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

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—As "Demos" has denied my suspicions of his being a member of the present Board. I therefore offer such an apology as the case demands. Now, Mr "Demos," will you kindly state in your next, what makes you ask such a query about votes, and give an explanation of your desire, and I may try to oblige you? Again "Demos" asks: "Whas subject." Has he got into that state of somnolence as not to know what he is writing about? Why is he heading his letters "Collierley School Board Election" and then ask such a question? My friend has harped on organisation. Let me say, I took a very active part in organising my fellow-men to choose their own candidates for the School Board elections of 1881 and 1884 when the working-men combined, and put three candidates on the Board at each of these elections. I, with others, carried out our organisation in this manner. The lodge officials of the different collieries called meetings of their members and this correspondence was opened out with the lodges in the district, and special members were elected from the lodges as an executive Committee, which used to meet as often as required, and reports brought back to the members and thus they chose their own candidate, who, they thought fit to occupy a seat on the Board. By doing our work in this manner, to the satisfaction of the members we got a small levy paid, without any grumbling, to clear the expenses which occurred. In answer to "Demos's" queries in your issue of the 22nd inst., I am in favour of them all, and believe them very just and equitable ideas, if they can be carried out as stated. The finish of his first letter I was very much taken up with. May I ask "Demos" if he is in favour of labour representation on School Boards, County Councils, Board of Guardians, &c. My whole contention is that the working class are not fairly represented on the Board, as in my opinion there ought to be at least two members of their own class elected on the Board. I do not think "Demos's" and a Miner's ideas are very far apart when properly summed up.—Yours &c.,

A MINER.

September 25th, 1893

THE ATTENDANCE OF REGISTRARS AT NONCONFORMIST MARRIAGES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—On the morning of the 30th ult., I went over to Stanley to officiate at the marriage of a young couple at the Wesleyan Church. Upon arrival, I found a note stating that the certificate was not due, and thus after being misinformed as to the legal time, the couple had the mortification and expense of disbanding their guests and returning home without the performance of the ceremony. Of course any one may make a mistake, but when the Registrar cooly informs the young man that he can come to his office and the presence of his minister is not essential, he betrays his animus; and it becomes a matter of opinion how far indignity has been wilfully inflicted. This is by no means the first case of disappointment which has happened to a bridal party in our places of worship. Has not the time arrived when nonconformity in self-respect should seek an alteration of the law with a view to deliverance from the unnecessary and in some cases obnoxious presence of the Registrar at our marriage ceremonies? If nonconformity is not sufficiently interested in the question and sufficiently strong to make itself heard, then it will deserve all the indignities which from some quarters are so liberally bestowed upon it. Yours &c.,

JOHN CRAWSHAW.

Annfield Plain, Oct. 4th, 1893.

Sporting Items.

Quoit Match at Waterhouses.—On Saturday, an important match was decided in the presence of a number of spectators at the quoiting grounds, Waterhouses, between Samuel Moody, Newbottle, Fence Houses, and William Vickers, Toft Hill, near Hunwick, for a stake of £25 a-side, under the following conditions:—41 chalks game, Moody receiving three chalks start in lieu of W. Vickers having choice of grounds, 10 yards upon the sward, 2in. pins, 4lb quoits. Betting; 6 to 4 on Moody. After an exciting game Moody won by 11 chalks. Score:—Moody, 41; Vickers, 30. Mr Hunter, Sleetburn, was referee and stakeholder.

Quoiting at Blackhall Mill.—There was again a large attendance in the ground connected with the house of Mr W. H. Stonehouse, the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, on Saturday afternoon, when the quoit handicap, promoted by Mr Matthew Scott, of Westwood, was resumed. Results:—J. Best, Spen Colliery, 5, beat J. Westoe, Burnopfield, 5, by 15; R. McGuire, Lintz Colliery, 8, beat James Simpson, Victoria Garesfield, 14, by 17. Mr M. Scott acted as handicapper and referee.

Pigeon Flying at High Spen.—The second pigeon flying in connection with the High Spen Homing Club was brought off on Saturday from Barlow to the Spen, when 15 birds competed. Final—Cox's Joseph Batty beat Farrar's Boot Soles by 13 sec.

A quoit match took place at Woodlands between Lance Coats, of Tow Law, and John Kellett, of Woodlands, for £10 a-side. Score:—Coats, 41; Kellett, 21. G. Hall was stakeholder and referee.

On Saturday, in a field at the Spen, a quoit match took place between Thomas Surtees, of Friarside, and William Lawson, of the Emma, for £10, 10 yards on the grass, 41 points game, Surtees winning by 13.

Rabbit Coursing at Tantobie.—On Saturday, in a field near Mr M Snowdon's Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, a rabbit sweep, organised by Mr Edward Gaffney, who added £2 for 52 dogs at 3s 6d per lot, was brought off. Details:—First round—China Eyes beat Catch, Coquet Lad beat Rattlesnake, Coquet Lad (2nd lot) beat Model, Get Your Hair Cut beat Rattlesnake (2nd lot), Pigeon beat Last Chance, Go As You Please beat Monte Carlo, Pigeon (2nd lot) beat Beamish Lass, Wicked Lad beat Queen of Hearts, Grace Darling beat Catch (2nd lot), Iron Man beat Odd Trick, Mammy Like beat Be Canny, Go As You Please (2nd lot) beat Sally From Home, White Socks beat Last Chance (2nd lot), Jane Ann beat Sally From Home (2nd lot), Sister Mary beat China Eyes (2nd lot), Puss beat Jenny Dobie, Sister Mary (2nd lot) beat Meg, Bad Temper beat Hokey Pokey, Mammy Like (2nd lot) beat Hokey Pokey (2nd lot), Go As You Please (3rd lot) beat Mammy Like (3rd lot), Beamish Lass (2nd lot) beat Be Canny (2nd lot), Meg (2nd lot) beat Watch, White Socks (2nd lot) beat Jane Ann (2nd lot), Bad Temper (2nd lot) beat Iron Man (2nd lot), Crab Apple beat Lillywhite, Shinny Hannah beat Lillywhite (2nd lot). Second round—Coquet Lad beat China Eyes, Coquet Lad beat Pigeon, Monte Carlo beat Get Your Hair Cut, Pigeon beat Wicked Lad, Grace Darling beat Iron Man, Get Your Hair Cut beat Mammy Like, White Socks beat Jane Ann, Sister Mary beat Puss, Sister Mary beat Grace Darling, Go As You Please beat Bad Temper, Beamish Lass beat Meg, Bad Temper beat Jane Ann, Crab Apple beat Skinny Hannah. Third round—Bad Temper beat Grace Darling, Monte Carlo beat Get Your Hair Cut, White Socks beat Coquet Lad, Pigeon beat Crab Apple, Beamish Lass beat Sister Mary, Sister Mary beat Coquet Lad, Go As You Please, a bye. Fourth round—Howell's Go As You Please beat Brown's Pigeon, Innes's Bad Temper beat Carr's Beamish Lass, Hughes's Sister Mary beat Danger's Monte Carlo, Teesdale's White Socks, a bye. At this stage a division was agreed upon. Referee, E. Gaffney; pistol firer, Henry Scott.

Commerce with its Spreading Wings, has traversed the globe many times, and binds nations together with the strong ties of mutual self-interest. Through its influence London has become the metropolis of the world, and her merchants have amassed wealth sufficient to make them the envy of princes. Holloway's Pills and Ointment have now become essential articles of commerce with all parts of the world. They have effected cures which have seemed miraculous, and given relief in complaints when all hope had been lost. In all known diseases their success has at all times been wonderful. In cases of disorders of the stomach, bile, liver complaint, indigestion, fevers, ague, &c., they act like a charm, as the cure is speedy and certain.

THE WEEK.

THE LESSON OF THE DROUGHT.

It is much to be hoped that the lessons of the drought of 1893 will not be lost upon the country. The *Field* discusses them in a very sensible article. The matter is one that concerns both the local authorities and the individual householder, in town and country. The great drought found most of us quite unprepared to meet and withstand its consequences; provision for the storage of water was almost non-existent; in many places there was a regular water-famine, and in most places the vastly diminished rainfall was productive of results more or less inconvenient. The country at large suffered considerably, but a few wise ones who had looked ahead made profits; and, as our contemporary observes, in those few instances where an adequate and accessible accumulation of water existed, and prompt steps were taken to convey and distribute it over the land, results were obtained which serve to shew the enormous advantages of irrigation in dry seasons, and the profits that accrued to a few enterprising men who availed themselves of the facilities at their command should serve to direct serious attention to the conservation and employment of water supplies. The danger is that when the drought is fairly done with the majority of us will refuse to look forward to another; and we shall continue to be as unprepared as we were at the beginning of the present. No one, of course, expects a drought in 1894, but who expected one in 1893? If the next summer should be at all like the one that we have just passed through, our national case will be—unless we take the necessary steps in the interim—a particularly awkward one. We should make up our minds to this—that, as we cannot foretell in the least what any year may bring forth, it is absolutely necessary to be in a position to meet and withstand any untoward move on the part of that erratic invisibility, the weather clerk. In the matter of drought, as in most other problematical things, prevention is better than cure.

PROFESSIONAL OARSMEN.

In football professionalism is the rage. In another branch of sport professionalism has almost ceased to be counted. The professional oarsman, so far as England is concerned, seems almost an extinct being. Half a century ago the professional oarsman was a tradesman as well. He did not look to live by the oar. He raced for small sums in his leisure hours, and if there were no money forthcoming he raced for the pleasure of it. Those were the days when Englishmen were the champion oarsmen. The championship has passed from us, the public has in consequence ceased to be greatly interested in professional rowing, and, as the professional oarsman can no longer make a comfortable living at his business, he does not greatly trouble himself about it. There are fewer matches than there used to be, and there is less money forthcoming for them. No professional oarsman will any longer race for the pleasure or the glory of racing; and the public will not any longer pay to see second-rate races by second-rate professionals. It is not possible to live by racing at this day. As an old oarsman says: "You cannot get a gate at a sculling match, and, as they cannot all be making championship matches with big stakes, they stay out of professionalism altogether, for the reason, I suppose, that it will only pay one or two of the very best men." Then, again, some years ago professionals could generally make it pay to attend regattas during the season. They were almost all professional regattas, then, with one or two races for amateurs. A crew would be got up to go round to Durham, Bedford, Derby, Nottingham, Manchester, and London, from one regatta to another, winning a prize now and again. That satisfied the professional scullers of the time, but the scullers of to-day would look with great contempt upon such prizes as were then won. That also, however, is changed. The Thames National is now almost the only professional regatta in the country. But there is another side to the matter. If we have fewer professionals in rowing we have far more amateurs; and the amateur standard is certainly higher at this day than it ever was before. Sculling is not dying out. Professional sculling is, but that is all. There is an infinitely larger number of first-rate amateurs now than there was when professional sculling was in its prime.

STOCK EXCHANGE GAMBLING.

It is just as well to know that the general public "is, with few exceptions, absolutely indifferent to Stock Exchange speculation." Mr. H. J. Jennings says this in the October number of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and one could not receive a more comfortable word upon the subject. Still, one has one's doubts. If the public at large is so serenely indifferent to the chances offered by the riggers of the market on the Stock Exchange, how do the members of that institution contrive to make a living? If the public were absolutely indifferent (as it is to be wished they were) the Stock Exchange must incontinently perish. It does not perish; it survives any number of crises; so there must still be a more or less trustful public behind it. Still, Mr. Jennings says there is an "apathy" in Throgmorton Street; so one may hope that the common speculator is growing a trifle wiser. A busy Stock Exchange means always a credulous public; an apathetic one means a public a little more alive to the risks. Business is everywhere carried on on a huge system of speculation, and—if the Turf be excepted—the mischief of gambling is perhaps more egregious on the Stock Exchange than anywhere else. There is no restraining the two-penny gambler on the Turf. Is there any possibility of restraining the five-pound gambler on the Stock Exchange? He is by no means as indifferent to this form of speculation as Mr. Jennings would have us believe. Indeed, Mr. Jennings himself admits that "scarcely a day passes but what the records of the Bankruptcy Court disclose some deplorable case of ruin brought about by Stock Exchange speculation." But in cases like these certain members of the Stock Exchange are as much to blame as the weak, inexperienced gamblers whom they draw within their nets. This haphazard kind of speculation is not quite so common as it was a few years ago—proof that both the gamblers and their enticers on the Stock Exchange have been rather badly hit—but there remains a good deal of it. New fools, as Mr. Jennings says, are constantly being born into the world; and an unreformed Stock Exchange has always members enough to make ruinous sport for these. There is a public hungry for speculation; and there is a set of more or less impecunious stock-brokers who are always on the look-out for that public. Perhaps if the latter were more under control of the Committee the former would have fewer temptations to risk their little all in the hopeless morass of unintelligent speculation.

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS.

Marley Hill.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held at this church on Thursday 21st, when an excellent sermon was preached by Rev William Peacock, vicar of St. Luke's, Darlington, from the words "The harvest is past, and the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. viii., 20). The festival services were continued on Sunday, the evening service being conducted by Rev J. Shorts B.D., of Swalwell, who took for his text the word, "Men shall not live by bread alone." The collections were for providing new communion plate, and amounted to £7 0s 10½d. The choir sang the anthems, "Oh give thanks unto the Lord" and "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." There were crowded congregations.

Thornley.—Harvest festival services took place in the Thornley Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday, sermons being preached by Mr George Race, of Westgate. [illegible]

Tow Law.—The Tow Law Presbyterian Church harvest thanksgiving services took place on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev G. Samuel, M.A.

Satley.—Harvest festival services were held in the Satley Parish Church on Sunday. The church had been very tastefully decorated by members of the congregation. The morning service was well attended, and in the evening there was a crowded congregation. The preacher was the Rev T. E. Espin, vicar of Tow Law. Mr Caygill presided at the organ. The singing was excellent. The offertory was in aid of the church fund. [illegible]

Frosterley Church.—The annual harvest festival in connection with Frosterley Church was celebrated on Thursday evening and Sunday. It began with the celebration of the Holy Communion at a morning service at 8 a.m., at which there was a good attendance of communicants. It is meet that the harvest festival commenced thus. In the evening, the vicar of Redcar preached an excellent sermon to a large audience, which was highly appreciated. One of the principal features of Frosterley harvest festival year by year is the splendid musical treat afforded the public. This noted choir again acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, by the excellent rendering of the anthems especially got up for the occasion, and the thorough choral nature of the services throughout. On the Sunday afternoon, an organ recital was given by Miss Temperley, of Stanhope, a young lady musician of great talent and ability. The pieces were selections from the great authors, and were rendered in a style creditable in the highest degree both to the young lady and the place where she was born. Frosterley band was also in attendance, and took a prominent part in the musical treat. A good company was present, and the service was of a very enjoyable nature. In the evening, the Rev F. C. Jagg preached an excellent sermon to a large company. The choir also again acquitted themselves well in the rendering of the anthems, Mr W. Waller and Miss Jagg rendering their respective solos splendidly. The decorations were neat and tasteful, and reflected upon the decorators the highest credit. The following persons took part in the decorations:—Miss Jagg, Miss Angel, of Coatham, Miss Pickering, Mrs Jagg, Mr Wm. Waller, Mr Bird, and Rev Mr Robinson, assisted by others. The services throughout were a success.

Stanhope Church.—The annual harvest festival, at Stanhope Church, was celebrated on Friday and Sunday, and was eminently successful both as regards numbers and the excellent nature of the services—the decorative part, and financially as well. The offertories were made on behalf of the Dioceseon Nurse Society. On Friday evening, the Rev Canon Bullock, of Leeds, preached a beautiful sermon to a large audience, which was highly appreciated. The Rev A. E. Burdekin presided at the organ, and his rendering of the "Lost chord" was so beautiful, that he was requested to repeat it on the Sunday evening. The choir acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, and the musical part of the services was highly enjoyable, being choral throughout. On the Sunday, the Bishop of Richmond preached excellent sermons to large congregations, when the choir again rendered excellent service, and the old church where Butler himself ministered, resounded with choice music well rendered. Mr Burdekin rendered the "Lost chord" in a masterly style on the powerful organ. The decorations were beautiful, and much in advance of previous years, being both artistic and neat, presenting a charming appearance, especially the chancel, where there was a brilliant array of plants in pots. The decorators were:—Misses Pulleine, Hinks, Arnison, and Pattinson, assisted by others. The choir was assisted by Mr C. F. Tinkler, on his euphonium. The services throughout were a positive treat. The commodious and handsome building was crowded on Sunday evening. [illegible]

St Edmund's Church, Edmundbyers.—The annual harvest festival was held in the Parish Church of St Edmund, on Friday evening, when the sacred edifice was as usual, beautifully decorated by skilful hands; the altar and its surroundings being the subject of special attention. The service, full choral, was very largely attended, and an excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev Canon Pennefather, vicar of St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The anthem was Simper's "And God said let the earth bring forth grass", the "Magnificat" and "Minc Dimittis" being by the same composer.—The festival was continued on the following Sunday, when Madame Marie Bellas kindly gave her assistance, by singing solos at both the morning and evening services, the sermon being preached by the Rev John Ingham, vicar of Muggleswick. The church was densely, crowded, very many being unable to obtain admittance, who, after the service, had an opportunity of inspecting the beautiful decorations. Liberal and most capable contributions of corn, fruit, flowers, and vegetables were received from farmers and cottagers of the parish, as well as from other more distant friends.

St Ebba's, Ebchester.—Thanksgiving services were begun in this ancient parish on Friday evening, when the Rev. Canon Brutton, Vicar and Rural Dean of Tynemouth, discoursed to a large congregation. The first lesson was read by Rev. Wm. Cockin, vicar of Medomsley, and the second by Rev. C. H. Fleetwood, St. Cuthbert's, Durham. The prayers were said by the Rector and Rev. W. Ellis, curate of Medomsley. The services were continued on Sunday, the morning preacher being the Rector, who chose as his subject, Solomon's ascent to the temple, of which he gave a graphic description, and drew some striking lessons therefrom as to worship, praise, and thanksgiving. In the evening the Vicar of Medomsley preached to a crowded congregation, many having to go away without admission. His subject was taken from the 65th Psalm, 13th verse, which he handled in an able and interesting manner. The services, as usual, were choral and congregational, under the leadership of Mr Middleton, choirmaster, and Mr Hume, organist. The church was prettily decorated, flowers, fruit, corn, &c., being received from nearly everyone in the parish. A very helping hand, by way of decorating, was given by Mr Sutherland, gardener to Mr George Ramsay, Ebchester Hall. A special feature to be noted was the imposing appearance of the large surpliced choir of males and females, for it will be remembered that at Ebchester the ladies are surpliced as well as the males.

Benfieldside Parish Church.—The harvest festival services of St. Cuthbert's, Shotley Bridge, began on Friday (Michaelmas Day) with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at eight. A large congregation attended evensong at half-past seven, when a most impressive sermon was preached by the Rev Wilfrid Gore Browne, M.A., vicar of St. Hilda's, Darlington. The musical portion of the service was well rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr George Stephenson, organist, and the decorations were very tasteful, and showed that much care had been taken to adorn the house of God. Revs T. J. Storey, M.A., vicar of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, and R. W. Wilson, B.A., vicar of Shotley, and C. S. Wilson, B.A., curate of Consett, together with the clergy of the church, Revs G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., and E. H. Gie torex, M.A., took part in the service. The services was continued on Sunday. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion during the morning, a children's service in the afternoon, and at evening service the fixed seats for six hundred, and additional benches placed in the open space above the font and in the passages were crowded with worshippers.

Waterhouses.—On Saturday evening, the harvest festival of St. Paul's Church, Waterhouses, was celebrated, when the Rev. H. E. Fox, vicar of St. Nicholas's, Durham, preached. On Sunday, the Rev. H. M. Cox, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, preached two sermons, morning and evening, to large congregations. The decorations of this sacred edifice were very tastefully arranged, and consisted chiefly of corn, fruit, and flowers, contributed by neighbouring farmers, and the congregation. Mr W. Dyson, officiated at the organ.

Esh Winning.—On Sunday, the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church celebrated their harvest thanksgiving. The interior of this sacred edifice was tastefully decorated with grain, vegetables, fruit, and flowers. The day was fine, and there was a good attendance at each service. Mr D. Greaves, Willington, conducted the services in the morning and evening. In the afternoon, a service of song entitled "Her mother's Bible," was given by the Waterhouse Wesleyan Choir, and the Rev. H. I. Woofor, officiated as reader. Mr S. Heath officiated at the harmonium, while the choir under their leader, Mr Egglestone, rendered special hymns and anthems. A collection was taken at the close of each service.

Stanhope Wesleyans.—The harvest festival in connection with the Stanhope Wesleyans, was held on Sunday and Monday. On the Sunday, two excellent sermons were preached by the newly-appointed superintendent, the Rev Mr Webb. The congregations were large. On Monday evening, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, presided over by Mr Thomas Phillipson, Stanhope, when addresses were delivered by Revs Webb and Cooper, and Mr Joseph Ward, of Eastgate. The choir also performed choice pieces of music, whilst Mr R Ward presided at the organ. The chapel was beautifully decorated with plants, ferns, flowers, fruit, vegetables, and evergreens. The organ chamber was charmingly decorated, and was very striking, and presented quite an enchanting appearance, and was the work of Mrs G. Waller, Mrs T. Collingwood, and Miss Driver. The other parts of the chapel were also neatly and tastefully decorated by Mesdames Cooper, Bainbridge, Turnbull, Gowland, and Coulthard; the window bottoms by Miss Dodd and Miss Urwin, and the festoon work amid the pillars in the centre of the chapel by the young men. The meeting on Monday evening was an excellent and enthusiastic one, a good congregation being present. On the whole the festival was a complete success.

Wolsingham Wesleyans.—The harvest festival in connection with the above place of worship, was celebrated on Sunday and Monday. On Sunday, two excellent sermons were preached by the Rev G. E. Startup, the new minister. In the afternoon, the choir gave a service of song, entitled "The children's harvest thanksgiving." Mr Goulden presided at the organ, and Mr Baty conducted. On the Monday evening, a public meeting was held, presided over by Dr Devey, of Wolsingham. Addresses were delivered by Revs J. T. Kent and G. E. Startup. The chapel was beautifully decorated. Companies were good.

St. George's Church, Mickley.—The harvest festival of this church was celebrated on Wednesday se'nnight. A thoughtful sermon was preached by Canon Osburn, B.D., based on St. John iv., 35 36. Rev J. A. C. Maughan read the lessons, the service being intoned by the vicar, Rev G. J. Woodward, B.D., B.C.L. The anthem, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth," &c., was beautifully rendered by the large choir. The festival was continued on Sunday. The local volunteers (1st V.B.N.F.), with their band, attended the morning service. At each service the church was densely packed. The offertories during the festival amounted to £8 12s 6d, distributed thus:—Cullercoats' Home for "Waifs and Strays," £2; Diocesan Society, £1 10s; Church expenses, £1 2s 6d.

Frosterley.—The annual harvest festival of the Frosterley Wesleyans was held on Saturday and Sunday. A public meeting was held on Saturday, presided over by Mr J. Squire, schoolmaster, Frosterley. Addresses were delivered by Rev J. T. Kent, of Wolsingham, and Mr T. Walker, of Darlington. A very large company was present. A coffee supper was held afterwards, to which a good company sat down. On Sunday, two excellent sermons were preached by Mr T. Walker, of Darlington, to large audiences. In the afternoon, a service of song was held, when the choir acquitted themselves ably and well. Miss E. A. Moffatt, presided at the harmonium. Mr Turnbull, conducted, assisted by Mr Thompson, of Bollihope. It was an excellent service and was well attended. The chapel decorations were on a very elaborate scale, and were beautiful in the extreme and reflected upon all concerned the highest credit. The decorators were Messrs J. Collisson, J. Greenwell, Master Greenwell, A. Greenwell, J. Mowbray, E. Greenwell, N. Rutter, M. Dawson, A. Gowland, and N. Gowland. The above-named did the window decorations. The motto, "Garnered Grain" was done by Mr R. Bainbridge; the organ chamber by Messrs J. and R. Chapman; the pulpit by Mrs J. Turnbull, Miss Squire, and Mr J. Craig; the arches and door by Messrs T. Shield, J. Johnson, T. Bainbridge, E. Greenwell, M. E. Greenwell, and N. Greenwell. The scythe and hayrakes by Misses M. and P. Waller.

Castleside Parish Church.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held on Wednesday evening Sept. 27th and were continued on Sunday Oct. 1st. The church was tastefully decorated by Mr W. Milner, Mr H. Clark, Mr Yates, Mr R. Yates, Mr T. Potts, Miss Cashel, Misses Yates, Misses Nicholson, and others. The preacher on Wednesday evening was the Rev James Colling, vicar of Seaham Harbour, who delivered an eloquent and practical sermon to the large congregation assembled, and impressed on his hearers the importance of regular attendance at divine worship. The preacher on Sunday morning was the Rev John Ingham, vicar of Muggleswick, who preached an excellent sermon from Ecclesiastes II chapter, 1st verse "Cast thy bread upon the water" drawing the attention of the congregation to the goodness of divine providence. The sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev J. Wallis, vicar, who took for his text St. Matthew, 13th chapter, 39th verse, "The harvest is the end of the world". There was a crowded congregation, who joined heartily in the hymns and respones. The anthem was taken from the 33 Psalms, 1st and 2nd verses, which was well rendered by the choir. The corn was kindly given by the farmers in the parish. The stacks of corn made and presented by Mr Joseph Angus Healeyfield, Miss Nicholson and Mr William Walton, Castleside, were greatly admired, and formed a most pleasent feature in the decorations. Plants for the decorations were lent by those engaged in decorating the church and by Mr R. Robson Mr Lambert Hall and Miss Bainbridge.

INQUEST AT BLACKHILL.

DOCTOR'S *VERSUS* REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATES.

An inquest was held on Thursday se'nnight, at Mr John Young's, Rose and Crown Hotel, Blackhill, before Mr John Graham, coroner, touching the death of Michael Mackin, aged 55 years, an ironworker, of Blackhill, who died in the Consett Infirmary on the previous Tuesday night.

It appears that the man received a blow on the right shin bone about eighteen months ago. The injury was neglected, however, and the leg began to swell. Mackin consulted Dr Renton, and was subsequently admitted to the Consett Iron Company's Infirmary on June 15th. The leg was amputated on July 23rd, and the limb mended well, but he took ill again on the 11th of August, and died on Sept. 25th. A *post-mortem* examination of the body, made on the following day, disclosed the fact that the poor fellow's lungs were much diseased.

Dr Shannon gave evidence to the effect that the injury to the leg was in no way remotely connected with the cause of Mackin's death.

The jury returned a verdict that Mackin died from natural causes.

It was elicited during the inquiry that the medical gentleman gave a certificate as to the cause of death, but the registrar (Mr W. Ramsay) refused to accept it, and communicated with the coroner.

The jury wished to know if the registrar was justified in going behind the medical certificate.

The Coroner upheld the action of Mr Ramsay, and said the course he had taken was a right and proper one, especially when he entertained some suspicion, as in the present instance.

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STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 68 dairy cows and heifers, 20 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 18 calves, 240 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £23; fat cattle to £18 10s; store cattle to £5 2s 6d; calves to 28s; fat black-faced wethers to 28s 6d—top, Mr J. Dent, Sunderland Clough; fat mule shearlings to 40s—top, Mr H. P. Dolphin, New Hall; fat lambs to 29s 9d—top, Mr A. Mews, Morley.

Benfieldside.—Mr Murray had forward at this mart, on Monday, 23 fat cattle, 250 fat sheep and lambs, 32 store cattle, 7 calves, 21 pigs, a large quantity of poultry, harness, ladders, and other sundries. Although there was no improvement in prices, there was a fairly good demand at about the same rates as last week. Fat cattle to £15 10s; young sheep to 42s; lambs to 34s; pigs to 71s; small pigs, 13s to 30s; stirks to £5 15s; polled bullocks to £7; heifers to £7 each; poultry to 2s each. A very large company of buyers was present, and nearly the whole of the stock forward was sold. Mr Murray will hold his annual sale of rams and widtering sheep to-morrow (Saturday), for which he has received a large entry of extra good blood.

Lanchester Auction Mart.—The annual show of Leicester rams, and first special for ewes and prize show was held on Wednesday. There were forward 28 shearling Leicester rams, 41 lamb rams, and 485 ewes and lambs. Leicester shearling rams, first prize, £1 10s, J. E. Nicholson; 2nd, Nichol Walker, Satley. First prize Leicester ram lambs, £1 13s, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House; 2nd, £1, Thomas Simpson, High Bradley; 3rd, 10s, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House. Shearling rams made from £2 to £4 15s; ram lambs from £2 10s to £2 12s 6d; mule gimmers from £1 8s 6d to £1 19s; mule ewes, to £1 19s; half-bred ewes from £1 10s to £1 15s; b f ewes, 1s to 17s; mule lambs, 14s to £1 0 6d; 2 small cows, £9 to £13. There was a large company present and trade fairly good. Mr Robert Anderson, Mosswood, and Mr Joseph Thornton, Tribley, acted as judges, and their decision gave every satisfaction.

LOCAL LEEK SHOWS.

PRUDHOE.

