 1; A Alma, Winlaton, 25, 2; H Dawson, Blaydon, 18, 3; W Wakenshaw, Teams, 20, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 9—E Elliott, Gateshead, 25, 1; J Jackson, Spen, 25, 2; W McKenney, Westwood, 24½, 3; R Walker, Hebburn, 23, 4. Won easily. Heat 10—Void. Heat 11—R Hunter, Heddon, 23½, 1; W Hutchinson, Newcastle, 22½, 2; R Pooley, Newcastle, 20, 3; G Reed, Monkwearmouth, 23, 0. Heat 12—D Fisher, Newcastle, 19, 1; C Hunter, Winlaton, 20, 2; T Collins, Street Gate, 24½, 0; W Dixon, Gateshead, 21, 0. Won by three yards. Heat 13—D Hope, Gateshead, late Spital, 24, 1; F Johnstone, Winlaton, 16½, 2; R Noble, Dunston, 24, 3; G Reed, Teams, 24, 0. Won by a yard and a half. Heat 14—S Ward, Allendale Cottages, 22, 1; R Carr, Newcastle, 20, 2; G Graham, Ryton, 24½, 3; J Lennox, Gateshead, 24, 0. Won easily. Heat 15—Void. First ties—Heat 1—Marsden 1, Jones 2, Anderson 3, Rodgers 4. Won by a yard. Heat 2—Dawson w.o. Heat 3—Ward 1, Elliot 2, Swinburne 3. Won by a yard and a half. Heat 4—Hope 1, Fisher 2, Hunter 3. Won by two yards. Final—Dawson 1, Hope 2, Ward 3. Won by half a yard; third close up.

QUOITING (42 entries).—J G Best and G Howey, both of Spen, divided first and second money, and G Howey took third.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION FOR JUNIORS.—Mickley beat Spen Heroes by 1 to nil; Swalwell Juniors beat West Wylam Juniors by 1 to nil. Mickley and Swalwell play out next Saturday. Spen Albion I. v. Mickley Reserve, 2 goals each; St. Peter's Albion beat Spen Reserve by 3 to nil. W. Cox, Spen, was referee.

THE ESCAPE OF A MURDERER.—A man in Yorkshire was recently arrested for the murder of his employer, but after being in the hands of the police for nearly a week, awaiting his trial, he actually succeeded in making his escape. He has not yet been recaptured. How he succeeded in getting away no one can imagine. The police consider the escape to be almost miraculous. But still more wonderful is the escape from death of a man whose health was ruined, and who found himself almost within the very grip of death. This man in his hour of desperation turned to Holloway's Pills, and he was saved. To-day he is sound and healthy, in the full enjoyment of vigorous life.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM AT WATERHOUSES.

CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH AND ALTAR.

On Tuesday week the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, and the new altar therein, at Waterhouses, were consecrated by Bishop Wilkinson. The ceremony was one of complex and interesting character, and quite uncommon, the last occasion on which it took place being twenty years ago; and this was the second instance in the whole diocese. A large number of priests gathered together from various quarters were in attendance. The weather was beautifully fine, and the white flag on the church fluttering in the breeze could be seen from the hills for miles around. It appears that in the Roman Catholic Church no church is consecrated until the edifice is paid for, and also a residence and school-room are up and likewise free from debt. The Rev. P. C. Fortin, the resident priest, a man of great energy, has succeeded in fulfilling this condition, and has the honour of securing the second consecration in the diocese. For centuries there has been a Catholic Mission at Waterhouses on the banks of the little Wear tributary known as the Browney. The church consecrated on Tuesday is some score years old, and is a very fine building. The last effort on behalf of the funds was made some time ago, when a bazaar, opened by the member for Durham (Mr Matthew Fowler) resulted in such a fund that the Rev. Father Fortin was enabled to fix upon the door of the sacred edifice the receipt for the last obligation, and showing that everything had been paid for.

The ceremony of consecration was extremely lengthy, lasting as it did over three-and-a-half hours. The clergy who took part in the interesting function were:—Masters of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Laing and A. Chadwick; Cantors, R. Vaughan, J. Walmsley, E. Murphy, and J. Foxhall; acolytes, Revs. A. Bonney and C. Hughes; thurifer, G. Jaffreys; attendants on the bishop, G. Tehrenbach, Joseph Thorman, J. Morris, and Chas. Morris; diaconus custos, Rev. Geo. Broadhead. The mass in celebration of the consecration was sung by the Rev. G. Coulson, D.D., the attendant deacons being the Revs. W. H. Brown and R. Preston, D.D. The other clergy present were:—The Rev. P. C. Fortin, resident priest at New House; Fathers Taylor (Whittingham), Brown and Thornton (Durham), Wood (Tow Law), Collins (Newcastle), Thompson (Stanley), Smith (Croxdale), J. Sheehan, West Cornforth), Kuyte (Bell's Close), Horgan (Gateshead), Simmons (Prudhoe), and Taylorson (Tyne Dock). Ald. Fowler, M.P., was also present. The congregation was only small, but services of a more public kind are to follow on Sunday.

A temporary wooden porch, covered with coloured cloths had been erected over the main door, and carpets laid down, with table and a supply of holy water and sprinkler. During the first portion of the ceremony the congregation was excluded watching the proceedings from the outside. The Bishop made his entry into the sacred edifice from the sacristy, and was received by the Rev. Father Fortin and the attendant clergy, and he was conducted to the fald stool, which was placed in the centre of the building facing the altar. He ordered the dozen candles, resting in brackets in the walls of the church, to be lighted. This was done and prayers offered, and the building was cleared of the public, the latter at the time consisting of the group of newspaper men, and the doors were locked. Psalms and prayers were repeated together with the formula for the consecration of the church, the priests assembled joining in. The Bishop afterwards assumed his mitre and robes, and was conducted to the main body of the church, from where, having raised a further prayer, he was conducted outside the sacred edifice. Here the assembled priests who had previously left, joined and conducted his Lordship, along with the attendant acolytes and deacons, to the main door of the church. Assembled beneath the temporary porch a photograph was taken of the company by the ubiquitous camera man. The holy water was blessed by his Lordship, and he, by the aid of the brush marked the door posts. More prayers were offered, and the Bishop continued to sprinkle the holy water. He next struck the door three times with his pastoral staff. The Diaconus Custos (the Rev. J. Broadhead, of Ushaw College), at this time was alone within the building, and in a loud voice inquired: "Who is this! King of Glory?" and the Bishop replied, "The Lord, strong and powerful." The Bishop then proceeded round the church, sprinkling the lower walls with water, retiring to the main door again. The questioning was then repeated, and a second circuit of the edifice was made, and eventually again in the opposite direction sprinkling the highest parts of the walls with holy water. At the third knocking the doors were opened and his Lordship, followed by the priests, entered and took his seat on the fald stool again. The "Veni Creator" was next sung, and the Bishop sprinkled the floor, along two chalk lines, with ashes. These lines were drawn diagonally from the four corners of the edifice and crossed in the centre. His Lordship afterwards traced with his crook amidst the ashes the Greek and Latin alphabets, first on one side and then on the other. There followed a great many prayers, and then his Lordship mixed a mass of ashes made from palms, with oil and wine, laid them down in the form of a cross. He then journeyed round the walls of the church, sprinkling with holy water, similar to the outside. Subsequently the sacred relics of the two saints and martyrs St. Clement and Pontinaus, which had been brought from the Catacombs of Rome, were carried into the church, and the general public were admitted. Then followed the consecration of the altar—a beautiful piece of work—and a description of which has already been printed in the "Guardian." This was a long and elaborate ceremonial, his lordship proceeding round the altar seven times, attended by robe bearers, and other attendants who occasionally removed and then replaced his mitre. The function was concluded by mass celebrated by the Rev. G. Coulston, D.D., of Ushaw.

His Lordship was afterwards entertained to luncheon in the adjoining schools.

The solemn celebration of the consecration of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, took place on Sunday. Pontifical high mass was sung by the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, assisted by several of the professors of Ushaw College, among whom were Rev. G. Coulson, D.D., assistant priest; Rev. W. Brown, deacon; Rev. R. Preston, D.D., sub-deacon; Rev. D. Corbishley, V.P., and Dr. Hinsley, deacons' assistant at the throne; master of ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Laing; assistant-master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Chadwick; bishop's train-bearer, P.C. McCallum, son of Mr. John McCallum, who performed the self-same office twenty-three years ago, when the church was first opened by Bishop Chadwick in October, 1871. The music of the mass, Farmer in B flat, was admirably rendered by the choir, assisted by Madame Tomsett, soprano; Miss J. Lowes, contralto; Mr. T. Thompson, tenor; and Mr. Corder, bass—all of Newcastle. In addition to the mass were also sung Magatazzari's "Ode to the Pope," "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus," "Pie Jesu," "Hæk Dieus," and "The Heavens are Telling." Mr. Joyce presided at the organ. The sermon was preached by Rev. F. Silvertop, O.S.B., Fort Augustus, Oban. In the evening there was Complin and solemn benediction, at which Cherubini's "Ave Maria" was sung by Madame Tomsett, and "God is a Spirit" by the quartette. An eloquent sermon on the "Consecration of Church and Altar, and its significance," was given by Father Fortin. At each service the church was crowded.

Beamish Rifle Club.—The final competition of the season took place on Stanley Burn Range, on Saturday the light being very changeable. Notwithstanding this, some very good shooting was made. A gold medal was won by Corporal J. Grundy for six highest scores of the season which was given by the club scores as follows:—Corporal J. Grundy—91 90 90 88 88 88—535; Private M. Pattinson—86 83 83 83 82 80—497; Sergt. J. Johnson—87 85 82 80 79 79—492; Private W. Kay—88 85 82 82 78 77—492.

Club Winners.

Priv. H. Wilby—30 23 29 16 start, 98; Sergt. J. Johnson—31 27 29 8 start 95; Private J. Eland—29 25 29 12 start 95; Corporal W. Kay—31 31 26 4 start 92; Corporal J. Grundy—28 29 33—90; Private F. Stephenson—30 29 26—35.

Beamish Brass Band.—We are glad to learn that this band is, nothwithstanding many false statements, going on very well, under the old leader, Mr John Rodham.

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ADJOURNED BREWSTER SESSIONS.

LANCHESTER AND CONSETT.

The adjourned licensing meeting for the above division was held on Thursday se'nnight at the Police Court, Lanchester, before Councillor James Annandale (presiding), J. W. Walton-Wilson, Frank Freeman, J. L. Potts, E. W. E. Bailey, and S. G. Barclay, Esqs.

THE "BLACK LIST."

THE BENCH DECLINE TO RENEW A LICENSE.

In dealing with the cases on the "black list," Supt. Benzies objected to the renewal of the license to Rose Ann McVay, the tenant of a beerhouse in Durham Road, Blackhill, on the ground that there was connection between the licensed premises and a common lodging-house next door; therefore the police had practically no control over the premises. Further the occupier had not conducted the public-house to the satisfaction of the police, a rough lot of people congregating therein. The company, however, had now gone out of the house, and he believed that Mr Murray was prepared to put in a fresh tenant.

Mr John George Murray, solicitor, Consett, on behalf of the lessee (Mr Richard Murray, Benfieldside House) explained that the premises were leased in 1873, and in 1893 the premises were re-leased for a further 20 years. Originally, both the lodging-house and the present premises were licensed as a public-house. It was found, in the course of years, that the licensed premises were too large, and one portion of the place was converted into a common lodging-house. It only came to the knowledge of the lessee about two months ago, when Mrs McVay was before that court for selling drink during prohibited hours on a Sunday morning, that the tenant was not conducting the house or that the police objected to the common lodging-house existing next door. The lessee had again added the lodging-house to the licensed premises and the present tenant had left.

Mr Potts said it would be fully nine months ago, since that case was before the court.

Supt. Benzies stated that there was no necessity for this house, as there was a full licensed house adjoining.

Mr Murray argued that a large and increasing population had sprung up in that locality. It was their intention to apply at Consett on Monday for the transfer of the license to a new tenant, who was a highly respectable person.

The CHAIRMAN questioned the legality of adding the lodging-house to the licensed premises without the sanction of the licensing justices.

Mr Murray replied that the house had just been converted into its original state.

Sergeant Tones, in answer to the court, said there were six public-houses—three beerhouses and three full licensed places—on that side of the street between the Wesleyan Chapel and Highgate.

Mr Murray pointed out that a large quantity of new property had been built behind Durham Road and besides there were no licensed houses on the opposite side of the road.

AN "OFF" LICENSE OPPOSED.

Supt. Benzies also objected to the renewal of the off license to George Johnson, of Catchgate, who had been convicted of selling drink for consumption on the premises.

Mr Thomas Lambert (Gateshead) appeared on behalf of the lessees, and asked Supt. Benzies if he wanted a new tenant put in?

Supt. Benzies replied that that would hardly be sufficient. He objected to "off" licenses altogether.

Mr Lambert: Why?

Supt. Benzies: Because these off licensed places cause far more trouble to the police than a full licensed house. In fact, these "off" licenses are a perfect nuisance. This drinking on "off" licensed premises has been going on for a long while, and it was time there was a stop put to it. The police have great difficulty in catching offenders on such premises.

Mr Lambert: But an off-licensed house is just as accessible to the police as a full-licensed one.

Supt. Benzies: I don't think they are. They seem to be more in the nature of a private house, and the police cannot be always going through these places and seeing who is inside.

Mr Lambert: Then it is the fault of the police in not doing their duty if these places are not properly supervised.

The Superintendent stated that there were about 145 dwelling-houses at Catchgate, and there were two full licensed inns. He considered this off-licensed place to be totally unnecessary.

Mr Lambert: Then your objection is not so much against the tenant as against the system of granting off-licenses?

Supt. Benzies: Yes.

Mr Lambert: But you know that at the Brewster Sessions a month ago, the justices granted an off license at South Moor?

Supt. Benzies: Yes, and I am very sorry they did so. (Laughter.) From my long experience, I believe these off-licensed premises are a great evil to this country. You never know what is going on inside. I consider that a man who is got to be entrusted with an off license, is quite capable of conducting a full licensed house.

Mr Lambert: I don't want you to place yourself in a false position, but if we apply at the Brewster Sessions for a full license to this place, will you come forward and support the request? (Loud laughter.)

Supt. Benzies: You want to pin me down too tight. (More laughter.)

Mr Lambert said they would put a fresh tenant into the place, viz, John Brown, who bore an irreproachable character.

The magistrates retired for a private consultation. Upon their reappearance, the chairman said the justices regretted that they felt it to be their duty to decline the renewal of the license asked for by Rose Ann McVay. Regarding the other names on the "black list," the Bench had seriously considered the advisability of withholding the whole of these licenses, but had decided on this occasion to give the defaulters another chance, in the hope that the fines already inflicted would prove a warning to them. So long as the duty devolved upon the Bench of granting and renewing these licenses, they would visit all infringements of the Licensing Act with the utmost rigour of the law, and they trusted that all license holders, lessees, brewers, &c., would see to it that their houses were properly conducted in the future.

FRESH APPLICATIONS.

Mr Bates, solicitor, Newcastle, applied on behalf of John Chaytor, provision merchant, for a full six days' license, and also beer (off) for premises he contemplated building in Front Street, West Stanley.

Mr Robinson said that this application as well as the one to be made by Joe Watson were precisely the same as those made to the justices a month ago, and he pointed out to their worships that they had power, under a decision of the High Court, to dismiss these application without a rehearing. The applicants were the same, and the material and evidence would be precisely the same. There are no facts.

Mr Welford: How does Mr Robinson know that the evidence is going to be the same?

The Chairman said they must hear the applications first before they could determine whether the evidence was the same or not.

Mr Robinson urged upon the court to dismiss these two applications. The parties who instructed him considered it to be an insult to the intelligence of the Bench to make exactly the same applications which were so fully and carefully investigated at the general annual licensing meeting, and were both absolutely refused.

The magistrates decided to again go into the applications.

Mr Bates thereupon exhibited plans of Mr Chaytor's proposed Hotel, the same having been modified since the general licensing sessions. The bedroom accommodation having been slightly diminished.

Mr Walton-Wilson: If this is going to be a first-class hotel, is it necessary to have a drinking bar?

Mr Bates: Yes; a first-class hotel in West Stanley will hardly be like a first-class hotel in Newcastle.

Mr John Woodley, West Stanley, and Rev R. Thompson, U.M.F.C. minister, Burnopfield, both opposed the granting of the license for the specific reason the Hotel would interfere with Divine service at the United Methodist Free Church which was used four times per week.

Mr J. G. Murray made application for George Stokoe, of Iveston, for the removal of the license to the Mason's Arms, Iveston, to premises proposed to be built at East Stanley. The request was similar to that made at the Brewster Sessions. Mr Stokoe stating that he had taken the proposed Hotel from Mr R. Murray at a rental of £60 a year.

Mr Duncan, South Shields, appeared to object for the owners of West Stanley colliery and also Messrs Jas Joicey and Co, while Mr Robinson opposed for Mr Jonathan Green.

Mr Robinson understood that the cost of the Hotel would be £5,000 and Stokoe was to pay £60 a year rent. He dwelt upon the absurdity of Mr Murray being content to receive 1¼ per cent for his speculation in publichouse property.

Mr Murray: As a matter of fact Mr Stokoe will become the tenant of this house at £60 per annum.

Mr Robinson: I don't dispute it.

Mr Murray: You seemed to imply that you disbelieved it.

Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, supported the application made by Mr Joe Watson to remove a full license from premises at Shield Row, to the Old Brewery, a short distance away.

Mr Nathanial Clark, Beamish, agent for Mr Duncombe Eden, spoke in favour of the transference.

Rev W. Gelley, P. M. minister, attended to oppose, and stated that the new premises would be in close proximity at the P.M. chapel and minister's residence which had cost £2,063. They had 150 members, 350 hearers, and 120 Sabbath scholars with 30 teachers. This publichouse would only be 41 yards from the church and schools.

Mr Welford: How long have you been in West Stanley?

Mr Gelley: About two months.

Mr Welford: Do you know as a matter of fact that there was a publichouse within 40 yards of the minister's house when it was built?

Mr Gelley: I cannot say.

Mr Welford: Do you know that your predecessor refused to come here to oppose this license?

Mr Gelley: I don't know but I should say judging from what I know of him and his character that he would certainly be adverse to a publichouse being planted there.

Mr Robinson: You were not here when your predecessor lived at Stanley?

Mr Gelley: I was not.

Mr Welford pointed out that Rev Mr Chesters, the curate of the parish who opposed the license a month ago was not present to object that day.

Mr Robinson: Mr Chesters had to go to a meeting with the Bishop of Durham. I have a letter from him explaining his absence.

Mr Welford: You can't put that in as evidence.

Mr Robinson: I am not going to try. But it is unfair to say that Mr Chesters has withdrawn his opposition.

Mr Welford: Then the vicar of Beamish is not here.

Mr Pescott in the interests of the Beamish Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society opposed the license.

Mr Robinson said the sole object in removing the license was to catch the passengers going to and from the railway station.

The Bench after a brief private consultation refused the three foregoing applications.

Mr Welford for Thos Armstrong, applied for a full license to a beerhouse at Blackhall Mill, near Ebchester.

There was no opposition to it.

Applicant stated that there was only one full licensed house in the village—the Ship Inn, which was located in the Gateshead County Petty Sessional Division. There was a beer house in the Lanchester division also an off-licensed place. His premises was 300 yards from the Ship Inn.

Mr T. Walton, architect, Consett, presented the plans and said that when he was visiting Blackhall Mill on the preceding Saturday he experienced the utmost difficulty in obtaining refreshment at "the Ship" as a crowd having assembled to witness a ball match.

Mr Handcock, miner, Milkwell Burn, Mr Morgan, miner, Low Westwood, and Mr Charlton, of the Pear Tree Farm, likewise adduced testimony as to the insufficiency of the licensing provision in the neighbourhood where was a large growing population and the necessity of increased facilities being granted.

In response to the Bench Mr Armstrong said it was more than a mile from his place to Chopwell, where the Consett Iron Company had been conceded a provisional full license.

The next application was by Mr Thos D. Dryden, provision merchant, Consett, for a six days' off license for bottled beer; chiefly for his country customers. He delivered goods at Minstreacres, Blanchland, Ramshaw, Butsfield and other remote places, and it was very inconvenient in not being able to supply these people with bottled beer.

Johnson Elliott, of Burnhope, who has an off beer license, applied through Mr Murray for a beer (on and off.)

Rev J. Irwin, of Annfield Plain, on behalf of the local Wesleyan body, gave evidence in opposition.

Mr T. Lambert, on behalf of the Burnhope Colliery owners, opposed the request on the ground that there was sufficient accommodation in the village.

Mr Murray stated that a memorial signed by 106 householders out of 150 had been prepared in favour of the conversion of this house into a full licensed premises. The nearest publichouse—the Colliery Inn Burnhope—was 1,000 yards distant. There was another inn at Holmside, a mile and half away, and on Saturday and Sunday nights Mr Greener's publichouse was so crowded that people had to travel long journeys in order to obtain the necessary refreshments. Applicant had been over 30 years in this house.

Mr Lambert maintained that the publichouses at Burnhope, Holmside and Jaw Blades entirely met the requirements of the district. As soon as the workpeople complained to the colliery proprietors that the present accommodation was inadequate, the owners were prepared to provide a club house where their wants could be supplied.

Mr Kirkup the resident manager, gave evidence against the proposal, and in answer to Mr Murray stated that he had heard that a petition had been got up in favour of this request being acceded to but he had not seen the document.

P.C. Jamieson said that a good deal of drinking was carried on outside Elliott's house on the week-ends. It was not a well conducted house.

By Mr Murray: That observation applied generally to off licenses.

The next applicant was John Hall, Annfield Plain, grocer, for whom Mr Welford applied for a license to sell British wines.

