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(TO BE CUT OUT.)

SATURDAY, October 9th, 1897.

CLUB.	Goals.		CLUB.	Goals.
CONSETT SWIFTS		v.	BLAYDON	
ALLENDALE		v.	LINTZ ROVERS	
LEADGATE EXILES		v.	RISE CARR RANGERS	
SOUTH BANK		v.	LEADGATE PARK	
JARROW		v.	BIRTLEY	

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The name or names of the successful competitors will be announced in the *Consett Chronicle* every week.

The award of the Editor must be considered final.

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The matches given in our last week's Coupon resulted as follows:—

BIRTLEY	3	ALLENDALE	1
STANLEY	4	ANNFIELD PLAIN	1
PARK	3	CRAGHEAD	0
BLAYDON	2	DIPTON	1
EXILES	2	CONSETT SWIFTS	0

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

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The whole of the above competitors gave the correct scores in three instances, and the correct results in the other two games.

RESULTS.

Leadgate Park ...	3	Craghead ...	0
Leadgate Exiles ...	2	Consett Swifts ...	0
Stanley	4	Annfield Plain ...	1
Stanley A	1	Walker... ...	1
Bearpark United ...	3	Bankhead Albion...	0
Springwell	11	Chester Moor... ...	1
Swalwell... ...	2	Winlaton	1
Usworth	1	Washington ...	1
Blaydon	2	Dipton	1
Crook	7	Howden	2
Birtley	3	Allendale Park ...	1
Shotley Bridge ...	2	Tantobie	0
Wardley... ...	7	Pelton Fell ...	0
Chester-le-Street ...	3	Dunelmians ...	0
Lintz Juniors	2	Stanley True Blues ...	0
Spen Albion	2	Lintzford	2
South Moor Albion ...	16	Sacriston	0
Burnhope Rovers ...	7	Ushaw Moor ...	0
Beamish Celtic... ...	4	Edmondsley ...	0

THE SWIFTS DIE HARD.

The Exiles' enclosure was the scene, on Saturday, of one of the most exciting games ever fought in North-West Durham. The contestants were Consett Swifts and Leadgate Exiles, the match being played in the first round of the Durham Senior Cup. The elevens had not encountered each other for a couple of seasons, and local football authorities were unanimous in stating that the game between the clubs named would be one of the tightest in the West Division. Both elevens had been strictly trained for the event, and many jocular remarks were made by the spectators as to the mode they adopted for exercise. Each club played its strongest eleven, Rafferty, who was not expected to play, taking the field for Consett at the last moment. The spectators trooped up in hundreds, the Consett people being conspicuous by their great numbers. The proceedings resulted in Barney McKie sustaining a compound fracture of his leg just above the ankle, when the game had been 20 minutes old. Great sympathy was felt for the injured lad, and no blame whatever could be attached to McGrachan, with whom he collided. After the game had been stopped for five minutes he was removed to the pavilion, where his leg was well bandaged by Dr. Bowland, who happened to be on the field, assisted by Sergeants Lawson and Nicholson. As is generally the case, the

KICK-OFF WAS DELAYED

half-an-hour, and, when the game started, there would be over 2,000 people present. The wild enthusiasm of the spectators at the beginning of the game is simply indescribable, and, during the first few minutes the majority of the players appeared to lose their heads. The Swifts had the best of the opening stages, but, after the unfortunate accident to McKie, they were obliged to act on the defensive. Their backs were in splendid form, and succeeded in defeating the efforts of the home forwards until ten minutes from the interval, when Haley found the net with a "grounder." This point was greeted with loud applause. Hats and caps were thrown into the air, and it is said that the cheering was heard at Dipton. The success encouraged the Leadgaters, who straight away got down from the centre-kick, and Doyle notched another goal a minute after the ball had been re-started. The second half was not so hotly contested, play being in favour of the home men. Several corners fell to the Exiles, but nothing accrued from the concessions. The Swifts played up pluckily under the circumstances, and succeeded in keeping their goal intact. Their defence offered stubborn resistance to the Exiles' forwards, whilst the front rank cut out some hard work for McGee and Daly.

THE WINNERS.

For the victors, Callaghan was as safe as ever between the sticks, and saved several quick shots in splendid fashion. In the first half, he received a fair amount of work, and on one occasion brought off a magnificent save, picking up the ball from one of the Swifts' toes. Although surrounded by several opponents he threw away, when a goal seemed imminent. He had a difficult shot to stop in the last half, and was generally found near the centre line. He engaged in active discussion with the Swifts' supporters on more than one occasion, and seldom came out of the ordeal defeated. The backs gave a fine exhibition, although their display was somewhat inferior to that of the Swifts. McGee seldom kicked weakly, and did not appear to be affected by the excitement that raged at the beginning of the game. He kicked better than against Shankhouse, whilst his tackling was A 1. There is plenty of life in the old lad yet. Daly was not over exerted during any period of the game, but several times he proved of great value to the home team. His long kicks were a prominent part of his display, whilst his place kicking is worthy of commendation. The halves worked very hard, and it would not be easy to single out the best of the trio. On the right wing, Hill followed up his Shankhouse form with another dashing display. He had two dangerous customers to watch in Eustace and Harkness, but nevertheless, he defeated them on several occasions. His corner kicking was up to the mark, one of his efforts grazing the crossbar and falling into the goalmouth. McGrachan did not appear to play with the energy and dash which usually characterises him. His tackling and kicking were inferior to the style shown by him the week before, whilst he did not use his head to such great effect. Tommy was very sorry at McKie's unfortunate accident, which is the first of the kind which has ever occurred on the Exiles' ground. Monaghan was seldom seen to better advantage, and proved a stumbling block to the Consett right wing. He kicked with great judgment, and fed his forwards with great accuracy, whilst his heading and tackling was greatly appreciated by the spectators.

THE HOME FORWARDS

did not play up to their usual form, being completely at sea during the first ten minutes. Grant was too closely watched by Finnigan to shine, and only gave a few occasional glimpses of his sprinting and shooting abilities. His partner, McGee, was second to no forward on the field, Jimmy being conspicuous by his fine passing and tricky work, and it was owing to lack of energy on the part of the home inside right that he failed to reach the net with one of his deadly shots. Better luck next time. Doyle appeared to have a day out among the forwards. His tricky work again pleased the spectators, and he several times proved one too many for his opponents. The home centre was credited with one of the goals—the second one—which was obtained by rushing the ball through. Doyle kept his wings well together, and had many exciting tussles with Bob Harkness. Haley and Brannen also gave a splendid exhibition, although the latter's display was not equal to that given by him against Shankhouse. Haley passed a shot very well, scoring the first point of the match, and on one occasion, when he came into contact with Rafferty, a spectator remarked that it resembled "Jack and the Giant Killer." The shooting of Brannen was deadly, but Laidler and Rafferty had always their eyes upon him, and he had very few opportunities. The Exiles, on the whole, had the best of the play, and fully deserved their two goals' victory. They meet Rise Carr, in a League fixture, at Leadgate, on Saturday first.

THE SWIFTS

are to be congratulated on their plucky display. To run the Exiles to a couple of goals with only ten men is indeed a brilliant effort. Stokoe was in fine form between the sticks, and stopped several stinging shots in the first half. The weakest spot in last year's team—the goalkeeper—has been strengthened by the inclusion of Stokoe. Finnigan and Laidler are a pair of capital backs. The former is a very clean kicker, and his catching is all that could be desired. Laidler, who appears to be more at home in the back division than the front line, saved his colours on numerous occasions, although he was inclined to put the ball into touch too often. Rafferty was the best of the halves, his tackling and heading being the most conspicuous part of his display. Barney McKie played splendidly up to the time of his accident, whilst Allison often proved a stumbling block to his opposing forwards. The forwards only gave a moderate exhibition, Smith being the pick of the quintette. His tricky play and passing gave great satisfaction to the Consett supporters. During the latter part of the game, he shone to most advantage, and needless to say, his efforts were appreciated by the spectators. Dempsey was a bit "off," as was Joe Turley. The latter has a bad leg, and this would undoubtedly affect his play. Bob Harkness played a sterling game, and had a good partner in little Matty Eustace. This pair gave the Exiles' defence most trouble, and even when Harkness had to fall into the half-back line, Eustace still harrassed the defence. He was again conspicuous by his trickiness, and had some rare tussles with Hill. The gate money amounted to £16. On Saturday the Swifts encounter Blaydon, when I expect them to bag another couple of points.

STANLEY CONQUER THE LIZZIES.

Some 2,000 enthusiasts rallied round the ropes on Saturday, to see the old-time antagonists the "Whites" and the "Lizzies" settle the question as to which of them should go one step forward in the race for the Durham Senior Cup. To tell the truth, there was not much doubt as to which team would emerge victorious from the fray; the only question for puzzling one's brains over being the extent of the Stanley majority; and I may say at once that the actual majority of goals obtained by the Stanley boys was just about as small as the most ardent Elizabethite would have predicted, and far below the expectations of the backers of the wearers of the Red and Whites. There was an unusual abundance of "Lilywhite tanner ties," but the old fever heat excitement which used to prevail whenever the teams met was conspicuously absent. 'Tis no longer a case of Greek v. Greek.

THE GAME

itself is described at length in another column, and I will not weary my readers with a re-hash of "Crossbar's" writings. The conflict was tame, even for a game looked on as a "foregone conclusion." The Celts played a fairly good game, and certainly fought with admirable resolution; whilst the Stanleyites played such a game as to satisfy neither themselves nor their supporters. They won the game, won it too with comparative ease; but certainly did not cover themselves with a halo of glory by their display. Unless there is a mighty alteration, I am persuaded that the Whites will sustain many Alliance defeats. However, I know that "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and for the sake of the Stanley Club, I will express the fervent hope, that the team will favour us shortly by a return to their true form.

PERSONAL NOTES.

With regard to the victorious team, I have already said sufficient to show that the players did did not come up to their proper standard. Some interest was, of course, taken in the play of Bob Potts and "Doctor" Harle, the two most recent recruits to the Club. The former is certainly big enough for a custodian, and, from what is known of his former connection with the Hedley Harriers, he is, I suppose, a very capable custodian. He had, however, very little opportunity of showing his skill, on Saturday, whilst the genial "Doctor," who has been one of the cleverest forwards in the county, and is still reputed to be "as tricky as they make 'em," was plainly out of practice. I am told that Saturday was his first game of the season, and that amply justifies the comparatively poor form he displayed. Martin Joyce had an easy time of it all through the game, and his kicking was more reliable than usual. The gentle Scotchman is a trifle too heavy for the Celtic vanguard. Dover kicked well, but he never does anything else. He is beyond doubt the most reliable player on the team. Tommy Fish gave a sample of his old form. He was never idle, but always at work, tackling like a Trojan, and making himself worth half-a-dozen ordinary men. Sammy Wood was never found lacking; he is developing into a champion centre half. He had some rare tussles with the clever young centre belonging the Celtic, and the honours were fairly evenly distributed between them. Captain Milburn was behind the form shown by his colleagues, and the forward quintette was a very frosty set. Charley Crute was the best by miles. several of his centres being gems of accuracy, but they availed nothing, through the poor display given by the usually dashing Peter O'Connor. Peter was "fairly off the job," and towards the finish, he was nearly useless. Howe worked hard, but was not as lucky as usual, and Masterman did nothing very startling.

THE CELTIC

forwards are a young set, and some of them, quite naturally, exhibited caution when approaching burly Martin Joyce. Bobby Forster showed some very tricky play, and was really responsible for the solitary point obtained by the visitors. "Douse" Whitfield played unselfishly, and worked like a nigger. Storey, the centre lad, is, I believe, a junior. He showed some nice tricky play, and passed with good judgment. Spence and young Billy Bell combined nicely on the left wing, but found Tommy Fish a great stumbling block. Jack Coyle was the pick of the halves, indeed, I considered him about the best man on the field. His feet and head were, alike, most useful to his team, and, but for his efforts, the score would have been much larger. The backs both did well, though McLatchie was less certain than his chum. Lance Coxon did very well indeed between the uprights. On the whole, the Celts have no reason to be ashamed of their defeat. Some of their players, if they stick together, should yet form the backbone of a team well worthy to maintain the honour of Annfield Plain.

BIRTLEY V. ALLENDALE PARK.

When Birtley saw the Allendale Park lads at Birtley, last Saturday, they fully expected to loose the match, and as the Park were confident of victory, the balance of opinion was very admirably maintained. The result, however, stands in contradiction of this view, for the visitors had to acknowledge defeat by three goals to one—and that one a goal more in name than in character. Nevertheless, Birtley cannot say that they had not a fair run for their money. The Park kept the play going, though neither teams were showing very much form. From a spectator's point of view, the game was very poor—tame and unsatisfying. Allendale Park, I hear, are not opening the season very well. One does not like spreading this sort of news broadcast, but I am told they have not yet won a match. Birtley, too, are behind-hand, although they won on Saturday.

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were still short of Rutherford, who had been advised to give himself another week's rest. Collins, for Birtley, was again in grand form, and won the golden opinions of the opposing team and their supporters. On the whole, I think he had more shots to stop than the Allendale goalkeeper; and he did his work with a coolness and precision which is highly creditable. The backs were exceedingly safe. Both teams were somewhat similarly placed in this particular, the Allendale defence being fairly strong. Bell's kicking was safer on Saturday than in the previous fixture. In the half-back line, Bolam of course shone conspicuously. Dixon and Ryle did not play so well as I have seen them play this season, but Bolam was life to the team. The home forward string was undoubtedly of a better quality, on the day's play, than that of Allendale Park. Nelson made a wonderful change. He hails from Hexham, I believe, and appears to be a most desirable acquisition to Birtley. Of the wings, I find it hard to form an opinion as to which displayed the best form, and I incline to the view that they were both equal in excellence. Palmer certainly got through an enormous amount of work, and as he claims the honour of two of the three goals, perhaps a special word of praise is due to him. As to the team as a whole, it was undoubtedly slack at times, and it was also brilliant at times; and it was during these spurts that the match was won.

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appeared rather to play without an object. The defence was very good, and I fancy that it was in the forward line that there was room for improvement. The forward players did not work together as they might have done, though individually they seemed to do their best. Of course, they were playing against good backs and a smart goalkeeper, and it is not fair to find fault with players who have really met their match. But in the case of the Allendale Park forwards, I certainly think they were not in good fighting form, or several of the chances which presented themselves in the course of the game would not have been lost. The half-backs played very well. T. Walton kept both his comrades busy, and the three put in some hard work. Morton Hedley and Matt. Walton, as backs, excited the admiration of all the spectators on the field. Their energy was remarkable. Bailey, in goal, had some hard nuts to crack, and some of them he did not succeed in cracking. The three shots which baffled him were thorough scorchers, and he, at any rate, can hardly be blamed for the result of the match.

CHESTER V. DUNELMIANS.

Chester met the Dunelmians on the Chester ground on Saturday afternoon. The game in the first half was rather tame, though perhaps the home lads had the best of matters in the initial stage. Ritson was the first man to draw blood, and within five or seven minutes from the kick-off, registered the first point for Chester. The home men had one or two good attempts to score, but failed, owing to the capital defensive game played by Walsh. At half-time, the score stood at one goal to nil in favour of Chester. In the second half, things livened up considerably, and both teams during the greater part of the final stage struggled for superiority; but the Durham lads got a bit of a "cough drop" to swallow when goal No. 2 for Chester was banged through by Legge. The third point was not long after, Len. Ragge putting in a nice shot from the left which baffled Smith completely. Play did not continue long after the registering of the third goal, and when time was called, Chester were the victors by 3 goals to nil, thus securing their first victory of the season. On looking round at

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my fancy amongst the home lads were Bewick, Ritson, Crichton, Ragge, and Joe Waggott. Anderson, Daley, and Bruce did not play a "dusty" game, but I must stop, or some knowing coon will suggest that I have been "squared." However, I must find fault with the shooting abilities of the home lads—the forwards, I mean. Several times during the last half, they spoiled good chances by faulty shooting. Amongst the Durham boys, Young played a champion game, and he excited the comment of all the spectators. Not a whit behind was Walsh, the left full back. He and Lodge worked like a couple of niggers, and had the whole team put as much work into their exhibition a different result might have been recorded. But then I am glad to see the Chester lads come out victorious, and trust that it is but paving the way to future successes.

TALL SCORING AT SOUTH MOOR.

South Moor Albion were in a scoring mood on Saturday, and Sacriston Woodside found that out to their sorrow. The teams met at South Moor, in an Edmondsley League fixture, and the Albionites actually defeated their opponents by 16 goals to nil. Up to date, the Albion have played three League fixtures, all of which they have won easily, their present goal record being 25 goals to 1. On this form, they are certain to pull off the League Championship, though Beamish Celtic intend having a voice on the subject. Beamish were victorious by four goals to nil against Edmondsley, and Burnhope Rovers, who are developing into a pretty good team, easily conquered Ushaw Moor by seven goals to nil. Surely these Edmondsley League clubs take the biscuit for tall scoring!

BEAMISH STILL INVINCIBLE.

Beamish Celtic still maintain their unbeaten record, and on Saturday they delighted their supporters, and astonished their foes, by defeating the powerful Edmondsley team by a margin of four goals. The Celts have a good all-round team. Jacky Mason is a splendid goalkeeper, and worthy of a trial in a high-class eleven. The backs both presented a stalwart opposition to the attack of the Edmondsley vanguard, and the halves were quite reliable, though Chapman, who was playing in place of Ben Farrow, requires a few lessons in the art of heading. Laverick and Shield were the pick of the Celtic forwards. Cummings kept goal well for the losers, and the visiting backs both kicked and tackled well. Incidentally, I may mention that not a single goal has yet been scored against Beamish in their League campaign. This is certainly a feather in Jacky Mason's cap.

OUSTON'S FIXTURE.

Ouston beat Hedley Hill on Saturday by ten goals to nil. McGinness, of Hedley Hill, was the best player on the field for the visitors, and may, perhaps, soon be found in the ranks of the Ouston team. The right wing, Tomlinson and Jones, were conspicuous at times with their runs, but were never really dangerous. The backs, Thompson and Tomlinson, saved well on several occasions, and Agar dealt with some difficult shots, though he was too hard put to. Halfpenny received an accident, but I am glad to say he soon recovered. The game was happily void of foul playing. The Ouston team played together as if they were all of one mind, and if they keep up their present form they will take some defeating in the Chester-le-Street League. Thomas Porter, the right wing forward of last season at Ouston, is, we are sorry to state, suspended for two months.

NEW CLUB AT OXHILL.

Some seasons ago, a fairly good football club existed at Oxhill; but it was allowed to fall through. A revival of the football fever has, however, set in recently, and at a meeting held in the cricket pavilion last Thursday evening, it was decided to establish a "South Tanfield Colliery Football Club." The following officials were appointed:—Captain, Mr M. Ledger; vice-captain, Mr Richard Palmer; secretary, Mr James Mumford; treasurer, Mr N. Clark; committee, Messrs. James Kent, Joseph Storey, Joseph Hardy, William Hunter, and J. Henderson. Messrs William Hunter and William Brown are to act as trainers; and from what I know of these gentlemen I feel assured that the players will be kept in good condition.

STANLEY A V. WALKER.

Stanley A took a strong team to Walker, on Saturday, to fulfil their second Combination fixture with the Neptune lads. The homesters were also well prepared for the battle, and a stubborn conflict ensued, the result being a draw of one goal each. On the whole, the homesters had slightly the best of the play, but the strong defence of the Stanleyites proved equal to the occasion. George Morris kept goal in champion style, saving a host of ugly shots. That sterling veteran and evergreen, Emmy Beckwith, played a great game at full back, and Septimus Chisholm was almost equally useful. The halves were also satisfactory, Miley Smith, as usual, being the best of the trio. Joe Gailes played better than he had previously done this season, and Matt. Watson, though very rocky in the first half, subsequently did yeoman service. The forwards were the weakest section of the team, the left wingers—Henderson and Wheatley—being the best of the bunch. Jake Dodds was entirely off colour, and neither Cunningham nor Sutherland covered themselves with glory, albeit Jacky had the distinction of scoring the Stanley goal. Watson, the Walker centre half, was the best player on the field. He headed the goal for his team in champion style, quite outwitting Jake Dodds. I understand that Hebburn Argyle and Jarrow have both been angling for this youth, but hitherto he has not bitten the bait. The result of the game was extremely satisfactory from a Stanley point of view.

SHIELD ROW RUGBYITES

received a visit from Tudhoe United on Saturday, and were beaten after a capital game by a penalty goal and a try (six points) to a try (three points). Hailing from that hotbed of the "rugger" game, Tudhoe, the visitors were expected to make rings round the local lads, and quite a slaughter of the innocents was predicted by those "in the know." However, though far from playing their full strength, the homesters fought pluckily throughout; and certainly achieved credit, if not victory. Cudlip had the honour of drawing blood for the homesters, running in a try very cleverly. Robins, the selected full back, was unable to turn out for the homesters, and Raine was transferred from the scrum to that position. He filled it very efficiently. Thus further vacancies occurred in the front rank, but three capable substitutes were found in Faulkner, the Craghead cricketer and an old Tudhoe Rugbyite, and Nixon and Nevens. The visiting three-quarters exhibited some smart passing, and it was here that their supremacy was conspicuous. The home forwards lacked somewhat in heeling out. The spectators were fairly numerous, and the game is evidently "catching on." On Saturday first, Shield Row tackle Durham West End, on the Durham ground.

SPORTSMEN AND SOCIALS.

Lovers of sport are generally fond of dancing the light fantastic, and now that the winter evenings are so rapidly approaching, we may expect to hear and see the dashing athletes of the cricket and football world enjoying themselves in whirling round and round "in pleasant company." The Stanley cricketers set the ball a-rolling so early as October 28th, when their annual social is to be held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley. Thanks to the generosity of the Stanley Private Assembly, who have kindly granted the use of the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, for December 7th, the footballers of that rising and progressive town will hold their first social of the season on that date. Writing of socials, reminds me of the fact that the Beamish Celtic social comes off next Friday evening. I hope to be present.

ENGLISH CUP QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

The draw for the second round of the above competition was made on Thursday evening last, and some capital games are bound to be fought, on the 16th inst., in the north country in consequence. Middlesbrough ought to go one better than Rendel, even though the Northerners have choice of ground. Jarrow and Hebburn Argyle are both confident of victory, but the former have choice of ground, and that should almost turn the scale in their favour. Tow Law are destined to visit Crook, and they will have to fight hard for success, whilst Leadgate Exiles, though playing on their own pasture, will have to buckle in bravely to conquer. The Greenbacks, however, mean business, and are tryers all the way.

A COMPLAINT AGAINST SPECTATORS.

I have received the following communication relative to the conduct of certain supporters of, the Edmondsley Club at the fixture between that team and Beamish Celtic. I offer no comment on the proceedings, but shall be pleased if the Edmondsley Secretary can offer an explanation—

SIR,—Allow me a small space in your paper columns, concerning last Saturday's game between Beamish Celtic and Edmondsley Strangers. I was present throughout the game, and was thoroughly disgusted with the tricks done and the language used by certain supporters of the Edmondsley team. These gentlemen at times disagreed with the decisions of the Referee, and on such occasions, they not only gave vent to their indignation by curses both loud and deep, but they actually rushed on the field, with the consequence that play had twice to be suspended. I trust that the Edmondsley Committee will prevent a repetition of this conduct.—Yours truly,

SPECTATOR.

Beamish, R.S.O.

DERWENTWATER.

FOOTBALL.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

[1st ROUND.]

LEADGATE EXILES v. CONSETT SWIFTS.

[BY "THE BRADLEY BOY."]

These local elevens met on the Brooms enclosure, on Saturday, to decide who should survive the first round of the Durham Cup. The weather was very fine, and the ground was in splendid condition. This was the first time the teams had encountered each other for two years, the last fixture being played under the auspices of the defunct North-West Durham League. The Consettonians were successful on that occasion, but it must be remembered that it was the Exiles' reserve team which was affiliated to the North-West Durham League. The Swifts have greatly improved since that time, and are now favourites for the Tyneside League championship. On the other hand, the Exiles played very few matches last season, but since the present season commenced, they have not yet tasted defeat. Throughout football circles in this locality, the Swifts were expected to make a bold fight, and this they did. Half an hour before the commencement of the game, the ropes were lined by 2000 spectators, who engaged in active discussion of the prospects of the elevens. The Swifts team included Rafferty, who was expected to be absent; whilst the Exiles played the same eleven as that which defeated Shankhouse the previous Saturday. The Swifts donned the appropriate garments of the field at Consett, and their appearance at Leadgate was the signal for applause. The start was again delayed, owing to the referee turning up a quarter of an hour late. After he had examined the nets, he immediately sounded his whistle, and the players faced each other as follows:—

EXILES.		SWIFTS.
Callaghan	Goal	Stokoe
Daly	Right back	Laidler
McGee	Left back	Finnigan
Hill	Right half	Rafferty
McGrachan	Centre half	B. McKie
Monaghan	Left half	Allison
Grant	Right outside	Turley
McGee	Right inside	Smith
Doyle	Centre	Dempsey
Haley	Left inside	Eustace
Brannen	Left outside	Harkness

Referee, Mr R. Bland, Pelton.
Linesmen, Messrs Grayson and Haggon.

Skipper Callaghan won the toss, and set his opponents into the railway half. Dempsey kicked away amid cries of "Play up the Swifts," intermingled with shouts by the home supporters for their pets. The Swifts' centre drove the leather on to Smith, but the latter failed to reach it in time, and McGee cleared very weakly. Dempsey received, and amidst great excitement broke away down the right, but his advance was soon checked by McGee, who kicked into touch. A foul, the first of the game, was awarded to the Exiles, and Daly placed splendidly. Nothing accrued, and the Consett vanguard, by dint of some fine passing, again troubled McGee and Daly. They repelled the onslaught, but the home front rank were quite at sea owing to the frantic shouts of the spectators. Monaghan momentarily relieved with a high kick, and Doyle tricked Dempsey, but a loud cheer went up as he was dispossessed by McKie. Brannen received the leather on the left, but Rafferty spoiled his effort by kicking into touch. The Swifts again pressed, but the home halves were in fine form, and attack after attack was frustrated. Eustace and Harkness were applauded for fine dribbling, but Hill rushed in, and cleverly dispossessed them, when they seemed to be having their own way. The Swifts were playing with more dash than their opponents, and the home halves had a warm time of it. The game so far had been one of the fastest ever played on the Exiles' ground, the excitement being intense, and every kick being greeted with an outburst of applause. Harkness had to accept defeat by Hill, who shot into the goal in splendid style, Finnigan returning in similar fashion. Play raged near the east touch line, where no less than half-a-dozen times the ball went out of play, each side being in fault. Hill was sprinting down the field, when he was fouled by Eustace. The free kick was taken by the victim, from whom Grant headed in, Laidler returning. The Swifts again assailed the home fortress. Dempsey, especially, being prominent. He, however, over-ran the ball, and Doyle secured, and tricked McKie, but being opposed by Rafferty, sent across to McGee.

LAIDLAW AGAIN CLEARED

in his usual accomplished style, mu [illegible] delight of his supporters. Grant go [illegible] the right, but Allison robbed him, [illegible] sent in a high shot from the centr [illegible] ness received, and Callaghan ra [illegible] him. The home captain picked t [illegible] Bob's toe and threw away, altho [illegible] by Messrs Dempsey, Smith, and [illegible] Exiles' forwards played up bet [illegible] intercepted a pass meant for [illegible] being despatched from the hom [illegible] Peter Smith, in conjunction [illegible] into the home territory, whe [illegible] corner, the ball gliding off [illegible] splendidly placed amongst [illegible] Callaghan jumped up and [illegible] Rafferty, who caught on the [illegible] Midfield play followed for [illegible] thanks to a fine kick by Finn [illegible] again to assume the offens [illegible] mately staved off the attack, and Grant got away along the right touch line. He ran past Allison, but placed the ball too far before him, and Finnigan easily returned. Brief visits were paid to each, and the home forwards, headed by Brannen and Haley, came very near scoring. Finnigan and Laidler offered stubborn resistance, and the attack was finally beaten off. The ball was returned to the centre, where McKie and McGrachan ran to meet it. Both players collided, and McKie was seen to fall. He was quickly surrounded by the players, and after the game had been stopped for five minutes, he was carried into the pavilion, it being found that he had

SUSTAINED A FRACTURED LEG.

Fortunately a cart was coming up from Dipton at the time, and he was speedily conveyed home. McKie, who had the sympathy of all present, appeared very cheerful. Naturally the chances of the Consett lads were somewhat diminished. The Exiles pressed as soon as the ball had been thrown up, but Harkness, who had gone centre half, returned, and Eustace indulged in a single-handed run. Hill forced him to retrace his steps, and Grant, getting down, sent by. Again Eustace stuck to the ball too long, and was dispossessed, and Laidler had to resort to kicking out tactics. After this, excitement lulled somewhat, each side appearing to rest on their oars. The Swifts, with only ten men, worked pluckily, but nevertheless, the home team reached their opponents' citadel, their chance being nullified by a foul. The Exiles' forwards, who were now playing with some of their old dash, again attacked, Laidler having to kick out to save. It was not very long afterwards that a similar attack was made, in which a shot from Haley failed to have the desired effect. Turley, who, throughout the game, had been left in the cold, next got possession, but being badly supported, the chance was lost. Some heavy charging was next indulged in by Daly and Dempsey, but the latter had the worst of the argument. Rafferty twice broke up attacks by Haley and Brannen, and punted into the goalmouth. The ball was returned by Daly, but Eustace got possesion on the left, Hill defeating his efforts in splendid style. A free kick against the Swifts nearly proved detrimental to the Consett lads, as a hot siege was kept up on the charge of Stokoe for several minutes, the melee being ended by Brannen shooting wide. Immediately following the goal-kick, the Swifts dashed away to the Exiles' quarters, but a capital centre by Eustace produced nothing. The home men again got into the Swifts' half, and from a free kick awarded against them, Laidler had to despatch the leather in the direction of the village. The throw-in enabled the home left wing to travel into the Consett domains, and a pass meant for Brannen from the toe of Jimmy McGee, was intercepted by Johnny Rafferty. The Exiles again

FORCED THE PLAY,

and had the best of matters, the defence of Laidler and Finnigan alone saving the visitors from a heavy defeat. Both played in magnificent fashion, and thanks mainly to their efforts, the oval again hovered in the home quarters. Ding-dong play ensued, but the "Greens" soon assumed aggressive tactics, Stokoe having to kick away from Doyle. A single-handed run by Eustace was checked in the bud by McGee, whilst a tricky run on the right by Turley was also spoilt by the same player. Finnigan, with one of his long kicks, placed the home goalmouth in jeopardy, and McGee had to rush across to clear. He was successful in his attempt, and saved what appeared to be the best chance the Swifts had had so far. The Exiles responded with another invasion on the railway goal, but faulty passing enabled Laidler to clear. A determined attack by Dempsey and Turley placed the home goal in danger, but Daly was equal to the pressure, and saved splendidly, following this effort up with a hugh kick. The visitors, notwithstanding that they were playing with ten men, again broke away, but fortune was against them, and the sphere was returned by McGrachan. The home forwards, with Brannen at their head, got clean away, and though tackled by Harkness and Rafferty, succeeded in getting so close in that a goal was expected. The Swifts retaliated, but the forwards appeared to lack combination, and the home halves had very little trouble in repulsing them. Stokoe saved in magnificent fashion from Haley, and Dempsey got across the centre line; but again he was pulled up by Monaghan. Jimmy drove right into the goalmouth, but Joe Finnigan got his cranium in front of the ball, and with a jerk, headed out of play. The spectators were again

ROUSED TO FEVER HEAT

when Dempsey ran clean past the backs. Daly went out to meet him, and succeeded, after a stiff encounter, in getting control of the leather. He sent it on to Grant, who eluded Allison, and shot in, Laidler again clearing. Doyle waltzed round Harkness, and drove in, but Bob had his revenge by dispossessing him in his next attempt, which arrived a couple of minutes later. Jimmy McGee showed that he had lost none of his old valour, by eluding a couple of opponents, and he finished with a high shot. Brannen and Haley paid attention to J. Stokoe, but the latter managed to clear, although the whistle sounded for the Exiles being off-side. From the kick-out, Turley received, but not appreciating the attention conferred upon him by the home defender, sent across to Dempsey. This player was rather slow in grasping the situation, and McGee kicked away, and Brannen spurting along the left, forced Stokoe to save. He threw out, and Finnigan helped the leather up the field with some fine headwork, Monaghan returned, and the home team bombarded the Swifts' citadel. Stokoe proving of great value to the visitors. He saved thrice in quick succession from Doyle, but the ball was ultimately kicked out of play. The Consett lads made another effort to score, but were beaten back, and, by forcing the play, the Exiles gained a big advantage over their opponents. In another assault by the home team, it looked as if they would break through, but the defence proved thoroughly reliable, and the attack was

EVENTUALLY FRUSTRATED.

Monaghan again shot finely, and Haley, receiving in a favourable position beat Stokoe, thus registering the first goal of the match. Hats, caps, &c., were thrown in the air, and the restart was made amid ringing cheers. Dempsey sent on to Turley, but Monaghon returned, and Haley and Brannan eluded the Consett backs. The latter sent to McGee, who shot in, Stokoe catching the ball. He fumbled, and Doyle rushing in, breasted the ball through a minute after the first point had been registered. The Swifts had again to act on the defensive from the centre-kick, and the ball being passed over from the left wing, Grant was in a favourable position for shooting. Being tackled by Laidler he turned round, and drove hard for the net, Stokoe accomplishing a splendid feat in getting rid of the ball. Haley caught the oval as it dropped and grazed the crossbar with a brilliant "header." J. McGee, who throughout the game had played splendidly, next essayed a shot, but Finnigan returned, and Turley got down. The prospects of the visitors were improved by a foul off McGrachan, Dempsey being the victim. Laidler took the kick, but Callaghan saved, and a few seconds later, the referee piped half-time, the scores standing:—

Exiles .... 2 goals.
Swifts .... Nil.

The first half had been hotly contested, but with only ten men opposed to them, the Exiles were expected to make a better show. Doyle re-started the leather, and the Exiles ran straight into the Swifts' goal-mouth, Laidler returning. Turley was next conspicuous for a dashing run, but McGee ultimately checked his advance, and another assault was made on the road goal. Finnigan, however, played finely, and with a hugh kick, the ball travelled into the home half. Midfield work followed for a few minutes, the outside forwards of each side indulging in single-handed runs. These, as usual, came to nothing, but at length Haley, who is always the first to race away, got along the left, and although an appeal was made against him for "hands," he succeeded in reaching the Swifts' goal-mouth. He passed to Brannen, but Rafferty spoiled that player's effort by kicking the ball into touch. The throw-in was the inauguration of another attempt by the home left, but their shooting was wretched, and Laidler gave his side a little advantage with a long kick. The Swifts were, however, repulsed, and Grant just missed at the low end with a swift shot. McGee again shone prominently, Laidler just saving a shot from him. Turley changed the scene of operations to the railway quarters, and, being confronted by McGee, sent along to Dempsey, but the latter was slow in grasping the opportunity, and McGrachan returned to mid-field. Harkness drove back, and the two centre halves engaged in some counter kicking. Eustace was seen to advantage by some tricky play, but Hill ultimately pulled him up. The ball flew into the air, and Allison, who tackled Hill, was accidentally kicked on the elbow. The game was not much delayed, and Rafferty was conspicuous by breaking up an attack by Brannen and Haley. This pair continued to give much trouble to the Consett backs, who were forced to concede a corner. Hill took the kick, and the ball

TOUCHED THE CROSSBAR

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EXILES .... 2 goals
SWIFTS .... Nil

STANLEY v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC.

["BY CROSS-BAR."]

Since the introduction of football into North-West Durham, rivalry between the Whites and the Celts has been of the keenest character. Even in the old days, before the *Chronicle* appeared to give proper publicity to the doings of the clubs, that rivalry was very keen, and many a well-fought game took place between the two organisations then known by the titles of Oakey's Lilywhites and Lizzie Celtic, but now respectively bearing the more respectable names of Stanley and Annfield Plain Celtic. We move rapidly nowadays, but for all that it is somewhat startling to find that of the players who composed the rival teams in the season of 1895-6, not half-a-dozen are at present actively engaged in local football. Bobby Forster and McLatchie are the two Celtic representatives who still cling to the old flag, whilst genial Jack Coyle, who sported the Lilywhite colours in those "sweet days of yore," has donned the Celtic jerseys during the last twelve months. Jimmy Masterman, Geo. Morris, and Sam Wood are the faithful Stanley trio. Where are the other old-time heroes? Many have retired, one, at anyrate—the dauntless "Walloper"—is enjoying a period of what I may term "suspended animation," whilst others have sought and found fresh fields and pastures new. Since the period spoken of, Stanley have advanced into a prominent position of the Northern Alliance—a position that would hardly have been dreamt of three years ago. Professionalism, with all the attendant blessings and disadvantages has been adopted. For good or evil, the die has been cast, and the old days of

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may never more return. The Celts have likewise advanced; and last season they carried off the championship of the Tyneside League; but during the five weeks that have elapsed since the commencement of the present season, the team has fallen away enormously from last season's form. Quite a wholesale desertion set in, and the result thereof has up-to-date been a consistent series of League defeats. The publication in the *Chronicle* of the selected teams at once set the prophets to work, and with one accord they tipped a victory for the Lilywhites; the margin of goals ranging from three to twenty-three. Conversation with the players themselves justified the opinion that the game was a foregone conclusion, the Stanleyites being quite confident of winning handsomely, whilst their opponents admitted that they anticipated "socks." The last occasion on which the teams opposed each other was in the second round of the Durham Senior Cup Competition last season; when the Whites gained a runaway victory by six goals to one.

