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PITY THE AFFLICTED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Can you inform me of any form of torture worse than having a next-door neighbour who is learning to play a brass instrument of some kind? I am in that unfortunate position, and should the torture continue I shall soon be a fit subject for Sedgefield. Just as one is sitting down of an evening to enjoy a quiet read there comes a sudden blast which makes one jump off his seat with the idea that some stray ass has suddenly entered his domicile and given vent to his melodious music. No one is more fond of music than myself, but that performer next door is too much, and unless either he or I remove to fresh fields and pastures new I shall soon be transformed from a quiet-going citizen into a raving maniac. If he must practice on his instrument of torture let him get out into the fields, away from the haunts of man, and by so doing he will be conferring a boon on mankind. I enclose my name and address, and remain,—Yours truly,

A DEMENTED ONE.

September 8th, 1896.

IN VINDICATION OF MR. PETER TAYLOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In a current number of the Wolsingham and Tow Law Parish Magazine, issued in the first instance by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, an article is given from the pen of Mrs. Ernest Hart, on the question of vaccination, in which the authoress cites "the published opinion of Mr. Peter Taylor, the great anti-vaccinator," that the danger of vaccino-syphilis is "infinitesimal." This is founded on the fact that Mr. Taylor signed the report of the 1871 Committee on Vaccination, in which this statement appeared. But at that time Mr. Taylor was not an anti-vaccinator. Afterwards, when Mr. Taylor took the side of those who distrust vaccination, he declared: "I am performing an almost sacred duty in doing all that in me lies to atone for the mistake I made in signing the Report of the Select Committee in 1871." As most English people are aware who know anything about the vaccination question, Mr. Taylor was for many years recognised Parliamentary leader of the anti-vaccinists, and no more conscientious friend of the unpopular movement ever lived. Yet here we have the propagation of reckless inaccuracy, by a writer who has no claim to speak with authority, entering into the program of a Society whose professed object is "Christian propaganda." As Mr. Taylor is dead, the libel is all the more shameful, and seeing that the S.P.C.K. has gone over entirely to the enemy on the twin science of vaccination and vivisection, I hope that friends will remember the fact.

I am, faithfully yours,
JOSEPH COLLINSON.

Wolsingham, September 7th.

THE REV. P. J. DIAMOND'S LECTURE AT CONSETT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—With that impartial justice and fair play so characteristic of England and the English Press, I am sure you will allow me to make a few remarks on a subject of much importance, and on which the public should not be misled by libellous lecturing. My attention has been called to a report of "an interesting lecture" at Consett in "The Consett Guardian" of the 28th ult. delivered by the Rev. P. J. Diamond on Roman Catholic Missions in South America, in the course of which the lecturer takes occasion to belittle and abuse what he is pleased to call "Non-catholic" Missions, especially "the Protestant Mission" established for fifty years in Patagonia. His allusion can only be to the South American Missionary Society. I much regret that any person professing to be a minister of religion should indulge in such abuse, or be guilty of such inaccuracies (to use a mild term) as he has done, and should indulge in irreverent jests amounting to little short of blasphemy. The fifty years record of the South American Missionary Society in South America is based upon evidence which no unjust and bigoted lecturer can shake. It is attested by men of various and opposite views, such as the late Charles Darwin, and the present King of Italy, and was warmly acknowledged at the great meeting at the Mansion House, London, in 1885 by the accredited representatives of five nations where the Roman Church holds sway—namely, Italy, France, Germany, Chile, and Argentina. Mr. Diamond in speaking of the work of the Jesuits forgot to mention that hardly any remnant of their work remains, and that one of the Popes had to order their expulsion from South America! But where they utterly failed in the Paraguay Chaco, the South American Missionary Society has had signal success, as the following testimony from an independent source goes to prove:—Mr. Freund, Public Land Surveyor, writing to His Excellency, the President of the Republic, Asuncion, said:—"Knowing the interest "your Excellency takes in the welfare and advancement of the Chaco, I venture to inform you that "I have this day returned from an expedition to "its interior to survey and measure the boundaries "for a Mission Station of the South American "Missionary Society from which, in future, its "Missionaries will work for the civilization and "evangelization of the Chaco Indians, and am "surprised at the security and tranquility with "which we can now travel among them, thanks to "the effective measures taken by the missionaries "of the South American Missionary Society to "Christianise these savages." And Mr. Livingston Learmouth, a year later wrote:—"I had occasion "to come to Paraguay on business, and being "desirous of seeing something of the interior of "the Chaco, I gladly accepted the invitation of "the missionaries sent out by the South American "Missionary Society to accompany them to the "interior. Let me bear testimony to the work "they are doing..... I may say that I have seen "missions in many parts of the world, including "those to the North American Indians, and that "of the Danes to the Esquimaux on the West "Coast of Greenland, which I may take as fair "samples of rough work, yet I do not hesitate "to say that as a record of hard, patient, rough "enduring work, this Mission to the Chaco Indians "has only been equalled by that of the Jesuit "fathers when they made their effort to christianize Paraguay. It must, however, be remembered that even the Jesuits tried to evangelise "the Chaco, but gave it up, as the obstacles were "so enormous." If "all South America was brought over to the knowledge of Christ by the Jesuits," how is it that at the end of three centuries, it was as we find it now? While the poor Indians have from time to time, been shot down by hundreds, and their lands appropriated by their Christian neighbours. The history of South America and its bloody wars would prove a strong contrast to Mr. Diamond's jaunty and jestful facts, figures, and figments. As to the division which Mr. Diamond suggests between Catholic and Non-catholic missions, I would only remark—that if our forefathers of the first three centuries could revisit this lower world, in which body would they be likely to recognise the "Catholic Church" or "the faith once for all delivered to the Saints?"

R. J. SIMPSON.

—Yours etc.,
1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London,
September 4th, 1896.

THE LIVING WAGE AND COMPETITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—It seems that Peeping Johnny has not read my previous letters prior to the one which he took the liberty to criticise. However, I must not be too hasty in my deliberations on this very important subject; otherwise Johnny will lose heart altogether. Johnny is certainly a good natured fellow when he can rest content with his undesirable situation. It is really surprising to learn that he can find fault with me on account of my untiring advocacy of the miners cause. Truly Mr. Editor it is a very unsatisfactory position to hold, when we know that such men as Johnny (who are of a conservative turn of mind) are against us having a living wage. I know quite enough about other trades to convince me that the miners ought to pursue a courageous course in the advocacy of their claim for a living wage. Johnny, you need not point me to the miner for an example of selfishness, because the wages obtaining in the coal industry are far below the living wage. You must understand that the mere advocacy of a principle does not in any way prove that the said principle is being carried out either in payment of wages, or the working hours in any industry nor even can the tailoring industry boast of anything like a living wage being paid to the operatives. It must be borne in mind that we are governed by laws and not by the act of choice simple; that is to say think what you like but be careful how you act. Having stated the foregoing it devolves upon me to point out to you my dear Johnny, that competition is a legalised evil. As your letter shews, you quote a letter which you say a friend sent from Livespool and that in it it is pointed out that certain individuals had entered into competition, against general dealers, whilst they were engaged in other avocations in life, thereby underselling the general dealer. Johnny there are dealers and dealers. It is not all gold that glitters, there are counterfeit coins current in the shape of men and women, and really Johnny, I am annoyed at them; they are so very greedy and selfish, and by the way, I, must say right here that is far wrong of anyone that is earning a living wage to enter into competition against any other trader. I know men too that earn at least £2 per week, and are carrying on a drapery business. And they don't stop at that, for they can supply you with any kind of article from a penny tin whistle to a piano. I also know that many of the miners deal with these greedy self-seeking individuals, not because they care or have any special regard for them as men, oh no. It is because they are in a measure connected with the coal trade. But it is competition, and competition is a legalised evil and the poor miner's heart is at all times in his mouth. He must bow to his superiors in the journey through life and buy their wares. It is a great achievement to succeed in gaining the smiles and the good words of the people who are in power and authority. How sublimely do they smile, and with courting words beguile the poor miner out of his wits and coin, for with cautious eloquence and the influence of position, the miners are duped. Their manhood is lost by the hypnotising smile of authority, and the designing shake of the greedy grasping hand. I sometimes wonder, Johnny, if ever the spirit of true manliness did at any time exist amongst the work people of the world. At least, it does not permeate society at the present time. You and I, Johnny, can testify to this fact that selfishness is the predominating spirit of the age, and readily conceived by the most superficial observer, the very fact of your advocating the worker's claims, for both a shorter working day, and a living wage is sufficient proof that there is something wrong in the system of government under which we are compelled to live and work. In conclusion allow me to say that Johnny and I are both agreed on this matter; that a living wage ought to be paid to each and all alike. The main question is now what would be the best means to adopt to bring about this most desirable state of things? My opinion is that the salvation of the workers rest entirely with the workers themselves; it seems to me that socialism is the only system upon which the people of England will build their hopes for the full enjoyment of the products of labour. It will be a happy time when competition with all its attending evils to the workers and the trades in general will have disappeared to come back no more to trouble and perplex the honest working man.—Yours etc.,

PAUL PRY.

[Correspondence on this subject must now cease.—Ed. "C.G."]

HERE AND THERE IN WOR DISTRICT.

TO THI EDITOR O' THI "CONSETT GUARDIEN."

Deor Sor,—Aw hev ti thenk ye ower agyen for puttin maw lettor i yer papor; becaws, as wor Nance ses, "One o' thi biggest sins of this age is thi sin of ingratitude." She thinks that this is thi best thing we've deun since we wor married, an that if aw can "keep it up," as thi sang says, wor fortins myed. Mind ye, aw hivvent hed ower plissent a time on't since yer papor cum oot. Som o' wor neybors think aw hev nee bisness to start an write letters te ye an let ivverybody knaaw what's happenen here and there. When aw went up ti thi Dilight Gates last Settorday mornin aw got jip fra one or two aboot maw remarks on Socialism—an Billy Butler was'nt ower civil, but aw manished ti kept me temper till he got dyun, an thin aw gev him a piece o' maw mind. "Billy, says aw, "awm a man wi talents, an aw intind i thi futor to use thim on the side o' trooth and reet. Aw may be a bit thick o' thi heed, but whin a chep's been bashin away at thi coal fyece, since shortly eftor thi '44 strike, Ivvory day thi pit's been on, his heed may weel be thick an soft at thi syem time." It wes varry much differint whin aw met coonsillor Taylor on Settorday neet, "Hoo ar ye, Ralphy?" he says, wir a fyece full o' smiles. "Varry weel," ses aw, Hoo yorsel?" Forstrate, he says. Aw could see at a glance we were an gud terms. "Be careful what yor sayin aboot us public men, Ralphy, in that lettor o' yors. Remembir we all hev oor weeknesses." Aw knaa that hinny," says aw, "but ye hiv sum strang weeknesses amang ye." He said "aw was paradoxical," an whin aw tell'd him aw didnt knaaw what that ment, he offered me thi len of a byeuk or two if aw wad gan doon an see him. Aw tell'd him that aw wassent much of a byeuk man; that aw preffered natur ti byeuks. He went off laffin, an aw cum hyem ti think ower a few things ti sind ye this week.

Aw see thor's been a lot o' twaddle aboot nest at thi Orban Cooncil meetin in yor awn toon, Mr. Editor. Aye, man, but thor a queer set thor coouncillors. Aw wad hev thout, that ye wor weel advanced in thi ways of Lokil Guvrment at yor place, espeshully whin ye've had a Lokil Bord see lang; but it appears ti me that experience dissent always teach wisdom. If thor shud hev been a model cooncil onnyway it shud, sartinly hae bein at Consett. Instead o' that ye seem a lang way ahint. Mind aw knaw a few o' yor cheps, an aw think thor rethur clivvor; but wor Nance says, that she thinks that they "want hart an sowl amang thim." Noo aw hev notised mesel, monny-a-time, that where thor awl clivvor men, instead of bein a meetin for bisness its been mair like an exhibition of firewarks. Dr. Hill, fra what aw knaw aboot him by hearsay, issent likely to find falt without a reason, an whin they get his forst report aboot things, they owt ti hev hed thi gud sinse ti gan an see far thorsels what was rang—an thin thi pluck to put it reet. It's awl vary weel, ti tawk aboot thi Sorveyor reportin aboot thi job. But who is thi Sorveyor? Some o' thim say, he's thi sarvint o' thi Cooncil. Sartinly, an if this is thi case an they ax thi man to gan an de sumthing, we is't that hes ti see that it is dyun? Doon i this pairt thi Cooncil dis that wark. Noo, aw think, that if thi Consett Cooncillors, winnit do likwise, thi best okkupashun for thim is "Floggin deed horses." It seems ti be a cannier job, an much mare agreeable ti thim thin findin a place ti put a back yard. Wor Nance, says that this corcumstance gis us thi result of puttin ower monny clivvor men opon a Bord of ony kind (ye munnit think for a moment she's puttin in a gud word for me mind ye), becaws maw time i'll be tyun up in futor by noticin thi men opon oor Cooncil instead of sittin there. One member says—"We did sarve notis but thi owner didn't knaw where he could put his back yard." "Make it on thi roof, as they do in China," says another wise man. Noo what dis this cum tee? "Li Hung Chang," cums fra China to view wor highly civilised country, so that he can gan back hyem an tell the Emporor what a wunderfully clivvor lot we are hear, an awl thi time we hev ti gan ti China ti find oot how ti get a back yard for a hoose that hessent one. Gan on Consett! This necks thi rate kollektor bisness intiv a cocked hat! Two records in one season, an thi season just begun!