Mary Alderson Hodgson, who has a beerhouse at Annfield Plain, applied for a full license to her premises.

Mr Welford appeared in support, and there was no opposition.

Mrs Hodgson remarked that there were three full licensed publichouses in Annfield Plain. Their place, however, was the nearest and most convenient to the Lizzie, Cornwall, The Loud, Greencroft, and immediate vicinity. Recently the premises had been improved. The house was "tied" to Messrs Tucker, brewers.

George Pattrick, chemist, Consett, asked for a wine (off) license. Mr Welford represented the applicant.

John George Ritson applied for a billiard license in respect of premises in Front Street, West Stanley.

Mr Haris, solicitor, Chester-le-Street, made application for a beer (off) Mrs Jane Stokoe having already a wine and spirits (off) license at East Stanley.

Mr Duncan opposed on behalf of Messrs Joicey and Co., colliery proprietors, who owned most of the houses in the district.

Mrs Stokoe, the applicant, explained that there were 172 houses at the Cross Lanes. She had spent about £1,000 in altering the premises to adapt them to the requirements of an (off) license.

Cross-examined by Mr Duncan: She had been negotiating for the sale of the premises to a brewer providing she was successful in getting the license.

Thomas Watson, a local resident, said that out of 90 houses he called at, the occupants of 17 only were adverse to this license being granted.

Mr Robinson objected on behalf of Mr J. Ward and others.

The last application was from Mr James Walton provision dealer, of Lanchester, for beer and wine (off.)

The Chairman stated that in the case of Rose Ann McVay, the magistrates were bound to give their reason why they had declined to renew the license. These reasons were comprised in 1 and 2 sec 8 of the Act—viz., (1) that the applicant had failed to give satisfactory evidence of good character and (2) that the house was shown to be of a disorderly character.

The Justices granted the licenses asked for by Messrs Dryden (beer off), Patrick (wine off), and Hall (sweet wines off.)

The billiard license was also given to Mr Ritson, Bench considering this a very good idea for keeping young men from frequenting publichouses. The remaining applications were not entertained.

ACCIDENT AT WOLSINGHAM STEELWORKS.

On Monday morning, a locomotive fireman named John A. Hopper, employed at the Stanners Close Steelworks, Wolsingham, was knocked down by a truck, which instantly passed over his legs, bruising them in a shocking manner, necessitating his early removal home, where the attendance of Drs Devey, Smith, and Livingstone was at once summoned, the latter being in the town at the time. At the time of writing it was undecided as to whether amputation would be necessary or not. The young man was a most active fireman, and great sympathy is felt for him, as he is the only support of his widowed mother, to whom the shock has been intense.

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Football.

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ASSOCIATION.

Cornsay Rising Rovers beat Esh St. Michael's by two goals to nil.

Witton Gilbert Excelsior beat Satriston Rising Stars by four goals to two.

Blackhill Juveniles beat Blackhill United, on the former's ground, by six goals to one.

Hedley Hill Harriers and Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers Reserve played a draw of four goals each, E Heslop showing good form for the Harriers.

Medomsley White Stars v Ebchester (Prudhoe).—Played at Medomsley, and resulted in a win for the Stars by five goals to two.

High Row United v Hobson Reserve.—Played at Marley Hill, and resulted in a win for the Hobson by four goals to one.

Craghead Rangers v South Moor Rovers.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a win for the Rangers by four goals to three.

Burnhope Rovers 2nd v Craghead Rangers 2nd.—Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a win for Burnhope by three goals to two.

Annfield Plain Wanderers v Burnt Bank Exiles.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the Wanderers by four goals to one.

Iveston Villa Reserve v East Castle Wanderers.—Played at Iveston, and ended in a win for the Wanderers by three goals to nil.

Lintzford v Whickham.—Played at Whickham, when the visitors, who were minus several of their regular players, won easily by 10 goals to one. Goals were scored by Jas Andrews (5), Ferry (2), Laing (2), and Richardson.

South Moor Young Rovers v Annfield Plain Violets.—Played on the former's ground. The home team kicked off against the wind, and forcing the play soon scored from a scrimmage. The Rovers kept up the pressure, and at half-time were leading by four goals to none. The home team beat the Violets at all points in the second half, and finally won easily by 12 goals to nil.

Ebchester Park v Broomhill.—Played at Ebchester. The visitors won the toss, and the Park kicked off up the hill, but soon surrounded the Broomhill goal, Charlton scoring from a pass by Parker. Soon after the performance was repeated. The visitors now attacked, but Wardle (the home custodian) cleared. From this point the Park did all the pressing, Parker being credited with 10 goals, Charlton seven, and Ramsay two. Result—

Ebchester ....Nineteen goals
Broomhill ....Nil

Consett Tulips v Eighth Street United.—Played on the former's ground. There was nothing very striking in the first half except a good run by the visitors' left wing, which ended in a goal, Lewis doing the necessary. In the second half the Tulips several times had hard lines, but at last with a combined rush they equalised. In about ten minutes McArdle sent in a terrific shot which passed between the posts, and the result was—

Tulips ....Two goals
United ....One goal

Oakey's Lilywhites v Gateshead Town.—Played at Stanley before a good attendance. After about 15 minutes' play Whitfield scored for the home team, who continued to have the best of matters, Masterman adding a second point and Bolam a third, the interval arriving with the Lilywhites leading by three goals to nil. The second half also favoured the home team, the visitors being quite unable to break through the strong defence. Masterman added No. 4, and a fifth followed, the game ending as under—

Lilywhites ....Five goals
Gateshead ....Nil

Lintz Nomads v Hollingside 2nd.—Played at the Lintz. The home team kicked off with the breeze at their backs, and soon forced play into the visitors' goal, Adamson scoring for the Nomads from a grand pass by Pyle. Lamb and Pyle quickly followed with a couple more goals, while Middleton added a fourth just before half-time, when the Nomads were leading by four goals to nil. The visitors re-started with a rush, but were repelled by the grand play of the home defence. Pyle was in splendid form on the right, and registered three more points, the final score standing as under—

Lintz ....Seven goals
Hollingside ....Nil

Leadgate West End v Kip Hill Wanderers.—Played on the former's ground. West End won the toss, the visitors kicking off with the breeze in their favour. The home team were the first to become dangerous, J Browell opening the scoring with a good shot, the same player adding two more before the interval, when the score stood—

West End ....Three goals
Wanderers ....Nil

The visitors re-started, and took the leather into the home goal, but Goodey cleared well. The Leadgate forwards receiving, made a fine run, finishing up with another goal to their credit. The Wanderers were now nearly played to a standstill, West End having matters all their own way, and three more goals were notched before the whistle sounded for time, leaving the result as under—

West End ....Seven goals
Wanderers ....Nil

West End team—Goal, Goodey; backs, Browell and Atkinson; half-backs, Allister, Dawson, and Turner; forwards, Browell, Robson, Hardy, Temple, and Dixon.

Lizzie Celtic v Eslington.—Played at the Lizzie before a good company. The home team won the toss, and the visitors started against the wind. The Celtic quickly attacked and gained a useless corner, after which Eslington ran down, but the defence was good. Bell and Robson received from Graham, and forced a corner, from which Robson scored the first point for the Lizzie. The visitors gave the Celtic backs some work, but could not score, and the home team taking the leather to the other end, rushed both goalkeeper and ball through. Half-time score—

Celtic ....Two goals
Eslington ....Nil

Robson resumed for the home team, and the visitors quickly had a shot at goal, but missed. The Lizzie gained "hands" close in, the backs clearing the free kick, but not to be denied the Celts' forwards rushed down in a body, and T Robson scored a third point. Eslington now played up, notching their first and only goal. The home team pressed again, and gained four corners in as many minutes, but try as they would they could not again pierce the Eslington defence, a pleasant game ending—

Celtic ....Three goals
Eslington ....One goal

Shotley Bridge Rovers v St. Stephen's Athletic (Newcastle.)—These teams met at Shotley Spa. Mr Wilson (an ardent lover of the game) set the ball in motion. The Rovers at once pressed, and from a centre by Robinson Smith scored four minutes from the start, Watson adding a second a minute later. The game now became more even, and the "Saints" for the first time looked dangerous, but the halves relieved, and the Rovers gaining a free kick for "hands" in midfield, Joyce placed well, Smith scoring. The home team pressed, but handled, and the Newcastle outside right got well into the home territory, but shot over. The Rovers changed the venue, Barrass landing the fourth point, and then the "Saints" showed some pretty play, their outside right having an easy chance, but again he shot over. They, however, kept up the attack, and scored with a good shot close upon half-time, when the score was—

Rovers ....Four goals
Athletic ....One goal

On resuming, the game was fast, each team pressing in turn, but the Rovers were the first to score. This seemed to rouse the visitors, and they got into the home quarters, where they kept up a vigorous attack, and scored a second point. The "Saints" once more pressed, and forced a corner, which the Shotley backs cleared nicely, and then play was taken to the other end, the Rovers securing a corner, which was beautifully placed by Watson, and put through by Smith. Even play followed, and then the visitors, by some good passing, put another point to their credit. The Rovers held the upper hand from now till the call of time, and added three more goals by the aid of Robinson, Barrass, and Smith. Result—

Rovers ....Nine goals
Athletic ....Three goals

Consett Town Swifts v Esh True Blues.—Played on the Fell ground before a good attendance. The visitors won the toss, and decided to defend the entrance goal. From the kick-off the Swifts ran to the other end, but the ball was returned, and the Esh forwards shot past. The visitors' forwards, who were playing a splendid combined game, tested the Swifts' defence severely. They pressed hard for about ten minutes, but failed to score. The home team had now warmed to their work, and Daly getting possession made a good run down and shot past. The Esh forwards took the ball up, and Finnigan was called upon to save two or three shots, which he did in splendid fashion. The game now became very fast, and Winter shot a trifle too high. The visitors took up, and Bottoms put over the bar. The Consett forwards now began to press, and gained a fruitless corner. After having hard lines with a stinging shot which hit the cross bar, Rafferty scored a beauty, B McKie adding a second with a good shot. The Swifts still attacked, and Bissell notched a third point. The visitors then got possession, and after some nice passing Bottoms scored for them. Half-time was called shortly after, the record standing—

Swifts ....Three goals
Esh ....One goal

On resuming, Esh took the ball down, but it was soon transferred to the visitors' territory, where shot after shot was sent in, but the Blues' custodian was always on the alert, and fisted out in grand style. The home team continued to press, and Daly scored. The visitors played for all they were worth, but try how they would they could not get near the home goal. Daly got possession and forced a corner, the same player placing nicely, and Young headed through. The Esh men attacked, but were dispossessed by Eustace, and play again settled down in the Blues' half. The Esh men now became very slack, but although the Swifts attacked persistently, they could not score again, the visitors' custodian showing fine form. The final result was—

Swifts ....Five goals
Esh ....One goal

CONSETT v. BRANDON ROVERS.

Played at Brandon before a good assemblage. The home team lost the toss, and had to play up the hill. The game had not been long in progress ere Graham headed the first goal for Consett. Brandon then had a spell of attacking, and but for Mitchell, who showed splendid defensive powers, would have scored several times. The game then opened out a little, and Mitchell scored with a magnificent shot from the centre line. This caused the Rovers to rally, and a miss by one of the visitors' backs enabled Crampton to score. Half-time result—

Consett ....Two goals
Brandon ....One goal

In the second half, down the hill, and with the wind behind them, the Rovers simply ran over their smaller opponents, and but for the defence of Mitchell and Carruthers, would have scored often. As it was, they scored three times, and won as under—

Brandon ....Four goals
Consett ....Two goals

LEADGATE EXILES v. BILL QUAY ALBION.

Played at Leadgate. The home team won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. The first half was very fast and exciting, neither side claiming any advantage. Ten minutes from half-time, Scott, one of the Albion half-backs, had the misfortune to have his ankle twisted, and was obliged to retire. Half-time score—

Exiles ....Nil
Albion ....Nil

On resuming, the visitors, playing with the wind, were soon having a shy at Callaghan, but found him always on the alert. The home team now played up, and Daly with a good shot scored for them. At this juncture another misfortune happened to the Albion, as Dunnett, owing to a kick, was severely injured. After a lapse of ten minutes play was resumed, and notwithstanding the above mishaps Bill Quay played with astonishing vigour, and kept up a continuous pressure on the Leadgate goal, but as the defence of Callaghan and McGee was splendid, the Albion were obliged to retire beaten. The injuries to the above players were purely accidental, and were not in any way due to rough play. Result—

Exiles ....One goal
Albion ....Nil

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. GATESHEAD N.E.R.

Played on the latter's ground at Bensham before a moderate attendance. The visitors won the toss, and the home men started up the hill. The Dipton forwards quickly ran down, but nothing came of it, and Forsyth and Hulse made a run up the right, the ball going into touch. The Wanderers forced a corner, but this was easily cleared. The visitors continued to press, but could not break through the home defence. "Hands" against Turner relieved the pressure, but Dipton again got down, and J Bewley was compelled to save. NER now ran up, and Hulse put through, but was ruled off side. Dipton still pressed, Turner and Crooks putting in some good work. Gateshead ran up, but "hands" stopped them, and Bewley saved a good shot from Cant. The visitors obtained two corners, both of which looked likely to produce goals, but they were cleared with difficulty. The home forwards now made a combined run, and Brown scored with a long shot. By loose play Rowell and Turpin let in Dean, who beat Freek with a slow shot. Half-time score—

Gateshead ....Two goals
Dipton ....Nil

Upon resuming, the home men ran down, and Hulse centred well to Blackett, who put in a swift shot, and Freek effected a smart save. After some very exciting play in the Wanderers' goal-mouth, the globe was shot over the bar. Dipton got away, but Forsyth ran the ball back in good style, but was given off-side. The NER forwards now put in some very hard work, and eventually Brown scored amid loud cheers. The visitors now appeared thoroughly done up, and goals were scored against them very rapidly. Brown, Forsyth, Blackett, Dean, and Hulse added points to the home total, the game ending—

Gateshead ....Eight goals
Dipton ....Nil

The following team represented the Wanderers:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, T. Turpin and T. Rowell; half backs, R. Coates, W. Parker, and J. Milburn; forwards, Wm. Turner and Crooks, right wing; Wm. Smith, centre; T. Walker and J. Cant, left wing. Referee, Mr G. Young, Newcastle.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. AXWELL ROVERS RESERVE.

Played on the latter's ground. The home team won the toss, and the "Saints" kicked off with the sun in their faces. The visitors showed poor form for about 20 minutes, the forwards being slack, and the Rovers tried hard to score, but could not break through the defence. The visiting forwards seemed to improve as the game went on, and worked their way down, and after a few sharp exchanges P McDermott registered the first goal of the match. The "Saints" now began to show their true form, fairly running round the home defence, and from a pass from the left wing, P McDermott scored again, which was followed by P Cullen running down and banging through another. The Rovers now became dangerous, and scored just before half-time, when the record stood—

Marley Hill ....Three goals
Rovers ....One goal

The second half was more even, the visitors showing nothing like their true form, going in for too much long kicking. At last the "Saints" pulled themselves together, and after suffering hard lines many times secured three or four corners in quick succession, from one of which E Cullen hit the cross-bar, and D McDermott scored a fourth goal. A foul was given against the home team, to which the spectators objected, and rushed on to the field, stopping the game for about five minutes. The visitors pressed till the finish, an unpleasant game ending as under—

Marley Hill ....Four goals
Rovers ....One goal

BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE v. BYER MOOR.

Played at Byer Moor before a fair number of spectators. Keefe (the home captain) winning the toss, choose to play uphill, and Gibbons kicked off for the Temperance, whose forwards got away, but were repulsed. Then the home vanguard got possession, and by a combined run reached the other end, a corner being forced, which Hudspith placed grandly, and in trying to head away one of the visitors put the globe through his own goal within two minutes of the start. The Temperance now attacked strongly, but to no purpose, and midfield play followed. A free kick close in was awarded to Burnopfield, and from a scrimmage in front of goal the scores were equalised. Play now became faster than ever, but gradually Byer Moor got the upper hand, and after a pretty piece of head work in front of goal they scored the second point, half-time arriving with the score—

Byer Moor ....Two goals
Temperance ....One goal

Hodgson re-started, and the home team at once took up the running, swarming round the visitors' citadel, and the ball struck the bar three times within as many minutes, but try as they would they could not score. The Temperance then had a look in, but the Byer Moor defence proved too much for them, and play was once more at the visitors' end, but ill-luck dogged the home team, the ball seeming to go anywhere but into the desired haven. Five minutes before time Lamb was seized with cramp, but kept standing instead of lying down while being rubbed, and the Temperance left wing breaking away scored with a long soft shot, the home custodian standing watching Lamb all the time. Result—

Byer Moor ....Two goals
Temperance ....Two goals

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. HAMSTERLEY UNITED.

Played on the latter's ground. The visitors did all the pressing in the first half, and at the interval were leading by five goals to one. The home team shaped slightly better in the second half, but were never like scoring, and the Park adding three more goals, won a very one-sided game as under—

Park ....Eight goals
Hamsterley ....One goal

Park team—Goal, C Burnhope; backs, D Cartmell and H O Foreman; half-backs, R Forster, J T Willey, and T Calvert; forwards, H Makepeace and T Forster, right wing; G Milburn, centre; G Foster and J Haggerstone, left wing. Referee, Mr J Ross, jun.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK v. JARROW PRESBYTERIANS.

Played at Jarrow before a large gate. The visitors scored three times in the first half, and twice in the second, and having all the best of the play, won very easily as follows—

Park ....Five goals
Presbyterians ....One goal

The Park team was as follows:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, W. McCluskey and W. Foreman (capt.); half-backs, J. Wilson, R. Wilson, and T. Snowdon; forwards, J. R. Robson and R. Graham, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; W. Bell and S. Wilson, left wing.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. HEXHAM EXCELSIOR.

Played at the Hobson. Hexham won the toss, and the home team kicked off with the sun in their faces. The visitors took down and gained a corner, which was sent behind, and then the Wanderers ran up and had a shot, but Baty saved. The Excelsior obtained another corner, which was cleared, and after Evans had shot wide at the other end, the visitors troubled Brown, who saved well. Hexham continued to press, gaining a useless corner, and then the home forwards ran to the other end, Maddison hitting the bar with a hot shot. Lowe and Maddison both sent well in, but Baty saved in good style. However, the home team still pressed, all the forwards having a shot, but the leather eventually went over the bar. After the Excelsior had gained two fruitless corners, Maddison got possession and scored for the Hobson. W Henderson headed out splendidly in the goal-mouth, saving a certain goal, and then the home team rushed to the other end, Lowe adding a second point. Brown was called upon, and saved well, and Hexham were pressing when the whistle sounded for half-time, the score being—

Hobson ....Two goals
Hexham ....Nil

Shortly after resuming, each side was awarded a corner, but nothing came of them. The Wanderers attacked, Hindhaugh heading past, and then Hexham got a free kick for "hands" in a favourable position, but it was cleared. Even play followed till the Hobson again assumed the aggressive, and Baty had to put over the top to save, the corner proving fruitless. Two more corners followed for the Wanderers, and then the Excelsior had a look in, but the Hobson defence was too strong for them, and the home forwards again pressed, Lowe causing the goalkeeper to save twice in quick succession, after which the visitors had hard lines. Baty was again troubled by Lowe, and then Brown saved finely with three men on him. Evans made a good run, and holding the advantage till the finish the Wanderers were declared winners as under—

Hobson ....Two goals
Hexham ....Nil

The Hobson team was as follows:—Goal, J. Brown; backs, Liddle and W. Henderson; half-backs, Smith, E. Henderson, and McNeil; forwards, Hindhaugh and Bell, right wing; W. Evans, centre; Maddison (capt.) and Lowe, left wing.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Ouston Institute v Chester Moor.—Played at Chester Moor, and resulted in an easy win for Ouston by four goals to nil.

Brandon Albion v Usworth Swifts.—Played at Brandon, and resulted in a win for Usworth by three goals to two.

Wreckenton St. Thomas v Wardley Blue Star.—Played at Wreckenton, and resulted in an easy win for Wardley by eight goals to one.

RUGBY.

Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Langley Moor 2nd.—Played at Langley Moor, and resulted in a win for the Rovers by two goals, one try (13 points) to one try (three points.)

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. LANGLEY MOOR.

Played at Blackfine before a good number of spectators, the ball being presented and kicked off for the Rovers by Mr Wm Elrington, a vice-president of the club. Play settled in midfield, where tight packs were formed. Passing by the home backs put Langley on the defensive. The visitors cleared, and had a run to the home "25," Elliott returning to half-way. The Rovers' forwards getting possession, went away, but lost the ball when on the point of scoring, a minor only resulting. From the drop out the Rovers forced the play, the visitors being penalised in front of goal. The ball was placed for J Brown, who failed to score, a minor resulting. Langley now had a look in, and by some good passing nearly scored. The interval arrived with the play in midfield, the score then reading—

Rovers ....Nil
Langley Moor ....Nil

The visitors re-started, Brown returning to half-way. Anderson obtaining possession, ran well down and gave to Sayers, who put the Langley lines in danger. The latter cleared, but the home halves passing well out to their three-quarters, the latter strove hard to score, but were met by a sound defence. Anderson got away from a "scrum" and passed to Sayers, who transferred to Brown, the latter dropping a splendid goal. Langley played up after this, and quickly had the Rovers defending, Elliott making a mistake and nearly letting them in. The home team carried the scrummage, and Sayers kicked into touch at half-way. Final score—

Rovers ....One dropped goal (4 points)
Langley Moor ....Nil

Referee, Mr J Askew.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

A FARCE AT BLACKHALL MILL.