A highly successful leek and vegetable show was held at the Dr Syntax Hotel, Prudhoe, on Saturday last, when valuable prizes were offered. Awards.—three leeks.—1, Wm Curry, West Wylam; 2, J Pringle; 3, T Robinson; 4, T Armstrong; 5, T Hope; 6, J Callender. Hand bouquets.—1, T Battensby; 2, J Battensby; 3, L Campbell. Basket of cut flowers.—1, L Campbell; 2, R Wardle; 3, J Bishop, Hexham. Groups.—1, J Judson; 2, L Campbell; 3, R Wardle. Collection of vegetables.—1, T Robinson; 2, H Jarvis; 3, Wm Curry; 4, T Marshall. There was a splendid display of celery, the principal prize-takers being Messrs T Marshall, Latham, and Robson.

BLAYDON.

The members of the Excelsior Leek Club held their annual show at the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, on Saturday. There was a good entry, and the exhibits were a capital lot. Amongst the principal prize-takers were Messrs Wm Hudson, T Hopper, R Moody, H McGray, S Bullock, J Lowdon, Jas. McNally, J Anderson, J C Robson, J Harbottle, W Brown, D Curry, J Hepper, R Brown, A Frazer, J Murray, jun., J Young, J Liddle, W Scott, T Wilson, jun., W Kendall, J Douglas, H Chapman, M Todd, W Hepple, and T Spoors. The show, which was largely patronised, remained open until Monday night.

HOBSON COLLIERY.

A leek and vegetable show was opened at the Hobson Hotel, Hobson Colliery, on Saturday, and remained open until Monday. The exhibition was a first-class one, the premier leeks measuring 30 inches by 21 inches. The chief prize-takers were:—Leeks—1, J. Burnip, Hobson Colliery; 2, G. Gray, Hobson; 3, J. Lown, Hobson; 4, Mrs Cawthorn, Hobson. Collection of three vegetables—1, G. Gray, Hobson; 2, A. Batey, Hobson; 3, B. R. Mason, Hobson.

GREENSIDE.

The tenth annual show of the members of the White Swan Inn Leek Club was opened on Saturday. The chief prize-takers were:—Messrs Geo. Henderson, D Campbell, M Wheatley, J Gray, J Wilson, Ed. Wilson, W Davidson, E Tiplady, W Dowson, R Pletton, J Shotton, W Robson, T Charlton, W Tilley, W Hunshaw, T Robson, R Pringle, T Davidson, T Dodds, T Peel, J Croft, R Dowson, and W Davidson. The show was well attended.

SWALWELL.

A successful leek show was held at the Sun Inn, Swalwell, on Saturday, in connection with the local leek club. The following were the most successful exhibitors:—Messrs W Blackbird, W Gladstone, E Forster, R Shield, W Norvell, A Leybourne, P Lawson, N Smailes, C Mitcheson, R Forster, F Norvell, T Ellison, and J Battensby.

WATERHOUSES.

On Saturday, the Waterhouses and Esh annual leek show was held in a long room, lent by Mr G. French, Station Hotel, Waterhouses. The room was beautifully decorated, and a good selection of leeks and other vegetables were shown. Awards.—1, Mr T Hall, Esh, set of china; 2, W Birkett, Esh, set of chamber ware; 3, Wm Davison, Esh, lamp; 4, T Burrell, Waterhouses, timepiece; 5, J Sharp, Esh, tea pot; 6, R Johnson, mirror; 7, G Vickers, set of carvers; 8, J Vickers, clock; 9, C Johnson, copper kettle; 10, H Lamb, toddy kettle; 11, J C Charlton, set of pans; 12, H Vickers, brass spit; 13, G Vickers, lamp; 14, J Smith, six knives and forks; 15, R Brown, set of breakfast cups; 16, G Weedy, garden set; 17, J Butterby, pan; 18, A Brown, brass rod; 19, G Weedy, portmanteau; 20, A. Smith, cruet, and bread knife; 21, J Shield, six cheese knives; 22, J Brown, pan and steamer; 23, A Bee, clock; 24, A Bee, cornice pole and lamp; 25, J Stephenson, garden set; 26, J. Grieves, timepiece; G French, (special), coal skuttle. Best head of celery:—1, J Burrell; 2, J Johnson; 3, J Charlton. Best red cabbage:—1, J Sharp; 2, W Birkett; 3, J Vickers. Best cauliflower—1, Geo. French; 2, J Shield; 3, T Bell. Mr H Hall, of Hedley Hill, acted as judge.

TANTOBIE.

On Saturday, the "Derby" leek and vegetable show was opened at the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, and as prizes of the value of £30 were given for leeks and £7 for vegetables, there was one of the finest and most expensive displays of garden produce ever gathered together in this district. There were 64 entries for leeks alone, the first prize specimens measuring 33 inches by 21¼ inches; and the prize-money varied from £2 5s to 1s 6d. The principal awards are appended:—Leeks—1, Ed Charlton, Hobson Colliery; 2, T Brown, Marley Hill; 3, W M Handcock, Burnopfield; 4, R Copeland, Fellside; 5, J Summerbell, Kyo; 6, T Potts, Byer Moor; 7, G Gray, Hobson Colliery. Vegetables (3 varities, one of each kind).—1, R Charlton; 2, T Potts; 3, T Jewitt; 4, W Gibson; 5, G Gray; 6, W M Handcock; 7, J Summerbell. Celery—1, J Milburn; 2, Wm Fawcett; 3, T Jewitt; 4, W M Haudcock. Summer Onion—1, Milburn; 2, T Pringle; 3, W Lake; 4, M Reay. Red cabbage—1, T Pringle; 2, T Jewitt; 3, J Summerbell. Messrs Joicey and Co., also gave a prize for the best stand of vegetables, confined to their workmen. This was won by T Jewitt, Tanfield Lea.

Cricket.

BIRTLEY CRICKET CLUB.

The members of the above club were entertained to dinner at the Red Lion Hotel, Birtley, by Mr and Mrs Innes, on Wednesday se'nnight. There was a large attendance of members and friends. After dinner, the secretary (Mr J. McKay) presented a record of the matches played during the season, which showed that the club had played 26 matches, out of which they had won 15, lost 6, and drawn 5. The rest of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, under the presidency of Dr Andrews, who congratulated the club on its success. Messrs R. Wanless, J Blythe, T. Knox, J. Innes, and R. Coote, entertained the company with songs, and Messrs E. Mortimer and W. Gardner, of Gateshead, provided the music. During the evening, Dr Andrews presented Mr John Emmerson, an old enthusiast, with a nice sum of money, which was collected from the company present. Several toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesideite."]

There has come a sudden change in the weather. The genial glow of a long summer has suddenly and abruptly been changed, and we have been treated to a mid-winter blast and compelled to don our heavier wraps. The keen frosts of Thursday and Friday se'nnights were followed by a heavy fall of snow on Saturday, it being the earliest snow-fall for many years past.

The Technical Education Local Committee is desirous to establish evening classes for the furtherance of the education of the young people in the village and amongst the mothers and daughters also.

The harvest thanksgiving services in connection with the St. John's Church, were commenced on Wednesday week, when the Rev James Colling, M.A., vicar of Seaham Harbour, preached. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the edifice being crowded to excess.

Losses come to men and women in various ways and forms. A fortnight ago, a good lady and her lord from Consett, went tripping to Newcastle, and lost the train, or rather got into the wrong train, and got to Brandon instead of reaching Consett, and were treated to an all-night-tramp, reaching home at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning. On Monday morning Sept. 25th, a stone merchant hailing from Mountsett, near Dipton, came to a serious loss by his horse suddenly dropping down dead at the Smelters' Arms Inn, where he had stopped to feed it before starting out for Dipton. I was sorry for the poor old man who seemed very much distressed at the loss that had come to him so unexpectedly, more so, because he had recently begged the wherewithal to purchase the animal, amongst the tradesmen in the district. The last, but not the least curious loss to some one either young or old, but as yet unknown, is a set of false or artificial teeth, on silver plate. The owner can be furnished again by applying to Mr W. Lee, Watergate, Castleside.

A gloom has been cast over the village of Waskerley, and the home of the Hudson family at Smiddy Shaw, Waskerley, by the death of our friend, Mr Simon Whitfield Hudson, caretaker of the Smiddy Shaw reservoir, since its completion about seventeen years ago. Physically, Mr Hudson in his younger days was a finely built man, was tall, and a fine figure. Intellectually and morally, he was a strong man, having very decided opinions on all subjects whether religious, social, or political. When he spoke it was with no uncertain sound or misgiving. He was a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, being converted at Shildon, near Blanchland, twenty-seven years ago, then connected with the Hexham circuit. Previous to his conversion he was for some years a teacher in the Wesleyan Sunday-school. The Primitive Methodists held their services in his house at Roughside, up to the time of his coming to Waskerley. In the earlier part of his life, he followed the employment of a lead miner, and, like many of the same calling, has been a sufferer for many years, which was borne with patience and Christian fortitude. The church at Waskerley by his death has lost an honourable and earnest member, having filled all the offices of trust in the church. He was an excellent hearer, and like our friends Messrs Gowland and Potts, his presence in the chapel will be missed. His home was always open for the ministers and laymen alike. He leaves a widow two sons, and five daughters to mourn his loss. The interment took place at Muggleswick. A vast number followed his remains to the grave, the vicar (Rev J. Ingham) performing the last rites. The ceremony at the house was performed by Mr J. Robson, Waskerley, and Mr McClennell, Milkwell Burn. The family have the sympathy of the churches in their hour of trial.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

The sod-cutting of the Weardale railway takes places on the 21st inst., at St. John's Chapel. It will be a big event. There are to be erected triumphal arches, and rejoicing on a large scale. To complete the event they should have an ox roasted, and a display of fireworks in the evening. Anyhow, it will be a "red-letter" day for Weardale. The committee deserve great praise for their push and perseverance, and the hearty manner in which they have worked together for the dale's welfare.

Stanhope is booked for a course of six lectures on "Health and home," under the auspices of the County Council Technical Education Scheme. The charge for the set is only one shilling. It is to be hoped that numbers will avail themselves of the privilege of listening to those lectures on such important subjects. Few things are so little studied as health. Every man should study his own system. A working-man's health is his capital. The rich economy of nature has provided a herb for every disease, but in our ignorance we suffer on instead of knowing and applying the right remedy. The laws of health should be taught in the schools. Things are crammed into the children at school of far less importance.

I have of late frequented a friend's house which was infested with beetles. These pugnacious creatures were everywhere towards bed time, crawling about in all directions. For the benefit of anyone who has beetles let me tell you how we got rid of them wholesale by a very simple process. I told the good lady of the house to beg a bit carbolic powder from the Local Board man. She got a little tin canister full. I poured boiling water on it, and ran it into their holes, and in a few days they all cleared out. They don't like the smell, and clear out at once. Try it!

A bee hunt took place at Westgate, a short time ago. The beehive was situated at Brotherlea, and one hot day they swarmed and off. The owner gave chase, and over dykes and ditches away he sped towards Westgate. The day was hot, and the chase was keen, but our hero kept well up until near the pinfold, at Westgate. A bright idea struck him, as the bees were hovering about. He got a lassie to sing "The last rose of summer." The bees were charmed and alighted on a wood waggon in the pintold. Don Quixote himself could not have beat that. They know a thing or two at Brotherlea.

A Tow Law gent made his bed by tossing it down the stair-case the other night, and then carrying it back upstairs, by way of shewing his landlady the latest thing in bed-making.

Courting is more practised by widows and widowers around Stanhope than by young folks. Nothing can equal the old stagers. A couple west of Stanhope, the other day, were spliced after 40 years' courtship. At Eastgate, and between there and Westgate, things look promising among the old hands. Match-making is all the go.

The course of true love did never run smooth. A well-known Stanhope Lowthair went to see his fair one. To have a stolen chat with his sweetest he must mount a big water-cask, so as he could get near her window. While in this unique courting position his weight sent in the top of the cask, and he dropped up to his chin in a cold bath, and what made matters worse for the life of him he could not get out. The tub was slimy, and baffled his best efforts. His fair one could not reach him. The gardner came on the scene and our hero shouted, but the gardener could not get him out until he got a cart "limmer," which he used as a lever, and sent over the big tub and its contents on to its side. The water ran out, and our hero crept out very fishy. The dog heard the unusual commotion and barked furiously, and all hands were on the alert. But the old gardener stowed our hero away in a hot-house until he brought him a suit of dry clothes and a bottle of Glenlivet to tone him up a bit.

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SINGULAR DEATH OF A MINER AT EAST CASTLE.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER.

On Tuesday, an inquest was opened at the house of Mrs Elizabeth Ward, Jolly Drover's Inn, Redwell Hills, by Mr John Graham, district coroner, on the body of Patrick Murray, aged 34 years, a miner, living at Old Row, Eastle Castle Colliery, who died on Saturday night last from the effects of injuries received at Leadgate a week previously. Mr Thos. Lambert, Gateshead, appeared on behalf of P.C. Lambert, a member of the Durham County Police Force, and Mr J. McCartan (Consett) represented the relatives of the deceased. Mr Geo. Nicholson was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr Webster (deputy chief constable of the county), Supt. P. G. Benzies, and Rev Father Magill, Brooms, also watched the proceedings.

Mrs Jane Murray, wife of the deceased, identified the body. Her husband, she said, was employed as a hewer at South Tanfield Colliery, Oxhill. He died on Sept. 30th, about 20 minutes to seven, p.m.

In answer to Mr McCartan, witness observed that her husband was brought home at 2·30 on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24th, on an ambulance stretcher, in an unconscious condition. She was with him, and he remained insensible up to the time of his death.

Hannah Elliot deposed: I am a single woman in service at the Queen's Head Inn, Leadgate. On Saturday, 23rd Sept., about 10·30 p.m., I was crossing the road from the Coach and Horses Inn to the Queen's Head, which is nearly opposite. I saw P.C. Geo. Lambert and the deceased on the middle of the road. I heard Lambert tell Murray to go home. The latter, however, replied, "I won't go home for a b—— like you." I saw nothing the matter with the policeman, but Murray, I think, was drunk. I then went into the house, and neither saw nor heard anything more.

By Mr McCartan: I had not seen Murray before that evening, excepting in Snaith's public-house at the beginning of the night. I saw no one else on the road when the policeman spoke to him.

By Mr Lambert: The policeman spoke quietly and persuasively to the man. I did not fill him any drink in the Queen's Head. Murray was in the bar, and was not noisy. He had had some drink.

Alice Hodgson said: I am in service with Mrs Jackson, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate. About 10 o'clock on the Saturday night in question, Murray came into the house, with Patrick Hughes. The men were quarrelling in the bar. I spoke to Murray, and told him to be quiet. He answered, "You shut up; you have nothing to do with it." After that, Murray asked for a glass of beer, and I refused to give it to him, because he seemed to have had a great deal of drink, and was quarrelling with the other men. Murray then went into the kitchen, and said that he "would get it there." I followed him, and he sat down. He turned round, took a geranium in pot out of the window, and commenced to shake it about. I got the plant from him. Murray then took off his hat and tossed it about. He tried to put the hat on the table, and it fell upon the floor. I went into the bar, and did not see him leave the house.

Cross-questioned: The bar was pretty full when they came in. Hughes and Murray were quarrelling between themselves in the bar. Murray started to quarrel with Archie Turner and James Armstrong in the kitchen. I did not stay to hear what was said. Turner, Armstrong, and Murray were the only persons in the kitchen. Murray took a glass of beer up belonging to Turner and drank it, when he saw that he could not get supplied with liquor. He would perhaps be 10 minutes in the house. I heard no disturbance on the streets.

By Mr Lambert: Murray commenced to quarrel with Hughes in the bar. He was using very bad language, and was going to force Mrs Jackson to fill him drink whether she wished or not, and even threatened to seek the police to compel her if she refused. He was very quarrelsome.

Cross-examined: Mrs Jackson did not send for the police.

By the jury: They did not get quarrelling over this glass of beer, which belonged to Matthew Turner, who had just gone out of the kitchen. Murray did not offer to pay for it. There were no blows struck. She had not seen Murray in the Coach and Horses previously that day.

Mrs Jessie Jackson, landlady of the Coach and Horses Inn, stated that she saw Murray come into their kitchen a little after 10 o'clock. He entered very quietly and sat down, and thereafter began to quarrel. Witness told the man that he would either have to be quiet or else go out. He turned round and said that she had nothing to do with it. Witness retorted that she had something to do with it, and informed him that the men did not want him to talk to them, although he persisted in doing so. There was another young fellow belonging the same place, and he sat down beside Murray, who took off his hat and began knocking it upon the table, and also tossed it upon the floor. Murray afterwards snatched off the table a glass of beer about three-parts full, which belonged to a man who had just gone out, and drank it off, and then ordered witness to fill another glass of beer. She, however, declined to do so, and advised the man to go away home. He, however, insisted upon witness filling him a glass of beer, and he said that he could compel her to do that. Murray afterwards said that there was no one could put him out of the house. The young man from East Castle offered to take Murray home, and ultimately coaxed him out of the house.

By Mr McCartan: Although the man was under the influence of drink, he walked right enough out of the house; but witness would not say that he was able to take care of himself.

By Mr Lambert: He boasted that there was no policeman could put him out of the house.

Replying to the jury, witness said she never offered to pay for the drink that he supped.

Edward Lumley, butcher, living in Durham Road, Leadgate, proved that about 10·15 on the Saturday night, he saw Murray standing near the corner-end of the Coach and Horses Inn, and quarrelling with three young men named White, Erwin, and Telford. P.C. Lambert came up and ordered Murray off home. The latter, however, replied "I'll not go. There are good men come from Ireland, and I will show you so." Lambert said "Yes, there are good men come from Ireland, and you had better go away home." Murray next walked away a few yards, but turning round, he came back to Lambert, and told the officer that he would "give him a smack on the mouth." Lambert rejoined: "If you want a shot, take one." Murray afterwards struck Lambert with his hand on the face. The policeman then closed with his antagonist, and they both fell to the ground, Murray being undermost, falling upon his back. Lambert got up and walked away five or six yards from Murray, who also arose, and "went for" Lambert again, in a fighting attitude. He went sufficiently near to strike him, and the officer, placing his hand upon the man's throat, shoved him backwards over, and he was prostrated his full length upon the ground. He fell in the middle of the road. Witness and J. E. Kinleyside assisted to lift Murray upon his feet, and carried him upon the flags. They placed Murray with his back against the wall, and witness left him about 10.30. He was then in charge of Walker, Edward Wanless, and John McGee; and Walker conveyed the man into his own house. Lambert was standing close by, and enquired the man's name, but nobody could tell him. Afterwards, the policeman walked away. Lambert never used his truncheon on Murray. He never had the weapon out.

In response to Mr McCartan, witness stated that they were disagreeing something about the match when Lambert came on the scene. The policeman was standing at the large lamp in the middle of the road. After he fell the second time, Murray lay two or three minutes before witness lifted him up. He fell on the roadway between the Post Office and Mrs Jackson's house. No blows were struck except what Murray gave Lambert. Witness had not more than six glasses of beer during the night. The officer was, in witness's opinion, perfectly sober. Mrs Kinleyside was standing at the Post Office door.

By Mr Lambert: It was rather a noisy quarrel about the match, and would tend to annoy the people to such an extent as to justify the policeman's interference. The officer disclosed good temper throughout, and used no more force than was necessary to prevent the man repeating the blow he previously delivered.

Joseph Davison, assistant inspector of nuisances for the Lanchester Union, said he lived in St. Ives' Road, Leadgate. On Saturday, 23rd ult., he was coming round the corner, past the Queen's Head Inn, when he saw P.C. Lambert and a man, who was a stranger to him. He heard the man say to Lambert that he would "kick his b—— guts out." Lambert was standing with his hands crossed in front of him. The officer simply remarked "Take a shot if you like," and the man sparred and made a move as if to strike the constable, but witness thought he did not do so. Lambert put out his hand, and thrust the man back, and Murray fell. Lambert never had his truncheon out, and was quite sober. The other man was drunk. Witness did not think the policeman used more force than was necessary to prevent the man carrying out his threat.

Jesse Haggerstone, of 361, North Cross Street, Leadgate, said that Murray hit Lambert, who staggered back from the effects of the blow. He was gathering himself together, when Murray came up, and they both got hold of each other, and in the struggle they fell on the turnpike, the man being at the bottom, and witness thought his face would first touch the ground. Murray stepped back, and then came forward a second time, and was going to be at Lambert again. The policeman, however, caught hold of him again, shoved the man away, and told him to go home. Murray again fell down, with his back to the ground, and remained in a prostrate condition for some time. Lambert did not draw his truncheon. Witness would not like to say whether Lambert was drunk or sober, he might have had a glass or two. The other man was the worse for liquor.

By the jury: Murray did not say anything when he went to Lambert the second time. There were no blows struck except the one delivered by Murray to the constable.

Mark Armstrong, carteman, Leadgate, gave evidence to the effect that after being repeatedly told to go away, Murray made a move towards the Queen's Head Inn, Leadgate. Lambert said he was not to go in there and get anymore drink, and counselled him to go home several times. Murray said that he would not go home till he had "b——y English b——" (meaning Lambert). Witness did not see any blows or falls, but Murray and Lambert shook hands as he left the scene.

By the jury: He had seen Lambert several times during the day on duty at the flower show, and there was nothing amiss with him.

Matthew Black, miner, Leadgate, saw Murray strike Lambert with his fist in the face. The policeman closed with him, and they both fell to the ground, deceased being underneath. When he fell the second time, however, witness thought the back of his head struck the ground first.

By Mr McCartan: On the first occasion, Murray fell with his face upon the ground.

Thomas Urwin, labourer, Leadgate, attested that shortly after ten o'clock two companions and himself were conversing at the corner of the Coach and Horses Inn, when a strange person came up and said, "Where is your Leadgate men now, you b——." He was not sober, and they took no notice of his observations. When subsequently thrown by Lambert, he thought the man fell on his side, and when they assisted him up, he staggered two or three yards and fell backwards over. There was a sound as if his head had come in contact with the road.

Interrogated by Mr McCartan, witness said that he did not hear any crack before the man fell upon the ground.

Mr McCartan said that it might save time if he explained that he did not suggest that the officer used his baton; but he should endeavour to prove that violence was used by somebody. He would show that there was a distinct crack heard before the man fell upon the ground—a crack not like that of a fall, but closely resembling a blow from an instrument of some sort.

The Coroner stated that it was a delicate matter indeed to distinguish between the sounds. He would require the evidence of an aurist to prove the difference between the sound of a blow and a fall.

James Parker, labourer, of Harvey Street, Consett, proved that he was in Leadgate, along with others, on the night in question, and on leaving the Coach and Horses at 10·20, he saw Lambert and the stranger. The officer ordered the man off home, and told him that if he wanted a row, he had better look further up the street. When Murray "squared" himself, Lambert wrestled and buttocked him, and they both fell, the drunken person being underneath. He got up and "showed fight" again, and Lambert pushed him over.

In reply to Mr McCartan, witness said that he saw the man getting up off the ground when he first saw them. How they got down he did not know. He saw no blows struck by anyone. He perceived Lambert get hold of the man and throw him down.

By Mr Lambert: As an absolute fact, witness only saw Murray and the policeman once on the ground. Lambert was sober, and exceedingly good-natured. If witness had been a policeman, and was subject to similar circumstances, he might have dealt with his antagonist rather more roughly.

George Aitken, labourer, Consett, also said that Murray struck Lambert a smack on the face. Lambert fell down, and Murray slipped and tumbled over him. The man got up and again "went for" Lambert, and both fell down this time. Murray arose a third time and "tackled" Lambert, but the officer managed to throw his assailant on this occasion. Murray had to be assisted on to his legs. He was lying close to the kerbstone.

Samuel Walton, engineman, of South Cross Street, Leadgate, said the man seemed to be rendered insensible by the fall, and the policeman lifted him upon his knees. Thinking that the policeman was going to strike the man again, witness caught hold of the officer by the arm, and told him that the man had had enough, and he was not to interfere with him further. The officer let go of the man, and some bystanders came and took Murray away. The man was very drunk, and he thought the officer had exceeded his duty in not calling a conveyance and getting the man taken to the Consett lock-up.

The Coroner: I presume you mean that the officer did not do his duty?—Witness: No. He exceeded his duty by bothering on with the man and knocking him down, instead of getting assistance and taking the man into custody at once.

Proceeding, witness stated that after the last fall Lambert struck a match and looked at the man's face just before he was removed; but did not enquire the man's name.

Answering Mr McCartan, witness said he did not see or hear blows struck. When the officer let go of the man he rolled over again. Murray was insensible. He never saw the policeman strike him before that. The officer was intoxicated.

By Mr Lambert: He thought the policeman lost his temper when he took the man up a third time, because of the language he used, and his conduct. He declared that he would "hammer anybody that took the man's part, and was not afraid of anyone in Leadgate." He said that the officer was intoxicated, but not drunk. (Laughter.)

Mr Lambert: The terms are synononous in the police court. Will you please explain what you mean?

Witness: I mean that the officer had taken a few glasses of drink. He seemed rather unsteady. Although the policeman said the words in a low tone other persons might have heard them. Witness made a similar statement to Coun. Winter—who was sitting on the jury—on the previous (Monday) night. Coun. Winter said he thought the policeman was in a queer position. Witness told him that he saw the whole matter. Coun. Winter then said he would likely be called upon. He could say that Coun. Winter had been canvassing other witnesses.

Cross-questioned by the Coroner, witness acknowledged that the blow on the face might have caused the policeman to stagger or be unsteady, and might account for his flushed countenance. He never knew whether anybody in the crowd used threats to the policeman, although they might have done so before his arrival.

Some other witnesses having been examined, and the police having more evidence to call, Mr McCartan intimated that he would produce witnesses who would put a different complexion on the matter.

The Coroner said that there was the medical testimony as well.

As there seemed no possibility of finishing the inquiry that night, it was adjourned till Wednesday next.

BAZAAR AT WATERHOUSES.

On Saturday, in the Roman Catholic Schools attached to the church of our Lady Queen of Martyrs, at New House, Waterhouses, near Durham, a grand bazaar of all nations was opened by Mr Matthew Fowler, M.P. for Durham city. The mission of New House extends over a considerable area of West Durham, and has for its priest the Rev Father Fortin, well-known throughout the district as an able and energetic divine. In July, 1594, Father Bost, priest of Waterhouses, was martyred, and it is hoped that next July, the 300th anniversary of his death, the debt on the present mission will be extinguished, there being at present about £1,000 owing. The bazaar, which extended over four days, was opened under most favourable auspices. A large and varied collection of goods was set out on the stalls, arranged with the greatest taste around the schools, and the opening ceremony was of a striking character. The proceedings were graced by the presence of the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle (the Right Rev Dr Wilkinson), Mr M. Fowler, M.P., Canon Rooney, Darlington; Father Sheehan, Cornforth; Fathers Nugent and Collins, St. Andrew's, Newcastle; and a number of influential laity of the district. A feature of the proceedings was a procession of children attending both Catholic and Protestant schools in the mission, who were attired in costumes representing different nations, and who marched in procession to the schools, where they were drawn up in front of the principal personages attending the opening of the bazaar. The ceremony opened with a hymn specially composed for the occasion. The hymn being completed, the Right Rev Bishop, in a few complimentary words, called upon Mr Matthew Fowler, M.P., who, in a short but appropriate speech, declared the sale open. On the motion of Father Fortin, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Bishop and to Mr Fowler, and the sale was then proceeded with. The bazaar remained open till Wednesday.

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MR ATHERLEY-JONES AND THE TEMPERANCE PARTY.

"Rambler" has the following note in last week's issue of the *Durham Chronicle*—"The constituents of Mr Atherley-Jones, the member for the North-west Division of the county, are a ticklish lot. A while ago they heckled him because of his Home Rule beliefs, and this week some of their number, who are members of the Hope of West Stanley Lodge of Good Templars, have passed a vote of "no confidence" in him, because, in pursuing his calling as a barrister, he supported an application for a licence at the recent Lanchester Brewster Sessions. Surely this is selfish bigotry and not calculated to promote the interests which Good Templars are supposed to have at heart.

STANLEY LOCAL BOARD.

The usual meeting of this local authority was held in the Board-room, Stanley, on Wednesday week—Mr Geo. Forster (chairman) presiding. The members present were:—Messrs Jon. Green, Joseph Robinson, M. G. Armstrong, Thos. W. W. Ritson, John Smith, Robt. Kay; and the Surveyor and Inspector (Mr Jos. Routledge), the Collector (Mr Wm. Hewison), and the Clerk (Mr J. G. Ridley.)

PLANS.

After reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting, the Building Committee presented their report to the effect that they had examined plans submitted by the following parties for new buildings, and recommended the same for approval, subject to certain amendments:—Mrs Fewster, two houses and shops at Stanley; Mr Thomas Young, house at East Stanley; Mr R. Murray, hotel, West Stanley; Mr R. T. Witty, house and shop at Stanley; Mr M. G. Armstrong, alterations to house at Stanley.

On the proposition of Mr ROBINSON, seconded by Mr SMITH, the report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month the ashpits have all been fairly well cleaned out. The drains at High Rows, South Moor, have been choked up again. There ought to be something done in regard to draining this place as early as possible. The old drain-pipes seem to have got filled up. I have had the whole of the main sewers flushed out at Stanley and South Moor during the month. Mr R. Murray has got leave from the Beamish estate agent to put the cellar drain from the Commercial Hotel into the Beamish estate drain, and I expect he will get commenced with it shortly. Mr T. C. Rawes's ashpits, privies, and coal-houses, in connection with his business premises, have not been built yet, nor the drains and sinks put into the yards. I think he ought to have notice to put them up at once, seeing that there are tenants living on the premises.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOS. ROUTLEDGE.

Stanley, Sept. 27th, 1893.