Aw heor wor awd frind Georgy Murray's gittin thi sport and wine license noo, but didn't succeed in gettin thi beer off that he asked for. Parsonally aw hope that this will not lead to increased drunkenness amang us; for aw's sure we hev plinty o' that as it is. An aw thout mysel that thor wor as mony places to get a drop—or a bottle either—as we needed. But we divvent awl think alike, an its vary gud on thi pairt of anybody to put thorsels aboot to git a license to supply a public need. But still aw think we must be big guzzlers doon heor, whin it tykes si monny places to sarve us. Aw knaw it's not for thi money thors myed at it that they get these licenses—becaws a frind o' mine hes a hoose or two and he says "they divvent pay; but it's ti supply thi dimand thor's for't." Whin aw tell wor Nance this she "winks thi uther eye," an says "Whats awl this bother at Stanley mean then?" What's Gelly and Kelly myekin all thi bother aboot wi thor meetin? Divvent they say thors nee need for't at awl, an thi foaks dissent want it, an yet thors ten or elivin o' thim applying at Lanchester to git permishun to hev a public hoose. Divvent thou tell me they divvent pay. A public hoose is like a pit—only git one, an whither it pays or not ye'll always be plinty.

Thor's seems a lot of dissatisfakshun at thi decission o' thi magistrates on thi Bench last Thorsday week aboot thi Stanley license. Aw've oftin heard it said an aw believe it's scripture tee that "in a multitude of coonsellors thor is wisdom," an aw heor thor wes a multitude o' majistrates on thi bench that day, noo awve sumtimes knawn it ti bi thi case that they cuddent git a cort for thi want o' majistrates, but it wassent thi case last Thorsday week. Aye man, whin thors owt speshul how thor beggors trot oot. But aw min stick ti mi point. Awve heord a lot of complainin aboot Mr. Ainsley gettin thi license, noo aw happin ta knaw William varry weel, an aw can say that in maw time awve bowt as bit as gud ham fra him as ivvor aw got in maw life. An awve elways thout he was decin weel without dabblin in thi public line. An thin thor was Mrs. Chaytor's applicashun. Awve had maw pipe monny a time wiv her gud man, an aw elways thout they had a strang claim on thi consideratun of thi majistrates. But awve been tell'd they wer'nt in't at awl. Thon thor was a brewery company thout they had a chance. They got the go-bye as weel. Neebody can find falt ower thi bench for this. The brewors hev ower monny hooses as it is. Thin cam oor awd frind Joe Watson, as gud a butchor es ivvor killed a pig. He's tied ti be gittin up a yors noo, its a lang time since aw got maw forst bit o' beef off him an it wes always gud. They tell me he's just like what a landlord shud be, an aw dee wish him weel. But nyen o' thi gud awd standards hed a chance wiv Ainsley. Aw waddint like ti say a rang word aboot thi great umpaid; but aw wad like ti knaw what led ti this decision. They wor all applicants wi gud charactors. Awd Daddy Hobson, they tell me, spoke fir Mrs. Chaytor an he'd knawn hor fra beein a bairn, an' was weel acwainted wiv her fathor. Ex-super Oliver spak for Joe Watson, as he's a chep that knew Joe weel. They'd awl promised ti put up hooses ti thi satisfacshun o' thi bench an de owt that was necessary in thi way of improvment. It wad'nt dee. Noo, aw wad like ti knaw thi reason? Wor Nance thinks she knaws hoo it was, but she preserves "a dignified silence" on this point; but says she wad hev a few mair majistrates doon in wor quarter, an not such a big majority (like thi Hoose of Parliment hes) an thin we wad hev less of a "Majesterial Muddle." She seems to knaa what this meens; but ye an me hev te find it out for worsels. She thinks that she once heard a discussion on this question, whin thi store had thor trip, an one o' thi cheps, said if he had his own way he wad put all thi licenses up to auction, an thim that wad gie most for them would hev thim, an that thi money they got for them shud be spint on myking recreation an pleasure grunds, so that sober foaks [illegible] nick oot thi way o' them that wanted drink or not. Aw divvent knaw whether this wad answer or not, but aw dee think it wad be driving a man [illegible] gettin a gap of 5,000 or 6,000 punds that would gan ti thi public generally.

Aw wes extremely tyken up wiv thi note fra yor Stanley correspondent aboot thi tradesmen an' thor hooses. This is a question awve often heard tasked aboot amang thi men at wor place, an aw knaa for a sartinty that tradesmen that try ti compel thor tenants ti trade with thim and buy nearly ivverything at thor shop, di thorsels ne gud wi that sort of thing. Awve sumtimes had a desire to spind a few shillins wiv a private tradesman (aw tell'd ye last week we were store folks, an awve always kept clear o' these men that hev a few hooses an tyek advantage of a poor chep an his family in this way. Aw'm sure thi rents are high enough without owt else. An' what mair hes those property owners nony reet tee than thor rent, and thor property preserved. If thor's ony thing that seems mean i maw eyes its a man tyken advantage of another man, whin that other man cannot help hissel. If aw remember reetly it was this sort o' thing that led ti thi establishin o' thi Co-operative stores. Noo, in maw opinion, thi stores hev cum ti stop; and they'll not be interfered much with. A tradesman or two here an thor using this kind of "coersion." Thi wise tradesman finds it most tiv his advantage to keep on good tarms with members of thi store. They divvint spind aal thor monney their, if they did thor waddent be rume for monny tradesmen. Aw knaw a tradesman that dis a gud bisness, an he tells me that some of his best customers are store members. Noo if this meets thi eyes of ony o' these lanlords that compel thor tennents ti trade with them, aw want ye ti knaw that its a mistyek on yor part an yor lossin mair with this kind o' thing than yor ever likely ti gain. Giv yor tennants liberty ti de as they like on this point an awl be bound for't ye'll hev gud reason ti thenk me for this bit of advice.

Aw think awd better "give ower," as "Rowley Harrison's" sang says—an sign my nyem as usual,

RALPHY RIDDEL.

Collierley Dykes, September 8th, 1896.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The anniversary of the Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Choir, was celebrated on Sunday last, when the annual flower services were held. The church was tastefully decorated by Mr Edward Hancock, gardener to Mr J. F. Faber, Danish Consul, of Derwent Dene, who kindly sent the plants and flowers. Noticeable were several nicely finished coleus, palms, fuchsias, gloxinias, liliums lancefolium, and a rich display of hardy cut flowers. The sermons were preached by Mr Gilbert Oliver, of Heaton, who possesses a clear and explicit style, and has deservedly won not a little popularity in this neighbourhood. His subject in the morning was "Consider the lilies" and in the evening "The atonement." The singing at both services was hearty, and in it the congregation joined with seeming pleasure. In the afternoon the choir, assisted by several friends, rendered a sacred cantata entitled "The Lion of Judah." The solo's, duets, and quartettes were without exception given with great taste and ability, while the choruses were rendered with precision and feeling. Mr J. A. Adamson was the conductor and Mr W. Palliser of Blackhill presided at the organ giving tone selections. Among the solos we might mention "Mary's Joy," ably sung by Miss Oley, soprano; "Christ in the Temple," by Mr Pincheon, Bass; "Christ's Mission," by Mr J. Bell; Miss Wilson, soprano, Miss Gibson contralto, and Mr J. McTaggart tenor, were all that could be desired in "Christ heals the sick." Miss Tweddle and Mr Pincheon gave a capital rendering of the duet for bass and treble "Down through the portals," whilst Miss Raisbeck, although suffering from a cold, did justice to her part in the duet "Bethany," with Miss Gibson contralto, who has a good voice and understands how to use it. The quartette "Kearon" is a delightful piece of music and was without a doubt one of the favourite parts of the cantata. It was supplied by Miss Leyburn, soprano, Miss Ellison alto, Mr Pincheon Bass, and Mr McTaggart tenor. The quartette "Then live the day" was also a very creditable performance rendered by Miss Oley treble, Mr Glendenning tenor, Mr. Pincheon, and a beautiful alto voice. The choruses were very much appreciated. The attack in almost every case was good, but the climax was reached in the "Crucifixion," the piece opens with a bass solo, which was feelingly given by Mr. Pincheon, then follows a tenor solo "Oh dreadful sight," which was taken by Mr Glendinning, who sings with much taste. The chorus comes next with a plaintive piece called "Too piteous sight." The interest was also well sustained in the resurrection pieces. Miss Wilson's contribution to the Easter hymn being a marked success. The concluding pieces were full of interest, and were descriptive of triumph. The "Lion of Judah" and "The song of jubilee," the duet in the latter "Then the end" by the Misses Raisbeck and Nixon, being very touching. The cantata concluded with a "Grand Hallelujah" suspiciously like a selection from the "Hallelujah Chorus." It was the opinion of several musical critics that this has been one of the best musical performances in Shotley Bridge for some time, and great credit is due to Mr Adamson, leader, T. Pincheon, secretary, and the choir for the unusual treat.—The collections were above the average, the congregations being large.

WHAT A REPORTER HAS TO DO.

LOOKING UP A HOSPITAL FAILURE.

I was amused, writes the reporter of a London paper, when instructed by my editor to interview a person, whose experiences I am about to relate, at the injunction not to exaggerate the case in any way. As a rule a reporter is expected to make the most of a piece of news. However, I didn't exaggerate.

The individual I was asked to interview is Mr. George Sharpe, of 6, Essex-terrace, Town-road, Lower Edwonton. I found him to be a respectable young workman, of an intelligent countenance, with a bright eye, and a healthy fresh colour on his cheeks.

In reply to inquiries, however, he said he had always until recently suffered bad health—coughing and spitting blood. He had been to the City-road Chest Hospital about two years ago, and they wanted to keep him in there. He was poulticed and given physic and embrocation for the chest, and directed to feed himself up on cod liver oil, which, he said, he did until it made him sick. Later, he went to the Cavendish-square Hospital. They attributed his illness to the dust of his trade getting into his lungs. He was under treatment about eighteen months, without relief—continuing all the while to cough and spit blood. He could not sleep at night, and was as tired when he got up in the morning as when he went to bed. The patient's mother said she had had a large family, several of whom had died from consumption. "George," she added, "was just the same until lately; but now he is wonderfull changed: he can eat anything at every meal since he has been taking these pills."

"What pills?" asked the reporter, in surprise.

"What pills? Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," was the reply. "It is to them that he owes his life, and recovery of health, for nothing else did him the least good."

Mr. Sharpe said, "One morning when I went to work my fellow-workmen were speaking about me and said how weak I was. One of them said he believed Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were very good things, and mentioned some cases that had been cured by them. So I got some, taking them after meals. In a short time the blood-spitting, night sweats, and weakness stopped. I feel quite right now, and can stop at my work and eat well."

This is not by any means the first case in which incipient consumption has been cured in the same way. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are world-famed for repairing the ravages of all debilitating disease, and of over-work. They cure all the many disorders which arise from an impoverished state of the blood and nerves, such as anæmia, pale and sallow complexion, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, pains in the back, nervous headache, early-decay, pains in the back vous headache, early-decay, all forms of female weakness, hysteria, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, palpitations, low vitality, and wasting strength from any cause. These Pills are genuine only with the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and are sold by chemists and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C. at 2s. 9d. a box, or six for 13s 9d. They are unrivalled as a tonic and strengthening medicine for both sexes. Pink pills sold loose or from glass jars are not genuine; do not accept them.

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ALDERMAN SAMUEL STOREY.

Perhaps a few facts about the popular Chairman of the Durham County Council will be read with interest. Alderman Samuel Storey is a Durham man, being a native of Sherburn, a village some three miles from Durham City. Though starting life as a school-master at Birtley, Mr. Storey's commercial instincts brought him, when quite a young man, under the notice of Messrs Glaholm, Robson, and Co., wire rope manufacturers, Sunderland, to work up the business in the colliery districts of his native county. From this time forward Mr. Storey's career was one of continued progress. He became practically interested in several of the principal industries on Wearside, and subsequently associated himself with the Liberal Party at Sunderland, becoming its principal organiser; indeed he was the prime mover in the Liberal Club, and was eventually returned to the Town Council for the Monkwearmouth Ward. He was chairman of the principal committees, and by his efforts the sanitary condition of the borough was vastly improved. Mr. Storey was also very popular amongst the various trade societies, and watched with a keen eye everything that would tend to the prosperity of the town. In the course of his municipal career Mr. Storey was elected an alderman, and was three times mayor. Though he had taken a most active interest in the political life of the town for many years, it was not until 1881 on the retirement of Sir Henry Havelock Allan, as Liberal member for the borough, that the Liberal Party had an opportunity of showing their appreciation of his services by asking him to stand in their interests at the following Parliamentary Election. Mr. Storey was at that time in Russia, but on being informed of the position of affairs, he returned immediately, and so popular was he among all classes of the community that the Conservatives decided not to oppose his candidature, and he entered parliament without a contest. At each of the succeeding Parliamentary Elections Mr. Storey headed the poll, and continued, in conjunction with Colonel (now Sir) Edward Gourley, to represent the borough in Parliament until last year, when, with many more sturdy champions of the Radical cause throughout the county, he was defeated, his seat being wrested from him by Mr. Doxford. Despite his many Parliamentary, municipal, and commercial duties, Mr. Storey found time to interest himself in the various charities of the town, and gave large sums of money for charitable purposes. During the great trade depression of 1886-7-8 he was lavish in his liberality, ferreting out cases of distress and granting instant relief in a manner that only those who have been subjected to his benevolence can understand.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST MISSIONS

MEETING AT STANLEY.

A well attended meeting was held on Monday evening in the Primitive Methodist Church at Stanley in connection with the Home and Foreign Missions of the Primitive Methodist Society.

Mr. E. Hayes, of Stanley, presided and said that when he saw the state of the streets of Stanley at night he thought that for all their missions they were just touching the fringe of the vast masses of unconverted humanity.