Not having, previous to Saturday last, witnessed a game in the recently organised Derwent Valley League, I on that day hied me to Blackhall Mill, where Hamsterley United and Leadgate Park Reserve were announced to appear. What I thought of the match may be judged from the above heading. The United are a pretty heavy team, who have not the slightest idea of the finer points of the game, and the smart Leadgate lads waltzed round with the utmost ease. If the visitors had been up to full strength, and had cared to exert themselves, the score would have been nearer 18 goals to one than eight to one. The Hamsterley custodian of the first half was a treat, and watched the goals being piled on with the greatest complacency. The centre forward of the initial "45" was another gem. He was too slow for a funeral, being one of the biggest frosts I have ever seen in that position, and, like most players (?) of his stamp, made more noise than all the other 21 players put together. The best of a moderate team were Little, Kirtley, and Postle. The United are sadly in need of an efficient coach, and also appeared much out of condition.

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Charley Burnhope, who has been absent from the game for a long time, took up his position between the Park sticks, and did wonderfully well, playing a very cool game. The goal scored against him was headed through by one of the Leadgate halves. Foreman and Cartmell were very safe at back, both kicking strongly and tackling unerringly. Calvert pleased me much at half, feeding his forwards in the most judicious manner, while R. Forster always had the measure of the wing opposed to him. There is no harder worker or more plucky centre half than Willey, who was continually on the ball, and robbed the United front rank cleverly time after time. However, I would like to offer a few words of friendly advice to him, and that is not to go in for so much dribbling, and to give the forwards more work. If he will only do this, he will prove even a greater power of strength to the team than he undoubtedly is at present. The forwards had a "day out," and enjoyed themselves immensely. Makepeace and T. Forster made a strong and tricky right wing, Milburn showed good form in the centre, while G. Foster and Haggerstone were often conspicuous with some clever work on the left. With their full strength available, the Reserve will take some knocking out.

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ANOTHER WIN FOR THE SWIFTS.

The easy victory—five goals to one—obtained by the Consett Town Swifts over Esh True Blues occasioned considerable surprise, as it was scarcely expected that the Swifts would be able to hold their own against the well-known "Blues." Finnigan in goal had not much to do, but when called upon he was ready with his usual coolness and judgment. The backs (Bradley and G. Eustace) played a good defensive game, and if the former sticks to this position he should develope into a splendid back. The pick of the halves, and by far the best man on the field, was the Swifts' clever little right half, Tom Winter, whose kicking and tackling was a treat, and called forth loud cheers from those assembled. To single out one of the forwards would be unjust, for the whole quintette to a man played a hard and fast game, and no doubt the Swifts chiefly owe their victory to the splendid combination game played by the forwards.

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The Esh custodian played a champion game, fisting out shot after shot in marvellous fashion, and the "Blues" have every right to be proud of him. The backs and halves were only moderate, the centre half being the pick. The forwards were much the strongest part of the team, the right wing especially putting in some telling work.

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A BATTLE ROYAL AT TOW LAW.

Considering the calibre of the teams opposed to them, Tow Law are doing wonderfully well in the Northern League. After their splendid performance at South Bank the previous week, it was generally expected that Bishop Auckland would have to play for all they were worth to beat the Tow Lawites on their own ground, and such proved to be the case, a hard game ending with "honours easy." The home team commenced in grand fashion, McIntosh scoring in the first minute with a fine oblique shot; but Auckland soon equalised. From now till the interval there was only one team in it, Tow Law attacking continually, and having cruel luck in not adding two or three points to their total. The home men commenced the second half brilliantly, notching two goals in five minutes, but after this they fell off considerably. Auckland were not slow to take advantage of this, but the grand defence of the brothers Waites prevented them from equalising till close upon time.

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Allison performed most creditably in the home goal, but the backs were hardly up to their usual form, Temperley (who, I understand, was unwell) being very disappointing. The halves are deserving of all praise, and to them must be accorded the honour of saving the game. They never flinched, and were triers from the kick-off till the finish. McIntosh and Simpson (the old Cornsay man) shone amongst the forwards, the former's goal being a beauty. The best man on the Auckland side was Marshall, who played a magnificent game. Pennington did well at back, kicking and tackling strongly, but Pescod was out of it, making numerous miskicks, and had Coulson been in his usual form, Tow Law would doubtless have won. Stainthorpe and Widdas were the pick of the forwards, and Strophair kept goal admirably.

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DIPTON BEATEN AT GATESHEAD.

Up to a certain point, Dipton played a capital game against the powerful N.E.R. at Bensham. For the first 20 minutes the Wanderers had nearly all the play, and how they missed scoring on two or three occasions must for ever remain a mystery. However, they "cracked" badly in the second half. Whether this was due to want of condition or to so many changes in the team I cannot say. The Dipton committee have have just now a most unenviable task, as in their endeavours to improve the team they are compelled to resort to various chops and changes. Another new man was tried on Saturday in Crooks, who has, I believe, played for Durham University, but is now residing at Shield Row. From what I can gather, he showed very promising form on Saturday. I sincerely hope that the Wanderers will shortly settle down, and treat their supporters to some of those displays which made them famous three or four seasons since. The chief fault on Saturday was the want of combination, and, for reasons described above, this can scarcely be wondered at.

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[illegible] THE ROVERS JUST WIN.

Blackhill Rovers opened their home season by entertaining Langley Moor, and just managed to gain the verdict by a dropped goal, kicked by J. Brown. The Rovers were unfortunate in having all their regular three-quarters off, and had to fill the vacancies from the forward ranks. The game was very slow at times, neither side appearing particularly anxious to score; but on the play the Rovers deserved to win. The latter indulged in some nice passing on several occasions, but were generally grassed in the nick of time. Elliott was much out of form, and should touch down in goal instead of kicking out. The three-quarters combined very well considering how they were made up, and put in some neat runs. Anderson and Smailes were in excellent trim at half, the former especially, and considering how long he has been playing it is wonderful how he retains his dash. The forwards worked hard in the "scrums," and heeled out well, but should line up better.

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The Langley Moor full back played a capital game, and got in some good kicks. The three-quarters did not get many chances, while the halves were in match for the Rovers' couple. The forwards played a strong game, particularly in the loose. The Rovers travell to Ryton to-morrow to meet the club of name.

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CONSETT GO DOWN.

In their match at Brandon on Saturday, the Consett men never seemed to seriously put themselves about, the weight of the home men having a great effect. Only Mitchell and Carruthers played at all up to form, and the goal Mitchell shot was a beauty. The forwards played a poor game, their shooting especially being "oph." The Brandon men are unmistakably a heavy lot, and play the "long kick and rush" game, and when they got going down the hill they took some stepping. However, it was no mean performance of Consett to run the Rovers to a couple of goals, considering the good form the latter have been showing.

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THE HOBSON TOO GOOD FOR THE EXCELSIOR.

Hexham Excelsior came to the Hobson on Saturday with a great reputation, but had to return defeated. The Wanderers played for all they were worth to gain the two coveted points, every man doing his best, and they thoroughly deserved to win. Brown kept goal excellently, saving some hot shots, and the backs tackled and kicked well. A great improvement was noticeable in the half-back line, E. Henderson taking the centre position, and along with McNeil and Smith completely broke up the visitor's combination. The forwards were in splendid form, playing a most unselfish game. Lowe took the place of Gailes, who has retired from the game. The Hobson are going strongly this season, not having lost a match so far. For the Excelsiors, Baty displayed good form in goal, while Mills and Armstrong (both county men, by the way) played a capital game at back.

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HARD LINES FOR BYER MOOR.

Burnhope Temperance visited Byer Moor on Saturday to play the team of that ilk, and were indeed lucky to get off with a draw, for with any luck at all, and a little decent shooting, Byer Moor would certainly have scored oftener than they did, the ball hitting the bar three times in succession. Davison (the Temperance custodian) only performed poorly in the first half, and Hogg acted wisely in changing him by substituting Parker, who fisted out several dangerous shots, and showed himself a capable goalkeeper. Hogg was the best of the backs, but kicked out rather much. Dawson appeared nervous, and made some glaring mistakes. The halves worked hard, while the forwards Weedy and Gibbons were most prominent.

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For Byer Moor, Trotter, in goal, with the exception of allowing the last point, did well, while in Bennett and Lamb the home team possess a pair of backs of more than ordinary ability. It is hard to say which was the best of the halves, McQuarters working like a Trojan, his throws-in being splendid. Young was placed at a disadvantage through playing in his ordinary boots and clothes, and Keefe was never found wanting, spoiling the combination of the visitors time after time. It would be unfair to especially mention any one of the forwards, for in the open the whole quintette combined well, but their great fault is their weakness in front of goal. With an improvement in this department they should hold their own in their remaining league fixtures.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The following table shows the position of the clubs forming the above league up to date:—

	Plyd	Won	Drn	Lst	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's	4	4	0	0	16	3	8
Leadgate Park R.	4	3	0	1	15	3	6
Spen Albion	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Hobson Wands. R	3	2	0	1	6	6	4
Burnopfield T'pnce	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
Lintzford	1	1	0	0	7	1	2
Lintz Rovers	4	1	0	3	7	8	2
Hamsterley United	5	1	0	4	9	21	2
Byer Moor	3	0	1	2	3	11	1
Axwell Rovers R.	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

I append table of above League up to date:—

	Plyd	Won	Lst	Drn	Pts
Wardley Blue Star	5	4	0	1	9
Gateshead St. Aidan	4	4	0	0	6
Usworth Swifts	4	2	1	1	5
Ouston Institute	3	2	1	0	4
Langley Park Albions	4	2	2	0	4
Chester Moor Rovers	4	2	2	0	4
High Fell	3	1	1	1	3
Brandon Albions	3	0	1	2	2
Wreckenton St. Oswald	3	0	1	2	2
Waldridge White Star	4	0	3	1	1
Wreckenton St. Thomas	2	0	2	0	0
Bewick Main Rovers	3	0	3	0	0

Gateshead St. Aidan's have two points deducted for playing ineligible man.

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NEWS.

Although Leadgate West End have lost several of last year's players, they are nevertheless going strongly this season, as the following record will show:—Games played, four, all of which have been won, scoring 19 goals to four. It is to be hoped that they will stick together, and "keep it up."

A remarkable feature of last Saturday's football was the success which attended the Leadgate clubs—the Exiles, Park, Park Reserve, and West End all winning their engagements, and scoring an aggregate of 21 goals to their opponents' two. Bravo, Leadgate.

Football form is a wonderful thing. Blyth beat Dipton by seven goals to one, and Trafalgar by five goals to four. On this form Trafalgar are five goals better than Dipton, and yet the latter with a weakened team actually defeated the Newcastle men.

Axwell Rovers went down again on Saturday at Mickley, and have yet to win their first match. What a change from last year, when they could scarcely lose a game. Will the tide turn at Consett to morrow?

The Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's secretary writes:—Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's journeyed to Axwell to play the Reserve in a league game, and if the spectators continue to act in the same shameful manner as they did on Saturday, I think it will not be long before they will be unable to get either a team or a referee to visit their ground. Their conduct towards the "Saints" and the referee was most disgraceful, as they disputed every decision given by the latter.

Mr A. J. Chrisp (the West Stanley Athletic secretary) writes to complain of the shabby way in which his club has been treated by Marley Hill Celtics, who failed to keep their return fixture, and never sent word one way or the other. There are some clubs who make a practice of never carrying out their matches away from home, and I suppose the Celtics are one of the honourable (?) band.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Shamrocks Reserve would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 12 to 15. Address: J. McNally, 33, Trafalgar Street, Consett.

Consett Sextons have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as early as possible. Average age, 14 years. Apply, E. McArdle, 45, King Street, Consett.

Consett Town Swifts have Oct. 13th vacant, and would like to arrange with good second or moderate first team, home or away. Will give or accept return fixture. Have also several other vacant dates. Address: Thomas Allison, Rose Mount, Consett.

Medomsley Red Stars have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 11 to 13. Apply, W. Wheatley, Fell Houses, Medomsley.

Swalwell Presbyterians have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up at once. Ages, 12 to 15. Apply, T. Bell, 30, Ramsay's Cottages, Swalwell.

Annfield Plain Rovers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with moderate second or good junior teams. Address: G. Stoker, Pontop Buildings, Annfield Plain.

Stanley Athletic A team would like to arrange matches with good junior teams. Ages, 16 to 19. Address: John Iley, Oakey's Cottages, West Stanley.

Craghead Rangers 1st and 2nd teams have several vacant dates, and would like to have them filled up. Apply, Thomas White, Craghead.

Cornsay Rising Rovers have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up with junior teams. Ages, 14 to 16. Address: J. Staplin, Cornsay Colliery.

Sporting Items.

Quoit Handicap at Tantobie.—Only a moderate company attended the quoit ground adjoining the house of Mr M. Snowdon, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, on Saturday afternoon, to witness the preliminary heats of the quoit handicap, on the award, which was promoted by Mr Wm. Embleton, of Kyo, who also acted as handicapper. Results:—Michael McGuire, 21, beat W Embleton, 19; Wm Holmes, 21, beat Larry McKenna, 20; M McGuire, 21, beat T Baker, 20; T Baker, 21, beat C McGuire, 15; W Holmes, 21, beat C McGuire, 18. The close finishes of the first days' play reflected great credit on the judgment of the handicapper.

Pigeon Flying at Spen.—On Saturday, a pigeon flying sweep took place from the Bute Arms, Spen, to Victoria Garesfield. Sixty-nine were stamped for the contest at 3d each, but only eight competed, with the following results:—W Nixon's Spindle Leg beat H Stobbs's Shrine; J Joicey's Newcourt beat G Stobbs's Opera Glasses; J Kidd's None the Wiser beat H Laybourn's Quilon; G Stobbs's Lutin beat Minks's Cypria. Second round—Newcourt beat None the Wiser, Lutin beat Spindle Leg. Final—Newcourt beat Lutin for first prize. Mr R Newton, Victoria Garesfield, officiated as referee and time-keeper, whilst W Watson, Victoria Garesfield, acted as starter.

Rabbit Coursing at Blackhall Mill.—On Saturday afternoon, in fine weather, a rabbit coursing sweep, the best of three courses, was decided on the Broad Oak Estate, in a field near the house of Mr W H Stonehouse, the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, the promoter being Mr Ball, who gave £1 to an entry of 7s a lot. Details:—Cowan's Butcher Boy beat Young's Flaming Mick, Brown's Judy beat Rudd's Pelton Lonnen, Simpson's Grace Darling beat Rudd's My Nanny Oh, Brown's Prince Charlie beat Grace Darling (2nd lot), Rudd's Bird Inn beat Young Spoil. Second round—Bird Inn beat Prince Charlie, Grace Darling beat Butcher Boy, Judy a bye. Stake divided. Mr J Soulsby acted as referee, J Anderson pistol-firer, and Ed Brown book-keeper.

Rabbit Sweep at Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, a rabbit coursing sweep, the best of three courses, which was promoted by Mr John Mellon, who added £1 10s to an entrance of 7s per lot, took place in a field near Mr John Bennett's, Fox Inn, Dipton. Details:—First round—Halliday's Double Rent beat Watson's Lad of the West by 2 to 1; Teasdale's Yellow Barrow beat English's Daft Lad by 2 to 1; Rigby's Sister Jane beat Gibson's Spade Ace by 2 to 0; Burdon's Monkey beat Palmer's Last Comer by 2 to 0; Athey's Young Mab beat Cunningham's Golden Drop by 2 to 0; Errington's Young Spy beat Mole's Shut Father by 2 to 1; Bowen's Village Maid beat Hall's True Till Death by 2 to 0; Robinson's Hi Tiddley-Hi Ti beat Ledger's Spot by 2 to 1; Hopper's Nook beat Atkinson's Wild Man by 2 to 1; Burdis's Skinny Hannah beat Cunningham's Lill by 2 to 1; Burdiss's Little Nell beat Wright's Crookgate Lass by 2 to 0; Waggot's Broken Bob beat Cain's Windgall by 2 to 0; Atkinson's Go-As-You-Please beat Cain's Pedlar by 2 to 0; Dawson's Merry Duchess beat Robinson's Number Eight by 2 to 0; Waggot's Expense beat Hall's Gipsy Queen by 2 to 0; Herron's Pot Luck beat Armstrong's Red Light by 2 to 1. Second round—Double Rent beat Yellow Barley by 2 to 0; Monkey beat Sister Jane by 2 to 1; Queen Mab beat Young Spy by 2 to 0; Hi-Tiddley-Hi-Ti beat Village Maid by 2 to 0; Skinny Hannah beat Hopper's Nook by 2 to 1; Little Nell beat Broken Bob by 2 to 0; Go-As-You-Please beat Expense by 2 to 1; Pot Luck beat Merry Duchess by 2 to 1. At the end of the second round a division was agreed upon. Referee, Mr John Mellon; score-keeper, Mr Wm. Smith; pistol firer, Mr Samuel Curry.

A CONSETT MAN KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.

On Saturday night, at Seghill Station, Deputy Coroner Rutherford held an enquiry into the circumstances touching the death of John Wesley Emmerson, of Crofton, Blyth, who was killed by a pilot engine near Seghill signal cabin, on Friday night.—Inspector Hunt was present, and watched the proceedings on behalf of the Railway Company.—From the evidence given it appeared that deceased left the station platform by a private road, and was knocked down and killed on the crossing while the gates were shut.—A verdict was returned that deceased was accidentally killed while trespassing on the railway, no blame being attached to anyone but deceased.—Mr Emmerson belonged the Consett district, having resided in this town for some years.

BENTS (WEARDALE) AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

This show was held on Friday at Cowshill, Weardale. Owing to the wet weather there was a great falling off in the gate receipts, otherwise the show was very successful. The following were the principal prize-winners:—John Glendinning, Knock Shield, Allendale; T. R. Batey, Wellhope, Weardale; Thomas Peart, Hill End, Burnhope; John Gargett, Eastergate, Teesdale; T. W. Beadle, Mickleton; Joseph Charlton, Silver Dykes, Weardale; Joseph Lawes, Lawton, Middleton; John Swindale, Law Houses; Frederick Featherstone, Burnhope; Messrs J. and T. Walton, Burnhope; H. Jackson, Garrigill; T. Emerson, Unthank, Stanhope; Christopher Emerson, Corn Riggs, Weardale; Isaac Dawson, Ireshopeburn; Richard Rowell, Burnhope; Joseph Graham, Sedling; William Lawes, Queensbury, Weardale; Emerson Peart, Dyke Weardale; Thos. Emerson, Wellhope, Weardale; Joseph Emerson, Wham; Mrs S. Maddison, Dry Gill; Thomas Rutherford, Burnhope; Stephen Maddison, Chapel Pasture; Messrs Thompson, Pry Hill; John Emerson, Wellhope; Mrs Mary Harrison, Killhope, Weardale; John Sutherland, Lonton, Middleton, Teesdale; T. Ireland, Cotherstone; Mrs M. Featherstone, East Black Dean; Mrs Thompson, Pry Hill, Weardale; G. Proud, Stripe Head; Miss Emerson, Black Dean; Jonathan Humble, Bortreeford; S. Maddison, Dry Gill; F. Peart, Lynnhead; and Miss Rowell, Burnhope.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The regular meeting took place in the Castleside Board Schools, on Monday night, County Councillor T. J. Muse (chairman) presiding. Also present:—Messrs M. Lee (vice-chairman), Wm. Pattinson, R. Hall, J. W. Golightly, and the clerk (Mr J. Proud).

THE INFANT'S MISTRESS.

The Clerk reported that there was only one response for the post of assistant mistress—a teacher from Whickham—but as she had been offered an increase of salary to stop on, therefore, she begged to withdraw her application.

The Chairman remarked that it was most difficult to get teachers to come into the country, especially in the winter season when technical education classes were being held in the towns, and were easily accessible to young girls free of expense. Whereas young women in rural districts could only attend these classes at great expense and inconvenience. There was only one thing—to keep on advertising. His idea was that they should increase the salary by £2 10s per annum till it reached £50. Other Rural Boards were in a similar position.

After some consideration this was agreed to on the proposal of Mr Pattinson, seconded by Mr Lee.

SCHOOLWARDEN'S REPORT.

Mr W. Walton reported:—The attendance at your school during the month has been very good, with the exception of a few cases, which have been absent through sickness. During the month I have made 25 visits, embracing 28 absentees.

The attendance officer, on being interrogated, said the children reported to be most irregular at the last meeting had been coming very well since.

MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master (Mr T. Duckworth) reported as below

No. on roll—boys	113
" Girls	111
Total	224
Average present	209
Percentage	92
Fees for month	£1 14s 6d
Cash sent to Bank	£3 9s 10d

Items for the Year.

Average, 190; being 4 less than last year. The average for the infant department being 37, and for older children 153. The fees have realised £11 12s 0d.

The attendance during the last month has been quite satisfactory. What absence there was, was caused through sickness. This state of attendance is always the case for about a month before the inspector comes. Why not nearly so at other times? During the month the windows have been repaired. The yard requires some attention yet, as the water settles in large pools.

I suppose the children will have the customary holiday which follows the inspection.

Circular 4,343 lays down the following:—"The managers should provide good reference books and text books for the use of the pupil teachers, such books to remain the property of the school, and to be approved by the Inspector at his annual visit." Probable cost, 27s; subject to discount. Am I at liberty to submit such a list to the Inspector to-morrow?

The members regarded the improved attendance with every satisfaction.

The master was empowered to submit specimens of text books, reference volumes, &c., to H.M. Inspector for his approbation.

On the motion of Mr Pattinson, seconded by Mr Lee, Miss Lily Jackson was appointed a pupil teacher at a salary of £10 a year.

"RUSHING" FOR THE EXAMINATION.

Mr Hall, without wishing to cast any reflections on the teaching staff, said there was an opinion abroad that the children were far too much rushed forward for a month previous to the examinations, instead of being steadily and regularly taught all the year round.