The teams lined up, on Saturday, in the following order—

STANLEY		ANNFIELD PLAIN
R Potts	Goal	L Coxon
M Joyce	Right back	J McLatchie
W Dover	Left back	Moore
T Fish	Right half	A Coyle
S Wood	Centre half	J Coyle
J Milburn	Left half	J Dawson
C Crute	Right outside	R Forster
Harle	Right inside	G Whitfield
P O'Connor	Centre	Storey
J Howe	Left inside	Spence
J Masterman	Left outside	W Bell

Linesmen: Messrs Bell and McKever.
Referee: Mr J. R. Douglas, Gateshead.

Stanley played their full strength, and when facing their opponents, they certainly shone by comparison, the "Lizzies" including a large proportion of striplings. Morris was away at Walker with the Stanley second-stringers, and the Whites gave a trial between the posts to Bob Potts, who, last season, did good service for Axwell Rovers, and who, some years ago, kept goal for the erstwhile renowned Harriers. "Doctor" Harle, the ex-Dipton and Axwell player, also did service for the Lilywhites. The ground was perfect, the players eager for the fray, and the spectators were 2,000 strong, and wildly enthusiastic. Stanley started down the hill, there being at the time practically no breeze blowing. Shouting was plentiful, both the Whites and the Celts having numerous supporters. Canny little Jimmy McLatchie was the first to shine, getting in a good punt to the home quarters. Storey showed up smartly against Sam Wood, but Dover met him, and returned to Crute, who dodged Moore, but shot wide. "Doctor" Harle who was playing his first game of the season, then showed tricky play, and the first corner fell to the Whites. Nothing resulted. Storey (a clever youth) helped the visitors to advance, but, on passing to Bell, the latter came off second best in an encounter with Martin Joyce. A foul by Coxon gave the Whites a free kick right in the goalmouth, but, though Sammy Wood placed neatly, Moore headed out of peril, and McLatchie landed up the field. "Doctor" Harle gave a foul, and

THE VISITORS GOT AWAY

in consequence. Moore punted out amid sarcastic references to "wasting time." Bobby Forster sprinted gaily along the right, and Dover fouling Storey, Moore took a free kick, and kicked just over the bar. "Doctor" Harle and Crute led the Stanley vanguard to the onslaught, but a ripping shot from O'Connor missed the "bull's-eye." Corner No. 2 fell to the Whites, but Forster secured, and dribbled half the length of the field, amid hearty cheering. "Douse" Whitfield centred neatly, but Spence mulled. The Celts again pressed, thanks to sterling play by Dawson, Spence, and Storey, but a daisy-cutter from Whitfield "didn't come off." "Douse" got the best of Sam Wood after a tough struggle, but the Lilies forced the pace, and O'Connor dodged a trio of opponents, but missed by yards. McLatchie twice cleared smartly, but the Whites meant business, and after some grand passing all over the goal, O'Connor shot through a beauty. Previous to this, Jack Coyle had twice cleared brilliantly. Re-starting, the Whites pressed with a vengeance, and Crute banged in a smart screw shot, which Coxon caught and threw away. O'Connor then forced a corner, but Dawson got the ball away. Some smart play by the visitors' forwards ensued, and through a blunder by Joyce, the visitors got dangerous, but Dover saved in the nick of time. Play became faster, the Whites retaliating strongly. The two Jimmies—Howe and McLatchie—showed up well in a tough "scrum." Another corner followed to the homesters. It came to nothing, but just later Howe sent in a stinger, which Moore kicked away. Howe returned hotly, and Coxon just got the ball away to prevent his being rushed through by Messrs. Howe and Masterman.

STANLEY KEPT THE UPPER HAND.

Dover centred well from a free kick, but Jimmy McLatchie's hairy topping came in useful, and the sphere was rejected. Bobby Forster neatly eluded Milburn and Wood, but Martin Joyce commanded him to stop. Tommy Fish had a red-hot battle with Davidson and Spence; and Samuel Wood coming to the fish's assistance gave the verdict to Stanley. "Doctor" Harle centred splendidly, and Jimmy Masterman headed the second point past Coxon, 27 minutes from the start. The scene was changed, and Bob Forster shot in gaily from the right wing, Tommy Fish stopping its further progress with his head. A grand overheader by Sam Wood again gave the Whites the advantage, but the tricky visiting left-wingers came again, and "Scotty" twice kicked into touch. Bobby Forster again shone in a tussle with the Stanley cricket pro., but Dover succeeded in clearing, and a rattling long shot by Jack Coyle passed wide of the uprights. The Celtic linesman gave a throw-in to his team, but Mr Douglas countermanded, and gave it to the homesters. Stanley forced a corner, which Crute placed beautifully, but Jack Coyle saved his colours by heading over the cross-bar. The ensuing corner produced "nought," to use the eloquent expression of a spectator near the pressbox. Jimmy Howe cleverly dodged his way past Whitfield and Jack Coyle, but McLatchie cleared. Crute got dangerous, but was ruled off-side. Storey and Spence galloped up the field, but Dover met them, and punted out near the pressbox. From

A GRAND PASS

by Howe, Masterman shot in a beauty, which Coxon gracefully cleared; O'Connor being penalised for fouling the custodian at the time. Howe deliberately handed, and the eyes of the referee being on him, a free kick ensued. O'Connor fouled Jack Coyle, and some hissing was indulged in at the occurrence. Stop such shady tactics, Peter! The Stanley greyhound—Jimmy Masterman, sprinted half the length of the field hereabouts, and the Whites were pressing severely when Moore kicked into touch. Jacky Milburn stopped a charge by "Douse" Whitfield, and passed on to Crute, who shot in a beauty, which Coxon cleverly ejected. The visitors' right wingers sped up the wing, and one of them was fouled amid renewed manifestations of disapproval. Moore took the kick, but mulled dreadfully. Potts was called on for the first time, and cleared well. Another foul, this time by Jacky Milburn. Moore placed the ball splendidly, but Potts fisted out from amid a cluster of players. Feeling was running unpleasantly high owing to the frequent fouls, when the interval arrived with the score:—

Stanley .... 2 goals
Annfield Plain .... Nil

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FOOTBALL.

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he first event of the second half was a startling slaught by the Whites. Harle kicked the ball way, Crute centred, and Howe shot in redhot, oxon caught and cleared. Masterman returned, ut the veteran goalkeeper again kicked out of danger. Next came a sensation; Bobby Forster galloped down the right, got past Dover after a stiff fight, and sent in a warm grasscutter. Potts got to the ball, but ere he could clear, Storey was on him, and sent the ball into the net. Well done the Celts. Play started too viciously, and O'Connor was warned by the referee for rough play. The Whites forced the pace with furious energy, and Howe sent in a "warm 'un." Thrice in succession Moore headed away. Masterman got dangerous, but was tackled by McLatchie, the while Moore took a running kick. The ball struck his colleague at full back, and nearly killed poor Mac. Dawson showed up gallantly in the defence, and Coxon saved well from Howe. Masterman got the ball near the corner flag, but young Coyle charged him off the sphere when in the act of shooting. A foul against Andrew Coyle was taken by Dover, who shot just over the bar. Then Howe received from Wood, and banged in a

SWIFT LOW SHOT,

which Moore saved somewhat luckily. Storey raced away, but was outmatched by Milburn and Dover; the Whites thereby again attacking, and securing a penalty from "hands" by McLatchie. Sommy Wood took the kick, and shot into the net. Some redhot scrimmaging ensued from the centre-kick, Howe and Milburn being deservedly applauded for their doggedness. Crute made two splendid centres, but Moore cleared. Joyce returned well, and Howe, dodging a host of foes, tried his luck, but just missed. A moment later, he again experienced hard lines. Bobby Forster created a brief diversion by running past the home halves. He centred splendidly, and the ball being shot in, a goal appeared inevitable, but Potts saved splendidly. Tommy Fish put in some hard work, and helped the homesters to the attack again, and Billy Dover took the liberty to have a lie down. Finding the green grass a cold bed, he soon rose again, and just in time, for Bobby Forster had prepared some work for him. At this point, Jimmy McLatchie took the liberty of grasping Jacky Milburn affectionately by the neck, somewhat to Jacky's anger, though the wee Scotch lad was innocent of fouling. Masterman and Howe made one of their characteristic rushes, cleverly dodging round-about Moore and A. Coyle, but the result of their efforts was nil.

STANLEY STILL PRESSED

sternly, and Masterman hit the top of the crossbar with a fine shot. Moore raised the indignation of the juvenile section of the spectators by kicking into touch, and Jack Coyle came in for a similar ovation a moment later. Launce Coxon saved cleverly, after little "Mac" had missed, and Storey got past the half-way flag, but was pulled up by Martin Joyce. Young Coyle saved his colours by the concession of a corner, but Charley Crute placed the ball beautifully, but Sam Wood shot the fourth Stanley goal—quite a beauty. A tug-of-war between McLatchie and Howe ended in the latter's favour, but Mr Douglas granted a foul favourable to the visitors, being thereby the subject of loud hissing from the kiddies present. The Stanley Committee will have to prohibit youngsters from attending matches, unless they learn to behave themselves. O'Connor was again penalised for fouling Moore, a somewhat doubtful decision. Directly later, Jim Masterman missed a couple of good chances by skying the ball. Masterman retrieved his former blunders by a rattling screw, which was repelled by Moore and McLatchie. Five minutes from time, Jimmy just failed to put through, from a grand pass by Charley Crute. Jacky Milburn almost did the trick with a fine long shot. In the closing minutes of the struggle, the Whites pressed continuously, and the visiting defenders had to fight with desperate energy. Harle almost grazed the upright, and just later, the junior Coyle wisely conceded a corner. A red-hot scrimmage ensued. Coxon fisted out, and half-a-dozen players from both sides headed the ball, keeping it continually dancing up and down. However, it was finally rushed away, and the game ended—

STANLEY .... 4 goals
CELTIC .... 1 goal

BIRTLEY v. ALLENDALE PARK.

[BY "REFEREE."]

Allendale Park journeyed to Birtley, on Saturday, to meet an eleven of the local Club, in the first round of the Durham Senior Cup. The weather was all that could be desired by the most fastidious footballer, neither sun nor wind prevailing to trouble the players. The gate was not so large as had been expected and hoped for. The visitors turned up with a good representative team, and were accompanied by their Secretary (Mr W. G. F. Thompson). The homesters, however, were short of Rutherford, who had been advised to abstain from play for yet another week, and Laws, who had had to go away. The teams appeared on the field in the following order:—

BIRTLEY		ALLENDALE PARK
H Collins	Goal	P Bailey
R Bell	Right back	M Hedley
C Gray	Left back	M Walton
Ryle	Right half	J Bowes
J Bolam	Centre half	T Walton
H Dixon	Left half	R Foster
J Longridge	Outside right	J Walton
C Lawson	Inside right	M Hunter
J Nelson	Centre	Trueman
J Palmer	Inside left	R Gillender
G Brown	Outside left	J Robinson

Referee, Mr Mitchieson, Gateshead.
Linesmen, Messrs W. J. Knox (Birtley) and Gillender (Allendale Park).

Birtley started the ball down the field, and Nelson headed an attack upon the visitors' citadel. T. Walton, the Park centre half, successfully returned, and, an advance being made by Trueman and Gillender, R. Bell had to kick hard to avert danger. Bowes and T. Walton showed considerable skill in penetrating the home ranks, and helped their forward line wonderfully. "Hands" favoured the Park on the Birtley right wing, but nothing came of it. In the home half, "hands" was again given, and the Park forced a corner in the upper territory. From this, Gillender tried desperately to score, but Collins was up to his business, and cleared a warm shot from the player mentioned, at the expense of another corner. From this, Bowes, in an effort to register a point, headed the ball by, and thus ended

A RATHER CLOSE FIGHT.

Upon the kick-off, Palmer tried to force matters, and Nelson was conspicuous, though their efforts were, to a large extent, frustrated by Thompson Walton and Morton Hedley. Pompey Bolam got ahead. A foul in close quarters gave Birtley a good chance, but one of the visitors very cleverly headed the ball out of danger. The play was very even, and it seemed hard to form an opinion as to which side was going to notch the first point. Bailey had to save a very creditable effort by Nelson, and then Trueman was seen sprinting in the contrary direction. The ball got ahead of him, and Collins ran out, and reversed matters. Palmer was frustrated in a run by Foster, who was very watchful. For a foul throw by the visitors, Birtley had another free kick, which helped the ball down to the Park citadel, where, unfortunately for the homesters, the ball was kicked by. Pompey forced the sphere down again from his position at centre half, and

SOME EXCITING WORK

was witnessed. G. Brown and J. Walton had a bang into each other, which was somewhat indicative of the earnestness of their efforts, and Matt. Walton afterwards had to kick hard against the opposing forwards. Gillender had a smart tussel with C. Lawson in endeavouring to get up the field, and had to own to defeat. Lawson and Nelson got down into the visitors' half, where play ruled for a short time. The reverse came, however, and Bell had a run around Gillender. He was successful in getting the troublesome leather out of his vicinity, and down it went again into the Park half. Longridge shot across the goal mouth, but there was no one at hand to do the needful. Thompson Walton carried the ball away, and the sphere was bobbing about a good deal, in a very unsatisfactory manner. A corner went against the homesters, but the leather was sent away out into the field. Thompson Walton was on the look-out, however, and worked it towards the home citadel, which seemed seriously threatened. At length, the

BIRTLEY LADS BROKE AWAY,

and the pressure they created was not relieved until the ball was sent by the visitors' goalpost. Thompson Walton afterwards threw in nicely, in mid-field, and Trueman receiving the leather, passed to Robinson, who, however, was not able to work round to the home goal. A free-kick for a foul afterwards proved very useful to Birtley, but Foster, for the Park, was conspicuous for very neat tackling. Both teams were now playing a very poor game. Matters were dreadfully slow, and it was difficult to imagine what would be the result. After a short time, however, it seemed evident that Birtley were getting the upper hand. The home forwards put in some exceedingly pretty passing, which was of such a description as plainly signified that there was more to follow. Palmer and Brown helped the ball down the field, and Longridge missed rather badly. The Park lads showed an inclination to penetrate the home defence, but Palmer kept them in, and in an effort to score a point, sent the ball wide. The visitors' right wing again showed signs of activity, and Palmer, running again down the wing,

SCORED A BEAUTY

—the first of the game, and that for Birtley. He sent in a shot against which Bailey had no chance, and loud cheers were unmistakable evidence of the approval of the spectators. On the re-start, the visitors romped up the field, and Collins had to wake up. Gillender was working very hard especially. Nelson, however, was fouled, and Bell, taking the kick for Birtley, gave Morton Hedley something upon which to concentrate his attention. The next point of interest was an exceedingly daring shot of Nelson's, which only missed by a yard or so. Just afterwards, the visitors romped up the field, and Collins hurt his leg in some warm play on the left of his goal. Upon resuming his charge in a few minutes, he was loudly cheered. Brown and Palmer afterwards got to work again, and Birtley scored No. 2 from the foot of Palmer, after as pretty a bit of passing among the forwards as I have seen on the Birtley ground this season. It was very smart indeed. Pompey Bolam was warming to his work when the whistle blew for the brief rest, the score standing:—

Birtley .... 2 goals
Allendale Park .... Nil

Upon the resumption of hostilities, Palmer led into the Park half, but Hunter and J. Walton reversed the movement, and R. Bell only just managed to get his foot in in time. Allendale Park continued to force matters, until the ball went by. Then Brown and Palmer started another run, but were stopped by Morton Hedley, who got down the field, and Collins had to save an effort from the visiting forwards. Allendale were certainly having a good deal of the play at this period, and, had their forwards been stronger and more decided, they must have scored. Each goal was visited in turn, the ball getting all over the field. Robinson, the Allendale left outside, secured, and Gillender tried a shot, which, however, went high over the cross-bar. Trueman also was doing well, but Nelson and Bolam looked out for their man. Gillender and Lawson had

A TUSSLE MID-FIELD,

and the visitors wasted a good centre to the front of the home goal. The leather having been kicked out, Collins sent well down, but J. Robinson took matters in hand, and was soon making his way to the Birtley citadel. Bell, however, was an obstacle he could not overcome. Longridge afterwards showed up in some wing play. Again the visitors assumed the aggressive, and the Birtley goal was twice threatened by corner kicks. From the last, a scrimmage resulted, and a free kick was given within six yards of the home citadel, which was destined to fall, for the leather was desperately urged between the posts, Robinson, it is believed, putting on the final touch. It was rather a poor sort of a goal, but it counted, all the same, and

CHEERED UP THE VISITORS.

G. Brown and Palmer put their best foot foremost, and a corner against the Park was the next incident. This was very well placed, but was successfully cleared. Play settled down to a very poor level. Palmer sent in a shot which popped over the cross-bar by a few inches. Bolam distinguished himself, and some fine passing among the home forwards resulted in Nelson scoring the third goal for Birtley. This was really the best bit of work that the spectators had witnessed, in the course of what had been a rather dull game. Play, afterwards, again became slack. Gillender spoiled a good chance by sticking to the ball too long. Ryle then worked in the opposite direction, and Longridge and Lawson tried their luck. Bowes intervened, and Trueman again securing, he endeavoured to get through the home supporters. He did not succeed, and, both sides seeming to drop their interest in the game, there was no further incident, until Mr Mitchieson shortly afterwards blew his whistle. The match accordingly concluded:

BIRTLEY .... Three goals
ALLENDALE PARK ...... One goal

OUSTON v. HEDLEY HILL.

These teams met in the first round of the Durham Cup Qualifying Competition at Ouston, before a large gate. The weather was all that could be desired, and a great amount of interest was centred in the game, as the defeat of Ouston meant a lot to their club owing to their having to fall against Birtley in the second round. However, the home team pleased their committee and supporters by their splendid display, and will now have the pleasure of meeting the Durham Amateur Cup holders at Ouston, on October 23rd, when the local pitmen will do their utmost to hold their own. The teams lined up as follows, Ouston being without their full back, M. Willis, who was substituted by G. Harle:—

OUSTON		HEDLEY HILL
J Elliott	Goal	Agar
W Pouton	Right back	Tomlinson
G Harle	Left back	Thompson
J Smith	Right half	McGuinness
T Quinn	Centre half	Halfpenny
J Hughes	Left half	Kirton
G Minns	Outside right	Tomlinson
J Carr	Inside right	Jones
H Dixon	Centre	Maycock
J Pentland	Inside left	Sanderson
F Clark	Outside left	Hannon

Referee, Mr Hobson, Birtley.

The visitors did not arrive till 3-30 p.m., the time for kicking off, but they did not waste much time in preparing themselves for the fray. Maycock started for the visitors, towards the railway goal, and soon made tracks for the Ouston goal, but Ouston returned, and the forwards got hold, taking the ball into the visitors' territory, where Dixon scored the first goal for the home team within half-a-minute from the start, and amidst a great cheering from their supporters. After the ball had been again started from the centre, Ouston resumed the attack, and, by some splendid passing, Minns again found the net, thus making two goals in a very short time. After this, a little midfield play took place, the visitors seeming to put more life into their work, but the home team were not to be denied, and were again seen bombarding the visitors' goal. Clark, from a beautiful shot from the left, completely beat Agar again, making No. 3 in about five minutes' play. The home team now seemed to slacken off a little, and McGuinness, who was playing a grand game, supported his forwards splendidly. Tomlinson made a good run, but was soon pulled up by the old horse, W. Pouton. Play was again transferred into the visitors' goal, where Carr passed to Dixon. The latter, however, was ruled offside. From the free kick, Quinn returned, Agar having to concede a corner, which was well taken by Carr, but Pentland put it by. Agar took the goal kick, but again had to save his charge, as the ball was returned immediately, when Dixon was given off-side. From the free kick, Hughes took down, and gave to Clark, but off-side was once more the order. The visitors

SEEMED TO GIVE WAY,

and were completely hemmed in. Thompson, at back, worked at his best to save his team, whilst Agar stopped shots out of number. Pentland sent in a grand shot, which just missed, and from the free kick, the visitors were awarded a foul from Quinn, which greatly relieved them. The ball was soon returned, and both Hughes and Dixon shot yards wide. The visitors' left now ran up, and Harle missed his kick. Sanderson took advantage, but Elliott was on the alert, and saved his charge. Ouston again attacked, and Smith put to Minns. A corner was the result, which Carr took, but Dixon put it by. The visitors now took the leather up, but Elliott saved. Pouton returned the ball to the visitors' half, where Carr passed to Clark; but Agar again saved. Clark once more banged in, and Agar sent the sphere through the goal, making No. 4. Starting from the centre, Hedley Hill right wing took up, and McGuinness again called upon Elliott, who, however, was equal to the occasion. Play was again in the visitors' goal, and Dixon was given off-side. The visitors' forwards ran up, but shot by. Elliott took the kick and the home team were again attacking, when Thompson kicked to the corner. From the corner, nothing resulted. Tomlinson and Jones now raced up the field, but were defeated by Pouton. At this stage, Halfpenny collided with Quinn; the former got winded, but happily, he was soon all right again. Halftime found the score—

Ouston .... 4 goals.
Hedley .... Nil.

Upon resuming play, Dixon started, and Tomlinson ran the ball up, but shot by. The visitors now journeyed down. Pentland transferred to Carr, but was ruled offside. From the free-kick, Smith, from nearly the centre of the field, with a well aimed shot, scored No. 5. Maycock started from the centre and put to Jones, when Pouton walked over the ball. Harle was on the look-out and kicked away. McGuinness dispossessed Clark, but Quinn was equal to the occasion, and he sent in a shot which was saved by Agar. A corner resulted. Clark took the kick, which was nicely placed to Pentland, and thence to Minns, who soon found the net for No. 6. Ouston continued to have matters all their own way. The visitors appeared to be properly pumped out, and had it not been for the defence of McGuinness, Thompson, and Tomlinson—especially McGuinness—a much larger score would have resulted. Another corner fell to Clark, when Quinn was there, and with that never-failing head of his, he headed the leather nicely to Minns, to help it into the net again. A foul against Sanderson was awarded to Smith. Pouton took the kick, but Tomlinson returned, and

THE VISITORS ATTACKED.

Pouton saved, and another foul, awarded Smith, when Harle took the kick and "ha[illegible] was given against the visitors, close in[illegible] Pouton placed badly. Give-and-take play resulted until Quinn got possession and ban[illegible] beauty into the net, which Agar had no ea[illegible] chance of stopping. Maycock again st[illegible] from the centre, but was again driven back, Pentland shot, but Tomlinson returned, Clark shot wide. From the goal-kick, [illegible] again bothered Agar, who had to give a c[illegible] which Carr placed badly. The goal-kick soon returned, and Minns banged in. Th[illegible] keeper missed his kick, thus another go[illegible] registered. Pentland immediately after [illegible] another. Clark took another corner, but H[illegible] shot over. Waterhouses now took dow[illegible] Sanderson was ruled offside, and a on[illegible] game ended:—

OUSTON .... Ten goal[illegible]
HEDLEY HILL .... Nil.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. DUNELMIANS.

This match, in connection with the Durham Senior Cup First Round, took place on the Chester ground, on Saturday afternoon, before a fairly large gathering of spectators. Considerable interest was manifested in the fixture, inasmuch as the home supporters were anxious to see the Chester lads make a point out of the encounter. Punctual to time, the referee called upon the teams to line up, when they took the field as follows:—

CHESTER.		DUNELMIANS.
Trotter	Goal	M. Smith
Harle	Right back	Halliday
L. Crichton	Left back	Walsh
J. Bruce	Right half	Roberts
Anderson	Centre half	Barmby
J. Bewick	Left half	Hamilton
Waggott	Right outside	Vaux
Legge	Right inside	Wilson
J. Ritson	Centre	Lodge
J. Daley	Left inside	Adamson
L. Ragge	Left outside	Young

Referee, Mr H. Smith, Gateshead.
Linesmen, Messrs R. Render and S. Veitch.

Chester kicked off uphill, Ritson starting to punch the leather. The home men at once assumed the aggressive, and got well into the visitors' lines. The Dunelmians were penalised close in, and Ritson, securing, put nicely through the posts, amid applause, thus registering the first point of the match for Chester. The visitors were the first to get away upon the re-commencement, and Trotter had to keep on the alert, a close shot being sent in from the left, which just cleared the upright. The homesters returned the visit, and Legge had a try at goal, which, however, proved unsuccessful. The Dunelmians' forwards broke away, and a champion shot was banged in, which Trotter saved finely. A corner was forced by the homesters, and Young tried to get away with the oval, but Bruce pulled him up, hostilities for the time being confined to the half-way line. Eventually, the homesters showed their superiority, and got well into the Durham lines. Len. Ragge then put in a clinking shot, which Smith successfully cleared, but the pressure still continued until Bewick put in another good attempt, his shot going a trifle too high. The Durham lads then came in for a turn, and

HARLE WAS CALLED UPON

to exhibit his prowess as a back. Young made a clinking spurt down the field just later, and when a clear field was in front of him, he was brought up for offside. This was followed up by a return on the part of Chester, and the Durham backs were called upon to defend. Legge then put in a clinking despatch, with which Smith, however, coped successfully. The Dunelmians' forwards managed to get away from the place-kick, and having a hard tussle to get through the Chester halves, Barmby came up and worked like a Trojan, the result being that Trotter was called upon to fist out a very dangerous shot. Some fine play on the part of the visitors was then seen, and Chester missed a good chance when the visiting custodian deserted his charge to follow the game up the field. The homesters made up for the lost opportunity by Daley putting over to Legge, the latter just heading by the post. Chester still kept up the attack, and the defence at this juncture was sustained by Walsh and Halliday, who returned the oval with long kicks, and prevented any further augmentation of the score. Play for a short time then became of a very ordinary description, and when the whistle blew for half-time, the score stood—

Chester .... 1 goal
Dunelmians .... Nil

Upon the resumption, the visitors pressed, but the venue of the play was changed through Chester forcing a corner, out of which Joe Waggot nearly notched another point. The homesters still pressed, and another corner had to be conceded, Joe Waggott again making a good attempt to save. Daley just later put in a shot over the bar. Chester still maintained an aggressive attitude, and once more the Durham lads were forced to concede a corner. Here Anderson spoiled a good try by being in too much of a hurry. The Old Dunelmians then got a run up, and Lodge passed over to Young, but the latter was dispossessed by Joe Waggott, and play was taken to the other end of the field. A stinging shot came in from the left, and Smith saved his charge grandly, amid cheers. The Durham lads now worked hard, and they managed to clear their lines for the time being. Lennie Ragge then secured, and, dodging Lodge, put in a fine shot, which, however, went a trifle wide. Young was the next man to give the game an interesting character, and he raced down the wing in fine style, but was soon pulled up, and from this the homesters secured, getting well into the Durham lines. Here a fierce tussle ensued, and Smith had an anxious time, the ball being headed over the bar. The visitors tried to get away, but the Chester backs were too strong, and Ragge returned to the attack, the leather again being put in close proximity to Smith's charge. Durham were penalised with the homesters close in, but thanks to the efforts of Walsh and Holliday,

DANGER WAS AVERTED.

Chester then got one or two good chances, but failed to obtain any material advantage, owing to their bad shooting powers. Walsh then made a capital save from a shot close in by Ragge, and Chester were penalised immediately after, another close shave at goal being seen. Len followed up with a shot, which skirted the top of the net—truly hard lines. Durham came away in fine style now, and the homesters all but let the visitors into their lines, but Joe Waggott was "one too many." Coming down, Joe passed over to Legge, and the latter shot when in the Durham back line, and secured the second goal for Chester. It was only a few minutes later that Joe Waggott got away, and Len Ragge, receiving, put on the third point for the homesters amid cheers. The Durham lads played up heartily, but failed to get through the Chester backs, and the leather was speedily despatched to the other end, where Ragge had another try for goal, and put in a trifle too wide. Chester came down, and pressed heavily, and Walsh and Halliday had all their work cut out to clear. The referee, just later, blew his whistle for time, the game then ending:—

CHESTER .... 3 goals
DUNELMIANS .... Nil

EDMONDSLEY LEAGUE.

BEAMISH CELTIC v. EDMONDSLEY STRANGERS.

[BY "UNION JACK."]

These teams met on the Beamish ground before a large attendance. The teams were as follows:—

BEAMISH		EDMONDSLEY
Mason	Goal	Cummings
T Shields	Right back	Kirton
G Chapman	Left back	Kindred
Jackson	Right half	Gray
McClarne	Centre half	Black
E Chapman	Left half	Greaves
Dargue	Right outside	Wilson
Wilkinson	Right inside	McClenning
H Shield	Centre	Darwin
Laverick (Capt.)	Left inside	Neasham
Rodham	Left outside	Clennell

Referee, Mr R. Gloyne, Springwell.

The Strangers won the toss, and Shield kicked off with the incline in his favour. Beamish attacked, but a foul off McClarne drove them back. The free kick proved abortive, and thanks to some splendid kicking by George Chapman, the Celtic were enabled to force a corner. Rodham placed magnificently, and Shield, standing in a favourable position, headed through the first point, after ten minutes play. Encouraged by their success, Beamish renewed the attack, hands off Black improving their chances. Tom Shield placed, and his brother just failed to convert. The home eleven hemmed in their opponents, Rodham missing a splendid chance. Wilson made a capital run up the left, but he was forced to retrace his steps in the direction of the low goal. Wilkinson was the next player to try his skill, but his shot went very wide. The goal kick was weakly taken, and Shield, rushing in, notched the second goal for the home team, amid loud cries of "Play up Celtic." The strangers ran up, but Jackson put into touch. Edmondsley pressed, but a foul off Darwin cleared the home goal. The home left ran down, Laverick putting past. From the goal kick, the home team got away, but Kirton kicked well up the field, where a foul off McClarne again placed the home goal in jeopardy. The visitors' forwards were shooting badly, however, and missed a few good chances. Dargue spoiled a fine opportunity by getting off-side, and the strangers again got away, Chapman kicking into touch. Dargue put in a grand centre, and Laverick let drive, the ball striking the inside of the cross-bar and going through, giving Cummings no earthly chance. The Celtic pressed heavily, Laverick missing the goal by inches. The homesters returned to the onslaught, and Laverick scored with a soft shot. From the centre kick, the strangers got up, but weak shooting again spoiled their chances. Kirton and Kindred played a good game, and stopped rush after rush. Darwin then missed [illegible] goal with only the goalkeeper to beat. [illegible] nt in a beauty at the high end, but [illegible] ed at the expense of a corner, the [illegible] k proving fruitless. The whistle [illegible] after, with the score—

[illegible] .... 4 goals
[illegible] .... Nil

[illegible] started by Darwin, and the [illegible] sed, but Clennell shot past. [illegible] and as a result, the home [illegible] pe with a couple of stinging [illegible] d this performance a few [illegible] ugh he had to concede a [illegible] McClarne again fouled an [illegible] eamish goal was seriously [illegible] some tussling, Neasham [illegible] goal kick was sent well up [illegible] ulsed the attack, and Clennell [illegible] not scoring. A foul gave [illegible] Cummings brought off a final save. A corner resulted, but this was easily cleared, and Wright, getting within shooting distance, sent in a terrific shot, which struck the upright. Mason fisted out from the rebound, and saved, amid cries of "Good old Jacky." Greaves was injured, and the game had to be stopped for ten minutes. On the ball being thrown up, Edmondsley rushed down, and Cummings effected the best save of the match by stopping a splendid screw shot. The game continued to be hotly contested, the whistle eventually sounding, with the score—

BEAMISH .... 4 goals
EDMONDSLEY .... Nil

SOUTH MOOR ALBION v. SACRISTON.

This fixture was brought off at South Moor. Sacriston won the toss, and Garnett kicked off against the sun. The Albions went to the goal, and Robson drew first blood for the homesters. At half-time the score stood: Albions, 6 goals; Sacriston, nil. Early in the second half, the Albions scored No. 7, and after this they had matters all their own way, and the final score read: South Moor Albions, 16; Sacriston, nil.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS v. HOBSON WANDERERS JUNIORS.

This match was played at Tanfield Lea, before a good attendance of spectators. The home team won the toss, and elected to defend the entrance goal. Burke kicked-off, and the visitors at once pressed. Bell shooting wide. Gray forced a corner off Christopher, which came to nothing. The home team now wakened up, and Wylam shot by. They continued to press, and Bell fisting out, a penalty kick was given. Wylam took the kick and put through, amid cheers from the home supporters. From the kick-off, the visitors raced away, but were pulled up in fine style by Sanders. Clarkson put in a good shot, and Burnip conceded a corner in saving, but it came to nothing. The homesters still pressed, and Duffey shot over. From the kick-off, the visitors went down the field in a rush, and Gray equalised with a grand shot. Clarkson forced a corner off Bell, which, however, proved abortive, and Batey robbed Gardner when about to shoot. Brown having fouled Mason, Bell took the kick and placed well in, and in attempting to save, Milburn accidentally headed through his own goal. End-to-end play followed, and when the whistle sounded for half-time, the game stood:—

Hobson .... 2 goals
Tanfield Lea .... 1 goal

From the re-start, the visitors at once pressed, and Sanders kicked out to save. A good run by Gray and Bell ended in the former shooting wide. A pass by Wylam was taken possession of by Clarkson, who, with a good shot, equalised the game. Some rough play followed, both teams being to blame. The visitors broke away, and Burnip sent in a hot shot, which Carr fisted over the bar, and, to everyone's surprise, the referee awarded a goal. The game was stopped ten minutes through the award, but Mr Press ruled that the ball had gone through, and gave a goal, making the visitors No. 3. The men again lined up, and amid the cry, "How way, Cæsars!" the home team got away, and Clarkson again equalised by heading through from a nice pass from Frame. With only four minutes to go, both teams played desperately for the winning, Duffey securing the leading point for the home team in the last minute, amid the greatest excitement. The game therefore ended:—

TANFIELD LEA .... 4 goals
HOBSON JUNIORS .... 3 goals

TOW LAW ST. JOSEPH'S v. HOWDEN II.

This game was played at Tow Law, on Saturday. St. Joseph's lost the toss, and had to face the hill. From the kick-off, Howden came away, and threatened danger, but were repulsed by Devine, who gave to the Saints' left wing, and they ran up and had hard lines in not scoring. From the goal kick, Howden came away, but were driven back by Fineran, who gave to the right wing, and, by a bit of good play, McGurk scored. From the kick-off, St. Joseph's took the ball up again, and Morris scored No. 2. After the kick-off, a lot of mid-field play followed, until a grand run by the Saints' left wing resulted in McGurk scoring again. Soon after, the whistle sounded half-time—

St. Joseph's .... 3 goals
Howden .... Nil

With the Saints playing downhill, it seemed just a matter of how many goals they would score, Howden rarely crossing the centre line, and when they did, they found Devine and McMahon always there. Howden were never dangerous during the whole game, and left the Saints victorious by 9 goals to nil.

St. Joseph's team—Goal, E. Donaghy; backs, F. Devine and M. McMahon; half-backs, P. Keogan, J. Fineran, and T. Cushloe; forwards, Morgan, Williams, McGurk, McGough, and Morris. Referee, Mr W. Shaw, Wolsingham.

JOTTINGS.

Jimmy McLatchie, the clever little Scotty who plays for the Celtic, reminds one of a Shetland pony, with his bonny topping of auburn hair.

Jimmy was conversing with "Cross Bar" prior to the commencement of Saturday's great game, and expressed the opinion that next week's *Chronicle* would be well worth a guinea.

Jack Coyle played a great game for the Celtic. Johnny is far off the "sere and yellow" stage.

The Celtic team includes some very promising youths; among the best being Storey, Spence, and Willy Bell.

Peter O'Connor was entirely off it. During the last half-hour of the game, he might easily have been mistaken for a spectator.

Perhaps the severe, almost unduly so, attitude adopted by the referee, had something to do with Peter's display.

Tommy Fish is coming on. He played in quite his old form against the Celtic boys. Keep it up, Tommy.