The Rev. W. Gelley then proceeded to read extracts from the annual report of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society. He said the report recorded both success and failure. Where they had achieved success that success had been striking and doubly interesting. The report stated that the past year had been one of hopeful work and real progress. The membership stood at 15,296. Twenty-five of the branches reported increase, but eight had to record somewhat heavy losses. In connection with the Home Missions there were 442 local preachers, 132 Sunday Schools, having 1,280 voluntary Sunday School teachers and 10,343 scholars. In connection with the centres of population a great social work was being done, the poor were clothed, fed, and taught, in an admirable manner, by devoted missionaries. Though a poor community they were making great efforts and endeavouring to carry on their work in all the great towns. In regard to the African missions Mr. Gelley stated good work was being done. According to the report there were eight central missionary stations, nine European and four native preachers. The membership of the African mission was 1,185, an increase of 140 for the year; and the outlook was promising in the extreme. The total missionary revenue for the year was £37,670 6s 5½d. exclusive of any money raised by the Colonial branches for the support and extension of their own work. This did not, of course, include the money expended in building their chapels, supporting their schools, and maintaining their colleges. Despite the fact, said Mr. Gelley that they could not look back upon a year of unlimited prosperity, they could safely congratulate themselves upon an excellent year's work. Whether they failed or whether they succeeded they were determined to carry on their work, whether the results were great or small. (Applause.)

The Rev. T. Edward, the Presbyterian minister at Stanley, was the next speaker. He expressed the pleasure he felt at being among them that evening. There were many denominations, many creeds, and many different methods of church government, perhaps too many, but he thought that all denominations were agreed in thinking that the time was arrived when they should do all they could towards the evangelisation of the world, and that they should try as Christians to find how they could best attain that end. He was sorry to see that in some respects there had been failures, but he did not believe the general fund had gone down because there had been any falling off in spiritual earnestness, and he was rejoiced to see the healthy state of the African Mission. Another point which he thought very satisfactory was that the Home and Foreign Missionary work was all under one committee of management, and in that respect he thought the Presbyterian Church could learn something from them. He was there to make an appeal to them to do all that they could to help on the foreign work. The avocations of those present were very different in kind, but they could all do something to this end. Of course, they could not all be preachers, but they could nevertheless do a good deal to proclaim the gospel, and he exhorted them to use every opportunity to do what they could to proclaim the Gospel and to help on those who were proclaiming it. (Applause.)

The Rev. W. Johnson, of Gateshead, who received a cordial reception, was the next speaker, and he referred in glowing terms to the work done by Mr. Gelley. There were, he said, many phases of work which might be alluded to at a meeting of that description. He knew something of many of the stations whose names appeared in the report. He passed two years labouring in the missionary field, and though he had not fulfilled his expectations,—nobody ever did that—he had spent a very happy time there in earnest work. He was not one of those who took a pessimistic view of things, and he thoroughly believed in the good time coming, and he also believed in the good time that was. (Hear, hear.) He thought [illegible] things into consideration, they were in a fairly satisfactory position in regard to religious affairs. He was happy to think that he was living in a period, undoubtedly the grandest that the world had ever seen, an age that was marked by a great outburst of human inventiveness. It was undoubtedly a period when the social condition of the people was advancing by leaps and bounds, and they in their Home Missions were helping and being helped by the advancement, and the progress of Christianity during the last century was such as had never been seen before in the history of the Church of God. He spoke of the things he knew and it was an actual fact that at the beginning of the present century missionary organisations were few and far between, whilst at the present day there were over three hundred missionary institutions most of them having sprung up during the last 50 years. For every missionary at the beginning of the century there were at least a thousand to-day. That was certainly no evidence of retrogression, and he could certainly say that the last hundred years had been the period of greatest advancement in the Christian faith. (Applause.)

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and a supper was afterwards held.

Cricket.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

BATTING AVERAGES FOR 1896.

FIRST TEAM.

The season just completed by the Consett and District Cricket Club has certainly been one of the most successful ever experienced by the club, if not absolutely the most successful. To finish fourth in the competition confined to the leading clubs of the county is a feat in itself which ought to command the admiration of every lover of the game in the district, even if they had done nothing else. For a team that has had to fight against such adverse circumstances as has been the case with Consett to attain the position they have done is a credit to everybody concerned, and augurs well for them eventually reaching the top of the tree. We append the batting averages of the club, which will compare favourably with those of most of the league teams, and a great deal better than many. Siddell, aided by a couple of centuries, is at the top of all matches with the splendid figures of 35·5 for eleven completed innings. Martin, who has the highest aggregate and has played the greatest number of innings, is a good second with 26·3. Wood and Godfrey have again shaped consistently, and have every right to be proud of their performances. Others deserving of special mention are Dales, Richards, Richardson, Vivian, and Walton. In the averages for league matches only Martin and Siddell change places, the pro.'s figures being 27·4 against Siddell's 26·5. Wood is a capital third with 24·16, and both Richards and Richardson have an average of over 21. Altogether the appended list is a most excellent one:—

Played, 19; won, 7; lost, 5; drawn, 7. Consett have scored 2,276 for the loss of 131 wickets; average per wicket, 17·4; against their opponets 2,286 runs for the loss of 165 wickets; average per wicket, 13·9.

	No. of Innings.	Tim's not out	Total runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
J. Siddell	15	4	391	115*	35·5
J. Martin (pro.)	19	1	475	78*	26·3
A. D. Wood	13	3	285	71*	28·5
A. S. Godfrey (capt.)	14	2	241	52	20·08
T. D. Dales	3	1	40	21	20
I. Richards	7	2	90	61	18
F. Richardson	16	1	242	66	16·13
J. Vivian	5	2	36	18	12
Geo. Walton	11	3	82	24*	10·25
M. H. Williamson	16	2	133	29	9·5
E. Cartill	3	1	19	11	9·5
W Foggon	1	1	9	9	9
T. Lindsay	14	2	84	26	7
T. T. Gray	3	1	11	10	5·5
Geo. Gray	10	0	52	18	5·2
T. D. Robinson	2	0	6	3	3
S. Aynsley	5	0	6	4	1·2
M. T. Milburn	1	0	1	1	1
J. J. Raw	2	0	1	1	0·5
J. Hall	1	1	0	0	0
W. Leybourne	1	0	0	0	0
T. Lynn	1	0	0	0	0
L. Stephenson	1	0	0	0	0
T. Turner	1	0	0	0	0

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

In the above league Consett played 12 games, with the result that they won, 4; lost, 3; drawn, 5, finishing fourth. Consett have compiled 1,406 runs for the loss of 89 wickets; average per wicket, 15·8, with their opponents scored 1,514 runs for the loss of 94 wickets; average per wicket, 16·1.

	No. of Innings.	Tim's not out	Total runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
J. Martin (pro.)	9	0	247	53	27·4
J. Siddell	10	2	212	107*	26·5
A. D. Wood	8	2	145	61	24·16
F. Richardson	11	1	217	58	21·7
I. Richards	5	1	85	61	21·25
A. S. Godfrey	11	1	128	52	12·8
E. Cartill	2	1	12	11	12
J. Vivian	3	1	21	18	10·5
M. H. Williamson	9	0	91	29	10·1
T. T. Gray	1	0	10	10	10
Geo. Walton	8	2	54	22*	9
W. Foggon	1	1	9	9	9
T. Lindsay	10	1	51	26	5·7
Geo. Gray	7	0	30	18	4·2
T. D. Robinson	2	0	6	3	3
S. Aynsley	3	0	2	2	0·6
T. Lynn	1	0	0	0	0
J. J. Raw	1	0	0	0	0
T. Turner	1	0	0	0	0

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

FINAL.

BURNMOOR v. CRAGHEAD.

These teams met on the Durham City ground on Saturday, in the final match of the above league, and Craghead ran out easy winners by 99 runs. For the Winners W. Railton (74), G. Turnbull (24), A. Howgate (22), G. Potts (18), and F. Horne (12) played capital cricket for their runs, while J. Combey (35), G. Hepburn (17), and A. W. Gowland (14) batted well for the losers. G. Turnbull trundled splendidly for Craghead, being credited with no less than eight wickets. Score:—

BURNMOOR.		CRAGHEAD.	
A W Gowland st Holm's b Turnbull	14	J Hunter c Chatt b Gowland	4
W Rutherford c Railt'n b Turnbull	4	G Potts run out	18
B Anston b Railton	1	R Holmes b Butler	0
Butler lbw b Turnbull	3	W Railton b Butler	74
W Atkinson st Holmes b Turnbull	0	G Hunter b Butler	7
J Combey c G Hunter b Turnbull	35	G Turnbull c Rutherford b Gowland	24
G Winship st Holmes b Turnbull	0	F Horne c Atkinson b Gowland	12
W H Chatt c G Hunter b Turnbull	3	N Musgrove c Hepburn b Butler	7
G Hepburn b Turnbull	17	A Howgate b Hepburn	21
R Blunt b Young	4	H Young not out	7
G Blunt not out	0	M Dodds c R Blunt b Butler	3
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total	84	Total	183

CONSETT v. WALLSEND.

Owing to the soft condition of the Blackfine ground on Saturday, it was deemed advisable to concel the fixture, the home secretary (Mr W. Ramsay) notifying Wallsend to that effect.

SOUTH TANFIELD v. STANHOPE.

Played at Stanhope, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 24 runs. Score:—

STANHOPE.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
T Moor c Palmer b Raine	0	c Middlemast b Ledger	0
G H Waller b Middlemast	2	b Siddle	19
G Hildyard c Middlemast b Raine	0		
G P Rodham b Middlemast	8	not out	0
G Robinson b Raine	2		
E D Hildyard b Middlemast	3	b Raine	2
J Blakey b Middlemast	3		
D Gray hit wicket	0		
J Curry not out	3	c Siddle b Raine	11
V A Rippon b Raine	3		
J Todham b Raine	6	c Wilson b Raine	24
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	31	Total	56

TANFIELD.

J Middlemast b Robson	8
R Henderson c Curry b Rodham	8
M Ledger st Waller b Rodham	2
R Palmer lbw b Robson	2
W Raine b Roddam	12
H Middlemast b Rodham	4
J Wilson b Rodham	8
J Ledger b Rodham	0
J Siddle c Waller b Robson	2
R Palmer b Rodham	4
N Clark not out	4
Extras	1
Total	55

BLACKHALL MILL (MIXED) v. SPEN AND DISTRICT.

Played at the Spen, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors. R. Dodd (21), J. E. Taylor (35), P. Charlton (32 not out), and T. Embleton (14 not out) batted splendidly for the Millites, while not one of the home batsmen reached double figures. Score:—

SPEN.		BLACKHALL MILL.	
W Winship b Anderson	0	T Dodd b Halley	8
C Emmerson b R Dodd	7	R Dodd c & b Winship	21
J Halley b Anderson	0	J Oxley run out	1
C Archdall b Anderson	5	W Robson b C Emmerson	0
J Emmerson b R Dodd	7	J E Taylor c & b C Emmerson	35
B Robson b R Dodd	0	J Anderson b C Em'erson	0
T Anson c J Wood b R Dodd	0	P Charlton not out	32
A Rogers b Anderson	0	T Embleton not out	14
T Parkin b Anderson	0	J Wood to bat	
G Webster run out	0	W Wood to bat	
G Robson not out	0	W Milburn to bat	
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	21	Total (for 6 wkts)	112

WHICKHAM v. BLAYDON.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the homesters. The visitors, on going into bat, made a poor stand against the bowling of G. Cheesman and Cook, and were all out for 17 runs. Cheesman took five wickets for six runs, and Cook three for nine. On Whickham following in they soon knocked off the runs. T. M. Burn, T. Cheesman, and R. Thynn played fine cricket for their scores of 20, 24, and 20 respectively. Score:—

BLAYDON.		WHICKHAM.	
J W Peel run out	0	W Thynn b J Peel	1
Jas Peel run out	0	T M Burn c Scott b J W Peel	20
R Scott b G Cheesman	0	G Cheesman run out	6
A Brownless b Cook	1	J Mowbray b Faldon	10
T Ryding b G Cheesm'n	2	W Cook b J W Peel	2
H Beveridge b Cook	1	T Cheesman b Ryding	24
T Adamson b G Cheesman	7	R Thynn not out	20
J Wilson b G Cheesm'n	3	W Cheesman c Faldon b Adamson	2
W Rayne not out	1	J Temperley b Ryding	2
E Turner b G Cheesm'n	0	T Jones b Adamson	4
F Faldon b Cook	0	S Ismay absent	
Extras	2	Extras	6
Total	17	Total	111

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. BENWELL HILL 2ND.

Played at Benwell, and resulted in a win for the "Hill" by 35 runs. Score:—

BENWELL HILL.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
J Shaw b Leadbitter	26	W Towns b Oliphant	2
T Shaw b Surtees	2	J Leadbitter c Lawson b J Shaw	11
J Bullock c Urwin b Surtees	11	J Foster c & b J Shaw	9
J White b Charlton	25	S Leadbitter b White	1
J Oliphant c Leadbitter b Charlton	0	E Hall c Oliphant b T Shaw	12
W Davey c Forster b Surtees	3	W Oliver lbw b White	0
J Dodds c & b Charlton	3	L Urwin c & b T Shaw	1
T E Shaw c Forster b Leadbitter	7	J Seed b White	7
J Lawson c Towns b Seed	4	A Charlton c Lawson b J Shaw	0
G Danskin b Seed	2	Surtees c Davey b White	0
G Lawson not out	2	Wilkinson not out	1
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total	90	Total	55

SWALWELL v. HORSLEY.