The Chairman stated that the gossip outside was inaccurate. The scholars were regularly and incessantly taught all the year round, but it was necessary to "brush" them up in all the subjects imparted within the twelve months prior to the examination just before the Government Inspector came.

ESTIMATE: A NEW RATE.

The Clerk presented his estimate of the probable income and expenditure for the half-year ending March 25th next:—

Income.

	£	s	d
Balance, Sept. 29th	98	8	9
Annual grant	161	0	0
Fee grant	46	0	0
Fees from outsiders	7	8	4
Special grant under clause 97	36	0	0
Total	348	17	1

Expenditure.

	£	s	d
Teachers' Salaries	190	0	0
Officers' "	18	10	0
Books, &c	20	0	0
Coal, &c	10	0	0
Rates, Water, Insurance, &c	5	10	0
Interest on principal and loan	39	0	0
General accounts	44	0	0
Reserve and contingences	12	0	0

A rate of 5d in the pound would cover the deficiency this being 1d less than the last half-year, and 4d less than the corresponding period of 1893-4.

The Chairman: That was when we had the books to buy. The 2d a week that we ought to receive from outsiders, is equivalent to a rate of 1½d in the pound.

Mr Pattinson proposed, and Mr Lee seconded, that precepts be served upon the overseer for a rate of 5d in the pound.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Board agreed to grant the use of the schools for the space of one month to the village band.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting a fortnight hence, to examine the accounts prior to the audit.

It was resolved to give the children holiday on Thursday and Friday after the examination.

A complaint, preferred by Mr Brown against the teaching staff, was ordered to be investigated at the special meeting.

Cheques representing a total of £20 10s 4d were signed for payment of accounts.

The Board then arose.

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Public Notices.

A LEEK SHOW will be held at the Fleece Inn, Castleside, on October 6th and 8th, 1894.

LOOK OUT for the A1 LEEK SHOW to be held at the House of J. Smailes, Mill Inn, Blackhall Mill, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1894. 319p

EDWARD BRADY, CHIMNEY SWEEP, 1, Buckham Street, High Blackfine, Blackhill. Orders punctually attended to. 178p

LEADGATE PARK A.F.C.
LOOK OUT for a GRAND EVENING CONCERT, on Wednesday, November 7th, 1894, in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate. 390p

I, JOHN TWEDDLE, Hill Top, will not be answerable for any DEBT or DEBTS contracted by my Wife, Jane Ann Tweddle, from this date, October 5th, 1894.—(Signed) John Tweddle Hill Top, near Dipton. 374p

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL LEADGATE.
REV. A. T. GUTTERY, South Shields, will Preach at 2-30, and Lecture at 7-30, in the above place, on Monday, October 8th, 1894. Public Tea at 4 p.m. 306p

PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILS.
A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, on Wednesday, October 10th, when ADDRESSES will be given by Mr John Wilson, M.P., Durham; and Mr A. E. Hayes, Dipton. 315p

LEEKS, LEEKS, AND CELERY.
Miners' Arms, Medomsley.
THE 9th ANNUAL SHOW in connection with the above, will be held on Saturday, October 6th, to Monday, October 8th. Mr Moffett, Gateshead, Judge. 293p

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
THE GRAND INTERNATIONAL FAIR. Last few Days of Sale at the Assembly Rooms, Freemasons' Arms, Consett.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th.
Speeches, Solos, Anthems, Organ Recitals, Fruit, Chair taken at 7-30 p.m. Admission 6d. 385p

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Morning, 10-30, } REV. C. M. GREENWAY.
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ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.
HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES
Next Sunday, October 7th.
REV. C. G. DAVIS, M.A., Vicar of St. James', Darlington, will preach at Morning Service and at Evensong
Thankofferings for Foreign Missions of the Church of England. 373p

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GRAND MUSICAL TREAT
IN THE
CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL,
On October 10th, 1894, when a
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Organist, St. George's Church, Jesmond.
Vocalists: Miss Davidson, Blackhill; and Mr J. Siddle, Consett.
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Tickets: 1s.; and 6d. Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m. See Bills and Programmes. 268p

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.
THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Saturday Evening, October 6th, 1894, in the Co-operative Hall. Chair to be taken at 6.30 p.m., when the following Business will be brought forward for Consideration:—
Newspapers will be Sold by Auction at 6 p.m. prompt.
1. Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Minutes of Special Meeting.
3. Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
4. Report and Balance Sheet.
5. Election of Two Committee-men.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
The Members' Share Books will be balanced and given out on and after 8th October, 1894.
No withdrawals paid or Contributions received during the last ten days of each Quarter.
303p EDW. HUNTLEY, Secretary.

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Public Notices.

A LEEK SHOW will be held at Mr Ralph Calvert's, Black Bull Inn, Leadgate, on Saturday First, October 6th. 422p

PIGEON SHOOTING.—The Sweep at the Britannia Inn, Consett, will finish on Saturday first. The first Bird to be in the trap at 3 p.m. sharp. Gate 3d.—W. H. Harvey. 423p

MR R. CAMERON, of Sunderland, will LECTURE on "Robert Burns," on behalf of the Crook Moor New Chapel, in the Stanley P.M. Chapel, on Saturday, October 13th. Admission 3d. each. 427p

NOTICE.—I, MICHAEL GRAHAM, of Leadgate, having accused W. Bread, Ishmonger, Consett, of receiving One Sovereign to pay for Two Crabs, have found out since it was only One Shilling, for which I am sorry, and offer my Apology.
MICHAEL GRAHAM.

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THE POST OFFICE, ANNFIELD PLAIN.

EXCELSIOR! LEEKS!! EXCELSIOR!!!
THE EXCELSIOR LEEK and VEGETABLE SHOW, Medomsley, will be held in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday and Monday, Oct. 6th and 8th, 1894.
On Saturday night, the McMANUS'S BAND will be in attendance, and give a selection of Music, Songs, and Recitations.
Admission, 3d each.
Judge, Mr M. Bates, Kyo. 421p

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
FOOTBALL MATCH AT SUNDERLAND.
SUNDERLAND v. STOKE.
ON SATURDAY, the 6th of October, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT and BLACKHILL at 1-45 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange) for SUNDERLAND, returning at 8-15 p.m. the same day.

DAIRY FARMERS' SHOW IN THE AGRICULTURAL HALL, LONDON.
ON MONDAY, October 8th, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 12-5 a.m. (with bookings from Consett, Tynemouth, Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland, &c.) to LONDON for THREE or FIVE DAYS. Passengers holding Three Days' Tickets will return from King's Cross Station at 11 p.m., on Wednesday, October 10th, and Passengers holding Five Days' Tickets will return at 10-40 p.m. on Friday, October 12th.
For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
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October, 1894. 392p

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.
(Cup Holders 1891 and 1894).
The Ladies connected with the above Club have pleasure in announcing that they will hold a
CAFE CHANTANT
IN THE
NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, OCTOBER 10th,
DISTINGUISHED ARTISTES!
(Who have generously offered their services).
ENTRANCING MELODY!!
BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS!!!
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GRAND BUFFET AND TEA ROOM.
There will also be a Stall for the
SALE OF PLAIN AND FANCY GOODS
OPENING CEREMONY by Dr GEO. RENTON, (President of the Club) to take place at 3 o'clock.
Admission—3 to 6, One Shilling; 6-30 to 10, Sixpence.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Crawford's Victoria Sale Rooms—Saturday First, Oct. 6th.
SALE of UNREDEEMED PLEDGED GOODS. Sale to commence at Four o'clock. 424p

Monday First, Oct. 8th.
MR JOHN CRAWFORD is favoured with instructions from a Gentleman, of East Parade, and Others, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Sale-rooms, a large Consignment of Valuable FURNITURE, consisting of Mahogany Drawers, Ash Presses, Dining and Square Tables, Brass-mounted Beds, Spring and Wool Mattresses, Feather and other Beds, Blankets, Mantel Mirrors, Hair-seated Chairs, Couches, &c., Skin and other Rugs. Upwards of 20 Fat Ducks; Stove, &c.
Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. 428

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.

By Mr. T. Swainston.

Swainston's Auction Hall, Front Street, Consett.
T. SWAINSTON will OFFER for PUBLIC AUCTION in the above Hall, on Saturday and Monday nights first at six o'clock, a quantity of NEW and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, the large Stove with the Piping lately in use at the Cocoa Rooms, Wenham Shop Light, Bagatelle Board; also, a consignment of Carpets and Hearthrugs, consisting of Velvet Pile, Axminster, and Brussels in latest designs and shades. 425p

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Lanchester Auction Mart.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th, at 1-30.
15 to 30 Cows and Heifers.
15 Fat Cattle, including some Prime Heifers from J. Crawford, Belsay.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs, from J. Crawford, Belsay; J. Vickers, Frosterley; J. Stephenson, Flass; and others.
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Sales by Auction.

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Near Moor, near Satley.

FARM STOCK, HAY, CORN, &c., and FURNITURE, 1894, FEW FEET, Wednesday, October 10th.

Grey Pony, 6 years old, quiet and good worker
Black Colt, 2 years, quiet and handsome
Brown Colt Foal, by Lambwool
2 Good Feed Heifers, about 1 to 2½ years old
30 Half-bred with Black-faced Ewes
20 Cheviot and Black-faced Lambs
10 Mule Gimmer Lambs
10 Fat Sheep
6 Hens & Geese
Entries to time of Sale.
207p WILLIAM NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

Stanley Auction Mart.

THIS NEXT SALE of FAT STOCK, etc., will be held at the Mart, Stanley, instead of Tuesday. Early entries invited.
JOHN LOWES, Auctioneer.

Stanley Sale Rooms, Monday, October 8th, 1894.

SALE OF NEW AND SECOND-HAND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Bedsteads, Bedding, Carpets, Linoleum, Iron Safes, Dressers, Tables, Chairs, Clocks, Pictures, Jewellery, &c.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock and 7 o'clock.
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By Mr James Turnbull.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart.

THE next Fortnightly SALE of Fat Cattle and Sheep, Horses, Young Cattle, Milch Cattle, Pigs, &c., will be held on Monday, October 15th, 1894. Early entries are respectfully invited.
405p JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Beamish, by Chester-le-Street.

MR JAMES PEARSON has received instructions from Mr Thomas Ray, Provision Merchant, who is leaving the District, TO SELL BY AUCTION, at the above place, on Monday, October 8th, 1894, the whole of his valuable Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Mahogany Chiffonier Sideboard, 8 Mahogany Chairs, Oak Sofa, Cellarette and Shelves; 0 ... ...ining Table, with two large leaves, rare ... ...ng 8-feet; Mahogany Chest of Drawers, with ... ...ic fronts and brass mounts; Mahogany Wardrobe, with mirror, panel and drawers; 4-feet wide; Polished Ash Chest of Drawers; Duchess Ash Dressing Table, with Oval Mirror, and Jewel Drawers and Watch-stand to match; Mahogany High Chest of Drawers, with carved shell top; Mahogany Towel Horse; Mahogany Dressing Glass; 6 Mahogany Chairs, upholstered in Silk Damask; Gent's Arm Chair and Mahogany Settee to match; Painted Chairs; Oak Bedstead, 7ft 3in wide, in 3 sections with Centre Drawers and Castors; Painted Chest of Drawers; Two Oak ... ...; Mahogany and Brass Cornice Poles and Shades; 4 Kidderminster Stair Carpets; Tapestry Carpets; Pictures, &c. Full assortment of Kitchen Furniture, and Culinary Utensils.

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The above Furniture is in excellent condition, and several pieces of good ... old ... Furniture. The loss being numerous a punctual attendance is requested.

THE NEXT SPECIAL SALE of Grazing Cattle, Draft Ewes and Gimmers, and Keeping Lambs, &c., will be held on Wednesday, October 17th, 1894. The demand for this Sale is already being felt as numerous enquiries are being made as to the probable entries. Early entries are respectfully solicited.
407p JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Mr John B. Murray.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside.

Special
ANNUAL SALE OF RAMS, RAM LAMBS, EWES, GIMMERS, and WINTERING SHEEP, on Monday First, October 8th, 1894,

80 to 100 Border Leicester Rams and Ram Lambs, the undisputed ... of the breed in the country
400 to 500 Leicester, Half-bred, Mule, Cheviot and Black-faced Ewes, Gimmerings, and Lambs
3 Short-horn Bulls, and 80 Geese.

Sale to commence at one o'clock prompt with the Shearling Tups
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 1894,

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30 Mule Keeping Lambs.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers.
10 Young Turkeys.

1 very useful Brown Mare Horse, 8 years old, 15-1 ½, a ... useful sort for which no journey is too long.
1 Chesnut Colt, about 14 h.h., aged, another Horse.
Poultry, Black-yard Ladders, Theif-proof Safe, &c.
Sale at 12 o'clock prompt.
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ON Monday, October 9th, will be Sold at the Royal Auction Mart this ... premises, a large consignment of DRAPERY GOODS, consisting of Mantles, Jackets, Costumes, Dress Goods, Shawls, Caps, Dress Pieces, Blankets, Sheets, Quilts, Calicoes, &c., &c. Also, Shoes, Children's Clothing, Hosiery, Tickings, Worsteds, and everything connected with a General Draper's Trade. Sale to commence at one o'clock prompt as there are over 400 lots to be cleared out that night.
404p J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Wasterley, Farm Stock and Fell Sheep, Saturday October 13th.

MR. J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr. John Thompson, who is retiring from Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, October 13th, 1894, the whole of his FARM STOCK, Hay, Corn, Implements, and DAIRY UTENSILS, &c., comprising—

10 Capital Cows, Heifers, and Calves, one due to calve in October, the others time given at the Sale.
5 2-year Old Heifers, been running with the Bull.
1 Heifer and Bullock stirks.
26 Black-Faced Ewes, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Crop.
30 Shearling Gimmers.
1 Promising Grey Filly, rising 2 year old, by Derwent Lad.
1 Grey Mare, 15 h.h., expected to be in foal to Derwent Lad.
4 Geese and about 100 Head of Poultry. 4 Ducks and Drakes.

IMPLEMENTS, &c. — Coup Cart, Shelvings, Horse Rake, Hearse, Harrows, Scarifier, Set Iron Wheel Plough, Harrows, Grubber, Turnip Drill, Single Horse Grass Machine, Turnip Pulper, Chaff and Frame, Oilcake Crusher, Chaff Cutter, 2 Corn Bins, 2 Sheep Hacks, 2 Scythes, Corn Cradle, Sheep Troughs, Steel Hay Forks, Hay Rakes, Hedging Shovels, Cow Tubs, Pails, Barrels, Sledge, Old Iron, &c. Hay Racks and Mangers.

Set of Cart Harness, 2 Sets of Plough Gear, Pad, 2 Bridles.

The Whole of the Dairy Utensils, comprising excellent Barrel Churn, Churn Staves, Mugs, Milk Bowls, Measures, Syles, Milk Cans, &c.

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The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, on MONDAY, the 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 5th October, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same hour and place. Loans received at 6 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

We are asked to state that it was the boy Ruddy and not Hackey that was ordered to be flogged by the Lord Chancellor, which a slight age for the birch in Consett Stores.

WESLEAN CHURCH.—On Sunday, Rev G. A. Bennetts, B.A., of London preached two capital sermons in this place of worship—morning and evening—to large congregations. On Monday evening Mr Bennetts delivered his popular and interesting lecture "Some child ¡peculiarities of Methodism." The chairman was Mr Alfred J. Oliver, West Stanley. There was a large company present. Collections were taken in aid of the building fund.

PRESENTATION TO MR C. P. DOUGLAS.—Mr C. P. Douglas, who has for 32½ years been supt. erser in the service of the Consets iron Company, was the recipient on Saturday night of a handsome gold timepiece and side ornaments, and gold ring for Mrs Douglas, the articles being subscribed for by the officials and workmen connected with the manufacture department of the works. The presentation was made at Wallace's Temperance Hotel, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. Mr Douglas, who is now retiring from the service of the, Consets Iron Company, is one of the oldest inhabitants of the district. He is chairman of the local Liberal Association, and a member of the Consett Board. He is going to live in retirement at Darlington.

A SOCIAL EVENING was held in the Baptist Chapel, Consett, on Wednesday night, the supper being provided by the young ladies connected with the church. Recitations, readings, solos, duets, &c., were given by several young ladies, and the affair was quite a success.

We would remind our readers that the Co... Church, in aid of the funds of the Consett and District Cricket Club will take place in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday evening first. This affair promises to be of a novel and interesting description, and we feel sure that under the supervision of Mrs Bennetts, Mrs Blackhall, and other ladies the entertainment will be such that no patron will have cause to complain of "any lack of music, refreshment, or other source of amusement.

HIDDEN DEATH OF A NAVVY.—On Friday morning, a navvy named John Brannon, aged about 35 years died suddenly in Longworth's lodging-house in Medomsley Road Consett. On Saturday ago, the man travelled from Barnard Castle to start work on the new railway at Consett. He only took ill a short while before he expired. No inquest was held.

BLACKHILL

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Sunday last, harvest festival services were held in the above church, when sermons were preached in the morning and evening by the Rev J. Pitchford, the large and attentive congregations. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, and vegetables. In the afternoon, a service of praise was given by the choir, and the interesting address was delivered by Mr C. Elliott, of Castleside.—On Monday night, an excellent concert was given by Mr Thompson and family, of Burnopfield. The services were a great success. The proceeds were in aid of the chapel debt.

BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—A commencement of the band of hope meetings in connection with the above was made on Thursday night, when Mr S. Nicholson, Benfieldside, contributed an interesting and instructive address. Other entertainments entitled "Ten nights in a bar-room," to a large class of entertainment has become so popular. The blackhill fruit banquet is always a treat, and that circumstance is due no doubt to the fact that the Rev R. W. Junkins, the untiring pastor of the flock, contrives always to supply nourishment for the mind as well as for the body. His pastor friend the Reve Alexander Baillie, J. Pitchford, A. E. Salmon, have kindly consented to keep him company at the platform, and speak words of peace and encouragement to his people. Mr S. J. Leyfourne, of Medomsley, is accompanist. The chair will also be in evidence, and organ recitals will form a pleasing feature in the entertainment.

I.N.F., Blackhill Branch.—A largely-attended meeting of this branch was held on Sunday last, Mr. Thos. Wilson in the chair. Mr Milner, president of the branch.—Mr Colmer (late) addressed the meeting on behalf of the I.N.F. and it was unanimously adopted.—Mr W. J. Ryan then delivered an address on the objects and future prospects of the Irish National movement.—After the meeting a concert was held, when a most interesting discussion took place as to the question of Irish and English Nationalities, and the I.N.F. Mr Ryan, District Councils in Blackhill and Consett.—The chairman, Messrs Wilson and Healy, Miss Healy, Messrs Burke, Cooke, and Ryan took part in the discussion.—Ultimately Mr John Wilson, Consett, Mr Ryan, Blackhill, and Mr J. O'Connor, president of the Consett branch, were appointed to wait upon the Consett Co-op. Com., and to request him to convene a meeting of the parishioners at an early date to consider the Irish Question.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH.—The harvest thanksgiving services will be held on Sunday next when there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and half-past, and sermons. Evensong, with sermon, at half past six. Rev C. Bewley, M.A., Curate of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, will preach both morning and evening service. Thanksofferings will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the Oldest English Missionary Society.

TANFIELDLEA

LOCAL VETO MEETING.—An enthusiastic veto meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Tanfield Lea, on Friday evening, when addresses were given by Rev. R. Walton, Westgate, Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lumley, Darlington, and Mr. Lister, Newcastle. The latter gentlemen represented the United Kingdom Alliance. Mr. Thos. Vickers presided.

A public meeting was held under the auspices of the Consett and District Methodist New Connexion Methodist Chapel, Westgate, Weardale, on Thursday, the Rev. T. Hall presiding. Several resolutions were delivered by Mr. R. Watson, Carlisle, and Mr. Geo. Tomlinson, Newcastle, representatives of the U.K.A. The meeting was an enthusiastic one.

SWALWELL

Mr. Thomas Elliott, of Swalwell, has completed 50 years as a Wesleyan local preacher. During this period he has filled the various appointments of anniversary services in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, having officiated at some of the places hundreds of times during years.

DEATH OF MR. WM. LEE.—On Monday after... ... the deceased, Mr. Wm. Lee, aged 72, of Swalwell Road, Leadgate, who died somewhat suddenly on Friday, at the age of 59 years, were interred in St. Ebba's Churchyard, Ebchester. Rev. Jesse Reid, manager of the Eden Pit, Rodwell Hills, belonging to the Consett Iron Company, Limited, but in recent years he has been employed in the colliery offices under Mr. C. F. Scott, viewer. He was in fairly good health on Friday last, when he was attacked by a stroke, and expired within 24 hours. Mr. Lee leaves a widow and family.

FROSTERLEY.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS.—On Saturday night, the anniversary services in connection with the Consett Band of Hope was held in the school-room, Frosterley, presided over by Mr George Tomlinson, of Newcastle, and Mr Robert Watson, Carlisle, representatives of the United Kingdom Alliance. During the evening an interesting programme of anthems, songs, recitations, dialogue's, and selections by a male voice party were given. Mr J. Ord presided. On Sunday, anniversary sermons were preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel in the above village, Mr C. Bewley in the early evening by Mr R. Watson, and in the afternoon a children's service was held, when addresses were given by the above gentlemen. Collections were taken as each service in aid of the Band of Hope funds.

WOLSINGHAM.

ELECTRICITY AND STEEL CASTINGS.—With electricity advances with leaps and bounds, being utilized in almost every branch of trade, requiring Weardale firm, Messrs John Rogerson and Company, Limited, of Wolsingham, have successfully given their attention to the manufacture of a special kind of magnet steel to be used in the construction of dynamos, motors, &c., and in reproducing castings which, for magnetic permeability, compare most favourably with wrought iron. Already that the business is in full swing, and completed a large order from a leading electrical firm for steel castings for dynamos. Here again, steel seems destined to supersede iron.