Billy Dover appeared on the field minus his "tash." Is he thinking of qualifying for the "True Blues?"

A reward of five shillings has been offered for the recovery of the missing article.

Sammy Wood played a bonny hard game, and was the proud kicker of a brace of goals. Well done, Samuel.

Ouston are engaged in a league fixture on Saturday, at Ouston, against Newbottle, when a good game is sure to be witnessed, as the visitors are going strongly.

Quinn, who was reported to be leaving Ouston, has settled again with his old team, and will continue at his old post.

Chester notched their first victory on Saturday, their opponents being the Dunelmians.

The match took place on the Chester ground, which commands a capital view of the historic Lumley Castle.

Ritson was the lad to bang through the first point.

Points two and three for Chester were put on in the second half by Ragge and Legge.

The Chester lads are jubilant over the victory.

"Doctor" Harle scarcely showed his county form, but this was natural, as it was his first appearance this season.

I noticed that Arthur Ford was "spectatoring" on Saturday.

Cannot the Whites persuade Thompson Robson to again don the warpaint.

He would have made several goals difference in Saturday's game.

Some of the juveniles who assemble on the Stanley ground appear ignorant of the fact that whereas "speech is silvern, silence is golden,"

I heard one doughty twelve-year-old command the referee to disappear from the field.

South Tanfield have got a football club at last. Now, like the baby who cried for a certain soap, they are perfectly happy.

Already the teams are in strict training, and some curious modes of training they have adopted.

Take these for example—Matty Ledger swims across the colliery pond thrice each day. Harry Middlemast fishes two hours daily in the same pool, whilst Secretary Mumford debates with deputy-captain Palmer one hour each evening.

The match between Consett Swifts and Leadgate Exiles was very hotly contested, the Exiles winning by a couple of goals.

The game had been in duration a quarter of an hour, when Barney McKie collided with Tommy McGrachan, and had to be carried off the field, it being found that his leg was broken.

The goals were registered within a couple of minutes of each other.

Stoker played a splendid game in goal during the first half.

Laidlaw, Finnigan, and Rafferty are equal to any trio of defenders in the district.

Is there any truth in the rumour that the former has been approached by several Alliance clubs?

Jimmy McGee is showing some of his old form this season. At billiards he has very few equals in this locality.

Cheesmond, the Exiles' latest capture, has decided to retire from active service. The Exiles can ill afford to lose such a *splendid* player.

One of our local football secretaries bids fair to become a great musican. His vocal powers have been called into use on several occasions.

J Haggan, the Exiles linesman, exercised his authority several times on Saturday.

The "Bradley Boy" defeated Mr E Batey, the genial secretary of the Exiles, at billiards after the big match at Leadgate, the latter only obtaining eighteen points. How are the mighty fallen.

Taking into consideration the match between Leadgate Exiles and Consett Swifts was a local one, the number of fouls were very small.

There was a dozen free kicks given during the whole of the game.

Consett Swifts are going strongly for the Tyneside League championship.

Stanley are hopeful of snatching two points on Saturday at the expense of the seasiders.

South Shields A. defeated Leadgate Park Reserve by four goals on Saturday. This looks healthy for Stanley A. Commodore Stacey will have to get his pets into trim.

Hebburn Argyle got a hot facer in their first Alliance encounter.

Birtley on Saturday defeated Allendale Park, who had intended to win.

The game was not a very interesting one, the standard of play not being very high.

Palmer, for Birtley, proved himself exceedingly useful with his two goals.

Allendale Park have a pair of splendid backs in Morton Hedley and Matt Walton.

Birtley forwards were superior to the Park forwards in style and combination.

"Pompey" Bolam showed a lot of his old fighting spirit on the Birtley ground on Saturday.

Allendale Park took a fair number of supporters with them to Birtley.

If some of the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company could have heard the comments of the Allendale Parkites on the train service from Birtley to Consett, they would have turned pale.

The game was over at 5 o'clock, and the next train home was at 8-12. This was crowded, and many were left behind for the next, in which, also, there was "standing room only."

The team enjoyed tea with the homesters, at the Rechabites' Hall, the spread being capitally served from Mr Innes's popular house—the Red Lion Hotel—which is the Birtley Cricket Club's headquarters.

Mrs Innes provided for the large company upon very short notice, but every one was perfectly satisfied.

Birtley journey to Jarrow on Saturday first, to meet the local game. The matches between these two clubs are always worth witnessing.

Stanley Wednesday polished off Chester-le-Street Wednesday Reserve by three goals to one.

Jack Paxton scored twice for the winners; and Joe Ritson was responsible for the third point. It was a bonny goal.

The losers relied on the kick and rush tactics, but these did not pay against the splendid combination of the Stanley stalwarts.

Bobby Lewis and Joe Ritson once "rushed" the Chester custodian. Poor fellow, he had no chance against such heavyweights.

George Clough has recently defeated "Cross Bar" at billiards, and thus earned the title of champion of Stanley.

He has not been allowed to rest long on his laurels, for already Captain Benfold is in the field with a challange to box, run, jump, play cricket, football (Rugby and Association), quoits, or billiards, with him.

Uneasy lies the head that wears the championship crown.

Tommy Wheatley is the smallest forward in the Stanley A Ranks; but he makes up for lack of weight by extra smartness.

He and Bob Henderson make a clever left wing.

Several more of the old Athletic players have signed on for the Whites.

Quite a thrill of terror went through the hearts of the Stanley committeemen last Saturday at the rumour that Tom Sullivan had promised to assist the Celts. They only recovered when the genial "Tom" himself contradicted the story.

The Celts include quite a host of youngsters in their ranks.

FIXTURES.

SOUTH MOOR JUNIORS v. HEDLEY HILL.—South Moor will be represented by—Cook, goal; Cummings and Proudlock, backs; Clark, Brown, and Rainbow, half-backs; Hodder, Rutherford, Purdy, Brown, and Purvis, forwards. The Club have vacant dates, in regard to which application should be made to J. Cole, 96, Poplar Street, South Moor.

SOUTH MOOR ALBION v. BURNHOPE.—At Burnhope, on Saturday, in an Edmondsley League fixture. The visiting team will be selected from—Walker, Beckett, Pearson, Handy, Morton, Savage, Pyke, Bateman, Smailes, Robson, Garnett, Renfrey, Fletcher, and Waggott.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. HEXHAM.—These teams meet at Annfield Plain on Saturday, to decide a Tyneside League fixture. The Celtic team will be chosen from—L Coxon, A Moore, J McLatchie, J Coyle, A Coyle, J Dawson, M Walker, R Foster, G Whitfield, E Storey, W J Spence, W Bell, T McNeil and W Herdman.—Kick-off at 3-30 p.m. Referee, R. T. Warburton, Heaton.

STANLEY v. SOUTH SHIELDS.—In the return Northern Alliance fixture between these teams, which is to be played on Oakey's oval, on Saturday first, the homesters will be represented by the following team:—Goal, R Potts; backs, M Joyce and W Dover; half-backs, T Fish, S Wood, and J Milburn; forwards, C Crute, A Ford, P O'Connor, J Howe, and J Masterman. Reserve, McKever. Kick-off at 3 p.m. Referee, Mr J. Wardroper.

STANLEY A. v. SOUTH SHIELDS A.—The return Northern Combination fixture between these teams will be decided at Shields, on Saturday, when the visitors will rely upon the following team to carry their colours to victory:—Goal, G Morris; backs, E Beckwith and S Chisholm; half-backs, W Atkinson, M Smith, and R Cunningham; forwards, J Dodds, W Sutherland, W Gibson, T Wheatley, and R Henderson. Reserve, J Cunningham.

LEADGATE EXILES v. RISE CARR RANGERS.—At Leadgate. Exiles team chosen from:—Callaghan, Daly, McGee, Haggan, Hill, McGrachan, Monaghan, Grant, McGee, Doyle, Haley, and Brannen.

ALLENDALE PARK RESERVES v. RUTHERFORD COLLEGE CASUALS.—At Medomsley. 3-45. Team chosen from Downie, Young, Glendinning, Maud, L. Wilkinson, Calvert, Morris, Walton, Nattrass, Seettrey, Milligan, and Thompson.

ALLENDALE PARK v. LINTZ ROVERS.—At Medomsley. Kick off at 3-15. The following will represent the home team:—Goal: T Bailey, or A Dale; backs: M Hedley and M Walton; halves: Forster, Landells, M Hunter, or T Walton; forwards: Jos. Walton, J Foreman, J Bowes, T Houston, R Gillender, or J Robinson. Referee, Mr J Carruthers (Consett).

ALLENDALE PARK (1st team) want matches for October 23rd and December 4th, home or away. For terms apply to W G F Thompson, Medomsley, County Durham.

ALLENDALE PARK RESERVE want fixtures with local reserve or minor teams. Apply W G F Thompson, Medomsley, County Durham.

LEADGATE PARK v. SOUTH BANK (Northern League).—At South Bank. The Park team will be—J Crowther, F M Foreman, W Bell, Cartmell, R Wilson, Snowdon, M Willis, G Milburn, S Thompson, J Wilson, G Forster.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS (Derwent Valley League).—To be played at Leadgate. The following will represent the Park—J Calvert, W Walton, A Aitken, T Calvert, G Temple, R Dawson, W G Robson, W Turnbull, J Paull, A N Other, J Birtley. Referee, Mr W Hogarth. Kick-off at 3.

Tow Law St. Joseph's 1st have a few dates vacant, and would like them filled up with good teams. Tow Law St. Joseph's 2nd have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with good junior teams or good reserve teams.—Edward Donaghy, High Street, Tow Law, secretary.

PELTON VILLAGE v. DURHAM ELVET WANDERERS (Rugby).—To be played on the Ouston Cricket Ground, on Saturday first. The following will comprise the home team:—Full back, T Llewellyn; three-quarter backs, R Kerberson, T Ash, G Blair, and W Faulkner; half-backs, M Campbell and S Evans; forwards, D Miller, F Harroby, J Hadden, T Hadden, F Barton, W Harris, R Todd, and J Hartlings. Touch judge, W Barton. Kick-off at 3-15.

PELTON FELL v. WATERHOUSES.—These teams meet under the auspices of the Chester-le-Street and District League, on the Pelton Fell Ground, on Saturday. Kick-off at 3-15.

BIRTLEY v. JARROW.—On Saturday first, these teams meet at Jarrow, in a Northern Alliance fixture. The following will do duty for Birtley—H Collins, R Bell, C Gray, H Dixon, R Rutherford, C Laws, G Rogerson, C. Lawson, J Nelson, J Palmer, and G Brown. Reserve, G Ryle; linesman, Mr W Knox; referee, Mr Douglas.

DIPTON ST. JOHN'S v. HOBSON JUNIORS.—The St. John's meet Hobson Juniors on Saturday first, in a Burnopfield League match, at Hobson. Dipton team will be chosen from the following—J Lishman, F Robson, W Cox, H Press, G Brown, G Watchman, J W Hogg, G Thompson, D Waggott, Noble, A Wilkinson, W Walker, R Daglish, and Armstrong.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v. STOCKTON.—The Valley eleven journey to Stockton, on Saturday, when they will be represented by the following:—T. D. Dales (captain), J. E. Thorpe, and J. E. Parker, backs; H. G. Young, J. M. Nicholson, and G. G. Robson, halves; H. H. Wattsford, J. O. Todd, R. Renton, A. V. Stanley-Wells, and C. T. Foreman, forwards. Bully-off at 3-15.

DERWENT VALLEY v. DURHAM CITY.—The season opened on the Slonks enclosure at Shotley Bridge with an encounter between the above clubs. There was a fair company of people present, and the ground was in good condition. A fast game resulted, the visitors playing remarkably well for a newly-formed club. At half-time, Derwent Valley were leading by 2 goals to 1, the citizens scoring with a ripping shot. On crossing over, the home team showed their superiority, however, by putting on other three points, thus winning by 5 goals to 1. Todd and Renton both scored twice for Derwent Valley.

CRICKET.

SOUTH TANFIELD CRICKET CLUB.

During the past season, South Tanfield have played 18 matches, eight of which have been won, eight lost, whilst the two matches with Burnhope ended in ties. Jack Middlemast easily heads the batting averages with 13·23 per innings. His aggregate of 266 is higher than that of any two batsmen amongst the remainder of the team. Harry Middlemast wins the bowling prize, with the brilliant record of 104 wickets for 3·22 runs per wicket, Raine coming next on the list with 63 wickets for 335 runs, exactly the number scored off Middlemast. To capture over 100 wickets in 18 matches is indeed a magnificent performance, and South Tanfield have good reason to be proud of their pet bowler. As will be observed from a glance at the appended table, the batting strength of the team has not been so good as might be desired. The details are as follows—

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inn.	Most in Inn.	Times not out	Runs.	Aver.
J Middlemast	21	35	1	266	13·33
H Middlemast	20	40	—	123	6·15
G Collin	17	23	2	99	6·6
W Raine (capt)	20	18	2	106	5·88
M Ledger	21	29	1	100	5·0
R Palmer	18	16a	4	65	4·78
J Siddle	18	13	3	66	4·44
R Henderson	14	15	2	49	4·08
R Coates	14	18	—	57	4·07
W Hunter	9	15a	2	24	3·42
J Ledger	11	5	1	20	2·0
J Mumford	1	2a	1	2	2·0
W Wilson	5	2	1	6	1·5
John Rix	6	6	—	9	1·5
T Siddle	7	5	2	7	1·4
N Clark	6	1	2	2	·5
J E Smith	3	1	1	1	·33

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
H Middlemast	219	67	335	104	3·22
W Raine	172	46	335	63	5·31
M Ledger	60	12	149	19	7·84
J E Smith	12	4	21	7	3·00
J Siddle	8	1	16	3	5·33
R Coates	7	1	11	1	11·00
T Siddle	5	4	2	1	2·00
W Hunter	4	—	9	1	9·00

STANLEY CRICKET AVERAGES.

Appended are the averages of the Stanley 1st team players for the past season:—

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times Not out	Most in Inns.	Runs	Av.
S. Wood (pro)	21	3	98	465	25·83
G. Stewart	20	1	58	274	14·42
T. Jewitt	19	1	41	150	8·83
M. Smith	14	1	30	106	8·15
J. Henderson	4	1	10	24	8
J. Dixon	20	0	30	146	7·3
H. Curry	7	0	21	47	6·71
W. Rutherford	14	1	14	71	5·46
W. T. Brown	19	3	20	84	5·25
R. Knox	16	0	17	70	4·37
R. Gibson	12	1	18	47	4·27
J. Robinson	7	0	6	22	3·14
T. Shield	7	1	6	15	2·50
J. Bennett	14	3	11	26	2·36
J. Shield	6	0	5	12	2
G. Clough	4	1	5	6	2
R. Noble	6	0	6	11	1·83

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	W.	N.B.	R.	Wkts.	Av.
M. Smith	159·1	46	—	4	333	59	5·64
G. Clough	29·5	9	—	—	45	14	3·21
T. Jewitt	215	61	—	4	473	63	7·32
W. Rutherford	70·5	20	—	—	155	18	8·9
S. Wood	66·3	6	—	—	229	21	10·19

Record:—Played 20, won 11, lost 8, and drawn 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

Results up to date—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst	P.
Stockton	5	4	0	1	10	5	9
Darlington	3	2	0	1	11	4	5
Middlesbrough	3	1	0	2	7	4	4
South Bank	3	1	1	1	8	6	3
Bishop Auckland	3	0	1	2	3	5	2
St Augustines	3	0	2	1	7	11	1
Crook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tow Law	2	0	1	0	1	5	0
Leadgate Park	2	0	2	0	2	10	0

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst	P.
Leadgate Exiles	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Howden	3	2	1	0	8	6	4
Loftus	3	2	1	0	5	2	4
Rise Carr	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Shildon	3	1	2	0	7	6	2
Brotton	2	0	2	0	1	5	0
Brittannia Rovers	3	0	3	0	3	12	0

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Result up to date—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst	P.
Leadgate Reserve	3	3	0	0	16	1	6
Spen	3	2	0	1	8	2	6
Shotley	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Tantobie	4	1	3	0	6	8	2
Iveston	2	1	1	0	4	6	2
Lintz Rovers	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Lintzford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consett Park	2	0	2	0	2	13	0
Allendale	2	0	2	0	2	4	0
Byer Moor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

	P.	Wn	Lst	Drn	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pt.
Bill Quay	4	2	1	1	12	3	5
Dipton Wand.	3	2	1	0	6	5	4
Wardley Star	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Consett Swifts	3	2	1	0	6	4	4
Blaydon	3	1	0	2	4	1	4
Mickley	3	1	0	2	3	2	4
Hobson Wand.	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Prudhoe	3	0	2	1	1	4	1
Wallsend Celtic	3	0	3	0	2	15	0
Hexham Excelsior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walbottle	2	1	1	0	2	2	2
Annfield Plain	3	0	3	0	3	7	0

NORTHERN COMBINATION.

Results up to date—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst	P.
Rendel A	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Stanley A	3	2	0	1	9	4	5
St Peter's Albion	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Gateshead A	2	1	0	0	2	5	2
Jarrow A	3	1	2	0	8	5	2
Bill Quay Celtic	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Leadgate Exiles A	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
South Shields A	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
Walbottle	1	0	1	0	0	4	0
Walker Neptune	4	1	3	0	4	8	1

BUURNOPFIELD JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Results up to date—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst	P.
Byer Moor Jnrs	5	4	0	1	12	4	9
Hobson Juniors	5	4	1	0	19	10	8
Tanfield Lea	3	2	0	1	11	5	5
Shotley Bridge	5	2	2	1	11	7	5
Leadgate Exiles	3	2	1	0	9	2	4
Dipton St Johns	3	2	1	0	9	6	4
Hamsterley Stars	5	1	3	1	7	17	3
Stanley	4	1	3	0	4	13	2
Marley Hill	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
Lintzford	2	1	1	0	5	4	2
Lintz Rovers	5	0	5	0	6	15	0
Tantobie	3	0	3	0	1	11	0

W H Dawson, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET JUNIOR LEAGUE.

"PETER HAY" CUP.

Results up to date—

Craghead	4	1	2	1	4	18	3
Chester-le-Street	1	1	0	0	10	0	2
Pelton Fell	2	1	1	0	6	2	2
Brandon	1	1	0	0	6	1	2
Bearpark	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Fatfield	3	0	2	1	5	11	1
Ouston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

R G Render, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET SENIOR LEAGUE.

JOICEY CHALLENGE CUP.

Results up to date—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst	P.
Bearpark	4	3	0	1	6	1	7
Fatfield	3	2	0	1	6	3	5
Ouston	2	2	0	0	13	1	4
Pelton Fell	3	2	1	0	5	3	4
Waterhouses	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Unsworth	3	1	0	2	5	3	4
Bankhead	4	1	2	1	5	10	3
Newbottle	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Woodside	2	1	1	0	4	1	2
Craghead	4	1	3	0	4	7	2
Waldridge	3	1	2	0	7	14	2
Washington	2	0	0	2	2	2	2
Brandon	3	0	2	1	0	6	1
Chester-le-Street	3	0	3	0	4	12	0

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

Results up to date—

	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pt.
Newcastle United A	4	0	1	18	6	8
Jarrow	3	1	0	14	3	7
Willington Athletic	3	0	0	10	3	6
Gateshead N.E.R	2	1	1	11	7	5
Sunderland	1	1	1	5	4	3
Stanley	1	0	1	9	3	2
Shankhouse	1	0	1	4	4	2
South Shields	1	0	2	3	6	2
Wallsend Park	1	0	1	3	9	2
Birtley	0	1	1	4	6	1
Blyth	0	0	3	2	8	0
Rendel	0	0	2	1	8	0
Hebburn Argyle	0	0	1	0	3	0
St. Peter's	0	0	2	0	13	0

The following are the referees for October—

October 9th.
Leadgate v Hamsterley .... T Raisbeck
Lintz Ford v Byer Moor .... W Hogarth
Shotley v Tantobie .... T Dixon
Marley Hill v Tanfield Lea .... P Hanlon

October 16th.
Byer Moor v Hobson .... W Smith
Stanley v Dipton .... W Hodgson
Lintz Ford v Hamsterley .... G Press

October 23rd.
Leadgate v Marley Hill .... W A Richardson
Stanley v Lintz Rovers .... R Spinks
Tantobie v Shotley .... J Smith (Tanfield Lea)
Hamsterley v Hobson .... P Hanlon
Tanfield Lea v Lintz Ford .... J. Osman

October 30th.
Hamsterley v Leadgate .... T. Dixon
Lintz Rovers v Stanley .... W Smith
Dipton v Tanfield Lea .... J Watson
Hobson v Tantobie .... J E Taylor

Business Announcements.

JOHN ATKINSON,
BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR,

BEGS to inform the Inhabitants of Consett and District that he is prepared to Remove Furniture, Lead Coal, and Clean Ashpits on the most Reasonable Terms.

A HORSE AND TRAP LET OUT ON HIRE.
Apply No. 1, DELVES TERRACE, Consett.

WEST STANLEY PEOPLE ARE CONTINUALLY ASKING, HOW CAN
KIRKUP
Afford to Sell his BOOTS AND SHOES so much Cheaper than others? Small profits and a big turn-over. That is the secret, my worthy friend.

HART'S DINING ROOMS,
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(Opposite Salvation Army Barracks),
HOT DINNERS DAILY.
Refreshments at Moderate Charges.
Good Accommodation.
Parties, Balls, &c., Catered for.

VICTORIA DAIRY, CONSETT.

FRESH MILK, TWICE DAILY.
FRESH CREAM AND BUTTER, ALWAYS ON HAND.

G. T. ROBSON,
PROPRIETOR.

VERY GOOD & VERY CHEAP
ARE THE
BOOTS & SHOES
AT
FAWCETT'S,
A Large Variety Always in Stock.
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SIX GOLD MEDALS AWARDED, 1896-97.

KER'S ALE The Beverage of the Future.
KER'S ALE Purely Hop Bittered.
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Contains all the Tonic and Refreshing Qualities of Beer.

Can only be had from the Brewers, J. KERSHAW and SONS. We can now supply the Public with our Gold Medal Mineral Waters—

Fermented Stone Ginger	"Verdo"
Dandelion Stout	Syphons Soda Water
Champagne Cider	„ Potass Water
Jubilee Drink	&c., &c.

LEMONADE, &c., &c.
Awarded Six Gold Medals for PURITY, CLEANLINESS, and QUALITY.
Can be had from the Makers—
KERSHAW & SONS,
PLANTATION STREET, LEADGATE, AND GATESHEAD.

M. FAWELL,
GROCER PROVISION MERCHANT, TEA DEALER, AND DRAPER,
FRONT STREET & DELVES LANE,
OPPOSITE THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE" OFFICE.
CONSETT.
VANS CALL IN ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

People of all creeds and from all nations
Get their bills put up on my stations.

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IS the only BILLPOSTER that has rented Stations within the three districts of Consett, Leadgate, and Benfieldside. Bills posted and Distributed at the lowest rates.

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Note the Address:—
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Directs attention to his seasonable supply of
PURE DRUGS and CHEMICALS.
PERFUMERY.
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HORSE and CATTLE MEDICINES.
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Agent for Glendenning's Beef & Malt Wine.

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The Surest Remedy for Lumbago, Sciatica, &c.
TRY ROBINSON'S CIGARS.

Business Announcements.

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CONSETT COCOA ROOMS,
HAVELOCK STREET.

DINNERS, from 12 p.m. every day.
BALLS, PARTIES, and all other Social Gatherings catered for at reasonable rates.
Tea Boiler, Ware, &c., on hire.

ESTABLISHED 21 YEARS.

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(Successor to MR. THOMAS BARRY),
HAIRDRESSER,
VICTORIA STREET,
CONSETT.

UMBRELLAS RE-COVERED & REPAIRED.

THE NEW WOMAN is very much in evidence at
KIRKUP'S
(WEST STANLEY) Cheap Boot and Shoe Mart. That's easily accounted for. She is a firm believer in having up-to-date value for money.

MARTIN BECK.
BILLPOSTER,
21, RAMSEY STREET, STANLEY,
GOOD PRIVATE STATIONS.

ROBERT MILBURN,
BUTCHER,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT,

BEGS to inform his customers, and the public generally, that he is removing to newer and more commodious premises, adjoining Mrs. Christopher's Livery Stables, where he trusts to receive a continuation of the patronage which has been so liberally bestowed upon him in the past.

LUMLEY'S
IS
THE NOTED SHOP
FOR
CHEAP SUITS.
6, SHERBURN TERRACE, CONSETT.

WHEN YOU ARE IN NEWCASTLE,
Call and see your old friend
T. HOFFMAN
(THE HUMORIST),
AT THE
THREE TUNS HOTEL,
NEWGATE STREET.

Ales and Wines of the Finest Quality.
Cigars of the Choicest Brands.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
TEA MERCHANT,
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BLACKHILL.
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TOBACCO AND CIGARS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

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SHAVING neatly and expeditiously performed.

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THE
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Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL, to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

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Valuations effected for Probate. Auction Sales of every description undertaken on most reasonable Terms. RENTS AND DEBTS COLLECTED.

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VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

ALL CLASSES OF SALES TAKEN.
PROMPT SETTLEMENTS.
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Has commenced Business in
NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT
(Next Door to Mr. Simon Rowe's),

AND invites Attention to his First-Class Stock of
PRIME BEEF, MUTTON, PORK, &c.
All Orders promptly attended to.

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NEW PREMISES NOW OPEN.
ALL KINDS OF SADDLERY AND HARNESS.
REPAIRS NEATLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY EXECUTED.

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BACON FLOUR
CHEESE TEA, and
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LARD GROCERIES
TRY
G. D. POWELL,
CASH PROVISION STORES,
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THOS. SWAINSTON,
Complete House Furnisher,

WISHES to Announce to all Furnishing or Replenishing their Homes for the Holidays, that he has a

LARGE STOCK
OF
SITTING ROOM SUITES
AND
BEDROOM FURNITURE,
Bedsteads, Mangles,
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Oilcloths, Fenders,
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General Furnishing Hardware,
At Lowest Prices and to suit all Classes.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.
2s. in the Pound Discount for Cash.

An Early Call and Inspection is Cordially Invited.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN,

SOLE AGENT for the Celebrated "PLATINUM" ANTI-CORSET, and PULLARS' DYE WORKS.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.

Extensive and Varied Stock to Select from.

Ben Pickard
and all the Federation Leaders, if the question was submitted to them, would agree that **Kirkup**
STRIKES
the iron when it is hot. The public of West Stanley get the benefit of his wide-awake enterprise in Cheap and Reliable Boots and Shoes, such as
John Wilson
himself might wear in the House, and feel proud of his understandings.

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GEO. PATTRICK,
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IS THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE DISTRICT.

Paints, own make, 4d per lb, 4s per stone. All colours.
Tin Paints, 4d. per lb.
Varnishes, oak, 1s 6d; carriage, 2s; mahogany, 2s; Japan, 2s.
French Polish, 2s; Knotting, 1s 6d.
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All kinds of Stains, 6d. per bottle. Fir. 5d.
Aspinall's Enamels, 6d.
Dry Colours, blue and green 4d. per lb; red, yellow, and brown, 2d. per lb.
Paris White, 1s. per stone.
Brushes, Size, and all other Goods at Cheapest Rates.

"THE Apparel oft Proclaims the Man."—*Shakespeare.*

To be Well Dressed is the OPEN SESAME to Good Society.

For GOOD QUALITY,
GREAT DURABILITY,
PREVAILING STYLE,
FINE FINISH, AND
DOWNRIGHT HONEST VALUE,
Go TO
J. L. BRODIE'S,
ST. AIDAN'S STREET, BLACKHILL
Near the Railway Station.
LADIES' COSTUMES BY EXPERIENCED HANDS.

JOS. BAINBRIDGE,
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SEE LARGE STOCK OF
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LARGE STOCK OF HOUSE PAPERS.
Call and Examine our BICYCLES.
MINERS' PICKS AND SHAFTS
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Large Stock of FENDERS, FIRE-IRONS, and, GENERAL HARDWARE.
CLOCKS and JEWELLERY of Every Description.
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Call and Ask for a List of TEA PRESENTS given with our BONUS TEA.
Cheapest and Best House in the District.
Large Stock of BEDSTEADS and MATTRESSES.

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Just take the train,
See GEORGE MCNEAL
At Annfield Plain.

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FOR THE CONSETT DISTRICT.

THE CHESTER-LE-STREET STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY have OPENED an AGENCY for CONSETT and DISTRICT.

AGENT:—MR. J. COCKBURN,
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PARCELS FORWARDED WEEKLY.

FANCIERS. FANCIERS. FANCIERS.
CALL AT
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And see a full selection of
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Sales by Auction.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
ANNUAL RAM SALE.—SATURDAY, OCT. 9TH.

UPWARDS of 100 Border Leicester RAMS and RAM LAMBS, 500 to 600 EWES, GIMMERS, and EWE LAMBS, all Classes. Ballot Saturday morning.
Sale at One o'clock Sharp.
J. S. MURRAY.

MONDAY, October 11th, 1897.

10 to 15 FAT CATTLE.
120 FAT SHEEP and LAMBS.
VEAL and KEEPING CALVES.
DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS.
1 CART HORSE.
Pair Brass SCALES, LADDERS, POULTRY, &c.
2 STIRKS.
Handsome TIMEPIECE, taken in execution for Rent.
Sale at One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, at 21, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, WEDNESDAY, October 20th.
J. S. MURRAY.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 27th, & SATURDAY, Oct. 30th,

THE whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE in the Estate of the late Mr JOHN MEWES, 29, Durham Road, Blackhill.
J. S. MURRAY.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, October 11th, 1897.

45 to 65 DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS.
14 FAT CATTLE.
215 FAT SHEEP and LAMBS.
5 STORE CATTLE.
10 FINGER CALVES.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

NEXT SPECIAL SALE for STORE CATTLE, THURSDAY, Oct. 14th. Early Entries Solicited.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

LANCHESTER STOCK MART COMPANY, LIMITED.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, at 1-30 p.m.

MR. JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.

15 Border Leicester RAMS and RAM LAMBS.
150 EWES, all Classes.
150 LAMBS, all Classes.
40 to 50 STORE CATTLE, all ages, including some good in-calf Heifers, two new calved.
10 PIGS, 9 weeks old.
60 to 80 good young HENS.
Further Entries to time of Sale.
JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

LANCHESTER STOCK MART COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.

NEXT Sale, Oct. 16th, for DAIRY COWS, FAT and STORE CATTLE, FAT and KEEPING SHEEP, and FAT LAMBS.
Early Entries invited to
JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

CRAWFORD'S GROUND, GIBSON STREET, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, will hold a SALE of HORSES, CARTS, HARNESS, &c., on WEDNESDAY, October 20th.
Full particulars next week.
Entries of Horses and Vehicles to be sent to Auctioneer as early as possible.

LODGE GATE, BURNOPFIELD.

WEDNESDAY FIRST, OCTOBER 13TH, 1897.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr Mark Hull (who is giving up housekeeping) and Miss Smith, to Sell by Public Auction, their Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS:—Mahogany Drawers, Walnut Sideboard, bevelled plate glass; Sofa, Press, Tables, Chairs, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Beds, Quilts, Sheets, and the whole of the House Requisites.
Sale to Commence at One o'clock.
For full particulars see Posters.

Public Announcements.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

CLASSES will be commenced in the Greencroft Board School, as under:—

DRESSCUTTING.........Monday Night, Oct. 11th, at 6 o'clock.
Teacher—Miss Beck.
SHORTHAND ....Wednesday Night, Sept. 22nd, at 7 o'clock.
Teacher—Mr J. Cockburn
PHYSIOGRAPHY ......Thursday Night, Sept. 23rd, at 6 o'clock.
Teacher—Mr W. J. Mackay
MATHEMATICS ....Thursday Night, Sept. 23rd, at 7-15 o'clock.
AMBULANCE ....Monday Night, Sept. 27th, at 7 o'clock.
MINE SURVEYING ...Monday Night, Sept. 27th, at 7 o'clock.

FEES: For each of the above Subjects, except Ambulance, 5s.; for Two Subjects, 7s. 6d.
PH. REAY, Hon. Sec.

DANCING AND DEPORTMENT.

MR. NORMAN'S PRIVATE CLASSES will be resumed on FRIDAY, October 1st, 1897, in St. Aidan's Church Hall, Blackhill. Junior Class at 6-30. Adult Class at 7-30 p.m.

Prospectus, &c., of C. F. SCOTT, Esq., Newbell, Leadgate; or of Mr NORMAN, 23, Eldon Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

INFANT SCHOOL, SOUTH MOOR,
SESSION 1897—1898.

THE Committee propose to hold CLASSES in FRENCH, to be taught by Mrs BURGESS, of Burnhope; and in AMBULANCE WORK, to be conducted by Dr. INGRAM-JOHNSON, of South Moor.

Intending Students are invited to send their names to the Secretary, not later than Wednesday next, the 6th October.

FEES:—French, 2s. 6d.; Ambulance, 1s.

Should a satisfactory number of names be received, arrangements will be made to com[illegible] mence the Classes, and the Dates announ[illegible]

CLASSES will also be held as fol[illegible] Tuesday, commencing on 5th Octo[illegible] o'clock p.m.

SHORTHAND (Pitman's), [illegible] HARTLEY, of South Moor, [illegible]

Every Saturday, commencin[illegible]
MINING (Elementary), 3-[illegible]
„ (Advanced), 4-5[illegible]
APPLIED MECHANICS [illegible]
STEAM, and the STEAM [illegible]

FEES:—One Subject, 5s [illegible] jects, 7s. 6d.

Students may enrol at th[illegible] information may be obtain[illegible] the undersigned,

WM. L[illegible]

Legal Notices.

LEADGATE URBAN DISTRICT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 189

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General District Rate ...		1047 11 8
Durham County Council Grants:—		
Medical Officer of Health	10 0 0	
Inspector of Nuisances ...	20 0 0	
Main Roads...	125 0 0	
		155 0 0
Other Receipts		0 5 0
Total Balances in hand on 31st March, 1896		2 18 0
Balance due to Clerk		0 7 4
		£1206 9 2

J. HEDWORTH COUPLAND,
Clerk to the District Council.
7th May, 1897.

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sewerage Works		3 10 0
Highways—Main Roads ...	144 9 5	
Other Roads...	140 11 3	
		285 0 8
Other Payments in respect of Roads:—Scavenging...	55 5 8	
Watering ...	24 8 1	
		79 13 9
Public Lighting		146 9 10
Pleasure Grounds		9 10 0
Hospital Conveyance		3 12 0
Fire Brigade		6 1 0
Public Offices		16 3 0
Urinals		3 0 11
Technical Education		30 0 0
Election Expenses		23 6 4
Salaries		160 0 0
Establishment Charges		47 8 11½
Hospital		166 0 0
Disinfectants		11 12 10
Notification Fees...		3 12 6
Total Expenditure ...		992 1 9½
Total Balances overdrawn at commencement of Year 1896		61 4 8
Balances in Officers' Hands:—		
Treasurer	£132 15 5	
Collector	0 0 1½	
		132 15 6½
		£1206 9 2
Total Expenditure as shown above ...		£992 1 9½
Deduct Contributions to Lanchester Joint Hospital Board		166 0 0
Net Expenditure on which Stamp Duty is payable		£826 1 9½

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the Entries in the above Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the expenditure of the District Council during the Year ended the 31st day of March, 1897, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds, One Shilling, and Nine Pence Halfpenny.

As witness my hand this Second day of September, 1897.

(Signed), H. WARD OLIVER, District Auditor.

WILLIAM CURREY, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS against the Estate of William Currey, formerly of 2, Victoria Street, Consett, but late of 17, Lee Street, Middlesborough (who died about the 9th July, 1896, and whose Will was proved by Isaac Whitfield, the Executor therein named, on the 18th February, 1897, in the Principal Registry), are required to send in their Claims to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor, within 14 days from this date. After that day the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased, having regard only to Claims sent in before the expiry of the period above named.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1897.
J. W. R. PUNCH,
26, Albert Road, Middlesborough.

Public Announcements.

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SECULARISM versus CHRISTIANITY.

GREAT
PUBLIC DEBATE,
IN THE
CO-OPERATIVE HALL, STANLEY,
FOR FOUR NIGHTS,
SATURDAY ....October 30th,
MONDAY.....................November 1st,
TUESDAY ....November 2nd.
WEDNESDAY ....November 3rd,
BETWEEN
MR. CHARLES WATTS,
Vice-President of the National Secular Society, London; and the
REV. A. J. WALDRON,
Lecturer to the Christian Evidence Society, London.

SATURDAY, October 30th, and MONDAY, November 1st:—

PROPOSITION—"Is Chistianity superior to Secularism for this Life, and any other Life?"

Mr. WALDRON will take the Affirmative, and Mr. WATTS the Negative.