Played at Horsley in bad weather, and resulted in a win for Swalwell by 9 runs. Score:—

HORSLEY.		SWALWELL.	
Rev R G Barnes b Robson	4	R Smith b Hall	9
E Archbold c Smith b Berry	5	T Berry c Armstrong b Hall	15
S Turnbull c Smith b Berry	6	R Walton b Hall	7
G Armstrong stumped Cameron b Berry	2	H Fletcher run out	0
S Urwin run out	9	P Lawson b Turnbull	0
W Turnbull b Berry	1	G Cameron c Drum'ond b Turnbull	1
R Turnbull b Berry	2	T Lumley b Hall	1
W Hall c Fletcher b Berry	0	J Robson b Hall	1
J Drummond b Berry	0	M Blackbird b Robson	2
G Drummond b Robs'n	0	J Murray b Hall	0
T Crozier not out	1	W Cross not out	1
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	30	Total	39

SACRISTON v. BROWNEY.

Played on the ground of the latter, and an exciting game ended in a win for the visitors by 1 run. Score—

SACRISTON.		BROWNEY.	
S Shepherd run out	0	G Hall b Shepherd	3
F Robson c Robson b Grainger	10	B Hepple run out	26
J Robson run out	4	W Robson b Robson	14
W Fawcett b G Hall	5	G Jackson c Fawcett b Robinson	1
J Green b G Hall	3	C Beck b Robson	10
J Taylor b G Hall	3	J Grainger b Robson	0
M Robinson b Grainger	1	H Adamson b Robins'n	5
T Henderson not out	31	C Grainger b Robinson	0
S Rowe b G Hall	8	J Hall run out	3
J Forster b G Hall	0	R Halls c Robson b Robinson	6
G Forster b Beck	7	N Cook not out	5
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total	79	Total	78

LANCHESTER v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played at Burnopfield, and a pleasant game resulted in a win for the home team. Lanchester arrived with only eight men, while the homesters played one short. The batting of Ward (27) and Parker (18) for Lanchester was very good, and for Burnopfield J. R. Dent (31), H. C. Wood (27), and C. Wood (11) did good service with the willow. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		BURNOPFIELD.	
Parker c Potts	18	Potts b Ramsay	0
Ward c Henderson	27	Brewis c Ward b Park'r	2
Kirtley b Campbell	0	Dent b G W Wilson	31
Ramsay b Campbell	2	H C Wood lbw b G W Wilson	27
Jas Wilson run out	3	Allan not out	4
Shipley b Allen	3	C Wood b Ramsay	11
Davidson c Davidson	1	Reay c Parker b G W Wilson	0
G W Wilson not out	1	Henderson c Ward b Shipley	0
		Wilkinson b Ramsay	1
		Campbell b Ramsay	0
Extras	5	Extras	3
Total	60	Total	79

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

The following table shows how the clubs now stand:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts	Percentage
Whitburn	10	5	1	4	4	66·66
West Hartlepool	12	7	2	3	5	55·55
Durham City	12	6	2	4	4	50·00
Consett	12	4	3	5	1	14·28
Philadelphia	11	4	4	3	0	00·00
South Shields	10	1	1	8	0	00·00
Chester-le-Street	15	6	7	2	—1	—7·6
Sunderland	15	2	3	10	—1	—20·0
Bishop Auckland	12	4	7	1	—3	—27·27
North Durham	17	5	9	3	—4	—28·5
Tudhoe	10	1	6	3	—5	—71·4

KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held in the Annfield Plain Schools, on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. R. Kay. The other members present were Messrs G. Ridley, T. Bowes, J. Robson, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson) and the attendance officer (Mr. W. Ward.)

OFFICER'S AND TEACHERS' REPORTS.

The attendance officer's report was read and adopted. The teachers' reports were next read and considered.—Mr. G. Sterling, of the mixed school, Annfield Plain, reported that the attendance for the month was 174.9, the average for last month being 175. Her Majesty's Inspector visited the school and reported the building still overcrowded. Mr. Sterling trusted that something would be done to meet the requirements of the Education Department.—Miss M. J. McKay, of the Annfield Plain Infant Department, reported that the attendance for the month was 106.9, and the average for the last month, 101.5.—Mr. N. Raw, of Oxhill Mixed Department, reported that the attendance for the present month was 151.6, and that the average for last month was 158.7.—Miss H. Cordner, of the Oxhill Infant Department, stated in her report that the average attendance for the present month was 127, the average for last month being 89.6. The attendance was slightly affected by measles.—Mr. W. L. Telford, of the Harelaw Mixed School, reported that the attendance for the present month was 94.7, the average for last month being 103.—Miss S. Green's report of the Harelaw Infant School showed the average for the month to be 62.3.—Mr. J. Dixon, of the West Kyo Mixed, reported that the attendance for the month was 114.8, for last month, 110.4.—Miss A. Davison, of the West Kyo Infants', reported the attendance for the present month to be 45., and the average for the previous month, 43. Whooping cough still prevailing amongst the children.

MR. DIXON'S REQUEST.

With respect to Mr. Dixon's request for house-rent the Board decided to allow him an additional £25.

SCHOOL SITES AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

As no reply had been received from Messrs Cooper and Goodyer, respecting the working of the coal under the new school sites, the matter was not gone into.

This was all the business of importance.

THE CURATE OF COLLIERLEY PARISH.

A largely attended meeting of parishioners in furtherance of a testimonial to the Rev. A. Dunn, curate of Collierley Parish, for his services as curate of the above parish, was held in the Oddfellow's Hall, Annfield Plain, on Monday evening.—Mr. J. Nicholson of Annfield Place was elected to the chair, and the following gentlemen were elected a committee:—Messrs. W. Fitzpatrick, T. Latham, Ross, Hetherington, Robson, J. E. Smith, and the chairman. Mr. Smith was also elected hon. secretary: it having been resolved that a testimonial be raised for Mr. Dunn.—Mr. John Orr, of Annfield Plain, said he had not the good fortune to be in the position of being a churchman. He was a dissenter by choice, but he was a parishioner, who had had some acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Dunn the curate of the parish for a number of years. His position there that night was simply as a parishioner to testify to his high appreciation of the services of Mr. Dunn and to express his regret at his leaving the parish. Circumstances arose in one's liftetime for removals from one place to another, and a circumstance had arisen which necessitated Mr. Dunn's removal to another sphere of labour. As a parishioner, he thought he would like to be present at that meeting to manifest his regret at his leaving, and his willingness in any way to subscribe to the good sympathy they all had of Mr. Dunn, during his residence with them in the parish. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. J. S. Smith said it had been suggested to present Mr. Dunn with a marble timepiece, with a silver inscription.—Mr. Latham thought they had better see what amount could be raised before deciding what to purchase. He would like to have something good, and in addition, to give him a purse of gold as well. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Fitzpatrick thought the most practical way would be to get up a subscription list with a view to raising a good round sum. He would move that subscription lists be issued and circulated in the parish with the view of getting the necessary amount to carry out the project. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Smith seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.—The Chairman before dismissing the audience, said he did not think there was much more to do, excepting that he would urge upon everybody present, whether on the committee or not, to work earnestly in the movement, and try to make it a success. If it was to be a success, they must work hard for the whole of the matter depended upon their individual efforts. (Hear, hear.)

The meeting then terminated.

The members of the lawn tennis club and Collierley Church Choir have decided, seeing that Mr. Dunn has taken such a deep interest in the welfare and enjoyment of the young people, to present him with a time piece, and Miss Dunn with a tea and coffee service.

BRIDGE v. BENWELL HILL 2nd.

...and resulted in a win for the ... Score:—

SHOTLEY-BRIDGE.

W Towns b Oliphant

J Leadbitter c Lawson

J Shaw

J Foster c & b J Shaw

E Leadbitter b White

E Hall c Oliphant b

W Oliver lbw b White

L Urwin c & b J Shaw

J Seed b White

A Charlton c Lawson b J Shaw

Surtees c Davey b White

Wilkinson not out

Extras

Total

SWALWELL v. HORSLEY.

...in bad weather, and resulted in a ... by runs. Score:—

SWALWELL.

R Smith b Hall

T Herry c Armstrong b Hall

R Walton b Hall

T Fletcher run out

P Lawson b Turnbull

G Cameron c Drummond b Turnbull

T Lumley b Hall

J Robson b Hall

M Blackbird b Robson

J Murray b Hall

W Cross not out

Extras

Total

CRAGHEAD v. BROWNEY.

...the ground of the latter, and an exciting ... a win for the visitors by 1 run. Score:—

BROWNEY.

G Hall b Shepherd

J Hepple run out

W Robson b Robson

G Jackson c Fawcett b Robson

C Beck b Robson

J Grainger b Robson

H Adamson b Robson

G Grainger b Robinson

J Hall run out

B Halls c Robson b Robinson

N Cook not out

Extras

Total

LANCHESTER v. BURNOPFIELD.

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BURNOPFIELD.

Potts b Ramsay

Brewis c Ward b Parker

Dent b G W Wilson

E. C Wood lbw b G W Wilson

Allan not out

C Wood b Ramsay

Reay c Parker b G W Wilson

Henderson c Ward b Shipley

Wilkinson b Ramsay

Campbell b Ramsay

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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

...ing table shows how the clubs now stand:—

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KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

...monthly meeting of the above Board was ... the Annfield Plain Schools, on Monday ... under the presidency of Mr. R. Kay. ... members present were Messrs. G. Ridley, ... J. Robson, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. ...), and the attendance officer (Mr. W. Ward).

OFFICERS' AND TEACHERS' REPORTS.

...attendance officer's report was read and ... The teachers' reports were next read ... considered.—Mr. G. Sterling, of the mixed ... Annfield Plain, reported that the attendance ... month was 174.9, the average for last month ... Her Majesty's Inspector visited the ... and reported the building still overcrowded. ... Sterling trusted that something would be ... to meet the requirements of the Education ...—Miss M. J. McKay, of the Annfield ... Infant Department, reported that the attendance ... the month was 106.9, and the average ... last month, 101.5.—Mr. N. Raw, of Oxhill ... Department, reported that the attendance ... present month was 151.6, and that the ... for last month was 158.7.—Miss H. Cordner, the Oxhill Infant Department, stated ... that the average attendance for the ... month was 127, the average for last month ... W. The attendance was slightly affected ...—Mr. W. L. Telford, of the Harelaw ... School, reported that the attendance for ... current month was 94.7, the average for last ... being 103.—Miss S. Green's report of the ... Infant School showed the average for ... to be 62.3.—Mr. J. Dixon, of the West ... considered, reported that the attendance for the ... 114.8, for last month, 110.4.—Miss A. ... of the West Kyo Infants', reported the ... for the present month to be 45., and ... for the previous month, 43. Whooping ... prevailing amongst the children.

MR. DIXON'S REQUEST.

...respect to Mr. Dixon's request for house ... Board decided to allow him an additional ...

SCHOOL SITES AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

...reply had been received from Messrs ... and Goodyer, respecting the working of ... under the new school sites, the matter ... gone into.

...was all the business of importance.

CURATE OF COLLIERLEY PARISH.

...attended meeting of parishioners in further... of a testimonial to the Rev. A. Dunn, curate ... Collierley Parish, for his services as curate of the ... parish, was held in the Oddfellow's Hall, ... Plain, on Monday evening.—Mr. J. ... of Annfield Place was elected to the ... and the following gentlemen were elected ... committee:—Messrs. W. Fitzpatrick, T. Latham, ... Hetherington, Robson, J. E. Smith, and the ... Mr. Smith was also elected hon. secretary ... having been resolved that a testimonial ... for Mr. Dunn.—Mr. John Orr, of Annfield ... said he had not the good fortune to be ... position of being a churchman. He was ... by choice, but he was a parishioner, ... some acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Dunn the ... the parish for a number of years. He ... there that night was simply as a parishioner ... to testify to his high appreciation of the ... of Mr. Dunn and to express his regret at ... leaving the parish. Circumstances arose in ... lifetime for removals from one place to ... and a circumstance had arisen which ... Mr. Dunn's removal to another sphere ... As a parishioner, he thought he would ... be present at that meeting to manifest his ... at his leaving, and his willingness in any ... subscribe to the good sympathy they all ... Mr. Dunn, during his residence with them ... parish. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. J. S. Smith said ... been suggested to present Mr. Dunn with ... timepiece, with a silver inscription ... although they had better see what ... could be raised before deciding what to ... He would like to have something good, ... addition, to give him a purse of gold as ... (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Fitzpatrick thought the ... practical way would be to get up a subscription ... list with a view to raising a good round ... He would move that subscription lists be ... circulated in the parish with the view ... the necessary amount to carry out the ... (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Smith seconded the ... which was carried unanimously.—The ... before dismissing the audience, said ... think there was much more to do ... whether on the committee or not, to ... earnestly in the movement, and try to make ... success. If it was to be a success, they must ... hard for the whole of the matter depends ... their individual efforts. (Hear, hear.) ... meeting then terminated. ... members of the lawn tennis club and ... Church Choir have decided, seeing that ... has taken such a deep interest in the ... and enjoyment of the young people, to ... him with a time piece, and Miss Dunn ... and coffee service.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Sept. 3rd.—Before Col. E. Leadbitter-Smith (chairman), Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Dr. John Wilson, and Rev. T. J. L. Warneford.

"WANTING TO FIGHT."

NO SUCH OFFENCE.

Robert Dixon, son of Mary Dixon, landlady of the Oak Inn, South Moor, was summoned for a breach of the peace by wanting to fight, at South Moor, on the 23rd ult. Mr. W. H. Oliver defended. Dixon pleaded not guilty.—Mr. Oliver said the charge of wanting to fight was absolutely unknown to the law. If A. wanted to fight B. it was for the latter to take proceedings against A.; but no third party could interfere.—The case was dismissed.