SOUTH MOOR.

TRAP ACCIDENT.—On the day last week as Nicholas Bainbridge was driving a horse he had yoked to a trap from South Moor to Consett, just after passing "Tommy's Arch," and galloped through New South Moor, and it was not until New South Moor was reached that the horse was brought to a stand-still. A man named Williamsjumped off the fastmoving trap, and injuries about the head resulting in concussion of the brain. Another person called Hewitson likewise jumped off, but he escaped without hurt. The driver and a companion who remained on the flat escaped with little or no injury.

BEAMISH.

Local Government Act, 1894.—A meeting was held in the Beamish National School-room and was fairly well attended to take the provisions of the Local Government Bill and its relation to that particular part of the township of Beamish. Mr Ridley presided over the meeting. Major Ridley of Stanley House (who represents a Beamish ward on election) Urpeth township on the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians took part in the meeting and received a most cordial welcome. Mr Ridley explained the working affairs gave the meeting much useful information.

Mr Ridley, Mr Cummings, Mr Robert Ratcliffe, and the Secretary Mr. E. J. English were appointed to confer with representatives from other parts of the township to have matters arranged previous to the Parish Council elections.

WEST STANLEY.

Charge of Theft Against a Lodger.—At the West Stanley Police Court, on Friday last, before E. E. Ballery, Thos. Hodgson (29), miner, lodging in the house of Thomas Dunn, Stanley, and also stealing a purse containing 5s 11½d, the property of Miss Jane Ann Hutchinson, West Stanley.—It appeared that the accused lodged at Kelly's, and had a room next to Miss Kelly's bedroom. On the morning of the 15th inst. Miss Hutchinson missed in her chamber, and on entering the accused emerged from the room. It appeared that one of the drawers had been forced open, and the purse containing the money above mentioned abstracted.—Accused was remanded for a week.

CHESTER-LE-STREET LEEK SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of the above society was held on Wednesday night at Mrs. Smith's the Butcher's Arms. Mr. Harvey Hedley, chairman, president of the society, presided over a large number of members and friends. After a most excellent repast, served by Mrs. Smith, the cloths were removed, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. The Queen was duly honoured. The Chairman gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Chester-le-Street Leek Society." He complimented the members upon the spirit and enthusiasm they had shown upon its establishment, and upon its position numerically and financially.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL ENQUIRY AT WEST STANLEY.

THE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

A meeting of the Local Government Committee of the County Council was held on Monday in the Shire Hall, Durham, when Messrs C. T. Horsley, G. W. Bartlett, and R. Simey (clerk), the Commissioners appointed by the County Council to enquiry in the West Stanley Board Schools a fortnight ago, reported that the Board Schools of Beamish, Kyo, and South Moor, asked for by the Stanley Local Board, should be added to that area, and also recommended the creation of the rural parish of Tanfield into an urban district. The Commissioners' report was adopted by a narrow majority, and will come up for confirmation at the County Council meeting some time this month.

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STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday 18 fat cattle, 250 fat sheep, and about 200 keeping lambs, 31 calves, 11 cows, poultry, &c. Beasts made £12 12s 6d, £12, £11 15s, £11 10s, to £6 6d, Mr W. Fell, Leadgate to 20s 6d, Mr Jewett, Scotch sheep to 32s 6d, Mr Little, Allen to 30s 6d, Mr Hedley, Leadgate to 32s, Mr J. Pattison; 32/-, Mr Surtees; Cheviots to 34s 6d, Mr Richardson, Hedley.

Cattle were present, and trade was very good considering the supply of stock forward, the most of which changed hands at prices equal to those of last week's sellers. The sale of tups, ewes, and wintering lambs was fairly good for the season. Mr Murray has a fairly good entry; also upon 100 tups, and upwards of 300 ewes, gimmers, and lambs are already entered.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 60 dairy cows and heifers, 23 fat cattle, 6 stores cattle, 10 calves, 200 fat sheep, and 40 pigs. Cows made up to £24 10s; fat cattle to £16; store cattle to £8 10s; calves to 25s; fat sheep to 35s-to-Mr. J. Dickenson, Hall House; fat lambs to 39s 6d-to Mr. J. Liddle, Wilson le Wear.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr Turnbull held a special sale of grazing cattle, sows, and lambs, in connection with the usual fat stock sale on Monday, and had forward 23 fat cattle, 175 fat sheep and lambs, 8 sows, 30 new calved and lactating cows and heifers, 146 grazing cattle, 30 calves, 30 pigs, 20 gimmers, and 300 keeping lambs. Trade for, milk cows was good at prices ranging from £16 to £24. The cows were a first-class lot. The best fat sheep also broke. Prices:—Heifers to £14 2s 6d-top, Mr. R. Potts, Allensford; Shorthorn bullocks to £13 15s, from Mr T. Burn, Chester-le-Street; fat cows to £12 5s, Mr. J. Darlington; fat 51s-top, Mr Wilkinson, New Acres; sows to 27s 6d-top, Birtley Iron Co. Fat lambs to 31s 6d-top, Mr J. Dodds, Waldridge Fell; fat ewes to 31s; cattle: Bullocks, to £16 5s; heifers to £12 12s 6d. A fine lot of grazing Friesdales were sold together. A few grand Bullock stirks from Mr. Nash, Beamish Park, created animated bidding up to £8 12s 6d each. Trade for fat cattle was fair, owing to a large sale in the north being on the same date. The principal buyers were Mr. Hall, gumners, to 37s; half-bred ewes, 2 and 3 crop, to 30s. Lambs were a good trade, and the supply not adequate to the demand.

STANLEY.—John Lowes had forward at his fortnightly auction mart on Monday, 30 fat cattle 30. There was only a small attendance of buyers. Beasts from £12 12s 6d to £14 10s 6d.

LANCHESTER.—Mr. Maxwell Dowson had forward on Wednesday, 48 l. rams, 14 ewes and bullets, 60 store cattle, 80 fat sheep, 30 fat lambs, 100 b.l. ewes, 196 mule lambs, 40 h.f. lambs, 1 lambs were offered first for sale—1st prize, J. R. Nicholson, Ben Rhydding; 2nd, J. Richardson, Ushaw Moor; 3rd, J. E. Nicholson, 67s; 2nd, Mrs Simpson, 57s; other sheep, £5 17s 6d; other, £4 to £5 5s; and £3 0s 0d. M.S. Gimmers, Fath House, 39s; Satley, 37s 6d; Brooms, 31s 6d; Broom House, 36s; Pine House, 33s 6d; Broom House, 31s; Fatlings, 32s; Cheviot ewes, 29s 6d; b.f. ewes, 19s. M. lambs, 36s; Leyfourn, 34s; Pine House, 31s; Broom House, 30s; and 31s. Cheviot lambs, 9s 6d; b.f. lambs, 7s 6d; store cattle, h.p. £10 10s; steers, £9 9s 6d. Trade all round was fair considering the day being fair and farmers busy leading corn. Next sale on Monday, October 15th.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

On Thursday week, the usual meeting of this body took place at the Union Buildings, Lanchester, Mr W. Logan (chairman) presiding.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The following reports were read:—

Southern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Attendance Committee.—I beg to report as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—The attendance is at present in a fairly satisfactory condition as a whole, but there are some cases which need attention.

During the past month I have made 175 absentee visits in the parish of Esh, 287 in Lanchester, 58 in Cornsay, 3 in Hamsterley, and 2 in Satley, and in every Park; total 535 visits, dealing with 305 children.

Twenty two new notices were served:—Cornsay, Hamsterley, 1; Langley Park, 2; Quebec, 1; Cornsay Colliery, 2; Esh Winning, 2; Craghead, 2; South Moor, 2; Lanchester, 2; Burnhope, 1; Tow Law, 2; Satley, 2.

Burnhope Colliery school was examined by H.M. Inspector of schools on the 12th and 13th inst.

Schools have been visited as follows:—

School.	Days of Visits.
Lanchester National	5, 14, and 20.
Hamsteels National	7 and 20.
Burnhope Colliery	12 and 13.
Holmside National	12.
South Moor Infant	13.
South Moor Girls	13.
South Moor Boys	11.
Ushaw Moor R.C.	26.
Quebec ,,	Closed 16.
Quebec ,, C.	11.
Langley Park British	7 and 19.
Esh R.C.	7 and 26.
Satley National	17.
Cornsay British	7 and 11.
Cornsay R.C.	11.
Cornsay Attendances	21.
Tow Law R.C.	21.
Oxhill Board School	18.
Stanley R.C.	18.
Stanley National	19.

Total, 29 visits.

There are unsent a report book for your consideration, and direction 13 cases, dealing with 17 children.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN GIBSON.

Lanchester, Sept 27th, 1894.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month I have reported 32 attendances to other officers, and visited 702 in the parish of Consett and Knitsley, 146 in Medomsley, 9 in Ebchester; total 857. A twenty by-law notices recognise 32 children were served as follows:—Consett 15, Leadgate 2, Knitsley 2, Medomsley 13. Thirty-two visits to schools have been made as under:—

Schools.	Days of Visits.
Consett British	Aug 31st, 14th, 20th, and 25th.
Consett St. Patrick's	Aug 31st, 7th, 14th, 20th, and 25th.
Consett National	Aug 31st, Sept. 7th, 14th, 20th, and 25th.
Consett Wesleyan	Aug 31st, Sept. 7th, 14th, 20th, and 25th.
Leadgate National	Sept. 7th, 13th, and 20th.
Leadgate Wesleyan	Sept. 7th, 13th, and 20th.
Broome St. Mary's	Sept. 7th, 13th, and 20th.
Ireton Village	Sept. 3rd, 12th, and 19th.
Ebchester National	Sept 4th and 21st.

The undermentioned schools have been examined in reading (Sept. 27th, 1894), on behalf of the science and art department:—

Name of School.	Date of Examination.
Burnopfield	Sept. 19th.
Leadgate National	,, 13th.
,, Wesleyan	,, 14th.
Consett National	,, 14th.
St. Patrick's	,, 13th.

The general Government examination of seven of the schools ends at the end of the month. As it is now a rule for children to be presented for their certificates at an ordinary examination, may I suggest that application be made to Mr Gibson for a special examination for labour candidates as a substitute (see Code Consets) as soon as convenient after the ordinary examinations are past.

It may not be out of place to notice that the recent order of the Secretary of State for regulating the employment of children in factories and workshops came into force on the 1st inst.

Thirteen cases, embracing 18 children, are entered in my report book to be considered.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant.
WM. WARD.

Ireston, Sept. 27th, 1894.

The report was adopted.

The other business was of a formal character.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAINE LEVER TRUSSES.—The most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and Prices to J. WHITE, and Co., (Limited), Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, or others, cheap imitations of our Moc-main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.

POLYTECHNIC & ART EXHIBITION AT BLACKHILL.

A WESLEYAN METHODIST EFFORT.

On Wednesday afternoon, the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday-school, Blackhill, first commendable enterprise which characterises all their endeavours in pushing forward every good work, opened a grand exhibition of art and industry, what extensive scale, in their Sunday Schoolroom. The object in view was the raising of £400 resting on the building, a sum of £800 having been recently raised by a grand bazaar held in the same place, a recess for the organ, and in effecting considerable additions to the schoolroom, by extending the roads backwards, and erecting a new infant school. A committee was consequently formed to promote a polytechnic and art exhibition, and it is gratifying to record that their energies were crowned with success, basing the assumption on the large and fashionable attendance of rare and curious objects that had been gathered together, to total articles in view numbering about 900. The undermentioned gentlemen were the active members of the committee:—

President—Messrs C. W. Nicholson and G. J. Robinson.

Secretaries—Messrs M. J. Robson and E. D. Turnbull.

Committee—W. Richardson, J. Jackson, jun., J. Hall, R. Fulleer, R. Fulleer, jun., Spence, W. Gill, J. Swindle, G. Reed, W. Redshaw, jun., G. Reed, F. Teare, E. Huntley, J. G. Johnson, S. Nicholson, H. Allison, W. Spence, W. Fulleer, G. Wilson, E. Ettringham, W. Trotter, H. Robinson, W. Robinson, J. Robinson, W. Johnson, R. Mewes, M. Henderson, J. Brown, J. Fulleer, M. H. Fulleer, W. Robinson, W. Johnson, T. Bates, W. S. Hale, T. Hall, and R. Bell.

The exhibits, which occupied all quarters of the globe, are tastefully and artistically arranged in the large schoolroom, which presented a most pleasing and attractive appearance. Valuable embraced pictures and photographs, stuffed birds and animals, curios, &c., &c. Among the contributors to the exhibition were such well-known gentlemen as Messrs Dowson, Lancaster, Jas. Bribey; Rev. J. Murray, Benfieldside House; and T. J. Moss, Benfieldside; Rev. R. Bewley, Consett; Messrs T. Stoker; Geo. Reston, Blackhill; and W. Allen, Shotley Bridge; Messrs P. Priestman, & Co., Derwent Lodge; R. Hall, Derwent Lodge; Josh Buildings, John Booth, Summerdale; Geo. Polin, Greenwood; T. H. Hall, Consett; Mrs Hall, Consett; Mrs Gage; Geo. Richardson, Shotley Bridge; F. Wood, Shotley Bridge; Newcastle; J. Petherick, A. S. Coates, J. Hall, jun., Consett; G. Reid, Blackhill; Miss Wilson, Consett; G. Surtees and S. Hall, Shotley Bridge; Mrs Murray, Blackhill; Mrs Weldon, and the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist choir. There are, moreover, magic lantern entertainments, microscopic views, experiments with Edison's photograph, and so forth.

There was a most generous attendance at the opening ceremony, amongst the ladies and gentlemen on the platform present being:—Mr George Stephenson, Blackhill Wesleyan Methodist choirs, the Blackhill Presbyterian, Primitive Methodist, and Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist choir. There are, moreover, magic lantern entertainments, microscopic views, experiments with Edison's photograph, and so forth.

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The proceedings opened with the sing-ing of the hymn, No. 233, Mr Brodie accompanying on the piano, and Mr J. S. Fulleer playing the cornet, Subsequently, Mr R. Nicholson sung of the prayer, and

Rev R. W. BUTTERWORTH, in introducing Mr Ainsworth, remarked that the society at Blackhill had been singularly fortunate in securing the services of such a gentleman. He was largely and deprossed, and unable to more from the house through the day over a week ago, through a spell of the wonderful scientific discovery given to the world under the name of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People; and I determined to try them. The result was that I did no more suffer from that attack on either but, and this second box completely cured me. I have not had a day's work since. I have a splendid appetite, and Dr. Williams' Pills really are the cure of my troubles."

Mr Ainsworth, owing to the great celebrity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills it is important to note that there are genuine only as manufactured by Dr. Williams Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, and are sold in boxes at 2/9 each. Never sold in bulk, or by the dozen or hundred; the best proof that they are worthless imitations is that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a sure remedy for such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, after effects of influenza, &c. They restore pale and sallow complexions to the glow of health, and are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, while in men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from worry, overwork, or excess of any nature.

SERIOUS ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN.

A special sitting of the Chester-le-Street Justices was held on Saturday last, when a man of various charge of assault against George Brown and Thomas Scott, miners, Ouston, who were charged with having drunk and disorderly at that place on the 29th inst, and further with assaulting P.C. Bourne at Ouston. Mr Gibson, solicitor, Chester-le-Street, prosecuted. Prosecutor who walked with a limp and bandaged head, gave the usual signs of the rough usage to which he had been subjected, and that he found the two men drunk and quarrelsome in the Red Lion Inn at Ouston. He drew his staff, and ordered them out the fact. The landlord said he had stopped their drink long ago and had ordered them out of the house. Witness ordered the two men out, and they again refused and said they had been turned out in any way they would murder him. Having regard to the condition of the prisoners, and their threats, he went for P.C. Bourne, and returned to sending to Pelton for assistance. With this object he went to his own house to get his coat and staff. In a few minutes prisoners came into his yard and called him out. He went out and Brown struck him with his hand stopped their drink: he replied, because they had plenty. He told them to go away, and Brown again attacked him: knocked him down, kicked him and struck him. While on the yard floor one of the men kicked him by the collar and knocked his head several times across the brake, hurting him severely. He was ill in bed for a week and suffered ever since. R

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow".]

I notice with pleasure that the Consett Primitive Methodists have arranged for a specially attractive programme in the engagements of Mr. J. Bowron to give an organ recital on Wednesday the 10th inst. Mr Fenwick, as everybody knows is one of the most promising of Newcastle's musicians, and as an organist has a reputation to be more than proud. Some of my readers may know Mr Bowron's name as he has been closely associated with choral work since and that as a non-professional has distinguished himself considerably. For a long time he has occupied the position—amongst others of a similar nature—of conductor for the Annfield Plain Philharmonic Society and has brought the members up to a stage of excellence profficiency. During his connection with the afore-mentioned Society he has worked with a zeal and an earnestness that have won for him a host of admirers and through his instrumentality the Annfield Plain Philharmonic Society rank as one of the most finished so Tynside. I am happy to know that his health, which, some little time ago was only indifferent, due to hard work no doubt, has greatly improved. In seeming Mr Preston's services, the Annfield Plain Methodist Church have been most happy and I may further hope that the emergence the engagement has shown may meet with prosperous and good results. Of late, however, I have little doubt. The remains and other instruments engaged are loudly well known and doubtless will prove, as in the case of Tynemouth, successful. Miss Davidson (Hawkhill) and Mr J. Siddle (Consett) will vocalise, and the instrumentalists will include our old friend Mr J. Lamb of Blackhill, and Mr E. Harrison, of Consett. There is very little doubt that a good audience will answer for the occasion. I am sorry I have not been favoured with a programme of the music but there is very little fear that as the compilation is in good hands it will be found one worthy of the occasion.

I am not, I admit, a great cricketer myself but it is one of those games that I strongly admire and to advantages I am ever ready in my own modest way to advocate. My readers will be ready I have little doubt, to offer me their feeling of pleasure on the fact that Consett has had quite a record season and will be ready to congratulate Mr Godfrey and the members generally on their victory at Chester-le-Street a victory which, I understand places the club in the Durham Senior League. There, is however, one unpleasant aspect in the affair, and that is the objection raised by the Chester-le-Street club to the ruling of the Consett umpire. Mr Harry Pigney who appeared to have been efficiency in the absence of Mr Ramsay Bell was on behalf of the visitors. I don't suppose we know what may properly constitute what is known as a "registered umpire" and so am unable to appreciate precisely to the full extent the nature of the objection raised by the Chester-le-Street team. It may not, however, be out of place to say here that the League (however little his qualifications may have been for conveying the position of umpire in this particular instance) has always been regarded as one knowledge of the game is probably second to none in the district. But that is of course a point outside the matter of consideration at the moment.

My reference to the Consett and District Cricket Club reminded me that a few words of prospect, I refer to the forthcoming entertainment for which the ladies of the district have been busy for so long and with such delightful zeal and energy. The Club is again in debt as everybody knows, but I hope that thanks to the handsome way in which it has been supported (etc)—how could it ever be anything else but in debt! It is not the fault of the committee each member of which does his level best and works his hardest to keep a clear look out, but it does repeatedly in this column, the subscriptions are in themselves too low to keep even the child raise duly pecuniarily above-board. How then can they be expected to maintain a club with ambitions such as dominate—and rightly dominate, mind you, the members of the Consett and District Club. At this moment I understand the club is in debt to the extent of £60. How long as is to remain so? Personally I hope and believe the 10th of November will be remember rightly, is the date fixed for the entertainment referred as to, finds the ladies in question, all ready for their kindly and well timed efforts to help their struggling brethren in distress.

Cricket.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. PHILADELPHIA.

Played on the former's ground for the benefit of the widow of Saunders the old Philadelphia player, from whom the following scores:—

PHILADELPHIA.		CHESTER.	
J C Saunders c and b Mc	12	R O Chester b E Harrison	0
Robert Hare run out	0	Jas Chester b J C Harrison	10
Middleton	20	J Young c and b Mc	2
Hedgefield b Newton	0	J Hedgefield b Young	0
A Thompson b Mc	0	G Hedgefield b Mc	0
Mc	0	J Stephenson b Young	0
J Young c Hedgefield b Mc	0	Mc	0
Mc	0	J Middleton b J C Harrison	0
Harrison b Newton	0	J Newton b Mc	0
Lee b Middleton	0	J K Hewitt c Young b Mc	0
Mc Allister c Chesters b Mc	0	J C Harrison b Mc	0
Mc	0	R Walker b J C Harrison	0
Mc	0	J Morgan b J C Harrison	0
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	39	Total	12

SOUTH MOOR v. BURNHOPESIDE HALL.

Played at Burnhopeside, the visitors winning by eight wickets.

SOUTH MOOR.		BURNHOPESIDE.	
T Wood c and b Lawson	17	T Wood c and b Joyce	0
J Wood c Hedley b Joyce	0	J Wood c Hedley b Joyce	0
T Robinson b Hedley	0	Lawson c Brass b Joyce	0
W Brass c and b Lawson	0	Mc	0
H Joyce b Sadler	1	W Joyce c Graham b Joyce	0
Smith b Sadler	1	Smith c Sadler b Joyce	0
W Graham c Lawson b Sadler	0	G Hedley b Joyce	11
Graham b Hedley	0	Graham b Hedley	0
T Sadler b Hedley	0	T Sadler b Hedley	0
Mc	0	Joyce	0
Mc	0	W Clark c Sanderson b Joyce	1
Mc	0	Robertson b Hedley	0
Mc	0	Dixon b Westgate	1
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	25	Total	13

CONSETT AND DISTRICT C.C.

AVERAGES FOR 1894.