TUESDAY, November 2nd; and WEDNESDAY, November 3rd:—

PROPOSITION—"Is Secularism superior to Christianity for this Life, and any other Life?"

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[illegible]kets may be obtained from Mr GEORGE [illegible]DAS, Beamish Forge; and Mr GEORGE [illegible]R, Junr., Delacour Street, Stanley.

CHRIST CHURCH, CONSETT.

[illegible]E HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held on Thursday (TO-[illegible]), October 7th, at 7-30 p.m., and will be [illegible]ed on Sunday First, at the usual hours.

Public Announcements.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1897.

Holy Eucharist - - - - 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer with Sermon - 10-30 a.m.
Evensong with Sermon - - 6-30 p.m.

Special Preacher:—Rev. C. G. DAVIS, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford, Vicar of St. James' Parish, Darlington.

The Thankofferings will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, founded in 1701.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Consett and Blackhill Branch of the above Society will be held in the Primitive Methodist School, Consett, on Thursday, October 14th, at 7-30 p.m. The Rev. H. C. MOULE (son of Professor Moule, of Ridley Hall, Cambridge), of Hexham Abbey Church, will address the Meeting. The Rev. A. Baillie, M.A., will preside. A Collection will be taken in aid of the Society's funds.

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ON SATURDAY, the 16th of October, an Excursion train will leave BLACKHILL at 2-25 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE, returning at 9 p.m. the same day.

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For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, Oct. 1897. GENERAL MANAGER.

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THE
Consett Chronicle
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CRICKET CLUB.

Well-intentioned and kindly forethought, wherever found, merits acknowledgment; and the thanks of the public of Consett and district are due, and will be readily accorded, to Mr Lloyd Clarance, the resident manager of the New Theatre, for arranging a benefit this week for the Consett Cricket Club. Mr Clarence has already found his way to the hearts of the people of Consett by his courtesy and his unfailing assiduity in promoting the comfort of patrons to the popular house over which he presides; but the latest graceful action of the management will give the public confidence to an extent which, perhaps, could not otherwise have been expected. Consett possesses a theatre of which the whole district may be proud. Such facilities for the enjoyment of first-class produtions are not possessed by many towns of larger growth than Consett, and it would be nothing short of a misfortune if they were not appreciated. Happily, the public appear to be rallying round Mr Clarence. The action taken this week by the management may be simple in itself; but it establishes the New Theatre upon the basis of a public institution, in which the public have an almost personal interest.

A BUSY COUNCIL.

The Annfield Plain District Council, whilst congratulating itself at last week's meeting upon the finances, might also have congratulated itself upon having transacted a large amount of public business. The Council was sitting for considerably over two hours, and some important matters were dealt with. Mr Down raised the question of the necessity for offices for the Council. Ratepayers would probably be surprised if they were aware of the lack of accommodation there is for the conduct of their affairs. Whatever else may be alleged against this Council, the charge of luxury at the ratepayers' expense cannot be brought up against them. Convenient offices are urgently required, and their provision need hardly be an expensive matter. Readers will have observed that the Local Government Board are throwing out hints that the Council should take over the scavenging and removal of house refuse, and levy a special rate for the purpose. When a similar matter was brought up at Consett, one of the members then remarked that the other districts would have their turn in due course; and the tendency of the Local Government Board certainly appears to be to place the control of all sanitary details in the hands of local governing bodies. Among other matters, the Annfield Plain Council have decided to endeavour to secure better terms from the Gas Company on behalf of the ratepayers.

DISTRICT COUNCILS AND RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

At a meeting held last week at Hare Law, to form a Ratepayers' Association, it was stated by one gentleman that there was great dissatisfaction among the ratepayers against the rates, which were exceedingly heavy; and at a meeting of the Annfield Plain District Council, also held last week, the members were congratulating themselves that they had been able to keep the rates so low. This is one of the contradictions of opinion which one frequently finds between a section of the public and the local governing body, and for which it seems difficult to account. The point we wish to emphasise, however, is that the establishment of ratepayers' associations with a preliminary grumble at the District Council, accounts for the very high death-rate of such institutions. We are glad to note that by speakers other than the gentleman referred to, there was every endeavour to make it plain that the new association which was formed in the Hare Law Board Schools was not founded in any antagonistic spirit to the local authority. A ratepayers' association should be pre-eminently an improvement association, and it is a wonder that the latter title is not more frequently adopted than the former. A District Council is the recognised governing body, and must be supported by all right-thinking persons. If it goes wrong, the ratepayers know the time and place to set it right. The public business must, of course, be conducted efficiently and economically; but the public are apt to lose sight of the fact that there is a wide sphere of labour, apart altogether from the operations of the District Council, in which they themselves can exercise a beneficial influence. There are many important matters which are best served by friendly negotiation and the expression of public opinion, rather than by official action; and an association may be doing a greater public service by upholding the local authority, by disseminating information upon local government, by impressing points of public importance, and by affording a ready channel for useful suggestions which might otherwise be overlooked, than by cons[illegible]ing itself a Higher Court to the local U[illegible] District Council.

STANLEY & DISTRICT GOS[illegible]

[BY OUR OWN REPORTER.]

STANLEY CANARIES.

That enterprising tradesman, Mr [illegible] Kirkup, has recently been attacked [illegible] canary mania, in the same manner tha[illegible] hundreds of his fellow-townsmen have [illegible] victims to the football mania, and the [illegible] having developed at a rapid rate, Mr [illegible] is now the possessor of a small army [illegible] sweet songsters, of various ages and [illegible] No one can pass along the chief stree[illegible] progressive town without being ma[illegible]nisant of the presence of these feathered favourites by the flow of melody issuing from all parts of Mr Kirkup's establishment. Mr Kirkup is a modest man, and he has not attempted to achieve glory and renown by exhibiting any of his twenty-five little gems in public competition, but, all the same, I think that I may safely predict that ere long Stanley will be as famous for its canaries as Catchgate is for St. Bernard dogs.

WELL DONE, MR WARDLE!

Mr E. J. Wardle, the esteemed manager of the Craghead Collieries, did a public service by informing against a person who was working a pony which, to quote Mr Wardle's own words, "so far from being fit to work, was scarcely fit to live." The role of witness in a police court is not in any case an attractive one, and only a strong sense of public duty and humanity could have compelled Mr Wardle to take the step he did.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

are "all the go" just now in this, as in other localities. South Moor Wesleyans, Grange Villa Primitives, West Pelton Church, and Stanley United Methodists, all held their services last Sunday, and from all sources the reports are of an encouraging character, there having in all cases been good attendances and good collections. After all their talk during the past twelve months, Mr Cohen and his fellow Secularists have failed to convert the people of this district to the army of Unbelievers.

IMPROVED FOOTPATHS.

The Stanley District Council have done a good work by the formation of the ashphalt footpaths at Oxhill, and from Forster's public-house to East Stanley, and the boon will be greatly appreciated during the winter months which are now so near. The widening of the main road at Louisa Terrace is also a step in the right direction.

OAKEYS TO THE FORE.

Thanks to the energy of Mr Charles Scott, Oakeys has long possessed an enviable reputation as a leek-growing centre, and judging from Mr Scott's brilliant successes at the recent leek show at Tahtobie, it is still pre-eminent in that respect. Last year Mr Scott, who is well-known as the holder of the London Challenge Cup, secured the first and third prizes at the Tantobie Show, besides carrying off the special prize for the best vegetable in the show. This year he has even done better, for in addition to again carrying off the special prize, he has won the first and second prizes.

STANLEY COUNCIL MUSINGS.

[BY "FREE LANCE."]

"Scenes" are rare occurrences in the deliberations of that august body, the Stanley Urban District Council, and when I visited the sacred chamber where the Councillors do congregate, last Wednesday afternoon, I expected little that would remind me of the sterner conflicts that I have become familiarised with through regular attendance at local School Board gatherings. "Expectations are not always realised," but in the present case they were. There was no fear of bloodshed, and little traces of excitement, but a gentle ripple of good humour existed throughout the two hours that our local Parliamentarians occupied in settling the destinies of the empire for the next month.

The agenda paper was pretty long, but perfectly harmless, reports by the various officers and committees being the first business, and these were very quickly whizzed through. There was nothing startling in the said reports, save that the mortality for the past month was proved to have been rather too high to be satisfactory. However, all managed to raise a little discussion at length, the subject of the wordy skirmish being whether we are to have or not to have more light at eventide, or in plain English, whether it be advisable or not to keep a few lights burning all night for the benefit of those who travel to and from work in the ghostly hours. Mr RITSON, that stalwart workman's friend, a true chum of Billy Bulmer, raised the question, and Monsieur ARMSTRONG gave his benediction to the all-night lighting.

Mr FORSTER was a trifle timid about supporting the reform, and the Chairman seemed rather doubtful about his own feelings. Possibly, he was contemplating the increased expenditure, and dreading a conflict with some local Rogerson or Wigham relative to the matter.

Mr ARMSTRONG incidentally mentioned a "Beacon Light," and that has given "Free Lance" a happy idea. It is this—That the authorities of St. Andrew's Church should be requested to have the Church lighted up from the hours of, say, 9 p.m. till midnight during the time that the Tanfield School Board hold their monthly squabbles. The Church would then indeed be a light to the world; a beacon light to guide the footsteps of Messrs Green, Armstrong, and Company in their journey from the "squabble" to the delights of "Home sweet home."

At sight of the beacon on the hill, the hearts of Messrs Green and Armstrong would burst forth into grateful melody, and they would chant, like some angelic choir, the words

> Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom,
> Lead thou us on
> Past Bulmer's cot till we arrive at home,
> Lead thou us on.

Possibly, if the Church authorities do as I have suggested, the local Saul and Jonathan may be led to turn from the paths of Dissent to the ways of the Established Church.

But I am travelling from my subject. There was another incident which arose at Wednesday's meeting, and which caused no little amusement. It was all through the Verminous Person's Bill, which has been recently passed into law. A circular was read from the Local Government authorities, to the effect that persons infested with vermin could on application to the District Council be allowed the free use of any apparatus that the Council possesses for their extermination.

Mr SMITH suggested that the Fire Engine was the only apparatus likely to come in useful for the unpleasant business referred to, and the idea of Mr Routledge standing at duty's post, deluging some vermin-stricken individual, seemed to strike the members as rather enjoyable, and a merry laugh went round the table.

Several of the gentlemen, conspicuous for their true blue ribbon at election times, pointed significantly at Mr Forster, as they expressed their regret that the all-powerful Government, headed by Lord Salisbury, had wasted time in passing what appears to be an absurd Bill into law. "Free Lance" thought it necessary to point out that the Bill was introduced by a Liberal M.P., but could not explain whether it was meant principally for the benefit of political allies or opponents.

From matters verminous, we passed on to railway business. The Sunday train service question again cropped up, and Mr INDIAN strongly urged the advisability of pressing on the railway authorities the absolute necessity of granting at least two Sunday trains. Mr RITSON backed up the dark-skinned Indian chief, and Mr ARMSTRONG also went the same way. Naughty Matty, you ought to go to chapel on Sunday, and listen to Mr Gelley's eloquence, instead of trying to secure a Sabbath day train service, so that you will be able to take a seaside trip. Encouraged by the success of his maiden interruption, the "Free Lance" suggested that the railway authorities should be informed that Mr William Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea, was in favour of the Sunday train service, and the members of the Board expressed unanimous approval of the suggestion. Mr Bulmer is a terror even to railway officials.

WEST PELTON.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES. — Harvest [illegible] services were held at St. Paul's [illegible] Thursday and Sunday, the sacred [illegible]ng very neatly decorated for the [illegible] band of willing workers. The [illegible] Cooper, M.A., precentor and [illegible] Durham Cathedral, preached [illegible]ening, and the preachers on [illegible] Rev. Peter Hughes, B.A., [illegible]ateshead, in the morning, [illegible] Tweedy, B.A., of West [illegible]ning. Large congregations [illegible]ice, there being insufficient [illegible] Sunday evening service. [illegible]dered by the choir at each [illegible] Sunday evening being [illegible]d Marvellous." Mr Glen [illegible] Pelton School, presided at [illegible]accustomed ability.

STANLEY.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL.—A recent measurement of the Commercial Hotel, revealed the fact that the length of the building, including front, main entrance, side, and rear, was 211 feet. Almost a street in itself.

WEDDING.—On Wednesday morning, a marriage was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, between Police-Constable Bell, of the Newcastle police force, and Miss Grace Urwin, of Shield Row. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. W. James.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.— At Stanley Police Court, on Monday, before Mr George Ridley, Robert Stewart, of Carlisle, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for being drunk at Stanley, on Sunday.—Edward Meagnan was ordeaed to be imprisoned for a fortnight for sleeping out.

PRIVATE ASSEMBLY.—The first long night of the season in connection with the Stanley Private Assembly, was held in the Co-operative Hall, on Tuesday evening, when about 100 couples were present. The proceedings were of a highly enjoyable and successful character, the musicians and M.C. being exceedingly efficient.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—A harvest festival service was held at the above Church, on Thursday evening, the preacher for the occasion being the Rev. A. Plummer, of Durham. The services are to be continued on Sunday, when sermons will be preached both morning and evening by the Rev. Richard Tuson, Vicar of St. John's, Dipton, and late curate of the parish.

CHURCH INSTITUTE.—The quarterly sale of newspapers in connection with the Reading Room of St. Andrew's Church Institute, took place on Tuesday evening, when the following prices were realised:—"Daily Chronicle," 6d; "Journal," 6d; "Leader," 6d; "Newcastle Daily News," 4d; "Evening Chronicle," 4d; "Weekly Chronicle," 6d; "Weekly Leader," 4d; "Consett Chronicle," 6d; "To-Day," 6d; "Rambler," 6d; "Tit-Bits," 6d; "Truth," 1s 3d; "Punch," 1s; "Penny Illustrated," 6d; "Graphic," 3s 3d; "Illustrated London News," 3s.

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERT.—A sacred concert was given in the Methodist Free church on Sunday evening, under the presidency of Mr Bloomfield, when the following items were excellently rendered before a good company. "In Realms of bliss," by the Mission band; "Ora Pro Nobis" by Miss Fawcett; "Luxo's Dream" by the Band; "Jesus meek and lowly," by Miss Crosby and Miss Vine; Euphonium solo by Mr E. Keskeys. Master Vine acted as accompanist.

SUGAR ON FIRE.—On Saturday afternoon, a quantity of sugar belonging to the West Stanley Co-operative Society caught fire, in the railway siding at Oxhill, with the result that some twenty sacks (about two tons) were utterly destroyed. The truck in which the sugar was placed, sustained little damage, but the cover was completely destroyed. The inhabitants of Louisa Terrace and Oxhill rows turned out in good numbers to assist in allaying the flames. Toffee should be cheap at Stanley after this.

POULTRY SOCIETY.—The annual show of the above society, which is to be held on December 13th, promises to be a great success. Altogether there are 70 classes, and three popular judges have been secured in the persons of Mr Stainthorpe, Darlington, (poultry); Mr Thos. Walton, Keighley, (pigeons); and Mr George Hedworth, Darlington, (rabbits). Councillor William Indian is the appointed president of the society, and Mr John Corker is officiating as secretary. The appointed stewards are Messrs M. Masterman, Wm. Stephenson, Thos. Davidson, and Geo. Davidson (poultry); Wm. Friend, John Walker, and John Curry (pigeons); Edward Irwin, Geo. Middlemast, and John Mallams (rabbits).

AN ARMY OF VAGRANTS.—Ten "rodneys" made their appearance before Mr George Ridley at the Stanley Police Court, on Friday morning, and after a brief interview with that gentleman, were despatched to gaol for fourteen days. Sergeant Wood was the prosecutor of Messrs Thomas Whitfield, Terence O'Neil, Thomas Burke, and Patrick Chanling, all of whom had been resting their weary limbs in the coke ovens at West Stanley Colliery during the wee sma' hoors.—John Thompson, John Ward, Thomas Watson, and William Telford were each sent to prison for seven days, for sleeping at the South Pontop coke ovens; whilst Joseph Errington and John Grant are to try the effects of prison life for twice that period.

P.C. STOTT.—This officer, who has been stationed at West Stanley for seven weeks, resigned his position in the force recently, and left to take up a situation on the North Eastern Railway Police Force. During the short time that he had resided at Stanley, Mr Stott made many friends, and his unexpected departure, will be regretted. He was of a jovial though unassuming disposition, and in leaving Stanley he carries with him the good wishes of all acquainted with him. P.C. Thomas has been transferred to Stanley from headquarters, in succession to P.C. Stott. The newcomer is six feet two inches in height, and as P.C. Robson is the same height, with Sergeant Wood and P.C. Ieton both six-footers, Stanley may fairly claim to be foremost for its lengthy guardians of the peace.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—Dr. Walford Bodie is an established favourite with Stanley audiences, and his annual six nights at the Victoria, is this year likely to prove even more extraordinarily successful than any previous visit. The doctor gives a wonderful performance each evening, his great gifts as scientist, hypnotist, electrician, and ventriloquist being brought into play to the delight of all. He is supported by a variety company of great ability, the artistes including such notables as Little Billy Collins, Louie Hurman, Arthur Diggle, La Petite Bella, Miss Lily Clifford, Pat Murphy, The Royal Macduff Troupe, Musical Carson, and the world-famed Everette, with her troupe of performing dogs. This (Friday) evening, Dr. Bodie is to give a "Rontgen Rays" exhibition, when a record attendance is anticipated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES.—The annual thanksgiving services in connection with the United Methodist Free Church were held last Sunday, the morning preacher being Mr George Harris, of West Stanley, whilst in the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. J. B. Stoneman, of Gateshead, superintendent of the Gateshead circuit. The attendance in the morning was exceedingly good, whilst at the evening service, the building was simply packed, several gentlemen having to sit in the pulpit. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the following, amongst others, having kindly assisted in the beautifying process:—Messrs Lonsdale, Turner, B. Rodham, R. Vine, M. Strong, Woodley, and A. H. Bloomfield, Miss Crosby, the Misses Fawcett, Miss Turner, Miss Daglish, Miss D. Rodham, and Miss Woodley. During the afternoon, a service of song entitled "Early or later rains," or "Harvest Memories," was rendered by the church choir to a crowded audience. The connective readings were given by the Rev. J. B. Stoneman; and Mr R. Vine acted as conductor, with Master J. Vine presiding at the organ. Solos were rendered by Mr J. Seccumb, Miss A. Fawcett, Miss E. Crosby, and Miss M. Daglish. At the evening service, the choir rendered two anthems "Great is the Lord," and "Praise ye the Lord." Offertories during the day were devoted to the Brass Band fund.

STRAIGHT SPEAKING FROM THE PULPIT.—Speaking on Sunday evening, in the Methodist Free Church, West Stanley, the Rev. J. B. Stoneman, of Gateshead, appealed for offertories on behalf of the Mission Band connected with the local Church. After paying a high tribute to the useful service done by brass bands, the reverend gentleman went on to remark that, compared with prices for performances of a third-class character, collections on behalf of the noblest objects were small; were insignificant; were humiliating indeed. He did not believe in paying threepence or sixpence, or a shilling, for a twopence-halfpenny performance—he meant by that, a performance that could not satisfy a thoughtful man. To pay such prices for such performances, and then come to God's House, and slip in with a halfpenny generally, or a penny, was a great mistake. They ought to be prepared for God to know about it, because He did know, and they would have to stand the test of the final judgment. — Later in the evening, in announcing the sale of vegetables, &c., for Monday evening, the reverend gentleman remarked that he would not give twopence for the soul of a man who came to the sale at a harvest festival on the look out for a bargain. He would rather give the things away than sell them for less than a proper price.

STANLEY.

LOCAL INVALIDS.—Councillor Warwick, of Tanfield, is indisposed. Mr Phillip Kirkup, Stanley, has recovered from an attack of influenza; and Mr J. T. Castle, who has been seriously ill, is also improving.

STRIKE HAND IN TROUBLE.—James Ellis, a Washington strike hand, appeared at the Stanley Police Court, on Wednesday, charged with being drunk and disorderly. Evidence was given that the defendant secured employment at the Stanley Colliery, but getting intoxicated, he went and demanded his wages without giving notice, and he was ordered off the premises, but created a disturbance before going. P.C. Robson proved the case, and defendant was ordered to be imprisoned for fourteen days.

MARRIAGE OF A LOCAL TRADESMAN.—On Tuesday morning, a wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, between Mr Wm. Whitfield, of West Stanley, and Miss Bones Richardson, of Annfield Plain, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. D. W. James. The bridesmaids were Miss E. Richardson (sister of the bride) and Miss Dawson, and the groomsmen were Mr Wm. Richardson (brother of the bride), Mr Lumley, and Mr Walley. The bride was attired in a dress of plain blue satin, trimmed with silk, and hat to match. Miss E. Richardson wore a cream silk dress, with hat to match, while Miss Dawson was attired in a fawn dress, trimmed with silk, and hat to match. A wedding breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's parents, a large number of guests being present.

WOLSINGHAM.

EXCISE PROSECUTION.—At Wolsingham Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, John Iley, chemist, Market Place, Wolsingham, was charged by James Adams, on behalf of the Excise authorities, with selling bottles of Iley's Bowel Complaint Mixture, and not having a Government stamp on the bottles, as required by the Act. The bottles contained a stamp very similar to the Government stamp.—The Exciseman called at defendant's shop on the 20th of August, and purchased a bottle for 1s.—In defence, it was alleged by the defendant that he did not charge for the stamp, but the prosecution stated that the price on the handbills given with the bottle was 1s 1½d.—Defendant said the stamps he used were not used to defraud the Government. He promised in future to properly stamp all the remainder he sold with Government stamps.—For the prosecution, it was stated that the full penalty was £10.—The Bench said it was his business to make himself acquainted with the Acts, and imposed a fine of 50s and 11s costs.

CONSETT.

THE IRISH INSTITUTE.—The movement to establish an Irish Catholic Institute in Consett is receiving increased support. It has now been decided that the Institute shall be located at the Lecture Hall, Trafalgar Street, Consett.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—The members of the Consett and District Philharmonic Society are making satisfactory progress in the practices of Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," which is to be rendered in December. The choir are under the conductorship of Mr G. P. Stephenson, whilst the orchestra is led by Mr G. Williams. The invariably excellent attendance on Tuesday and Thursday nights is an evidence of the interest which is being taken in the work.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Special harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Consett Wesleyan Church on Sunday last. The interior of the building had been appropriately decorated by Miss Bell, Miss C. O. Heslop, Mr Lynn, Mr V. Dunn, Mr J. Maddison, and Mr E. Grant, the flowers, &c., having been generously contributed by members of the congregation and friends. Mr R. W. Owen, J.P., of West Hartlepool, preached morning and evening. At the former service Madame Bellas-Dryden sang "But the Lord is mindful" (Mendelssohn), and in the evening Miss Jenny Brown, of Newcastle, sang the solo entitled "Waiting for the King." Special selections were also rendered by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr W. Lowrie. Mr C. Stelling presided at the organ. In the afternoon there was a musical service, when the following programme was carried out:—Prelude, "La Serenata," orchestra; organ solo, "Cujus Animam," Mr C. Stelling; solo "The Children of the King," Miss Grainger; "Paradise," orchestra; solo, "If with all your hearts," Mr J. Siddle; Anthem, "O praise the Lord," choir; solo, "The Vesper Hour," Madame Bellas-Dryden; violin solo, "Cavatina," Mr J. H. Swainston; "Hear My Prayer," orchestra; quartette, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." Misses Grainger and Walton, and Messrs. Davison and Pearson; solo, "Why do the Nations," Mr R. Pearson; anthem, "How goodly are Thy tents," choir. The church was crowded, even to excess, and the service was heartily appreciated. The efforts of Madame Bellas-Dryden and Miss Jenny Brown gave the greatest satisfaction, and Miss Grainger's solo was also very ably rendered. The collections during the day amounted to £20, that in the afternoon being in aid of the choir fund, and those of the morning and evening being on behalf of other church expenses.

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW. — The annual show of the Consett Leek Club was held, on Saturday and Monday last, in a room kindly lent for the occasion by Mr F. A. Coltman, of the Wheat Sheaf Hotel. Some of the finest leeks were shown that have ever been seen in the district this season. The exhibition was visited by many people on Saturday and Monday evening. The room had been prettily decorated with plants and cut flowers, evergreens and ferns, &c., and everything went to prove that considerable pains had been taken to ensure complete success by the secretary of the Club (Mr George Levett), Mr F. Coltman (treasurer), and the committee, which was composed of Messrs. J. Atkinson, G. Stubbings, J. Bird, F. Todd, and F. Jackson. Mr W. Smith, Bradley Cottages, officiated as judge, and his awards are as follows:—G. Levett, dinner set, 1; George Walton, pair of blankets, 2; T. Stones, set of china and pipe, 3; G. Stubbings, arm chair and tablecloth, 4; J. Butcher, pair of blankets, 5; P. Quinn, Jubilee teapot, 6; J. Pickering, tablecloth, 7; J. Atkinson, pair of blankets, 8; F. A. Coltman, fender, 9; D. Martin, pair of blankets, 10; J. Tuck, chamber set, 11; Mrs Coltman, lamp, 12; J. Teasdale, rug, half-a-dozen knifes and forks, 13; T. J. Johnson, hearthrug, 14; John Bell, lamp and shawl, 15; G. Hillman, half-a-dozen knives and case of spoons, 16; D. Morgan, cruet stand, 17; F. Jackson, half-a-dozen spoons and shawl, 18; J. Bird, rug and silk handkerchief, 19; T. Carrick, tablecloth and clock, 20; J. Spraggon, pair of sheets, 21; T. Hager, tablecloth, 22; J. Haughan, pan and steamer, 23; F. Todd, shirt piece, 24; G. Green, grape and spade, 24. A special prize for celery, given by Mr F. A. Coltman:—First prize, 3s., James Butcher; second prize, 2s., G. Stubbings; third prize, silk handkerchief, T. J. Johnson.

PAINFULLY SUDDEN DEATH.—The death occurred, on Sunday evening, of Mrs McKeon, wife of Mr John McKeon, landlord of the Fountain Hotel, Medomsley Road, Consett. The deceased lady was fifty years of age, and for the past three months had been unwell from weakness of heart. Her death was painfully sudden. On Saturday morning she was about the house, and was exceedingly cheerful. In the evening, she retired early, and did not rise on Sunday until five o'clock, when she complained of feeling cold. Having sat by the fire for a short time, she returned to her room, her manner giving no cause whatever for anxiety. At 6-30, her daughter went upstairs, and came down hastily, and informed Mr McKeon that she had spoken to her mother, who, though her eyes were wide open, had not answered her. Mr McKeon found that his wife had passed away, and naturally sustained a great shock. Dr. Macintyre was summoned, and could only bear out what was quite evident. Dr. Burke, of Allendale, had been attending the deceased lady for some time past. A circumstance that increases the painfulness of the event is that Mr and Mrs McKeon were retiring from business to live at Hunstanworth. Most of the furniture had been removed, and the hotel was to be vacated on Wednesday of this week. Mr McKeon, who has been in the police force over 30 years (having retired in 1891), was once stationed at Hunstanworth, and had resolved upon settling down in that village. Mr McKeon commenced his career in the force at Esh, and has been stationed at Castleside, Blackhill, Stanhope, West Hartlepool (where he was made Sergeant), Stockton, and Tudhoe. He has received expressions of sympathy from Superintendent Benzies and many officers of the local constabulary. The deceased lady leaves nine sons and daughters to mourn their loss. Two of the sons are abroad. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Lanchester, where the deceased lady had many friends.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, October 6th.—Before His Honour Judge MEYNELL.

ARDLINGTON V. BARRASFORD.

Edward Ardlington, ice-cream vendor, sued John Barrasford, miner, for 8s, which he alleged to be owing as rent for two rooms.—Plaintiff stated that defendant was his tenant at 4s per week, and had lived with him for seven weeks.—Defendant told his Honour that he had to pay 4s per week, besides finding the plaintiff in coals.—His Honour: Did you get notice?—Defendant: Yes. I left the day before it expired.—An order was made for the payment of the amount.

CASE FROM ANNFIELD PLAIN.

John Headman, gasman, Annfield Plain, sued Joseph Cout, commission agent, of the same place, for the value of a quantity of metal which he had sold to the defendant.—Mr Leadbitter appeared for the plaintiff, who stated that he was in the employ of the Annfield Plain Gas Company. He sold some metal, three tons fifteen hundredweight, to the defendant, at £1 5s per ton.—Defendant's contention was that at the time of the sale he agreed to pay 25s for the lot.—His Honour (to plaintiff): Can you prove the weight?—Plaintiff: No.—Mr Leadbitter asked for an adjournment, but the Judge ultimately gave a verdict for 25s, to be paid in instalments of 5s per month.

ACTION FOR HOUSE RENT.

John Bell was summoned by Messrs. Bowes and Partners for arrears of house rent.—Evidence was given by Mr Thos. Bowes, overman at Pontop Colliery, and James Wilkinson, deputy overman.—His Honour made an order for £2, to be payable at 4s. per month.

A DOG CASE.

Thomas Coleman, quarryman, sued Francis Waller, of Medomsley, for possession of a dog.—Mr T. W. Welford appeared for the defendant.—The plaintiff said he sent the dog to Mr Wm. Robinson, dog-breaker, from whom it was either lost or stolen. He saw the dog at Medomsley on the 21st of August.—John Coleman, son of the plaintiff, also gave evidence as to seeing the dog with defendant at Medomsley.—Defendant said he got the dog from Mr John Lamb.—His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff for 30s., the sum to be reduced to 1s. if the dog is returned in seven days.

AN OLD ACCOUNT.

Jas. Heslop, Newcastle, sued John Hood mason, for £3 15s, the amount which he alleged to be owing for a suit.—Mr Allison defended.—Plaintiff said he supplied the defendant with a suit valued at the sum mentioned in 1891.—Defendant said that he did not owe anything.—His Honour: Did you pay for the suit?—Defendant: Yes.—His Honour: Have you a receipt?—Defendant: No, that is where I am beaten.—An order was made for the payment of the amount at 6s per week.

NON-SUITED.

Edward Hanlon sued Patrick Casey for £1 4s 11d, which he alleged was part of his earnings.—Mr Welford appeared for the defendant.—Evidence was tendered by the plaintiff and the overman of the colliery, Mr Jacob Walton, and the judge ultimately non-suited the former, without costs.

LANCHESTER.

WE regret to state that Mr Edward Hedley, of Burnhopeside Hall, has been dangerously ill.

'ANDREW'S HOUSE.

SUDDEN DEATHS.—A correspondent writes:—Quite a gloom has been cast over both Andrew's House and Marley Hill owing to the sudden deaths which have recently occurred there. The most painful, perhaps, was that of Mr William Craig, of Andrew's House Colliery. He left his home, apparently in good health, to attend the funeral of a neighbour, and when at the Church gates he suddenly dropped down and expired. Mr Craig was much respected, and had been employed by the Colliery Company for upwards of forty years. His remains were interred in Marley Hill Churchyard, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and neighbours. The Dead March was played on the organ, and the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Cruddace, delivered an impressive address on the uncertainty of life. Mrs William Roddam, of High Rows, Marley Hill, has also been suddenly removed from our midst, as has likewise Mrs Brown of the same place.

TOW LAW.

A CLUB SUPPER was held on Saturday night at the house of Mr Ellison, High Street, when there was a numerous company.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—The members of the Salvation Army held their annual harvest thanksgivings services on Sunday, when there were large gatherings at the barracks.

UNINHABITABLE HOUSES.—At Wolsingham, on Wednesday, William Harrison, owner, and Mrs Lowe, tenant, of Tow Law, were summoned by the Tow Law Urban Council for keeping houses in an unsanitary state, and unfit for human dwelling.—Mr Milburn, Clerk, prosecuted.—The Medical Officer stated the houses to be dangerous, damp, and unsanitary.—The owner, or mortagee, promised to comply with the Council's requirements, and put them into a sanitary state.

WINTER CLASSES.—Continuation Classes are now being held at the Schools. Mr T. Brewer, headmaster of the Wesleyan Schools, teaches mathematics and algebra, and Mr J. Macintyre gives instruction in shorthand. The Rev. T. W. Wilkinson discharges the secretarial duties. Science Classes (of which Mr E. Emmerson is secretary) are also being held in Tow Law for drawing, geometry, &c., the instructor being Mr Brewer.

BLACKHILL.

ACCIDENT TO A CYCLIST.—Mr J. Wilson, who resides at Thomas Street, Blackhill, had a narrow escape of serious injury whilst riding his bicycle, on Monday evening. He was going down Durham Road, when he collided with a rolley, and was thrown from his machine. Fortunately he was not hurt in his fall, but his cycle was smashed.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.—A meeting of this Board was held on Tuesday afternoon to consider the applications for the vacant post of attendance officer and caretaker for the schools. The Board sat for about three hours, and dealt with 136 applications. Eventually, the following seven were selected to meet the Board at a meeting to-day (Friday):—R. Hull, M. Hall, W. Redshaw, J. Robinson, M. Eccles, W. Nichol, and M. Gibson.

WEDDING.—On Wednesday afternoon, the marriage was solemnised at the Primitive Methodist Church, Consett, of Miss Muir, eldest daughter of Mr J. T. Muir, 20, Bessemen Street, Blackhill, to Mr T. Grieves, of Spennymoor, son of the late Mr T. Grieves, of Blyth. The ceremony was performed by the Revs. D. McKinley (Spennymoor), and J. S. Nightingale (Consett). The bridesmaids Miss Williams, and Miss Lydia Muir (sister of the bride); and Mr R. Grieves (brother of the bridegroom, from Blyth) was best man, whilst Mr G. Nicholson acted as groomsman. The bride was given away by her father, in the presence of a very large gathering of friends. Mr Whiteman (Spennymoor) presided at the organ, and played the wedding march as the party left the Church. Many well-wishers afterwards assembled at the residence of the bride's father, and at six o'clock in the evening the happy pair left for Harrogate, where the honeymoon will be spent.

RE-OPENING SERVICES.—The Park Road Methodist Free Church was re-opened this week. It will be remembered that a fire broke out in the spring of the present year, when damage was done to the building to the extent of £20 or £25. The church has since been re-decorated, and, to celebrate the completion of the work, a tea and meeting took place on Saturday. The ladies presiding at the tables were Miss Bell, Miss Stockdale, Miss Richardson, Miss Watson, Mrs Sanderson, and Mrs Richardson. Nearly one hundred persons partook of the good things provided. At the subsequent meeting, Mr G. D. Brown presided, in the absence of Mr Rutherford, and addresses were delivered by Mr D. Mole, Dipton; the Rev W. Raistrick; and the Rev Mr Brewitt, Darlington. The gathering was very successful. On Sunday, special sermons were delivered in the morning and evening by Mr Brewitt, who took as his text for the first discourse the words "Give us this day our daily bread," and for the evening address, "And they were cast their sins into the depths of the sea." A service of song entitled "Signal lights," was rendered by the choir in the afternoon, under the conductorship of Mr W. Jenkins.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH.—Before W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq. (Chairman), W. LOGAN, Esq., E. W. E. BALLENY, Esq., J. WILSON, Esq., and the Rev. T. J. WARNEFORD.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following penalties were imposed for drunkenness:—Napier Robinson, Shield Row, 5s; Thomas Cassidy, Esh, 7s 6d; James Doyle, Esh, 7s 6d; James Hughes, Esh, 2s 6d; John Flynn, Esh, with eight previous convictions, 10s; John Errington, Esh, 2s 6d; Edward Raine, Burnhope, 2s 6d; John Greathead, Burnhope, with seven previous convictions, 7s 6d; Michael Cain, Satley, 2s 6d; Wm. Lowes, Satley, 2s 6d; James Cain, Satley, 2s 6d; Henry Fairless, Satley, with ten previous convictions, 10s; Jos. Pearson, Lanchester, 2s 6d; George Potts, Lanchester, 2s 6d; Henry Carr, Lanchester, 2s 6d; Thomas Green, Lanchester, 2s 6d; Joseph Nesbit, Lanchester, 2s 6d; Robert Brown, Lanchester, 7s 6d; Thos. Coyle, East Stanley, 5s; Geo. Burdon, East Stanley, 5s; Thos. Watson, Stanley, 2s 6d; and Miles Shield, Lanchester, 5s.

A BURNHOPE QUARREL.

Forrest Winter and John Tinian were charged by P.C. Haw, with creating a breach of the peace at Burnhope, on the 3rd ult.—John Winter gave evidence to the effect that Tinian struck the first blow. He came straight out of the public-house, and struck at witness's brother.—Tinian denied that he came out of the public-house.—Mr Logan: I think you had better keep quiet.—Tinian was bound over to keep the peace for three months, and pay the costs. The charge against Winter was dismissed.

LICENSING OFFENCE.