DRUNK AND WILFUL DAMAGE AT ESH.

Thomas McKenna, miner, was proceeded against by P.C. Robinson (155) for being drunk at Esh, on the 29th ult.—The officer stated the defendant was drunk, and had a large crowd of people round him.—Defendant did not appear, and was fined 7/6 and costs.—Defendant was further charged with doing wilful damage to a window and door, the property of John Morgan, at Esh, on the same night.—Prosecutor averred that shortly after 11 o'clock on this particular night, he returned to rest, and presently he heard the window smashed in, and someone kicking at the door. He was continually being annoyed in this fashion. The damage amounted to 4/-.—The magistrates fined defendant 2/6, the damage, and costs.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE IN THE STREETS.

John Shield, miner, was summoned for using obscene language at West Stanley, on the 23rd.—P.C. Stubbs proved the case.—Defendant was fined 1/- and costs.

Annie Reay married woman, was charged with a breach of the Town's Police Clauses Act by using obscene language at West Stanley, on the 21st ult.—Sergt Wood adduced to hearing the defendant using some most filthy language towards her husband. There were a great many complaints about this disgraceful language that some people made use of in the streets.—The Chairman: Why did you make use of this language.—Defendant: I lost my temper, and used the language to my husband. I am very sorry for having committed the offence.—Defendant was fined 1/- and costs.

CRUELTY TO A PONY.

John Hepton (18), was summoned for cruelty to a pony down the South Moor Pit, on the 10th ult.—Mr. W. H. Oliver who prosecuted, stated that defendant was charged with cruelty to a pony by beating it with the iron weapon (produced).—William Watson, averred that he was back overman at the South Moor Pit, which belonged to the South Moor Coal Company. He saw the defendant severely beat the pony with the weapon (produced), for fully ten minutes.—Thos. Foyer, horsekeeper, said his attention was drawn to the condition of the pony when it was brought into the stable. There were several bruises on the pony's back, and it was very much skinned. The weapon (produced) was a likely one to cause the bruises.—Mr. Oliver siad the boy had run away, and had forwarded a letter from Sunderland, apologising for what he had done.—The magistrates imposed a fine of 20 and costs; in default one month's imprisonment.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE AT STANLEY.

George Charlton, a powerfully built man, was charged with being drunk at South Moor, on the 21st ult.—P.C. Stubbs attested to the defendant being drunk, and using bad language. He also wanted to fight with a man named Henry Dodds.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs.—Charlton was further charged with being drunk and assaulting P.C. Iceton in the execution of his duty at Stanley, on the 29th ult. Defendant pleaded guilty.—The officer attested that about 10.30 in the evening he found the defendant very drunk near the Stanley Inn in Front Street. The defendant was creating a disturbance, and he ordered him home. Defendant took his fist, and struck him a violent blow in the side of the neck, and kicked him on the leg. Witness took Charlton into custody, when he threw himself down, and kicked in a most violent manner. He succeeded in placing the "snips" on the defendant, but he could not get him up off the ground. Witness had to get the assitance of several civilians before he could land the defendant to the Police Station. Defendant refused to be searched, and it had to be done by main force.—Defendant said he was drunk and did not know anything about what had transpired.—The Chairman: That does not free you from all responsibility.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5/- and costs for being drunk, and sent defendant to gaol for 14 days for the assault.

A TRESPASS CASE AT MAIDEN LAW.

Mark Oldridge, was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on land at Maiden Law, in the occupation of William Thompson, farmer, Maiden Law, on the 23rd August. Mr. Burrell (Durham) prosecuted, whilst Mr. W. H. Oliver (Durham) defended.—William Thompson, jun., deposed that on this particular Sunday morning between five and six o'clock, he was round the fields looking after the cattle, when he saw the defendant in one of the fields with a yellow and white greyhound bitch. Witness was in a grass field, and he saw the dog amongst the corn which gave chase after two hares on to the Langley Moor Fell. The animal returned, and presently he heard a young hare shouting amongst the corn. Defendant made towards the road, and witness went against the corn to see where the young hare was. He there found the dog with the hare in its mouth. He took possession of the hare, went home, and complained to his father. The skin (produced) was that of the hare he took from the dog's mouth. He let Sergt. Vickers see the hare on Monday morning.—Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: Defendant shouted of the dog after it chased the two hares on to the Langley Moor Fell. The defendant never shouted for the dog when it was after the young hare amongst the corn. Defendant never attempted to bring the greyhound away. Witness's father and others had a few words on Saturday night; but the present case was not taken through spite against the defendant. The defendant was in the middle of the corn field fully 200 or 300 yards away from the dog. It was a 12 acre field. The defendant's dog was repeatedly chasing the hares. They never had the loan of the dog during the time they were cutting the hay. The dog was never off the land.—By the Chairman: The defendant never shouted for the dog when it was chasing the hares. It was perfectly correct that the defendant did shout of the dog so as to get it after the young hare amongst the corn.—Mr. Oliver contended there was no charge to answer, as the defendant was not on this land trespasing in pursuit of game. The dog was not used for poaching with. The facts were that the defendant was out having a walk, when the dog discovered the hares. The animal gave chase, and the defendant did all in his power to get the dog under his control, and when it did return to the defendant it made after the third hare. To say that the defendant was fully 300 yards away from the dog was not true. There was no evidence to show that the defendant was encouraging the dog after the hares, and if the evidence had been given in a fair way, the Bench would have heard that the defendant did all in his power to get the dog under his control. He was sorry to say that they had no witnesses. Those that they had summoned were only able to speak to a later hour of the day.—The Chairman said it appeared the defendant did not call the dog back when it was after the two hares, and there was a clear case of game trespass. This was not the first time defendant had been to the court, and he would be fined 20/- and costs.

A RUMPUS AT MAIDEN LAW.

Patrick Bradley, William and Jonathan Wright, were charged for threatening Robert Thompson, at Maiden Law, on the 22nd ult. There was a cross-summons against Robert Thompson for threatening to shoot Patrick Bradley and John Wright at the same time and place. Mr. Burrell (Durham) prosecuted: whilst Mr. W. H. Oliver (Durham) appeared for Bradley and the Wrights.—Mr. Oliver suggested that the whole of the cases should be heard before the Bench gave their decision.—Mr. Burrell said he had no objection, and the magistrates accordingly consented to reserve their decision until the whole of the evidence on both sides had been submitted.—Complainant alleged that he was a hawker, and lived at Maiden Law with his father and mother. On this particular night he left Annfield Plain about ten minutes to eleven in company with a man named J. George Littlefair. On the road home he met the two Wrights who were on the footpath. William Wright was walking on the footpath near to the fence. This would be about 400 yards away from home. When the Wrights saw him they passed on to the road. Presently he looked round when he saw the two Wrights getting over the fence. He collected the rent for the property the Wrights were living in, and they had been served with a notice to quit on the Wednesday previous to this Saturday night. The Wrights lived in property which adjoined his father's house at Maiden Law. Patrick Bradley also lived at the same place. When the two Wrights got over the fence, they made across the Mill Field. Prosecutor left Littlefair and made towards home. When he got to the gate of the house he met the Wrights, who had knives in their hands, and he made a run so as to get into the house out of their way. The defendant, John Wright shouted "click him," and we will do away with him. He succeeded in getting into the house, and he fastened the inner door. The defendants got so far into the house, and Bradley broke the door open. He took the gun down and declared if they advanced another step further he would shoot them.—Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: He got home about 11.30. The disturbance took place near the house. The Wrights had not been served with the notice to quit until after the disturbance. It was true that he took the gun down, and said he would shoot them. He would be in the house fully ten minutes before the door was broken open. He could not tell what made the Wrights come after him with the knives. There was no ill-feeling until this particular night. There had been a dispute about the water-rate, but the water was never cut off.—In answer to Mr. Burrell prosecutor said he went straight home, and after he was chased with the knives, he dared not come out for a thousand pounds.—George Littlefair, driver, South Moor, gave corroborative evidence.—Mr. Oliver said he would now call his evidence, without addressing the Bench.—John Wright, sen., deposed that he lived in the property adjoining the Thompson's. On this night he was in Bradley's house when Thompson came home. He heard Thompson say: "How many is there in the house." Some one told him, and Thompson then declared that he would shoot the b——s. Thompson then got the gun down and came into Bradley's house, and pointed the gun at him, and said: "I will shoot the old b——." They got the door closed, and witness and Jonathan got out of the house through the window. He did not return to the place all night; but Bradley did. He was afraid Thompson would take his life. There had been a dispute about the water-rate, and the water was cut off for three days. They had to go to the well to get supplied with water.—Cross-examined by Mr. Burrell: He could not say what time William left the house. It would perhaps be eleven o'clock when the two sons—William and John—went away. No one had ever threatened him with a gun until that night. The dispute had been about paying 2½d per week for the water. It all arose this way, a young man brought an account for 15/- for the water-rate. He heard Thompson say: "Can I not make the tenants pay this." The young man said he had nothing to do with making the tenants pay. All he wanted was the money.—By the Chairman: Thompson was standing within Bradley's threshold when he pointed the gun towards him. The Thompsons had the poker and other weapons at the back door, endeavouring to get into the house.—Patrick Bradley adduced similar testimony, and said that William Wright went before the disturbance commenced, and did not return. The door of his house was closed; Wright and the other son were sitting in the house having a quiet conversation, when Thompson deliberately opened the door, and said: he would blow his brains out. Witness said: "You had better not." Thompson then turned the gun to Wright and said he would "blow his brains out." They closed the door, and fastened the house up, and left the premises by coming out of the window. He did not go back to the house for two nights. He never threatened to do anything to Thompson, nor yet assisted to break the door open, as Thompson had a gun in his hand. (Laughter.)—Cross-examined by Mr. Burrell: He did not "bash" the door with a poker. He never said to Thompson's father, "Send that bold b—— out and I will kick his guts out." He was never away from the place that day. He attended the rabbit coursing in Thompson's field, and was at the public house, and partook of three gills of beer. He never saw Thompson's father in the public house.—Jon. Wright gave similar testimony, and stated he went back to the house about three o'clock in the morning when all was quiet.—William Wright deposed that he met Thompson and Littlefair when he was going home. He never returned to Maiden Law; and never threatened to kill Thompson.—In answer to Mr. Burrell: He had not a knife in his possession.—The Chairman: Did you not get over the fence?—Witness: No. I left Maiden Law about 11 o'clock, and was never near the place till the following Sunday afternoon.—John Wright said he lived at Kyo, and left Maiden Law in company with his mother. They never chased Thompson with knives.—After other evidence the magistrates considered all the parties at fault. They would each be bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and each pay their own costs.

Mark Oldridge, miner, was next proceeded against for threatening Robert Thompson on the 23rd ult. Mr. Burrell prosecuted, and Mr. Oliver defended.—Mr. Oliver said seeing that Oldridge had been fined for the game trespass, Thompson might withdraw this charge.—Mr. Burrell: I do not see why Oldridge should not be bound over as well as John Wright.—Prosecutor alleged that on this night he was at Annfield Plain. On his return home about 9.30 he went into the house to get his supper. Oldridge came to the window, and shouted: "Send the bald-headed b—— out, and I will kick his guts out." He never went outside; but his mother went to the door, and saw a lot of people congregated in front of the house. This occurred shortly after 10 o'clock. He was very much afraid of the defendant.—Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: He heard him make use of the threat. He never saw any people outside.—William Thompson, George Littlefair, and W. Askew, all adduced evidence to the fact that they heard Oldridge use the threat.—Mr. Oliver submitted that most contradictory evidence had been given by the witnesses. They had been told that defendant was near the house; whilst on the other hand they were informed by another that Oldridge was never off the road. Defendant never threatened nor wished to do him an injury any way. It was true Oldridge lived next door to Thompson, and that there was a disturbance; but Oldridge had nothing whatever to do with it. He had two reliable witnesses named Dixon and Blench who would tell the Bench what really did take place.—Matthew Dixon averred that on this particular night there was a disturbance, Thompson was standing near the door; but he never heard Oldridge threaten anyone. By Mr. Burrell: He was in the defendant's company. Thompson was causing the disturbance because he knew his tongue.—John Blench deposed similar testimony.—The Bench considered that it was trivial charge, and dismissed the case.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, and Dr. John Wilson.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were proceeded against for this offence:—John Gilroy, at Craghead, on 22nd ult., 5/-; Robert Gibson, at Stanley, on 22nd ult., 5/-; Joseph Herron, 5/-; Hy. Lightley, 2/6, Christopher Wilkinson, 7/6, Jane Pringle, 5/-, all at Stanley, on the 21st and 22nd August respectively.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

William Roberts was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Joseph Towns, Queen's Head Hotel, Lanchester, on the 29th ult.—P.C. Robinson said he had to eject the defendant from the premises, when he kicked the door and declared he would smash the windows. The defendant was taken into custody, and when placed in a cell he tore his clothes to pieces.—Defendant was sentenced to gaol for seven days.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

The following were proceeded against for this offence:—Geo. Reay, 21st ult., at Stanley, 7/6 and costs; Hy. Dawson, 22nd ult., at Stanley, 2/6; Hy. Higgins, 22nd ult., at Stanley, 5/-; Reuben Wanless, 21st ult., at Craghead, 2/6; Mary Gibson, 22nd ult., at Craghead, 5/-; Joseph Ragan, 26th ult. at Stanley, 5/-; John Young, 15th ult., at Stanley, 10/-; Hy Dodds, 21st ult., at South Moor, 7/6; James Fitzpatrick, 21st ult., at South Moor, 7/6; Thomas Wetherell, 21st ult., at South Moor, 7/6; Patrick McCarthy 22nd ult., at Stanley, 2/6; Thomas Turner, 24th ult., at Stanley, 2/6; James Cogan, 28th ult., at Stanley, 2/6; Patrick Duffy, 28th ult., at Stanley, 2/6; Thomas Hall, 23rd ult., at Annfield Plain, 5/-; Michael Henry, 22nd ult., at Annfield Plain, 10/-; James McGee, 22nd ult., at Annfield Plain, 5/-; Anthony Wardell, 15th ult., at Cornsay Colliery, 7/6; Charles Fairless, 15th ult., at Quebec, 14 days hard labour; Robert Wynn, 15th ult., at Quebec, 2/6; John Fairless, 15th ult., at Esh, 2/6; Joseph Glenville, 15th ult., at Esh, 7/6; Samuel Bailey, 15th August at Esh, 5/-; Edward Kirtley, 15th ult., at Esh, 14 days; William Fairless, 15th ult., at Esh 14 days; Robert Dundas, 16th ult., at Esh, 2/6; Jas Wilson, 22nd ult., at Lanchester, 7/6; and William Roberts, 29th ult., at Lanchester, seven days.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, September 7th 1896.—Before Mr. J. W. Annandale (chairman), Mr. F. Priestman, and Mr. E. W. E. Balleny.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Michael Brannon was charged with a breach of the peace at Esh, on the 15th ult.—P.C. Robinson proved the case.—Defendant was bound over for three months.