The batting and bowling averages of the first team of the above club, which has had a remarkably successful season, are as under:—

BATTING.				
	Total runs.	No. of innings.	Times not out.	Aver.
J Biddell	166	7	1	27·6
A B Godfrey (capt)	222	11	3	24·66
W J Sadler	193	11	3	24·12
A Wood	275	16	4	17·19
T Dafter	94	6	1	18·8
Geo Walton	156	15	3	13·0
W Turnbull	151	16	1	10·1
Rev R S Hay	91	7	1	15·4
J Richards	54	6	1	11·2
W Turnbull	146	14	1	11·12
G Watterson	68	3	2	9·1
T Williamson	106	7	1	17·1
T C Charlton	39	7	1	5·33
T Robinson	29	7	1	4·33
R W Bradley	25	7	1	4·16

BOWLING.			
	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Average per wkt.
A Wood	398	36	136	11·1
R T Bradley	267	23	118·2	11·7
W T Sadlion	290	23	129·3	12·6
James (pro)	501	33	244	15·5
T D Thain	71	7	29·4	10·1
A S Godfrey	60	3	13	20

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. RYTON.

These teams will meet at Ryton. The following will represent the Rovers:—Goal, Wilson (Ellison); three-quarter backs, R. Bradley, J. Robertson; half-backs, Anderson; half-backs, G. Smailes (capt.) and J. Lowes; forwards, G. Smailes, J. Anderson, S. Taylor, Thomas, G. Bradley, J. Hardy, G. Hewitson, and G. Davyson.

ENGLISH CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

LEADGATE PARK FARM v. TOW LAW.

The meeting of these teams at Tow Law is arousing tremendous interest. Both clubs have shown great form so far this season, and a great battle is expected to be witnessed to-morrow. The Park team is not definitely selected yet, but will be chosen from the following:—J Coucher, F sad W Forrester, John Wilson, Robs Wilson, T Stone, Thomas W Smith, J T Wilby, R Carmuell, J S Robson, R Graham, A Burnham, J Coe Wilson, W Bell, T Forster.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

CONSETT v. AXWELL ROVERS.

These teams will meet on Consett in the first round of the above cup, and given fine weather there should be a record "gate." The team will be selected from the following:—J Wister, T Skelton, J Carruthers, Thos Smith, W Graham, C Pascoe, Jas Smith, B Young, R Harkness, M Hogan, J Adams, A Proctick, T Dunn, J Smith. Kick off at 3.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. HAMSTERLEY UNITED.

At Leadgate. The Park team will be chosen from the following:—T Burnhope, W McGilmsley, H Forman, T Calvert, J Pearce, T Pearce, T Wilkie, G Cartmell, H Makepeace, J Hargreaves, G Milburn, G Lock, G Forster, J Forster. Referee, Mr W Smith, Victoria Garesfield.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v CRAGHEAD RANGERS.—The game will be played at Craghead. The following team will represent the Swifts:—Goal, Wilson; backs, G Rostance and J Walton; half-backs, T Wilson, J Taylor, J Sadler, R Dixon, J Hinds, Bat whitehead and J Little; right wing; F Bradley, centre; Jos Allison (capt.) and J Wilkie, left wing. Reserves, J Wright and W Doyle.

BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE v BRIGHAM (Newcastle).—The fixture Bartle Lea will be selected from. The Temperance team will be as follows:—Goal, J Taylor; backs, R Dixon and J Hinds, (but withdrawn) T Hanover, C Davison, and J L Wandy; forwards, J Wandy, W Compston, J Gibbon, E Parker, and H Harrison.

IVESTON VILLA v CORNFAY HOUSE.—Reserve.—The following Ivy Villa team will be selected from:—Goal, H Makepeace; backs, Thompson and Temple; half-backs, Hall, Hedley and Hedley; forwards, McEnaney; forwards, "Smith" and Gladdess, right wing; Young, centre; Twaddy, R Makepeace, and M Hargrea, left wing.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN AT PELTON.

A fortnight ago, a young man named John Shilcorn, 19 years of age, and son of Mr Shilcorn, Tailoress, of Pelton Village, disappeared from home. A search was immediately instituted by P.C. Cowen, of Caston, and other officers, ably seconded by the youth's relatives and friends, but without any definite result. On Saturday, the poor lad's body was found floating in the reservoir near the North-Eastern Railway Company's Station, Stadkfield, Pelton Fell. Much sympathy has been evinced for the parents, especially for the widowed mother, who has been very ill since the sad discovery took place.

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At this age of misrepresentation, confidence has been destroyed, and knowing that Handybind's Consumption Cure is the best thing in the world, I have opened out shops in the principal towns of the North of England, and invite an office with the people who have taken the medicine. Everyone should go and hear the grand music it has earned for the cure of Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Cancer, Influenza, and Eruptions on the Skin. Handybind's Cure is not a cure-all, but a specific. When the lungs are eaten away and consumption death has been expected, life has often been prolonged for years by using this medicine. Just when the lungs are eaten away it will not put them right, but it will give a great lease of life. This shows the necessity of checking the disease in time. There is no hereditary consumption, but there is consumption of the lungs, consumption of the bowels from debility. Therefore all people should take it who are anxious to avoid and preserve their live. It is a common thing to receive letters marked with urgent, and on opening them find the words, "save my child and," or "give me what you like," but if the lungs are half gone, it will only ease the troubled life of the child. I am a great friend of the people, John Bright might have lived yet had as this fatal medicine at his early stage of Bright's Disease. Handybind's Cure is not a cure-all, and shows no signs of returning, and all have received marvellous benefit. Handybind's Cure is loved by people like anomaly of Tumours. I have known good many people ripped up and operated upon for Tumours, and many have been perfectly restored to health with this medicine. At Sunderland my assistant has cured more than thirty two cases of Tumour, and he has only failed in one case, which has been of very long standing. Handybind's Cure is unrivalled for Piles. I sometimes every night draw fifty pounds from my pocket, and have known letters hundreds of people, whether they will have the fifty pounds spent on doctor's medicine, or they will have more health and happiness. Handybind has graduated the doctor's medicines yet. I have issued a challenge to all the doctors of Europe to send a sample of the person who brings the doctor's medicine to give challenge a hundred pounds, but no one has been brought yet. I have also issued a challenge to the bottling sufficient to accommodate 600 persons, in the famous, and two-thirds of them their medicine I will give the other half this medicine and the world will see the result. The way to ascertain the value of Handybind's Cure is to the service of your doctor, and take this medicine unknown to him, and if he does not like you, you will hear from what he says that you have progressed more under this medicine than any other medicine.

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Author of "Darker than Death," "Riches to Rain Down," "Dead Secrets," "Lost Love," "Who Killed John Cameron?" "The Police Minister" "For True Love's Sake," &c., &c.

CHAPTER LXXXII.

In Which Old Radcliffe's Fears Come More Against Greenwood.

When Rose had told her parents all about Greenwood's proposal, Mrs Radcliffe said what he required her to do, her mother was both pained and shocked, but her father smiled grimly, and muttered words at his ex-groom's "confounded impudence," as he called it, though with little addition of a few much more powerful adjectives, he made no offer even to take her most unpleasant hint off her hands, as she had expected he would, but left her to the contrary, did his best in the encouraging of her to carry it out in the exact manner Greenwood had bidden her.

He even chuckled once or twice, as though the affair had its humorous side, in spite of its sordid and humiliating aspect, on which account Rose felt not a little angry and disgusted with him, before the end of the interview.

Nevertheless, she set forth, half an-hour later, to meet the Hall, more than half in the utmost on her confederates' state o behalf, no matter how much pain and shame the doing of it might cost her, and when Rose had departed, old John mixed himself an extra strong glass of brandy and water, and then, having got it at least half the amount, in acknowledgment of my skill and pains. I'll surely do it. I'll surely do it. by Gosh! I'll do it. I'll do it. I'm going to bring Ruth with him—he! he! with him—and then, when she actually sees him in her father's house, perhaps he expects to be paid a thousand guineas for the most atrocious and infernal cruelty to her. He take a two and as well as bad, and it is more certain still that he has never yet succeeded in taking the correct direction in which to aim his murderous intentions. For the which, on her evidence alone, he could be tried for his life, and even if he be too crafty a fellow to run his neck into a noose by giving that evidence, he has laughed him too thoroughly to credit it of him for two single instants. No, no, Dewdrop and a brace of Liberal cruelty to her. He has been cruel and unfortunate sister's

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The annual meeting of this body was held on Thursday week in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester, Mr W. Logan, J.P., (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs Geo Hobson, Coun T. J. Muse, W. H. Hedley, T. E. Longstaff, L. Nicholson, J. Oliver, Rev W. Cockin, Coun J. A. Curry, N. Clark, Rev F. Cameron R. Robson, W. Aynsley, T. Lowden, W. Grey, Thos Wilkinson, Coun Murray, W. Rutherford, J. Lax, Miss Gibson, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson.)

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE: A NEW RATE.

The Clerk presented his estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing six months, which amounted to £5,534. After deducting common fund receipts to the amount of £3,000 is left £5,534 to be made up by the new rate.

On the proposition of Coun Murray, seconded by Coun Muse, a rate of 4d in the £ was ordered to be prepared by the Clerk.

The Chairman: This will be 2d in the £ less in the rate which was made for the corresponding period last year.

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr Grey: It is very satisfactory.

Mr L. Nicholson: It is far better to have a balance in hand.

The Chairman: Just so.

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Clerk reported that he had received an order from the Local Government Board with respect to the formation of the District Council.

The Chairman: When does the Act come into force.

The Clerk said the order pointed out that nominations for the District Council would have to be made by Dec 5th. In case of a contest the same would take place on the 17th December.

THE CHAIRMAN AND "THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL."

UNFOUNDED STATEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE INFIRMARY.

The Chairman said it was his duty to call the members' attention to a report published in *The British Medical Journal* of August 25th 1894, on their own infirmary by a special commissioner. In the report there were a number of gross misstatements. The article was as follows:

REPORTS ON THE NURSING AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROVINCIAL WORKHOUSES AND INFIRMARIES.

Special Commission of the "British Medical Journal."

XIII.—LANCHESTER.

In the quiet little village of Lanchester we found a compact union, having a small infirmary built apart, the whole standing in a pretty flower garden, in front of which was a pauper engaged in cutting the grass. In response to his query, "Will ye be inside?" we asked for the master, who at once introduced us to the nurse, and left us in her charge. The infirmary is planned for 40 beds, and the nurse, who is a midwife, is trained in general nursing.

WARDS.

These are on the ground and first floors, the nurse's quarters being between; though they are of a pleasant aspect, with windows on each side, they are too small, and the ventilation is not effective, as we found on going into a male ward in which there was an offensive case, a poor man with paralysis of the sphincters. The bedsteads are spring, with hair mattresses, and the wards were supplied with armchairs and other comforts, such as dressing gowns and slippers, for the patients who have to leave their beds at night. Commodes are used at night, as the conveniences are downstairs on the intermediate landing. There are no wards for isolation; we saw in a male ward a man with syphilis, a most decidedly offensive case; and all the feeble-minded patients would be in the infirmary. The labour ward is on the first floor, and, if we remember rightly, has two beds, one of which is the labour bed.

LADY GUARDIAN.

The nurse informed us that she felt much indebted to the lady guardian for the improvements that had been introduced into the infirmary; until the lady guardian was appointed, there was no one on the Board with whom she could talk over the feminine matters that appertained to her department.

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Part of the drains were being taken up at the time of our visit, but they are not yet satisfactory. The system of closets is earth; they were certainly most unsavoury when we looked into them. This ought not to be, for the earth closet in the country must be more wholesome than the water where there is no main drainage system, and in a place like Lanchester where the Guardians have a large amount of ground under cultivation, the failure in the supply of earth must be from want of organisation. Hot and cold water are laid on to the infirmary on both floors; there are two bathrooms on each side but no slop sinks.

PATIENTS.

The medical officer told us that the work in the infirmary was good; being at some distance from a general hospital all the poor came to the workhouse. We saw several patients in bed—a woman in advanced phthisis, a man with disease of the foot, another necrosis of the arm, recovering, and the usual sprinkling of infirm and old age patients. Nurse was very proud of her surgical patients, and she had good results with carbolic lotion and vaseline dressing; she told us that she was liberally supplied with all that was required for her work. Water pillows and mattresses, linen, mackintoshes for the beds; those that we looked at had an ample supply of bedding and were clean. All the wards are in telephonic communication with the nurse's room, but the hospital is not placed in communication with the master's quarters.

PAUPER HELP.

The services of the inmates are not made use of in the wards except to assist in the minor details of the work, and in the cleaning. The nurse is responsible for the actual service about the sick; but at night the wards are left to the paupers, who are charged to call the nurse at any time that her presence is needed; under these circumstances there are times when the nurse is more out of bed than in.

DIETS.

The question of suitable food for the sick is one that requires attention. The diets as we saw them set forth on the cards were hardly such as some of those patients could eat, and if unsuitable food is sent to the wards it is double waste—waste of the food cooked and waste because it takes the place of other nourishment that might help on the course of treatment. Perhaps the lady guardian may have time to study the food as supplied in the infirmary.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

This little country infirmary made a pleasing impression on us; the patients appeared happy and well cared for. Still, we would suggest that more accommodation for isolation should be provided; the offensive cases above referred to are a distinct evil in a ward, and if there is want of sufficient ventilation in the daytime when the nurse is about, what must it be at night when the paupers are left to their own devices? Also we suggest the employment of a night-nurse, who, besides her own special work, would be available to relieve the day-nurse and herself be relieved by the day-nurse. The sanitary arrangements need attention, as it is nothing short of a disgrace that the necessary supply of earth for the closets, and the frequent change of the same, is not a matter of routine in the midst of the country.

The Chairman went on to say that as chairman of that body he felt it was his duty not to allow such statements to go unnoticed, and therefore wrote the editor of the journal, and on September 22nd the following appeared:—

Lanchester Union Workhouse Infirmary.

We have received from Mr Will. Logan, chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, a letter in which he questions the accuracy of some of the statements made by our Commissioner with reference to the Lanchester Workhouse Infirmary.

1. Mr Logan states that from eighteen years' experience he agrees with the medical officer that the ventilation is effective, and he denies that there was any offensive case (paralysis of sphincters) in the male ward.—On the occasion of our Commissioner's visit there was a strong odour of urine in the male ward, and the nurse stated that a patient suffering from paralysis had no control over the sphincters.

2. Mr Logan states that there are two wards for isolation.—Our Commissioner's statement was based on the information conveyed by the nurse that there was no ward in which an offensive case could be isolated; and we gather from Mr Logan's observations that the isolated wards to which he refers are for infectious cases.

3. Mr Logan disputes the statement that there was "in the male ward a man with syphilis, a most decidedly offensive case."—Our Commissioner's statement was based on notes, taken at the time, of the disease for which the patients were stated to be under treatment.

4. Mr Logan takes exception to the statement that all the feeble minded patients would be in the infirmary, on the ground that at the time of the Commissioner's visit there was only one feeble minded patient in the infirmary; the remainder of the feeble minded patients, fifteen in number, being in the Workhouse.—Mr Logan has misunderstood our Commissioner's point. The remark applied to such feeble minded inmates as might be from time to time admitted to the infirmary for treatment. For them there is no separate ward.

5. The statement of our Commissioner as to the labour ward, which was guarded by the phrase "if we remember rightly," was incorrect. Mr Logan states that there is one bed in the labour ward and five beds in the lying-in ward. He adds that before the visit of our Commissioner, alterations had been, and are, contemplated.

6. Mr Logan states that the drainage put down 14 years ago had not been touched during that time, and is still in perfect order. Our Commissioner's statement was founded upon information given on the spot, to the effect that certain excavations were in connection with work on the drains, which were not yet complete. Mr Logan assures us that this work was in connection with the water supply.

7. Mr Logan quarrels with the statement that the earth closets were "unsavoury"; he will go no further than to admit that there is a "smell" when they are used. Reference to the report will show that our Commissioner upheld the system of earth closets, but condemned the manner in which it is carried out at Lanchester, where the earth was insufficient to cover the soil.

8. With regard to food Mr Logan writes: "There are three dietary tables in the infirmary, any one of which the medical officer may order, and he can go further and order any addition or alteration to alteration that he may think the patient requires. I most emphatically assert that any of the diets is superior in quality, more varied, and better cooked than the patients would have received in their own houses, if fortune, in their position of life, had always smiled upon them, and sickness had overtaken them in their homes." The question of food is not peculiar to Lanchester. The diets of the old and sick, as sanctioned by the Local Government Board, requires revision.

The Chairman might further point out that the editor did not insert the whole of his letter, and he would read to them a true copy of the same. The following is the letter:—

(Copy.)

LANCHESTER UNION WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.

To the Editor of the British Medical Journal.

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to an article and leaderette in your issue of 25th August, under the head of "Reports on the Nursing and Administration of Provincial Workhouses and Infirmaries," and as the article, and consequently leaderette based upon it, contain so many glaring inaccuracies, I trust you will do me the favour to insert this reply to the article.

Your Special Commissioner, in making the report, intends, I presume, to depict the state of affairs as they actually existed at time of her visit, but if it is held that a special Commissioner has the right to depict that which was not in actual existence at the time of the visit, but what was in existence at such a period so very near the time that it may reasonably be taken to be within the visit, then I am quite willing to take a reasonable anterior time, which you are quite welcome to extend to suit your Commissioner's imagination. Shall we say a month or six weeks?

To proceed. I thank your Commissioner for acknowledging the pleasant surroundings and the other good points at Lanchester Workhouse, but when your Commissioner gets inside then I at once join issue.

Your Commissioner says "the ventilation is not effective." The medical officer of the infirmary says it is effective, and I entirely agree with him from an experience of 18 years.

Your Commissioner says, "we found on going into a male ward in which there was an offensive case, a poor man with paralysis of the sphincters." There was no such case except in the imagination of your Commissioner.

Your Commissioner says, "there are no wards for isolation." This is utterly untrue. There are two wards for isolation. And again, "we saw in a male ward a man with syphilis, a most decidedly offensive case." There was no case of syphilis in the infirmary. So the statement is most decidedly untrue.

Your Commissioner says, "and all the feeble minded patients would be in the infirmary." The feeble minded patients numbered 16, 15 of whom were in the Workhouse, and only one in the infirmary on account of sickness. So much for your Commissioner's all, 1 out of 16.

Your Commissioner says, "the labour ward is on the first floor, and if we remember rightly, has two beds, one of which is the labour bed." We are not quite heathens even in the far North. There is one bed in the labour ward, and five beds in the lying-in ward. This is rather different to your Commissioner's recollections, and even here and before the visit of your Commissioner alterations had been and are in contemplation.

I do not want to make light of the lady Guardian, but I do say that the improvements in the infirmary are carried out when required, and they have neither been accelerated or retarded by the lady Guardian.

Your Commissioner says, "part of the drains were being taken up at the time of our visit." Your Commissioner must have a vivid imagination, as the drains were put down 14 years ago, and are still in perfect order, and have not been touched during that time. How does your Commissioner come to the conclusion that "they are not satisfactory"?

Your Commissioner says, "The system of closets is earth, and they certainly were unsavoury when we looked into them." I do not admit that earth closets are "unsavoury." When used there is a "smell," but not so bad as that which arose from all the water-closets which were in use only a few years ago, and of which a large number are still in use even in your "village" of London.

If your Commissioner had made a little enquiry she would have found that the Guardians acting as the Rural Sanitary Authority had subsidised the public water company to bring water into the village with a view, among other requirements, of adopting water-closets. My experience of earth closets is that they are never satisfactory, that is is impossible to prevent "smell," but otherwise they are not deleterious. I do not say your Commissioner does not know the difference between "a hawk and a bernshaw," or a water-pipe and a sewer drain, but I can only account for the statement that drains were being taken up from the fact that at the time of the visit the main water-pipes were being laid through the village.

Your Commissioner says, "we saw several patients in bed—a woman in advanced phthsis, a man with disease of the foot, another necrosis of the arm, recovering." None of these cases were in the infirmary. Clearly more lively imaginings. Some people might use a stronger term.

I do not wish to quote your Commissioner's remarks in full as to the food, but I do say the statement that the food is unsuitable is not true. I admit that all "the delicacies of the season" are not there. There are three dietary tables in the infirmary, any one of which the medical officer may order, and he can go further and order any addition or alteration that he may think the patient requires. I most emphatically assert that any of the diets is superior in quality, more varied, and better cooked than the patients would have received in their own houses, if fortune, in their position of life, had always smiled upon them, and sickness had overtaken them in their own homes.

In an ordinary way the infirmary is occupied by about 32 patients, the greater number of whom are old and infirm, and suffer not so much from specific disease as from natural decay.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

WILL. LOGAN.
Chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians.

Langley Park, Durham,
September 8th, 1894.

The Master: I might state that the nurse has declined to furnish the commissioner with the information.

Coun. Muse: I think the nurse should be questioned as to these statements.

Miss Gibson: It would only be right that such be done, so as to allow the nurse to clear herself of all blame.

Mr Nicholson: Seeing the chairman has replied to the statements, is it worth while taking any further notice of the article?

The Chairman: I don't want to take any further notice of it, but it was my duty to draw the members' attention to the same.

Mr Nicholson: Seeing the Local Government Board's Inspector has passed everything as satisfactory, I don't think we should trouble ourselves about what any commissioner might do or say.

The Chairman: Mr Dawson, the Inspector, is very much annoyed about the statements.

Miss Gibson: The Inspector has passed everything as satisfactory with the exception of the alterations to the infirmary.

Mr Oliver: I would suggest that the clerk write to the Local Government Board, pointing out the gross statements this commissioner has made, and stating that they were incorrect.

Coun. Curry: Is this commissioner sent by the Local Government Board?

The Chairman: Oh, no. It is only a lady sent out as a commissioner by the editor of this high state journal, and the reports contained therein are supposed to be correct.