Francis Nicholson, beer and porter dealer, Sunnybrow, defended by Mr J. T. Proud, of Bishop Auckland, was summoned for selling two dozen pints of stout in bottles at High Row, Hamsteels, he not being authorised by his license to sell at that place.—Sergeant Gillespie stated that about noon, on the 20th ult., he was on duty at Hamsteels, when he saw defendant's son in charge of a cart containing bottles of beer and stout. Witness saw the lad leave some at Greener's; and after leaving that house, a girl came up to the lad, and he took half-a-dozen bottles to another house. Witness asked defendant's son if it had been ordered, and he replied "Yes, and I have delivered it to-day, and got pay for it." The box from which the stout was taken had no label on. The lad admitted that a mistake had been made with the label. Witness examined the other bottles, and found a label addressed to Greener, but there was no label for Davidson, the people who got the last half-dozen bottles.—Mr Proud said that the facts were all admitted. His client never sent out any boxes without affixing a tally, and the tally was duly affixed to this box. He submitted that the sale really took place at defendant's manufactory. The system adopted was to send round an agent who collected the order, and subsequently the different orders were appropriated, labelled, and sent out in the usual way. If they were sent out in a common bulk, the matter would be different. He did not know whether it was contended that the bottles ought to be labelled, but certainly there was no established case to that effect. He asked for leniency as this was defendant's first offence.—A fine of 20s and costs was imposed.

A SATLEY OFFENCE.

John Ramsay pleaded guilty to a charge of damaging underwood and grass belonging to John Suddes, farmer, Satley, and was fined 2s, 4d damages, and costs.

A YOUTHFUL WARRIOR.

Edward Clark (19) was brought up in custody, charged with uttering threats against Robert Fenton, of Rifle Street, Stanley, on the 18th ult.—Complainant said that he was sitting in his father's house on the day in question, when prisoner came to the door, and asked whether he was in. Witness's father told prisoner that he (witness) was in; but he would not let him go out. Prisoner then said: I will put an ounce of lead into him if he comes out.—Prisoner: I said nowt of the sort. I said I would like to have a shot at you.—Complainant, continuing, said that he was afraid of prisoner at the time; and would still be afraid of him if he were loose.—Prisoner said he never said a word about putting an ounce of lead into Fenton.—Witness: Yes, you did.—Prisoner: I said nowt of the sort.—James Moore said that all he knew about the affair was that he heard prisoner say he wanted to have his revenge; and it was revenge he meant to have.—Prisoner was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace.

ANOTHER CHARGE AGAINST CLARK.

Prisoner was further charged with stealing a watch and other articles, belonging to Margaret Thompson, a servant at the Store Farm, West Stanley.—Complainant stated that she was employed as a servant by Mr Elliott, of the Store Farm, Stanley. She had a silver watch in her bedroom, on the 15th ult., and missed it during that day. She valued the watch at £2. The key (produced by the police) was lying close to the watch when she last saw it.—Ridley Elliott, manager of the Store Farm, said that the prisoner had been employed by him as a farm servant. On September 15th, prisoner asked for a holiday, saying that he wanted to go away, as he had a sister dead. Witness gave him leave, and upon inquiring about a quarter to eleven o'clock, he understood that he had gone; at any rate, he could not be seen anywhere. On searching for him, however, witness found him hidden under a bed. He asked him what he was doing there, when he had asked to go away, and the reply was, "Its nowt but lies; my sister is not dead. I'm hiding here because of a row I got into last night. I'm frightened the police will get me."—Sergeant Wood said that from information received, on the 15th ult., he apprehended the prisoner, and charged him with stealing a watch, ring, and key, belonging to Margaret Thompson. He replied, "Yes. Yes, I stole it, and I have thrown it away." A search was made of the place where the prisoner alleged he had thrown the watch, but it could not be found. A key and ring belonging to complainant were found in prisoner's possession.—The Chairman said that the Bench were inclined to deal leniently with the prisoner, as this was his first offence, but could not inflict a less penalty than one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

THE LEADGATE THEFT.

Patrick Bones, miner, of Greencroft, and formerly of Tantobie or Tanfield Lea, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing three lemons, one half-pound of butter, and four eggs, the property of Mr Thomas Foreman, East House, Leadgate.—Evidence similar to that reported in last week's *Chronicle* having been given by Mr W. J. Foreman and P.C. Crabb, prisoner pleaded guilty, saying that he was drunk at the time, and was not in his proper senses. He did not know what he was doing.—Superintendent Benzies said that there were no previous convictions against the prisoner; and the Bench, being inclined to look upon the matter in the light of a drunken freak, imposed a fine of 20s and costs, with the option of one month's imprisonment.

MINING OFFENCES.

William Soulsby, of Burnhope, was charged with committing a breach of the special rules of the Burnhope Colliery, by leaving his pony in charge of someone other than the horsekeeper, on the 16th ult., and was fined 10s and costs, the Chairman saying that it was a dangerous thing to do.—The evidence showed that defendant had given the pony to a boy who had only worked one day in the Colliery, and was unfit to take care of himself, much less the pony.——Two coal-hewers, named Child and Teasdale, were respectively fined 15s and 10s for a breach of the rules of Messrs Hedley's Morrison Pit, Annfield Plain, the offence consisting in taking a prohibited route.

"SCHOOLING IN THE DARK."

Michael Wheatley, George Riley, and John Walker were charged by P.C. Martin with playing pitch and toss near West Kyo, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock on the night of the 17th ult. P.C. Martin having given evidence to the effect that he heard jingling of coin, and saw the defendants with other youths engaged in schooling, one of the defendants stated that the officer never asked for their names. It was pitch dark at the time. Wheatley said this was the first time he had been summoned, and the charge against him was "schooling in the dark" (laughter). The policeman had not the sense to ask for their names.—The Chairman: It was not necessary, if he knew you.—Defendants were each fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

STANLEY SCHOOLERS.

Five young men were charged with playing pitch and toss at Stanley on the 17th ult. William Elliott and William Fenwick were fined 10s. each; James Frazer, 7s. 6d.; George Frazer and Joseph Fenton 2s. 6d. each; costs following in all cases.

WASTING WATER—NOT WHISKEY.

A boy named Wheatley Pearson was convicted of turning on a water tap belonging to Messrs. Hedley Brothers, colliery owners, at Craghead, on the 10th ult. A large quantity of water was wasted before P.C. Chrisp came up and stopped the stream.—Defendant was fined 1s. and costs.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT LEADGATE.

George Little, of Leadgate, was charged with assaulting Maud Brown, at Leadgate, on the 18th ult.—Complainant deposed that defendant's wife commenced to shout at her whilst walking through the street. She asked her to desist, and was approaching Mrs Little when defendant struck her on the neck. The defendant had "put up" her witnesses to tell lies.—George Brown corroborated his wife's statement, but a witness named James Wilson deposed that defendant never struck a blow.—Patrick Ward stated that he heard Mrs Little and complainant having a wordy warfare. Complainant advanced towards Mrs Little, and Mr Little stepped before his wife. He never struck the complainant.—The case was dismissed.

SIX V. HALF A DOZEN.

Elizabeth Jackson was charged with assaulting Mary Cheeseman, at Langley Park, on September 10th.—Complainant stated that she had a few words with defendant on the day in question, which terminated in defendant throwing a frying pan, which struck witness on the side. Witness had previously told defendant to mind her own business.—P.C. Feasey was called, but defendant exclaimed: He was not there till an hour after.—Margaret Dawson gave evidence for the defence; and the Bench settled the matter by binding both parties over to keep the peace, and ordering them to pay their own costs.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO A MARE.

Ralph Craigs, of Leamside, was charged with cruelly illtreating and torturing a horse, by working it when in an unfit state.—Defendant: I had it yoked. It has been that way since it was born.—The Clerk (Mr Ornsby): Yoked since it was born? (Laughter).—Inspector Hamar, of the Newcastle Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, prosecuted, and called as his first witness Thos. Whittaker, who stated that on the 31st of August, he was driving a horse and cart near Craghead, when he saw the defendant with a pony yoked to a cart. Witness passed defendant, and noticed that a good part of the inside of the pony was protruding. He also noticed the blood dropping from the pony, and saw two or three places on the road where blood had dropped. The pony was in very poor condition, and although it did not appear to be in much pain, it seemed very weak. Witness considered that it was quite unfit for working. He afterwards saw the defendant taking the pony away from the place. A sack covered the hind quarters of the pony.—Replying to the Bench: It was a mare pony.—Defendant: It was that way when I got it. There was no blood dropping on the road, and the witness has told lies.—Edward J. Wardle, manager of the Craghead Collieries, deposed that on the morning of September 1st, he had his attention drawn to the pony, which was grazing in a field adjoining his house at Craghead. In consequence of what was told him by the horsekeeper he went into the field, and examined the pony. He found matter oozing out of the hind quarters, and flies were teasing the animal. Instead of being fit to work, he considered that the pony was unfit to live. The hind quarters from the thighs downwards showed that there had been a heavy discharge of some kind of fluid, either matter or blood. In the whole of his experience, he never saw a more gross case of cruelty, and he took upon himself to go and see a policeman, and draw his attention to it. There was a small sack thrown across the hind quarters of the animal. He told P.C. Chrisp he would prosecute himself if none else did.—Defendant said that as soon as Mr Wardle said the animal was unfit to live, he took it away and had it destroyed.—P.C. Chrisp deposed that about nine o'clock on the morning of September 1st, he was called to Mr Wardle's, and found a pony in a field, which defendant was just leaving. He could not describe the condition of the pony. When asked where he had driven the pony from, defendant replied "Leamside." Defendant left his cart in the village, and on examining it on the following day, witness found blood-stains which had oozed out of the pony.—Defendant, replying to the Bench, said that the pony was about eleven years of age, and had cost him about £4.—The Chairman: You should have known that it was unfit to be worked.—Defendant said he had had the pony for six or seven years, and policemen and magistrates round where he lived had made no complaint regarding it.—Replying to the Chairman, defendant said that he was employed as a miner at Leamside.—The Chairman said that it was a very cruel thing to work the pony in the condition this one was in. Defendant would be fined 20s, and have all the costs of the case to pay.

AFFRAY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Thomas Snaith, James Thompson, and Walter Thompson were charged with assaulting Ralph Hodgson, landlord of the Coach and Horses' beerhouse, Annfield Plain. Mr Proud, of Bishop Auckland, appeared to prosecute, and defendants were represented by Mr W. H. Oliver, of Durham.—Mr Proud said that there were two charges preferred against the defendants—one of assaulting Hodgson, the other of refusing to quit. Mr Oliver and he had agreed, with the permission of the Bench, that both charges should be heard together, and he would further shorten the case by withdrawing the charges against James Thompson. He would experience great difficulty in proving the charge against that defendant.—James Thompson then left the box.—The facts of the case were, continued Mr Proud, that on the previous Sunday night, complainant was going about the house performing his duties. About a quarter or ten minutes to ten o'clock, a dispute arose with regard to some change. Snaith complained that complainant would not give him sixpence change, and he was heard to threaten to "take it out of the landlord." After that, Snaith, Walter Thompson, and three other men came behind the bar, and attacked complainant, with a view to taking the sixpence off him.—Ralph Hodgson, landlord of the Coach and Horses' beerhouse, said that he remembered the Sunday evening, the 26th ult., when he was on duty, and a dispute arose about some change with Snaith. Defendant, who was in the tap room, left it, and came through the bar, and said he wanted a sixpence. The dispute was about whether Snaith had presented a half-crown or two-shilling piece. Witness thought it was a two-shilling piece, and refused to give sixpence. Snaith came round to the bar, and struck witness whilst he was engaged in filling some beer. Walter Thompson and two or three men came to assist Snaith. Witness ordered them out.—Mr Proud: Why did you order them out?—Witness: It was closing time, you know. Snaith and the others said that they would smash the house. They were getting noisy, and were creating a disturbance. They refused to go out when ordered to do so.—Continuing, witness said that Snaith hit him on the back of the head, and knocked him against the pumps. Witness got hold of him, and took him through the kitchen by the bar to the outside. Snaith then pulled his coat off.—The Chairman: Was that the second time he struck you?—Complainant: Yes.—Mr. Proud: What are these marks on your face?—Complainant: They knocked me down, and Walter Thompson kicked me on the side. My arm is bruised, and I will let you look at it if you like.—Resuming, complainant stated that he shouted to John Wilson to help him, and he came back in company with George Barker. The defendants were violent, but witness got hold of Snaith, and kept him down till Sergeant Vickers arrived.—Mr. Oliver: You said they were rather noisy. Do you mean that they were getting drunk?—Complainant: They were not drunk at all.—Mr Oliver: How long were they in your house?—Witness: About two hours.—Mr Oliver: They did not come in about six o'clock?—Witness: No.—Mr. Oliver: They ordered a quart of beer which cost sixpence; and after supplying it you put down 1s. 6d. change? Didn't Snaith tell you that he had given you half-a-crown?—Witness: Not till I took another quart in.—Mr Oliver: Didn't you get Snaith by the throat when he asked for the sixpence?—Witness: No, I didn't. I got hold of him to shove him outside. I didn't tear his collar or coat, nor take his necktie off.—Mr Oliver: Was his coat torn that night?—Witness: How could I tell, when we went outside?—Mr Oliver: Were you quite sober?—Witness: Yes. Mr Oliver: Perfectly?—Witness: Yes.—Mr Oliver: Hadn't you been drinking with these men?—Witness: No.—Mr. Oliver: You had not had sups with them?—Witness: No.—Mr Oliver: You didn't receive any half-crown that night?—Witness: No.—Mr Oliver: Did you see Thompson kick you?—Mr Van Haansbergen: He would feel him (laughter).—Mr Oliver: Did you see him?—Witness: Yes, I did.—Mr Oliver: Didn't you threaten him?—Witness: No; I kept him down with my hands till the sergeant came.

John Wilson gave corroborative evidence. Hodgson got hold of Snaith by the neck when the latter went in by the door.

Ann Elizabeth Hodgson, wife of complainant, deposed that five men, including the two defendants, came in behind the bar, and assaulted witness's husband, who was knocked down. She had a baby in her arms at the time, but seeing her husband assaulted, she went to his assistance, when defendants knocked her down. Walter Thompson kicked her.

George Barker gave confirmatory evidence, and Sergeant Vickers stated that when he arrived on the scene, he found the landlord holding Snaith down on the ground. Snaith had his jacket off, and witness saw it laid outside. Snaith had had some drink, but was not drunk; and the landlord was quite sober.

Mr Oliver said that there was not the slightest evidence of the defendants having refused to quit. There was no direct evidence that they had ever been ordered out of the house, and the statement of the prosecutor on that and other points was very unsatisfactory. Indeed, it was very unsatisfactory in every detail. The row in the house started by complainant giving change for a two-shilling piece, when, as his clients said, he had received half-a-crown. Snaith went to the bar for the extra sixpence, and the landlord said that as soon as he got there he struck him. But the witness, Wilson, said that the landlord was the first aggressor, he having seized Snaith by the throat as soon as he got inside the bar.—The Chairman: Wilson's words were that the landlord got hold of him by the neck and shoved him out.—Mr Oliver argued that the evidence was of a very contradictory character. He submitted that Hodgson's evidence was not worthy of belief. Mrs Hodgson flatly contradicted her husband's statement, for whereas he himself said that he was kicked, she said that he was struck on the head.

Peter Parkin, of South Pontop, said that he saw the half-crown which was in dispute; he had had it in his own hand. He saw it placed on the table, and picked up by the landlord. Hodgson brought a quart of beer and 1s 6d change. Snaith called him back, and pointed out that the change was sixpence short. He replied, "That's all that you'll get." The landlord had previously been drinking with them during the evening.

William Oldridge confirmed the evidence of the previous witness; and the Bench dismissed the charges of refusing to quit, but imposed fines of 5s and costs for the assault. The total amounted to £1 3s 6d for each defendant to pay.

WOUNDING AT BLACKHILL.

Hugh Riley and his mother, Catherine Nugent, of Walton's Row, Blackhill, were charged with maliciously wounding Peter McKeon, at Blackhill, on the 25th ult.—Peter McKeon, labourer, now staying at the Lanchester Workhouse, said that on the 25th, at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, he was in his lodgings at 30, Walton's Row, Blackhill. Both the prisoners lived at the house, and they were taking some beer, when the young man asked him to get two pints more. They had already had two pints, so witness refused. Hugh Riley then struck witness with his fist on the right side of the face, and the old woman struck him first with a poker, and then with a coalrake. She hit him on the left side of the head, and knocked him down, and when on the floor, the young man kicked him on the side of the head. Witness became unconscious, and when he returned to his senses, he was severely bruised and felt faint. He went out at the back door, and met Sergeant Tones, and made a complaint to him. He went to Dr Renton's and had his wounds dressed.—Riley: When you fell out with me about the beer, didn't you get hold of me and try to strangle me? You knocked me against the door?—Complainant denied the accusation.—Riley: The marks are on my neck.—Complainant: You tried to kill me.—Riley: You nearly had me strangled, when my mother came in.—Nugent said that she had any amount of questions to put.—The Clerk: Put one then.—Nugent: I was not in when it happened.—Complainant: You were in.—Nugent: Was I in when you fell out about the beer?—Complainant: Yes, you were.—Nugent: Didn't you choke him when I came in?—Complainant: Choke him. Is he choked now?—Nugent: I have a lot to say.

Sergeant Tones, Blackhill, deposed that at about 5:30 on the afternoon of the 25th, McKeon made a complaint to him. McKeon was then covered with blood all over the head, face, and shoulders. Witness had the man sent to Dr. Renton's surgery, and he subsequently went to prisoners' house. He found a poker and coalrake lying on the floor, the coalrake having blood stains on the handle and the head. About half-past six, he arrested Hugh Riley in No. 35, Walton's Row, and about an hour later, he arrested the female prisoner at No. 3, Walton's Row. They were both under the influence of drink. He conveyed them to the Consett Police Station, on Monday morning, and charged them together with wounding Peter McKeon on the previous Saturday, at Blackhill. The male prisoner replied, "He struck me first," and the female said, "I was preventing him from striking at my son." On the road to the lock-up, the male prisoner said, "What will I get for this? Will I get 14 years?"

Riley: I was drunk at the time. Didn't I tell you that we were drinking together when he got hold of me by the throat?

Witness: No.

Riley: I say I did.

Dr George Renton, Blackhill, deposed that he saw McKeon at his house on the 25th ult. He was in a dazed condition, and covered with blood, practically from head to foot. On examining his head, witness found two wounds, one from the left to the centre of the head sloping downwards and outwards. The wound was about two inches long, and penetrated to the bone. The other wound was quite in the centre of the head, and was triangular in shape; the scalp stood up like an ear, but it was not bleeding very much. The left side of the man's face was much swollen and discoloured, showing symptoms of having been caused by a blow of great violence. The left eye was bruised, and there were two small wounds near the eye, which witness dressed. He again dressed the wounds on Wednesday, and since then the man had been in the Lanchester Workhouse Infirmary. The wounds were very serious indeed, and might have been caused by the instruments produced.

The female defendant expressed a wish to have the case decided at once, and said that she herself had received several kicks.—Defendants, however, were both committed to take their trial at the forthcoming sessions.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, October 4th.—Before JAMES ANNANDALE (in the chair), J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq., F. PRIESTMAN, Esq., J. ELTRINGHAM, Esq., W. AYNSLEY, Esq., and G. AINSWORTH, Esq.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Alexander Corney, miner, Leadgate, was summoned for refusing to quit the Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate, on the 25th ult., and pleaded not guilty. — Complainant said that on Saturday night, the 25th ult., defendant came into the house, and witness refused to serve him with drink. He used abusive language, and would not go out. Witness went round to the bar to try and put him out, but could not do so, and had to call the assistance of the police-sergeant.—Defendant cross-examined witness with a view to showing that he had been struck by another man in the house, and that the landlord was trying to put this man out. He (defendant) left the house quite quietly.—Sergeant Nicholson, stationed at Leadgate, said he was sent for on the night in question. He saw the defendant leaving the house, and that was all he knew of the matter.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5s and costs.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES.

John Mallaburn, White-le-Head, was summoned for neglecting to send his child to school.—Mr Seymour Meddick, who appeared as complainant on behalf of the Tanfield School Board, said the boy was 11 years of age and was only in Standard I. He had only made 55 attendances out of a possible 113.—Mrs Mallaburn alleged that Mr Meddick had a spite against them.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5s, with the usual order as to costs.—John Cassidy, miner, Dipton, was similarly summoned, and in this case Mr H. Beatham, School Attendance Officer to the Collieriey School Board, stated that the defendant's son was 10 years of age and was in Standard I. He had only made ten attendances during the last six months.—A fine of 5s was imposed.—The summonses against Robert Burns, and Thomas Davison, miners, of 37 and 36, Cutlers' Hall Road, Benfieldside, respectively, had been adjourned to see how the defendants continued to send their children to school, and Mr McKean now stated that their attendance was quite satisfactory. The summonses were therefore dismissed.

NO APPEARANCE.

A summons had been taken out by John Glendenning, of Allendale Cottages, against Edward Glendenning, of the same address, for assault on the 19th ult.—Neither of the parties put in an appearance, and the summons was therefore dismissed.

QUARRELLING AT BLACKHILL.

A young woman named Margaret Lovatt summoned Catherine Brown, a married woman, living at Blackhill, for an assault which she alleged was committed upon her on the 16th ult.—Mr Allison, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the complainant, and Mr T. W. Welford, defended.—The Complainant said she resided in Hawthorne Terrace, Blackhill, and kept house for her father. She remembered the 16th September, and between eight and nine o'clock in the evening of that day she went out to look for her little sister. She had to pass close to defendant's house, and Mrs Brown's two daughters started shouting after her. She took no notice, and found her sister. As she was returning, Mrs Brown's daughters again commenced to shout what they would do with witness's sister, and Mrs Brown's second daughter threw a stone at witness, which struck her on the back. She said "There, then, Miss Lovatt, will you take notice of that?" Witness then turned round, and told him not to carry things too far. Her sister then came, and remonstrated with Mrs Brown's daughters. Mrs Brown then ran out of her house. The two girls turned upon witness's sister, and Mrs Brown struck witness across the mouth, pulled her hair, and knocked her down to the ground. Witness gave her no provocation whatever. Mrs Brown also tried to take her character away.—Mr Welford: You and this lady have not been very good friends?—Witness: I have had no acquaintance with her.—She has lived in the Terrace a long time? Yes, she was there before we went there.—Have you two sisters? Yes.—And Mrs Brown has a little girl? She has three.—Were your sisters and Mrs Brown's daughters quarrelling? No, they were not.—Did Mrs Brown ever touch you at all? Yes, certainly.—Mrs Maria Hogg said she lived near the parties, and saw this disturbance. She was coming from her work and observed some little girls calling each other, and fighting. Mrs Brown came out and laid on to complainant's sister. Complainant came up, and Mrs Brown then went for her.—Mr Welford: Did not this trouble originate with the children fighting?—Witness: I was not there at the beginning.—Mrs. Barras said she saw Mrs Brown strike complainant's little sister, and then strike complainant. Mrs Brown gave the latter a good thrashing.—P.C. Grant said that at the time and on the day in question, he was on duty at Blackhill, and from what he heard he went to Hawthorne Terrace. There he saw the complainant standing crying. Mrs Brown was there also, and he asked her what she had done. She was very excitable, and said "I'll let her see, the ——." Witness told her she should not use these words in front of children, and Mrs Brown said "The next time I see her (the complainant), I'll give her more."—Defendant: Oh, Grant, God forgive you!—P.C. Grant added that there was a crowd of 200 people gathered round.—Mr Welford said that on behalf of the defendant he had to say that the little girls began the quarrel. Someone came and told Mrs Brown what had been going on, and she went out. He believed it was a fact that complainant was struck on the back.—One of Mrs Brown's little daughters alleged that complainant's sister slapped her face, and took her cap off. Nora Johnson went to tell her mother, and her mother came and hit complainant. The complainant had done nothing.—Nora Johnson said she saw Mrs Brown hit Margaret Lovatt. She did not know why.—Mr Allison: How could she?—Mr Welford: Well, that is my defence.—The Chairman said the costs were very heavy, and therefore the Bench would only impose a fine of 5s.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Joseph William McCafferty, miner, living in South Medomsley Road, was charged with attempting to commit suicide, on the 2nd inst.—Thomas Sanderson, miner, 17, South Medomsley Road, said that on Friday, at about 10·40 p.m., he was in his house, and heard a noise. He went outside, and saw a man, whom he identified as the prisoner, with his throat cut, and a razor in his hand. Witness took the latter from him. There was blood upon it.—Mr Ornsby (magistrates' clerk): Have you any question to ask the witness?—Prisoner: No. I was mad drunk, and I know nothing about it.—Dr. Frazer, assistant to Dr. Benson, said he was sent for on Friday night, and found prisoner with his throat cut. He found five wounds nearly horizontal in front of his throat, and the principal one was two inches in extent. They were clean cuts, and had evidently been self-inflicted with some sharp instrument.—P.C. Curtis said that at the time mentioned, he was in South Medomsley Road, and saw the prisoner there. He had several men round him, and had his throat cut. Witness sent for the doctor, who dressed the wounds. He afterwards apprehended the man, and took him to Consett Police Station, where he charged him. He replied, "I know nothing about it."—The Chairman: Was he sober?—P.C. Curtis: No; he was drunk. I had seen him half-an-hour prior to this occurrence, and he was drunk then. He has only been three months at Medomsley, and we know nothing about him.—In reply to the charge, prisoner now repeated that he knew nothing whatever about the offence. He said he was a married man, and had a family of three.—Mr Walton-Wilson: Is there any reason why you should have done this?—Prisoner: No earthly reason whatever. I don't know what put it into my head. I was mad with drink.—Mr Walton-Wilson: Are you in the habit of carrying razors about with you?—Prisoner: No.—Mr Walton-Wilson: How did you come to have this razor?—Prisoner: I don't know. I remember nothing, and I am very sorry.—Mr Walton-Wilson: Are you in the habit of getting drunk?—Prisoner: Very seldom. It is years since.—The Chairman: Well, you have pleaded guilty to a very foolish act, which might have removed you from this world. We believe what you say, and we have determined to give you a chance of retrieving your past character, and as this was brought about by drunkenness, we trust you will give up the taking of drink. We have decided to dismiss the charge, and hope it will be a warning to you, and that you will turn over a new leaf.—Mr Walton-Wilson: Where do you belong?—Prisoner: Witton Park:—Mr Walton-Wilson: If you come here for drunkenness at any time, this will be remembered.—Prisoner: I'll never come here again.

KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

Matthew Little, miner, Annfield Plain, was charged with stealing various articles of clothing, the property of Andrew Connolly, Dipton, on the 2nd inst.—Prosecutor's wife said they lived at No. 2, Clark's Yard, Dipton, and in the evening of the day stated, went out, leaving the door on the latch. About eleven, she came back with her husband, and found Little in the kitchen. He had a child's pinafore in his possession, and other articles were tied up in a handkerchief. The kitchen was in a disordered state.—Prosecutor said he was a miner. He spoke to having returned with his wife, and finding a man in the kitchen. He asked him what he was doing, and Little replied that he did not know, and that he was drunk.—The Chairman: Did he say "I am drunk?"—Prosecutor: Yes.—The Chairman: It seems a peculiar thing to say.—Sergeant Lawson, stationed at Dipton, said he was called to the house of the last witness about 11·30, on the 2nd inst., and saw prisoner sitting on a chair near the door. There were some things tied up in a red handkerchief on the table, and witness asked him if the handkerchief was his. He replied that it was. Witness took prisoner to Consett lock-up, and in reply to the charge he there said he knew nothing about the matter.—Prisoner now repeated this statement, and said he was in drink at the time. He went to Dipton for the afternoon.—The Chairman: We have decided to take a lenient view of this case, and not send you to gaol as we might have done. You will have to pay a fine of 40s, or, of course, one month in default.

ALLEGED INSANITARY PROPERTY AT BLACKHILL.

Mr William Rawes, of Blackhill, was summoned to show cause why a closing order should not be issued in respect of certain property—viz., Nos. 7, 8, and 9, Silver Street, Blackhill—of which he is agent.—Mr Lodge, from Mr Lazenby's office, Shotley Bridge, said he appeared on behalf of the Urban District Council of Benfieldside, who were taking these proceedings under the 32nd section of the Housing of the Working Classes Act. The houses were in a very bad state of repair, and the Council were determined, if possible, to put an end to property of this description. Dr. Hill and Dr. Renton had each reported to the Council upon the matter, and Dr. Renton issued a report that the houses were unfit for habitation. The Council served notice on Mr Rawes drawing his attention to certain defects, and requesting him to put the premises into proper order within a certain period. There was insufficient privy accommodation on the property, the roofs let in the water in wet weather, the floors were 7½ inches below the street level on both sides, the houses stood in a hollow, the rooms were not sufficiently high, there was no proper channelling provided and the water ran by the side of the house and into the house, and the sinks and gulleys were untrapped. Defendant, after receiving the notice, saw Mr Dixon, the surveyor, and also attended before the Sanitary Committee. He showed that he was willing to make certain alterations, but these were of a minor description, and would not put the houses into a fit state of habitation.—Mr John Dixon, surveyor to the Benfieldside District Council, expressed the opinion that this property in Silver Street was unfit for human habitation. The light was very bad, the ventilation was bad, the houses were damp, rain came in through the roofs, the houses were down in a hole, and the privies and ashpits were very badly constructed, and were too close to the house.—The Chairman (Mr. Walton-Wilson): Are the houses very old?—Witness: Yes.—In reply to Mr Rawes, witness said he was aware that when Mr Rawes became agent he had the privies moved to where they were now. There was a proper drain at the back of the houses, and sinks and gulleys were properly put in. He knew that Mr Rawes was trying to remedy the privies, but so far as the dampness of the houses was concerned he had done nothing.—By Mr Ainsworth (one of the magistrates): The Local Board of the time arranged as to the alteration of the privies.—Mr Rawes: I have always done all I could.—Dr. Hill, the County Medical Officer, said that he inspected this property twice last year, and had inspected it since. He found it in a very unsanitary condition. The houses were in a well, and it was impossible to get that amount of ventilation which was desirable. They were only two-roomed dwellings, and the little room downstairs became very damp. The upper room was only seven feet high at its highest point, and it was only five feet high at the eaves. There was a small window in each room, which could not possibly be sufficient for ventilation, and only a small portion of it would open. There was no fireplace. The privies were bound to be a nuisance injurious to health. The surface drainage was also defective, and he thought that these conditions, taken as a whole, were quite sufficient to render the houses unfit for habitation.—Mr Rawes: Is there not other property in Silver Street which is built on the same plan?—Witness: There are two other houses built on the same plan, I believe.—Mr Rawes: Hundreds of houses which the Consett Iron Company first built, are on the same plan. I have known these houses for 50 years, and have managed them for 29 years.—Witness: I dare say there are other houses like these, but these are the worst. I examined some others twelve months ago, and found that at any rate they were not yet in such a state as to be unfit for habitation.—Mr Rawes: I hope the Board won't imagine that I want people to live in houses which are in a bad state of repair.—Dr. Renton, Medical Officer to the Benfieldside District Council, also stated that in his opinion the houses were uninhabitable. There were signs of dampness on the walls and ceilings. There was an absence of ventilation. The channels outside the house had always been, so far as he remembered, in a defective condition.—Mr Rawes said this present notice was the only one he had received for 29 years. People in the house never ailed anything.—The Chairman (to Dr. Renton): Has there ever been any sickness in this locality?—Dr. Renton: I should not say so, but I should think it would be a very bad look-out for anybody who had a serious illness there.—Mr Rawes said he only got the notice to attend the Court on Saturday. He had never previously had a complaint in regard to the property.—The Chairman: If we adjourn this summons, will you satisfy Mr Dixon?—Mr Rawes: I will try. We have always got on well together. I will see what we can do.—The Chairman: Well, we will adjourn the case for two months, and in the meantime you must try to meet the District Council's views. If you cannot come to an agreement, the summons will come before us again.

THE CHARGE OF BETTING.

Edward Jewitt, miner, Medomsley, again appeared in Court to answer a summons charging him with an infringement of the Du[illegible] County Council's Bye-laws, by using t[illegible] road between Shotley Bridge and N[illegible] betting, on the 25th, 26th, and 27[illegible] The case has been several times [illegible] it was understood that evide[illegible] brought forward to show that d[illegible] his work on the dates named[illegible] ford now stated that at the [illegible] Court, his client went to the [illegible] asked for a note to the effe[illegible] work on the dates specified[illegible] promised. He was, howeve[illegible] morning when he received[illegible] they could not say, but that [illegible] saw him at work. This was r[illegible] but the Bench would remem[illegible] said he saw defendant mak[illegible] Bell. That man was in Co[illegible] that he did any such thi[illegible] Jewitt.—Bell then gave evidence to this effect, and after some deliberation, the Chairman said there did not seem to be sufficient evidence, and the case would be dismissed.

SECOND COURT.

Before W. AYNSLEY, Esq., and other magistrates.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Samuel Ledger, miner, Hamsterley Colliery, was summoned for doing damage at the Colliery, and was fined 1s and costs, and ordered to pay 1s, the extent of the damage.—The summons against Frederick Lawther, miner, Burnopfield, for breaking a window, the property of William Laverick, was dismissed.

PEACE-BREAKERS.

Joseph Miller, 22, Thomas Riley, 38, and Charles McCue, 25, miners of White-le-Head, and Leazes, Burnopfield, were summoned for fighting at White-le-Head on the 25th ult., and were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and pay the costs.

SUMMONS WITHDRAWN.

Ralph Appleby and James Hetherington, Leazes, were summoned by the overseers of the poor of Tanfield, for the payment of rates, but the cases had been settled out of Court.

DRUNKENNESS.

As usual, a large number of persons were summoned for drunkenness. Fines were inflicted as follows—Peter Slavin, labourer, Consett, 5s and costs; Joseph Fenwick, miner, Hamsterley Colliery, for an offence at Blackhall Mill, 10s, or seven days' imprisonment; Thomas Brown, miner, Dipton, for drunkenness on licensed premises, at Flint Hill, 5s and costs; Margaret Hennessey, married woman, Hill Top, 5s and costs; John Jordon, Hill Top, 10s, or seven days' imprisonment; Robert Moralle, mason, Dipton, for drunkenness at Flint Hill, 10s and costs; John Morris, miner, Flint Hill, 5s and costs; John Richardson, miner, Kyo, 5s and cost; Bertram Kelly, miner, Kyo, for drunkenness at Dipton, 5s and costs; John Edward Foster, miner, Woodhouses, for drunkenness at Dipton, 5s and costs; Hugh Clydesdale, labourer, Unthank, near Shotley Bridge Farm, for drunkenness at Blackhill, 2s 6d and costs; Arthur Grieves, James Cross, William Bell, and Patrick Greener, all labourers, Consett, 5s and costs; Hugh Curtis, labourer, Crookhall, 5s and costs; Alexander Roberts and Edward McGlade, labourers, Consett, 5s and costs; Peter McGuiggan, Blackhill, labourer, 5s and costs; John Butler, labourer, Blackhill, 5s and costs; Robert Hewitt, White-le-Head, 5s and costs; Martin Evans, miner, Woodhouses, for drunkenness at Tantobie, 5s and costs; Sarah A. Dixon, married woman, Consett, 2s 6d and costs; Thomas Dixon, cinder drawer, Consett, 5s and costs; Michael Ward, labourer, Consett, 5s and costs; and Patrick Ward, Consett, 5s and costs.

FATALITY AT CRAGHEAD COLLIERY.

An inquest was held at the Punch Bowl Inn, Craghead, on Friday morning, touching the death of Thomas Chrisp, 31, William Street, Craghead, who was killed whilst following his employment in the Oswald Pit, Craghead Colliery, early on Wednesday morning.—Mr Walker, H.M. Inspector of Mines, was present, and Mr E. J. Wardle, colliery manager, appeared on behalf of the colliery owners.—Mr Dodds was appointed foreman of the Jury.

Robert Reed, 30, William Street, Craghead, winding engineman, identified the body as that of his brother-in-law. Deceased was a chargeman at the Oswald Pit, and was 31 years of age. He was killed soon after midnight on Tuesday, whilst following his work in the Hutton seam.