BAD LANGUAGE.

Rose Malpass was charged by Sergt. Dryden with using bad language in Queen Street, Consett, on the 24th ult.—Evidence having been given, the defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 2/6 and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

George Bamborough was proceeded against for trespassing on land at Burnhope, on the 26th ult., at the instance of George Forster, gamekeeper for Lord Durham.—Defendant was fined 10/- and costs.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

Thomas Stobbart, George Wardman, Joseph and David Watson were accused of gaming with cards on the 22nd ult., at West Stanley.—P.C. Iceton stated the facts of the case—Stobbart and Wilson were each fined 2/6 and costs. The charge against the other two defendants was withdrawn.

MORE WILFUL DAMAGE.

Patrick Murphy and Joseph Wharton were charged with committing wilful damage at Hedleyhope, on the 20th ult.—Defendants were each fined 2/6, the damage, 1/-, and costs.—William Richardson and George Taylor were each fined 10/-, the damage, and costs, for committing a similar offence at Greencroft, on the 28th ult.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES.

George Minto was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school, and on the application of Mr. S. Meddick, who said the child had attended regularly since the case was adjourned, the summons was withdrawn.—Mr. A. McKean preferred summonses against Henry Colling who was fined 5/- and costs, George Whittle, who was dismissed, Joseph Bell, whose case was adjourned for a month, and George Havelock whose case was similarly dealt with.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Robert Taylor, Joseph Stephenson, Charles and Jonathan McKenzie were charged by P.C. Robinson with playing pitch and toss near Lanchester, on the 21st August.—The facts of the case having been stated by the officer, defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs.—George Henderson, William Lowdon, Robert Davison, Jesse Thorne, and John Thorne were proceeded against by P.C. Stubbs for playing pitch and toss at South Moor, on the 22nd ult.—The case was proved.—Defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

The following persons were proceeded against for wilful damage:—Robert Anderson, Esh, 10/-, the damage and costs; Michael Walker, 18th ult, at Kyo, 10, the damage 6d, and costs; John Mosley, 19th ult., at Kyo, 5/-, the damage, 1d, and costs; Thomas Sharp, 19th August, at Kyo, 5/-, damage 1d, and costs; Horatio and Thomas Gregson, 21st August, at Kyo, 5/- each, along with 1d, damage and costs; Thomas Hall and Alex Graham, 24th ult., at Kyo, 5/- each, with 1d. damage and costs; Jane Hall, 25th August, at South Moor, 2/6, damage, 1d and costs; Joseph Armstrong, John George Henderson, Joseph Nicholson, and Richard Cooke, 28th August, at South Moor, 10/- each along with 1d damage, and costs.

A PROSECUTOR DISAPPEARS.

Thomas and Margt. Baxter were summoned for assaulting John Snare, at Leadgate, on the 22nd ult.—P.C. Crabb stated that the complainant's wife came to him, and wished the case to be stopped, as her husband had left the country. He accordingly told the witnesses for the prosecution that it was not necessary for them to appear at the court that day. Witness knew that the defendant had broken up his house, and gone away from Leadgate to avoid paying to the order that was made upon him at the last court to maintain a child.—The magistrates struck the case out.—Baxter declared that he would take good care that Snare kept out of the country.

ALLEGED TRESPASS IN SEARCH OF CONIES.

John Edward Foster was charged with trespassing in pursuit of conies on the 20th ult.—Frederick Scott deposed that he saw two dogs in the corn field, the property of Lintz Hall farm at Lintz Green. He afterwards found the dog belonged to the defendant who refused to give his name and address. Mr. Clark, of Beamish, had the shooting over the ground and defendant had no right to have his dogs in the field.—Defendant said he was not in search of conies. He was seeking mushrooms. The dogs were very young and were never away from his side.—A witness named Edward Murton was called for the defence, but he did not appear.—The Bench said the case was a suspicious one, but there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and they would give the defendant the benefit of the doubt by dismissing the case.

LINTZ GREEN ASSAULT CASES.

John Richardson was charged with assaulting Mary Jane Clark at Lintz Green on the 29th inst.—Defendant pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Leadbitter.—Complainant stated a disturbance arose between her children and the defendant's housekeeper, when the defendant came out of his house and struck her a violent blow on the face.—By Mr. Leadbitter: She did not get hold of the defendant's whiskers until after he "blinded" her.—A neighbour named Walker corroborated the complainant's statement.—Ellen Sable, also alleged that the defendant struck the complainant, after his house-keeper, Elizabeth Ann Bell had called her bad names.—Elizabeth Ann Bell said she was the defendant's housekeeper. On the 29th ult. she was cleaning the back yard and ordered the complainant's boy, away. Complainant came running up, knocked her against the wall and knocked a bucket out of her hand. She afterwards got hold of her by the hair of her head and witness was compelled to call the assistance of the defendant. He came and pushed the complainant away, but never struck her.—Mary Jane Clark, complainant in this case, was then charged with assaulting Elizabeth Ann Bell at the same time and place.—The evidence already given was repeated.—Defendant: "I didn't get "ahad" of her but as wish aa had." (Laughter.)—The Chairman said the cases appeared to be neighbours' squables. Both defendants would be discharged, each to pay their own costs.

A BLACKHILL ASSAULT CASE.

Christopher Scott of Blackhill, was charged with assaulting Mary McCroary on the 22nd ult.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant alleged that on the night of the date in question the defendant came into her house, pushed her about, and knocked several glass dishes off the desk bed top. She had to run out of the house to get away from the defendant. He afterwards caught her on the street and struck her on the nose and mouth. She had never interfered with the defendant.—Defendant: Did I strike you?—Complainant: Yes.—Defendant: You will swear?—Complainant: I am on my oath and you are not. Defendant: I'll swear on the book. Did you not put the son out?—Complainant: No. It is only a year since he lost his father.—Defendant: I am not going to argue with you. Didn't you put him out, and didn't I keep him for a week?—Complainant: No.—Margaret McCroary, daughter of the complainant corroborated, and said this was not the first time the defendant had assaulted her mother. In fact, said witness, he "lates" her often.—Defendant: Did you go for the sergeant?—Witness: Yes.—Defendant: Then you are making a liar of yourself and your mother, because she said she went for the sergeant.—Complainant: She went after I came back.—Defendant: I want the truth. I speak the truth, and nothing but the truth, so help my God. (Laughter.)—A man named Patrick Clark was called by complainant but said he did not see the defendant strike her.—Defendant pleaded that he never assaulted the complainant. The complainant, he said, was his aunt, and was drinking in a neighbour's house with a number of other women. Defendant put her out of the house to go home and look after her son, who was coming home from work. She went out and struck her daughter with a can. If he had to go to meet his God to-morrow that was the truth. (Laughter.)—Mrs. Hocherty said the defendant was her son-in-law. On the night in question she saw the defendant take the complainant home in a drunken condition, but never saw defendant strike the complainant.—Complainant: Was that the night he struck me?—Witness: I don't know anything about that.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and 20/- costs.

A SATURDAY NIGHT SCENE AT BURNOPFIELD.

Margaret Anderson was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Burnopfield.—P.C. Pemberton spoke to seeing the defendant drunk, and using bad language on the 29th ult.—Defendant pleaded not guilty. She stated that she was excited, but never used any profane language. Her husband was drunk in the street and she became so excited in trying to get him into the house that the officer had evidently mistaken her excitement for drunkenness. Mrs. White, called to give evidence for the defence, said she saw the defendant on the date in question, and she was not drunk.—Joseph Wright, who, in answer to the Bench, said he had been summoned for drunkenness, said the defendant was not drunk. In answer to the Chairman, witness said the police came upon the scene through the defendant sending for him. The defendant could not be drunk, as she had not one penny to rub against another.—The Bench gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismissed the case.—John Anthony Anderson, husband of the last defendant was then charged with being drunk and disorderly and was fined 5/- and costs.—Joseph White pleaded not guilty to a charge of drunkenness at Burnopfield.—P.C. Pemberton gave evidence, which showed that the defendant was drunk and quarrelling with the two previous defendants.—Defendant pleaded that he was not drunk. It was true that he was in the "select" at the Black Horse Inn, but he remembered everything he did.—The Chairman: What do you call the select?—Defendant: Well, the twopenny end! the parlour—Mr. Anderson said the defendant was not drunk. He was trying to get her husband into the house when the police came upon the scene, and charged her, her husband, and the defendant with being drunk.—After a few seconds' consultation the Bench fined defendant 5/- and costs.

A DISTURBANCE AT LEADGATE.

Elizabeth Chambers, married woman, was proceeded against for assaulting Mary Ann Gilmore at Leadgate on the 17th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant made a long rambling statement to the effect that there had been a quarrel, when the defendant took her by the hair of the head, pulled her down, and then struck her a violent blow on the face. The defendant was not satisfied with this, but eventually landed the complainant against a wall.—Cross-examined by the defendant: She did not "bray" her little boy till he could not speak nor yet call the defendant unpleasant names.—Two witnesses spoke to the assault, and said they heard Mrs Chambers say she would pull the complainant's liver out.—For the defence defendant said that it was the complainant who was the aggressor. The complainant seized her by the hair of the head, and scratched her face and breast. During the past six months she had not had any peace through being continually annoyed by the Gilmores.—Martha McCready said she went into the yard, when she saw Mrs Gilmore holding Mrs. Chambers by the hair of the head; and heard the complainant make use of the expression that she would give it to the b—— when she had hold of her. She requested Mrs. Gilmore to leave loose of the complainant; but she refused, and witness accordingly went into the house. The screams of Mrs. Chambers brought her to the scene again, and she then saw that the complainant had the defendant down on the ground striking her with her fists. Mrs. Gilmore had also one of the defendant's fingers in her mouth.—The Chairman said there seemed to be faults on both sides, and the case would be dismissed; each party having to pay their own costs.

John Gilmore was next proceeded against for assaulting Elizabeth Chambers at the same time and place.—Complainant alleged that whilst she was struggling with Mrs. Gilmore the defendant came up and assaulted her by striking her several blows.—The assault was denied and evidence was called to prove that the defendant never interfered with the complainant during the disturbance.—The Bench dismissed the case, but called upon the defendant to defray the costs.

ALLEGED SHOCKING CASE OF NEGLECT AT CONSETT.

At the close of the business, Inspector Cooper, of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, appeared in the witness box with three little children—one girl and two boys—who were in a wretched and deplorable condition, and made an applicant to the magistrates to have power to keep the children in his custody till he had made further inquiries into the case, which he termed as a "shocking case of neglect." He placed the little girl on a form, and stated that the child was shivering from cold, having only a frock to cover her. She was literally covered with vermin, whilst the two boys were in a similar condition, and their skin was in a black dirty condition. He could not describe the condition of the house, as it was in an abominable state of filth, and the stench was really unbearable. In all his experience he had never seen such a filthy den. He wished to have permission to take the children to a place of shelter till he had made further inquiries. The father of the children was called Bleming, and resided at 4, Sunderland Street, Consett, and was employed as a blast furnace-man. The man admitted earning 35/- per week. He might further point out that there was one mass of filth, and vermin, and there were only two rooms in the house, and the bed was in the living room. The other room was not occupied. The Bench had power to grant the application under section 5 subsection 3, of the Act.—The Chairman: I suppose you will be making a charge against the parents?—Inspector Cooper: Yes. We intend to prefer a charge of general neglect against the parents thereby causing them unnecessary suffering. The house was not fit for a pig to live in let alone human beings. There were four utensils full of decayed vegetables. It was one of the worst cases that he had come across during the last three years. He had not seen one in the London slums to equal it.—The Chairman: Have you being making an inspection of the district?—Inspector Cooper: No. It was quite an accident that I came across the house. I simply went to the door to make inquiries about another case, and I then saw the condition of the house, and asked to see the children. I was told they were at School, to which place I proceeded and there found the children in their present condition. The floor of the kitchen was covered with two or three inches of dirt, and the greatest wonder to him was that there had not been fever in the house, and spread throughout the whole street.—The Bench granted the application, and the officer afterwards took out a summons against the parents.

DRUNKENNESS.

Bernard Grimes was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett on the 2nd inst.—Sergt. Dryden deposed that on the 2nd inst he saw the man drunk and disorderly in Market Street.—Fined 5/- and costs.

Patrick Ward was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett on the 29th ult.—Sergt. Dryden deposed to seeing the man drunk and creating a disturbance at the top of Edith Street.—Fined 5/- and costs.