The report was carefully considered, and the necessary instructions given thereon.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of Stanley Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month your workmen have been engaged kerbing, channelling, and making the footpath at Oxhill, opposite the Primitive Methodist Chapel. They have commenced to put in the drain from Joicey's Square to Messrs Mallams and Burn's houses. I will require about 80 yards of 12-in. pipes, and one of Smith's and Patterson's manhole covers to complete the above. I will also require about 20 yards of 9-inch pipes to extend drain at Havannah. At present it is an open ditch and very offensive. The Gas Company have commenced to lay the mains down to the station at Shield Row, and they have also commenced to lay the mains at Oxhill. I will require instructions where to fix the lamp posts. The footpath opposite Oxhill schools is very irregular, both in regard to height and width, for about 200 yards. The kerb and channel opposite the High Rows, Oxhill, for about 150 yards, is six inches higher than the road. It ought to be lowered before the winter sets in. As requested, I have prepared plans, &c., for sewer at Havannah; also plan, &c., for tool and storehouse. Tenders will be laid before you to-day; also tenders for painting lamps and lamp-posts. Your Building Committee have held a meeting to-day, and will present plans for your approval.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOS. ROUTLEDGE.

After discussion on the foregoing report, the question of footpath, &c., at Oxhill, was left in the hands of the Highway Committee to examine and report thereon, and the Surveyor received instructions to get the drain-pipes, &c.

MORE GAS WANTED.

Mr SMITH asked if the gas had not to be laid down South Moor Lane?

The Clerk: I wrote Mr Colquhoun, as instructed at your last meeting, on the matter, but as yet have not had a reply.

Mr SMITH strongly urged the necessity of having street lamps at South Moor.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The report of the Medical Officer was read as below:—

Stanley, September 26th, 1893.

GENTLEMEN,—The condition of the district, as regards infectious diseases, is fairly satisfactory. Only two cases of enteric fever and two of whooping cough have been reported to me during the month. The latter occurred at Oxhill, and the former at Stanley and Oxhill. I have been unable to trace the origin of any of the cases. The death-rate is below the usual average; 12 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 16·5 per 1,000. As your Authority intend constructing works for the purification and disposal of sewage, I enclose for your consideration a pamphlet describing a process somewhat different to those you have already examined.

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

The Urban Sanitary Authority, Stanley.

The report was adopted.

STREET LAMPS.

The Roads and Lighting Committee reported that they had asked a few firms for quotations for street lamps; also that they had considered the new street making, and had given the Surveyor instructions thereon.

TENDERS.

On the motion of Mr SMITH, seconded by Mr RITSON, the tender of Mr Wm. Johnson was accepted for making a new sewer at Havannah.

The tender of Mr Mordue for a toolhouse for the Board was accepted.

On the proposition of Mr ARMSTRONG, seconded by Mr RITSON, the painting of the street lamps was given to Mr Watson, South Moor.

PROPOSED LOAN.

The Clerk read the following letter from the Local Government Board respecting application for loan:—

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S.W.,
16th Sept., 1893.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to advert to your letter of the 29th ultimo with reference to the application of the Stanley Local Board for sanction to borrow £1,500 for works of sewerage and street improvement, and I am to state that before deciding upon this application the Board will direct a local inquiry to be held on the subject by one of their inspectors. The inquiry will take place as soon as the other engagements of the inspectors will permit, and due notice of it will be given.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
C. N. DALTON,
Assistant Secretary.

J. G. Ridley, Esq.,
Clerk, Stanley Local Board.

The Clerk also intimated that he had had another communication that morning from the Chief Inspector, asking as to the nearest railway station, &c., and had given the necessary information by telegram.

PURE WATER WANTED.

A letter was read from the secretary of the East Stanley Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association, asking the Board to give their consideration to the quality of the domestic water supply; and the Clerk was directed to write the Consett Waterworks Company, asking them to try to improve the same by filtration or other means.

CHEQUES.

After the signing of several cheques, and transacting other routine business, the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of sixpence, may be had at Robt. Jackson's bookseller, Front Street and 20 Newmarket Street, Consett.

THE IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE.

VISIT TO CONSETT WORKS.

SPEECHES BY MR WINDSOR RICHARDS, MR DAVID DALE, SIR LOWTHIAN BELL, AND MR WM. JENKINS.

The members of the Iron and Steel Institute, who held their Autumn Session last week at Darlington, on the suggestion of Mr David Dale, the chairman of the directors of the Consett Iron Company, paid a visit to Consett on Thursday, September 28th, and a more distinguished and influential party of gentlemen has never before honoured the town with their presence. It was on the fitness of things that the members of the Institute, while holding their annual conference in the Quaker town, should come to Consett and inspect the works which have now attained world-wide celebrity. The fact that about 400 members accepted the invitation of Mr Dale, no further demonstration of the popularity of the excursion is necessary. A long, special train of saloon and first-class carriages had been kindly placed at the disposal of the party by the North-Eastern Railway Company, and at 10·40 a.m. she steamed out of the Bank Top Station. With only a short stop at Ferryhill to pick up passengers, the journey to Consett was accomplished in excellent time. The party detrained on reaching the working sidings at Consett Junction, and were welcomed by the principal managers of the various departments. The large number of the visitors made it somewhat difficult to devise a scheme whereby every member might have full opportunity of inspecting the works, but the arrangements made by Mr Jenkins and his staff soon surmounted the apparent drawback. By the aid of three flags (red, yellow, and blue), the members were able to divide themselves into as many parties, and each commenced the inspection at different points, and proceeded by various routes. Under the chaperonage of Mr C. Parnaby, Mr E. Kirkhouse, Mr R. Park, Mr J. Scott, Mr F. Walker, Mr L. Matthews, Mr J. Heymer, Mr S. Brodie, Mr Geo. Ainsworth, Mr Wm. Jenkins, jun., Mr J. Petherick, Mr J. M'Feggan, Mr T. Greener, and Mr C. P. Douglas, the circuit of the works was effected in a most agreeable manner. Every detail of the work carried on was pointed out: Here was the crude ore from the hills of Spain, the rough pig iron, the seething metal in the furnace which mocked the naked eye and only bared itself to public gaze through the blue spectacles of the workmen, the huge ingots of red hot steel, the massive cogging mill, and finally the finishing mill, from which, after many processes, came forth the fine steel plate. The guides answered any questions which were asked, and explained what appeared difficult for a stranger to comprehend. The tapping of the steel furnaces, the cogging of ingots, the rolling of huge plates and great lengths of angles were watched with great interest. The design of the plant from end to end of the forge works shows remarkable foresight and excellent arrangement. Everyone was struck with the extent to which the most modern inventions in the engineering world were brought to discharge the heaviest portions of the work with a dispatch and efficiency that could scarcely be excelled. All that the eye could see was made doubly clear, and a world of information imparted to the visitors by a handsome volume, which has been prepared by Mr Jenkins, giving every detail of the works from their inception up to the present time, and which had been presented to the members who entered the train at Bank Top Station, Darlington. It is profusely illustrated by splendidly executed photographs of the works, various portions of the machinery, the town, the Consett Park (made by the company for the inhabitants), and portraits of Mr David Dale (chairman of the company) and Mr W. Jenkins. The views were photographed by Mr Venice Dunn, of Consett, and the whole of the photographs were re-produced by the Swan electric process. The book has been printed by Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, Newcastle. The important information contained in the book will doubtless ensure is being much valued as an interesting and pleasing memento of a highly interesting and profitable occasion. The works were first started by the Derwent Iron Company, and in 1864 passed into the hands of the present company, which on its formation had a capital of £400,000. Mr Dale's connection with the concern dates back to 1857. The coal-field possessed or leased by the company extends over an area of 13,000 acres, and they have 10 collieries in operation at the present time. The usual annual output at these collieries has exceeded a million tons. The company have 1,050 coke ovens in operation, the annual production of coke therefrom being about 500,000 tons. The larger proportion of it is consumed at the company's seven blastfurnaces, which are each 55 feet high. Four of the furnaces have each four of Whitwell's hot blast fire-brick stoves, the other three having each three of the Cowper stoves. The five furnaces in blast produce on an average 750 tons of Bessemer pig per furnace per week. In what is known as the Tin Mill—which is a rolling mill—there are 46 puddling furnaces, two cinder furnaces, two 3-ton steam hammers, and two hot-bar shears, with the necessary etceteras. The make of iron plates is about 500 tons per week. The ingot producing capacity of the three melting shops is about 5,000 tons per week. There are also cogging mills, four other steel plate mills, producing about 2,500 tons of steel plates per week, angle mills, gas producers, melting furnaces, guide mills, overhead and locomotive cranes, a roll shop, hydraulic and electric plant, hot sawing machine, engineering shops, foundry, brickworks, laboratory, and test house, locomotives, and locomotive and waggon repairing shops. Whilst the capabilities of the Consett Company as producers have gradually developed, there has been a proportionate extension of their cottage and other property in the district. They possess about 2,700 cottages at Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and the outlying districts, and employ upwards of 6,000 hands, the wages at present paid amounting to £8,000 per week, or £416,000 per annum. Besides having miles of railway of their own, they contribute to the North-Eastern Railway Company in dues the large sum of £150,000 annually. Their infirmary, one of the most handsome buildings in Consett, contains 16 beds, and is an estimable boon to those who receive injuries in the works or mines. The educational needs of the workmen and their families have been also provided for, schools and reading-rooms have been built at Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, Allendale Cottages, and Langley Park.

THE GENERAL MANAGER.

Mr William Jenkins, entered the service of the company in October, 1869; and the heads of the departments have grown, nearly the whole of them, with the place. They have all displayed great devotion, diligence, and skill, and to their co-operation with the general manager largely is due the great transition which is obserable in the increased volume of the operations of the company during the past twenty-five years.

A list of the directors of the company was published in last week's *Guardian*.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

The heads of the various departments are:—

Collieries—Mr W. H. Hedley, mining engineer for the home collieries, with Mr J. H. Morris and Mr C. F. Scott as viewers. Mr W. Logan, mining engineer for Langley Park and Garesfield, with Mr J. R. Gilchrist as viewer. Colliery engineer, Mr James Turnbull.

Coke manufacturing—Mr W. Keenleyside, manager.

Blastfurnaces—Mr C. P. Douglas, engineer for construction and maintenance of plant; Mr John Kidd, assistant engineer; Mr Geo. Ainsworth, blastfurnace manager; and Mr E. G. Kirkhouse, assistant manager.

Puddling and Iron Plates.—Mr Thos. Siddell, manager; Mr Thompson Siddell, assistant manager.

Steel Ingot making.—Mr Geo. Ainsworth, manager; Messrs J. Petherick and Lewis Matthews, assistant managers; Messrs J. R. Williams and Thos. Green, sub-managers.

Steel Plates and Angles.—Mr C. Parnaby, manager; Mr S. B. Evans, assistant manager at angle mills; Mr Unett, chief roll-turner at angle mills; Mr D. Williams, assistant plate mill manager.

General Engineering Department.—Engineer for construction and maintenance of steel works, forges, rolling mills, etc., Mr James Scott; locomotive superintendent, Mr W. S. Macfeggan; chief mill-wright, Mr W. Knifton.

Traffic Department.—Mr R. Teasdale, manager.

Cottages and Waggon Building.—Mr Luke Brown, manager.

Laboratory.—Analytical chemist, Mr F. Walker, F.I.C.

Architect.—Mr C. E. Oliver.

GENERAL OFFICES.

These were erected in 1884 from designs made by Mr W. Lister Newcombe, F.G.A., of Newcastle. Hoving been found insufficient, a further extension is now being made.

General Secretary to the Company.—Mr Richard Evans.

Secretary's Assistant.—Mr Robert Park.

Chief Pay and Stock Clerk.—Mr J. Heymer.

Chief Accountant.—Mr Septimus Brodie.

Cashier.—Mr W. Tilley.

Check Clerk.—Mr D. Jones.

THE LUNCHEON.

After the visitors had spent two hours in making a tour of the Iron and Steel Works, they proceeded to the New Town Hall, where the party was entertained to a substantial luncheon, on the invitation of the Consett Iron Company. The repast was provided by Mr Gibson, of the Douglas Hotel, Newcastle, and gave every satisfaction. The hall was neatly decorated for the occasion by Mr J. T. Potts, and presented a pleasing aspect, especially the platform, where, behind an embankment of ferns and flowers (lent by Mr Ainsworth, and tastefully arranged by his gardener, Mr P. Doig), the chief table was placed. Mr W. Jenkins, J.P., the general manager of the Consett Company, to whose hospitality the members were indebted for the splendid repast, appropriately presided, and was supported by the President of the Institute (Mr E. Windsor Richards), Mr David Dale, J.P., Sir James Ramsden, Sir B. Hingley, Mr H. Fell Pease, M.P., Sir James Riley, Sir W. Arrol, Sir I. Lowthian Bell, Sir Jas. Kitson, Mr E. P. Martin, Sir Jno. Alleyne, Mr G. J. Snelus, Mr W. Whitwell, Mr T. H. Bainbridge, Mr M. Fenwick, Mr Wells, R.A., Rev F. Steggall, Mr W. Beardmore, Mr P. C. Gilchrist, Mr C. Gilchrist, and Mr Hadfield. Besides the members of the Institute, nearly all the Company's officials were present at the luncheon. It is very creditable to the foresight of the directors of the New Town Hall Company that they should have looked so far into the future, and provided a building capable of seating such a vast number of people as were present on this occasion.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Queen," and, in doing so, said no potentate had seen more of the effect of the efforts of iron and steel makers upon the welfare of men all over the world than the Queen. (Cheers.)

The toast was most loyally pledged, the company rising *en masse* and singing the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the toast of "The Iron and Steel Institute and its President (Mr E. Windsor Richards)." He desired to say a word or two about the President. He had known him for many years, as long as any man in that room—they were both born in the same parish in Wales—(applause)—and it was a great pleasure to meet him there under such circumstances. He knew Mr Richards's father and his family, and they were all most excellent mechanical engineers, and especially mill engineers. The Consett Iron Company had very great pleasure in seeing them there. (Applause.) He understood the chairman of the Company had made a name for himself in Darlington, and was glad to know that Darlington had acquitted itself in so splendid a manner to the Institute as very few places had done; that was thanks to Mr Dale and the Darlington people. He had observed that for many years now Darlington was a peculiar place; a place where there was a good deal of method. He thought Quakers were methodical people—(laughter)—and although Mr Dale was not a Quaker, yet he spent a long time in his younger days in the town, as well as his riper years, and he was glad that Mr Dale had influentially exerted himself for the Institute. (Applause.) He believed the Institute would come to Darlington again, and they might know that they would be equally as well treated then as they had been on the occasion of their present visit, and that they would have an apt and as young a President as his friend, Mr Richards. (Hear.) The Consett Company were indebted to the members for coming in such large numbers to see Consett. He did not know whether it was worth their while to come to Consett, situated as it was 800 feet above the sea level, with a very hard climate, and, therefore, as they would understand, no very fine place to live in during the winter. Mr Dale was chairman of their company, and admirably did he speak for it. He (the speaker) was one of those who started the Institute, and he especially remembered, amongst others, the late Mr Edward Williams, a friend and a gentleman who assisted him in many ways. With such presidents as Mr Richards, long might the Iron and Steel Institute continue to progress and improve. (Applause.) Sometimes the discussions of the Institute were warm, and not so pleasant as the proceedings in connection with that gathering. Sometimes their discussions were silly, and sometimes they were excellent and wise; but he hoped the gathering that day had been profitable and pleasant, and that they would have no cause to regret their visit to Consett. (Applause.) He again invited them, in conclusion, to drink the health of the President, and success to the Institute. (Loud cheering.)

The toast was drank with musical honours.

The PRESIDENT, in response to the toast, which had been enthusiastically drank, said it was very difficult for him to find words, adequate words, to thank the Consett Company for their reception of the Institute. (Applause.) It was to Mr David Dale they owed the suggestion that they should hold their meeting in Darlington, and it was to Mr Dale they were indebted for their autumnal meeting turning out so perfect a success. (Applause.) Mr Dale was, as they were aware, the chairman of the Consett Iron and Steel Company, and it was to his energy that those works had been brought to one of the highest positions for the manufacture of iron and steel. (Hear.) It had been his privilege to know Mr Dale for very many years, and to have been associated with him in the conduct of the Durham Coalowners' Association and the Cleveland Miners' Association, and so he (the speaker) knew that to Mr Dale these large districts were deeply indebted for the manner in which he had conducted very delicate business affairs, and so prevented many a strike which would have brought misery upon thousands of unfortunate creatures. (Applause.) But Mr Dale was more widely known than ever he was known to those thousands of people he had spoken about in those districts. He had been arbitrator in many a dispute—(hear)—and his acumen and judicial mind, and his patience had inspired the confidence of the whole of that great district, and had conferred blessings upon thousands of people by his judicious action. (Applause.) If they had such a man as Mr David Dale in the south and west of Yorkshire he had no doubt whatever that there would not be so much misery existing there as they now found, brought about by the obstinacy and pride of a few men. (Hear.) Mr Dale would have had the confidence of the whole of great district of England, and if the matter had been referred to him, his care and judicial mind could have settled the matter satisfactorily to all concerned in the district. (Applause.) He (the speaker) had wondered, and a great many of his friends had wondered, why Mr Dale's services had not been recognised by the Government. (Loud cheers.) He had thought many a time that he should have the pleasure of addressing him as Sir David Dale, Baronet. (A voice: "He ought to be:" and vociferous cheering.) Not that he (the speaker) should have had one whit more respect for him; he could not have, but it would be a recognition of the great services he had rendered to a great district. (Renewed cheering.) As to his old friend, Mr Jenkins, they had all witnessed that day what he had done. (Hear.) They all knew his great energy, ability, and industry. (Hear.) It was to Mr Jenkins they owed the pleasure of meeting there. He had made all those arrangements for their comfort and convenience and instruction. He was sorry that Mr Jenkins was not in such good health as he should be, but they knew he had worked hard for many years, and they knew the great anxiety connected with a big concern like that of Consett. (Hear.) He (the speaker) was able to appreciate it, because he had felt the great anxiety at one time of being in a very large concern, but (he was going to praise himself now)—(a laugh)—he showed a certain amount of good sense in retiring from it in good time. Well, he did not know whether the Consett Company would appreciate the advice, but he was going to advise Mr Jenkins to take it more quietly; to take things easier. (Hear.) Mr Jenkins had got up the splendid pamphlet, or book rather, that had been presented to each of them. They had never before had handed to them anything so nicely got up, and so complete, and he (the speaker) was going to ask Mr Jenkins to do them the favour of allowing it to be incorporated in the proceedings of their Institute. (Applause.) He desired to thank them for the very kind way they had received the toast of his health, and he asked them to drink to the prosperity of the Consett Iron and Steel Company, and the healths of Mr David Dale and Mr Jenkins. (Loud applause.)

The toast was drank with musical honours.

MR DALE, who was greeted with prolonged cheers, said he was using no conventional terms when he said he was very deeply moved by the very kind and flattering manner in which the President had spoken of him, and the general company he desired to thank for the very cordial manner in which they appeared to endorse the remarks of the President, whose allusions to him were partly in his (Mr Dale's) individual capacity partly as chairman of the Darlington District Reception Committee, and partly as chairman of the Consett Iron and Steel Company. He desired rather to respond in the first two capacities, because, although chairman of the Consett Company, it was his duty to preside and discharge the ordinary duties attaching to a chairman at meetings of directors or shareholders, he desired very distinctly to recognise, when they came on to the territory of the works as visitors, the first position must be accorded under such circumstances to the General Manager. (Hear.) The General Manager of the Consett Iron Company very properly presided on that occasion. They were on his ground, and he (Mr Dale) hoped they would treat him that day for these purposes as chief representative of the company. Only one thing was wanting in the admirable description of the works that had been placed in their hands of the origin, history, developments, and present position, and that was the extent to which they had grown during the past twenty-four years was attributable to the General Manager of the works. (Hear.) It was just rather more than twenty-four years ago since he (Mr Dale) was deputed by his colleagues, the then directors of the company, to have an interview with Mr Jenkins in Worcester, and that was his first personal acquaintance with Mr Jenkins. The introduction was through their mutual friend, the late Mr Williams, and it resulted in the company securing as its general manager one, the discharge of whose duties in such a capacity had been unrivalled in our modern days. (Applause.) If he (Mr Dale) took any credit to himself in connection with the administration as chairman of the company in connection with that development, and that prosperity, it lay chiefly in being able to recognise the organising ability of Mr Jenkins, to afford him encouragement and support, and place at his disposal his counsel whenever he might call for it—hear—but in other ways not to interfere unduly, and he might say to every one of them who had had experience of administration as between a Board of Directors and as between the representatives of that Board as chairman and the general manager of the company, whoever was fitted to occupy the position of general manager of an industrial concern ought to have a very large degree of confidence reposed in him, and the Chairman and the Board should support and encourage the manager. (Applause.) Speaking for the moment in the capacity of Chairman of the Reception Committee, it had been a very great gratification to them to learn that the members of the Institute were in every way satisfied with their visit to Darlington. (Hear.) In that connection he desired very especially to recognise that the chief part of the arrangements made for the members, so far as local matters were concerned, was through their honorary local secretary, Mr Jas. I'Anson. (Hear.) Of course he was not referring to those general arrangements for which the Institute Secretary (Mr Brough) was responsible, and which had been so ably carried out in that his first year as to augur well for his success in the future. The President had been kind enough to refer to his (Mr Dale's) connection with the arrangements of industrial disputes. (Hear.) It was a fact that, in the cause of such circumstances, he had been called upon for very many years past to take part in connection with those associations which stand in relation to unions of men, and he hoped he might have contributed to make those arrangements run more smoothly. (Applause.) He confessed to have felt during the past year considerable despondency. When they entered upon the scheme of recognising the unions they had every reason to hope that better relations would be established and permanently maintained. (Hear.) He believed their labour had borne very considerable fruit. (Hear.) But, on the other hand, there had risen in the last year or two some who seemed to discard entirely the industrial relationship between the two bodies, and personally he had felt at times inclined to take a more despondent view than at other times, as if all the work they had done was going to be abandoned and reversed instead of progressing. But then came a mood of hopefulness, and he thought they might regard some of those extreme attitudes taken up by some labour leaders as temporary. He had a very great belief himself in the reasonableness of human nature. He did not think men's reasonableness turned at all upon the particular position in which a man was born or occupied. He thought a certain reasonableness attached to men in all positions of life, but that reasonableness might be warped for want of knowledge of the world, or want of knowledge of the facts upon which a judgment had to be formed. But still he had very great belief in reasonableness. Reasonableness begat reasonableness, and despite all discouragement he still wanted to believe that by pursuing a path of conciliation and moderation and mutual communication with each other, and the recognition of each other in organised bodies, there would again be re-established a better condition of things than they had seen of late. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) In his closing remarks Mr Dale referred to the serious illness that Mr Jenkins had lately passed through, and remarked that while that gentleman had undoubtedly for many years placed an undue strain upon his powers, that strain had been increased by the anxiety consequent upon the erection of laying down the plant and machinery in the new angle department of the company's works, which they had visited that day. The mills having been properly established and set in operation, there was nothing more required to restore Mr Jenkins to full vigour than rest and retirement for a while, and then when he had recovered his health, Mr Jenkins would return to his duties gradually and not suddenly. (Applause.) He believed that if Mr Jenkins followed these instructions, he would remain chief of the Consett works for some time to come. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said he was sure the very kind and cordial words which had been expressed with regard to himself were much too kind. He came to Consett some twenty four years ago, without knowing a single soul in the place, and since then the place had improved so much that it quite astonished him. It was marvellous to him to see what a difference there was between Consett now and twenty-four years ago. The town had only had an existence of fifty years, and the last half of that had done wonders. The most interesting part of the description of the works which he had written was that he had inserted the names of those excellent, practical men who had given assistance since he came to Consett, and he was glad for their sakes that Mr Windsor Richards had asked that the account might be embodied in the records of the Institute, because their names would thereby be perpetuated as having been working together at Consett. He valued the services of these men, especially the engineers and colliery people, and more particularly Mr James Scott, who came to Consett many years ago as a young and active assistant, and to whom was due the credit of designing the large angle mills, which he hoped would be a credit to the designer, a credit to himself, and a source of profit to the company. There were many things yet to do. The steel trade and the steel-making machinery of this day were such peculiar things that as soon as they had built a mill they had to pull it down again, or at any rate gentlemen like Mr Muirhead wanted them to pull it down again. (Laughter.) He was greatly pleased with the presence of such a large company. Consett had never seen the like before, but he hoped it would again. In conclusion, he proposed the health of Sir Lowthian Bell and his colleagues on the Council of the Institute.

SIR LOWTHIAN BELL, Bart., F.R.S., in responding, took the opportunity, as an old member of the Institute, to say how abundantly satisfied he had been with their having chosen Darlington as the place of their meeting. (Hear.) He had had some misgivings as to the possibility of Darlington being able to afford to them all the instruction, amusement, and hospitality which they had experienced in other towns, but apart from that he must confess now to his wonder that it never before struck the members of the Council of the Iron and Steel Institute to come to Darlington, which, in point of fact, so far as the iron and steel trades were concerned, was classic ground. Some of them would have noticed in Darlington Station a modest and unconspicuous piece of machinery, which was the first engine put on the first railway in the world, No. 1 engine, which ran on the Darlington and Stockton Railway. Out of these modest beginnings the iron trade might be said to have taken its rise, for without the development of railways and the locomotive engine the iron trade of 1893 would probably have been the same as the iron trade of 1810. It was to that piece of machinery, and to the foresight, intelligence, and sagacity of a body of men, whose descendants were now living in Darlington, that not only the iron trade owed its practical existence, but the civilisation of the world at large was so deeply indebted. He congratulated Mr Jenkins on his improved health, and thanked the Consett Iron and Steel Company, on behalf of his colleagues, for their hospitality. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN said the employes at the works—the ironworkers and miners—would be flattered by the attendance of such a large company, and on their behalf he thanked them for their presence.

The company then rose, and at 4·30 they left Blackhill Station by the special train.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 27th.—Before Col. F. F. SHEPPEE (chairman) and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

TWENTY-EIGHT BLACK EYES.

Hugh Burlinson, was charged with assaulting his wife Jane, at Hot Hills, on the 4th. Mr Fred. Harle appeared for the complainant and Sergt. Winn, stated that defendant had absconded. Mr Harle in opening the case said that the parties had been married seven years, and during the whole course of their married life defendant had continually ill-treated his wife. Fortunately or unfortunately, in March last, the complainant came to some money by the death of her father and since then, because she would not turn the money over to her husband, his conduct had been worse than ever. The object of the present case was chiefly to procure a separation and maintenance order, as complainant was afraid to live with defendant. Jane Burlinson, who appeared in the box with both eyes discoloured, said that on the day named her husband came into the house and kicked up a row because she had no beer for him. He struck her, knocked her down and kicked her until she was black all over her body. They had been married for some time, and three months after they were married he blacked her eyes, and since then he had blacked her eyes twenty-eight times: and he continually ill-used her. She was afraid to live with him. He wanted her money and she would not give it to him, on account of his drunken and dissolute habits. His treatment of her had been worse than usual, and he was never a good one since she got her legacy at her father's death. Several witnesses swore that they had seen defendant ill-use his wife for many years and also saw him strike and kick her on the day named. The Chairman said it was a most shocking case, the least they could do was to order defendant to prison for six months, and to pay costs; they would also make a separation order, and an order for defendant to pay 7s 6d a week for his wife's maintenance.

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EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES will commence on October 2nd, at Seven o'clock, when Instruction will be given in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, History, Music, Mensuration, Algebra, and "The Life and Duties of a Citizen." 259m

MINING TUITION.

J. J. ROBINSON conducts WEEKLY CLASSES for the Preparation of Candidates for Certificates of Competency. First and Second-class Students prepared for any Board of Examiners. Moderate Terms. Next Course begins October 7th. Address: 43, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O. 165m

BLACKHILL BAPTIST ANNUAL FRUIT BANQUET, Monday Evening, October 9th, 1893. Speakers: REVS. T. D. LANDELS, M.A., WM. RAISTRICK, and Others. Soloists, Miss BOWMAKER, and Others; Organ Recitals, Mr J. BELL, and Mr JOHN E. THOMPSON; Music by Choir, Mr J. Sanderson, Conductor. Chairman, W. KIRTON, Esq., of Walbottle. Fruit at Intervals. Admission 6d each. 415m

IF YOU or your CHILDREN are ILL go to PATTRICK, CHEMIST, 5, FRONT STREET, CONSETT, who can CURE you. "Mrs Pull, 55, Plantation Street, Leadgate, was suffering from a complication of Diseases, and pronounced incurable, Three Bottles of Pattrick's Medicine cured her." Open on Sundays, 8 to 9 p.m. 424m

MARLEY HILL.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY will be held in the Colliery School, Marley Hill, on Saturday, October 14th, 1893. TEA on the Tables at Four o'clock. Concert to commence at Seven o'clock. Admission—Tea and Concert, Adults, 9d each; Children, 6d each; to Concert only, 3d each.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE PUBLIC.