Ralph Hunter, 23, Wylam Street, Craghead, master shifter at the Oswald Pit, deposed that Thomas Chrisp was a stoneman (chargeman), working under him. Deceased had worked stonework all his life, and had been under witness for five years, having worked all the time in the Hutton seam. He was a good, steady, and cautious workman. He was a licensed shotfirer, and required no supervision. Deceased last descended the pit on Tuesday night, about seven o'clock, his work for that night being to take some side stone off the rolley way in the Hutton seam fourth west district. He had to fire shots. Witness did not see him again till about half-past twelve, when a putter, named Alex. Scott, came to him and said that he had lost Chrisp, and could not find him. Witness and four men went to the place where Chrisp had been working, and found that a stone had fallen right across the rolley way, and about six feet east and west. It was two feet thick at the thickest portion, and went off to six inches. The stone would weigh upwards of two and a half tons. Deceased's lamp was burning on a "canch," but he himself was invisible. Witness and the men levered the stone up, and found Chrisp quite dead. They got the body to bank, and subsequently examined the place, when they found that deceased had taken out side-stone at the innermost corner, thereby loosening the roof stone. There was a "jack" on the south side, and deceased would receive absolutely no warning.

Alexander Scott, 27, William Street, Craghead, putter at the Oswald Pit, said that he was working with Chrisp on the night of the accident. After going into the place, Chrisp fired a side shot, which set the stone off. After working some time, witness noticed that he could shove his fingers up the cracks in the roof, and he told deceased that he was frightened to work, and came away. Chrisp said, "There's no fear about it." Witness got out, and deceased complained about his wasting time. Witness subsequently heard the stone fall, and on seeking for Chrisp, he found that deceased was under the stone. Witness subsequently informed the master-shifter.—Mr Walker: Was there plenty of timber to set under the roof?—Witness: Yes.

Samuel Baker and Thomas Malt, local inspectors, deposed that they had examined the place where the accident occurred, and came to the conclusion that there was sufficient timber about to place under the roof. They thought that the man was partly to blame, and the fatality was quite accidental.

Mr Graham said that the evidence given by the putter lad left no question about the matter. The witness saw a crack in the roof, and told Chrisp, who, however, thought that he knew better, and was displeased with the lad for being afraid. It was very fortunate that the lad persisted in his view, and left the place; because, had he not done so, he might also have lost his life. If the lad had lost his life, and Chrisp escaped, they would have had something serious to say to him, had these circumstances come to light, even though it were an error of judgment. The moral to be derived from the case was that if there was the least doubt about the safety of a place, the best plan was not to proceed with any work in the place till it had been made safe. Neither masters, officials, nor anybody else, expected any man to work under such dangerous circumstances as Chrisp had done. If, however, a man persisted in doing it, not all the rules in the world would save his life.

Mr Walker stated that from what he saw of the place he considered it very dangerous indeed. There was a very slippery "jack," which the deceased could not have failed to see.

A verdict of "accidentally killed" was returned.

CYCLIST KILLED AT WEST PELTON.

About twenty minutes past 12 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, a miner named John Boggon, about 50 years of age, and residing at Grange Villa, was killed at West Pelton. Deceased was riding his bicycle through West Pelton, and in coming round a curve, he collided with a trap driven by Mr Hutchinson, farmer, of Eden Hill. Deceased was thrown off the bicycle and fell heavily on the road. He was picked up unconscious, and conveyed home, where he received attention from Dr Crear, but the unfortunate man died about three o'clock. Boggan, who was an experienced cyclist, leaves a widow and grown up family, for whom much sympathy is felt.

THE INQUEST.

Mr A. T. Shepherd, deputy coroner, held an inquiry into the circumstances at the Colliery Hotel, West Pelton, on Monday evening.—Mr Adamson was appointed foreman of the jury.

John Boggan, son of deceased, miner, 46, Grange Villa, identified the body as that of his father. Deceased would have been 50 years of age on the 25th of the present month, and was a miner. Witness did not see the accident, but saw his father previous to death. He was attended by Dr Crear and Dr Simpson subsequent to the accident, but never regained consciousness. He had been a cyclist for nearly 7 years, and was a capable rider. He was in his usual health prior to the accident.

John Jordan Forster, son-in-law of deceased, living at 20, Grange Villa, deposed that he was riding in company with deceased, on Saturday afternoon. They left Grange Villa about 12·15 p.m., and intended travelling to Newcastle. They had gone about half-a-mile when the accident occurred. Deceased was then leading, and they were travelling on the left side of the road. The trap with which deceased collided, came along the High Hold Road in an opposite direction. The collision occurred some ten or fifteen yards [illegible] the Hold Arch. The trap and bicycle were [illegible] together before either the cyclist or the [illegible]r could see each other. Deceased was going [illegible] an incline, and was travelling at the rate of [illegible] miles an hour. So far as he could see, the [illegible] of the trap was coming very hard, and on [illegible]rong side of the road. Both driver and [illegible] tried to pull off, but before they could do [illegible]eceased was knocked down, and injured on [illegible]t side of the head and the shoulder. The [illegible]heel caught a lamp post, and stopped at [illegible] Deceased was carried into an adjoining [illegible]r a few minutes, and was then taken home [illegible] ambulance stretcher. He died at five [illegible]s to three o'clock the same afternoon. [illegible]mp post was a little off the main road. [illegible] picked up, deceased was lying close to the [illegible]heel. The driver pulled from one side of [illegible]d to the other. Witness thought that the [illegible] it would still have taken place, even if [illegible]d had not tried also to pull to the opposite side. It was in the middle of the road w[illegible] collision occurred, witness at the time bei[illegible] twenty yards behind deceased. Witness [illegible] got off his machine, and was the first to [illegible] the news of the calamity to deceased's fam[illegible]

William Edward Barnes, joiner, Urpeth [illegible]tages, deposed that he was standing near [illegible]lor's newsagent's shop, some 50 or 60 yards [illegible] the bridge, when he saw the trap driven by F[illegible] Hutchinson, the horse being then trotting [illegible] the direction of the bridge. He was driving [illegible] the left side of the road, that being his prope[illegible] side. Witness had his attention drawn to the trap by noticing a mare, ridden behind the trap, by a younger brother of Fred. Hutchinson, which stumbled against the kerbstones. The trap was on the proper side in going through the bridge, and it had just got through when the smash occurred. Witness ran to the spot to render assistance, and found deceased lying on his back near to the lamp post, some four feet off the main road. The trap itself was close to the lamp post. Deceased was lying slightly ahead of the trap. Witness did not catch sight of deceased prior to the accident, it being impossible to do so on account of the bend in the road. The driver of the trap would be unable to see the cyclist, until he entered the arch. Witness could not see on what side of the road the cyclist was riding. The horse was being driven at an ordinary trot, some five or six miles an hour. He was confident that the trap was on its right side of the road. The horse only started to trot, when passing Naylor's shop.

Margaret Hutchinson, No Place, said that she was standing in a shop doorway near to the arch, when the accident occurred. Mr Boggon nodded to witness in passing. She saw Mr Forster, but he was a good distance behind Mr Boggon. The cyclist was coming along the middle of the road, but sided away on approaching the arch. The accident happened there and then, neither driver nor cyclist appearing to see each other till close together. The trap was on the left side of the road. Witness ran into the shop to give the alarm, and on returning found Mr Boggon lying near to the trap, which was standing close to the lamp post. Neither the trap, or the cyclist were travelling very fast, and, in witness's opinion, it was a pure accident.

Frederick Hutchinson (17), Eden Hill Farm, said that he was driving from the mill at Urpeth to Eden Hill, when the accident occurred. Witness remembered coming underneath the arch, the horse being then travelling at a steady trot of some five miles an hour. A boy named William White was in the trap with him. Witness never saw the cyclist till he had got underneath the bridge, Mr Boggon being then some ten yards off, and riding in the centre of the road. Witness was driving on the left-hand side. Deceased tried to turn his machine to his left-hand side, but could not manage to do so, and ran right into the trap. Witness pulled off to within a yard of the lamp-post. There was no time to avert the collision. It was impossible for witness to see deceased earlier than he did.

William White, who was also in the trap at the time of the accident, said that on entering the arch, the trap was more to the left side of the road. Witness never saw Mr. Boggon till he was fairly on to them. The cyclist was travelling on his wrong side; he tried to get to the other side, but could not manage to turn the machine. Hutchinson pulled the trap as far to the left as he could possibly get, but there was no chance of preventing the collision. They were travelling at the rate of about five miles an hour. Neither witness nor Hutchinson had been "larking on" in the trap.

Mr Forster, son-in-law of deceased, said that if deceased had been riding on the right side of the road (that was the wrong side) he could have been seen from Naylor's shop. If he was on the wrong side of the road, it would have been impossible for those in the trap not to have seen him earlier.—This was contradicted by Mr Brown and several jurymen.

Mr Shepherd, in summing up, said that the occurrence was a very sad one for the family, and they all regretted it. The only question was as to whether the trap was on the left-hand side of the road or not. Mr Forster said that the cyclist was going down the hill at a very moderate rate; and was on the left-hand side of the road. He said that on approaching the archway, they saw the trap coming in the opposite direction on the same side of the road. Mr Forster, however, had his own machine to look after, and being behind the other cyclist, he was probably not in the best position as to the side on which the trap was travelling. They had the evidence of Mr Barnes, corroborated by Miss Hutchinson, that the trap was being driven along the left side of the road.

A verdict of "Died from injuries accidentally sustained in consequence of a collision on a highway near West Pelton" was returned.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

PRIZE SHOOTING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The members of the E (Chester-le-Street) Company of the 4th V.B.D.L.I., held their annual prize shooting on Saturday in dull but fair weather. Over £30 is annually subscribed by local residents and tradesfolk, and this sum is distributed at so much per point, so that every competitor who hits the target all gets a prize. In addition to this, Sergeant W. Lowther Anderson, of the Crown Inn, gave a silver medal for the highest score: Mr Geo. Beveridge, a pipe for the highest score, and Mr George Beveridge a pipe for second. Over ninety members took part in the competition, the winner of Sergeant Anderson's medal turning up in Corporal Trotter, with 38 to his credit. The conditions were—five shots each kneeling and lying at 200 yards, Hythe targets and scoring; h.p.s, 40. The best scores are appended:—Corporal J. Trotter, 38; Colour-Sergeant J. Usher, 36; Sergt. R. Finlay, 35; Sergt. W. Lowther Anderson, 35; Private J. W. Maddison, 35; Private A. McDonald, 33; Private Jas. Thompson, 31.

SACRISTON RIFLE RANGE.

This range being one of the very few which have passed for the Lee-Metford, the Stanley and Sacriston Companies of the 4th V.B.D.L.I. tried the new rifle with picked representative teams of twelve men, best ten to count, on Saturday last. The conditions were seven shots and one sighter at 200, 500, and 600 yards; Bisley targets and scoring. The weather was favourable to good shooting, and taking into consideration the fact that not more than three or four competitors in either team had fired out of the Lee-Metford previously, the shooting justified the encomiums that have been passed on the weapon. The chief difficulty lay in finding the correct elevation; indeed, several good shots in both teams wasted two or three shots in finding it at each distance. Private Elliott, one of the best shots in the Sacriston Company, gave a splendid demonstration of the capabilities of the new rifle, putting on a possible at 600 yards. The home team eventually won a pleasant and interesting match by 24 points. Scores:—

Sacriston—Private Elliott, 27, 29, 35—91; Capt. Blackett, 29, 28, 28—85; Sergeant Melrose, 25, 29, 30—84; Corporal Mole, 31, 23, 30—84; Private Straker, 30, 31, 17—78; Private Kenney, 27, 24, 24—75; Lieut. Ritson, 21, 20, 21—61; Sergeant-Instructor Palmer, 19, 31, 17—67; Sergeant Cuthbertson, 24, 21, 16—61; Private King, 22, 20, 16—58. Total, 751.

Stanley—Private Wood, 27, 31, 25—83; Sergeant-Instructor Johnson, 28, 29, 25—82; Corporal Roxby, 27, 24, 31—82; Sergeant Hazon, 29, 22, 26—77; Captain Crossling, 27, 19, 25—71; Sergeant Robson, 29, 29, 12—70; Private Brown, 25, 26, 18—69; Sergeant Hope, 23, 18, 21—62; Private Stamper, 23, 28, 15—66; Corporal Collins, 19, 19, 24—62. Total, 727.

The Stanley Company were afterwards entertained to a substantial tea, reaching Stanley about half-past eight, after enjoying a pleasant day's outing.

BEAMISH.

The final shoot of the "D" Company of the 4th V.B.D.L.I. took place on Saturday. The weather was fine, but a bad light at 600 yards made shooting difficult. Private Stephenson, who had been unfortunate on previous occasions, was the winner of the premier prize of £5 5s, given by Mrs Joicey. Sergeant Wrangham, who was penalized four points, reached the same aggregate as Private Stephenson. Appended are the ten chief scorers:—Private Stephenson 214, Sergeant Wrangham 214, Private Lockie 212, Private Clough 212, Corporal Atkin 211, Private Mewes 209, Private Eland 208, Sergeant Grundy 207, Private Wilby 207, Sergeant Mole 206. Privates Clough and Lockie have to shoot off for the second prize of £2 2s, given by Mr S. Humble.

BEAMISH RIFLE CLUB.

The fourteenth fortnightly handicap sweepstakes in connection with the above Club took place on Stanley Burn range, on Saturday afternoon. The conditions were seven shots and one sighting shot at 200, 500, and 600 yards; Bisley 1897 targets, scoring, and position; h.p.s. without start 105. The appended are the prize winners, with their starts and scores:—Private W. Martin (15), 27, 25, 30—97; Private T. Clough (7), 31, 33, 25—96; Private W. Scarr (18), 23, 26, 29—96; Sergeant T. Wrangham (11), 28, 29, 27—95; Private H. Wilby (15), 25, 31, 23—94; Private M. Pattison (9), 30, 29, 25—93.

KYO.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Annfield Plain Board School, on Monday last, under the presidency of Mr Robt. Kay, the other members present being Messrs T. Bowes, G. Ridley, and J. W. Robson.—The teachers' reports were received, and considered. The Attendance Officer reported three cases of irregular attendance at school, and the necessary directions were given thereon. The Architect (Mr G. H. Wilson) attended the meeting with sketch plans for the enlargement of the West Kyo School, which, after examination, were found satisfactory, and ordered to be sent for approval to the Education Department. It was reported to the Board that the Headmaster of Annfield Plain School, who has been ill for some time, was progressing favourably towards recovery.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

CHAPTERS I. & II.—The reader is introduced to the occupants of Traxford Lodge, the residence of Lady Lucy Dalton, the widowed sister of the Earl of Traxford, and her friends and relatives. Miss Cleveland, a noted beauty of the district, is a resident at the lodge. She is loved and courted for her beauty and amiability, more especially by Lord Foyle and Sir Francis Dalton, who is with his regiment abroad. Miss Cleveland somewhat favours Lord Foyle, but a question affecting the forging of a bill bearing the alleged signatures of Lord Foyle and the Earl of Traxford throws the entire household into confusion. Mick Delaney, Lord Foyle's half brother, is arrested, and his lordship himself is not considered above suspicion. Under these circumstances Miss Cleveland asks herself if she dare trust her happiness to the keeping of Lord Foyle.

CHAPTERS III. to V.—Foyle repudiates the idea that Delaney is anything akin to himself when charged with it by Tom Dalton, but on arriving at Traxford Castle with Bertram Henley, the steward, and having an interview with the Earl, he is informed that Delaney is his brother, and would occupy the position held by Foyle if he did not to say that the signature is his and so clear Delaney. With this threat over him Foyle consents, and Delaney is liberated from custody. Michael Delaney, speaking to the Earl after leaving the court, says he can explain all. The Earl replied, "I will never willingly see your face again. Leave Dublin for England to-night, and report yourself to Mr. Stopher at Crutched Friars. You will learn from him what I am prepared to do to advance your interests."

CHAPTER VI.

Michael Delaney remained standing on the pavement outside the police-court, watching with a petrified state of astonishment the disappearance of the carriage containing the Earl of Traxford and Lord Foyle.

For the first time in his life the cool audacity that usually marked his proceedings and that had stood him in good stead in many previous scrapes seemed to have deserted him. He was like one stunned, and for the moment was unable to credit the evidence of sight and hearing that told him he was discarded by his benefactor. The extreme partiality hitherto shown him by his foster-father (for so he had been taught to regard the Earl of Traxford), and the indulgence with which his many escapades had been pardoned, had led him to believe that there was no folly of which he could be guilty that the Earl's affection would not induce him to forgive.

Not until he was placed under arrest did Michael Delaney awake from his dream of security. Then though he was ignorant of the steps taken prior to the issue of the warrant, it did not occur to him to suppose that the Bank had ventured on taking extreme measures against him without first securing the Earl's concurrence. He did not suspect that the irate Earl, ignorant of the complicity of his protege, had repudiated the signatures to the forged bill, leaving the Bank to take their own course for the discovery and punishment of the author of the fraud. His arrest, therefore, came upon him like a bolt from the blue.

But, on finding himself a free man once more saved, as he was not slow to perceive, by the Earl's express intervention, his self-confidence was restored. He imagined that all he had to do was to present himself in order to be restored to favour. There would be some awkwardness, no doubt, at the first meeting, and he might have to listen to unwelcome reproaches; but there, he thought, the matter would end. The good-natured Earl would easily forgive him.

But when he heard the sentence of banishment and saw the stern glance with which the Earl waved him away, as though his presence had suddenly become hateful to him, Michael Delaney's wits suddenly forsook him, and he stood on the pavement watching the disappearance of the carriage, with a baffled, dazed look on his handsome face, his mind feebly endeavouring to comprehend the novel situation and oblivious of the crowd that was gathering round him. Suddenly he felt himself touched on the arm, and swinging himself round found himself confronted by Bertram Henley.

"Come with me," said the latter, hurriedly. "Don't you see that you are being mobbed?" And so speaking, Bertram Henley linked his arm in his and would have drawn him away. But Michael Delaney flung him aside with a curse and stalked off with a rapid stride, followed by a crowd of gaping idlers, talking volubly in their rich Dublin brogue of the sensation to which they had been treated in the police court, until Delaney, who was a swift walker, distanced his pursuers.

He walked on aimlessly, wrapped in thought, caring little whither he went. Chance led him to Phœnix Park, where he flung himself down on the grass and abandoned himself to his moody reflections.

Meanwhile Bertram Henley was determined not to lose sight of him. He entertained a genuine liking for the Earl's adopted son, for until this affair of the bill, Michael Delaney, wild and reckless though he had been, had never sullied himself with anything approaching to dishonesty. Bertram Henley's interest in him was naturally deepened by the startling confession which the Earl had made in his presence that morning. If Delaney was the legitimate heir to the title, was it not possible that the Earl might hereafter see fit to acknowledge him, when time had worn away the deep resentment which his crime had provoked?

Then, too, there was a great mystery surrounding the forged bill that Bertram Henley was anxious to have cleared up. He could not overlook the fact that Michael Delaney was gravely compromised as the utterer of the bill, but he refused to believe that he was the actual forger. He was confident that some more cunning skill had been employed to imitate with so much success the Earl's handwriting and the crabbed signature of Lord Foyle than any that Michael Delaney possessed, and he was not without hope that he would succeed in dragging the real culprit into the light. If he could manage to trace home the forgery he believed that he would be able to bring about a reconciliation. But to succeed, it was desirable that Michael Delaney should leave Ireland and allow the affair to blow over, and Bertram Henley, who knew Delaney's hot, passionate nature, was afraid that he would not quietly acquiesce in the sentence of banishment.

For these reasons, when Delaney sprang away from him he gave chase, fully determined not to give in until he had secured his promise to cross the Channel without delay. The chase proved a hot one, for Bertram Henley was short and stout and found some difficulty in keeping up with Delaney's giant strides.

"What a run you have given me," he cried as he sat down on the grass, panting and wiping his face, that shone with his violent exertions like a great red harvest moon.

"You here?" said Delaney, hoarsely. "What do you want?"

"A few minutes' conversation with you," said Bertram Henley, kindly. "Your own thoughts are not good company for you just now, and may prove sorry advisers."

Michael Delaney received this statement in sullen silence.

"I don't want to thrust myself on your confidence," Bertram Henley continued, "but I think you never stood more in need of a friend than you do just now. Will you tell me what you are thinking of doing?"

"First of all, I mean to go down to Traxford and have the matter threshed out," said Delaney defiantly.

"That is not the way to go to work if you wish to put yourself right with Lord Traxford. It was because I feared you cherished some such idea that I decided to follow you. Take my advice and go to London, to Mr. Stopher, as the Earl wishes, and trust to the influences of time and your own good conduct to heal the breach."

"You have been sent to say this to me," said Michael Delaney, with a quick glance of suspicion.

"Indeed you do me an injustice," protested Bertram Henley, warmly. "I only arrived in Dublin this morning, and there has been no time for any conversation except to devise measures for your release."

"Release forsooth! What business had they to arrest me?" burst forth Delaney, wrathfully. "What was the Earl doing to let matters come to that pass? It will be a stain on my character as long as I live. I will never forget it. Never! I know whom I have to thank for it, and I will make him rue it. It was not an easy task for Lord Foyle to turn the kindest heart breathing against me. Let him look to himself. He will feel my vengeance before he is much older, and it will come in a way he will not look for."

"You would act more prudently by accepting the situation for the present," said Bertram Henley, who had listened to this outburst with a grave face. "You can do no good by threatening Lord Foyle, and there is nothing to be gained by flying in the teeth of the Earl's wishes. At all events see Mr. Stopher before you decide on a course which you may afterwards see reason to regret. You are a favourite of his you know, and surely you can trust him."

For a long time Delaney turned a deaf ear to every argument, refusing to abandon his design of forcing his way into the Earl's presence and demanding a hearing. It was not until after much angry disputation, and when Bertram Henley had succeeded in convincing him of the extreme folly of persisting in his resolve that Delaney reluctantly consented to relinquish his intention.

But on the subject of the forged bill Bertram Henley was less successful. Delaney declined to say through what channel he received it. Beyond affirming that he had not forged the bill, and that Lord Foyle had shared in the money received from Leveson, he maintained a dogged silence, and Henley was compelled at last to take his leave without obtaining the clue that he had hoped for, and by means of which he expected to have been able to bring about a reconciliation. He did not know how to unriddle the mystery of Delaney's reticence, but finally came to the conclusion that he was generously endeavouring to shield someone more guilty than himself—an opinion that helped to bias the well-meaning agent still more in Delaney's favour, and make him more anxious to serve him.

The same evening Bertram Henley left for Traxford by the mail train for Cork. He did not know that Michael Delaney was among his fellow passengers, and would doubtless have been considerably astonished if he had been informed of the fact. But Delaney no sooner succeeded in shaking himself free from the unwelcome presence of the well-meaning agent that he repented of the promise he had given, and after once more considering his altered prospects, he resolved to pay a secret visit to Traxford before quitting Ireland.

He had no fear of being recognised; for he had won for himself a great reputation at amateur theatricals, and was not only clever in disguises, but experienced almost a child's delight in masquerading. He contrived to procure the garb of a countryman, and dressed in a long frieze coat of native workmanship, with stout gaiters, and with his features concealed beneath bushy black whiskers and a thick heavy beard, he looked the character he personated: that of an Irish cattle drover. Though he jostled against Bertram Henley on the station platform designedly, and adopted other means to challenge his attention on the journey down, the agent failed to penetrate his disguise.

Late on the following evening Michael Delaney, wearing the disguise in which he had travelled to Traxford, might have been seen in Traxford Park, loitering near the old oak-bridge, leading to the Grotto Farm, keeping well within the shadow of the trees to escape observation.

He waited a long time, restlessly pacing to and fro, his impatient spirit sorely chafed by an unlooked-for delay. At length he saw a figure advancing from the direction of the Grotto Farm, and availing himself of the opportunity afforded by the shelter of a giant oak, he concealed himself behind the bole of the tree until he could ascertain whether the stranger were friend or foe. The new comer came along with a quick alert step, merrily whistling, "God save Ireland."

"I thought so," muttered Delaney to himself, as he emerged again into the open. "It is Tonkey Dick; the man I want to see."

Richard Tonkin, familiarly known as Tonkey Dick, was employed at the Traxford Estate offices. It was a mystery how he contrived to keep his position; for he was a graceless ne'er-do-well, much addicted to usquebagh, and the boon companion of the most worthless fellows in the town of Traxford. Tonkey was also "a bit of a politician." He had recently been elected secretary to the local branch of the Land League; an office that seemed strangely incompatible with the situation he held under the Earl of Traxford. The wonder grew, as Tonkey's various misdeeds became more widely known, that the Earl retained him in his employment. But to those who confided their surprise to him, Tonkey would darkly intimate that the Earl was "beholden to me family," and with sundry other hints and nods would contrive to convey the idea that it was as much as the Earl's coronet was worth to put a slight on Tonkey Dick!

It was certainly true that though the Earl was perfectly well acquainted with Tonkey's proceedings, and Bertram Henley was anxious to send him adrift, the agent's objections to retaining him were habitually overruled. But at last, on the night of this meeting with Delaney in the park, the blow had fallen! Tonkey Dick had been to the Grotto Farm in obedience to an imperative mandate, and had received his dismissal.

No one who saw him as he came forward where Delaney was awaiting to accost him would have suspected from his light springy step, and the patriotic air which he was whistling so joyously, the nature of his errand to the Grotto Farm, from which he was now returning. Yet Bertram Henley, who had reasons for suspecting that Tonkey was concerned in the matter of the forged bill that had occasioned Michael Delaney's banishment, had called Tonkey for explanations of certain suspicious circumstances, which were not forthcoming, or at least were far from being of a convincing character. After a sharp battle of wits, in which Tonkey Dick greatly distinguished himself by his clever evasive replies, but which failed to impose a belief in his innocence on the mind of the agent, he was informed that his services at the offices would not be required again.

"Well met, Tonkey," said Delaney, as the former came over the old oak bridge. "I have been waiting a full hour for you."

"Is it waiting for me ye are saying?" replied Tonkey. "I thought that ould divvil, Bertram Henley, was going to invite me to sleep wid him he seemed so anxious for a bit of me company. But what does this mane?" he added. "What are ye doin' here in this disguise? If it had not been for your voice I would not have known you."

"Have you heard any news?" asked Delaney, who had more important matters in hand than to discuss his disguise. "Anything about me, for instance?"

"Of course, I have seen the newspapers," said Tonkey, cautiously.

"Then you know that your beautiful cleverness has got me into a world of trouble."

"That is not my fault," said Tonkey. "How was I to know what you were going to do with it? When you asked me if I could imitate Lord Foyle's signature and I told you I could imitate the handwriting of any man under the sun, I thought you meant it for a joke. If I had known——"

"Hold your tongue, you fool," exclaimed Delaney below his breath, glancing hastily round. "Who knows who may be lying hidden behind these cursed trees? Speak quietly if you can."

"Bedad, I don't know that you have much to complain of," said Tonkey, lowering his voice, "and I would do more than that for you."

"I suppose you don't call standing in a prison dock to be stared at by an unwashed Dublin mob and to have your name blazoned abroad in every penny sheet 'anything to complain of,'" said Delaney, grimly.

"Whisht, man! You came off with flying colours, and you had the money, whilst I am sent about my business."

"Sent about your business? What do you mean? I don't understand you," said Delaney, visibly surprised.

"It's a story that don't take long in the tellin'," said Tonkey, naively. "I was practising a bit of writin' one day on the Rents Ledger—you can guess what—when Bertram Henley came in. I shut the ledger down with a bang, and left the impression of my caligraphy on the blotting-paper."

"Which afterwards you took the precaution to destroy, of course?"

"Which, begging your pardon, is exactly what I forgot to do."

"And you mean to tell me that Henley discovered the blotting-paper with your practising on it?"

"I mane exactly that same. To-night he wanted an explanation; but the man isn't born yet who can squeeze explanations out of Tonkey Dick when he doesn't mane to spake. No, begorrah!"

"So the discussion ended with Henley losing his temper and kicking you out. Is that it, Tonkey? It is a pity that you didn't tell the truth, though. I mean for your sake. Henley could have done you no harm without my evidence. I could send you to penal servitude, but he could not."

"And there wad be two of us together," said Tonkey, slyly. "If that's your game, Mick, I will wish you 'good night,'" he added, angrily.

"It's not worth while discussing whether I should stand side by side with you in the dock, or not; though I fancy you would stand there alone. Your mouth would be closed—you seem to forget that—and my story would be told with an air of injured innocence and virtue, and with an amount of probability that you would find it difficult to rebut."

"You do not mane it now, do you?" asked Tonkey, anxiously. "It's chaffin' me you're afther."

"Have you forgotten," said Delaney, "that when you sent the bill to me you were so proud of your wonderful powers as a penman that you enclosed with it a letter, professing to be in the hand-writing of the Earl of Traxford, and giving me some excellent advice on the wickedness of spendthrift habits? The sentiments were excellent: almost as good as the imitation of the Earl's hand-writing, which was beautifully done."

"You did not keep the letter?" cried Tonkey, whose lively imagination was quick to take in the possibilities of danger to himself.

But Delaney kept silence, watching with a sardonic smile the expression of alarmed self-interest depicted on Tonkey Dick's face as it deepened into a veritable agony of fear.

"Tell me you did not keep the letter," he cried, now thoroughly alarmed. "You destroyed it? For the love of God, speak!"

"Kept it? Of course I kept it," said Delaney with a laugh. "I thought it might prove useful another day," he added significantly.

"Mick Delaney, you are a villain!" exclaimed Tonkey, realising how completely he lay at Delaney's mercy.

"Tonkey Dick, you are a fool," retorted Delaney in a cool, bantering tone. "What a fright you are in, man. Is it likely that I should break with an old comrade who has served me well? And for no cause at all? What do you take me for?"

"But you were so much in arnest," said Tonkey, with a gurgling sound in his throat that sounded suspiciously like a sob of relief.

In truth Richard Tonkin was in a state of mortal fright, as his agitated manner was sufficient to show. Delaney had produced the effect he intended, in convincing him that he had committed himself most fatally in the matter of the forged bill. If Tonkey came to the conclusion that he owed the continuance of his liberty to Michael Delaney's clemency, that was a further point gained towards the execution of the plans which had been forming in Delaney's mind since he parted from Bertram Henley in Dublin.

But it was no part of his design to lead Tonkey Dick to look upon his betrayal as a probable event. It was enough for his purpose that his tool should consider his safety dependent on his patron's favour. Having effected this result Michael Delaney hastened to reassure Tonkey's mind.

"In arnest," he cried, mockingly. "You must be a greater fool than I took you for. I was never less in earnest in my life. Here's my hand on it."

Tonkey Dick took the proffered hand, grasping it warmly, and with one of those rapid revulsions of feeling for which the Celtic race is so remarkable passionately exclaimed,

"Mick, I could die for you."

"I won't ask you to do that," said Delaney, w[illegible] a smile, really touched at this emotional display [illegible] attachment. "But come. I have not ventured [illegible] meet you here to talk about that wretched bill."

"Suppose we change the subject," said Ton[illegible] gleefully, feeling once more at ease after Delan[illegible] assurances.

"With pleasure. I have more important ma[illegible] to discuss than that beggarly affair."

At this moment a crackling was heard among [illegible] underwood, and both men sprang back startled [illegible] moonlight gleamed on a gun-barrel as a man ste[illegible] from the thicket of trees. The man recognised [illegible]key, and passed on.

"It is only one of the keepers," said To[illegible] "You know Tim Dooley?"

Delaney nodded.

"But it isn't safe talking here, with the keepers about," continued Tonkey, glancing round suspiciously as the man whose sudden appearance had startled them vanished over the old oak bridge. "Cannot we go somewhere?" he asked.

"Yes, it would be better. Come along with me," said Delaney. "I am staying at the Traxford Arms to-night." And Delaney linked his arm in Tonkey Dick's, and the two men passed noiselessly down the glen until they reached the highway, where they struck out for the little town of Traxford, on the outskirts of which lay the hostelry known as the Traxford Arms.

CHAPTER VII.

The inn lay shrouded in darkness when Michael Delaney and Tonkey Dick gained its friendly shelter. But after tapping on the shutters a sound of footsteps was heard in the passage, followed by the shooting back of the bolts, and the face of the landlord, Jeremiah Cleason, appeared through the aperture of the half-open door.

"It is all right, Cleason," said Delaney. "It is only Tonkey Dick."

"Come in, Mr. Delaney," replied Cleason, recognizing Delaney's voice and opening the door wide enough to admit his visitor. "You are back sooner than I expected. Come in, Tonkey. What are you standing there for?" he added, as Tonkey remained outside the door looking down the street to see if their proceedings were observed.

"Let us have a bottle of J.J.," said Delaney to the landlord, as Cleason led the way into the little parlour.

"Anything to eat with it?" asked Cleason, and receiving a reply in the negative he bustled away.

"There is John Jameson's best," said the landlord as he returned, bringing a bottle of spirits and tumblers. "And a fine tipple it is, yer honour," he added, with a sagacious wink to Tonkey Dick.

"That's right, I see you have brought a glass for yourself, Cleason," said Delaney. "Fill up, and then you can go to bed. I will let Tonkey out when we have punished the bottle."

The landlord complied with the invitation with alacrity, smacking his lips with approval as he gulped down the contents of his glass.

"You won't forget to bar the door, yer honour?" he said, as he wished them "Good night."

"I won't forget," returned Delaney, waving his arm impatiently, a hint that Cleason at once took.

Silence reigned in the room after the retirement of Cleason, which was unbroken until the house was wrapped in entire stillness.

"What would you say, Tonkey," asked Delaney, suddenly breaking the long pause, "if I told you that I had a bitter and an implacable enemy; not only mine, but yours?"

"Not much," replied Tonkey, laconically.

"Speak out, man. What would you do?"

"The Laygue wad soon settle him," Tonkey replied, with meaning emphasis. "Who is he?"

"Lord Foyle," said Delaney, with his eye fixed on his companion, to note how he received the announcement.

"Lord Foyle!" exclaimed Tonkey, unable to conceal his astonishment. "That's the way the wind sits, is it? What has he been doing?"

"He has made Traxford Castle too hot to hold me. Is not that enough?" demanded Delaney fiercely.

"Made the Castle too hot to hould you," said Tonkey, with a look of bewilderment.

"I got a man named Leveson to discount that bill," Delaney went on. "At that time Lord Foyle was hard up. I let him have a cool thousand of it. How did he suppose it was obtained? It was like him, to have suspicions and say nothing, curse him! It was like him, too, to use it as a handle against me to ruin me with the Earl."

"He has not done that?" said Tonkey, excitedly. "Oh, the blayguard!"

"Yes; the Earl has cast me off—thanks to him. I tried a dozen times to catch Lord Foyle's eye in Court yesterday morning, but the mean hound would not look me in the face."

"The Earl cast you off," cried Tonkey. "And after bringing you so finely out of the clutches of the peelers as he did."

"I suppose he thinks his obligations ended there," said Delaney, bitterly. "He refuses to see me again, and orders me to report myself to his London lawyer, Mr. Stopher, who will inform me of what he intends to do."

"It may not be so bad as you think," said Tonkey, whose sympathies were fully enlisted on the side of Delaney by the recital of his wrongs.

"We will not go into that, Tonkey. Bertram Henley thinks he can put matters right; but he is mistaken. Right will not be dealt out to me as long as Lord Foyle has his father's ear. There is only one thing I can see to be done."

"What is that?" asked Tonkey, his interest thoroughly aroused.

"If Lord Foyle were out of the way, it would not be long before I should see the inside of the Castle again."

"And be its master," exclaimed Tonkey, gorging the bait in the prettiest manner possible.

"Perhaps: who knows?" replied Delaney. "There are many things more unlikely than that. I have often thought that if everyone came by his own, it is not Lord Foyle who would be the next Earl of Traxford."

"Maning yourself, av coorse?" said Tonkey.

"Of course, I mean myself. Do you suppose I have never wondered how I came to be at Traxford, and why the Earl has shown so much kindness to a nameless orphan lad? I am the son of an old and very dear friend of his whom he promised that he would treat me as his own child. So he says! As if that explanation would hold water. It is as likely to be false as true, and if false I have shrewd suspicion that I am the eldest son of the Earl of Traxford. I wish I could discover who my mother was, and whether he married her," he added musingly.

"You would be the next Earl of Traxford in that case, sure enough," said Tonkey.

"Not a doubt of it," replied Delaney; "and I intend to spare no pains to unravel the mystery that led the Earl of Traxford to adopt me and treat me in every respect on the footing of a son."

"And you would lower the rints?" cried Tonkey, who thought the opportunity of enforcing the doctrines of the League on a landlord "in posse" too good to let slip.

"You should have the best holding in the Barony, rent free for yourself and your heirs for ever. I would fasten it on you as tight as parchment and sealing wax could make it," returned Delaney, with an air of magnificent generosity that greatly impressed his hearer.

By a judicious combination of half-veiled menace and subtle cajolery Michael Delaney had thus attained one prime object of his secret visit to Traxford. He had succeeded in attaching Tonkey Dick completely to his interests. There was already a bond of peculiar strength subsisting between them, dating back from a former period of their lives before the Earl of Traxford received Delaney into his family, in the days when they were brought up on the same farm in a remote part of the country, and when as yet there was no social gulf to divide them. But the appeal to Tonkey's fears for his share in the transaction of the forged bill, and the spur to his cupidity by the promise of the fee-simple of a farm, which Delaney dangled as a bribe before his eyes, had immensely strengthened the bond, and rendered the Leaguer a tool in his hands, ready to obey the behests of the stronger will. Tonkey's eyes twinkled with satisfaction at the prospect of being converted into the owner of a large holding, and he demonstrated his gratitude by declaring his readiness to do anything or go anywhere at Delaney's bidding.