Hugh Agnew was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 22nd ult.—P.C. Wall stated that on the 22nd ult defendant was drunk and disorderly at Blackhill.—A fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

Charles McCue was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Burnopfield, and was, on the evidence of P.C. Hudson fined 5/- and costs.

Isaac Londsdale was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Ebchester on the 23rd ult.

Charles Grant was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Victoria Street, Consett.—He was fined 5/- and costs.

Peter Kane was fined 10/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly on the same date.—P.C. Carruthers alleged that on Saturday night last he saw the defendant drunk in Princess Street, Consett, and also saw him assault another man.

Henry Glasgow and Robert Turner pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Consett on the 5th inst and were fined 5/- and costs.—P.C. Carruthers proved the charge.

William Pattison was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Consett. Defendant did not appear but asked P.C. Carruthers to plead guilty for him.

Thomas Crawford was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 5th inst. P.C. Wardle deposed to seeing the defendant in a drunken condition in Shepherds Alley, Consett.—Fined 5/- and costs.

William Purcell was charged by P.C. Pringle with being drunk and disorderly on Saturday night in Victoria Street, and was mulcted in a fine of 5/- and costs.

Hugh Heslin was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 22nd ult., in Derwent Street, Blackhill.—P.C. Wall proved the charge and a fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

Patrick Smith, for a like offence, was fined 5/- and costs, on the evidence of P.C. Wall.

Thomas Collins was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Medomsley.—P.C. Sinden gave evidence.

Anthony Bright was mulcted in a fine of 5/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Medomsley in the 23rd ult.

A BLACKHILL MAN AND HIS CHILDREN.

George Whittle was charged with neglecting his three children Joseph, William, and Susan, between March 1st and August 31st last—Defendant pleaded that he was guilty of the children having been put out of their home, but he was not guilty of neglecting to feed them.—Mr. George Parsons, Newcastle prosecuted on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C.—A woman named Elizabeth Carrol said she resided in Railway Street, Blackhill, where the defendant lived up to the 18th of August. On the 18th August the defendant and his family were turned out of their house. She took charge of the little girl and found her to be in a very dirty condition, and covered with vermin. Witness also sheltered the father and two boys until the following day when they went away. On the next Monday he returned and took his daughter away but she ran away from him and came back to her. She asked witness to allow her to stay with her as she had no home. Witness did so until she was taken away to the Society's shelter. The defendant was a widower, and did not neglect them with food but with clothing. His house was in a very dirty condition, and as far as she knew all the family slept together. Witness had also seen the boys out in the streets at one o'clock in the morning. In answer to the Bench witness said the father was kind to his children in his own way, and in fact, he let the boys have too much of their own way.—Mr. Parsons stated that the defendant was an iron plate piler and earned 18/3 a week.—A woman named Gill said she resided near to the defendant's house. On the Friday following the 18th inst, she, at the request of the defendant, took the boys into her house. They were very dirty and their clothing was much distressed. Next day the defendant came to her, and as she could not keep them any longer he took them away. About half an hour afterwards the boys returned and witness's sister took them to Sergeant Tones. They were brought back to witness's house where they stayed until the following Wednesday.—The Chairman: Did the defendant pay you for this,—Witness: Oh no. He supplied the children with food, and I only found them shelter.—Sergeant Tones stated that he had known the defendant for 3½ years, and had often seen his house in a very dirty condition. Defendant was addicted to drink. On the 12th August witness went to the house and found him sitting in bed, eating a kippered herring. The children were all dirty; they were attired in rags and ran away when he went into the house. He afterwards communicated with Inspector Cooper.—Witness had several times spoken to the defendant about neglecting his children.—Mr. Parsons said, the defendant's wife had been dead some fifteen months. By the Bench: Sergeant Tones said the defendant was of a very quiet disposition. He had often seen the children in the streets during the early hours of the morning.—Defendant: I have been seeking for the bairns at two and three o'clock in the morning, and I have asked you to assist me.—Sergt. Tones: Yes, you have done that.—Alex. McKean said that as a school attendance officer he had had occasion to visit the defendant's house for neglecting to send his children regularly to school, and had always found the house and children in a dirty condition.—Inspector Cooper said he took possession of the children on the 20th Aug. The two boys were in a poor condition and they had improved since taken to the shelter. The father said he had no home for them.—Defendant was placed upon oath. He said he was employed in the tin mill, at Consett, and earned about 4/9 a day. He was only employed eight shifts a fortnight, and out of his wages sixpence was paid to the doctor and twopence to the Arbitration Fund.—The Chairman said the defendant's circumstances were very awkward and very sad. The defendant had had dirty, house-keepers, and the case was not as bad as such cases generally were. He would like to know what the prosecution asked the Bench to do.—Mr. Parsons suggested that the case should be adjourned for a month to see if the defendant found a home for his children.—The case was accordingly adjourned for 14 days, and the Bench cautioned the defendant that if he did not look properly after the children they (the Bench) would punish him by a fine or imprisonment at the expiration of the fortnight.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. E. W. E. Balleny.

TIPSY AT CONSETT.

Thomas Chalton pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness preferred against him by P.C. Wardell, at Consett, on Sunday night.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

LYING ON THE FOOTPATH.

James Oxley, labourer, was proceeded against for being drunk at Consett on the 30th ult.—P.C. Carruthers alleged that whilst in Ark Street he found the defendant lying on the footpath helpless drunk. The defendant's face was bleeding. After he roused the man up he commenced to use bad language.—Defendant accused the police of assaulting him.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Patrick Collins and Peter McKenna, were charged with a breach of the peace by fighting at Tanfield, on the 29th ult.—P.C. Tomlinson proved the case.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace for three months, and pay the costs.—Robert William Ferguson and Joseph Nicholson were bound over to keep the peace for three months for fighting at Tantobie, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Tomlinson adduced the facts of the case.

NUT GATHERERS IN TROUBLE.

William Parlett and William Platten were summoned for doing wilful damage to trees in the Ewehurst Plantation, Dipton, the property of Mr. Charles Laycock, on the 23rd ult.—For the prosecution it was alleged that the defendants damaged a large number of trees, whilst gathering nuts.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined 5/- each, along with the damage 1/-, and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE TO TURNIPS.

Two youths hailing from Allendale Cottages were proceeded against for doing wilful damage to turnips, the property of Mr. John Hunter, farmer, Medomsley, on the 27th ult.—P.C. Hadwin proved the case.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5/- each, along with the damage and costs.—Joseph Ridley, miner, of Lintz Colliery, was summoned for committing a similar offence, the turnips being the property of Mr. John R. Douglas, at the Lintz, on the 22nd ult.—Defendant was fined 5/- the damage, and costs.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Bernard McLean, and Peter Smith, were charged with being drunk at Consett on Sunday morning.—P.C. Bradley adduced that about two o'clock in the morning he found the two defendants drunk lying on the top of the coke ovens belonging to the Consett Iron Company. If he had not discovered the defendants they might simply have been burnt to death.—Defendants stated they were travelling to Waskerley Waterworks, and could not get lodgings in the town.—The Chairman said that sleeping out on the top of coke-ovens was a most dangerous practice, and only a short time ago several tramps at West Stanley nearly lost their lives by doing the same thing. Defendants would be fined 2/6 each and costs.

MINERS DRUNK AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Thomas Harrison was summoned for being drunk at White-le-Head, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Tomlinson adduced he found the defendant on the highway, using bad language.—The Chairman said the practice of using disgraceful language in the streets would have to be stopped. Defendant would be fined 10/- and costs.—Edward Fletcher was next proceeded against for committing a similar offence at White-le-Head, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Tomlinson stated the defendant was lying drunk on the highway.—Fined 2/6 and costs.—John E. Harrison was charged with being drunk at White-le-Head, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Tomlinson averred the defendant was very drunk, and causing considerable annoyance, near the potato chip van.—Fined 5/- and costs.—Thomas Nicholson was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and using bad language at White-le-Head, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Tomlinson proved the case.

DRUNKS FROM LEADGATE.

Evan Law was proceeded against for being drunk at Leadgate on the 22nd August.—P.C. Crabb proved the case.—Fined 2/6 and costs.—Charles Wiseman was next charged with being drunk in Front Street, Leadgate, on the 22nd ult.—P.C. Crabb said the defendant was drunk, shouting, and swearing.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2/6 and costs.—Thomas Bage pleaded guilty to being drunk at Leadgate, on the 22nd August.—P.C. Crabb attested to the defendant going about the village in a drunken condition.—Fined 5/- and costs.—Thomas Baxter was accused by P.C. Crabb for being drunk and creating a disturbance at Leadgate, on the 22nd ult.—The officer averred that the defendant was drunk in Green Street, and made use of bad language. There was a great uproar.—Defendant said the disturbance was caused by a man named Snare, and he had great provocation.—The magistrates said defendant had no right to use bad language, and he would be fined 5/- and costs.—James Parkinson was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and creating a disturbance at Leadgate, on the 22nd.—P.C. Crabb said when he got on the scene he heard the defendant threaten to knock someone's soul out.—James Fitzpatrick was charged with being drunk at Leadgate, on the 22nd ult.—P.C. Crabb said the defendant was turned out of the Black Bull Inn.—Fined 10/- and costs.

DEATH OF THE ASSISTANT OVERSEER OF COLLIERLEY.

The death of Mr W. Wilkinson, Assistant Overseer of the Collierley and Pontop Parish, and Clerk to the Collierley Parish Council, took place at Harelaw on Friday morning last. The deceased gentleman held the former office for over 18 years, and was elected clerk to the latter authority when first it came into operation. He was widely known and highly respected, and his death will be the cause for the great sorrow among his friends, who are extremely numerous. The deceased gentleman was 68 years of age and was interred on Monday at the Harelaw Cemetery. A large company followed the remains to their last resting place, amongst the number being Mr J. Butterwell, Mr G. Eltringham, Mr T. Arkless, Mr T. Storey, (underbearers), Mr J. Urwin, Rev. J. Gornall, the Rev. A. Dunn, curate, Mr and Mrs. W. Rutherford, Catchgate, Mr W. Telford, Mr W. Johnson, Ewehurst, Head, Mr. M. Fairbairn, Dipton, Mr W. Harrison, Clough Dene, Mr J. Fenwick, Mr W. Starford, Annfield Plain, Messrs. G. and G. R. Hobson, Catchgate; Mr J. Oliver, Stanley; Mr J. Errington, Oxhill; Mr D. Mole, Dipton; Mr R. Jackson, Consett; Mr T. J. Jackson, Stanley; Mr J. Coulthard, Dipton; Mr W. H. Ritson, Lanchester; Mr J. Moore, Annfield Plain; Mr J. Errington, Catchgate; Mr T. Bowes, jun., Annfield Plain; Mr and Mrs. Eltringham, Catchgate; Mrs Simpson, Catchgate; Mr G. Browell, Harperley; Mr and Mrs T. Johnson, East Castle; Mr E. Wilkinson, Dipton; Mr J. G. Taylor, Mr H. Beatham, Dipton; Mr J. G. Ridley, Stanley; Mr S. Swalwell, Dipton; Mr W. Porter, Carnlyres; Mr G. Bulmer, and others.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of this Council was held on Monday evening, in the School-room, Burnhope. Mr J. R. Ritson (Chairman) presiding. The members present were:—Messrs W. Gray (vice-chairman), Knowles, J. Innes, R. Innes, Gibson, J. Chapman, George W. Wilson, A. Hartley, and Eccles.

THE ABSENCE OF THE CLERK.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Thompson, who acts as clerk to the Council, stating that in Mr. Hartley, a committee consisting of Messrs unable to be present at the meeting; but Mr. J. Chapman would not act as clerk pro tem.

POSTAL FACILITIES.

A letter was read from the Postmaster of Durham stating that a delivery of letters per day would be sanctioned for Collin's Green, and Tate's Houses; but was sorry to say that the delivery for Blackburn could not be granted.

A DANGEROUS BRIDGE.

Mr. Wilson drew attention to the dangerous condition of the foot-bridge at Low Meadows. He pointed out that the bridge in its present condition was really dangerous, and required attention.

On the proposition of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Hartley, a committee consisting of Messrs Wilson, J. Innes, Chapman, and A. Hartley, were appointed to inspect the bridge, and report to the next meeting what was required to be done.

THE VILLAGE GREEN.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had written to the Local Government Board reporting they had conformed to the Board's requirements for obtaining the bye-laws for the control of the village Green. He fully expected by the next meeting they would have a reply from the Board.

This was all the business, and the Council rose.

EAST CASTLE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

RE-OPENING SERVICES.

The above place of worship has been closed for about a month, owing to its having undergone some renovations and improvements, viz., a new wooden ceiling has been put in, one side of the chapel boarded, and the whole of the chapel painted and varnished. The work was done by Mr. M. J. Robson, of Blackhill, who spared no pains to make it comfortable and attractive. On Saturday afternoon a public tea given by members of the society, was held, when the tables were presided over by Mrs. Raynes, Mrs. Gladders, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Hall. A large company sat down and partook of the good things provided. In the evening a public meeting, presided over by Mr. G. Dunn, Annfield Plain, was held, when addresses were given by Mr. H. Wright, Gateshead, and Mr. R. Brown, Consett.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said it was a common saying that three qualifications were necessary for a chairman, namely, that he should be very funny, look very sunny, and give plenty of money. He did not think he could come up to all the qualifications, but he would do his best. He was glad to see that such a change had taken place since the last time he was there. It would not be a chapel now, but a church in order to keep place with the times.—(Several voices: Not no, it's still a chapel.)—He believed in calling them chapels. He once heard a story of a man who was looking very earnestly at a large house in a certain street, when the gentleman inside saw him, and, putting his head out of the window, said "Do you think my house is a church?" To which the man said "Faith I did until I saw the devil put his head out of the window." (Laughter.) He hoped that the people of East Castle would have their health to attend the chapel. He had received orders not to take up all the time, and he would therefore call upon Mr. Brown to address the meeting.