MR. N. MORGAN,

President of the British Prenological Association—Headquarters, London—will begin a SERIES OF SIX LECTURES on PHRENOLOGY in the PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, ANNFIELD PLAIN, on Monday, October 9th, and continue them Nightly during the Week. Doors open at Seven, to begin at 7·30 p.m. ADMISSION FREE. A Collection after each Lecture in aid of the New Chapel Fund, South Moor

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

BAZAAR IN THE TOWN HALL, NEWCASTLE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 11th of Oct., an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett & Blackhill at 2·20 p.m. (with Bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE.
For further particulars, see Bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, Oct., 1893. 397m

TANFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

SATURDAY, October 7th, at Seven p.m., a CANTATA, Entitled, "Praise for Harvest," will be Sung by the Choir.
SUNDAY, October 8th—8·30 a.m., Matins; 10·30 a.m., Full Choral Celebration, with Sermon; Anthem: "Hallelujah! Thou Crownest the Year," by O. A. Mansfield, F.C.O.; Hymns, A. & M., 382 and 313. PREACHER: Rev. W. COCKIN, M.A., Vicar of Medomsley. 6·30 p.m.—Hymn 393 (Process.); Anthem: "Now Lift our Joyful Song," by T. F. Seward; Hymns 383, 365, and 231 (Recess.) PREACHER: THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON OF DURHAM. The Offertories at all the Services will be devoted to the Choir Fund.

WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS

CONSETT NEW WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH.

PREACHERS—
Morning, 10·30., Rev J. CRAWSHAW.
Evening, 6, Mr W. JACKSON.

On THURSDAY, Oct 12th, the MISSIONARY MEETING will be held, to be Addressed by Revs DENNIS KEMP (Deputation), R W Butterworth, and J Crawshaw Collections in behalf of Foreign Missions

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

GEORGE WADE, Junr., begs to announce that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS as an IRONMONGER and JOINERS' TOOL MERCHANT, at FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
A variety of all kinds of Hardware, Tools, &c. Goods not in Stock procured on short notice.
TERMS—CASH.
ALL KINDS OF JOINER WORK DONE ON THE PREMISES.
Repairs neatly executed.
Orders taken for Making and Fitting-up Venetian Blinds, Old Blinds Repaired and Re-varnished.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

MONDAY, October 9th, and during the Week, Important engagement of those great Favourites, Messrs SPRY and MONTI, and their specially selected Company in the new sensational comedy Drama, Entitled,
"A SECRET CRIME."
Tickets at Tyler's Boot Shop, Middle Street.

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE, WEST STANLEY.

Proprietor - - - - - T. C. RAWES.
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Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 9th and 10th,
A CELEBRATED CASE from the same adaptation as "PROOF"
Wednesday, October 11th,
"MARRIED LIFE"
Thursday, October 12th,
This Night will be set apart for the Benefit of the Widow and Children of the late Mr F Rutherford
Friday and Saturday, October 13th and 14th,
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CONSETT. 338m

Public Notices.

BLACKHILL ETHIOPIAN MINSTREL TROUPE

A MEETING for the Re-organisation and Continuance of the above, will be held at the Station Hotel, Blackfine, on Friday, October 12th inst, at Eight p.m, when all desirous of taking part are requested to attend
FRED W BRODIE, Hon Sec

MEDOMSLEY PARISH CHURCH.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held in the above Church, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 1893. Choral Evensong on Thursday, at 7·30. Preacher—Rev T. T. SCOTT, M.A., Vicar of Norton. Offertory in aid of Church Missionary Society.

WEDE PARK HOUSE SCHOOL, DIPTON.

DANCING AND DEPORTMENT.

AN ADULT and CHILDREN'S CLASS, conducted by MISS COMPTON, will commence in the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, on Monday, 16th October, at Seven p.m. Fee 10s 6d per Quarter. Names to be sent to MISS COMPTON, or MISS RICHARDS, 35 Rogers Street, Blackhill.

CONSETT SCIENCE AND ART SCHOOLS.

A SHORTHAND CLASS will commence in the British Schools, on Friday, October 13th, 1893, at 7·25 p.m.: Fee 3s 6d. Teacher Mr WILSON CLAYTON. Note—A FRENCH CLASS will be arranged for if sufficient Students give their names to the Secretary, on or before the 14th inst. Fee 5s.
MR. WM. S. DAVIES, Secretary.
21, Park Road, Consett. 412m

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, STANLEY.

REV W. GOODERIDGE, of Newcastle, will PREACH and LECTURE, on Monday first, October 9th, 1893. Preaching Service at Three o'clock. Lecture: "Men of Moral Might." Chair taken at Seven p.m., by Jas. Fairley, Esq., Shafto House. Public Tea at 4·30. Tickets 6d each. Collection at Service and Lecture for Trust Funds.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Saturday Evening, October 7th, 1893, 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 Six p.m. prompt.
1—Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
2—Minutes of Special Meetings.
3—Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
4—Report and Balance Sheet.
5—To give Committee authority to Sell Land for Building Sites.
6—Election of Two Committee-men.
7—Notice of Motion—*Re* Working Hours.
8—Miscellaneous Business. 389m

A GRAND EVENING

CONCERT

will be held in the
NEW INFANT SCHOOL, SOUTH MOOR,
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 1893, at 7·30.
Artistes: Miss K. Fairley, Soprano, Medallist of the R.A.M., London; Madame Mrrie Bellas, Contralto, Medallist of the R.A.M., London; Dr R. E. Ingram-Johnson, of South Moor; Mr J. Duncanson, Bass, of Durham Cathedral; Comic: Mr T. L. Gray, of Chester-le-Street, and Mr Bert. Mordaunt, of Newcastle; Pianists, Miss Hughes and Miss Johnson; Mr Storey will give two Solos on the Northumbrian Pipes. Admission—Reserve Seats, 2s; all other parts, 1s. The Piano for the Concert and for subsequent use in the Schools has been supplied by Archibald Ramsden, Limited, of Leeds and London.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr J Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, Oct. 9th, 1893.—40 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 24 Fat Cattle; 270 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 8 Store Cattle; 12 Calves.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE for HORSES and STORE CATTLE, Thursday, Oct. 12th, 1893. Present Entries comprise—
15 Horses, Ponies, and Foals.
35 Farrow Cows.
150 to 200 Steers and Heifers, 1½ to 3 years old.
3 S H Bull Stirks. Ballot Drawn Wednesday evening
Sale at 12 o'clock
436m J. VICKERS Auctioneer.

County of Durham.

MR JOSEPH VICKERS will SELL BY AUCTION on 18th October, 1893, at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, a FREEHOLD and COPYHOLD ESTATE called WEST HAMSTEELS, of nearly 170 ACRES of Pasture, Meadow, Arable, and Woodland, 3 Miles from the Lanchester Station of the North-Eastern Railway, with good train service to Newcastle and Durham, in connection with the fast trains to North and South. There is a Farmhouse, with Stables, Byres, Hovels, Barn, and Piggeries on the Estate.
The Farm is Let to a Yearly Tenant (Mr Joseph Keenleyside) at £60 per Annum, and there are Two Ground Rents of £5 and £2 12s. paid in respect of Two Small Houses on the Estate. Part Freehold and part Copyhold.
A Royalty of 1d. per ton is paid in respect of a portion of the Estate, and a Wayleave of 1/4 per ton in respect of another portion.
Further particulars, Conditions of Sale, and Plan can be had of Messrs. OLDFIELD, BARTRAM, and OLDFIELD, St. Stephen's Chambers, Telegraph Street, London, E.C., Vendor's Solicitors; or of the AUCTIONEER, Grove Villa, Tow Law. 257m

By Messrs. March.

Redwell Hall, Blackhill, and 3½ miles from Shotley Bridge Railway Station on the Consett Branch of the N.E.R.

MESSRS R. MARCH and SON have been honoured with instructions from Messrs FISHER to hold their FIRST ANNUAL SALE BY AUCTION of FAT and SURPLUS FARMING STOCK, together with a superior consignment of best FENCING MATERIAL, from Messrs CHAS. Calder and Co., Timber Merchants and Preservers, of Sunderland and Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Thursday Oct. 12th, 1893, at Redwell Hall, Blackhill, comprising:—
FAT AND FARMING STOCK, &c.
5 Prime Fat S.H. Steers and Heifers.
22 Extra good S.H. Steers and Heifers, from 1½ to 2 years old, in forward condition.
8 S.H. Steer and Heifer Stirks. 1 Black Polled Farrow Cow.
25 Fat H.B. and B.F. Ewes. 1 B.L. Shearling Ram.
30 Three-parts bred and B.F. Gimmer Lambs.
1 Draught Horse, aged, warranted a good worker.
1 Grey Horse Pony, 5 years old, 12·2 h.h.
1 Four-wheeled Phaeton, New Spring Cart, Coup Cart, Horse Hay Rake, Wheel Plough, &c.
FENCING MATERIAL.
1,000 Best Baltic Redwood Rails, 12ft. by 3½in. by 1½in.
500 Best Baltic Redwood Rails, 12ft. by 4in. by 1½in., creosoted.
750 Best Baltic Redwood Posts, 6ft. by 7in. by 3½in.
750 Best Baltic Redwood Posts, 6ft. by 6in. by 3in.
500 Slabs, a good lot.
Refreshments on the ground.
Sale to commence punctually with the Timber at 1·30 p.m.
Extra stock will be admitted to this sale on application to the Auctioneers or to Messrs Fisher.
Houghton-by-Wylam, October 2nd, 1893. 403m

By Mr. John Lowes.

Queen's Head Hotel, Front Street, Chester-le-Street.
MR JOHN LOWES, honoured with instructions from Mr GEO. TURNBULL, who is leaving the above Hotel, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION his Household FURNITURE, BAR UTENSILS, &c. Also, PONY and TRAP Date of Sale in November. Particulars to follow 398m

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

T. D. DRYDEN, AUCTIONEER FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
Sales, Commissions, Valuations, and Auctioneering in all its Branches, at Moderate Charges, and Quick Settlements. T. D. D. has been commissioned by Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress Warrants under the Agricultural Holdings' Act. Authorised Emigration Agent for the Allan, American, Guion, and Other Lines.
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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-rooms, 6, 13, 23, and 28 Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will hold his usual Fortnightly Sale, at the above Rooms, on Monday, October 9th, 1893, consisting of Valuable Household FURNITURE, removed from Leadgate for convenience of Sale.

Also, 50 Iron Bedsteads from Lanchester.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold in the above Sale, or at any time, on application to the Auctioneer. 361m

Special Notice.—October 7th, 1893.—34, Cort Street, Blackhill.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from Mr. William Kaye (who has been for many years employed by the Consett Iron Company, and is now leaving the District), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, October 7th, 1893, the whole of his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. For full particulars see Posters 362m

John Crawford's Auction Ground, Gibson Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will hold his usual Monthly Sale of HORSES, HARNESS, VEHICLES, &c., on Wednesday, October 18th, 1893. Early entries solicited. 360m

WOODY CLOSE FARM, CONSETT.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs. Brown's, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday, October 11th, 1893, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon prompt,

CRAWFORD, Auctioneer.

All that Valuable FREEHOLD

DAIRY FARM,

Containing about 40 Acres or thereabouts, known as "Woody Close," situate near Consett, in the County of Durham.

The Farm is in Meadow and Pasture, and being in close proximity to Consett and Leadgate, is well adapted for Dairy purposes.

The Minerals are worked by the Consett Iron Company subject to Compensation (double the annual value) for Land Damaged by the exercise of mineral rights. The Tithe Rent Charge and Outgoings are nominal.

Mr. Wright, the Tenant, will show the Farm and for further particulars apply to the Auctioneer or, to

MR. BOOTH,
Solicitor, Shotley Bridge.

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 John S. Murray.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside.

ANNUAL RAM SALE, Saturday October 7th. A Large and Select entry of Border Leicester Shearling and Lamb Rams, Mule, Leicester, and Half-bred Ewes, Shearling and Ewe Lambs.

Sale at One o'clock prompt.

431m J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1893.

15 Fat Heifers.
200 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs, some extra good breeds.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers.
20 Black Polled Heifers, 1½ to 2 years old.
A number of Stirks.
Harness, Poultry, Ladders, &c., &c.

Sale at One o'clock prompt.

432m J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

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

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Front Street, Dipton, Monday, October 16th, 1893.

MR A. PHILLIPSON respected with instruction from Mr Septimus Amos, who is leaving England for South Africa, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, the whole of his very Superior and Modern Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS comprising—Sofa; Oval Walnut Table; Splendid Brass Bedstead; Hair Mattress; Spring Mattress; Feather Bed; Bed room Drawers in Ash; Washstand with Marble Slab; Dressing Table with Glass attached both in Ash; Chamber Service; Chaise Brass-Mounted Fender, with Brasses, &c.; Brass Cornice; Gents' Easy Chair; Rockey Chair; Kitchen, Bed-room, and Sitting-room Chairs; Carpets and Oil Cloths; Sitting-room Fender; Fancy Bracket; Oil-Paintings and Pictures; Ornaments; Mantel Mirror; Patent Mangle; Grand Tall-cased Clock, &c. See Bills for details and particulars.

Sale to begin at One o'clock.

N.B.—The above Furniture is quite above the average class, of the best make and style, and just as good as new, being kept in Apple-pie order. 429m

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

By Mr. John Bagnall.

Hat and Feather Inn, Medomsley, R.S.O., on Wednesday, October 11th, 1893, at One o'clock prompt.

MR J. BAGNALL will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION a QUANTITY of useful HORSES, COWS, SHEEP, PIGS, &c.; also, a TURN-OUT—Brown Mare, 14 h.h., quiet, and a good worker in all yokes, Spring Flat and Harness; Dark Brown Pony, 11 h.h., very quiet to ride, and has been used to children; a splendid Hammock; 2½ inch Bicycle; very large Kitchen Table; Cased Clock, and several other useful articles to numerous to particularise.

Sale at One o'clock prompt.

Sale Office: Hat and Feather Inn, Medomsley.

By Mr. N. Elsdon.

The Popular Sale Rooms, Front Street, Consett.

MR NATHAN ELSDON is favoured with instructions from Mr Gibson Teesdale, of the Mason's Arms, Middle Street, Consett, who is declining Business, to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the above Rooms on Monday, October 9th, 1893, the whole of his SURPLUS FURNITURE, consisting of Painted Kitchen Press, Set of Drawers, Half-tester Bedstead with Mattresses and Hangings, Tables, Chairs, Fender, Fireirons, Pots, Pans, Glasses and a numerous assortment of other useful Articles.

Also, at the same time and place, Handsome Walnut Drawing-Room Suite, upholstered in Embossed Crimson Velvet, Bedroom Suite, in decorated American Ash, including 3ft. 9in. Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, New Designed Mahogany Sideboard, Excellent Trichord Piano in Rosewood Case, One Brilliant Tone, direct from the Makers, Piano Stool, Inlaid Walnut Music Cabinet of new design, Elegant Mantel-Mirror of chaste design, Mahogany Till-Boy Drawers, Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase, Officers' Bed, Heavy Persian Bedstead in Black and Gold, Spring Mattress, 6 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs, Mahogany Centre Table, Double Perambulator, Eight Days' Clock, Leather Couch, a quantity of Canvas Wrappers and other Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

The Auctioneer calls the special attention of the public to the above Furniture, as being thoroughly good, reliable, and elegant, and is now on view.

These Rooms are open daily for the reception of Goods for sale.

Offices: Front Street and Delves Lane. 426m

Preliminary Notice

MR ELSDON will hold a great SALE of PROPERTY and WATER SHARES, on Sunday, October 22nd, at the house of Mr E Wiam, Freemason's Arms, Front Street, Consett. Parties having Property, Shares, &c, can have them entered for this sale

For further particulars apply to T W Welford, Esq., Solicitor, or the Auctioneer

N B—Particulars in full, next week 425m

Sales by Auction.

Mr. J. Storey.

MILESTONE INN YARD Tow Law—SALE of HORSES, &c., Wednesday, October 11th, at Two p.m. Entries up to time of sale.

399m JOSEPH STOREY, Auctioneer.

By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

MONDAY, October 9th, 1893, at 11 o'clock prompt with Cows 20 Fat Cattle; 220 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 3 Veal Calves; 15 to 20 Cows (clever sorts). The Fat Cattle are consigned from Miss Taylor-Smith, Colpike Hall, Messrs J Robson, and J Crawford, Bilsay

J. GREEN, Satley, Tow Law, R.S.O.

WEDNESDAY, October 11th, 1893, at 1·30 with Store Cattle. 100 Store Cattle from 1 to 3 years old; 200 Mule, Cheviot and Black-faced Ewes; 100 Mule, Cheviot, and Black-faced Lambs; 15 Shearling Half-bred Lamb Rams; 10 Horses and Foals Entrance fee 2s 6d for Horses and Foals whether sold or unsold All sold by Ballot, drawn after Monday's sale. Entries to

402m J GREEN, Satley, Tow Law

By Mr James Turnbull.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart

THE SECOND SPECIAL SALE of Grazing Cattle, Draft Ewes and Gimmers, &c., will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, 1893. Early entries are respectfully invited.

367m JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
W. Aynsley, Esq.
James Oliver, Esq. } Trustees.
Hedley Nicholson, Esq.

The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY. 9th October, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place.

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WITTON GILBERT.—J. HODGSON, STATION HOTEL
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON. — ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL. W. AYNSLEY, GROCER, &c.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, PACK HORSE INN.
BLACKHALL MILL.—T. ARMSTRONG, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
SOUTH MOOR.—R. DIXON, THE OAK INN.
TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE. — JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. W. AYNSLEY, GROCER, &c. 989b

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FRIDAY - - - October 6th
SATURDAY - - - " 7th
MONDAY - - - " 9th

IMPORTANT EXHIBITION,
At 16, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Admission Free from 10 a.m to 8 p.m
351m EXHIBITS NOT FOR SALE.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, October 6th, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

A DESIRABLE CHANGE.

I was pleased in no small degree to learn from a gentleman whom I met at the Central Station, Newcastle, on the evening of the day on which the members of the Iron and Steel Institute visited the extensive works at Consett, that Mr Jenkins, the esteemed general manager, had so far recovered from his late illness to be able to take his seat at the festive board. Had he been absent on such an august occasion there would have been expressions of general regret all round, Mr Jenkins having done so much in his time to give an impetus to the dual industries with which the distinguished visitors are indissolubly associated. The gentleman to whom I was indebted for the information introduced above, is himself a member of the Institute, but he had never before set a foot within the borders of Consett; but, having often heard of Mr Jenkins, he was glad to see him looking so hale and hearty after the illness through which he has passed. I am sure my readers will join him in the sentiment expressed. Mr Jenkins has done much for the people of Consett and district, and I feel confident that I but echo the feelings of the inhabitants of the district when I express the hope that the day may be far distant when the weight of years will induce him to take his hand from the plough which he has guided so long and well.

EVERYTHING IN ITS SEASON.

In the declining days of summer we had flower shows by the dozens, then leek shows, and now as the leaves fall and the fruits of the earth have been gathered in, we have harvest festivals. Some of our churches and chapels are very tastefully decorated this season, the harmony produced by the intertwining of fruits and flowers being very fine. The custom dates from the olden time, and is evidently a relic of the harvest feasts characteristic of a still more remote age. But whatever the origin or relation to primitive usages, the celebration is one which future generations are not likely to let die. Some of the most gifted of our divines have owed no little of their popularity to their power of illustration, and it is the tangible illustration of the bounty of the Giver that lends an undefined charm to the harvest festival.

A POPULAR GATHERING.

It will be seen by the advertising columns that the annual fruit banquet, promoted by the members of the Blackhill Baptist Church, will be held on the evening of Monday first. The Rev E. W. Jenkins, the popular and talented pastor, has this year gathered around him not a few of the best known favourites in pulpit, platform, and choir, so those of my readers who can be adviced to spend an evening with their Baptist neighbours may well calculate on sitting down to a feast of a many sided order—the luscious fruit pleasing the palate, while the vocal and instrumental music and flow of thought will minister to the intellectual wants of the body. The Rev T. D. Landells, M.A., is a distinguished Baptist minister, and a gold medallist of the London University, while the Rev Wm. Raistrick, who will accompany him to Blackhill, is also highly spoken of in Baptist circles. Miss Bowmaker is a popular contralto singer, and is held in high esteem in the Newcastle district. Mr W. Kirton, of Walbottle, is a most accomplished gentleman, and an excellent hand in the chair. The local talent will also be well represented by the rendering of solos and organ recitals, and with such an array of talent the meeting gives promise of being one of the most enjoyable ever held in the annals of the church.

CO-OPERATION AT CONSETT.

The periodical quarterly meeting, held under the auspices of the Consett Co-operative Society, is to be held to-morrow, and if the spirit at present afloat in the district finds an outlet at the assembly the gathering is likely to prove a breezy one. The 121st quarterly report, now before me, indicates the loss in the drapery department during the quarter at £17 17s 7d. Mystical figures these, if making two ends meet and to distribute a profit is to be an incentive to trade and commerce. Ordinary folks look for a fair return for investments, but co-operators in the Consett district are of course above that sort of thing. They, good souls, care only for the common brotherhood of man, personal considerations being entirely out of order. The debt lying at the doors of the members is set down at £3,148 5s 3d, and as no credit has been given during the past quarter, except in the grocery and butchering departments, the other debts are bound to be a trifle heavy. The present issue of the report is the first in which the cash owed by the members has been tabulated. Ready money has hitherto been the bulwarks upon which co-operation was founded, but the central point has evidently been lost sight of at Consett. One seldom hears of "tick" at the store, but facts and figures bring some curious doings to light, and the official return of 2s 3d to the £ of a dividend conduces to give the finishing touches to the official report for the quarter. The more thoughtful of the members have at length began to pause and ponder, and as that exercise of the mental faculties leads to action, there is likely to be a shaking of the dry bones at an early date.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMING.

Many people foolishly think that land investments will prove little short of the proverbial land flowing with milk and honey. Personally, I have always contended otherwise, and the report of the result of the farming of the Bunker Hill land, owned by the Consett Co-operative Society, goes a long way to substantiate my contention. The land in question cost no less a sum than £3,606 6s, for the possession of 221 acres, and the society rents 103 acres in addition; £4,319 odd has since been laid out in connection with the venture, making a grand total of close upon £8,000—a very neat sum upon which to base a co-operative experiment. It is very questionable if the means have in this instance justified the end. The opinion is current amongst the best-informed of the co-operators themselves that a return of five per cent.—which is the interest to be paid on the capital—will never be obtained unless in the way of a modern miracle. I find by coming into contact with those more interested in this matter than the writer, that there is a feeling abroad among the members against the introduction of stores on an extensive scale, such as the branch system creates, thereby placing at the disposal of the directors capital sufficient to invest in doubtful experimental concerns. The re-action has come, and home rule is now the order of the day and hour. Nor will such a turn of events be a matter for surprise to anybody, seeing that at the Blackhill branch the turnover yields 3s 1d to the £, and Castleside 3s 2½d—yet these centres are rewarded for their pains by being paid at the rate of 2s 3d all told.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The wilful damage case reported in last week's issue was not preferred by the Consett Co-operative Society, but by Mr Geo. Harrison, of Consett.

We are glad to learn that the directors of the Consett Water Company have called in Mr Charles Hawksley, consulting engineer, London, to advise them with regard to the future water supply for the district.

A Disappointment.—Owing to the Rev W. H. Lambelle, Unitarian lecturer, of Newcastle, missing the 5·20 train to Consett, on Tuesday evening, he was unable to be present to deliver the first of a course of lectures, on "Unitarian Christianity," in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. Great disappointment was felt by many when the contents of a telegram was read, revealing the above fact. Those that had assembled quietly dispersed, regretting the circumstance which had deprived them of hearing one of the best lecturers that has ever visited this neighbourhood.

A Double-Dyed Toper.—*Mary Hansbury*, the wife of a travelling hawker, was found intoxicated by P. C. Humphrey, at Consett, early on Friday morning, and being subsequently brought up before Mr J. T. Potts, she was fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days' imprisonment. At 10 o'clock the same night, however, Hansbury was again drunk at Consett, and was taken into custody by P. C. Milburn. She once more appeared before the magistrate, and was mulcted in a penalty of 2s 6d and costs, or in default, seven days' hard labour.

Wesleyan Church.—On Sunday, the usual sermons were preached in this church, in the morning, by Mr J. L. Walton, Blackhill, and in the evening by Rev J. V. Sutton, Shotley Bridge. In the afternoon, the choir gave a rendition of "King Hezekiah," and was well taken with. Large congregations were present on each occasion, and collections were taken in aid of the choir fund.

Our readers will observe by an advertisement in another column, that the Consett Science and Art Committee will re-commence the shorthand class, under the tuition of Mr Wilson Clayton, at an early date; and under certain conditions are prepared to commence a French class. They have also arranged with Mr G. T. Hyden, head-master of the Consett British Schools, and Mr S. Rayner, assistant-master of the same schools, to conduct evening continuation classes, full particulars of which will shortly be given, or may be obtained from any of the above-named gentlemen.

Theatre Royal.—Mr A. Byde's excellent company are here this week with *Light O' Day*, and are drawing good audiences. Mr Bryde, who has happened a serious accident to his elbow, was prevented from appearing in his usual part of "Adam Ainsworth, jun.," his place was, however, filled very creditably by Mr G. Edwards. Mr Fawcett Limax, an old Consett favourite, received a hearty welcome on his appearance as "Bartholomew Bunn," and with Miss Eddie Tedder as "Tidy Dunn" succeeded in keeping the audience in the best of humour. Miss Marie de Roos gave an able impersonation of the part of "Mabel Masters," and as "Lilian Hastings" Miss Florence Hamilton was very good. Mrs James Elmore was a pleasing "Mrs Danton." For next week, Messrs Spry and Monti's selected company are announced to appear in *A Secret Crime*.

BLACKHILL.

A ballot in connection with the 1st Blackhill and District "Model" Building Society took place in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, Mr Wm. Robinson presiding over the preceedings.—The first number drawn was 248, but it was ascertained that the holder was in arrears with his subscriptions. Afterwards the figures drawn represented 226, this number belonging to Mr F. R. Holmes, East Castle Colliery, who holds four shares, and therefore becomes entitled to £400.

Baptist Foreign Missions.—On Thursday se'nnight, the members of the Highgate Baptist Church, held their annual meeting in connection with foreign missions in the church. There was a good company present, presided over by the Rev E. W. Jenkins (pastor).—The deputation was the Rev E. Morgan, returned missionary from the Province of Chancowy, China.—The rev gentleman, in the course of an interesting address, spoke of the successful work that had been accomplished amongst the people of China, and stated that in the nothern part of the country in which he laboured for eight years, they had a membership of over 2,000. He also attended to the great sorrow of China, caused by the inundation of the Yellow River through it changing its course, thereby drowning many thousands of the inhabitants, and vast distruction to property. The address was made more interesting through the rev gentleman explaining saved curiosities.—A financial statement was presented, which showed that the members of this church had contributed for last year the handsome sum of £9 to be devoted to foreign mission work. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Morgan, and the successful meeting was brought to a conclusion by the benediction.

Baptist Sunday-school.—The first band of hope meeting of the season, was held in the school-room on Monday night last, when a magic-lantern entertainment entitled, "Given in charge" or "Little Joy's mission," was given by Mr S. Nicholson to a large audience. The subject is a good one and was highly appreciated. The connective readings were given by Mr W. Twitchett.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

It will be seen by advertisement that a popular student is to preach in the Wesleyan Chapel. Come early.

St. Cuthbert's Magazine.—The Octobe number contains "The Dawn of Day," an excellent monthly, and the chronicle of local events in connection with St. Cuthbert's parish.

MEDOMSLEY.

Wesleyan Chapel.—The anniversary services of the above place of worship, were celebrated at Medomsley, as follows:—On Saturday night, a public meeting was held, addresses being given by Rev A. E. Salmon, and Mr W. Hogg, Westwood. Mr John Humble, Annfield Plain, occupied the chair. Afterwards, a public knife and fork supper was held, of which over 100 people partook. The following ladies presided at the tables:—Misses E Watson, Chatt, Bramley, & Hetherington, assisted by Messrs Watson, Hornsby, Pickering, and M Graham. Mesdames Henderson, Armstrong, Calvert, and Miss Brown, made the tea.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached by Rev Mr Salmon, to good congregations.

STANHOPE.

A cheap sale of draperies and ready-made clothes has been held at Stanhope, during last week, by Mr Parsons. He intends opening at St. John's Chapel next week, in the Town Hall, where he will offer capital goods at extremely cheap rates, and give the Weardale folks the opportunity of a cheap bargain. Seldom has such a class of goods been offered at such a cheap rate in Weardale, and the public will do well to go and see for themselves the quality and low prices of the goods offered for sale.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Mr Morgan's Lectures.—Mr Morgan, it will be observed from our advertising columns, will hold forth on his favourite topic—"Phrenology"—in the P.M. Chapel, Annfield Plain, every night next week. He has caused a large amount of interest to be taken in the subject in Consett and neighbourhood—in truth, more than on any previous occasion; and we learn that an unprecedented number of people have consulted him. A night with Morgan is profitably spent.

Mr Thos. Teasdale, South Pontop, Annfield Plain, has successfully obtained his certificate of competency as a colliery undermanager, at the Darlington July Mining Examination, under the Government Inspectors, having studied under T. Southern, Esq., of the Universal Mining School, Derby.

Property Sale.—Last week, at the house of Mr Joseph Lumley, Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, Mr W. T. Bowden put up for auction eight freehold cottages, situate at Annfield Plain. There was a large attendance, and the bids were as follows:—1 and 2, Kell's Building—Mr Strawbridge, £100, 130; Mr Jones, £110, 150; Mr Smith, £120, 140, 160, 180; Mr Lazenby, £170. Withdrawn. Nos. 3 and 4—Mr Smith, £200, 220, 240, 250; Mr Jones, £210, 230, 245. The property was sold to Mr Smith. Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8—Mr Thompson, £200, 300, 320, 340, 360; Mr Taylor, £250, 310, 330, 345; Mr Browell, £355. Mr Thompson became the purchaser at £360. Mr T. Maddison, Durham, was solicitor for the vendors.