"Say the word, Mick," he cried, "and Lord Foyle shall not stand in your way a day longer than maybe."

"Let him alone for the present," replied Delaney. "There may be other ways of removing him from my path besides murder."

"Murther?" cried Tonkey, "Sure thin you don't call shootin' a landlord murther?"

"What do you call it then?" asked Delaney, a smile of amused contempt playing round his mouth.

"Execution," answered Tonkey shortly.

"Oh, that's the way you put it," cried Delaney. "You forget that I hope to be a landlord myself some day."

"But not a rack-renter, Mick," returned Tonkey. "It's the raie good heart that you have. Won't the bhoys have a good time when you get your own? Bedad there'll be no evictions then. Here's to your health, Mick," he added, draining his glass and proceeding to refill it, when a gesture from Delaney arrested the movement.

"Put the bottle down, Tonkey," said Delaney, authoritatively. "I want you in your sober senses a little longer," he added by way of explanation as Tonkey hastened to obey the unwelcome command. "It will be some time longer before we meet again," he continued, "and it is important you should know what I propose to do, and help me to carry out my plans. To begin with, I want you to remain here as my watch-dog, and let me know everything that goes on. Everything; you understand. That is a broad enough instruction. You must not get judging for yourself whether it is important or not. You are to be my eyes and miss nothing, and my ears to hear everything."

"And tell you all about it," said Tonkey.

"Report everything. I am going to London and it is essential that I should be placed at no disadvantage in consequence of my absence from Traxford. If anything happens I must return immediately to assert my claims. Stick close to Lord Foyle. Follow him like his own shadow. I am playing for big stakes, remember—a peerage and a beautiful woman. Do your part properly and some day you will salute me no more as Michael Delaney, but as Earl of Traxford and Viscount Foyle in the Kingdom of Ireland, and Baron Torquay in the peerage [illegible] England!"

"[illegible] the beautiful woman? Who is she?" asked [illegible]

"[illegible]land will be my Countess," replied [illegible] eloquently. "Fill your glass now, [illegible] to the health of the beautiful [illegible]lan alive, what are you staring [illegible] Tonkey sat with eyes fixed in [illegible]

"[illegible]ing at all, at all," he replied. "[illegible]zled, do you see? You'll have [illegible]king," he added reflectively. "[illegible]k with Lord Foyle as I went [illegible] Henley three or four nights [illegible] lovers they were."

[illegible] Delaney savagely. "But it [illegible]t he supplants me there. [illegible]ne Cleveland I will see him [illegible] And the big veins swelled on [illegible]he vision thus conjured up, [illegible]ures became convulsed with pitiless hate.

"Don't distress yourself, Mick," said Tonkey, on whom this exhibition of deadly rancour was not lost. "You have but to say, 'Lord Foyle stands in my way,' and it is divilish little while he'll be troubling you."

"If I could only rely on you for that," cried Delaney, with a quick, eager glance. "Are you not boasting?"

"Is it doubting me word ye are afther? The man that settled that ould informer, Mike Cassidy, draws a sure trigger."

"And you know him? Will he do this?" asked Delaney excitedly.

"Just write and say, 'Partridge shooting will soon be coming on,' and then keep a bright look out for the newspapers. You'll see whether Tonkey Dick is a braggart."

Michael Delaney looked at the speaker keenly, and the look of determination that met his own gaze told him that at a sign from him the days of Lord Foyle were numbered.

"Very good, we will leave that for the present," said Delaney, after deciding in his mind whether he should make that sign now, or wait the course of events.

"There is only one thing left unsaid," he continued. "For some time to come I intend to devote myself to the task of unravelling the Earl's motives for adopting me. Hold yourself in readiness for any service I may require on that account. You will want money, of course. I have not much to spare, but here are a few pounds to go on with."

And Delaney having touched Tonkey's palm with the magic metal, which struck a new chord in the heart of his dependant, conducted him to the door, where they parted.

(To be continued).

BODY-VIEWING AT INQUESTS.

Mr John Bates, of West Stanley, recently forwarded an epistle to Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., regarding the movement for the abolition of body-viewing at inquests. We have previously expressed approval of Mr Bates's efforts to secure this desirable reform, and trust that the member for North-West Durham will act in accordance with the sentiments expressed in the letter. A local contemporary recently published what purported to be a copy of the letter sent by Mr Bates to Mr Atherley-Jones, but which was really only a draft of a letter which Mr Bates intended forwarding not to Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., but to Sir James Joicey, M.P. for the Chester-le-Street Parliamentary Division. Appended is a correct copy of the letter addressed to the member for North-West Durham:—

SIR,—As an elector of the Parliamentary Division of North-West Durham, and as one who has had considerable experience as a juryman, I respectfully ask you to lend your valuable support to a Bill which the Home Secretary (Sir M. W. Ridley) intends to introduce during next session, for the purpose of making the viewing of bodies by jurymen non-compulsory.

Mr John Graham, our local coroner, is strongly in favour of the proposed change, as are the majority of coroners and jurymen throughout the country.

I drew the matter to Mr Graham's notice at an inquest recently held at West Stanley, and promised on his suggestion to do my utmost to persuade local Members of Parliament to support what I believe to be a very necessary reform.

I enclose extracts from *Consett Chronicle* and *Durham Chronicle*, which may be of interest to you.—Yours respectfully, JOHN BATES.

Front Street, Stanley.

Mr Atherley-Jones has replied to Mr Bates, in a letter dated October 2nd, from 25, Pembroke Road, Kensington, London:—

DEAR MR BATES,—Your letter, after much travelling about, has reached me here. I am cordially, so far as my knowledge and information on the subject goes, at one with you as to the question of body-viewing by coroners' juries, and shall be glad to give my cordial support, unless I hear very grave reasons to the contrary, to any proposal for abolishing an unpleasant duty. I am glad you are taking a warm interest in the question.—Believe me, with kind regards, very sincerely yours,

L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES.

P.S.—I return the cuttings from the *Consett Chronicle* and *Durham Chronicle*, which I have read with interest.

LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Monday night last, in the Schools, Burnhope, under the presidency of Mr J. R. Ritson. The other Councillors present were—Messrs R. Innes, J. Innes, Thornton, Gibson, U. A. Ritson, jun., Dodd, Hartley, Champney, Chapman, and the Clerk (Mr J. J. Thompson).—The minutes of last meeting were read, and confirmed, on the motion of Mr Chapman, seconded by Mr U. A. Ritson, jun.

LANDS AND ALLOTMENTS.

The correspondence was then read, and included a letter from the Local Government Board, asking for a return of all lands and allotments acquired by the Parish Council since their creation in 1894.—The Clerk stated that, as they had none, he had filled the required form "Nil," and forwarded it to the Local Government Board, in September last.

THE WRONG COUNCIL.

The Clerk stated that he had received an invoice from Pelton Station for 1s, for dues on road metal to Charlaw Siding.—As this probably referred to the District Council, he was instructed to forward it to them.

MR THOMPSON'S RESIGNATION.

The Chairman read Mr J. J. Thompson's formal resignation of Parish Councillor, which was accepted.—As Mr Joseph Keenleyside was the next highest at the declaration of the poll, Mr J. R. Ritson proposed, and Mr R. Innes seconded, that he be elected to the vacancy.—The Chairman stated that he had first written to Mr Keenleyside as to whether he would accept the office or not, and that gentleman having already been upon the Council, he thought that he would make a very useful member.—Mr Hartley asked if it was necessary to appoint the next highest, in the event of a vacancy.—The Chairman: Oh, no; only it is what is always done when such vacancies occur.—Mr Hartley: Well, I propose that Mr William Paine, of Burnhope, be elected to the vacancy.—Mr Dodd: I second it.—On being put to the vote, three voted for Mr Paine, and seven for Mr Keenleyside.—Mr Keenleyside was thereupon elected.—The Clerk then produced the official form of appointment for assistant overseer, which having been read by the Chairman, Mr Dodd proposed, and Mr Hartley seconded, that Mr Thompson be appointed assistant overseer, and that the appointment be signed.—This was agreed to.

BLACKBURN BRIDGE.

Mr Chapman then read the report of the Roads' Committee, respecting Blackburn Bridge, which was stated to be in great need of repair.—Tenders were opened—one from Mr Sinton and one from Mr Buckham.—On the motion of Mr U. A. Ritson, jun., seconded by Mr R. Innes, the tender of Mr Buckham, for £5 5s, was accepted.

FOOTPATHS AT BIGGEN.

Mr Chapman called the attention of the Chairman to a subject that had escaped last month, and that was the repair of some footpaths at Biggen. The matter, he said, was brought forward in the spring, and it was then decided not to do anything in the matter until the back end.—The Chairman: Quite right, Mr Chapman; I remember about it. I think it will be best to see what is to be done, and then let the Clerk advertise for tenders. If it is too much, well, we are not bound to entertain the tender.—Mr Chapman: Certainly not. We are not bound to accept any tender.—It was resolved that the Clerk get the probable length, and advertise for tenders for the same.

MORE LAMPS FOR LANCHESTER.

Mr CHAMPNEY brought forward his motion for additional lamps for Lanchester, pointing out that it was of as much importance for the bye places to be lit as the main roads. From Kit's Well Lane to Dorman's Cottages, where there were 20 houses, the inhabitants had no light. Victoria Street was in the same condition. He urged that the Council should apply to the District Council for four additional lamps for Kit's Well Lane, and four more for Victoria Street.—It was moved by Mr Chapman, and seconded by Mr Champney, that this be done, and that the Clerk write to the District Council respecting the same.

BURNHOPE SEWERAGE.

A letter from the Clerk to the District Council respecting the above was discussed in Committee, after which the Council adjourned.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.—The 141st quarterly report of the Shotley Bridge Industrial and Provident Society, Limited, just issued, shows that during the past quarter thirteen committee meetings have been held, at which the attendance has been as follows:—Mr J. Fox 10, Mr Robert Milburn 13, Mr R. Chisholm 12, Mr J. H. Mackey 13, Mr G. Wailes 11, Mr J. Hopper 13, Mr W. Anderson 13, Mr R. Harlow 11, Mr J. Leadbitter 11, Mr W. Davison 11, Mr G. Scott 12. The total sales for the quarter were £3,827 16s 6d. The amount of dispensable profit, after paying expenses and interest on capital, was £463 11s 3½d, out of which the committee recommended a bonus on members' checks, grocery, &c., at 2s 10d in the £., and on butcher's checks at 10d in the £. Since the last quarter, eight new members had been enrolled, eight had withdrawn and been written off, making the total on the books 518.

LETTERS to the EDITOR.

As it is desired to make the *Consett Chronicle* a medium for intelligent discussion to its readers, Correspondence is invited from all who have useful information to communicate. But contributors must distinctly understand that all communications sent will be subject to the Editor's revision, and that all statements of a personal, offensive, or impolite character will be unhesitatingly expunged. Correspondents should always criticise the actions or the practice complained of, and not the person whom they consider to be at fault. Communications from working men on matters of public interest are frequently the most valuable, and Correspondence of this class is especially invited. The Editor will most willingly revise the letters of those who favour him with their contributions. The name and address of the writer must accompany all communications. These will not be given where the writer does not wish his identity to be known; nor will they, in any case, or under any circumstances whatever, be given to inquirers. Correspondents replying to letters which have appeared in the *Chronicle*, bearing the names and addresses of the writers, are expected to do so over their *bona-fide* names.

Letters ought to be forwarded as early in the week as possible. Communications of this description will be received up to nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, but on no account can they be inserted if sent after this hour.

IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

SIR,—In your issue of October 1st, there is a letter from Mr Bartram, of Newcastle, referring to your report of my lecture at the Stanley Wesleyan Chapel. The advertised title of my lecture was, "How I know that the Bible is true"; so that, personally, I did not raise the question, "Is the Bible true?" attributed to me by your correspondent. However, I certainly did make some references to Secularism, and at the close of the meeting, whilst still inside the Church, two men, claiming to represent Stanley Secularists, Mr Mitchell, of Newcastle, also Mr Cohen, of London, challenged me, on their behalf, to debate with the gentlemen named, and promised to send such challenge, in writing, to my address, which they received for the purpose. Up to the present, no such communication or any other from them has been received at my address. With regard to Mr Mitchell, I told the deputation that that gentleman had actually run away from my open platform on Newcastle Quayside, when in the midst of a public debate, and though a regular attendant for the past two years at my meetings, he had never even opened his mouth to challenge a single statement made. Consequently, it would be beneath my dignity for me to follow that gentleman either to Stanley, or, indeed, anywhere else. He is welcome to return at any time, and have equal time on his own favourite subject, namely, "The immorality of the Sermon on the Mount." As regards Mr Cohen and others, let me state that I have never refused to meet any Secularist who has ever come against me, and I certainly shall not draw the line at Mr Cohen. During the past six years, I have had discussions with many Secularists, and if, as your correspondent alleges, Newcastle Secularists are in a "better condition than they have been for a number of years," and so, therefore, stronger, I am still prepared, as in past years, to take the whole lot of them at one meeting, or in a series of meetings, at the same platform where so many of them have been whipped again and again, until completely silenced. This is no idle boast, but will let your readers see what one who has a close acquaintance with the facts knows to be the weakness of their "ism." If it is discussion they want, surely an open platform, every week placed at their disposal, gives ample opportunities for them to embrace. I am yet waiting for them to come back to the platform they used so much, and measure swords again, and also, as in the past, one or so against the whole of Tyneside Secularists. When the "ten Secularists won from Christianity," mentioned by Mr Bartram, sing this verse again, from the Secularists' Manual, used at the burial of members, namely—

> What's been the fruitful cause of cant,
> Hypocrisy, deception, rant,
> And madness oft, when brains were scant?
> The Bible—

it may dawn upon them that they are thus acknowledging that when they professed to be Christians, they were of "brains scant," and of "deception full." How is it that Mr Bartram foists into the subject a jibe about bishops? Is it because they are, in metaphor, rolled as sweet morsels under his tongue? But even if the Anglicans choose to amply provide for the great needs of a bishop's position, is it not to their credit? And when Secularists allow their leaders to get overwhelmingly in debt, is it not to their shame? Which is the worst, to give a man too much or too little?—Yours, &c.,

THOS. G. REED.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WEST STANLEY LEEK SHOW.

The West Stanley Jubilee Leek and Vegetable Society held a show, on Saturday, in the Albert Hall, where there was an excellent display of leeks, cauliflowers, and other vegetables. The cauliflowers exhibited are reputed to be the best ever shown in the locality, whilst the leeks were also of a very high order. Cabbage and celery were both pretty fair, considering the season. Mr Joseph Robinson, of Fondlysett, officiated as judge, and his decisions gave complete satisfaction. Mr Robert Scott acted as secretary, and Mr William Turner as treasurer, whilst a capable committee assisted in the necessary arrangements. Many beautiful plants, lent by Mr W. Nevens, enhanced the appearance of the interior of the hall. The show met with a fair amount of patronage, as did a dance held in the hall in the evening, at which the music was supplied by Mr William Rowell's orchestra. Messrs. W. Nevens and W. Proudlock acted as M.C.'s. The awards were:—

LEEKS.—1, J. Holland, Oakeys; 2, W. Urwin, No Place; 3, G. Wilkinson, The Ford, Beamish; 4, T. Ridley, Oakeys; 5, R. Aitchinson, Stanley; 6, M. Smith, Cross Lanes; 7, W. Turner, Scotts Houses; 8, R. Holland, Oakeys; 9, J. Dawson, Oakeys; 10, W. Gibson, Oakeys; 11, R. Scott, Oakeys; 12, W. Proudlock, East Stanley; 13, R. Boal, Commercial Hotel; 14, W. Cockburn, East Stanley; 15, Isaac Harkness, Joicey Square; 16, Wm. Nevens, Scott's House; 17, W. Crosley, Scott's House; 18, A. Purvis, South Moor; 19, R. Cockburn, East Stanley; 20, John Curry, East Stanley; 21, W. Clark, Cross Lanes; 22, E. Stephenson, Scott's Houses; 23, J. Davison, Stanley; 24, W. Wood, Stanley; 25, J. Wailes, Stanley; 26, J. Fallas, Louisa Terrace; 27, T. Wilkinson, Oakeys.

VEGETABLES.—1 R. Holland, 2 W. Urwin, 3 R. Aitchinson, 4 G. Wilkinson, 5 W. Gibson, 6 W. Crosley, 7 R. Wailes, 8 W. Wood, 9 E. Stephenson, 10 W. Nevens, 11 T. Wilkinson, 12 J. Davison, 13 J. Purvis.

BURNHOPE VEGETABLE SOCIETY.

On Saturday afternoon, the second annual exhibition of leeks and other vegetables was held in the Burnhope Schools (kindly granted for the occasion by Mr J. P. Kirkup, President of the Society). The exhibits, numbering 82, were of an exceedingly creditable character, and it is the intention of the Committee to make the show one of the best in the district. The arrangements of the Committee were excellent, whilst the Secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr Richard Summerbell, assisted by Mr Henry Teasdale. The judge was Mr Humphrey Walton, of Holmside. In the evening, a ball was held in the Schools, when Messrs J. P. Kirkup and Henry Gray, acting in the capacity of M's.C., carried out their onerous duties with marked tact and ability. The music was supplied by Mr Jas. Costello's String Band. The ball was fairly well patronised. Refreshments were provided during the evening, on the Lockhart system, the ladies presiding at the tables being Mesdames Dobson, Guy, Moffatt, and Hovvells. The following is the prize list:—

Leeks—J Atkinson 1, R Summerbell 2, T Carr 3, J Humble 4, T Scott 5, J Rollins 6, H Gray 7, W Bell 8, J Scott 9, Mrs Halliday 10, H L Burgess 11, D Gardiner 12, M Heslop 13, J Bell 14, A Halliday 15, J Rowe 16, R Moffatt 17, J Gibson 18, J Soulsby 19, J Mason 20, E Todd 21, J P Kirkup 22, E Coates 23, H Teasdale 24, M Hutchinson 25, J Miles 26, W Winter 27, R Battensby 28, T Wallace 29, T Burnett 30, G Lawson 31, H Wigham 32, J Henderson 33, T Eddy 34, W Heron 35, J R Ritson 36, N Milburn 37, W Shotton 38, R Armstrong 39, G Patterson 40, U A Ritson 41, R Patterson, jun., 42, M Brown 43, and R Patterson, sen., 44.

Collection of vegetables—T Scott 1, W Bell 2, T Carr 3, J Scott 4.

Red cabbage—T Carr 1, T Scott 2, R Summerbell 3, J Humble 4, R Battensby 5.

Window plants—R Patterson 1, M Hutchinson 2, H Wigham 3, T Wallace 4.

Bouquet of flowers—G Lawson 1, R Moffatt 2.

OBITUARY ANNALS

OF

NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

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In these papers it is proposed to give some account of the most remarkable occurrences in the whole area of the Lanchester Union during a period of sixty years. It is believed that they will be of interest to the readers of the *Chronicle*, and their co-operation is solicited in making the record as complete as possible. The utmost care has been taken to give nothing that would be likely to cause offence or give pain. Many of the events chronicled will be within the recollection of some of our older readers, and we shall be glad to receive additional facts relative to any of the events or people mentioned. The record has been compiled with great care, and the names and dates may be accepted as absolutely correct. With a view to making this department of the *Chronicle* interesting, the Editor will be glad to answer, free of charge, inquiries respecting the date of the death of any person in North-West Durham during the period covered by the record.

1862.

15 March, Jane, wife of William Johnson Clements, County Court bailiff, Poplar Cottage, Benfieldside, aged 40.

18 March, Jane, daughter of John Mackey, Bridge Hill, aged 40.

3 April, Elizabeth Anderson, Wheatley Hill, aged 81.

3 April, Margaret, widow of John Thompson, ironmonger, Benfieldside, aged 77.

4 April, Mary, wife of Joseph Barnett, puddler, Delves Terrace, aged 43.

5 April, Jacob Laverick, Stanley Hall, aged 40.

5 April, James Oliver, joiner, Lanchester, aged 58.

12 April, William Whitfield, Blackhill, aged 23.

14 April, George Robinson, woodmonger, Burnopfield, aged 63.

18 April, John Henderson, 28, hewer, killed by a fall of stone in West Stanley Pit.

19 April, John Hornsby, The Tower, Greencroft, aged 72.

19 April, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Nicholson, timekeeper, High Conside, aged 33.

20 April, Thomas Smith, Benfieldside, aged 32.

21 April, John Dixon, Burnhope Cottages, aged 81.

21 April, Jane, wife of John Leadbitter, Shotley Bridge, aged 42.

22 April, Thomas Oliver, Tanfield, aged 35.

23 April, John Atkinson, 14, screener, killed by falling off a wagon at Andrew's House Colliery.

24 April, Jane, widow of John Scott, joiner, High Conside, aged 55.

27 April, Martha, wife of Joseph Brodie, master draper, Shotley Bridge, aged 29.

29 April, Robert Jack, Shield Row, aged 73.

2 May, Ralph Pickering, farmer, Woodlands, aged 65.

3 May, Ann, wife of Anthony Hutchinson, joiner, Castleside, aged 29.

4 May, Joseph Mosley, master joiner, Shotley Bridge, aged 40.

5 May, Isabella Eliza, wife of George Horner, Waskerley Park, aged 35.

6 May, George Bramley, Benfieldside, aged 29.

7 May, James Casey, flax-dresser, High Conside, aged 80.

8 May, Esther, daughter of Joseph Gibson, shoemaker, Cutlers' Hall, aged 20.

9 May, Mary Fairless, wife of the Rev. George Whitehead, Baptist minister, Carey Cottage, aged 42.

9 May, James, son of Thomas Elliot, farmer, High Hedleyhope, aged 31.

11 May, Ralph Reed, mason, Iveston, aged 41.

13 May, Mary, wife of John Daglish, Stobswoodhead, aged 76.

14 May, John Thirlwell, painter, Shotley Bridge, aged 20.

15 May, Mary, widow of John Kerr, South Moor, aged 62.

16 May, Margaret, wife of Henry Barnett, mason, Mountside, aged 65.

16 May, Ann, daughter of Thomas Oxley, farmer, Shield Row, aged 26.

16 May, Ann, wife of Timothy Morin, tailor, Hill Top, Esh, aged 55.

16 May, Alice, wife of Thomas Heslop, Burnhope Cottages, aged 28.

20 May, Rose, wife of Patrick McDonald, High Conside, aged 33.

22 May, Barbara, widow of Michael Patterson, Burnopfield, aged 92.

26 May, Jane, widow of John Turner, farmer, Blackhill, aged 72.

28 May, John Wilson, engine-fitter, Waskerley Park, aged 50.

5 June, Elizabeth, widow of William Oxley, master brewer, Shield Row, aged 91.

6 June, Hannah, widow of Anthony Brown, farmer, Howdon Bank, aged 77.

6 June, Mary, wife of Peter Fury, Shotley Bridge, aged 25.

9 June, Ann, widow of John Bell, Lintz Colliery, aged 50.

9 June, James Duggan, High Conside, aged 29.

9 June, Thomas Smith, Cutlers' Hall, aged 77.

9 June, John Kelly, High Conside, aged 23.

11 June, Thomas Hogg, Tanfield Lea, aged 72.

15 June, Henry Herdman, Cutlers' Hall, aged 73.

17 June, Mary, wife of Robert Williamson, breaksman, High Conside, aged 19.

17 June, Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Cooper, White-le-Head, aged 45.

17 June, Robert Larmouth, 47, shifter, killed while drawing timber in the Hobson Pit.

18 June, William Davidson, 29, putter, Kyo, killed by a fall of stone in South Derwent Colliery.

21 June, Ellen, wife of Thomas Kelly, saddler, East Tanfield, aged 36.

22 June, Margaret, widow of John Moffatt, grocer, Shotley Bridge, aged 51.

23 June, Ann, widow of William Myers, cartman, Shotley Bridge, aged 76.

26 June, Elizabeth, wife of Edward Davison, Try-'em-All, aged 33.

27 June, George Bell, Burnhope Cottages, aged 61.

27 June, Isabella Swallow, dressmaker, Shotley Bridge, aged 32.

30 June, Jane, wife of John Simpson, breaksman, Crookhall, aged 21.

GRANGE VILLA.

METHODIST FESTIVAL.—Harvest festival services were held on Sunday at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, the special preacher for both morning and evening services being the Rev. Wm. Gelley, of West Stanley. A service of song entitled "Gleenings from the Harvest Field" was rendered during the afternoon by the choir. A concert and supper was held on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr Thos. Soulsby.

SPEN.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday evening, at the Bute Arms, High Spen, the members of the High Spen District Conservative Association presented to the public of the Spen and District twelve seats, to commemorate the sixty years' reign of Queen Victoria. The seats were presented by Mr Gilchrist, on behalf of the Association. Mr Gilchrist said that he considered the present an indication of patriotism as well as generosity. The seats, he said, were placed by the roadsides in positions for all sorts of travellers. He hoped that the public of the Spen would accept and endeavour to protect them. (Applause).—Dr. English said that as there was not a member of the Blaydon Urban Council present, he would take the liberty of accepting the seats on their behalf. Mr Gilchrist, he remarked, had said that the elderly people would be thankful for the seats; but he thought that the young people would also be willing to bestow praise upon the Conservative Association for their gift. He, too, hoped that the public of the Spen would do their utmost to protect the seats.—The proceedings terminated with supper and toasts, the members of the Association being highly eulogized for their philanthropic action, and the forethought displayed in the selection of their present.

BEAMISH.

VEGETABLE SHOW.—A successful leek and vegetable show was held on Saturday, at the Shepherd and Shepherdess Hotel, Beamish. The officials, who performed their duties with the utmost credit, were Mr D. Storey (Secretary), Mr Edgell (Treasurer), Mr G. Kirkup (Chairman), and Mr Ferguson, of Grove Villa (Judge). Appended is a complete list of awards—G. Wilkinson, case of birds, 1; G. Bennett, £1 1s, 2; G. Corker, pair of blankets, 3; J. Bird, lamp, 4; G. Young, fender, 5; W. Fletcher, tablecloth, 6; J. Corker, sheets, 7; J. Kirkup, hearthrug, 8; D. Storey, lamp, 9; H. Dodds, shawl, 10; T. Hall, lamp, 11; J. Hardy, clock, 12; T. Henderson, shirt, 13; R. Hardy, sheets, 14; S. Edgell, ham, 15; C. Blake, ham, 16; J. Holden, tidy, 17; G. Cooke, pan and steamer, 18; F. Scott, bamboo table, 19; W. Wood, bamboo table and stool, 20; T. Craven, cheese-dish, 21; S. Hetherington, shirting, 22. Special prizes for best two vegetables—G. Young, pipe, 1; T. Scott, leg of mutton, 2; W. Urwin, set of bedroom ware, 3; A. Thompson, sheets, 4; H. Dodds, potatoes, 5; W. Fletcher, potatoes, 6; R. Hardy, beef, 7; G. Wilkinson, whisky, 8; J. Hall, whisky, 9; J. Bird, whisky, 10; G. Cooke, pound of tea, 11; G. Bennett, pound of tea, 12; G. Corker, pound of tea, 13; G. Hardy, potatoes, 14; J. Corker, gripe, 15; D. Storey, whisky, 16; J. Rodham, whisky, 17; T. Henderson, rabbit, 18; W. Wood, rabbit, 19; J. Golden, rabbit, 20; W. Cockburn, whisky, 21; E. Blake, whisky, 22; and S. Edgell, whisky, 23.

CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the usual monthly meeting of this Council, held on Wednesday afternoon, the members present were—Messrs W. Aynsley (Chairman), G. Ainsworth, J. Daly, J. Lowes, J. Kempson, N. Elsdon, G. T. Hyden, H. Holliday, T. Dunne, and Dr. A. D. Macintyre, with the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), the Deputy Clerk (Mr H. B. Foggan), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

FINANCE AND ROADS' COMMITTEE.

The minutes of this Committee dealt with the following matters:—Mr H. Nicholson's letter, dated September 1st, having been read as to the footpath in, and the paving of Middle Court, the Committee visited the place, and they did not see the desirability of making any change. The Committee then proceeded to inspect other portions of the district, and made a number of recommendations, the most important of which was that plans and sections be prepared by the Surveyor for the making up of Livingstone, Nansen, and Quarry Streets, and the continuation of Hartington Street.—The Clerk was instructed to write to the Consett Iron Company, asking them to lower or remove their twelve-inch overflow pipe in Kirk Street, Blackhill.—The report of the District Auditor was read, and was as follows:—Gentlemen,—I beg to report that at my audit of your accounts, and those of your officers, for the year ended March 31st, which I completed on the 1st of September, no matter come to my notice to which I consider it necessary to draw your attention.—Yours, &c., H. Ward Oliver.—A letter was read from the Secretary to the Cyclists' Touring Club as to thorns being left on highways.—The Clerk having produced an estimate for the ensuing half-year's rate, the Committee recommended that he be instructed to prepare a rate of 1s 4d in the £.—Mr Elsdon moved the adoption of the report, and Mr Hyden seconded.—A discussion took place upon the reference in the report to a pipe below Kirk Street.—The Surveyor said no sewage ran into the pipe, which belonged to the Consett Iron Company.—Mr Ainsworth said the pipe was under a public street, and the Iron Company would have no power whatever to open up the street to get at it.—The Surveyor: But it is a private street now, because the Council have not yet taken it over.—Mr Ainsworth: It is a public street, and a sewer under a public street is a public sewer. It connects with the main sewer further down.—Mr Dunne: Could the Company prevent us running sewage through the pipe?—The Surveyor: I believe they could. But at the present time, we do not use the sewer, and we do not want it.—Mr Ainsworth: As soon as a pipe leaves private property, and goes under a street, it becomes a public sewer.—On the motion of Mr Elsdon, seconded by Mr Lowes, it was resolved that the Clerk should inquire into the matter, and ascertain the facts.—The Committee's report was then adopted, with this amendment.

THE ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL ADVERTISING.

The Farm Committee's minutes included the following report of the farm manager (Mr J. D. Brown): Nearly all the work this month has been harvesting, and most of the corn is stacked. The ordinary work of irrigation has been carried on.—The Committee recommended that Mr Siddell's tender of £8 18s. 4d. for painting and papering the farm buildings, be accepted. In response to the further advertisements, ordered to be inserted in the local papers, two new tenders for contract No. 1 in connection with the sewage extension works at Stanniford am, had been submitted as follows: Boaz Whitfield, junr., £627 19s. 11d.; Wm. Dodds, £635 5s. 6½d. The Committee recommended that work in connection with this extension be carried out, and that the following tenders be accepted: No. 1 contract—Boaz Whitfield, jun., of Dyke Nook, Consett, £627 19s. 11d.; No. 2 contract—Wm. T. Eltringham, Railway Terrace, Blackhill, £178 10s.; No. 3 contract—J. Blakeborough and Son, Brighouse, Yorkshire, £153 14s.—total for contracts, £960 4s. 9d.—Mr Hyden remarked that the Council had saved £40 by getting in the two local tenders. He moved the adoption of the report.—Mr Kempson seconded, and the motion was carried.

BUILDING MATTERS.

The Building, Sewage, and Nuisance Removal Committee reported that a letter from Mr J. Hutchinson having been read as to the block plan of Sherburn Hospital Estate, they recommended that the Clerk reply to the effect that the Council cannot agree to the existing block plan being withdrawn. The Committee also recommended that the Council give notice to the Sherburn Hospital authorities to make up the road or street being a continuation of Aynsley Terrace to Blackfine, as shown on the block plan referred to. Plans were recommended to be passed for wash-house, &c., at Consett Cottage; for new cart-shed, &c., at Berryedge Road; for alteration to sitting-room at "Wheat Sheaf"; for stable and coach-house in Nile Street; for new house in Sherburn Terrace. The Committee recommended that Mr Jesse Hall's plan for alterations to his property in the Medomsley Road, be sent back for amendment; and that Mr Boaz Whitfield's tender for scavenging the district during the year 1898, be accepted at the rate of 5s 6d per house per annum, and that, subject to Mr Whitfield agreeing, the contract be extended to the 31st March, 1899, on the same terms *pro rata*.—The question was raised as to whether the removal of refuse from slaughter-houses would be included in the sanitary work.—Dr. Macintyre said he did not see that the local Authority could be expected to clean out a butcher's slaughter-house.—Mr Ainsworth: If you are going to begin to remove trade refuse, you will have to come to the Works. (Laughter).—The matter then dropped.—It was decided that the Sherburn Hospital authorities should not be written to until they fowarded a revised plan, which has been promised, and, with this reservation, the report was adopted.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Clerk mentioned that he had already received sixteen applications from working-men for allotments, although the Council's arrangements in the matter were not completed. It was agreed that the list of names should be preserved.

A DIFFICULTY ABOUT PLANS.

Mr Wm. Shell wrote, on behalf of Mr J. R. Brodie, asking the Council to rescind the motion by which Mr J. R. Murray's plans for an erection in Aynsley Terrace were passed, seeing that the defined building line had not been adhered to. Mr Brodie's house would be seriouely affected by Mr Murray's action, and he was of opinion that if he was wishing to sell, it would materially affect the market value.—Mr Elsdon thought it it was a rather serious matter. None of them would like their house buried.—The Chairman: I take it, Mr Elsdon, that every member of this Council likes to be as fair to everyone as possible.—Mr Elsdon: There seems to have been mismanagement somewhere.—Mr Ainsworth: The matter was thoroughly gone into at the last meeting of the Council, when Mr Brodie's previous letter was read, and we replied that as the plans had been stamped by the Council, we could not take any further action.—Mr Elsdon: Well, I know Mr Brodie is corresponding with the Local Government Board about the matter.—It was decided that the receipt of Mr Brodie's letter should be acknowledged by the Clerk.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that during the past five weeks, 100 tons of limestone and broken road metal had been received, and the Council's workmen had been chiefly engaged in scarifying and making uniform a portion of Harvey Street and Medomsley Road, and covering the same with metal. A portion of Park Road had also been covered with metal, and made ready for the steam roller. Several crossings in the district had been re-laid, and ordinary repairs done on the public streets. As directed by the Council, he had put a new sewer across the highway in Sherburn Terrace, from the Back Street, on the north side, to Mr Almond's new house, which would be an outlet for the whole of the sites sold in that locality. The new sewer behind Messrs Lowes's new houses in Livingstone Street had been put in for about one-half of the entire length, and the remainder would be put in as required. The workmen were at present engaged with the new sewer behind Mortimer Street, Blackhill, as the row of new houses there were being rapidly pushed forward. The Consett Iron Company's new houses in Alexandra Street, Consett, were approaching completion, and he would require the Council's instructions with regard to the best means of sewering the property, with a view of preventing a recurrence of what took place at the low end of Berryedge Road a few years ago. The majority of the ash-pits in the district were in fairly good order, and quicklime was still being given out for cleansing purposes, and further yards and out-offices had been whitewashed. Gas was burned in the public lamps during the month for 104 hours.—The report was received, and the arrangements as to sewering the Consett Iron Company's Alexandra Street property was left over to be inquired into by the Committee.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr Dunne introduced the question of whether the public lamps in the most important positions of the town should not be left lighted until a later hour than at present.—The Surveyor explained that he regulated the lighting to the best of his ability, with a view to meeting the convenience of the public.—The subject was referred to the Gas Committee for their consideration.

AN INQUIRY.

The Clerk stated that the Local Government Board had sent out a circular letter asking if the Council made any specification in their contracts, as to the wages that were to be paid by the person or firm carrying out the contract. He had replied in the negative.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

Dr Renton, Medical Officer, submitted the vital statistics for the quarter ending September 30th. The birth-rate was below the average. The death-rate, whilst below the standard of last year, seemed to him to be too high. There was no diminution in the infantile mortality; indeed, 17 deaths of children under one year old were registered, the causes of such deaths being mainly improper feeding. Diseases of the respiratory organs were, as usual, actively aggressive, and swelled the death-role by 16. Measles prevailed to a considerable extent, and caused one death. The only notifiable diseases reported to him were one case of erysipelas, and two of enteric fever. As he had received no notice of any notifiable disease since September 17th, it seemed fair to assume that the district was in a healthy condition.

RATEPAYERS' COMPLAINTS.