Coun. Murray considered it was most unfair for such statements to be made if not correct. They were the possessors of a workhouse which would bear comparison with any other workhouse, not only in this country, but throughout the United Kingdom. (Hear, hear.) He would move that a copy of the report of the statements be furnished to each member for them to consider, and say what action should be taken at the next meeting.

Coun. Muse: Yes, and we can have the nurse before us at the next meeting.

The Chairman: Quite so.

Miss Gibson said they were indebted to the chairman for the way in which he had defended their position. She considered they should now take no further notice of the statements. She had already received two copies of the journal from anonymous friends.

The Chairman: In refuting the statements I was only doing my duty as chairman of this body.

Mr Rutherford: I think it will be a question for this Board to consider whether these commissioners should be admitted to the Workhouse in the future.

The Chairman: I think we need not trouble ourselves about such a question. It is already in the hands of the master.

Mr Aynsley: Is this commissioner sent by the Local Government Board?

The Chairman: No. This lady who acts as commissioner is sent by the editor of the *Journal*.

Mr Lax thought they should not allow this question to drop. This was public opinion, and they should protest against these inaccuracies. He would second Coun. Murray's motion.

Miss Gibson: I think all has been done that is required by the chairman.

Mr Nicholson: I would not take further notice of it.

Mr Lax: We can't afford to allow such statements to go.

Mr Wilkinson: I should think not.

Coun. Muse: The whole statements were grossly untrue, and we were all drawn into it.

The Chairman: I think if the reporter will take the articles and my replies, and insert them in the *Consett Guardian*, it will give every member a chance of reading the same for themselves, and then we can consider what shall be done at the next meeting.

Coun. Curry said he was in favour of Coun. Murray's motion, so as to have the question decided at the next meeting. They ought to take some steps to defend their position, and refute the charges.

Eventually, the chairman's suggestion was agreed to.

ALTERATIONS TO THE INFIRMARY.

Mr J W Rounthwaite, architect, Blackhill, presented the plans for alterations to the infirmary, &c., and was requested to prepare amended plans so as to carry out the instructions of the Local Government Board.

CONTRACTS.

The following tenders were accepted for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, &c., for the ensuing six months:—Butcher meat, Mr J Parker, Leadgate; petroleum, Mr J Watson, Lanchester; coals, Mr S A Sadler, Malton Colliery; coffins, Mr W Hall, Lanchester; Australian beef, Mr Jas Walton; flour, Mr W R Wiggen, Langley Park; groceries, Messrs T D Dryden and Co., Consett.

It was decided to advertise for 10 tons of potatoes to be delivered in two ton lots, as required.

This was all the business.

FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT IN WEARDALE.

Intelligence was received by Mr J. T. Proud, coroner, at Bishop Auckland, of the death of a labourer recently employed on the new railway construction operations in Weardale. Deceased, named William Emmerson (55), of Westgate, St. John's Chapel, was working near Brotherlee, about the middle of September, when a quantity of earth fell upon him, with the result that he was severely injured, one of his legs and his collar bone being broken. He was removed to Westgate, where he died on Sunday. The deceased was well known as a leader and platform speaker in the leadmining crisis, as well as being an active Wesleyan Sabbath School essayist and reformer.—Coroner Proud held an inquest in Weardale on Tuesday, touching the death of Wm. Emmerson, who died on Sunday from injuries received on the 11th ult. The verdict was "Accidental death," the jury, with the exception of the foreman, being satisfied there had been no negligence.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Friday, Sept. 28th.—Before J. T. Potts, Esq.

SLEEPING OUT.

Peter Mohar, a vagrant, was charged by P.C. Wall with sleeping beside a haystack belonging to Mr J Thompson, farmer, Burnopfield, on Thursday week.—He was sent to prison for seven days.

ALLEGED THEFT AT LEADGATE.

William Gibson, a mason, who was arrested by P.C. Crabb at West Stanley on Thursday, was charged with stealing a shirt, the property of Michael Conway, his bedfellow, at Leadgate. It was rather singular to note that both the prosecutor and the prisoner were minus the right eye.—Accused was remanded for a week.

WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting of this body was held at Stanhope on Friday.

MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master reported the number of vagrants the week before last to be 79, and last week 61, against 95 and 50 at the corresponding periods of last year. The number of inmates the week before last was 35, and last week 35, against 36 in both corresponding weeks of last year.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The ordinary meeting of the above Authority was held on Friday, at Stanhope.

LEAZES LANE SEWERAGE.

On the recommendation of the Wolsingham Committee, it was decided to let the contract for the Leazes Lane sewer work to Mr J. Ashbridge, Stanhope.

The rest of the business at both these bodies was of a formal character.

DROWNING CASE AT CRAGHEAD.

An inquest was held on Wednesday morning last week at Mrs Elizabeth Oxley's, Punch Bowl Inn, Craghead, by Mr John Graham, coroner, touching the death of John Carter, aged 15 years, son of Richard Carter, a labourer, who lodges at Craghead.

It appears that the boy was employed at Messrs Hedley Bros.' brickyard at Craghead. On the night of the 12th inst., Carter had occasion to slightly correct the boy for some mischief he had done. The father and son, however, slept together, and on the morning of the 13th Sept. the father went off to his work at some new houses at South Moor. He left his son busy putting on his boots, his "bait" tin being ready for him, but he did not go as usual to his employment. It is supposed that he had thrown himself into a reservoir situate near the Oswald Pit, Craghead, and which serves several collieries. Although a strict search was made for the body, it was not observed until six o'clock on Monday morning week, when Richard Hann, the colliery engineman, was busy taking the depth of water. He saw the body of the lad, and promptly informing PC James, the latter recovered the corpse with an iron crook. The body was much decomposed, and must have been in the water some days.

The father said he did not use violence towards his son, or frighten him in any way, but he was of a rather stubborn disposition. There were seven feet three inches of water in the reservoir when the body was got out.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned."

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FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

SPEN.

On Saturday, the Spen Flower Show was held in a large marquee at the High Spen. The principal prize takers in the open class were E Atkinson, Winlaton; James Wilson, Blaydon; E Robson, Blaydon; John Armstrong, Spen; J Alexander, Victoria Garesfield; M Wheatley, Greenside; E Boswell. Colliery class —Thomas Robson, Spen; J Alexander, Victoria Garesfield; James Armstrong, Chopwell; George Nixon, Victoria Garesfield; George Stockoe, Barlow Fell.

On Sunday afternoon the Spen Excelsior Reed Band gave a concert in the show field, when a collection was taken in aid of the aged miners, widows, and orphans fund of the Spen Colliery.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The usual exhibition of the Chester-le-Street Leek Society was held on Saturday at Mr Smith's, Butchers' Arms Inn, and was successful in every respect. The general arrangements were ably carried out by the president of the society, Mr Wm George Watson, and the secretary, Mr H L Spence, and a committee. Mr Thomas Marsden, Fatfield, was judge, and his awards were:—

Thos Purdon, Mark Summers, Robert Middleton, Mrs M Summers, Fred Coore, Thomas S Jennings, John Kell, James Curry, John Watson, J O Gladstone, Robert D Usher, Wm George Watson, Jacob Swalwell, Andrew Jennings, H L Spence, Thomas Elliott, Joseph Watson, Robert Watson, Joe Kell, Wm G Dawson, J Brown, Mark Stephenson, John Graham, Chas Smith, Mrs Spence.

BLAYDON.

The annual show of leeks under the auspices of the Excelsior Leek Club was held at the Douglass Hotel, Blaydon, on Saturday, and remained open until Monday night. There was a very large attendance. Principal prize-winners:—E Moody, John Murray, O Hall, R Errington, Henry Chapman, Septimus Bullock, Wm Kendal, J Wilson, J Lowdon, J Anderson, J Watson, G Stewart, T Hopper, John Hopper, Henry Magrath, John Watson, J Young, J C Robson, J Harbottle, R Brown, Wm Scott, J Liddle, M Murphy, R Lambert, N Forster, Wm Lancaster, and Luke Jackson. Messrs Wm Scott, of Blaydon, and John Ball were the judges.

GREENSIDE.

The annual show of the White Swan Leek Club was held on Saturday at Greenside, and remained open until Monday night. There was a very large attendance, and the show was a success in every way. Principal prize-winners:—John Hobson, J Maughan, M Wheatley, D Campbell, J Hope, J W Henderson, B Wilson, R Dowson, J Henderson, J T Forster, Mrs Shotton, T Robson, J Grey, R Fairbridge, William Dowson, T Armstrong, T Davidson, Wm Waugh, J Tiplady, J Smith, Mrs Robson, R Robson, J Bolam, Alfred Dowson, Wm Hammond, Wm Davidson, R Fenwick, Wm Renwick, T Charlton. Mr W Scott, of Blaydon, was judge.

SWALWELL.

On Saturday a most successful leek and vegetable show, under the auspices of the Cambridge Club, was opened at the Sun Inn, Swalwell. There was a large attendance. The first prize for leeks was won by Mr Wm Blackbird, who has thus won seven first prizes and one second for leeks this year. The other prize-winners were A Seybourne, R Shield, E Forster, C Mitcheson, T Oxley, M Smiles, R Hedley, William Gladstone, Wm Collins, John Brown, P Lawson, F Nowell, G Oxley, M Massey, R Arnot, G Arnott, G Cornish. Mr T Smith, of Gateshead, was judge.

CATCHGATE.

Crown and Thistle Leek Show.—The members of the above society held a most successful show of leeks and vegetables on Saturday last. Thirty-one stands of leeks and upwards of sixty stands of vegetables were placed before the judge, Mr J. Brewis of Tanfield Lea. The room was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers, kindly lent for the occasion, by Messrs Robinson, Hobson, and Summerbell. Prizes:—Three leeks—Mrs Ward, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Wilson, 3. Red cabbage—J. Summbell, 1; J. Ward, 2. Savoy cabbage—J. Ward, 1; J. Robinson, 2. Cauliflower—R. Kirsopp, 1; J. Summerbell 2. Three Carrots—T. Turnbull, 1; A. Robson 2. Three Parsnips—S. Smith, 1; J. Ward, 2. Three Turnips—J. Robinson, 1; J. Ward, 2. Two celery—J. Carrick, 1; M. Bates, 2. Three beet—Robt. Robson, 1; J. Ward, 2.

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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this body was held in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street—Mr George Ainsworth (chairman) presiding. The other members present were:—Messrs Wm. Aynsley, G. D. Powell, G. T. Hyden, J. W. Davison, R. C. Foster, Jas. Daly; the Clerk (Mr Thos. W. Walford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee visited Constance Street, and recommend that two lamps at the top and bottom of the old portion be moved to the new portion, and that the lamp below the Consett Iron Company's stables should be moved higher up.

Letter read from the North Eastern Railway Co., dated 7th Sept., acknowledging receipt of letter as to lamp at Delves crossing, and the clerk was instructed to write them for further reply, as the matter is pressing.

Accounts amounting to £830 11s 5d were recommended to be paid.

The auditor's report was read, and considered satisfactory.

The receipts for the amounts for which cheques had been drawn at the last meeting of the Board, were examined, and found in order.

The committee recommend that a rate of 1s in the £ be made for the district of the Board.

The Gas Committee subsequently made a careful inspection of the undermentioned streets in the town, and now recommend that lamps be placed at parts indicated to the Surveyor as follows:—One at the top of Edith Street, and the one nearest the top at present to be moved a short distance further down. One in Church Street, one in Thomas Street, one in Garden Place, and one in George Street. That in Aynsley Terrace to be moved a little further south. One in Matthew Street. One Bray's in Newmarket Street. One in Store Street. One Bray's in East Green Street. One in Back Harvey Street, near Fountain Hotel. One at top of Queen Street. That at the south end of Guardian Street to be moved to the opposite corner, and "Fire Station" engraved or painted on the glass.

The question of Mr Powell's apportionment of street was carried forward.

CHEQUES.

On the proposition of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr POWELL, the necessary cheques were ordered to be signed.

A NEW RATE: A BOON TO THE RATEPAYERS.

The CHAIRMAN: What about the recommendation of the committee for the clerk to prepare a rate of 1s in the £ for the ensuing six months? Does the committee think this amount will meet the expenditure?

The Clerk: Yes; it was fully gone into by the Finance Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: It seems a big drop from 1s 3d to 1s. We must congratulate ourselves upon being in such a financial position.

Mr HYDEN: The 1s rate will meet our requirements.

Mr DAVISON: The reduction of the rate will be hailed with satisfaction by the ratepayers.

Mr AYNSLEY: We are going to retire from office, and leave our exchequer with a creditable balance.

Eventually, on the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr POWELL, the clerk was instructed to prepare a new rate of 1s in the £.

THE ERECTION OF NEW LAMPS.

The recommendations of the Gas Committee with respect to the erection of new lamps was agreed to.

THE NUMBERING OF THE LAMPS.

The CHAIRMAN inquired if the Gas Committee had done anything anent the numbering of the public lamps?

The Surveyor said the Gas Company had done nothing yet, but he expected the work would be commenced with shortly.

THE GAS COMPANY'S AGREEMENT.

The Clerk reported that the Surveyor, along with Mr M. Richley, secretary to the Gas Company, had inspected the whole of the public lamps in the district, and agreed that there were only 194 instead of 196. He had altered the agreement to that effect.

The CHAIRMAN: What about the lamps in Tinmill Road? Have you made any arrangements to have them extinguished during the time the electric light is on whilst the Works are in operation?

The Surveyor: I have done nothing. The whole of the lamps were counted.

The CHAIRMAN: It was decided at the last meeting that some arrangement should be made with the Gas Company to have these lamps extinguished.

The Surveyor: I have not done anything in the matter.

The CHAIRMAN: If we sign the agreement for 194 lamps, we will have to pay for these lamps in Tinmill Road whether they are lighted or not.

Mr AYNSLEY: I think the Gas Company will agree to not light the lamps whilst the electric light is on.

The CHAIRMAN: The lamps are of no earthly use whilst the electric light is in operation, but they are useful at the week-ends.

The Clerk: I think you should leave the matter with Mr Aynsley to make the arrangement.

The CHAIRMAN: You will agree with me that the electric light is better than the light from the lamps. It is only a waste of money to keep them burning.

Mr DAVISON said the clerk should write the Gas Company so as to make the arrangement to have the lamps extinguished.

It was agreed that the agreement should not be sealed till such an arrangement had been made.

FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The farm manager's report was read as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—At the early part of the month a second crop of rye grass, and rye grass and clover, was cut, made into hay, and is now stacked. All the oats are stacked. Some of the stubbles have been cleaned of weeds. On the 19th inst, Mr Dryden, auctioneer, sold 3½ acres of oats, 3 acres of barley, and 20 acres of fog grass. The average prices per acre were—For oats, about £7 13s 6½d; for barley, £6 15s 10d; and fog grass, about 7s 1d. The receipts during the month were £5 18s 10d for agisted beasts and produce.

The CHAIRMAN: Does the committee consider the prices realised at the sale satisfactory?

Mr POWELL: Oh, yes.

Mr AYNSLEY said the prices secured were good, and fully up to their expectations.

The report was adopted.

A NEW RAILWAY CROSSING.

A short discussion took place with respect to signing the agreement with the Consett Iron Company anent the railway crossing over the new road at Carr House to the Consett Iron Company's stables and granary.

Nothing of any importance arose out of the discussion, and eventually, on the motion of Mr HYDEN, seconded by Mr AYNSLEY, the agreement and plan received the seal of the Board, and was duly signed by the Board.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee considered Mr Roberts' letter of the 1st Sept., enclosing plans for 24 houses in West Parade and Seymour Street for Mr J. W. Bloom, which were referred to them by the Board, together with the enclosed plans. The committee recommended the plans to be passed, and they were accordingly sealed.

The plans submitted by Mr George Aynsley, Consett, for three cottages to be erected behind Rose Mount, were referred to the Building Committee to pass if found correct.

A RATEPAYER'S COMPLAINT.

A letter was read from Mr H. Nicholson, Middle Street, Consett, complaining of the bad condition of the kerb and channell, and the road in Shakespeare Alley.

The letter was referred to the Surveyor.

A DEMAND FOR A CROSSING!

Mr James R. Maxwell, of Medomsley Road, Consett, wrote asking the Board to comply with a request from certain property-owners to have a crossing placed at a certain point in Medomsley Road, which was considered to be most needed, and very desirable for the general public.

Mr POWELL said the question was disposed of a short time ago when it was agreed to lay down a crossing near the British Schools.

The Surveyor: Such was done; but the property owners want another one, so as to cross the road into Gibson Street.

The CHAIRMAN said this might apply to every street. What do you say, Mr Surveyor? Is this crossing needed?

The Surveyor: This crossing, if laid down, will be an advantage to the property-owners on the opposite side of the road.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not the property-owners we have to consider. Will it be used by the general public?

Mr FOSTER: These crossings have to be paid for by the general public.

The Surveyor: I don't think there is sufficient traffic for a crossing.

Mr DAVISON accordingly moved that the Clerk reply to the letter pointing out that the Board was not satisfied that there was need for a crossing at the point indicated.

This was seconded by Mr FOSTER.

Carried.

MR CRAWFORD AND HIS PRIVATE STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr John Crawford, auctioneer, Consett, wrote pointing out that he objected to the measurement of Crawford Street which was not correct.

On the proposition of Mr HYDEN seconded by Mr POWELL, the Clerk was requested to write Mr Crawford inquiring what he objected to.

THE REAPPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

Mr AYNSLEY gave notice of motion for the re-appointment of Mr Rippon as inspector of nuisances, &c., at the next meeting.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Wm. Rippon) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Your workmen have been chiefly engaged scarifying the sides of several of the highways in your district, and also filling up the deepest portions of the ditches running parallel therewith, so as to have them uniform. Two hundred tons of rough limestone have come to hand from Messrs Ord and Maddison, and been broken for immediate use, making about 600 tons altogether, and I shall require your instructions as to engaging a steam roller on an early date.

The renewed crossings in Shakespeare, Church, and Victoria Streets have been completed, and a new channel has been laid on the north side of Berryedge Road leading down to the bottom of the bank, opposite the offices of the Consett Iron Company, as ordered by you. I further observe that the kerb and channel in front of the said offices leading down into Consett Hall Road is very much worn and broken, and will shortly have to be re-laid.

Owing to the rapid growth of your district, I may point out three or four additional fire plugs will be required for the protection of property, and I have also ordered six manhole covers from the Birtley Iron Company for use on the manholes already built, and others which are very much needed.

The majority of the ashpits and privies are in good order, and quicklime and disinfectants are being supplied where necessary for cleansing purposes, and the general preservation of health in your district.

I have closed the general district rate and balanced my books to the 29th ult., and I would remind you that one-half of the inspector's salary is now due from the Durham County Council, for which it will be necessary to make application as usual. [illegible]

Gas burnt during the month 112½ hours.

The following accounts have been paid into your treasurer:—

	£	s	d
General District Rate ...	28	9	0
Market Tolls	2	16	0
Penalties	0	1	9
Private Street Improvements	13	5	10

Messrs B. and J. Whitfield are pushing on with their contract on Tinmill Road, and will in all probability finish by the end of this week. The lower portion of this road fronting Tinmill Place remains in the same unsatisfactory condition as heretofore.

Mr Dobson is making good progress with his contract in East Green and other streets also.

I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. RIPPON.

THE ENGAGEMENT OF A STEAM ROLLER.

The CHAIRMAN: How long will you want the steam roller.

The Surveyor said he could do with the steam roller for 14 or 21 days.

Mr HYDEN thought there was now more than one steam roller in the field and was creating competition.

The Surveyor: Yes, I have had a letter from another man offering terms for the hiring of his steam roller.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you require the steam roller before next meeting.

The Surveyor: I will not get it before then. The roller in the district is engaged.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write Mr Hogg, of Choppington (Blyth), asking for terms for the hiring of his steam roller.

THE INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Durham County Council pointing out that their portion of the Inspector's salary was now due.

THE LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS.

Mr DAVISON mentioned that some better arrangements should be made for the lighting of the public lamps. He noticed they had started to light the lamps about half-past three in the afternoon.

Mr HYDEN said this would be from were the men started first to light the lamps.

The CHAIRMAN said if they fixed with the Gas Company and have the whole of the lamps lighted from six to 12 o'clock, they only paid for such. It was the outlook of the Gas Company about the men starting at the time mentioned.

The Surveyor: Two men are only employed to do the work, and they had to start early to get round the district.

The CHAIRMAN: We must not complain of the Gas Company lighting the lamps too soon. If they were put out too early then they might cry out.

The question dropped.

A NEW REFUSE DEPOSIT WANTED.

The manager of the Consett Co-operative Society (Mr Jesse Hall) wrote to the effect as to the land on Number One Estate was more than sufficiently covered with the towns ashes and refuse. The Society gave notice that on Monday October 1st, they intended closing up the gate leading into the land near the Berry Edge Quarry hitherto used as a deposit.

The Surveyor said the Society was perfectly in order in giving notice to close up the quarry.

The CHAIRMAN: You will have to get another deposit for the refuse.

The Surveyor: There is another disused quarry near to Blackfine on the same estate.

It was agreed that steps should be taken with the Consett Co-operative Society so as to make arrangements for the use of same as a deposit for town refuse.

THE PARISH COUNCILS ACT.

The CHAIRMAN: What about the new Act.

The Clerk: I have heard nothing.

The CHAIRMAN: We will only have two more meetings and then our term of office ceases.

The Clerk: That will be all.

Mr FORSTER: Our term of office is spinning out very nicely.

Mr AYNSLEY: Our leased life is very short. (Laughter.)

This was the whole of the business.

BIRTLEY.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday evening the quarterly meeting of the Birtley Co-operative Society was held. The sales last quarter had been been £26,987. A dividend was declared of 3s 10d in the £.

USHAW MOOR.