WEST STANLEY.

The Novel Resolution of Good Templars.—The *Law Journal* for September 30th, contains the following:—"The penalties of parliamentary life will be greatly increased, so far as members of the bar are concerned, if the example of a Durham temperance society is generally followed. The members of this organisation have solemnly passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Atherley-Jones, the parliamentary representative of the division, owing to his action in defending the liquor traffic at the Lanchester Adjourned Brewster Sessions." We are not in a position to estimate the importance of this censure; but whatever the value to be attached to the proceedings of the West Stanley Lodge of Good Templars, it is obvious that they are guilty of ignorance and folly in drawing no distinction between what Mr Atherley-Jones may do as a member of parliament, and what he may be retained to do as counsel. All that he did was to support an application for a license in his professional capacity. It may be, however, that the zeal of the West Stanley Lodge is so overwhelming that, if the member of the division were a doctor, they would pour the vials of their wrath upon him, for attending a brewer in illness.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

Our member, Mr Atherley-Jones, in his professional capacity, supported an application for an "off" full license and an "on" full license at the recent Brewster Session, on behalf of Mr Aynsley, of Consett, and his action has quite upset a sprinkling of his temperance supporters in the division. According to last week's *Guardian*, the "Hope of West Stanley" Lodge of Good Templars carried a resolution of no confidence the other day, couched thus:—

"That we, as a Temperance Society, move a vote of no confidence in Mr Atherley-Jones, member for our division, owing to his action in defending the liquor traffic at the Lanchester Adjourned Brewster Sessions."

A resolution much to the same purpose was passed at a meeting of the North Durham District Council of Juvenile Templars, held at South Hetton, on Saturday week. Now, so far as the writer is aware, Mr Atherley-Jones has never declared himself opposed to the liquor traffic. The extent to which he has gone is limited to an undertaking to support an act of reform of the Liquor Laws as at present existing, in the shape of a Local Option Bill or other measure. What, then, to put it briefly, do such resolutions as the foregoing amount to? We are, of course, speaking now, not in any political sense, nor asking the question in any high fallutin vein. This column keeps clear, and has always keept clear, of political distinction. It aims at nothing so high! I repeat then the question, what do such resolutions as these amount to? I refrain from speaking of their value in a general sense. Those who moved and carried them are thoroughly entitled to view their value, and to appreciate their weight as they may see fit. Not a soul in the world is entitled to question the motive which actuated the members of societies moving and carrying the resolutions. It was doubtless in their way of thinking one of the best of motives. All this must be allowed. As, however, the substance of the resolutions has been made public property by reason of being inserted in the columns of the *Guardian*, it is competent for any one to publicly discuss them. For the time being I shall rest content by simply asking the movers and seconders of the resolutions in what respect Mr Atherley-Jones, by his action at the recent Brewster Sessions, was inconsistent. The issue is plain enough and should not require any great or elaborate consideration.

The choir of boys and girls connected with Dr Stephenson's Home delighted the audiences assembled in the New Town Hall, Consett, on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday. They had a remarkably good time at Newcastle and Gateshead a day or two previously, and a considerable amount was realised by the collections which were made in aid of the Homes. Of the result, financially, of Wednesday, I am at present in ignorance, but no doubt something very respectable has been the outcome of Dr Stephenson's children's visit. The Institute is altogether well worthy of generous support.

At the Theatre Royal, Consett, Mr Alfred I. Byde and his London Company have been appearing during the week in the sensational and realistic drama of *The Light O' Day* in front of fairly average audiences. I learn that the musical comedy, *Fun on the Bristol*, which held the boards last week, did only moderate business during the latter part of the week. I cannot wonder at this, for if Friday's perforance was an evidence of the ability of the Company it was of poor quality indeed. And yet, upon my word, there were some members of the Company who seemed to feel that they were needlessly exerting themselves! It is true the house on Friday was but a thin one, and allowance may be reasonably made on that score. None the less, a company of any ability having a reputation to maintain, and having at its head a manager of average capacity and experience, finds it worth while, as a rule, to do its level best in a small town such as Consett now-a-days. It goes ill with the company that scampers or shuffles through its work—even at Consett!

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Annfieldite."]

THE WEATHER.

The weather has at length changed, the old-fashioned summer having changed into an old-fashioned autumn. There has been an out pouring of the much-needed rain, for all were thirsting for it. Many of the collieries are only working a little over half time, and coke-ovens are unlighted, as they cannot obtain water. The people also are frequently in search of water for domestic use. The Consett Water Company's water will almost make strong black tea without tea, and unless people are very thirsty they cannot even look upon it. It is to be hoped the Consett Water Company will shortly supply a better article.

ANNFIELD PLAIN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

On Sunday week, two able sermons were preached in the above place by Mr J. F. Elliott, of Catchgate, in place of Mr J. Maddison, of Frosterley, who was unable to attend, owing to an accident. This is deeply regretted, but hopes are entertained that Mr Maddison will in the near future be able to pay a visit to this place. Mr Elliott, who is a Wesleyan lay preacher, received the thanks of his Primitive Methodist friends for his kindness in supplying on that occasion.

TECHNICAL AND CONTINUATION EVENING SCHOOL.

It has been decided to open, in a short time, a number of classes for mine surveying, shorthand, dress-cutting, writing, reading, algebra, mensuration, chemistry, etc., and all the classes are to be free, with the exception of mine surveying and dress-cutting. It is to be hoped the young people will avail themselves of the golden privileges now held out to them.

HIGHWAYS.

There is a great improvement in our highways and footpaths, but now as we are nearing the wintry weather, there ought to be a covering of chippings, which would put them in good order for the season. There is also great need of the wall round the old quarry in front of the Wesleyan Chapel, being repaired. An accident may occur.

THE NEW SEWAGE.

It is a great nuisance to walk along the highway where the new sewage has been laid. The ventilators level with the road are giving off a most foul smell, which, if not attended to at once, may cause disease and death. Measures should be immediately taken to clear away the noxious gases. The gas lamps should also be carried forward to meet the Stanley Local Board boundary, which would be a great boon to the tradesmen of Annfield Plain.

KYO GAS.

The supply of gas to the various places of worship on Sunday nights is a great failure. For about an hour the gas will scarcely give any light. Cannot this be amended, or what is the cause? The directors should look after this matter, and that speedily.

ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Last week, the annual public meeting was held in the school-room. The speakers were Messrs J. Johnson, Hare Law; J. Humble, Annfield Plain; and H. Greener, Craghead. The chair was occupied by Mr J. F. Elliott, Catchgate. A supper was partaken of afterwards, the proceeds from which were for the noble object of helping the funds of the Sunday-school.

CATCHGATE UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.

A harvest thanksgiving was celebrated on Sunday and Monday last, the church being well decorated for the occasion. On Sunday, sermons were preached by Rev J. Pitchford, the new minister morning and evening, and by Mr J. Humble in the afternoon. On Monday, a public meeting was held Rev J. Pitchford addressed the meeting, and recitations and songs were given. Mr W. Rutherford was chairman. Collections were taken at each service for the trust funds.

SOUTH DERWENT PRIZE BAND.

All interested in this band's welfare will be pleased to learn, by the reports given of the season's contests, that they are at the head of the list. To secure twelve first prizes, including a silver medal gained by them, is a grand performance. During the season they have won the sum of £178. The band is still earnest, and will continue to rise.

DEATH OF MR W. B. COLPITTS.

Mr W. B. Colpitts, of Annfield Plain, one of the Co-operative Store's *employes* at their Dipton branch, passed away, after a short illness, to join the great majority, on Wednesday se'nnight, at the age of 29 years. He leaves a widow and two children. On Sunday afternoon, the interment took place in the Collierley cemetery. At the door, the Rev A. Dunn, of Collierley, gave out the hymn "Thy will be done," and with his choir sung it with much effect, after which he offered prayer. The service was very impressive. A very large number of people followed the remains to the grave. The South Derwent Prize Band attended, and rendered the "Dead March" in a most effective manner. In the church and at the grave, the Rev J. Gornall, vicar, and the Rev A. Dunn performed the burial service with due solemnity. Mr T. Gales, on behalf of the Oddfellows' Lodge, of which deceased was a member, read the service prepared by the Order. The band played another suitable piece, and the friends dispersed.

ACCIDENT.

On Monday morning, a sad accident occurred at the South Derwent Willey Pit, to Mr T. Scott, who was caught by the cage at the seam of one of the staples used for raising or lowering the coals. When found, life was quite extinct. The officials were quickly on the spot, and gave every attention. Deceased was removed to his home, from which he had not been absent more than an hour. He leaves a widow and five children. His aged father also stayed with him. His interment took place on Wednesday last, in Collierley cemetery.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.—Before C. J. Backhouse Esq. (presiding), and Rev T. H. E. Espin.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were fined for being drunk during the month:—*John Martin*, who did not appear, £1; *Elizabeth Elliott*, of Tow Law, 12s 6d; *John Johnson* and *William Stobbs*, 7s 6d each.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Frank McCabe was charged by John Divine, innkeeper, Tow Law, with refusing to quit his licensed premises at Tow Law, on the 10th Sept.—Fined 12s 6d.

CARD PLAYING ON THE HIGHWAY.

John Wilson, Bernard Hagan, Edward Morris, Robert Wilkinson, William Moore, Patrick Doran, Thomas Duffy, William Robinson, Edward Purvis, John Gill, Robert Long, John Dixon, and *William Purvis* were charged by P.C. Sherwood with playing at cards, on the highway at Tow Law, on Sunday, 10th ult.—Those present were fined 10s and costs, and those who did not appear were fined 12s 6d each and costs.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

Robert Bell, a boy, was charged by Sergt. Briens with illegal fishing in Waskerley Burn, on the 21st ult.—Fined 6d and 7s costs.

TRAVELLING WITHOUT A TICKET.

John Heslop was charged by Inspector Pears with riding in the train between Tow Law and Crook without having a ticket, on August 30th.—Fined £1 and 15s costs. Defendant being unable to pay the money, was sent to prison.

DR. STEPHENSON'S HOMES.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon, a number of boys and girls from Dr T. Bonnar Stephenson's Orphanage, in Bonner Road, London, gave a musical entertainment in the New Town Hall, Consett, before a large audience, chiefly composed of young folks.

At night, another entertainment was given in the same building, which was filled to overflowing the audience being a very select and thoroughly appreciative one. Councillor James Annandale, J.P., Shotley Bridge, occupied the chair, and was supported by Rev Mr Curnock, London, (who came in the place of Rev Dr Stephenson), Rev R. W. Butterworth, Consett, Rev T. Durant, Consett, besides many prominent towns-people.

The Chairman, in his opening address, remarked that they were met once again to give a hearty welcome to the young friends from Dr Stephenson's homes. That large and enthusiastic gathering afforded a most eloquent testimony of the interest they displayed in that great work of Dr Stephenson's—(applause)—and the cordial way in which they supported the movement would doubtless give a stimulus to the worthy doctor, and his coadjutors in the work they were doing. (Applause.) Life was full of social problems, and they could not walk along the street without being struck by marked contrasts—wealth and pleasure being found side by side with poverty and misery. The question for all Christian people was "How could they meet this heritage of woe!—how vanquish or annihilate it?" These were questions every thoughtful Christian man and woman should consider, and try to solve. They should save, if possible, that large nucleus on their streets—there outcasts of humanity. Even to some, the social name of a mother's love was unknown. Alas! for the rarity of Christian charity. There were many Pharisees who might throw a copper to the street urchin; but that was not sufficient. Well for them that there were good and charitable people in this country, like Dr Stephenson, to take up the cause of the children. (Cheers.) It was almost unnecessary for him to say anything concerning Dr Stephenson's work. About thirty years ago he took in hand the preaching, or rather the singing of the gospel in a dismal back street in London, and ever since he had been striving to put music into the lives of these little ones. (Applause.) From small beginnings that noble work had grown, and up to the present time some 3,000 children had passed through these Homes. About 2,000 had gone out into the world, and were now making their mark in life. (Applause.) The Chairman then enumerated the various Institutions, Homes, Hospitals, and Farms connected with Dr Stephenson's movement, and he (Mr Annandale) believed that there were 1,000 boys and girls under the doctor's charge at the present moment. (Applause.)

The programme was then proceeded with, all the selections being contributed in a style which not only reflected unlimited credit upon the officers of the Home, but displayed the masterly skill and proficiency attained by the participants. The instrumental piece—"War march of the priests"—performed on various and novel sweet-toned instruments—sent a pleasant thrill through the audience, by reason of the brilliance of its execution. A song, "December," with carillon and bells accompaniment, was a charming effort. The singing of the soloists was remarkably sweet.

In the interval, Rev Mr Curnock delivered an interesting address. He remarked that although he had no official connection with the Homes, he knew something about their management. There was no work in the country which excited greater interest and feeling than this kind of work. The children on the platform came from the London branch of the children's homes in Bonner Road, where there were some 250 boys and girls. The work began in Landon, and the headquarters were still there; but they must not on that account think it was by any means a London institution. They received children from all parts of the country, and the children there that night might represent at least a dozen counties. They were there because they happened to be able to do that class of work. But they had other branches equally important at Edgeware, in Lancashire, where they had a farm colony, in Birmingham, at Ramsay, in the Isle of Man, as well as at Gravesend and Alverstone. All of these depended upon the same association, all were under the same management, and they had over and beyond these on the other side of the Atlantic their own imigration department, which had been in operation for over twenty years. They had, therefore, they would see, a very considerable responsibility and work devolving upon them. He asked those present, therefore, to realise all this, and not to look upon the children that night merely as a little travelling party of musicians, but as children making an appeal for hundreds of other children who were in the homes, and for hundreds of others the management would be glad also to support if they had an opportunity of doing so. (Applause.) The rev. gentleman also furnished some entertaining sketches of the lives of the inmates after leaving the Homes, some having risen to high positions in the world. (Applause.)

The second half of the programme was of even greater excellence than the first, perhaps because it was of a more varied character. A secular song, entitled "But it is so" (with chorus), produced considerable merriment, and the applause culminated in an *encore*, which was acknowledged, but not in the way the audience anticipated. A couple of action songs—"Assam Pekoe" [a lesson in domestic economy], and "The shoemakers' song" [wherein the working cobblers are introduced], exactly suited the tastes of the audience, judging from the applause bestowed upon them. Solos on the dulcimer by a boy, and the xylophone by a girl, afforded the artistes brilliant opportunities for showing their skill in the handling of those instruments, while the full orchestral pieces were rendered in a style that has seldom been excelled in Consett, even though the artistes may have been adults, instead of mere boys. The different instruments were finely in harmony, and there was not a single discordant note—from the biggest to the smallest instrument—throughout the performance. Mr Fredrick A. Mann ably conducted the choir.

On the motion of Rev Mr Curnock, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the vast assemblage dispersed, highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

"How to Behave," price sixpence.—To be had o Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Wm. Logan, J.P., presiding, when the undermentioned Guardians were present:—Revs P. C. Fortin and W. Cockin, Councillors T. J. Muse and J. A. Curry, Messrs Geo. Hobson, T. Wilkinson, J. Lax, W. M. Handcock, T. Longstaff, W. Rutherford, W. Gray, T. Lowden, R. Robson, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE RELIEVING OFFICERS' SALARIES.

It was resolved, on the motion of Coun. Muse, to increase the salaries of Messrs Ralph Walton, Lanchester, and John Moon, Consett, the relieving officers, by £20 a year, these gentlemen having served the Board for 25 years.

Mr Muse, in support of the proposition, mentioned that in the eastern district of the union the population had increased from 12,079 in 1861 to 29,352 in 1891. In the western district, the population in 1861 stood at 10,480, and had increased in 1891 to 26,112. The work of these officers, he added, had correspondingly increased, and they had not had any advances of salary.

TENDERS.

The half-yearly contracts were let to the following parties:—Coffins, Mr J. G. Walton, Lanchester; coals, S. A. Sadler and Co.; butcher meat, Mr John Parker, Leadgate; petroleum, Mr J. G. Brydson, Lanchester; flour, &c., Mr W. R. Wiggen, Wallnook Mill; groceries, Messrs T. D. Dryden and Co., Consett; Australian beef, Mr J. Walton, Lanchester.

PRECEPTS.

The Clerk was instructed to issue precepts upon the overseers for a poor rate of 6d in the pound for the ensuing half-year.

POSTAL FACILITIES AT CONSETT.

On the suggestion of Mr J. Oliver, it was decided to ask the Postmaster at Durham to provide pillar letter boxes for the outlying portion of Consett township.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

REPORT ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

A special meeting of the above Authority took place on Thursday se'nnight—Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding—when the report of the special committee on various systems of sewage disposal in different parts of the country was read. The report stated that the system chiefly in operation at present may be classed as (1) The natural or utilization system, and (2) The chemical or precipitation process.

The Committee visited South Norwood in the Croydon Union, where the plan of sewerage disposal is by broad irrigation. The drainage area flowing into the farm was about 2,400 acres; the population about 16,000, and the rateable value about £90,000.

The Committee stated that "this system would also be suitable in certain portions of your district in which the subsoil is an impervious clay, provided that the land could be obtained on reasonable terms, and the method of treatment was properly supervised. Your Board have already one example of this broad irrigation system at Medomsley, which is not unsuccessful."

As a good example of the purification of sewage by means of intermittent downward filtration through natural soil, the Committee visited Dewsbury (Yorkshire). One acre to 600 population, plus refuse from factories. Population, 30,000; rateable value, £106,767. Area of land treated with sewage on intermittent downward filtration system, 50 acres; area of land laid out in broad irrigation, 10 acres.

The Committee remarked that "the farm does not quite pay its way, and has been in existence for about 16 years. This system is undoubtedly capable of purifying sewage, and if the surface waters are carefully excluded from the sewers, trade liquid properly regulated, and the larger solid organic matters properly screened and separated from the liquid before it reaches the land, a still more clear and satisfactory effluent would be produced."

With regard to chemical treatment, various processes had been in operation for many years for precipitating the soluble and unsoluble constituents of sewerage, with but indifferent results. A very interesting, and one of the most successful, is the method adopted at Ealing, Middlesex. The chemical treatment carried out for many years has been the milk of lime process, supplemented by clay and sulphate of alumina, the proportions being 10½ grains of lime, 11½ grains of clay, and 2 grains of sulphate of alumina per gallon, added afterwards, when partial clarification has taken place by means of lime and clay. Owing to the various operations carried out it was not possible to arrive at the annual cost of the sewage works alone. More recently satisfactory effluents have been obtained from modifications of the alumina-ferric processes, in which salts of iron and salts of alumina are the principal re-agents. Some high standards of purity of effluents have resulted from the treatment of the sewage by the process of the International Water and Sewage Purification Company, which causes certain of the noxious matters in the sewage to be precipitated by a compound called "ferozone," and filters the supernant liquid by means of a substance called "polarite," which is mixed with sand and gravel in beds. The operation of this system was carefully studied at Swinton, near Manchester, and at Acton, near London. Though under different circumstances the results obtained both at Swinton and Acton by the Ferozone-Polarite process are about equal and very satisfactory.

Analogous to the Ferozone-Polarite system is Bell's process, but the precipitant is Claritone (which is composed of sulphate of iron and 4 per cent of sulphate of alumina combined) and sulphate of alumina mixed in equal proportions, the filtering being magnetic oxide of iron and sand and gravel. The works adopting this system, which were visited in company with Mr C. E. Bell, who kindly explained the principle and method of working, were Croxdale, Durham; and Coundon, Bishop Auckland.

At Croxdale, the system is precipitation by claritone and sulphate of alumina and subsequent filtration by sand and magnetic oxide of iron. The works, which have been used for experimental purposes, are a modification of a disused method of treating sewage, and consist of a mixing tank, a precipitation tank and two filtering tanks; these are situate on a sharp declivity, and the sludge gravitates to storage ponds below, where it is sun-dried.

At Coundon, precipitation is obtained by means of claritone and sulphate of alumina in equal proportions, and subsequent filtration through sand and magnetic oxide of iron. These works have only recently been laid down, and at present dispose of sewage from 131 houses, but when the scheme is in full working order, and the present works duplicated, the sewage from about 600 houses will be operated upon.

SUMMARY.

After careful consideration, your Committee are of opinion that if suitable land can be obtained, at a fair price, close to the source of sewerage, in many instances the intermittent downward filtration system would be most advisable. Unfortunately, as soon as the Sanitary Authority wishes to obtain a portion of land for the benefit and health of the public, an exorbitant price, far in excess of any agricultural value, is too often demanded, and in the interests of the pockets of the ratepayers, works of sanitary usefulness are often delayed. The nature of your district, honeycombed as it is in many places by coal workings, frequently prohibits large areas being used for filtration or sewage farms, or even the use of long lengths of sewer pipes, the continuity and connection of which might at any time be broken or seriously endangered by subsidence of land. Your district also consists of many centres of comparatively small population, the surface sewage of which finds its way either by closed or open channels, or too often as best it may, into the nearest stream. In the greater part of the district ash middens are commonly in use; relatively there are but few water-closets. For these reasons and on account of its greater aptability, your Committee would in general advise the adoption of a chemical percipitation system. A very much smaller area of land is required and proportionately the first cost is less. The tanks for precipitation and filtration may be placed without difficulty in districts in which, from the nature of the land and other circumstances, it would be impossible to cleanse the sewage by the natural process. On the other hand there is a constant outlay in the working of the precipitation process from which no financial profit can ever be expected. The great resultant of the chemical processes is sludge—a name in itself expressive of matter out of place. The proportion of water in sludge, from 90 per cent to 95 per cent, renders it difficult to deal with, but even when dried it is practically useless. Farmers may sometimes take it, but not unfrequently they have to be paid for so doing. It is said that when sludge is produced in large quantities, it may be so treated as to recover from it certain bye products, as ammonia, &c., but this requires special and expensive works. As a rule sludge is sludge, and you can make nothing else out of it. The precipitation process has, however, the property of speedily and effectually cleansing and purifying the sewage and converting a foul and noxious substance into a clear and harmless effluent, and it is this speedy disposal and purification of sewage which is the greatest aim of the Sanitary Authority.

In the instance, not uncommon, of four or five colliery villages situated along the line of a running stream, it would be practically impossible, on account of the nature of the ground and underworkings, to unite them together in one large scheme of intermittent irrigation or sewage farm, but there would be comparatively little difficulty in establishing subsiding and filtering tanks with precipitation chambers close to the outfall of the sewage.

Thence, by either open or closed channels, the purified affluent might be discharged into the nearest stream, even if at a distance. Each individual case should be taken on its own merits. As to the particular precipitation scheme, that of the International process (Ferozone-Polarite) seems at present to afford as satisfactory results as any in operation.

The claritone process is undoubtedly of value, but it has not as yet stood the test of the same experience and length of time.

In the appendix will be found a typical sketch plan of tanks, &c., arranged by your Surveyor (Mr J. E. Parker), also a comparative table of analysis of drinking water and sewage effluents, together with estimated cost of various systems of sewage disposal per 1,000 persons. The necessity of proper management and supervision has already been touched upon in this report, but so essential do your Committee consider this matter that they would suggest a standing committee of your Authority should be appointed whose duty it would be to visit and at intervals report to your Board not only the condition, &c., of works then existing, but to examine and state what, in their opinion, would be the most suitable system for districts in which new sewage works were contemplated.

The Committee may not conclude without expressing their grateful thanks for the courtesy and kindness with which they were everywhere received, and the ready willingness exhibited on the part of the towns' surveyors, managers, and others to show and explain the various works and operations. The only difficulty at times found was in obtaining the actual cost of working.

(Signed)

George Hobson } Members of the Committee
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P. C. Fortin }
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W. H. Ritson, Clerk.

The Authority agreed to apply the process to Annfield Plain sewage works now in the course of construction; but as there is cementing to be done, it was deemed advisable to postpone further progress with the scheme till the spring of next year.

ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT AT PELTON.

At the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions—before Col. Sheppee and H. W. Kerrich-Walker, Esq.—*William Kirkup*, cattle dealer, was charged with committing an indecent assault on Maria Stephenson, at Pelton House, on the 14th ult. Mr Isadore Isaacs (Sunderland), prosecuted, and Mr J. Turnbull (Chester-le-Street), defended.

At the outset, Mr Turnbull asked that the case be adjourned for a fortnight. He intended to secure counsel's aid, but had failed to do so. If the case was adjourned, he did not think it would prejudice is at all.

Mr Isaacs opposed the adjournment. Defendant was arrested on the 15th, and he had had twelve days to instruct counsel, which he submitted was ample time.

The Magistrates decided to hear the case.

Prosecutrix stated that she was a single woman, 19 years of age. She lived at 18, West Row, Pelton Fell. Up to the 14th September she was employed at Mr Kirkup's farm, where prisoner also lived. On the day in question the master and mistress were away, and the house was left in charge of prisoner's brother's wife. They finished tea shortly after six o'clock, and then witness went into the dining-room to take away the things, she being the housemaid. When she went into the dining-room, prisoner was there reading the newspaper. Whilst clearing the table, prisoner asked her to take some drinking water to his bedroom. She said she had done so, and he then asked her to meet him in the yard at eight o'clock at night. She asked him what for, and he said "to get a bargain." Witness made no reply, but left the room and went into the kitchen, returning again five minutes later. As soon as she got into the room, prisoner got hold of her by the arm, and asked her if she had been in the yard. Prisoner left the room, and witness went into the kitchen, where her fellow-servant was. Witness told her what the prisoner had said. A little after seven o'clock Mr and Mrs Kirkup, prisoner's brother and his wife, left the house, and she was left behind to look after the baby, which was part of her duty. The baby was in bed upstairs in its mother's bedroom, which was next door to prisoner's bedroom. Shortly after they had gone out, witness went into the dining-room to light the lamp, and whilst doing this she heard the baby cry, and in consequence went upstairs. Witness quieted the baby, and went to a lavatory to attend to some household duties. On coming out, she met the prisoner on the landing, opposite his bedroom door. After she had cleared the table, prisoner left the house, and she did not know he had returned. As soon as she got within reach of him, prisoner picked her up in his arms, and carried her to his bedroom. witness said it he interfered with her she would tell Mrs Kirkup when she came back. Prisoner put her on to his bed and assaulted her. Witness struggled, and managed to get off the bed, but prisoner lifted her on again, and assaulted her. Witness afterwards went downstairs, and was followed by Mrs Kirkup, to whom she made a complaint. At that time witness was crying. The bedroom was in darkness, and afterwards she heard footsteps on the stairs. At half-past eight the next morning witness left her situation, and proceeded to the house of her sister, at Pelton Fell. On the same day, she came to Chester-le-Street, and obtained a warrant against the prisoner.

Cross-examined by Mr Turnbull, witness knew what prisoner meant when he spoke to her about going into the yard. She did not complain to Mrs Kirkup because she was going to leave. The reason why she didn't shout when he first lifted her was because no one could have heard her. Mary, the other servant, could not have heard, but afterwards she shouted, "Oh, Mary." Prisoner held her tightly by the arms, but did not hurt her.

Emily Hall Kirkup, who resided with prisoner's parents, said that on the day in question Mr and Mrs Kirkup left home, and witness was in charge of the house. Prosecutrix was a domestic servant, and part of her duty was to clear the table. Witness asked her specially to look after the baby. At ten minutes past seven, witness and her husband went for a walk, leaving prosecutrix and her fellow-servant in the house. She met prisoner coming in the direction of the house. When she got into the passage she heard a sob, and thought it was the child crying. She went upstairs and looked at her child. On the way she heard someone say "hush." Witness took it to be prisoner's voice, but thought he was out at the time. The baby being all right, witness went to the kitchen, where she saw prosecutrix, who was crying. Witness spoke to prosecutrix, and eventually she received a complaint about prisoner from her. When witness saw prisoner she asked him what he had done, and he replied that he "had done nothing to hurt her." Shortly after prisoner came down and left the house. The following morning prosecutrix did not refuse to take in the breakfast things. Witness was never in the breakfast-room when prosecutrix went in with the breakfast. Prosecutrix left the house and service that morning, contrary to her wishes, although her notice was running, Stephenson having given the notice to her mistress.

Cross-examined: If prosecutrix had shouted whilst in prisoner's bedroom, she could have been heard in the kitchen. Witness never noticed any disorder on the bed, although she had a light. When witness saw prosecutrix, her clothes were not disarranged. From the time witness entered until going to the bedroom about five minutes would elapse.

Marian Agnes Cummings, single woman, employed as kitchen-maid at prisoner's father's house, said that prosecutrix complained to her about prisoner. Witness was scouring the stone floor, and if anyone had shouted to her she could not have heard. When prosecutrix came in, her hair was ruffled at the back, and she was crying. She asked for a glass of water, and was very much excited. Prosecutrix was very much put out, and she left the next day. Witness was not scouring the floor the whole of the time that prisoner was upstairs.

Cross-examined: If anyone shouted loudly she could not have heard, as the doors were closed.

Sergt. Wind, stationed at Pelton Fell, deposed that he received a complaint from prosecutrix about the prisoner. On the same day (the 15th inst.) he went to prisoner's house with a warrant, which he read over to him. In answer to the charge, prisoner said. "That was last night. What took place then amounts to nothing. It's all spite, as she had to leave in a fortnight's time through me." Witness then took him to the police station.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence.

The Bench committed prisoner to take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions, bail being accepted, prisoner in £100, and two sureties of £50 each.

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PASSING EVENTS.

(*From a London Correspondent.*)

Prince Bismarck's Illness—Railway Development — Wormwood Scrubbs — The America Cup—Literary and Theatrical.