The Clerk read a petition from tenants of houses in Havelock Street, who asked that the building at present used by Mr J. Crawford as a slaughter-house, be discontinued for that purpose as early as possible. The street, the petitioners stated, was very narrow, and the slaughter-house was only five yards from the nearest dwelling. As a consequence, the smell was disagreeable in warm weather, whilst the swarms of flies attracted made the homes almost unbearable. Complaint was also made of flocks of sheep and cattle being driven into the slaughter-house.—It was decided that the Surveyor should report upon the matter.—This concluded the business.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE REV. JOHN CRENNELL.

DIFFERENCES ARISE.

A meeting, called by circular issued by the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Andrew's Church, was held in the Central School, Stanley, on Tuesday evening, to take into consideration the erection of a fitting memorial to the late Rev. John Crennell. Amongst the company present were the Rev. D. W. James (Vicar of St. Andrew's), Rev. C. H. Fleetwood, Major George Ridley, Mr T. C. Frater, Mr Geo. Stewart, Mr M. Masterman, Mr Bell, jun., Mr Lumley, Mr R. Johnson, Mrs Masterman, Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Chas. Scott, Mr R. D. Grundy, Mr John Bates, Mr Thos. Darney, Miss Darney, Mr Connah, Mr Robert Walker, Mr John Hawke, Captain and Mrs Crossling, Mr John W. Wood, Mr. John Palmer, Mr Smith, Mr Bell, Mr Glendinning, and others.

LETTER FROM MRS CRENNELL.

Mr Ridley having read the minutes of the vestry meeting held a fortnight ago, from the columns of the *Consett Chronicle*,

The Vicar said that it would perhaps be as well for him to give those present a message from Mrs Crennell, as she had asked him to make it known. She had written him as follows:—

"I thank you very sincerely for the kind letter of sympathy with me in my sorrow. I am more touched than I can tell you by the love and sympathy shown to me in my sorrow by the dear friends at Beamish. When you have an opportunity, will you kindly express to them how deeply I value their love and sympathy! Though I did not see any of them the other day, I am thankful to them, from the bottom of my heart, for the love and sympathy they have shown towards me. You truly say that such expressions are healing. It is a great joy to me that you at Beamish are going to erect a memorial to my husband. The best of his life was given to Beamish, and he loved it, and I cannot but rejoice that a memorial is to be erected to his memory in the place he loved so well."

Such was the message Mrs Crennell desired to be conveyed to them. He did not know that they required any expression of opinion from him as to what form the memorial should take. Most of those present had known Mr Crennell better than he had done, and their very presence proved that they wished to do something to perpetuate his memory. It was a sincere desire. Though he had not known Mr Crennell for long, he knew him from his words sufficiently to pay the deepest tribute possible to his memory, and, so far as lay in his power, he would most certainly do it. They had gathered for the purpose of deciding whether they should erect a suitable memorial to perpetuate Mr Crennell's memory in the parish, and he (the Vicar) would be glad to hear their opinion on the subject. He supposed that the first step would be to pass a resolution in favour of the erection of a memorial, after which they could consider the form it should take.

Mr Wood asked if Mrs Crennell had expressed any wish as to the form the memorial should take, or whether Mr Crennell had during his lifetime expressed his preference for anything.

The Vicar thought that it was yet too early a stage in the proceedings to bring that out. They should first settle whether they were going to do anything or not. After that, the shape of the memorial could be considered.

Mr Wood said that he understood that they decided at the last vestry meeting to erect some memorial, and the meeting that night was to decide what form it should take. That was his impression at the last meeting.

The Vicar: That was a committee meeting. If the present meeting confirms what was done at the vestry meeting, we will be in order.

Mr Wood proposed, and Mr Hawke seconded, the confirmation of the action taken at the vestry meeting.

This was unanimously agreed to.

MR CRENNELL'S WISHES.

The Vicar said that, as would have been gathered from Mrs Crennell's letter, he had met that lady and talked the matter over with her, as the most likely person to know the feeling of Mr Crennell. It would scarcely be right to take any steps without consulting her feelings. In the interview, she mentioned four things, the first being a tower; the second a chancel and vestry; the third a south aisle; and the fourth a screen across the east end of the Church. He (the Vicar) rather thought that Mr Crennell's idea of having a screen was not so strongly in his mind in later years. The idea of a screen was started when the Church was built. Mr Holt, who was very fond of a screen, prepared a draft scheme, but evidently Mr Crennell had destroyed it, for it could not be found among his papers.

After a lengthy discussion, the Vicar called upon

Major Ridley, who said that the majority of those present knew that he was not very fond of making long speeches. He would suggest, but not propose, as it would not come very well from him, that the Clergy, Churchwardens, Sidesmen, and Church officials be formed into an Executive Committee, to carry out a scheme for the collection of subscriptions. It was necessary that someone should take the initiative, and he felt sure that the response would be liberal. They must have someone in authority to carry out their object. Furthermore, he would suggest that, after a reasonable time had expired, and they knew something as to the state of their funds, they should invite the whole of the subscribers to a meeting, to be held for the purpose of deciding definitely the form of the memorial. The subscribers should certainly be consulted on the matter.

The Vicar said that the suggestion was a very wise and practical one.

Mr Ridley added that the sidesmen were—Messrs Charles Scott, Thomas Lumley, R. Bell, R. Johnson, Elliott, Draper, Parker, Ferguson, Atkinson, Whitaker, Crossling, Alex. Ledger, G. Stewart, and John Whisker. The officials were—Messrs R. D. Grundy, T. Connah, T. Darney, and G. Harrison.

Mr Wood said that he was very sorry to differ from Mr Ridley, but he thought it only right to express his opinion, which was, that it was better to decide first what they intended doing. Then the people who subscribed would know what they were giving to. They could settle it now just as well as afterwards. All present at the meeting were deeply interested in the question.

The Vicar said that the only difficulty was as to the amount of money that would be available. The coat would have to be cut according to the cloth, and it would be difficult to settle definitely upon the nature of the memorial until they knew the amount at their disposal.

Mr Wood: But if you give them a target to fire at, it might be a help. If the people did not know what they were subscribing to, they might not give as liberally as otherwise.

Mr Ridley enquired whether Mr Wood had formulated any scheme.

Mr Wood: There is no scheme that I am pledged to. My mind is quite open.

Mr Bates said that, in his opinion every attender at Church must see the necessity of having increased accommodation. But if they had to wait till they got their minds fixed upon what was to be done, they would probably have to wait a long time. They had built mission rooms at East Stanley and Oxhill, both being very much needed, and if they had not built those mission churches, the parish church would have had to be enlarged, or otherwise people would have been turned away. He thought Mr Ridley's suggestion a very good one. Mr Ridley had had a great deal more experience in Church work, and that kind of business, than either himself or Mr Wood, and he therefore proposed that the persons mentioned by Mr Ridley be formed into an executive committee for the collection of subscriptions. He had no doubt that the appeal would be liberally responded to, and he was confident that the money would not be wasted in their hands. If they could not raise sufficient to erect a south aisle to the Church, they could put up a tablet or something else.

Mr Hawke: Is it intended to limit the memorial to the four things mentioned by the Vicar?

The Vicar: Oh, no. I have mentioned these for the guidance of subscribers as to the wishes of Mr Crennell, confirmed by Mrs Crennell, who knew his wishes best. I feel sure that all present, and a great many who are not present, desire to do their very best to perpetuate the memory of Mr Crennell.

Mr Bates said that they could not very well get a tower and chancel, but they might get the one.

Mr Hawke said that they should certainly do something that Mr Crennell wished. Personally, he did not see the necessity of a south aisle. He went to Church on Sunday evenings, but did not see the necessity or erecting another aisle.

Mr Bates said that other denominations had increased their premises, and the population was increasing very rapidly.

Mr Hawke said that there was frequently plenty of room at the front of the Church.

The Vicar: We cannot discuss that; we are not here to discuss it.

Mrs Masterman said that it was not the population alone that they had to look at. There was the money also. There was a debt on the parish, and they wanted to clear the old debt off before they put any more on. They wanted to put a memorial up to Mr Crennell's memory clear of debt. They did not want to accumulate more debt.

The Vicar: We cannot enter into that at present.

Mrs Masterman: They are all poor people in the parish.

The Vicar: It depends upon what the parishioners are prepared to do. If, after the subscriptions are got in, we find we have a couple of thousand pounds, we will be prepared to do something handsome.

Mrs Masterman: A couple of thousand will not be very easily collected in this parish. (Laughter).

Mr Wood moved that the scheme be definitely settled before the subscription list was opened. They could curtail the scheme if they did not raise sufficient.

Mr Walker seconded.

The Vicar: That will again, I am afraid, leave us just where we were.

Mr Wood's proposal was carried by 17 votes to 13.

Mr Hawke proposed that a chancel screen should be erected to the memory of Mr Crennell. They could limit the cost to the subscriptions, and cut their cloth according to their money.

The Vicar said that he was very sorry that Mr Hawke had made such a proposal. In the first place, from an architectural point of view, a screen would not be suitable. In the next place, from an ecclesiastical point of view, or considering the question of discipline, there would be too much difficulty to face. The Bishop was dead against it, and he (Mr James) could not go dead against his Bishop.

Mr Hawke said that there were screens in the churches at Tanfield and West Pelton.

The Vicar said that there were screens in many places, and they were gradually being taken away. It was a survival of the old Mosaic law. The veil of the Temple was rent in twain by the Lord. He himself took the Scriptural view. He very candidly and honestly expressed himself as strongly against screens for that very reason, because he thought it anti-Scriptural to patch up what God had torn down. These were the grounds he took, but he would be prepared to waive any objections. The Bishop, however, was very strong on the point, and if asked for his consent, he was almost certain to refuse it. Was he (Mr James) to say to the Bishop, "I am very sorry, but I will have to go against your wishes?" He would be very sorry if that was the case. In some churches a screen would look very well, but in their Church it would look very much out of place. The Church was one-sided, and that would spoil the look of it. The east end of the Church was admired by all who came into it. It was the only beautiful part of the Church, and a screen erected there would certainly spoil it. He would rather that they settled upon something else.

Mr Hawke said that they had already seen a screen erected in the church, and the majority of the congregation said that it increased its beauty. Mr Crennell's idea was to carry the screen from one side of the Church to the other, and take away the erection at the side of the organ, between the Church and the vestry. In regard to the argument from scripture, he held that it had nothing at all to do with that meeting. If erected, the screen would be put up as an ornament. They did not hear of singers' seats in the Temple; therefore, ought they not to have singers' seats in their chancels?

The Rev. C. H. Fleetwood asked if any approximate estimate for the erection of a south aisle could be given.

Mr Crossling said that he had thought the matter over, and considered that if they did not see their way to erect an entire south aisle, they could do half of it, and make a transept. He thought that £1,000 would do it. It was necessary to have good foundations, the district being subject to pitfalls, and that was where the expense would come in. They would have to bury a lot of money.

Mr Wood asked for an estimate for an erection of the entire aisle, without the tower.

Mr Crossling: £1,500 would be sufficient.

Mr Grundy said that he did not like to appear selfish, but he would like to throw out a suggestion. Those who had been at Church on Sunday evening would be familiar with the disturbance which was carried on by the choir boys in the vestry. It was impossible to keep so many lads quiet, and there was nothing except putting them apart from the church that would do it. He therefore suggested that a choir vestry should be erected as a memorial to Mr Crennell.

The Vicar suggested a scheme to beautify the chancel of the Church. That could be done in permanent work by a new kind of tiling which was practically everlasting.

Mr Wood asked what would be the cost of a suitable screen.

Mr Stewart: Any price, from ten guineas to a thousand.

Mr Walker suggested a stained glass window or a tablet in the wall.

The Vicar said that from all he could gather he thought Mr Crennell was opposed to tablets.

Mr Bates expressed the belief that had Mr Crennell been amongst them, he would not have rested till he got the south aisle added to the Church.

Mr Hawke: Is there any need for a south aisle?

Mr Bates: Yes, I think there is a very great need.

Mr Hawke: Is there ever any turned away?

Mr Bates: There will be hundreds turned away next Sunday.

Mr Hawke: Next Sunday it a special occasion. I mean at the ordinary services.

The Vicar said that he could not allow the discussion to proceed. Twenty-three years ago there was no need whatever of a Church in Stanley, none whatever. (Mr Hawke: Question.) There was much more need for an enlargement of the Church at the present time than there was for the erection of a Church at the time that it was erected.

Mr Hawke: I beg to object to the statement of the Vicar that there was no need for a Church in Stanley 23 years ago. I beg most emphatically to protest against that statement.

The Vicar: I rule you out of order, sir. I won't allow contradictions of that kind. If you have a proposition to make, make it.

Mr Hawke: I cannot make any proposition on a question.

The Vicar: I don't want you to make remarks of that kind.

Mr Wood said that he would be obliged if the Vicar would quietly explain how a Church was not needed 23 years ago.

Mr Ridley: No, no. Really we cannot go into that. It does not appear to me that there is anything before the meeting, Mr Chairman.

The Vicar: Nothing whatever.

Mr Crossling said that he was a fairly regular attender at Church on Sunday nights, and the Church was generally full. He therefore proposed that a transept be erected.

Mr Hawke said that he was very sorry to have to rise to object, but he certainly strongly objected to the proposition. In the first place, it was not necessary. He had been at the Church Sunday after Sunday, and in the front there was always room for more. On special occasions there might be some turred away, but even then not hundreds. Then there was the question of cost. A thousand pounds had been mentioned. Cou'd they raise that money, and put the thing up clear of debt?

Mr Ridley thought that they were premature in discussing the form of the memorial. They were not yet in a position to know what they could buy.

Mr Wood seconded Mr Hawke's proposal.

The Vicar said that he was very sorry he could not put the motion to the meeting. He could not carry it out, and it was useless to pass a resolution which could not be carried into effect. He could not carry that into effect.

Mr Hawke: Is a chancel screen illegal?

The Vicar: I have given my explanation.

Mr Hawke: You did not say whether it was legal or illegal.

Mr Ridley: We cannot put anything into the Church without the consent of the Vicar. If he objects, it is useless to persist with the motion.

Mr Frater: In the first place, the Bishop objects.

The Vicar: I thought my explanation was plain enough.

Mr Hawke: I quite understand that the Bishop objects, but does he object on personal grounds or on legal grounds?

The Vicar: That is not material to us to-night, Mr Hawke.

Mr Ridley proposed the adjournment of the meeting for a week. Probably they would get their minds made up by then.

Mr Bates, in seconding, expressed the hope that they would come in a better mood next week, and leave the canker at home.

Mr Wood: It is very wrong of Mr Bates to use any such expression, simply because men differ from him.

The Vicar: If you have a resolution, you may move it, but you must not make any personal remarks.

Mr Wood: You should have called Mr Bates to order. Because a man differs from him, he says he has come filled with canker.

Mr Bates: Has there not been a lot of canker exhibited at this meeting?

The Vicar: I must rule you out of order, Mr Bates.

The motion for adjournment was then adopted, and the proceedings terminated.

CATCHGATE.

Wedding.—At Lanchester Parish Church, recently, the wedding took place of Miss A. Curtis, to Mr W. Palmer, of South Moor. Mr Curtis gave his daughter away, and Miss Ada Davison was bridesmaid and Mr Thos. Walker was best man. After the ceremony, a very happy gathering took place at the residence of the bride's father, and the evening was pleasantly spent in singing and dancing. Among the guests were Mr T. Walker, Mr Frank Palmer, Miss Ada Davison, and Miss Mary Palmer.

DEATH OF MR GEORGE LEADBITTER.

We regret to record the death of Mr George Leadbitter, accountant, Catchgate, which occurred rather suddenly last Wednesday evening. Mr Leadbitter, who was a native of Newcastle, had been a resident of Catchgate for upwards of thirty years, and was held in high esteem in the locality. He was occupied in his office on Monday, apparently in his usual health, but about six o'clock in the evening, he took suddenly ill, and, despite medical attention, died about five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral took place on Saturday at Denford, in Northamptonshire, the parish in which the Rev. W. O. Leadbitter, eldest son of deceased, now vicar of St. Luke's, Leicester, held his first living. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Watson, vicar of Woodford, an old friend of deceased, assisted by the Rev. Mr Neeley, vicar of Denford. Great respect was shown by the whole of the residents of Denford, and a large quantity of lovely flowers were placed on the coffin. Amongst the relations present at the graveside were Mrs Leadbitter, Miss Leadbitter, the Rev. W. O. Leadbitter, Mrs Leadbitter, Mr Jas. L. Leadbitter, and Miss Paul, of Findon. The cortege left Catchgate about 6-30 on Saturday morning to Lanchester Station, on the way for Northampton. Mr Leadbitter was 60 years of age. At one time he took an active interest in political matters, being a prominent Conservative, and his loss will be keenly felt by that party.

CONSETT THEATRE.

BENEFIT OF THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

Since the opening night of Mr Hugh Robertson's pretty little Theatre, it has never presented such an animated appearance as it did on Monday evening, when the auditorium was completely filled in every part, the occasion being the benefit of the Consett and District Cricket Club. The performance consisted of an interesting play, "My Jack," written by the popular author, Benjamin Landeck, and which was admirably interpreted by a talented company, under the auspices of Messrs Dottridge, Longden, and Graham. Miss Bessie Page gave a most charming and sympathetic rendering of the part of "Mrs Prescott," her homely pathos touching the hearts of her auditors, and nothing but praise can be spoken in regard to Miss Page's excellent performance. Mr Stanley Bedwell was a manly "Jack Meredith." He played with the utmost ease, his natural impersonation of the character finding especial favour with the audience. Mr Henry Hatchman's fame as an actor had preceded him, but we were scarcely prepared to witness such a realistic rendition of the character of Ciro Panitza as this gentleman gave. For intensity, and the cunning and subtle display of the details of the actor's art, in graphically describing the varied passions and emotions of such a scoundrel, we can safely say that no such performance has been hitherto presented upon the Consett stage. And the death of Ciro, in the desert, repentant of his crimes, and humbly praying the forgiveness of the man he has wronged, held the vast audience spellbound; and Mr Hatchman and Mr Bedwell received a perfect ovation on their appearing before the curtain in response to an enthusiastic call. Mr J. Eltringham, J.P., President of the Club, was then introduced by Mr Hatchman, and his appearance was hailed with loud cheers, the audience singing "He's a jolly good fellow" with much enthusiasm. Mr Eltringham feelingly acknowledged the hearty welcome accorded him, and thanked the public for the very liberal manner in which they had responded to the invitation to attend the Theatre that evening in support of the Consett and District Cricket Club, and he wished the audience to join him in a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hugh Robertson, the worthy lessee of the Theatre, and Messrs. Dottridge, Longden, and Graham, the proprietors of "My Jack" Company, for their kindness in giving the Club this benefit, and also to Mr Lloyd Clarence, the resident manager of the Theatre, who had arranged and carried out in such an admirable manner the details in connection with it, and to Mr Ramsay, their worthy secretary, who had worked (as he always did) so energetically on behalf of the Club's interests (applause). He felt sure that the public of Consett would greatly appreciate the advance in matters theatrical in their town. Until a short time ago, they had been denied the privilege of adequate representation of the drama, owing to the want of a suitable building. That want had now been supplied, and he trusted that the public would accord their support to Mr. Robertson's liberal enterprise, and so enable him to bring the best of Companies for their enjoyment (cheers).—Next week another of Messrs. Dottridge and Longden's Companies will hold the boards, and we predict a huge success in the production of their highly-popular and original drama, "The Terror of Paris."

ESH.

Parish Council.—The ordinary monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Esh school-room, on Thursday evening. A deputation of the Esh Ratepayers' Association was received, headed by Mr W. Bell, respecting the Guardians buying the property at Lanchester. After Mr Bell had addressed the Council, the deputation withdrew. The Council, by a majority of 8 to 3, decided to hold the matter over. It was moved by Mr E. Cook, seconded by Mr J. Johnson, that negotiations be entered into with a view to securing a piece of land, near to Waterhouses Station, for the purpose of converting it into a public market. The motion, however, was lost, only the mover and seconder voting in favour of it. Accounts to the amount of £116 7s were ordered to be paid. The painting of all lamps in the parish was let to M. Minto, Esh Winning.

LEADGATE.

Brooms Church.—The Rev. A. Magill preached a special sermon, on Sunday evening, the subject being, "Is the Church One?"

The Late Mr W. Brown.—The post rendered vacant by Mr Brown's sad death has been filled by Mr W. Hogan, of Leadgate. Mr Hogan served his apprenticeship in the Bradley Shops.

Harvest Festival.—The harvest festival services were held at St. Ives' Church, on Sunday, when appropriate sermons were delivered by the Rev. J. Stogdon, Vicar of St. Mark's, Millfield, Sunderland. There was a good display of fruit, &c., and the Church was crowded on both occasions. A collection was taken in aid of the Church Funds.

Private Assembly.—The first of a series of dances took place in the Co-operative Hall on Wednesday evening. There were over 100 couples, who indulged the light fantastic to the strains of music supplied by Mr W. Veitch, of Medomsley. Messrs T. Skelton, T. Hall, and N. Newbold acted as M's.C., whilst the secretarial duties were efficiently carried out by Mr J. W. Turnbull.

Science Classes.—No fewer than four evening continuation classes are to be held at Leadgate during the forthcoming winter. Cookery classes are held at the Redwell Hills and Brooms Schools, whilst the managers of every school will be holding classes at which mathematics, grammar, &c., are taught.

P.C. Crabb.—This officer, who has been stationed at Leadgate for nearly five years, has removed to take up a similar position at Cornsay. During the time P.C. Crabb has been in the Leadgate district, he has made many friends, and much regret was expressed at his departure. He has been succeeded by P.C. Dixon, of Hamsterley, who comes with a high reputation.

Death of Miss Teresa Hughes.—We regret to have to record the death of this young woman, which occurred at her father's house in Plantation Street, on Saturday afternoon. Deceased, who was only twenty years of age, was the daughter of Mr Pat[illegible] Hughes, who is one of the old[illegible] sidents of the town. Dece[illegible] only ill for a few days, and [illegible] demise caused deep regret. [illegible] took place on Monday after[illegible] Brooms cemetery, the last ri[illegible] formed by the Rev. A. Magill [illegible] was one of the largest that [illegible] place in Leadgate, the und[illegible] Messrs E. Batey, N. Hill, P. [illegible] McQuillan, P. Rodgers, a[illegible] Wreaths were sent by Dr [illegible] pool, the brothers and sis[illegible] and many others. Decease[illegible] of the Confraternity of the [illegible] at the monthly meeting o[illegible] ference was made to her [illegible] D. O'Kelly.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Wednesday, a marriage of considerable local interest, was celebrated at the pretty Wesleyan Church of Shotley Bridge. The persons concerned were Mr James W. Glenwright, hitherto a familiar resident of Dipton, and Miss Emma Elliott, for the last seven years the popular schoolmistress of Leadgate Wesleyan Schools. The Rev. J. A. Dixon, of Stanley, conducted the ceremony, and Mr J. F. Elliott, Annfield Plain, uncle of the bride, gave her away. The bridesmaids were Miss Jennie Keenleyside, and Miss Lily Glenwright, sister of the bridegroom. Mr Percy R. Lowdon, of Consett, acted as best man, while Mr Thomas Glenwright, brother of the bridegroom, was groomsman. The bride and bridesmaids wore gold brooches, set with pearls, presented by the bridegroom, who also gave a shower bouquet to the bride. There was a fashionable company to witness the happy event, and Mr W. Palliser, of Blackhill, officiated at the organ. The bride's dress was composed of blue Bengaline silk, trimmed with white chiffon, and passementric trimming with orange blossoms. The bridal hat was of pink velvet, with black plumes, and jet trimming. Miss J. Keenleyside's dress material was electric blue cloth, trimmed with Japanese silk. She wore a white felt hat, with ruche trimming and white wings. Miss L. Glenwright had chosen cream cashmere, trimmed with Moire silk. Her hat was white, trimmed with chiffon and flowers. After the ceremory, the guests assembled at the residence of Miss Elliott, the bride's aunt, Durham Road, Leadgate, and partook of breakfast. Mr Lane, Wesleyan schoolmaster, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, and supplementary congratulations were given by the Rev. J. A. Dixon, Mr Percy Lowdon, and Mr J. F. Elliott. Mr Glenwright responded in a neat speech. The happy couple left Blackhill Station by the 3-27 p.m. train for Durham, en route to Scarborough. The travelling costume of the bride was a brown habit, with hat to match. Cabs were supplied by T. C. Rawes, of Consett. The following is a list of the wedding presents:—

Bridegroom to bride and bridesmaids, gold brooches, set with pearls.
Miss Elliott, linen.
Mr and Mrs J. F. Elliott, dinner service.
Masters Robert and Herbert Elliott, silver butter knife.
Mr J. Glenwright, plant stand.
Mrs Glenwright, quilt.
Mr T. Glenwright, water jug.
Mr Glenwright (uncle), crayon photographs.
Miss Lily Glenwright, tablecloth.
Mr W. Lee, hearthrug and sheets.
Mrs W. Lee, toilet set.
Mr Percy Lowdon and Miss Dorothy Ward, reading lamp.
Misses J. and K. Keenleyside, cheese dish.
Misses R. and E. Keenleyside, marked motto.
Mr E. Lee, vases.
Miss Lee, illustrated text.
Mr and Mrs Frankland, hand-painted placques and silver jelly spoon.
Mr Herdman, sideboard ornaments.
Wesleyan Sunday School Scholars, silver biscuit barrel.
Wesleyan Day School Scholars, silver jelly dish.
Mr and Mrs Davison (Darlington), silver jelly spoon, butter knife, and tea spoon.
Miss N. Jackson, tablecloth.
Miss E. Jackson, egg stands.
Miss M. Jackson, fruit plates.
Mrs Haddon, table napkins.
Managers Wesleyans Schools, Japanese table.
Mr and Mrs Lane, flower stand.
Mr and Mrs T. Lammonby, dinner knives and forks.
Miss Atkinson, timepiece.
Miss Wanless, set of jugs.
Mr and Mrs Thinkle, plant pot.
Mr and Mrs Ramsey, timepiece.
Mr and Mrs W. Foster, table and tray cloths.
Mr and Mrs Walker, bamboo table.
Miss Fairless, vases.
Mr W. Cooper, knives and forks.
Mr Bell (Jesmond), cruet.
Mr Dick, bedroom towels.
Miss Emmerson, tiolet set.
Mrs Atthey, tea spoons.
Mr and Mrs R. T. Batey, plant stands.
Miss Craig, cruet.
Mrs Dalton, antimacassar.
Mr J. B. Waugh, vases.
Miss A. Robson, decanters.
Mrs Carrick, pictures.
Mr and Mrs Moffitt, silver butter knife and dish.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Erratum.—The name of Mr Walter Smurthwaite was erroneously announced in our last issue as having been included on the black list submitted to the Lanchester Licensing Bench by Superintendent Benzies.

LANGLEY PARK.

The Electric Light.—The roads in the Langley Park district are now lighted with the electric light, and the improvement is greatly appreciated by the residents. The light is conveyed by overhead wires from the Colliery, the owners of which have come to an arrangement with the local authority.

Property Sale.—A property sale took place at the Langley Park Hotel, on Monday. The lot consisted of the dwelling house and shop, with stable and yard, situated in Quebec Street, in the occupation of Mr T. Unwin. The bidding went up to £130, when the property was withdrawn. We understand that Mr Robert Hardy, Langley Park, afterwards became the purchaser, by private treaty.

Benefit Concert.—On Monday evening, at the British Schools, a concert was given for the benefit of Mr J. Stewart, of Langley Park, who has been off work for some considerable time through illness. The large audience testified to the sympathetic and kindly nature of the people of Langley Park. Apart, however, from the worthy object for which it was held, the concert deserved to be a success upon its merits. Mr F. O. Kirkup presided, and made a few general remarks during the evening. Mr R. Evans, of Blackhill, sang three songs—"Nazareth," "The Village Blacksmith," and "The Old Soldier." All of these were excellently rendered. Master Nicholson, Ushaw Moor, created a very favourable impression with two solos, and he and Miss Haig also sang two duets. Miss Haig contributed two solos, and her singing was greatly appreciated. Miss Russ sang "The Holy City," and "The Gift," with much feeling. Members of the choir of the Primitive Methodist Church rendered glees, and these were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr W. Cox presided at the piano, and contributed selections which found favour with the audience. Mr J. B. Cox conducted, and was responsible for the arrangement of the programme which afforded so much pleasure to the audience. Mention has also to be made of Mrs Anderson's efforts, that lady singing "The bonnie banks of Loch Lomond" and "Killarney," in a very pleasing manner. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Leek Show.—On Saturday and Monday last, the Langley Park Leek Club held its annual show, in a room belonging to Mr Edward White, of the Langley Park Hotel. The Club numbers 36 members, and a very good exhibition therefore took place. The leeks were of a very high standard of excellence, and the show is unanimously stated to have surpassed that held last year. Mr Charles Appleton, Witton Gilbert, efficiently acted as judge. The special prize given by Mr James Norman, Annfield Plain, was carried off by Mr W. Cooper, and the second special (given by Mr C. Appleton) was awarded to the same exhibitor's wife. The arrangements for the show were very carefully made by Mr John Ridley (secretary to the Club), and Mr E. White (treasurer), assisted by Messrs. W. Anderson, J. Clark, and J. Stobbs. The following is the order of merit in which the exhibits were placed:—W. Cooper, pair of blankets, 1; Mrs Cooper, hanging lamp, 2; J. Brewer, coal vase and brass line, 3; J. Tolliday, dress piece, 4; J. Vickers, eiderdown quilt, 5; A. Cook, cham[illegible]et, 6; W. Williamson, pair of blankets, [illegible] Clark, dress piece, 8; J. Wardle, coal [illegible]nd lamp, 9; J. Stobbs, pair of men's [illegible] 10; T. Newton, wool shirting, 11; W. [illegible]s, fancy tablecloth, 12; J. Wardle, [illegible]ece, 13; J. Williamson, dress piece, 14; [illegible]lley, tea pot, 15; W. Andrews, dress [illegible] 16; M. Vickers, cruet stand, 17; J. [illegible]s, kitchen fender, 18; G. Walker, [illegible]9; A. Cook, dress piece, 20; G. Ander[illegible]ives and forks, 21; C. Haswell, cruet [illegible]2; R. Morland, fender, 23; W. Cook, [illegible] 24; T. Raper, pair of sheets, 25; M. [illegible] fire irons, 26; R. Woodman, pair of [illegible] 27; J. Tuthill, timepiece, 28; E. [illegible] two pair of shades, 29; F. Walker, [illegible]and forks, 30; C. Kidd, quilt, 31; J. [illegible] dress piece, 32; W. Haswell, brass [illegible] J. Cooper, tablecloth, 34; J. Dixon, [illegible]ickers, white flannel, 36.

MARKETS.

Benfieldside, Oct. 4.—Mr Murray had for 15 fat cattle, 7 cows, 4 stirks, 119 sheep lambs, 6 calves, 7 horses, and miscellaneous Fat heifers, £12 10s to £13 12s 6d; bullocks, 12s 6d to £18 10s; cows to £15 17s 6d; stirks, 15s; sheep to 42s; lambs to 32s; calves, 12s to 3 There was a fair trade for sheep especially, the numbers being considerably less this week and not equal to the demand. On Saturday first the annual ram sale will be held.

Tow Law, Oct. 4.—Mr Vickers had forward 42 dairy cows and heifers, 18 fat cattle, 10 store cattle, 12 calves, and 255 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £19; fat heifers to £14; calves to 29s; fat lambs to 27s 3d, from Mr R. Crowe Hedley Hope; to 27s, from Mr G. Crowe, Low West House; to 26s 6d, from Mr W. Love, Wolsingham; fat shearlings to 35s 6d, from Mr J. Ridley, Landieu; to 34s 9d, from Messrs Cochrane and Co., New Brancepeth; fat black-faced ewes to 63s, from Tunstall House.

Lanchester Stock Mart Company, Limited.—There were forward on Monday last only a short supply trade, not so good as usual. Young sheep to 35s; lambs 26s to 29s; mule ewes to 34s; 60 hens from 1s to 1s 1d.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Concert.—A grand concert was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, on Wednesday evening, in celebration of the opening of the fourth session of the Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society. The Rev. J. W. Denham presided, and the artistes included Miss Kate Charlton, South Shields; Miss Hannah Dixon, South Moor; Miss E. M. Cranston, Miss R. Russell, and Miss E. Reed, Annfield Plain; Mr W. Laws, South Shields; Mr R. Pearson, Consett; Mr Wm. Dawson, Mr William Rutherford, Mr John L. Laws, Catchgate; and Mr J. F. Elliott, Annfield Plain. A supper was held in the School-room at the conclusion of the concert.

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Marriages.

DAVISON AND SANDERSON.—At the Primitive Methodist Church, Consett, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. J. S. Nightingale, William Davison to Cecilia Sanderson, both of Blackhill.

GRANT AND CONNOLLY.—At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. J. Foran, James Grant, of Shotley Bridge, to Bridget Connolly, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ANDERSON AND GIBSON.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 2nd inst., Gawen Charlton Sanderson, of Consett, to Lily Jane Gibson, of Blackhill.

HUNTER AND PLUMMER.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 2nd inst., James Henry Hunter, to Mary Ann Plummer, both of Esh Winning.

HENDER AND BUCKINGHAM.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 2nd inst., John William Hender to Elizabeth Jane Buckingham, both of Kyo Lane.

PARKIN AND MORPETH.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 2nd inst., John Thomas Parkin to Mary Hannah Morpeth, both of East Pontop.

GRIEVES AND MUIR.—At the Primitive Methodist Church, Consett, on the 6th inst., Thomas Grieves, of Spennymoor, to Hannah Muir, of Blackhill.

BRAMLEY AND SECCOMBE.—At the Primitive Methodist Church, Shotley Bridge, on the 7th inst., John Bramley, of Medomsley, to Mary Key Seccombe, of Bradley Cottages.

WHITFIELD AND RICHARDSON.—At St. Andrew's Church, Beamish, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. D. W. James, William Whitfield, of West Stanley, to Bones Richardson, of Annfield Plain.

KEENAN AND COYLE.—At St. Joseph's Church, Stanley, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. James Thompson, James Keenan, of Shield Row, to Catherine Coyle, of Tantobie.

BELL AND URWIN.—At St. Andrew's Church, Beamish, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. D. W. James, Police Constable Bell, of Newcastle, to Grace Urwin, of Shield Row.

GLENWRIGHT AND ELLIOTT.—At Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Church, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. J. A. Dixon, of Stanley, James W. Glenwright, of Dipton, to Emma Elliott, of Leadgate.

Deaths.

At 10, Roger Street, Blackhill, on the 29th ult., Mary, infant daughter of James Patterson.

At 14, Walton's Row, Blackhill, on the 30th ult., aged 57 years, Ellen, wife of Thomas Price.

At 28, Bottle Bank, Blackhill, on the 30th ult., aged 41 years, Annie, wife of Patrick Coughlan.

At 2, Victoria Street, Consett, on the 1st inst., aged 60 years, Mary Ann, wife of John Carruthers.

At 51, Plantation Street, Leadgate, on the 2nd inst., aged 19 years, Teresa, daughter of Patrick Hughes.

At Low Westwood, on the 3rd inst., aged 69 years, William Fairlamb.

At 4, West Parade, Consett, on the 4th inst., James, infant son of Robert Turnbull.

At 1, Buckham Street, Blackhill, on the 3rd inst., Lilian, daughter of Aaron Hayward.

At Medomsley Road, Consett, on the 3rd inst., aged 50 years, Lucy Ann, wife of John McKeon.

At Catchgate, on the 29th ult., aged 60 years, George Leadbitter.

At 2, Victoria Street, Consett, on the 1st inst., aged 69 years, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of John Carruthers.

At 48, Lovaine Place, Newcastle, on the 6th inst., aged 27 years, (suddenly), Agnes, the beloved wife of A. E. MacDonald, and daughter of Mr Robert Agar, Tanfield.

At 15, Consett Terrace, on the 6th inst., aged 51 years, Sarah Ann, the dearly beloved daughter of William and Mary Jane Rice. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Lift at 2-30. All friends please accept this the only intimation.

At Dipton, on the 5th inst., aged 39 years, Margaret, wife of George Harrison.

At Dipton, on the 4th inst., aged 4 months, John Armstrong, son of William Armstrong Bates.

At Lintz Colliery, on the 3rd inst., aged 3 months, William, son of Peter White.

At 10, Murray Street, Stanley, on the 30th ult., aged 6 years, Thomas, son of Thomas Schofield.

At Langley Park, on the 28th ult., aged 16 years, Charles, son of William Bunn.

At Craghead, on the 29th ult., aged 31 years, Thomas Chrisp, stoneman.

At Craghead, on the 2nd inst., aged 4 years, William, son of William Wigham, coal miner.

At the Workhouse, Lanchester, on the 1st inst., aged 60 years, John Clarkson, of Consett.

At Cornsay Colliery, on the 6th inst., aged 69 years, John Simpson, foreman blacksmith.

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