At Monday's meeting of the Baptist Union in Newcastle, on the motion of Dr Booth, a vote of thanks was awarded to Messrs Pease and Partners, of Darlington, for their gift of 500 square yards of land, free of all legal charges, on which to build a chapel at Ushaw Moor.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PONY RACE.—On Wednesday night, in a field granted by Mr R. Wilson, at Annfield Plain, a pony race was decided for £10, between Mr Geo. Hobson's (Catchgate), Tit-Bits, and Mr J. Bolam's (Dipton), Mousey, a distance of 1½ miles. There was a large assemblage of spectators, and betting was rife at evens. Tit-Bits was ridden by Lewis, and Mousey by Watson. Tit-Bits won easily by several lengths. Mr J. Lumley acted as referee. Afterwards a party of about 20 gentlemen partook of dinner at Mr Lumley's Railway Inn.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

On Tuesday evening, the ordinary meeting of this Board was held in the Tanfield Lea Board Schools—Mr Thomas Pringle (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Rev Father Thompson, Messrs H. C. Wood, W. Bulmer, R. Mason, M. G. Armstrong, W. Braidford, J. Green, Thos. Colquhoun, the Clerk (Mr W. R. Ritson), and the Attendance Officer (Mr S. Meddick).

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOLS AT THE CAUSEY:

COMPETATIVE PLANS.

The following architects submitted competitive plans for the erection of a school building at The Causey:—

	School £	Master's house £
Mr S. Piper, Newcastle ...	1218	400
Messrs Leslie & Anderson, N'weastle	1202	
Messrs Davidson & Bendle, N'weastle	1000	400
Mr Crossling, West Stanley ...	750	350
Messrs Marshall & Dick, N'weastle	(No estimate)	
Mr Frazer, Newcastle ...	1100	350

The CHAIRMAN: I think there are six architects altogether who have submitted plans.

The Clerk: Yes. I would suggest that the whole of the members should inspect the same, and then decide whether you will hand them over to a committee to chose whose designs the building shall be erected from, or settle the question to-night.

The CHAIRMAN: Very good.

After the plans had been carefully examined, and a certain amount of desultory conversation anent the same had taken place,

Mr BULMER moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine the plans, and report to the next meeting.

Mr COLQUHOUN: What power do you propose to invest in the hands of this committee?

Mr BULMER: No more than to simply examine the plans and report to the Board.

Mr COLQUHOUN: Yes; but you must give them some power. They don't know what they will have to do. There is the question of costs, which should be invested in their hands when they are going through the plans.

Mr WOOD: The whole of plans to his mind were under estimated. They had decided to build a school to cost £1,000, and some of the architects had submitted plans for a building to exceed that amount. Besides, there was the master's residence.

Mr GREEN thought the question of the master's house should be dropped.

Mr ARMSTRONG: Yes; I should think so. We never asked for a master's house.

Mr BULMER: I would suggest that the Chairman, Messrs Wood and Colquhoun be the committee to examine the plans.

Mr WOOD: This committee will have power to examine the plans and leave out those whom they think are not suitable.

Mr BULMER: That is the meaning of my motion.

Mr COLQUHOUN wished to know whether it was the Board's intention to deal with plans that exceeded the cost they were prepared to spend over the building.

Mr WOOD: To my mind the whole of the architects have under estimated the cost of the building according to the designs submitted.

Mr BULMER: If the plans were left to a committee they would have a better chance of going into the estimates that what we will have if we decide to settle the question now.

The CHAIRMAN said they would not have to take any notice of the architects' estimates as really being the cost of the building. They had an instance of this with respect to the Leazes School.

Mr GREEN was prepared to submit an amendment for the whole of the members to go through the plans, examine the same, throw out those not suitable, and then hand the rest over to the committee.

Mr WOOD: That meets my views.

Mr ARMSTRONG: Would it not be better to hand the plans over to the committee, and allow them to go carefully into the estimates, and then drop the plans that exceeded the cost the Board was prepared to spend over the building.

Mr WOOD: I am in favour of the Board doing such now.

Mr ARMSTRONG: If such is the desire of the members let us say so. We are only wasting time.

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot do anything. There is a motion and an amendment before the meeting, but neither of them has received a seconder.

Mr ARMSTRONG: I think it would be better to hand the plans over to the committee for them to deal with.

Mr COLQUHOUN: What about the architects that have submitted no estimates along with their designs.

Mr WOOD: We can assume that the designs have been submitted according to the instructions given them by the Clerk. They were told to prepare a plan of a school, not to exceed £7 per head.

The Clerk: Yes; just the same way as Mr Piper has done. The designs submitted by him are for the school to cost £7 per head.

Mr GREEN: I will withdraw my amendment and second Mr Bulmer's motion.

Mr COLQUHOUN: I have worked Messrs Marshall and Dicks estimate for the building to cost £1,318.

The motion was accordingly carried.

Mr COLQUHOUN: Has the committee power to throw out the designs they consider not suitable.

Mr BULMER: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: The committee will make a selection and submit them to the Board.

SCHOOL RETURNS.

Return of attendances for the four weeks ending Sept. 28th, 1894.

Names of Schools.	Number on Register	Av'ge attendance.	School accommodation.	Av'ge attendance for year.
East Stanley Mixed ...	193	177	166	176
East Stanley Infant ...	145	119	130	108
West Stanley Mixed ...	196	182	155	183
West Stanley Infants ...	136	116	100	95
Pickering Nook Mixed	159	114	144	—
Pickering Nook Infants	76	37	66	48
Leazes Mixed ...	—	—	250	—
Leazes Infants ...	128	97	100	—
Tanfield Lea Mixed ...	143	131	149	134
Tanfield Lea Infants ...	133	115	175	109
Causey Row ...	134	126	155	118
Tanfield Mixed & Infants	116	108	150	102

The attendance was considered satisfactory.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last meeting I have made 20 visits to schools, 196 absentee visits, served nine bye-law notices, one official warning, and reported 20 children to other officers, and in addition to the above I have made 681 house to house visits in taking a census in your district.

Measles and fever were still prevalent in your district, and the schools most affected are Pickering Nook, Tanfield Lea, and Leazes Board Schools.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

SEYMORE MEDDICK.

The report was adopted.

CHEQUES.

It was agreed that cheques to the sum of £780 3s 11d should be signed for teachers' salaries and accounts.

A TEACHER'S SALARY ADVANCED.

It was resolved that the salary of Mr Bolam, teacher of the central classes for pupil teachers should be advanced from £85 to £100 per annum.

THE CENTRAL CLASSES FOR PUPIL TEACHERS.

A letter was read from Mr Bolam, embodying various suggestions as to the working of the central classes for pupil teachers.

The letter was referred to the Central Classes Committee.

A TEACHER DESIRES HIS CLEARANCE.

Mr J. R. Biggs, Burnopfield, teacher of the West Stanley Schools, asked the members to release him from his duties owing to having to go to College.

Mr WOOD: It would not be right to prevent this young man from going to college.

Mr BOLAM: I should think if we did so we would be doing him an injustice.

Mr WOOD: What notice did you get?

Mr Biggs: I received notice on Friday.

Mr WOOD: That was rather sharp notice.

Mr Biggs: I have to go away to-morrow.

Mr ARMSTRONG: Can we get a female teacher to fill the vacancy in the meantime.

Mr GREEN: I am in favour of the young man getting his clearance.

It was eventually agreed that Mr Biggs be released from his duties.

Mr WOOD: I will move the Stanley members have power to engage a teacher.

Mr ARMSTRONG seconded.

Father THOMPSON: Why not all the Clerk to advertise in the usual way, and then let the Stanley members make the selection?

Mr ARMSTRONG: I only seconded the motion for a temporary teacher to be employed.

Mr BULMER: The motion is for a permanent teacher to be employed.

Mr ARMSTRONG: I will be no party to appointing a permanent teacher.

It was eventually decided that the vacancy should be filled up temporarily, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise for another teacher.

THE ENLARGEMENT OF WEST STANLEY SCHOOLS.

Mr WOOD brought forward his notice of motion anent the enlargement of West Stanley Schools. The question had been thoroughly threshed out, and he would now move that these schools be enlarged, so as to provide accommodation for the number of children now attending the schools. He thought the larger scheme should be dropped, as it would not be wise to proceed with such a scheme. He was now in favour of providing an additional class-room so as to meet the present requirements.

The Clerk: Do you require the additional classroom for the mixed or infants' department.

Mr WOOD: For the mixed department.

The Clerk: Very good.

Mr WOOD: I would not like to interfere with the infants' department because the present arrangements are not satisfactory.

Mr COLQUHOUN: The last remarks of Mr Wood has brought to my mind something the Inspectors said about the unsatisfactory arrangements connected with the infants' department with a view of getting certain alterations carried out. He was not in favour of Mr Wood's motion, and was opposed to the alterations being carried out in this piecemeal fashion. It would all have to be done over again at a future date by a large scheme. At present in the same district they had school accommodation for 200 children, and it seemed a pity to throw this additional expenditure upon the ratepayers when they had these vacant places in the village. The rates of the district were high, and still the same as a few years ago, and therefore he would move an amendment to the effect that the Board do not enlarge the West Stanley Board Schools as long as there were 200 more school places in the Stanley Schools.

Father THOMPSON seconded the amendment, and in doing so pointed out that the Board had to take into consideration that there were two religious bodies in the locality who objected to any enlargement being made to the West Stanley Board Schools. He thought the voice of these two bodies ought to be heard and considered in preference to ten or twelve families who desired to have their children sent to the Board Schools. He was opposed to the scheme, and did not believe in saddling the ratepayers with a further expenditure of £1,200 or £1,400.

Mr GREEN: What do you mean by ten or twelve families?

Father THOMPSON: Well, I mean 28 children representing ten or twelve families.

Mr WOOD said Father Thompson's remarks led him to think that he objected to the larger scheme, which he desired not to have carried out. His (the speaker's) motion was to have the alterations executed at a small cost. He had never yet referred to the Inspector's remarks anent the infants' department.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you write the amendment out? We don't seem to understand it.

Mr COLQUHOUN: I am opposed to any alterations being carried out.

Father THOMPSON: I oppose the motion because it can't be done on a small scale. It will have to be carried out by the large scheme or nothing.

Mr GREEN: If the schools are not enlarged, children will have to be turned out. We will never be able to place ourselves in a different position than what we are now. When one standard is removed into the mixed department other children will have to be removed to make room for them.

Mr BULMER: Can we legally turn these children out if there is not school accommodation.

Father THOMPSON: Yes.

Mr ARMSTRONG: I am not in favour of turning the children out of the schools. How are you going to do it?

Father THOMPSON: By turning the late comers away who ought never to have been admitted.

Mr WOOD: It might be important to these people to have their children at the Board Schools and they might object to send them themselves.

Father THOMPSON: I don't think they will have a great objection to sending the children to the other school. They might object to the Catholic School.

Mr WOOD: If you had children and could not get them into the Catholic School you would object if they had to be sent to another school.

Father THOMPSON: Yes, I would do so.

Mr ARMSTRONG said the enlargement was necessary. He objected to turning the children away. If they did not do the alterations it only meant that the children would have to go elsewhere to finish their education.

Mr WOOD thought Mr Colquhoun's amendment was not necessary.

Mr COLQUHOUN: There is sufficient school accommodation at West Stanley and as long as such was the case they had no right to enlarge the Board Schools.

Father THOMPSON: The village of Stanley is the most heavily rated place you will find in the whole district.

Mr WOOD: I don't know so much about that. If Father Thompson looked round he would find such was not the case.

Mr GREEN: I will second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN said he was in favour of the motion. The enlargement of these schools was really necessary.

After further desultory conversation, the motion was put to the vote, with the subjoined result:—

For the amendment, four—Messrs Colquhoun, Braidford, Mason, and Father Thompson.

For the motion, five—The Chairman, Messrs Wood, Green, Bulmer, and Armstrong.

The motion was declared carried.

Mr COLQUHOUN next complained of the wording of the motion, which was faulty and led them astray.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the motion should read as follows:—"That the West Stanley Schools should be enlarged to accommodate the number of children now on the books in the Mixed Department. This means the providing of an additional class-room for the Mixed Department."

It was also agreed that Mr J. W. Rounthwaite, architect, Blackhill, should be instructed to provide a plan for the class-room.

THE LEAZES MASTER'S HOUSE.

It was resolved that an additional window should be placed in the west end of the master's house in course of erection at the Leazes.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Leazes Infants.

No. on books last month	119
No. admitted during the month ...	13
No. left	4
No. on books at end of month	128
School accommodation	100
Average attendance for month ...	96 9

The mistress (Miss Mary D. Hogarth) reported as follows:—School work has proceeded as usual during the past month, but owing to the prevalence of measles and whooping cough the attendance has been small this last week. Ursula Anderson, from Mixed Department, commenced as monitress on Monday, Sept. 3rd. The blind for the large window was sent away to be altered in the month of March, and has not yet been returned. Two desks and one chair need repairing.

Tanfield Infants and Mixed.

Average attendance for school year...		101 8
No admitted during the month ...		9
Number left		11
Number on books		116
School accommodation		150
Average attendance	71 9	35 9

The following report was read from the principal teacher (Mr Robt. Agar):—Though the necessary alterations and repairs of these buildings were not entirely completed, the school was re-opened on Monday, 10th Sept., in accordance with the instructions of the Board. A very fair number, viz., 182, were present on Monday morning. Ralph Smailes commenced duties on Monday, Sept. 10th. I have received notice from your Clerk that in future this school will be inspected in May, and that consequently the P.T.'s must attend the examinations in April.

East Stanley Mixed.

Average attendance for school year ...	176 5
No admitted during the month ...	0
Number left	2
Number on books end of month ...	193
School accommodation	166
Average attendance for month... ...	177

The master (Mr J. Anderson) reported:—During the month the attendance has been good and satisfactory progress made with the work.

To encourage thrift among the children, as much as can be done during their short school life, a savings bank has been opened.

East Stanley Infants.

Average attendance for school year ...	108
No admitted during the month ...	7
Number left	7
No. on books at end of month ...	145
School accommodation... ...	130
Average attendance for month ...	119 2

The principal teacher (Margaret Leak) reported that the work was proceeding satisfactorily.

West Stanley Mixed.

Average attendance for school year...	183
No admitted during the month ...	0
Number left	4
Number on books	196
School accommodation... ...	155
Average attendance for month ...	182

The master (Mr R. Little) reported as follows:—Mr J. R. Biggs commenced work in place of Mr Allan, on Sept. 10th. He has received intimation of his success at the scholarship examination, and has obtained a good place in the second class.

Our school was closed on Sept. 19th for the holding of an inquiry by the County Council. As the large room of the mixed department is very draughty, I would suggest as a partial remedy that an appliance similar to that on the door leading into the class-rooms be fitted on each door in the room. I shall be glad if something now be done to improve the state of the house-yard in the way of providing a cement or other path to the outhouses. Nothing has been done to it since the house was built.

West Stanley Infants.

Average attendance for school year	95
No. admitted	7
No. left	2
No. on books	136
School accommodation	100
Average attendance	116

The mistress (A. J. Macpherson) reported that school work had made satisfactory progress during the last four weeks. The numbers still kept good, though the last week there had been a falling off in the attendance of the 1st class. The younger children still attends very well.

Pickering Nook Mixed.

No on books last month... ...	156
No admitted during the month ...	2
Number left	1
Net number on books	159
School accommodation	144
Average attendance for month ...	114 5

The principal teacher (Mr G. H. Smith) reported as follows:—You will observe that our attendance still suffers greatly on account of the measles, which seem to have abated very little as yet. Notwithstanding, the work progresses satisfactorily. I beg to draw the attention of the Board to the land in front of the school, and trust they will see the advisability of having it planted as soon as possible. There seems to be a leak in the flushing pipes leading from the infants' closets, the water shows itself above the surface, shortly after the place has been flushed.

Pickering Nook Infants.

Average attendance for school year ...	48
No. admitted	5
No. left	1
No. on books	78
School accommodation	68
Average attendance for month...	37 5

Miss S. A. Davidson reported that during the first fortnight of the past month, the attendance was very bad, owing to the outbreak of measles and scarletina in the district; but during the latter part it has improved considerably, although it was still capable of improvement in the junior class. The sickness seems now to be abating.

Tanfield Lea Mixed.

Average attendance for school year...	134 3
No. admitted during the month ...	1
No. left	2
No. on books	143
School accommodation	149
Average attendance for month ...	131 5

The master (Mr E. S. Dawson) reported that during the month the doorway from the main room into the Board room had been put in, and was a great advantage. He had to point out that the frame of the door, however, was not the same height as the frame of the door close to it in the same wall, and could not tell what the joiner was doing to put such a frame in. The plastering was not yet completed. He had a couple of children away from school on account of fever, but the attendance generally was improving.

Tanfield Lea Infant.

Average attendance for school year...	109
No. admitted during the month ...	6
No. left	3
No. on books at end of month... ...	133
School accommodation	175
Average for month	115 5

The Mistress (Miss E. Middleton) reported that the work in school had been performed in pretty much the same manner as she reported a month ago. The teachers had worked well in school on days not attending the central class. There was a heap of sand and lime and another of large stones left in the play ground by masons when placing the door in the Board room, which requires to be removed, as children were liable to hurt themselves with the materials.

Causey Row Mixed and Infants.

Average attendance	117 8
No admitted during the month ...	4
Number left	3
Number on books	134
School accommodation	155
Average attendance for month... ...	127 2

The master (Mr J. A. Hodgson) reported as follows:—I am glad to be able to report that the attendance still continued in an excellent condition, the average for the month being the highest this year, showing a percentage of 94.

The reports were adopted.

This was all the business of importance.

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SPECIAL TERMS TO UNDERTAKERS.

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Blackhill, April 14th, 1894.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB.

At the annual general meeting of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Captain, Rev R. S. Hay; vice-captain, Mr G. Wattsford; committee, Messrs J. E. Parker, J. M. Nicholson, J. E. Thorpe, H. H. Wattsford, and P. Ainsworth; hon sec., Mr C. T. Foreman.

The following were chosen to play against Hexham to-morrow, on the Consett and District cricket ground:—J. E. Thorpe, T. D. Dales, J. E. Parker, P. Ainsworth, J. M. Nicholson, H. Young, G. and H. Wattsford, G. Dawson, J. Ormerod, and C. T. Foreman. Bully off at 3-45.

THE INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

CONFERENCE AT CONSETT.

On Sunday afternoon a conference of the representatives of the various branches of the Independent Labour Party, comprised in the North-East Coast Federation, took place in the club-rooms of the Consett and District I.L.P., in Church Street. The president occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance, delegates being present from Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Shields, Jarrow, Boldon, Consett, West Stanley, and other places.

Mr PETE CURRAN, Parliamentary candidate for Barrow-in-Furness at the next election, was present, and spoke of the rapid progress of the Independent Labour Party since its inception less than two years ago. He regarded their future prospects as bright and hopeful. At the last council meeting in London, the Secretary reported there were 40,000 members enrolled in the Independent Labour Party, and if they progressed at the same ratio, they would soon quadruple that number. The I.L.P. had become such a power in the land that neither political party could afford to ignore it, consequently the newspapers, both Tory and Liberal, had something to say, almost daily, relative to this new organisation. They held aloof from both parties, inasmuch as they could not get reforms for the amelioration and elevation of the working classes either from the Tory landlord or the Liberal capitalist. The organisation of the area covered by the Federation was considered, and it was reported that a new branch had been formed at Wallsend, and a new branch was about to be started at Hetton-le-Hole (Durham). The Teesside Federation of the I.L.P., which embraced Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, and West Hartlepool, had been disbanded, and the branches named had joined the Federation.

Under the auspices of the Consett and District Branch of the I.L.P., Mr Pete Curran lectured on Saturday night in the Co-operative Hall. There was only a moderate attendance.—On Sunday morning Mr Curran addressed a large gathering in the open-air at the fountain—Mr Geo. Jaques, West Stanley, presiding. The lecturer pointed out the distinction between the new party and the old political parties.—In the evening Mr Curran again spoke in the Co-operative Hall.

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ALLENDALE COTTAGES—23rd ult., the wife of William Fenwick, of a son. 413p

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—18, Lancaster Street, 28th ult., the wife of C. W. W. Wilson, of a son. 382p

MARRIAGES.

STANHOPE—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 29th ult., Edward Iley to Miss Priestman, both of Stanhope.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—At 21, Trafalgar Street, 29th ult., aged 51, Robert, beloved husband of Grace Dormer. 405p

In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Ellen Dobson, who died at Shotley Bridge, October 4th, 1893.

"He giveth His beloved rest." 414p

In loving memory of my dear mother, Susan Craggs, of Satley, who died October 2nd, 1873.

"O for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is stilled."

In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Edgar, who departed this life at Derwent Cottages, on October 1st, 1890, aged 66 years.

"We loved her, ah! no tongue can tell,
How much we loved her and how well;
God loved her too, and thought it best
To take her to His heavenly rest." 372p

In affectionate remembrance of William Bulman Colpitts, the dearly-beloved husband of Rosanna Colpitts, of Annfield Plain, who died September 27th, 1893, aged 27 years.

"With care I watched you dying,
With many a dropping tear;
But angels beckoned you away
And took you from my care." 380p

In loving memory of Henry Bates, the beloved son of Jos. and Margaret Bates, of Greencroft Cottages, who departed this life October 6th, 1891.

"How sudden was his death to us,
A great surprise to all;
But when the Lord his summons sent,
Could we refuse the call." 396p

In loving memory of Dinah Murray, dearly-beloved daughter of John and Lizzie Scott, of South Pontop, who died 6th October, 1893, aged 14 months.

"In the morning of life, in the opening of day,
Our heart's dearest treasure was taken away,
To the realms of the blest with bright angels to be,
While she was more precious than jewels to me."

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