It is stated in London that the reconciliation between the Kaiser and Prince Bismarck is the work of the Queen. I heard something of the sort when the German Emperor was at Osborne, it being openly said that her Majesty had set her mind on this work and meant to accomplish it. No one forgets that Prince Bismarck and the Prince of Wales are not the best of friends, but our Royal family have been consistent in their recognition of the transcendent talents of the Iron Chancellor, and the Queen has regretted all along the absurd circumstances which have kept him from the Emperor. Rumour said that she raised the question last year, and that the Kaiser was then willing to be advised by her if Prince Bismarck would give him half an opportunity.

Lord Claud Hamilton takes the chairmanship of the Great Eastern Railway Company at a time when the prosperity of the line is advancing by leaps and bounds. Both in rolling-stock and in general organisation it has already attained a position which its best friends of twenty years ago would not have promised it. One must not forget that the new chairman has been a director of the Great Eastern for more than twenty years, and that many of the later-day improvements effected in stock and service are of his initiation. Just latterly this line has claimed much attention for its gas petroleum-burning engines. These are turning out so well, and the oil gives such excellent results, that the application of the principle may well revolutionise the locomotive industry.

Wells, "of Monte Carlo," is still at Wormwood Scrubbs, that finest specimen of a model prison, spending in solitary confinement the first nine months of his seven years' sentence. He is, I am told, a most exemplary prisoner, earns his full number of good conduct marks daily, and says that he is not dissatisfied with his fate.

I passed the front of the prison a day or two ago, and noticed three prisoners at work there in the open, in charge of a single warder who was armed only with a wooden truncheon. The prisoners were young, hale fellows; and it looked as though, had one of them made a bolt for liberty, the chances would have been all in favour of his escape. As a matter of fact, however, nothing would be more unlikely than for such an attempt to be made. Prisoners employed outside the prison walls are short-sentence men, or men whose sentences have nearly expired; and who have therefore more inducement to stay than to fly. Besides this, a daylight flight from Wormwood Scrubbs would be an all but impossible feat. Bare ground surrounds the prison on every side, and a prisoner seeking his liberty would have to run some hundreds of yards before he could gain cover of any kind.

English yachting-men await with keen interest the result of the races for the America Cup, in which Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie is to take part. A victory for the Earl would, of course, be immensely popular on this side of the Atlantic. He has done more for the sport of yachting than almost any man in existence, and is perhaps the most scientific yachtsman living. His tastes and talents as a sportsman are very diversified; he has ridden in steeplechases, shot and fished in most parts of the world, and he still keeps a stud of about fifteen horses in training at Newmarket. But his heart is in yachting, and it will be a proud day for him if he carries off the America Cup.

Alderman Tyler, who will be Lord Mayor next year, is a stationer, yet something more than a stationer. He is a confirmed bibliophile, and is a member of several literary clubs, including the Sette of Odd Volumes. He has a fine collection of original editions and rarely-bound folios, and is not only a collector of books, but a reader. As he is a Protestant, we shall hear nothing of that petty religious bickering which made the City look so foolish last October.

I hear that the expectations of those who are looking for an immediate publication of Mr. Ruskin's new book, "The Stones of Verona," are to be disappointed. The work will not appear for some weeks. The mere talk of it has naturally aroused great curiosity, and it is pleasant to hear that the master will illustrate the book himself. He is said to regard it as a better piece of work than "The Stones of Venice."

Mr. Selous's book on South Africa has been anxiously looked for, and will not disappoint. It is almost an encyclopædia on Mashonaland and on great game hunting. Beyond this, there are chapters which are fine ethnological studies, and admirable forecasts to the future of a great country. In places the book is as exciting as a novel. The Matabele raids read like brilliant romance, and the description of Mr. Selous's expedition which cut a road through Mashonaland is a fine panegyric of this great hunter's pioneering and diplomatic gifts. His analysis of the various tribes jostled together on the border of the country, of the races of the interior, his studies of the Boers, and his general knowledge of South African character are amazing. I note that the derivation of the word Mashunaland—for he discards the "o" in the spelling—puzzles him. There is not a tribe of Mashunas, and the word is unknown to any people throughout the huge district. As far as the future of this rich territory goes, Mr. Selous consoles those suffering from the gold premium by the assurance that mining companies will be at work in Mashunaland before the end of the century, and that gold is there in generous quantities.

I regret to hear that Mr. James Payn has been very ill. The Reform Club has seen but little of him lately, and he has been suffering terribly from cramp in the head. His haggard appearance is quite alarming; but he continues to dictate his usual quantum of work—a proceeding which his friends by no means approve. It will be some time, I am afraid, before the genial novelist's wanderings in a four-wheeled cab are everyday occurrences again.

There is no manner of doubt as to the success of Mr. Grundy's new piece, "Sowing the Wind," with which Mr. Comyns Carr opened this season at the Comedy on Saturday night. Whether the very serious interest of the three acts will continue to attract playgoers I cannot say, but I should be surprised and disappointed if this were not the case. It is in some respects the ablest work that Mr. Grundy has put upon the stage. The plot is sightly reminiscent of Mr. Pinero's "Sweet Lavender, but Mr. Grundy has taken it from an old and forgotten story of his own. The action dates back about sixty years, and the costumes of 1830 are charmingly picturesque. The chief histrionic honours fell to that finished and intellectual actor, Mr. Brandon Thomas, who shared them with Miss Winifred Emery.

Trade Notes.

DURHAM MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Council of the Durham Miners' Association held on Saturday, a motion to dismiss the Durham agents from their posts was rejected. Motions that the Durham miners leave the National Union of Miners and the Durham Mining Federation Board were also ruled "off the board."

CONSETT IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

A portion of these works, together with the Consett Tiomill have been again laid idle this week, in consequence of the scarcity of the water supply.

THE DURHAM COAL TRADE.

At some of the collieries in West Durham, business is so brisk that the miners experience difficulty in procuring trucks from the North Eastern Railway Company for the transit of coal and coke.

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The Blood Food prepared by G. Handyside is simply a vegetable extract, and thereby God's natural remedy for building up the body, and when the body is strong it defies all disease. It contains no medicine, and therefore cannot ruin the constitution as doctors' medicines do. Everyone should take it for Indigestion, Costiveness, Sleeplessness, Dizziness of the Head, Fits, Asthma, Bronchitis, Change of Life, and is a most marvellous thing for Influenza. Delicate people should take it forever.

Handyside's Rheumatic Cure does not fail once in a hundred cases, when it is applied according to directions. 20,000 people have been rubbed at Handyside's Rooms, and 99 out of every 100 have been cured, but a good many who rub themselves have failed, because they did not go by the directions. Whenever it fails they should communicate with Mr Handyside. Anyone who has to live by his industry, and unable to walk through Sciatica or Rheumatism, a cab will be sent for him, and cured free, and enabled to walk in three-quarters of an hour, if his age is below 60; if above 60 it is more difficult to cure.

These preparations were not brought out entirely for money, therefore they are given away to all who are unable to pay for them at all Handyside's places of business, and at 12 Bentinck Crescent, Newcastle, every Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. Everyone should go and hear and see the marvellous change this preparation produces on all diseases.

The Pills prepared by G. Handyside, are composed of rhubarb root and other vegetable extracts, and they are earning a great name. They contain no medicine, therefore cannot ruin the constitution, as it is well known that those who take the most doctors' medicine have the worst health. And it cannot be otherwise, for most of it irritates the stomach, and drives the food out of the system before it has nourished the body, but these Pills prepared by G. Handyside, feed the digestive organs and enable them to digest the food, and after they have been taken for some time the residue of the bowels show natural digestion, while those who take doctors' medicine the food is driven away from an irritated stomach. But this is not all. The stomach contains millions of small tubes, no thicker than a fine hair, to convey the gastric juice to mix with the food. The continual irritation of the stomach through purging medicines, must have a tendency to fill up these small tubes and prevent a proper supply of gastric juice, which is necessary for proper digestion, therefore it is not surprising that everyone who take the most doctors' medicine have the worst health. Purging pills do good for a day or two, and then you are worse than ever. You take more; relief is given to you again for a day or two. You are worse than ever, and you go on till your constitution is ruined. Two doctors are now needed where one was sufficient fifty years ago, when people preserved their health by God's natural remedy, the fruits of the field. Both sexes should continually take the Pills after the age of forty, for the heart after that age ossifies. No delicate person or growing youth should be without them. And they should be taken strictly by the directions. Thousands of testimonials; extracts sent post free.

A thousand pounds has been deposited in the hands of Messrs Watson and Dendy of this city, and challenged all the doctors' medicines three years ago, but has never been accepted. The challenge is still open, and a hundred pounds will be given to the person who brings a doctor forward to accept this challenge.

If you cannot get them from your chemist, write to G. Handyside, Bentinck Crescent, Newcastle. All the preparations are sent out without the money, and they can be tried before the money is sent, and if you are not satisfied that it has done more good than all the medicines have done no money is required. Ask your butcher or baker or any other tradesmen to sell under these conditions. If they did they would get little money, and if these were not exceptionally grand preparations I dare not do it.

No one should be persuaded from these preparations by tradesmen recommending other preparations for the sake of extra profit.

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A TALE FOR YOUNG MEN.

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

CHAPTER VI.

With American Women.

Woman! experience might have told me,
That all must love thee who behold thee:
Surely experience might have taught
Thy firmest promises are nought:
But, placed in all thy charms before me,
All I forget, but to adore thee.

Byron.

The American woman is charming society. She is free and frank in her manners and speech. She is at once homely in her conversation and most fascinating in her movements, and yet always dignified and independent.

There is not a trace of that egregiously silly affectation in her speech which is so obvious amongst some of our young society—English girls (and even of our would-be Lords), I mean that high-toned, squeaky voice which we hear so frequently and which fools laugh at and wise men scorn as the sound of an empty vessel.

The American woman is ambitious, intelligent, and anxious to learn, and in current literature—scientific and fictional—she is "au courant," for she studies to maintain and strengthen that position which was vouchsafed to her during the early settlements in the new world when women were sparsely represented and consequently very highly esteemed. She has more than maintained her prestige. There is no chaos in her life; she is ever advancing onward and upward, and our English women are waking up and with envy contemplating the superior position enjoyed by the "petit femme," of the new world.

Although I am travelling I have not the slightest idea what my uncle's fortune is beyond the fact that I am informed it is considerable, and that to travel and see the world is part of my programme.

I was staying at "The Windsor" in Fifth Avenue, a very comfortable Anglo-American type of hotel, and I had introductions to some personages "distingue," including a charming cousin of my own, Miss Florrie Broooks, whose mother's sister's husband's brother was no less than an "Armstrong great gun" in New York—I mean he was only president of the United States, (a position which any naturalised youth may aspire to), commonly called "Boss of the show," and almost as important in honours as that of Premier of all Great Britain and Ireland.

For amusement this cousin and I (with her winning ways) found ourselves linked together almost amorously, doing the rounds of the places "de rigueur."

And ah, "Ursula," even amidst all this earthly glamour, the invisible thread is stretched across the sea and still unbroken——

"Thy face is always near to me;
'Tis ever by my side."

We visited the "Opera House" in Broadway, (the handsomest theatre in America) the Academy of Music in Fourteenth Street, where, on another occasion, that cousin and I whirled round on the light fantastic toe to music mellifluous, bewitching, and catchy. And on this occasion my cousin, with American frankness, looked into my face innocently and said: "I guess I'm getting fond of you—I'll miss you, coz, when you're gone."

I said I was glad to meet with her approbation, and how delighted I was to have such a charming cousin; and how happy I felt when I thought that in this great wide world there was one who cared for me and would miss me. But those words "I'll miss you when you're gone," struck home to my heart. Someone else said that when I left England; and now I am far away from "her" and those words come back to me. A moment's reverie recalled the scene: the river Derwent, the cottage, the buttercups and daisies, and the sweetest daisy of all "Ursula" the fair.

All this "distraction" with its alluring glamour temporarily satiates the keen appetite of the traveller, but in his reclusion, when the candle of vitality burns low in the socket, he looks back upon it and exclaims, vanity of vanities—all its vanity!

As assuredly as the sunshine follows the rain, the black cloud of remorse treads in the wake of ecstacy, and the sorrow of to-night is swallowed up in the joys of the morning. This is a truism in the evolution of life whose monotony is relieved by alternate joys and sorrows, and heightened by that hope which springs eternal in the breast. But there is an invisible pandemonium which seems to dog our steps like a ghostly attendant, and in the very zenith of our glory we find its chains dragging us downward, like a gravitating force whose increased pressure and eternal darkness suddenly reminds us of the awful chasm upon which we stand, and we struggle back and nestle in the arms of life and love. Love, then, is the mother of hope. Love of the world is an incentive to us to live on; but love of any being, natural or supernatural, is the great prompter and sustainer of all the deeds of men.

I have now met many American women, but, I proudly confess that my cousin, Florrie Brooks, with her clean-cut features, her bright blue eyes, and her neat little figure and tasteful dress, stands out prominently as a typical embodiment of the cheerful American belle.

To-morrow, we visit Brooklyn Bridge.

I hear an urchin ventilating his vocal organs upon the higher register as I turn into Fifth Avenue. It sounds like "I left Billy Martin a long way behind me," whilst another sings some little girl as a rule is his sweetheart.

"Rock me to sleep, mother," for I've heard both these songs in England, and I decline to be like a certain "Innocent abroad" who, when the Roman guide pointed out the bust of "Christopher Colombo" and afterwards "Gyptian Mummy" said "here, now, what d you mean by such conduct as this? Playing us for Chinamen because we are strangers and trying to learn! Trying to impose your vile second-hand carcasses on us!—thunder and lightning, I've a notion to—to—if you've got a nice fresh corpse, fetch him out!—or by George we'll brain you!"

"Good night, dear cousin; the arms of Morpheus open to receive me. Let me dream."

CHAPTER VII.

On Brooklyn Bridge.

There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.

Shakespeare.

On the afternoon of the day following the incidents narrated in the previous chapter, I found myself vis a vis with my charming cousin, Miss Brooks, (of New York) en route for Brooklyn by Fulton Ferry, and we afterwards stood together upon that wonder of engineering skill the Suspension Bridge, which connects Brooklyn with New York. Its construction took 14 years and cost 17,000,000 dollars or about £3,540,000—in English money.

As I stood upon this magnificent structure, watching the busy life around me and the rippling waters beneath, I carried my mind's-eye back to the scene of battle and strife (A.D. 1776-1815). The battle of "Long Island," (fought on the heights at the back of the town, where the united forces were defeated by the English with a loss of 2,000 out of 5,000) invests the undulating scenery with historical interest.

Next day we visited the "Niagara Falls," which are situated about 22 miles from Lake Erie. The enormous volume of water (estimated at 100,000,000 tons per hour) falls perpendicularly from a height of over 160 feet. The roar of the falls may be heard at a distance of over ten miles!

Then we turned to Boston, Mass: a six hours' ride from New York, with its interesting "Cradle of Liberty" Hall, where the names of Adams, Everett, and Webster are famous. Thence we turn to North-Adams and we arrive there in four hours by rail, (so called after my illustrious progenitor). The surrounding country here is extremely picturesque.

But here my tour must end, for a cable, from my uncle's lawyers is handed to me! It calls me back to England.

CHAPTER VIII.

A Midnight Encounter.

Art thou obdurate, flinty, hard as steel,
Nay more than flint for stone at rain relenteth?

Venus and Adonis.

On the evening of the day upon which I received the cable from my uncle's lawyers I stood upon the saloon deck of the Cunard liner "Etruria," waving my handkerchief with something of vehemence and an abundance of that forced indifference which is often the garb of a sad sorrowing heart within. My cousin—sweet and lovely angel—stood on the pier lachrymosely watching the receding form of a tall, dark, brown-eyed Briton; a voyageur homeward bound, whose task must be abandoned—at least for the present. "Bon voyage ma chere," were the last words I heard from the lips of my darling cousin.

My journey homeward was as pleasant as it could be under the circumstances. The apprehension that my uncle Adams must be seriously ill (otherwise I would not have been sent for), and the remorse I felt after leaving my pretty cousin would have weighed heavily upon me but for the fact that my fellow passengers were so jovial, and our little concerts and amusements on board seemed to banish all approaches of melancholy.

But far away through space, my fancy pictured the sweet bright-eyed Ursular, to see whom, would in itself be a solace far beyond anything that words could paint. So soon and so unexpectedly to meet again after our parting for an indefinite period. This thought consoles me, and why? I cannot marry her. My uncle's lifelong theme has been the suppression and annihilation of women, probably the result of some early disappointment in love, and I naturally presume that this ruling passion so strong in life will be equally strong in death. To him all women were vain, selfish, worldly—prone to kneel at that shrine whose god is gold!

True it is that there are some women—many women—to whom this opprobrium might be addressed, but surely we can separate the wheat from the chaff. They are not all alike. Such a woman as Miss Florence Nightingale, whose poetical life has been spent in ministering to the wounded and the dying upon the field of battle, is but one illustration of a life of unselfishness and sacrifice. But to my theme.

I arrived in Liverpool, and as I stepped from the tender upon the landing stage, I heard a shriek from a barefooted urchin, and turning round promptly, I heard a snob of the masher type roar out, "keep out of the way then," and he accompanied his remonstrance with a sharp stroke of his cane across the poor lad's posterior. He had not only trod upon the boy's bare foot but, in his abominable hot temper, he was adding insult to injury. He was a young man dressed in a light grey suit, about 28 years of age, with light hair, inclined to be carrotty, and apparently a sporting character. With a look of withering scorn I confronted him, and drawing myself up and towering head and shoulders above him, I hissed, "You despicable inhuman wretch! Not content with clambering over the lad's foot with your great big feet, but you strike the lad and tell him to get out of your way! Who are you, and what are you? The spoilt son of some too indulgent mother who has never taught you to curb your nasty temper, I suppose! That boy is the creature of circumstances. It is not his fault but his misfortune that he is a beggar, but he is the same flesh and blood as you are, only underneath those tattered garments there beats a tenderer and more unselfish heart than you possess."

His face was redder than before—his blood was evidently above boiling point.

"What have you got to do with it?" he muttered through his clenched teeth, at the same time trying to get home a heavy blow at my face. I warded it off and grasped him with iron hand by the collar, swung him round off his feet, and laid him upon his back. Now, sir," I said, "My purpose is to teach humanity to be humane, and to tell you in particular that that little waif is as great in the sight of God as you are in your richest dress and with all your vanity."

My reader may have seen heartless men of this description. I have seen many of such who are generally known as grandmother's fools!

I proceeded to Lime Street Station, thence via Leeds, and Harrogate to Durham. Here I transhipped to a branch line of the North-Eastern running north-west from Durham to a little country station in Langley Dale. On my arrival there, my uncle's coachman, Jackson, was impatiently waiting to convey me to my destination in a light dog-cart, drawn by a spirited bay horse. It was very dark, and fast approaching the midnight hour, and our way was both long and lonely.

"Well, Jackson, how is my uncle?" I asked peremptorily.

"Ah, sir, he's varry bad; aw hardlies expected he wad live till ye gat hyem. But he's always hed he's heart i' the reet place. He's a bonny hard un, an' he's bin a gud maister t' me. Jump into this here dog caert, Maister Parcy, an' this horse "Captain," 'll land us at "Owlett Hall" in less nor an hoor."

"What state is the road in, Jackson?" I asked.

"It's the warst road in the coonty, sir, an' the dangerest. There's a'ways se mony idle men knocking aboot after closin' time—great strang young fellahs, full o' mischief—think nowt o' stoppin' yor horse an robbin' ye aboot here."

"Think nothing of robbing you, do they not? Ah, well, we'll see about that. There will have to be a lot of them, Jackson, to do that."

Although the night was as dark as hades, minus the terrible fire, and the road narrow and undulating, "Captain" cantered along over the stones in high style. The screeching owl cried out in ominous strains; the chirping cricket was heard upon the coppice with an occasional flutter of the affrighted wood-pigeon among the branches of thick Scotch fir, and the inveterate whizz of the bat darting about our heads, as if to wipe us off the face of the earth—these things, I say, made up the scant array of stirring life, until we approached a little roadside inn, when we heard suppressed voices of men drunk or feigning drunkenness—just the sort of vicious brutes that Jackson had described.

A little further and we were suddenly startled by three men springing out of the hedge in front of our horse, one of whom clutched the horse's head, whilst the other two came up on either side. "Let go, ye divvils," cried Jackson, "or awl cut ye in two wi' me whup!"

"Let's hev yor money forst, me man, or we'll d——d seun settle yor hash for ye," shouted the big man who held the horse's head.

I had my revolver ready loaded in my secret pocket, where I had kept it whilst travelling in America I drew it forth and instantly levelled it at the big man. "Let go or you are a dead man!" I cried in stentorious tones. The fellow laughed—a jeering elfin-like laugh and repeated, "Yor money wi' want, and yor money we'll hev, an' be d——d sharp aboot it."

I fired off one chamber, and the big man dropped down in front of the horse with a yell that rent the air, and echoed in the dark wood like the bellow of a wounded buffalo, then died away! The other two men had vanished into the wood close by, and all was breathless silence! The big man lay in a heap, unmoveable! "Ye hev killed him, Maister Parcy," said Jackson, and he handed the reins to me and got down to examine him.

(To be continued.)

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Football

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ASSOCIATION.

Lintzford Juniors beat Spen Juniors, at the Spen, by four goals to nil.

Old Hartley Star 1st beat Spen Albion 2nd, on the ground of the former, by two goals to one, after a rough game.

Cornsay Albions defeated Esh Stars by two goals to one, on the latter's ground, after a very exciting game.

Waldridge White Star 2nd defeated Edmondsley Juniors, on the ground of the latter, by five goals to nothing.

Lanchester Rising Stars beat Delves Lane Heroes, on the latter's ground, by four goals to two, after a very quarrelsome game.

Shotley Bridge Rovers 2nd beat Consett Fell Rangers, at Shotley Spa, after a hard game, by three goals to two.

Shotley Bridge Rovers beat High Row Sportsmen, after a one-sided game, by seven goals to nil, at Shotley Spa.

Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers 2nd beat Hamilton Lilywhites by six goals to nothing, on the ground of the former.

Consett Reserve v Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers.—Played at Hedley Hill, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to nil.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Esh True Blues.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a victory for the Park by three goals to nil.

Consett Shamrocks v Blackhill St. Bede's.—Played on the latter's ground, the Shamrocks winning by two goals to one.

South Moor Violets v Cornsay Rovers.—Played on the former's ground, and after a very hard game all through the Violets were victorious by three goals to two.

Tow Law Wanderers v Crookhall Wanderers.—Played on the former's ground, and after a fast and exciting game resulted in a win for Tow Law by two goals to nil.

Lintzford v Seghill Blake Rovers.—Played at Seghill, and after a close and well-contested game resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to one.

Consett Y.M.C.A. Reserve v Consett Church Y.M.C.A.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to one.

Langley Park Reserve v Lintz Rovers Reserve—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game resulted in a win for the Lintz by five goals to one.

Burnhope Rovers 2nd v South Moor Albions.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to nil. Leeming (the home custodian) saved some grand shots.

Collierley Board School v Greencroft Board School.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a grand victory for the home team by six goals to nil. (Conspicuous for the winners were Hogg, Thompson, and Coulthard as forwards, Kelly at half-back, and Thornton and Settrey in saving.

Leadgate West End v Blackhill Park.—Played at Leadgate. In the first half the Park pressed, but could not get through, and at the interval nothing had been scored. T. Smith re-started for Leadgate, and the visitors were soon in the home quarters, scoring three goals in rapid succession. Lindsay afterwards notched a fourth, and the Park gained an easy victory by four goals to nil.

Collierley Board School Juniors v Lintz Juniors.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the home team by two goals to nil. The winners' team was—Goal, W. Platten; backs, R. Spinks and W. White; half-backs, G. Mordue, J. Robson, and S. Evans; forwards, G. Fenwick and T. Anderson, left wing; J. Spinks, centre; M. Cain and J. Bird, right wing.

Cornsay Rovers v Tanfield Lea.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to one. Cornsay team—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, E. Clark and G. Simpson (capt.); half-backs, A. Hendy, M. Boddiner, and G. Sargent; forwards, F. Stephenson and T. Kidd, left wing; M. Raw, centre; R. Walker and J. W. Sargent, right wing. Linesman, W. Gray. Referee, Mr H. R. McGowan.

Kip Hill 2nd v Stanley St. Joseph's 2nd.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to one. J. York did good service for the winners, and Coyle for the losers. The following represented Kip Hill:—Goal, J. Gowland; backs, J. Sweeney and F. Reay; half-backs, J. Clementson, T. Cranston, and H. York; forwards, T. George, D. Johnson, J. York, R. Gowland, and W. Carrol.

Lintz Rovers v Newcastle Albion Reserve.—Played at Newcastle, and after a pleasant and well-contested game the Rovers were victorious by two goals to one. The visitors' back division played a good game, but the forwards were slack in front of goal. The Rovers' team was—Goal, M. Watson; backs, H. Nevin and T. Watson; half-backs, J. Dunning, W. Johnson (capt.), and T. Healin; forwards, J. McGurk and A. Hughes, right wing; J. Gannon, centre; M. Burns and A. N. Other, left wing.

Waldridge White Star v Pelton Fell Institute 2nd.—These old rivals met at Waldridge. The home captain won the toss, and played with the wind in his favour. Even play ensued for ten minutes, and then the home team getting close up, one of the visitors handled, and Selkirk scored. The ball being set in motion again, Stoker got possession, ran down, and centred, Hull scoring a second point for Waldridge. The visitors appealed for off-side, but the referee gave a goal. Pelton, however, disputed his decision, and play was stopped for 15 minutes, the referee leaving the field. Rather than have the game broken up, the home captain allowed the leather to be thrown up. Another free kick was obtained in front of the Pelton goal, and Selkirk again shot through, but the globe touched no one, and consequently nothing resulted. Half-time score—

Waldridge ....One goal
Pelton ....Nil

On commencing the second half, the visitors kept up the pressure, the home defence being severely taxed. However, they kept out all attacks, and Selkirk getting possession ran up and passed to Gorman, who scored No. 2. Not long afterwards, Stoker added a third goal for the Stars with a beautiful overhead kick, and the final result was—

Waldridge................................Three goals
Pelton ....Nil

Frosterley Bible Class v Stanhope Institute.—Played on the former's ground. Stanhope kicked off with a strong wind in their favour, and immediately ran down, but were stopped by Gowland. Give-and-take play followed for about 15 minutes, when the home left obtained possession, raced up the field, and Gray shot in, the ball striking the post, and Proud rushed up and put it through. Shortly after Gray added another, and at the sound of half-time the score was—

Frosterley ....Two goals
Stanhope ....Nil

The home team re-started, and after a lot of even play the homesters shot through, the goalkeeper missing the ball. After the centre kick, Stanhope had a look in, and Hetherington scored, but the point was disallowed for off-side. Soon after the whistle sounded, leaving the result—

Frosterley................................Three goals
Stanhope ....Nil

The winners' team was as follows:—Goal, Sanderson; backs, Turnbull and Gowland; half-backs, Proud, G. T. Chapman, and Sowerby; forwards, Richmond, R. G. Chapman, Hull, Burrup, Gray.

Waterhouses Wanderers v Auckland East End.—Played at Auckland, the visitors only being weakly represented. The Wanderers won the toss, and decided to play down the somewhat steep incline which is a prominent feature of the East End ground. After the lapse of about two minutes, the visitors notched their first point from a corner kick. This was quickly followed by another, which completely nonplussed the home team. During the remainder of the first half the Wanderers did all the pressing, and added two more goals. Score at half-time—

Wanderers ....Four goals
Auckland ....Nil

On changing ends, the home team, with the hill in their favour, began to test the defence of the visitors, who held out well for a time, but they could not resist the frequent rushes made upon them, and allowed the East Enders to score their first point. This made the home team play harder, and in a short time they put on their second goal. Before the game terminated they added a third, and tried hard to make a draw, but could not succeed, and the game finally resulted as under—

Wanderers ....Four goals
Auckland ....Three goals

Lizzie Celtics v Oakey's Lilywhites.—Played on the former's ground. The visitors started the leather with the wind and sun in their faces. The globe was soon in the homesters' quarters, but the backs relieved to midfield, where some pretty play took place. The Celtics pressed, but were repulsed, and some even and fast play ensued. The home forwards got well down, Robson passing over to R. Bell, and the latter headed through. This woke up the visitors, who played for all they were worth, and from a nice centre by Masterman, Gibson sent through, thus making the scores equal. Even play was the order till half-time, when the score stood—

Celtics ....One goal
Lilywhites ....One goal

After a short rest, Herdman set the leather in motion again, when some clever play was seen in midfield. The home team obtaining possession, took the leather up, and Bell shot through, but was ruled off-side and the point disallowed. The Lilywhites took the globe well down, and being awarded a free kick not far from the home goal, rushed the ball through. After the centre kick, the Celtics worked the leather up and fairly rained in shots, but the defence was splendid. Eventually, G. Robson secured and sent in a beauty which the custodian had no earthly chance to stop, thus equalising the scores. Both teams strove hard for the winning point, and some very fast play was witnessed. The Celts secured a free kick, which was placed by Coyle, and P. Bell sent in a stinger, which bounded through off one of the visitors. The Lilywhites tried hard to equalise, but the defence was too good for them, and although they gained a corner it came to nothing. Result—

Celtics ....Three goals
Lilywhites ....Two goals

The Celtic team was as follows:—Goal, T. Thompson; backs, J. Burton and Graham; half-backs, J. Coyle, P. Bell, and T. Cairns; forwards, J. Gardener and T. Robson (capt.), right wing; Wm. Herdman, centre; R. Bell and G. Robson, left wing. Referee, Mr J. Thompson.

Medomsley White Stars v Hobson Wanderers Reserve.—Played at Medomsley before a fair number of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play with the sun and hill in their favour. Wheatley kicked off for the home team, but the Wanderers soon took the ball down the field, only to be repelled by Wilson and W. Walton, the home backs, who gave to Brown on the right, the latter causing the visitors to save by giving a corner. Leathard took the kick, sending across to the left wing, Robinson heading back into the goal-mouth, causing a scrimmage, which was ended by Brown kicking over the bar. The Stars put forth every effort to score, but could not break through the superb defence of the visitors, and were still pressing when half-time was called, the score standing as under—

Wanderers ....Nil
Medomsley ....Nil

On resuming, the visitors, as before, took the leather into the home territory, causing the backs a good deal of trouble; but they were equal to the occasion, and W. Walton, by a well-judged kick, gave to Gillender, who passed to Robinson, the latter forcing a corner, which proved fruitless. The Hobson forwards tried hard to get away, but could scarcely ever get past Jos. Walton and Pearson, who were playing a splendid game at half-back. The visitors had hard lines in not scoring on one occasion, but Wilson relieved and gave to Wheatley, the latter passing to Leathard, who banged the globe through like lightning, giving the goalkeeper no chance. Soon after the same player notched a second point, and the result was—

Medomsley ....Two goals
Wanderers ....Nil

Hobson Wanderers v Bill Quay Albion.—Played on the Hobson ground before a moderate company. The visitors won the toss, and played with the wind and sun at their backs. The Albion were very soon swarming round the home goal, but their shooting was poor, and it was not until after 25 minutes' play that Dunnett, receiving from a throw in, scored the first goal in fine style. The Wanderers then reached the top end, and Maddison missed a good opening. The home forwards took the leather back again, gaining a corner, which McNeil placed well, but the custodian got it safely away. The Albion vanguard now commenced to press, and scored No. 2 with a low, swift shot. The visitors added another before half-time, when the score was—

Albion ....Three goals
Hobson ....Nil

After a short rest, the visitors re-commenced, and the home team were soon at the bottom goal, putting in a few good shots, which were cleared. Even play was now the order, each goalkeeper being called upon to save. After 20 minutes had elapsed, the Albion custodian ran out to save, and missing his kick, the Hobson put through their first goal. From now till the finish the game was very fast and exciting, each goal being visited in turn, but no more scoring took place, and a hard-fought game ended—

Albion ....Three goals
Hobson ....One goal

CONSETT v. LANGLEY PARK ROVERS.

Played at Consett in two "35's." Harkness won the toss, and elected to play with the wind and sun at his men's backs. The opening exchanges were fairly equal, but Rafferty and Foster put in some splendid work on the right, whilst the left wing was also to the fore, A. Eustace putting some good passes over to each. At length the latter player received from the right, and scored amidst cheers. Not long after, M. Eustace added a second point from a corner. The right wing was playing a magnificent game, their passing being quite a treat. Nothing further was scored up to half-time, when the score stood—

Consett ....Two goals
Rovers ....Nil

On resuming, the Rovers played with renewed vigour, and several times came near scoring, but Lamb and his backs saved well. Harkness and M. Eustace got away on the left, and the former, centreing, A. Eustace had no difficulty in scoring a third goal with a good shot. Another break away gave the home team a further lead, Foster just dropping the globe under the bar. Langley Park then rushed up the field, and scored from a bully in front of the home goal. Final result—

Consett ....Four goals
Rovers ....One goal

The following team did duty for Consett:—Goal, G. Lamb; backs, W. Graham and T. Skelton; half-backs, R. Wake, J. Carruthers, and Foster; forwards, P. Rafferty and T. Foster, right wing; A. Eustace, centre; M. Eustace and R. Harkness (capt.), left wing.

LEADGATE EXILES v. TRAFALGAR.

This return match was played on the ground of the Exiles in the presence of a large attendance. Great interest was taken in the encounter, owing to the excellent form previously shown by both clubs. The Exiles' team was the same as defeated the Park the previous week, with the exception of Hughes. The visitors were strongly represented. Trafalgar kicked off against a slight breeze, and the game soon became exceedingly fast. The Exiles did most of the pressing, although some brilliant runs were made by the Newcastle men. Hill scored for the home team after 30 minutes' play, and McGrachan added another soon after. Half-time score—

Exiles ....Two goals
Trafalgar ....Nil

After the interval, the home team still maintained the pressure, but could not break through the defence of the visitors until 10 minutes off time, when Callaghan put on the third point. Trafalgar tried very hard to open their record, but could not beat O'Neil, who was in grand form. A fast and exciting game resulted as follows—

Exiles................................Three goals
Trafalgar ....Nil

The following team represented the Exiles:—Goal, J. O'Neil; backs, J. Haggan and Wm. McGee; half-backs, A. Matthews, T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan (capt.); forwards, J. McGee and J. McMahon, right wing; J. Hill, centre; T. Conroy and H. Callaghan, left wing. Linesman, J. Costello. Referee, Mr T. Kennedy, Leadgate.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. NEWCASTLE UNITED A.

The above teams met at Dipton in a Northern Alliance fixture. The day being fine, a large number of spectators assembled to witness the game, the crowd being estimated at 1,200. Dipton having won the toss, Rowell elected to play towards the entrance goal, with the wind and sun at his men's backs. The start was a most sensational one, for on the visitors kicking off, Harle, one of the home forwards, rushed in, and getting possession he raced away down, eluded the backs, and scored the first goal for the Wanderers amid the deafening cheers of their supporters. From the centre kick, the visitors got well up the field, where Coates dispossessed them. Walker now got the globe, made a grand run down the left, and shot, but the United staved off danger by conceding a corner, which came to nothing. The visitors now got up the field, and scored with a soft low shot which Ellis ought certainly to have stopped. From the centre kick, the Wanderers once more got to the Newcastle end, and had another corner conceded them, from which they had desperately hard lines in not scoring, the ball lying on the goal-line, and not one of the Dipton forwards could get to it to put it through. Give-and-take play ruled for a time, till once more the home forwards got down and secured a corner, which was well placed by Walker, but the visitors saved at the expense of another corner. Walker again took the kick, and put the ball right into the mouth of the goal, hitting the goalkeeper on the head and going through, registering the second goal for Dipton. From now till the interval the home team had all the best of the game, but could not again pierce the defence of the Newcastle men, although on several occasions they came within an ace of scoring, Ryder (the United custodian) playing a sterling game. Half-time arrived with the score—

Dipton ....Two goals
United ....One goal

After a well-earned rest, Evans kicked off for Dipton, who got well up the field, only to be dispossessed by the backs, and United raced away down, Bartlett making the score two goals each. The homesters once more got to the top end and forced another corner, which Walker placed grandly, and Gilliard headed it into the net, giving the Wanderers the lead again. The excitement now became intense, and the visitors strove hard to get on terms, which they succeeded in doing with another soft shot. Encouraged by their success, the United, who were playing a good combined game, soon got another goal, which practically settled the issue of the match. Although the Wanderers worked their way up the field on several occasions, and had two or three corners conceded to them, they could not add to their score. Shortly before the call of time the visitors got down to the low end and scored their fifth goal. From now to the finish play ruled in midfield, and when the referee sounded the whistle a pleasant and well-fought game ended as follows—

United................................Five goals
Dipton ....Three goals

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

RUGBY.

Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Stargate Rovers 2nd.—Played at Stargate, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three tries (nine points) to one try (three points.)

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. STARGATE ROVERS.

Played at Blackfine before a good muster of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and played down the hill with the wind at their backs. The home team kicked off, Dodds returning well to half-way. From the ensuing scrummage, the home backs worked dangerously up near the Stargate lines, a minor only resulting. From the kick out, the visitors, by some neat passing, were soon in the home quarters, where Elliott was called upon to save. Dodds made his mark and placed for goal, the oval falling short. The home backs cleared, and the forwards working their way to the other end, attacked strongly, trying hard but unsuccessfully to score, the defence being kept intact till the whistle sounded for half-time, when the score was—

Blackhill ....Nil
Stargate ....Nil

On resuming, the home team at once began to press, the visitors being compelled to touch down in self-defence. At last the visitors broke away, and were soon in the home lines, where they kept the Blackhill men on the defensive for some time, but try as they would they could not overcome the home defenders, who were always equal to the occasion. The Blackhill forwards broke away to midfield, where Dickinson received and gave to Aitken, who transferred to Robson, and the latter was making tracks for the visitors' line when he was grassed. From the scrummage, Brown received, but was pushed into touch. Aitken received and gave to Brown, who dropped for goal, the ball falling short, and the home forwards rushing up Smailes scored an unimproved try. The home backs kept up the pressure, and Brown gave to Aitken, who passed to Robson, the latter making a good but unsuccessful drop at goal. The home team were still pressing when the whistle went, leaving the result as under—

Blackhill............One try (three points)
Stargate ....Nil

Referee, Mr Jos. Askew.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

THE EXILES HAVE THEIR REVENGE.

The Exiles are going in great form this season, and in my opinion have now a better team than ever they had. The praises of the greatly strengthened Trafalgar club have been sung on all sides, and visitors to the Exiles' ground last Saturday consequently expected seeing a display somewhat out of the common; but I think I may say without exaggeration that the Newcastle men were never really in it, and were thoroughly outplayed at every point. Their exhibition was disappointing in the extreme, and how they have managed to achieve the many brilliant performances credited to them since the season began passes my comprehension. The home team fully avenged their unlucky reverse of three weeks since, and gained the easy victory which their splendid all-round play fully warranted.

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One of the features of the game was the superb goal-keeping of O'Neil, who has rarely been seen to such decided advantage. All manner of shots came alike to him, and it must have been very tantalising to the opposing forwards to see all their well-meant efforts to score frustrated again and again. Both backs were as safe as the proverbial stone wall, Haggan attending most assiduously to Barker, who generally came off second best. The halves were weakened by the absence of their captain (Hughes), who was on the sick list, his place being filled by Matthews. Nevertheless, this only seemed to make McGrachan and Monaghan work the harder, and they always appeared to have the measure of the Trafalgar quintette. The forwards kept up their improved form, and are just now a very dangerous lot. Conroy especially pleased me, and he was about the best forward on the field. Everything he does is characterised by a neatness peculiarly his own.

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As I have intimated above, I was not particularly impressed with the play of the visitors. Their new custodian (Watson) is not a Lowery by any means, and gave away the first goal in very simple style. O'Donnell (the left back) was the best man on the defence, and played a splendid game. He was partnered by the old Hebburn Argyle man (Toward), who, however, only showed up moderately. Roger Patten was far and away the pick of the front rank. Smoult was clever in the centre, but is much too light to ever make a really first-class man in that position. It was very pretty to see him dodging about, but the Exiles' defenders are not the men to stand any nonsense of this kind, and Smoult was very seldom allowed to become dangerous.

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A GRAND GAME AT DIPTON.

It was indeed a very lucky thing for the Dipton Wanderers and their numerous supporters that the former were admitted into the charmed circle of the Northern Alliance, as it has been the means of providing some splendid football at Dipton. The visit of Newcastle United A attracted another big gate, and the game proved one of the most exciting and pleasant encounters that has ever been witnessed on the Wanderers' ground. Although the United won, it may be fairly said that they had none the best of the play. Where the home team was let down was in goal, and had the custodians been changed it was certain that Dipton would have won by a substantial majority. Ellis gave an extremely weak display, and greatly disappointed the home supporters.

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Where the Wanderers were weak, the visitors were strong, and in Ryder they have a custodian of whom they may well be proud. Others deserving of mention are Atteridge, Fitzgerald, Bartlett, and Kodger. The most prominent men on the home side were Rowell, Coates, Harle, Walker, Gilliard, and Turpin, all of whom played splendidly. At the conclusion of the match, a ham-and-coffee supper was held in the U.M.F.C. school-room, a large company being present. The proceeds were in aid of a fund for purchasing a pavilion for the club, of which they stand greatly in need. After supper, a most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being rendered by Rev R. Tuson and Mr T. Rowell, and recitations given by Mrs W. Barrett, and Mr F. Harle. Mr A. E. Hayes presided.

CONSETT STILL UNBEATEN.

Consett maintained their unbeaten record on Saturday, when they defeated Langley Park Rovers somewhat easily. The difference in the style of play of the two teams was very marked, Consett going in for short passing, whilst the visitors, who were a much heavier lot, indulged in the long kick and rush business. On the home side all the players distinguished themselves. The five forwards were in splendid trim, and in Foster the club have secured a really valuable man. The half-backs were always there when required, whilst the backs were also quite safe, their kicking, heading, and tackling being very good. Lamb in goal repelled some good shots, and should supply a long felt want in the club.

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A SURPRISE FOR TANFIELD LEA.

After the good form they have been showing so far this season, it would doubtless be a surprise to Tanfield Lea to find themselves so well beaten at Cornsay, last Saturday, by the Rovers of that place. The winners played a champion game, and deserve great credit for their brilliant victory. McDermott saved some warm shots in goal, while the backs offered a very stout resistance, especially Simpson, whose tackling and kicking were wonderful. M. Raw took J. Aston's place in the centre, and displayed capital form, as did all the forwards. It would have been difficult to improve upon the play of the halves. The Rovers appear to have recovered their old form, and should have a successful season.

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A GOOD VICTORY FOR THE CELTS.

Oakey's Lilywhites visited the Lizzie on Saturday, and as they have been considerably strengthened by the acquisition of some of the best men from South Moor Rovers, a keenly-contested game was expected. Anticipations were fully verified, as the Celtics (who placed their strongest eleven on the field) just managed to pull through by three goals to two. The return is due to be played to-morrow, and judging from last Saturday's play another capital game should be witnessed. The Celts intend to die hard.

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Turning to the players, Thompson did well in goal for the winners, and had no chance with the points scored against him. The backs were worthy of all praise, while the halves did their work in admirable fashion, spoiling the combination of the Oakey's forwards time after time. G. Robson was the most conspicuous of the attack, his dribbling and shooting being excellent. Turnbull saved wonderfully between the posts for the visitors, and was well supported by the backs. The halves were in grand trim, Cunningham being the pick. The forwards are a clever set, and only the strong defence they had to contend against kept them from scoring on several occasions.

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A HARD GAME AT THE HOBSON.

As was generally expected, the clever Bill Quay Albion team proved a trifle too good for the Hobson Wanderers, albeit the latter were only worsted after a stiff struggle. For the home team, the custodian (Keish) stopped some stinging shots, whilst the backs were also in fine form, especially E. Henderson, who tackled well, his partner being rather unsteady. McNeil shone amongst the halves, but the forwards did not combine too well, as the fact of Lown being off caused a complete re-arrangement of the front rank. Maddison (the inside left) played one of his best games, and was unanimously voted the best man on the field.

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The visitors sent word that they would bring a strong team, and they kept their word. The forwards passed and re-passed in a manner which delighted the Hobson spectators, and altogether gave such a display as has seldom been seen on the Wanderers' ground. The goalkeeper was a tower of strength to his side, some of his saves being really grand.

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A RISING JUNIOR TEAM.

The Medomsley White Stars are one of the most promising junior organisations in the county. They have several splendid youngsters in their ranks, and on Saturday they did a meritorious performance by overcoming Hobson Wanderers Reserve. Brown in goal had little to do, but Wilson and Walton played a champion game at back. J. Walton was the pick of the halves, Pearson hardly being up to his usual form. The forwards played a very good game, but their passing still leaves some room for improvement. The visitors, who were much the heavier team, showed very creditable form.

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THE ROVERS' FIRST VICTORY.

The Blackhill Rovers secured their first win of the season last Saturday, when they entertained and beat Stargate Rovers by one try to nil. The game all through was a pretty good one, but I think if the home centre three-quarters had passed out more to their wings, the score would have been larger. Aitken and Brown have a rather bad habit of running to the touch-line, instead of transferring to the wing men, who often have a better chance. Robson had hard lines in not dropping a goal on one occasion from a difficult angle, the oval just falling short. The visitors indulged in some neat passing at times. Their full-back was hardly up to the mark, and appeared rather nervous. The three-quarters did fairly well, whilst the halves played a good game, and outshone the opposing pair. The forwards were the best part of the team, and worked hard all through, screwing the scrummages in grand style, and no doubt saved their side from a heavy defeat.

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For the home team, Elliott played a capital back game, and was streets ahead of his *vis-a-vis*. Robson was about the best of the three-quarters. Brown did well, but seemed to be too anxious to do all the scoring himself, instead of keeping his wings employed. Aitken improved in the second half, but in the initial period he was inclined to run too near touch. Dickinson, considering that it was his first appearance among the three-quarters, played fairly well, his kicking been strong, but he should run more. North Durham 2nd will be the visitors to Blackfine to-morrow, and I hope to see the Rovers give a good exhibition of passing, which I know they can do if they like. Each man must play for the team, and not for himself alone.

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MEMS.

Only one match is down for decision in the first round of the Durham Cup to-morrow—Langley Park Rovers v. Leadgate Park—all the rest of the clubs in this Division having byes.

The Consett club have secured a really capital man in Foster, late of Middlesbrough Strollers.

He partnered Rafferty on the right, and these two make a very strong wing.

The Trafalgar men got out at Ebchester station last Saturday by mistake, and their match with the Exiles was consequently delayed till a quarter to five—an absurdly late hour to start at this time of the year.

The Park have soon recovered from their defeat at the hands of the Exiles, and accounted for the Jarrow Rangers last Saturday, at Jarrow.

The Esh True Blues must be getting pretty well used to defeat by this time, and found Leadgate Park Reserve too much for them last Saturday.

The secretary of the Lizzie Celtics writes to say that they did not play Tanfield Lea last week, as stated in our columns.

All I can say is that the report was forwarded by the Tanfield Lea secretary. It appears that "someone has blundered."

I must again call attention—as I had to do so often last year—to the notice appearing at the head of our football columns.

Some correspondents do not seem to pay the slightest notice to this, and we are often favoured with a lengthy report on Thursdays, with a polite request "that we will publish it in full."

If, after this intimation, correspondents who forward their communications late find the same considerably condensed, they must not blame us.

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A tragedy has been reported from Rawulpindi, where a battery muleteer ran amuck and murdered no less than eight of his fellows of the same battery. The origin of the crime appears to have been a suit in court which was decided against him. The murderer was arrested by the police.

The circumstances of the terrible death of a boy at Ingleton have been reported to the coroner of that district. The victim, a boy of 11 years, named Whitfield, went into the fields on Saturday to gather chestnuts. He appeared to have crossed a field in which a bull was kept, and at night searchers found him doubled up in a copse, whither the bull had thrown him. His clothes were torn to shreds, and many of his bones were broken. He died as soon as he was discovered.

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NEWCASTLE Dep.	6·10	8·5	9·42	11·0	12·15	2·35	4·5	5·20	7·30
Elswick ,,	6·14	8·9	9·46	11·4	12·19	2·29	4·9	5·24	7·34
Scotswood ,,	6·18	8·13	9·50	11·8	12·23	2·43	4·13	5·28	7·38
Swalwell ,,	6·24	8·18	9·55	11·14	12·29	2·49	4·19	5·33	7·44
Rowlands Gill ,,	6·33	8·27	10·4	11·27	12·37	2·57	4·28	5·42	7·53
Lintz Green ,,	6·40	8·34	10·10	11·3[illegible]	12·43	3·3	4·36	5·47	8·0
Ebchester ,,	6·53	8·45	10·21	11·40	12·54	3·14	4·49	5·58	8·13
Shotley Bridge ,,	6·59	8·49	10·26	11·44	12·59	3·18	4·55	6·3	8·19
CONSETT ...Arr.	7·[illegible]	8·55	10·28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6·10	8·25

CONSETT Dep.	7·10	8·58	10·31	...1·12	3·25	......6·11	
Knitsley ,,	7·21	9·9	10·46	...1·23	3·36	......6·22	8·53
Lanchester ,,	7·30	9·18	10·55	...1·32	3·45	......6·31	
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·38	9·25	11·7	...1·40	3·53	......6·40	
Aldin Grange ,,	7·45	9·33	11·11	...1·47	4·0	......6·49	[illegible] 2
DURHAM ...Arr.	7·50	9·38	11·17	...1·52	4·5	......6·55	9·7

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM . Dep.	7·26	9·40	11·50	2·35	5·20	8·15
Aldin Grange ,,	7·32	9·47	11·57	2·41	5·27	8·23
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·40	9·54	12·4	2·48	5·35	8·32
Lanchester ,,	7·50	10·2	12·12	2·58	5·46	8·44
Knitsley ,,	8·0	10·13	12·23	3·8	5·55	8·54
CONSETT ......Arr.	8·11	10·25	12·33	3·18	6·5	9·6

	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
CONSETT ...Dep.	8·13	9·5	10·32	12·40	3·25	5·25	6·10	9·5
Shotley Bridge ,,	8·18	9·10	10·39	12·44	3·30	5·29	6·15	9·10
Ebchester ,,	8·2[illegible]	9·14	10·43	12·48	3·34	5·33	6·19	9·14
Lintz Green ,,	8·30	9·24	10·53	12·57	3·44	5·43	6·29	9·23
Rowlands Gill ,,	8·35	9·29	10·5[illegible]	1·1	3·50	5·47	6·34	9·28
Swalwell ,,	8·42	9·3[illegible]	11·6	1·7	3·57	5·54	6·42	9·35
Scotswood ,,	8·48	9·42	11·1[illegible]	1·13	4·3	5·58	6·48	9·42
Elswick ,,	8·55	9·50	11·1[illegible]	1·20	4·13	6·6	6·55	9·48
NEWCASTLE Arr.	9·0	9·55	11·24	1·25	4·18	6·11	7·0	9·5[illegible]

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE ...	7·[illegible]	7·15	CONSETT ...dep.	8·40	8·20
Elswick	7·34	7·19	Shotley Bridge ...	8·44	8·25
Scotswood	7·38	7·2[illegible]	Ebchester........	8·48	8·29
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Lintz Green........	8·57	8·39
Rowlands Gill........	7·53	7·38	Rowlands Gill........	9·1	8·44
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Swalwell	9·9	8·52
Ebchester	8·13	7·55	Scotswood........	9·14	8·58
Shotley Bridge........	8·19	7·59	Elswick........	9·21	9·5
CONSETT ......arr.	8·25	8·5	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·26	9·10

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

	P M
NEWCASTLE Dep.	10·50
Elswick	10·54
Scotswood........	10·58
Swalwell	11·4
Rowlands Gill........	11·13
Lintz Green	11·19
Ebchester	11·30
Shotley Bridge........	11·34
CONSETT Arr	11·40

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street, Consett, Mr Geo. Ainsworth presiding. The other members present were : Dr A. D. M. Macintyre, Messrs Wm. Aynsley, J. W. Davison, J. Collinson, Geo. T. Hyden, Geo. D. Powell, J. Lowes, J. Daly, the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

ANOTHER HUMBUG: PRIVATE STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

At the outset of the proceedings, the Surveyor intimated that Mr W. Raw, auctioneer, Blackhill, was desirous of waiting upon the Board with reference to an account, the sum amounting to £1 12s 0d, which had been paid by his son during his absence in Australia, for improvements to a portion of Back Ark Street, where Mr Raw had property abutting the same. This gentleman considered this sum ought to be refunded, inasmuch as he had previous to this spent over £15 in making the said portion of the street to the satisfaction of the Board. It was highly necessary that this cost should be incurred, so as to finish the street after the Consett Co-operative Society had completed their portion, so as to allow the same to be taken over by the Board.

The CHAIRMAN said that from what he could gather it was highly necessary that this sum should be spent to make the road passible before the Board could take over the same.

The Surveyor: That is so.

Mr POWELL considered that if Mr Raw had made the street once to the satisfaction of the Board prior to receiving the notice the second time, it was hard that he should have had to pay the sum stated.

Mr AYNSLEY: If Mr Raw can show us a certificate that he did his portion of the street according to notice, then the Board might take a lenient view of the case.

Mr Raw having been called into the room, stated that on the 8th February, 1886, he made his portion of Back Ark Street to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, and now he wished to know why he should have to pay the £1 12s 0d to put the same into repair again after other people had ploughed the same up by passing up and down with their carts while some new buildings were in course of erection.

Mr DAVISON: Were you served with a notice to make the street?

Mr Raw: Yes.

Mr POWELL: Your chief objection raised now is to having had to pay the above sum.

Mr Raw: Yes. I contend that I should not have been called upon to pay this money when I had finished my portion of the street.

The CHAIRMAN: Was the street taken over?

Mr Raw: I have nothing to do with that.

The CHAIRMAN: I beg your pardon. Unless you get the street taken over it still remained a one, and as a proprietor he was held responsible.

Mr Raw said that he was not going to interfere with other people's business, and therefore was not going to come to the Board and say that other people should make their portions of the street. If he had felt disposed he could have blocked up the street.

The CHAIRMAN: We grant you that; but as a public man you ought to have made application for the Board to take over the street.

Mr DALY: That is the custom of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN: There is another thing I will point out to you. According to the Act there must be a majority of the proprietors in favour of the Board taking over the street before such can be done.

Mr Raw (to the Chairman): I may not know as much as you, but I know this, I made the street according to your orders.

Mr COLLINSON: The street was not taken over, and therefore you are still held responsible.

Mr AYNSLEY: Are you certain that you got a written notice to make the street?

Mr Raw: Yes I did.

Mr. AYNSLEY: There is no record in the minutes to that effect.

Mr Raw: I got the notice.

Mr HYDEN: According to the Surveyor's explanation I understand Mr Raw did this work prior to receiving any notice from the Board.

The Surveyor: Mr Raw was served with notice before the Board expended the £1 12s 0d.

Mr Raw: Do you think I was going to expend £12 18s 6d for the making of a street without receiving a notice, when I considered it was quite good enough for what I wanted it for.

Mr DALY: Did you ask the Board to take over the street?

Mr Raw: I would in all probability tell the Surveyor.

The CHAIRMAN: That would not do.

Mr Raw said he was not a man of jealousy, and he had more confidence in the Board and the Surveyor at the time than to think that he would be called upon to pay this sum which he had already done years ago.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that they had taken over streets in part when completed, and they would have taken Mr Raw's portion over if an application had been made. Through not doing so Mr Raw was charged this sum for his negligence.

Mr Raw: If I had been at home at the time you would not have got the money for the work.

The Surveyor: It was essentially necessary that this work should be done.

Mr POWELL said that his interpretation of the Act led him to think that it was not necessary that any written application should be made for the taking over of streets.

The Clerk read section 152 of the Act, in which there was nothing to show that a written application should be made before a street could be taken over.

Dr MACINTYRE: The written application of a majority of the owners must have had some origin.

Mr POWELL: That may be, but it is not necessary that written application should be made.

Dr MACINTYRE said that the only proof they could have that the street was satisfactorily finished was through the posting of the notice notifying that the street would be taken over by the Board. This had not been done in this matter.

Mr POWELL: Is the minutes, &c., not a satisfactory proof.

The Clerk: A notice is always put into the minute-book when new streets are taken over.

After further discussion, the members came to the unanimous conclusion that seeing the street was not taken over by the Board, Mr Raw was held responsible for the maintenance of such portions of the said street that abutted his propery until the same was taken over by the Board, and they therefore could not refund him his money.

FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Was read and adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—

	£ s d	£ s d
Wm. Rippon: Wages	50 8 5	
Wm. Rippon: Bills	1 3 0	
		51 11 5
Wm. Rippon: Salaries		43 10 0
Dr Geo. Renton: Salaries		7 10 0
T. L. Gledstone: Salaries		2 10 0
T. W. Welford: Salaries	21 5 0	
T. W. Welford: Stamping contracts, &c.	2 0 10	
		23 5 10
W. T. Eltringham: Sanitary material, &c.		9 15 0
D. Ormerod: Footpaths		4 10 0
Loan Commissioners: Princip'l	6 13 6	
Loan Commissioners: Interest	0 1 4	
		6 14 10
W. Ramsay: Water rate		1 3 3
Consett Waterworks Co.: Repairs		0 7 0
J. D. Brown: Salary, &c.		21 3 2
J. Atkinson: Repairs to farm		1 19 5
Dobson and Walker: Contract		70 0 0
Messrs Christopher: Contract		100 0 0
J. Allison: Street works		4 16 10

Also the following accounts for sewerage scheme account:—

Solicitor to Public Works Loan Commissioners	3 5 6
T. W. Welford	0 15 6

On the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr DAVISON, the cheques were signed.

THE DEFECTIVE FOOTPATH IN FRONT STREET.

With regard to this footpath, a letter was read from the Shotley Bridge Gas Company approving of the appointment of Mr C. P. Douglas as arbitrator to decide whether the footpath was defective or not. It was also pointed out that Mr Douglas should hear evidence from both sides, and give his decision thereon, which should be final.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr MACINTYRE, this was agreed to, and that Mr COLLINSON and the Surveyor should meet Mr Douglas, along with the Company's representatives, on a date neutrally decided upon.

NEW RATE.

The Finance Committee recommended that a new rate of 1s 3d in the pound be made for the ensuing six months.

On the proposition of Mr POWELL, seconded by Mr COLLINSON, this was agreed to.

BARR HOUSE AVENUE.

It was resolved that the Clerk should advertise for tenders for the making of Barr House Avenue.

THE WATER SUPPLY TO THE TOWN: FILTRATION BEDS REQUIRED.

The following certificate was read from Mr W. F. K. Stock, F.C.S., F.I.C., Public Analyst for the County of Durham:—

Colour and appearance in two-foot tube—Dark peaty brown, almost opaque.

Smell at 100° F.—Peaty.

	Grains per gallon.
Chlorine in chlorides	·7700
Nitrogen in nitrates	·0510
Ammonia	·0070
Albuminoid ammonia	·0112
Total oxygen absorption	·4200
Metallic contamination	None.
Total solid matter dried at 220° F.	9·1000

Microscopical examination—Many moving organisms, including many bacterial forms, decomposing vegetable matter, mineral matter (sand and clay.)

Observations.

I do not consider this water to be a fit and proper water for drinking purposes. Although, after careful experiment, I have come to the conclusion that it is free from sewage matter, yet its appearance is so repulsive, owing to the large amount of suspended impurities, and the character of the microscopical organisms it contains is so objectionable, that filtration is absolutely necessary to render it a good and wholesome drinking water.

W. F. KEATING STOCK.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S OPINION.

Dr Geo. Renton, Medical Officer, in his quarterly report makes the following remarks:—

So many complaints have been made to me (and not without reason) of the condition of the water supplied by the Consett Water Company, that I think it my duty to say that in the condition it is received from the taps it is not fit for human consumption. If it must be used for drinking purposes, it should be first boiled and filtered through animal charcoal. It would be as well if notices to the above effect were circulated amongst the people. In the face of the fact that cholera has appeared in the county, I would suggest that hand-bills similar to those issued last year be again distributed throughout the district.

The Clerk reported that he had gone into the Waterworks Act of 1860, and under clause 47 the Water Company were compelled to supply a pure and wholesome water for the inhabitants of the town.

The CHAIRMAN said at present the company were not supplying a pure and wholesome water, as it was not fit for drinking purposes. That being so, what was to be done? They ought to take some steps and procure for the town a supply of water fit to drink, and meet the wants of the inhabitants. He would suggest that the Clerk be instructed to write the other Sanitary Authorities in the district, asking them to appoint representatives to meet a committee from the Board, to consider what steps should be taken to supply a wholesome pure water for the district.

Mr HYDEN said he would go in for the suggestion, so as to bring pressure to bear upon the Consett Water Co.

Mr POWELL was of opinion that the company ought to be written to, to ascertain if they were prepared to take steps to filter the water, so that the inhabitants might get it pure.

The CHAIRMAN said if they went back 20 years ago, they would find a similar analysis, and at that time it was recommended that the water should be filtered.

The Surveyor said that since he became an official of the Board, 13 years ago, an analysis of the water had been sent to the Board, and it was then pointed out that it would be the best water in the kingdom if it was only filtered.

The CHAIRMAN: I find that in 1880 a sample of water was analysed, and found to be unwholesome and not fit to drink. Now the same thing has again occurred, and the people have a right to a supply of pure water. At present they were carrying water from all the wells in the district, at considerable trouble and inconvenience.

After further discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr HYDEN, seconded by Mr COLLINSON, that the suggestion of the Chairman should be carried out.

The Chairman, along with Dr Macintyre and Mr Hyden, were appointed a committee to act in this matter.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Geo. Renton) reported as under:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Urban Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit to you the vital statistics of your district for the quarter ending September 30th, 1893. In one respect they are remarkable, in that they record the highest birth-rate I have known in your district. The death-rate is also higher than desirable. The quarter has not been very eventful in sanitary matters, being chiefly remarkable from the fact that seven of the various zymotic diseases have exhibited themselves, and that one of these—diarrhœa—has not only been extensively epidemic, but has been the cause of 13 deaths. The infantile mortality was very high, no less than 19 infants under one year old having died, whilst eight deaths under five years old have occurred—thus accounting for more than one-half of the total number of deaths.

Zymotic diseases have appeared in the following forms—viz., scarlet fever, small-pox, diphtheria, croup, erysipelas, enteric fever, and diarrhœa.

Enteric fever—Six cases of a mild character have been reported to me. They have not been confined to any one locality, nor does there seem to have been much connection between them. There has been no death from this cause.

Small-pox—Four cases of small-pox have to be recorded. They were all removed to the Leadgate hospital, where one of them died two days after admission. The last case came under observation on August 20th, so that it is fair to assume that the threatened epidemic has for the time been averted. Every precaution has been taken in carrying out disinfection and other preventive measures. A case supposed to be small-pox was sent from Puddlers' Row, but it turned out to be a disease known as German measures. No harm resulted from the mistake.

Diphtheria—Two cases of this disease and one of membranous croup have been notified to me lately—the two former ending fatally.

Seven cases of *erysipelas* have been notified.

Enteric fever—Whenever we have a dry season, with a low level of ground water, we have enteric fever and diarrhœa prevalent. This season has been no exception to the rule, as 11 cases of the former disease have come to light, and diarrhœa has shewn itself in hundreds of instances. The enteric cases have occurred in various parts of the district, the majority having been noticed in that cluster of streets about Medomsley Road. Diarrhœa, besides being very prevalent, has also been very fatal, 13 children having fallen victims to its ravages.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Consett, Oct. 3rd, 1893.

Vital Statistics.

85 births, representing an annual rate of 40·1 per 1 000—46 males, 39 females

42 deaths, representing an annual rate of 19·8 per 1,000—25 males, 17 females.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet fever	6	0
Small-pox	4	0
Diphtheria and croup	3	2
Erysipelas	7	0
Enteric fever	11	0
Totals, miasmatic form of disease	31	2
Pulmonary consumption	0	6
Bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy	0	4
Tubercular disease other than pulmonary consumption	0	1
Diseases of the heart	0	3
Diseases of the brain and spinal cord	0	2
Disease of the abdominal viscera	0	2
Inquest cases	0	3
Other diseases not named	0	6
Diarrhœa	0	13
Total deaths from all causes	0	42

The report was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month your workmen have been chiefly engaged in finishing the new 18-inch sewer in Raglan Street, and laying the new 9-inch sewer to Buddle Street, as directed by the Board. The sides of the highways in your district have been somewhat neglected lately, owing to the workmen having been engaged for some time past with the foregoing sewerage works, but they are now at liberty to give attention to the different highways, which will be watertabled and dressed up without further delay.

In consequence of several accidents, and numerous complaints about the slippery state of the whinstone crossings, I have had some of the worst taken up, and sound freestone put down, which makes it much safer for horse traffic.

Your district has been frequently and closely inspected, and 25 notices served for the abatement of nuisances, which have been promptly attended to. Quicklime has been distributed for cleansing purposes, and disinfectants used, and all necessary precautions taken for the preservation of the public health.

Gas burnt during the month, 120½ hours.

The following amounts have been paid in to your treasurer:—

General district rate	11 4 6
Wm. Thompson—private street improvements	23 5 10
Mrs E. Ward do.	3 17 0
Mrs E. J. Brown do.	3 17 11
Market tolls	2 13 0
Consett Iron Company — half-cost of cementing in Sherburn Terrace	2 16 2

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. RIPPON.

The report was approved of.

A NEW CROSSING.

A letter was read from Mr Jas. Maxwell, anent a crossing over the road in Medomsley Road, and it was decided to lay one down near to the top of Trafalgar Street.

POSTAL FACILITIES FOR THE TOWN: THE AGITATION FOR A NEW POST OFFICE.

The following report was read:—

The deputation appointed to wait upon Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., to solicit his influence and help in the matter of obtaining a new Post Office in Consett waited upon that gentleman on Thursday, September 14th. Present:—Dr Macintyre [chairman], and Mr J. Daly.

The committee having explained to Mr Atherley-Jones that they waited upon him to solicit his help and influence in securing a new and exclusive Post Office at Consett, and having pointed out the favourable opportunity that existed at present for carrying out the desired improvement whilst the office of Postmaster remained vacant, and further having explained the steps that had already been taken in the matter,

Mr Atherley-Jones, in reply, stated that he would be happy to afford any assistance that lay in his power, and mentioned that he was one of a deputation which waited upon the Postmaster-General, with the ultimately successful object of getting further facilities for the Sunderland Post Office, and described the course of procedure then adopted. He considered that if the matter was pushed forward in real earnest, and not by a simple spasmodic effort, there would be every probability of success, and instanced the cases of Hexham and Falmouth, both of less importance than Consett, where new and exclusive Post Offices had been erected, and recommended that a deputation, consisting of the chairman (Mr W. Jenkins, J.P.), and one or two members of the Local Board, accompanied by Mr David Dale (who would be in London as a member of the Labour Commission), and by two or three local gentlemen of influence, and also some of the neighbouring county Members of Parliament, should wait upon the Postmaster-General, and lay before him a sufficiently strong case to induce him to ask the Treasury for a grant of money for a new Post Office, and also a sufficiently strong case to induce the Treasury to make the grant. Such case should show:—

(1) The present postal facilities. (2) The facilities desired. (3) The probability of securing a site at a reasonable price. (4) Volume of business as done at present. (5) The cost of the proposed site and building. (6) The future development of postal business that might be expected. (7) The distance from the railway, and the particulars of the proposed and present railways. (8) The importance of the place as a centre, and its adaptability as a distributing office for neighbouring districts. (9) The want of privacy in the present or any similar Post Office. (10) The population. (11) Plans of the present, and general design of the asked for accommodation. (12) Any further particulars which tend to show the importance and size of the district.

Mr Atherley-Jones also stated that he believed Mr Bowey, the Town Clerk of Sunderland, would have no objection to give Mr Welford the particulars of the *modus operandi* adopted in the case of Sunderland, and that in the event of the Board's deciding to send a deputation, he (Mr Atherley-Jones) would undertake to make the appointment with the Postmaster-General to receive the deputation, and would secure the attendance of the county members. In the meantime, he would make enquiries as to position and other particulars of the Consett Post Office, and would write to the clerk as to the feasibility of the matter, during which time the clerk should obtain as many of the particulars mentioned as possible. He (Mr Atherley-Jones) also suggested November as being the most suitable time for a deputation to see the Postmaster-General.

The deputation instructed the clerk to communicate with Mr Jenkins, the manager of the Consett Iron and Steel Works, on the matter, and to ask his co-operation and assistance in furthering the object in view.

A. D. M. MACINTYRE, Chairman.

The Clerk explained that since the report was drawn up, he had written to the Postmaster at Durham for the amount of business done at their local Post Office, but that gentleman declined to furnish the same. However, an official from headquarters had visited the town, and made inquiries into the matter. That gentleman informed him that they would not get a Crown office, and they would have to do twenty times the business before such could be entertained, but at the same time the Postal authorities would meet the requirements of the district as far as was necessary. As the Postmaster appointed would have to provide the necessary accommodation, it could not be expected for him to spend a great deal of money in that direction. He would read to them the following important communication:—

Re Postal Facilities for Consett Town.

Consett Iron Works,
Blackhill, October 4th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I have duly received your note on this subject.

I find that I am overdone with work, as I am clearing off several subjects before I leave home, if I can possibly do so, on Friday next, and I am sorry I have not had the pleasure of seeing you, nor can I come to the Board meeting to-night. Perhaps you will explain this to my colleagues.

I have received in your note a copy of the report of the proceedings at the meeting with Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., on this subject. I need not say that any personal help that I am able to give will be readily attended to. It is fortunate that not much more need be done until the first week in November, or even later.

I have already thought of this subject (and many years ago moved in it), and intended to mention it to Mr Dale yesterday, at Newcastle, but there was no time.

The report you have sent me touches upon very many important points in the postal business, which we as residents here feel very necessary to touch upon. But there is one most important point which you have not, I think, mentioned, namely, Post Office Savings Bank, &c., provision should be made in the new building, with ample space for the efficient working of this department. I am of the belief that every active industrial centre, such as Consett is, in the North of England and elsewhere—should have superior accommodation provided for the encouragement of thrift, especially in the case of working men, and I know of no place deserving of greater encouragement than Consett in such a matter.

A new Post Office building for Consett ought to be looked upon as a general centre for say 30,000 people about here in every way, and as it is a population spread over a wide area, Consett is a most useful centre for Post Office Savings Bank business.

As to site, I think it would not be possible to get a better one than that where the present Post Office now stands, but the accommodation in all respects is deplorably short.

I have recently written a short description of the greatly improved features of Consett, and it might perhaps be well to give Mr Atherley-Jones a copy of it to lay before the Postmaster-General, when he and the deputation appear before him, to support their case. Of course it might be given to Mr Atherley-Jones, or anyone else who takes the lead in the appeal to the Postmaster-General, and the whole application should be, as your report states, not a spasmodic one, but a well-grounded appeal in the present case.

The twelve points that you have mentioned are very well thought out, and I hope there will be a strong effort in laying the whole before the Postmaster-General.

The town of Hexham, cited by you in your report, has already some ten or twelve years ago, been given as by a Post Office inspector as being a town with superior claims to that of Consett, and we should strongly resist this plea, and enforce our claims, and maintain the importance of Consett as an industrial centre—the Consett Iron Company alone, as my "Description" states, being contributors of the very large amount mentioned, in weekly wages, and that it is clearly entitled to more commodious postal (Post Office) facilities for the population generally. Consett is not, strictly speaking, a market town, like Hexham, but the daily activity of Consett is fully equal to whatever may prevail at Hexham, and the public of Consett ought to have as much assistance from the Government as Hexham, or any similar place.

I might add that as regards the site for Consett, if there is any special difficulty in this, I might venture to say that the Consett Iron Company would be ready to consider what they might do in selling land for such a site as would became a permanent central place for the general public in the town of Consett, but as stated above, the present site as to convenience generally, cannot be surpassed in its suitability in every way.

Has anything at all been mentioned with regard to some amount of support for a suitable building being given by the public? The Post Office Department is a very flourishing one, and is contributed to by the public so largely in every way, Consett ought to get that help which it deserves in a similar manner to that which I might again refer to by naming Hexham. Perhaps my suggestion with regard to the public support had better be omitted, otherwise it might be taken as a plea by the Post Office that we are rich, and should build a Post Office ourselves, but I totally disagree with the latter.

I enclose herewith a copy of the "Description of Consett" referred to, which might be used in the manner I have described above.

Consett at the present time, in its great progress, in its activity and social position, has certainly a greater claim now than it had some dozen years ago, seeing that twenty-five years have made a very important change in the features of the claims of the population in this neighbourhood for better provision being allotted to us by the General Post Office.

If the town of Falmouth has had special and full assistance from the Government for a Post Office, certainly Consett has fully as great, if not greater, claims for help. It would be well, I think, if you wrote a short letter to Mr Dale to ask his aid, and in his numerous journeys to London he might see some people there, if he could not attend himself, to give aid to the excellent movement which you have now in hand. I will send a copy of this letter and your report sent to me to Mr Dale this evening.—Yours faithfully,

W. JENKINS.

T. W. Welford.

Mr DAVISON: It is very evident that Mr Jenkins is in sympathy with the object.

The CHAIRMAN: What is the next move?

Mr DALY said that the official told him that a separate counter would be set apart for the carrying on of the Savings' Bank.

Mr HYDEN: What about furnishing particulars, and sending them on to Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P.?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr Jones will not do this himself. You will have to appoint a deputation.

Dr MACINTYRE stated that Mr Jones promised to see the Postmaster-General himself in the first instance.

The CHAIRMAN: By whom was this official moved, so as to be sent down from London to make inquiries into this matter?

The Clerk stated that he wrote the Postmaster-General, and the arrival of the official in the town was the outcome.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, I see. Have we had any communication since, as to the purport of the official's report?

The Clerk: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, until such is forthcoming we can't do anything further in the matter at present.

It was eventually agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the committee.

MICKLEY.

THE THEFT FROM A CO-OPERATIVE STORE.—At the Hexham Petty Sessions, on Friday, John Wm. Taylor, a boy about 16 years of age, pleaded guilty to stealing £63 14s 4d from the till of the Mickley Square Branch of the West Wylam and Prudhoe Co-operative Society on Saturday. Mr W Pruddah prosecuted, and Mr Isaac Baty defended. The prisoner was bound over in two sureties of £20 each to come up for sentence when called upon. The money was recovered.

WINLATON.

PRESENTATION.—A presentation, consisting of a silver pocket Communion Service, together with a silver egg cruet, was made on Monday night, in the Church school-room, by the Rev. A. Jones, M.A., rector, on behalf of the parishioners, to the Rev. F. Swales, B.A., curate, who is leaving the parish to take up a curacy in the south-east end of London. The Rector, in a few chosen remarks, wished him God-speed in his new field of labour, and hoped the presents would be of valuable service to him. The Rev. F. Swales feelingly responded. The presents were very much admired by all present.

SOUTH MOOR.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The members of the Primitive Methodist Society at South Moor, intend building a school and chapel at once, as they are greatly in need of a place to worship in, having to hold their meetings at present in a cottage. The land for this building, which is valued at £200, has been generously given to the Primitive Methodist Connexion by the South Moor Colliery Company, and the conveyance deed has been handed over to the Rev Timothy Archer, circuit minister, by Mr James Fairley, colliery manager. There is no block in the way of the erection of a school and chapel, as the connexional rule on this subject has been met. The intention of the society is to build a commodious chapel, as well as a school-room, as soon as they are able, and for this purpose, the front part of the land has been reserved. The ladies of the society and congregation are working energetically, having public teas fortnightly, and sewing meetings weekly, in order to open the building as free from debt as possible.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. NORTH DURHAM 2ND.

This match will be played at Blackfine, when a good game should result. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, Thos. Elliott; three-quarter backs, E. Robson, J. Aitken, A. Dickinson, and R. Stobbs; half-backs, G. Smailes (capt.) and J. Brown; forwards, G. Sayers, J. Anderson, W. Brown, Geo. Aitken, A. Taylor, Geo. Hewitson, J. Grant, and A. McGhee. Kick-off at 3·45 p.m. Referee, Mr Jos. Askew.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. GATESHEAD TOWN.

The Hobson will receive a visit from the above club to morrow. The home team will be chosen from the following:—Keith, W. and E. Henderson, McNeil, Liddle, Smith, Leadbitter, Brown, Bell, Hindhaugh, Maddison, Beck, Lown. Kick-off at 3·30.

LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE v LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.—To be played on the Park ground. The subjoined team will represent the Exiles:—Goal, Toon; backs, Coleman and Rogers; half-backs, Croney, A. Matthews, and Duffy; forwards, Costello, Haggan, Day, McAloon, and Daley.

BLACKHILL ROVERS 2ND v SLEETBURN.—At Sleetburn. The following will do duty for the Rovers:—Full back, H. Murray; three-quarter backs, W. Leybourne, Taylor, J. Carr, and Wm. Smith; half-backs, G. Bell and C. Bellingham; forwards, J. Morgan, D. Aitken, J. Carr, J. Dawson, T. Lumley (capt.), J. Stokoe, E. Gibson, and Bradley.

BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS.—At Shotley Spa. The Temperance team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Parker; backs, G. Middleton and E. S. Dawson; half-backs, E. Parker, J. Brown, and R. Fail; forwards, G. Burton and G. Cunningham, right wing; J. Gibbons, centre; R. Hogg (capt.) and J. Weedy, left wing. Linesman, G. Weedy.

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. RESERVE v BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE 2ND.—At Consett. The Consett team will be:—Goal, A. McDonald; backs, J. Walton and J. Little; half-backs, R. Bradley, G. Overall, and W. Walton; forwards, J. Spencer (capt.) and W. Tilley, right wing; J. Nichol, centre; F. Siddle and T. Wood, left wing. Reserves, T. Sanderson, L. Grainger. The following will represent the Temperance:—Goal, J. Ferguson (capt.); backs, T. Hanover and R. Young; half backs, T. Anderson, Robt. Fail, and J. Hickman; forwards, T. Carradice and J. Cunningham, right wing; W. Dalton, centre; W. Thompson and Wm. Thompson, left wing. Reserves, G. Parker, W. Ryans.

BLACKHILL ROYAL OAKS v CORNSAY ALBIONS.—At Cornsay. The following will represent the Royal Oaks:—Goal, J. Wren; backs, W. Gregory and J. Welsh (capt.); half backs, P. Robson, Jas. Welsh, and H. Collins; forwards, H. Spence and J. Costello, right wing; D. Elliott, centre; J. McVickers and R. Russell, left wing. Reserves, T. Bell and J. Turnbull.

BLACKHILL PARK v BLAYDON ALBION.—At Blackhill. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, H. Hobday; backs, A. Atkinson and T. Robinson; half-backs, J. Butler, A. Whiselaw, and T. Sheldon; forwards, A. Lindsay and R. Evans, right wing; P. Smith, centre; J. Dempsey and H. Tindle, left wing.

LIZZIE CELTICS v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.—At Stanley. The following will be the Celtics' team:—Goal, T. Thompson; backs, J. Graham and J. Burton; half-backs, J. Coyle, P. Bell, and T. Cairns; forwards, J. Gardener, G. Robson, T. Robson (capt.), R. Bell, and W. Herdman.

CONSETT YOUNG HEROES v CONSETT SHAMROCKS.—On the latter's ground. The Heroes' team will be:—Goal, T. Coleman; backs, H. Curtis and J. Nimney; half-backs, J. McLeer, J. Parkinson, and J. Swan; forwards, G. Moore and J. Purvis, right wing; A. Reed, centre; J. Carrol and R. McLeer, left wing.

LEADGATE UNITED v LINTZFORD JUNIORS.—At Lintzford. The United team will be as follows:—Goal, R. Dawson; backs, G. Temple and W. G. Robson; half-backs, W. Turnbull, G. Jopling, and U. Rogers; W. Crowther and W. Robson, right wing; J. Paull, centre; P. Daley and B. McGee, left wing. Kick-off at 4.

WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the Weardale Guardians was held at Stanhope on Friday—Ald. Livingstone, J.P., presiding.

THE RATING OF STANHOPE.

A letter was read from Mr Simey, to the effect that the basis of the rating of Stanhope could not be altered. It appears that it has been rated on the old basis of £42,000.

It was decided to give notice of appeal.

MILK AT THE WORKHOUSE.

The milk question cropped up again. At the last meeting, Mr W. Vickers tendered for supplying the House at 11½d per gallon, delivered. The Board, however, decided to give only 10d, but to give Mr Vickers the preference. Since then, another tender had come in, that of Mr J. Forrest, at 10d.

A letter was read from Mr Vickers, refusing the Board's offer of 10d, but stating he was willing to deliver it at 11d.

The subject was fully discussed, and ultimately it was decided to again invite tenders by next meeting.

HE FORGOT THE WINDOWS.

A letter was laid before the Board from Mr Harrison Bainbridge, respecting his tender for painting the Workhouse. Mr Bainbridge stated that he had unfortunately omitted the windows, and asked the Board to allow for them.

After discussion, it was decided to allow extra for the windows.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

The number of inmates in the House was 36. The number of vagrants was 95, against 24 at the corresponding period of last year.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday—Mr G. R. Wooler in the chair.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the contracts of Mr R. Robinson, at Frosterley, and Mr Deighton, at Westgate, were finished, and that the contract of Mr Wm. Lee, in connection with the Crawleyside supply, was also near completion. The Surveyor reported a case of typhoid fever at Sidehead, near Westgate.

The Surveyor said he had been there, and given instructions as to disinfecting arrangements. He had also given notices to abate nuisances at Wolsingham.

The above case was also reported by the Medical Officer; and the rest of the business was of a routine nature.

LOCAL BOARD,

The usual meeting of the above body was held on Monday evening, in the Board-room, Stanhope.

RESIGNATION OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr William Robinson tendered his resignation as Medical Officer for the Stanhope Local Board district.

TYPHOID FEVER.

The case of a typhoid fever infected house was discussed.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.—An amateur dramatic society is in course of formation at Chester-le-Street. A meeting has been held to inaugurate the scheme, at which a working committee, a secretary (Mr J. Wilkes), a treasurer (Mr E. Beveridge), and a president were appointed. The society hopes to be able to get into good working form, and be able to produce some drama or sketch during the coming winter.

RUPTURES.—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is 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 catalogue with testimonials & Prices to J. WHITE AND CO. (Limited), Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists who often sell you Imitations of our Moc-main. J. White and Co. have no any agents.

BEAMISH CHURCH INSTITUTE, WEST STANLEY.

On Wednesday, despite the rather unfavourable weather, a large number of people turned out to witness the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new institute, which is now in progress of building. It is situated close to the national schools, and that noble building—the new police station. The stone was laid by Mr T. Duncombe Eden, of Beamish Hall, who, with his well-known generosity and goodness of heart, had consented to honour the occasion with his presence. The ceremony began at three o'clock, when a procession was formed from the church, the choir singing hymn number 509, "The Church's one foundation." There were several clergymen present. The vicar (Rev John Crennell) read the prayers and responses. After these were said, another hymn, "O Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills" was sung. A small mallet, and a silver-trowel, with an ivory handle, bearing the following inscription, "Presented to T. Duncombe Eden, Esq., on laying the corner-stone of the Beamish Church Institute, Sept. 27th, 1893" was presented to Mr Duncombe Eden. A bottle, containing some coins, a small piece of parchment, naming the circumstances under which the institute was built, and the names of the building committee, the *Newcastle Daily Journal*, the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, the *Newcastle Daily Leader*, for that date, Sept. 27th, and the *Consett Guardian* for Sept. 22nd, 1893, were then placed in the cavity made for them. The stone was then laid Mr T. Duncombe Eden, who said "In the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this corner-stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. After some prayers had been said, a hymn was sung whilst a collection was being made. The congregation then adjourned to the school-rooms, where a sumptuous repast was provided, each of the seven tables being kindly given by their respective manageresses, viz.—Table 1—Mrs Clark, Beamish Park, and Mrs Postgate, East Stanley; Table 2—Mrs George Ridley, Stanley; Table 3—The bachelor members of the church (managed by Misses Gibson and Shield; Table 4—Mrs Glendinning, Shield Row Farm, and Mrs R. Johnson, Stanley; Table 5—Mrs Butler, Beamish Hall; Table 6—Mrs Hawke, Stanley, and Miss Story, Stanley; Table 7—Mrs W. Bates, Stanley Edge Farm. Great credit is due to these ladies, who so willingly came forward with their substance and labour. About 400 partook of the good things provided. These good ladies had laid in a large stock of all the delicacies of the tea table, and as they still had some left, it was decided to have a coffee supper at 8·30, to which about 170 persons did full justice.

The harvest thanksgiving service was held in the church the same evening. The church was beautifully decorated with offerings of corn, fruit, and flowers. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev Canon Mathwin. The anthem was taken from Psalm, 65, 11th verse., and was "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. On Sunday, the harvest festival services were continued, both in the church, and in the mission room at Oxhill. A flower service was held in the church, at 3 p.m., when a very large number of bouquets were given by the parishioners, the whole being sent to the Royal Infirmary. The preachers were the Revs L. M. Chesters, and J. Crennell, vicar, and the services were crowded, as on former occasions. The proceeds of Wednesday's tea and supper amounted, with subscriptions, to about £40, and the total for the week, including all Sunday's collections, which are also to be given to the institute fund, amounts to £66 12s 1d. It is now hoped that the debt may be cleared off when the time comes for opening the building. The building committee feel that they cannot express too strongly their appreciation of the hearty enthusiasm with which all interested, have entered into the proceedings, and so have contributed to make them a success.

SONGS IN SPRING TIME.—The author of this small volume of poems is no mere rhymster. He is gifted with poetic talent and possesses great descriptive power. Mr John Cameron Grant is, like all true poets, a great lover of nature. We have perused his poems, with pleasure and profit.

The *Law Gazette* for September 30th, contains an excellent portrait of his honour Judge Meynell, and a short sketch of his life.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL—St. Aidan's Church, on the 26th ult., by Rev T. J. Storey, John Henry Wardhaugh, of Shotley Bridge, to Isabella, daughter of John and Isabella Robson, of Blackhill.

27th ult., by Rev T. J. Storey, vicar, Sidney, son of George Swallow, of Gateshead, to Margaret Jane (Maggie), eldest daughter of William Hetherington, of Blackhill. 414m

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 30th ult., William Lowther, second son of Charles Lowther, late of Egermont, to Ann Porteous, of Westwood, fourth daughter of the late Henry Porteous, late of Shotley Bridge. 417m

DEATHS.

CONSETT—3, West Parade, at the residence of her grandmother, 2nd inst., aged 4 years and 9 months, Florence Ethel, youngest daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Dodd, of Goole, formerly of Consett.

LEADGATE.—29th ult., Mary Ann, wife of George Stobbs.

IVESTON—Aged 11 months, John Thomas, son of Joseph and Hannah Wall.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—6, Wood Street, aged 66, John Wood.

BEAMISH—3rd inst., aged 69, Ann Johnson.

HOBSON—2nd inst., Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Jane Watson.

RYTON-ON-TYNE—30th ult., aged 84, John Armstrong.

WEST PELTON—Jubilee Terrace, 30th ult., aged 58, Mary, wife of Wilkinson Lewins.

LANCHESTER—Hollinside Hall, 29th ult., aged 60, Mary Jane, wife of John Ramsey.

PELTON FELL—2nd inst., Titus Usher.

SATLEY—On the 2nd inst., aged 64, Susan, widow of the late Wm. Cragge.

STANHOPE—5th inst., aged 83, Mrs Tinkler, widow of the late George Tinkler.

FROSTERLEY—Harvey Hill House, 28th ult., aged 19 years, William Pears.

In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Margaret, widow of the late Thomas Cant, Medomsley, who died Oct. 7th, 1892.

"A light is from our household gone,
A voice that we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant at our hearth
Which never can be filled."—MARY ANN.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Henry Bates, son of Joseph and Mary Bates, late of White-le-Head, who died at Greencroft, Oct. 6th, 1891, aged 24 years.

"Thou art not forgotten brother dear,
Nor ever wilt thou be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee." 428m

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