Mr. Brown, on rising said, like the chairman, he had no intention of giving a long speech, as he never cared for them. The present service was a re-opening one, and one that they all ought to be proud of. That was the second or third re-opening service of chapels he had attended during the last three months. It seemed to him that there was something within which prompted those actions. If there was a place which ought to be made nice and beautiful it was the House of God; no place on earth had such a claim upon their attention as the House of God. They liked to have their homes nice, but above all, the House of the Lord was the most important place to every Christian believer. Again he said he would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of his God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Every good man and women had a great love for the sacred place, especially when the renovation of the chapels were brought about. He believed that God had power to bring the most unlikely persons into the chapel and change their hearts and lives. It was a strange working of the spirit on the heart of man. Some men had tried to define and point out how this work was done. Nicodemus asked the Saviour how it was, and Jesus replied: That which was born of the Spirit was Spirit, and that which was born of the flesh was flesh." What was a striking illustration could be found between the men of the world and the chapel before they put it right. Suck a lot of dust and dirt accumulated in the nooks and corners, and in the natural heart there were a great many things which wanted to be put out and dealt with. The heart of man was deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. When a man was regenerated and renewed it was through the work of the Spirit of God. After speaking at length about the best ways and means for the successful working of the society, the speaker concluded with an earnest appeal to all that with full purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

The Chairman, after making a few fitting and cheery remarks called upon Mr. Wright, of Gateshead, to address the meeting.

Mr. Wright on rising, was warmly applauded, and said, the former speaker had stolen a march upon him, as he expected he would have been first. After speaking in friendly terms of the many good men he had met with at similar gatherings, and the soundness of the last speaker's address, Mr. Wright said that at the commencement of the Methodistical year they had to face a decrease of membership, and it grieved him to think that the "Record" was exulting over the fact. He thought there was not much of the love of Christ manifested there, that would lead them to hope for a speedy re-union of Methodism in the churches. The causes of the decrease, in his mind, were, that the standard of conversion was too low, contrasted with that which was advocated by the forefathers of Methodism. He believed in a conviction of sin, and when a man was once convicted he would not be afraid of any man. It was said that the times had changed. They had made rapid progress in many things; in science and art, in literature, and every branch, but one thing was not altered and that was that they were still sinners in the sight of God. Sin was not changed and the better men were educated the more they were skilled in villainy, and cleverer in power to deceive, and in their ability to sin. The heart must be made new, as the new birth was still a necessity. How long was it since they heard a sermon on the personality of the devil, eternal punishment, and other similar subjects? Some of their people would stare if those subjects were taken up. People now-a-days liked social subjects such as the Fatherhood of God, and the Gospel as they call it, but he thought the terrors of the law should be preached. Another cause of the decrease was the neglect of reading the Bible, and a third was the need of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The speaker concluded, after speaking at length on these points, by urging the congregation to lay hold of their privileges as Christians, and they would see the work of the Lord revive.—After the meeting a supper was held.—On Sunday Mr. Wright preached in the afternoon and evening to large congregations and collections were taken at each service in aid of the renovation fund.

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Public Notices.

R. S. BROWN
BONESETTER,
Will attend Miss Forster's, Stanley, every Tuesday from 1 to 4 o'clock.

BENFIELDSIDE EVENING CLASSES.

THESE CLASSES will be RESUMED at the Board Schools, on Monday, September the 28th, at 7 p.m.
Further Particulars will duly appear. 896u

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.
ALL SEATS FREE.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1896.
Morning 10-30 } Student from Headingley
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THE ANNUAL
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WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, at 7 p.m.
To be preceded by the PARISH TEA in the School, from 4 to 6 p.m.
The Services will be continued on Sunday, Sept. 20th.

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held September 2nd, 1896, the following Resolution was adopted; That this Council do hereby adopt Parts II, III, and IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, and this Resolution shall come into operation One Month after the first publication of this resolution, viz., : October 7th, 1896.—signed,
T. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.
September 3rd, 1896. 969u

U.M.F. CHURCH, STANLEY.

GREAT BAND and CHOIR FESTIVAL, postponed until September 19th, at which the Principal Choirs in the neighbourhood will take part; also, MUSICAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON, on 20th, rendered by Catchgate U.M.F. Church Choir.
897u T. STEWART, Secretary, South Moor.

SCHOOL OF ART.
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MISS COMPTON will be prepared to give LESSONS in PAINTING and DRAWING at Consett, Medomsley, Stanley, and Annfield Plain, after August 10th.
LANDSCAPE CLASSES FROM NATURE.
Miss Compton's Paintings are on view to intending Pupils at her Studio every Wednesday, between 2 and 6 p.m. 745u

CONSETT SCIENCE AND ART SCHOOLS

THE Committee desire to intimate that the Session will Commence on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th, 1896. The Teachers engaged are eminently well-qualified, both by experience and attainments.
SUBJECTS CONDUCTED AT BRITISH SCHOOLS:—
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION,
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FRENCH,
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AT THE CO-OPERATIVE HALL:—
MACHINE CONSTRUCTION and DRAWING,
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See Time Tables. 997u

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Name of successful competitor for each month will be published about the 25th of the following month. Until further notice, each competitor will receive post-card giving result.
In the event of two or more competitors sending in the same estimate the prize will be divided.
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FOURTH DERWENT BUILDING SOCIETY.

SHARE FOR SALE at next Meeting, Sept. 23rd, 1896. JOS. ELTRINGHAM, Secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

LOOK OUT for the ROYAL HANDBELL RINGERS in Consett New Town Hall, on November 21st, 1896. 991u

LEEKS AGAIN.

THE 9TH ANNUAL SHOW OF LEEKS will be held at the House of Mr. John Shield, Front Street, Leadgate, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, 1896. Open till Monday night. No charge. Judge, Mr. Jos. ROBINSON, Dipton. 996u

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For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
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SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT CIRCUIT
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RECEPTION OF MINISTERS
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1896,
REV. J. DIXON
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Will Preach in the WESLEYAN CHURCH CONSETT.
Service at 3.30 p.m.
A PUBLIC TEA at 4-30, at which a Silver Collection will be taken.
In the Evening,
A RECEPTION MEETING
Will be held.
To be Addressed by the REVS. JOS. BACON, J. DIXON (Newly-appointed Ministers), C. M. GREENWAY, J. IRWIN, and other Gentlemen.
Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock, by Mr. C. F. COOKE. Circuit Steward. Annfield Plain.
Collections afternoon and evening in aid of Circuit Funds. 973u

LEADGATE
LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.
GREAT LIBERAL
DEMONSTRATION
In the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate,
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1896

Speakers:—L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES, Esq., M.P.; Ald. S. STOREY, Sunderland; supported by the leading Liberals of the North-West Durham Division.

Chair to be taken at Seven prompt, by Councillor THOS. KEENLEYSIDE, Leadgate.

A limited number of Reserved Seats (1s. each) can be secured on application to Mr. John Wildsmith, Consett; Coun. J. W. Winter, Registration Agent; any Member of the Committee, or the Secretary.
People at a distance can book Seats by communicating with the Secretary.
Ticket holders admitted at the entrance in Front Street.
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Sales by Auction.

By Mr A. Phillipson.

Gibside Stables, near Rowland's Gill.
Monday, September 14th, 1896.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON favoured with instructions from Mrs McQueen, who is declining Housekeeping will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all her VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
See bills for particulars.
Sale to begin at two o'clock. 986a

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Further entries to time of Sale. 984u

PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF RAMS AND SPECIAL SALE FOR EWES OF ALL CLASSES, Lambs, &c., will be held on Friday Sept. 25th. Early entries invited. For Conditions of Competition apply to
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1,100 LAMBS AND 50 S.H. CATTLE.
400 Half and Three-parts Bred Lambs.
100 Half-bred Ewe Lambs, a select lot.
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200 Mule Ewe Lambs, all tops.
100 Black Faced Top Lambs.
50 S.H. Steers and Heifers, 2 to 3 years old.

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THE ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF DRAUGHT, AND HALF AND THREE-PARTS BRED FOALS, COLTS AND FILLIES, 1, 2, and 3 years old, and DRAUGHT HORSES AND BROOD MARES to 10 years old, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 7th and 8th. PRIZE LISTS on application to the Auctioneer.
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By Mr T. D. Dryden.

Rowley, near Castleside.—Sale of Farm Stock, Poultry, Furniture, &c.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN is favoured with instructions from Mr Henry Golightly (who is declining Farming), to SELL BY AUCTION, at Rowley, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 1896, at One o'clock prompt,
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1 Geld Sow.
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IMPORTANT SALE OF BUSINESS AND DWELLING-HOUSE PROPERTY.

MR. J. S. MURRAY will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Freemasons' Arms, Consett, on Tuesday, September 15th 1896, at Seven o'clock in the evening, the following Valuable

PROPERTIES

Lot 1.—FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE of 4 Rooms and Conveniences, pleasantly and conveniently situated and being No. 1, Garden Place, Consett. Particulars of which may be had from the Auctioneer, or J. M. Nicholson, Chartered Accountant, Model Building Societies' Offices, Blackhill.

Lot 2.—FOUR FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES, Three of which are let in 6 Flats, situate in George Street, Consett. Gross Rental, £78 per year. Reference, Mr James Frosdick, Consett, or the Auctioneer.

Lot 3.—TWO FREEHOLD SHOPS AND HOUSES situate and being No. 10 and 11, Victoria Street, Consett, having a frontage of 40 feet. No. 10 is in the occupation of Mr Walter Clark, at the yearly rental of £26, and contains Shop and Four Rooms, with all necessary conveniences. No. 11 is in the occupation of the Owner, Mr Thomas Barry, containing Shop and Six Rooms, Bath Room with hot and cold water, W.C., Wash-house, and all necessary Conveniences. This property is situated in one of the best business thoroughfares in Consett. Particulars from Mr T. Barry on the premises.

Lot 4.—FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE of Seven Rooms, No. 11, Park Road, Consett, containing Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, and Pantry, Wash-house, Self contained Yard (cemented), and all the necessary Conveniences on the first floor, Three good Bed-rooms, Bath-room with hot and cold water, W.C., hot and cold water also in Kitchen and Lavatory. The whole of the Gas Fittings, Venetian Blinds, &c., go with the house, which is pleasantly situated and in thorough repair, having been occupied by the Owner, Mr John Kidd, who will shew the property and give any further information.

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ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 1896.
24 Head of Cattle.
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1 Horse.
Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, and Part Household Furniture.
300 Larch and other Posts and Rails.
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By T. W. Jameson.

HIGH SPEN COLLIERY.

MR T. W. JAMESON is favoured with instructions from Mr R. Armstrong (who is leaving the district), to SELL BY AUCTION, at High Spen, on Saturday, September 12th, 1896, his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS comprising:—Overmantel; Mahogany Press; Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; 5 Mahogany Chairs (Hair-seated); 6 Mahogany Chairs, covered in leather, very fine; Mahogany Chest of Drawers; China Cabinet; Mahogany Arm-chair; 6 Birch Chairs, in Hair-seating; 8 Birch Chairs; Mahogany Dining Table, in 2 sections; Couch, in Leather; Oak Book Case; Painted Press; 2 Small Painted Chests of Drawers; Turnover Tea Table; Blanket Chest Cupboard; 4 Iron Bedsteads and Bedding; Mahogany Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door; Mahogany and other Washstands; Dressing Tables, with Swing Glass and Jewel Drawers; Mahogany and Birch Dressing Glasses; Desk Bed complete; Cornice poles and rings; Curtain Rods and Rings; Towel Rails; Hip and Sponge Baths; Bedroom Ware; Fenders and Fire-Irons; Stair Carpets; Oil Cloth and Stair Rods; Kitchen Tables and Chairs; 2 Forms (1 new); Large Flour Bin; Delph Rack; Corner Cupboard; Cooking Utensils; 6 Meat Covers and other kitchen sundries; Dinner and other ware; Pictures; 2 Rabbit Down Beds also, 2 Wringers; 2 Sewing Machines (1 Singer's) in good order; and several sundry lots of Garden Tools, &c., &c. &c.
Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m. prompt
TERMS CASH.
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Hexham, August 27th, 1896. 919u

By Mr. J. Lowes.

Sale of Household Furniture &c., at 16, Elm Street South Moor.

JOHN LOWES, honoured with instructions from Messrs Howe and Stenlake, who are leaving the Country, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, (at the above address), the whole of their Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
Sale at 1·30 p.m. 23r

Sale of Freehold Dwelling House in Stanley.

JOHN LOWES, having been instructed by Mr Calvert, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday, Sept. 24th, the substantial FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSE, situated in Anthony and Beamish Street, Stanley, and occupied by Mr John Davison.
Further Particulars next week.
Anyone having Property to dispose of can have it entered in this Sale by applying to the Auctioneer, Stanley. 24r

To Builders, Contractors, and others.
Sale of Timber on Stanley Race Course.

JOHN LOWES, honoured with instructions from Mr Thompson will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the above Ground, which is close to Shield Row Station, on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 1896, at 2·30 o'clock in the Afternoon, the whole of the TIMBER used in the erection of Grand Stand, Rings, &c., &c, consisting of:—
2 400 feet of 6½ in x 2½ in Red and White Wood.
250 feet of 5 in x 3 in Red and White Wood.
160 feet of 2½ in x 2 in Red and White Wood.
400 feet of 3½ in x 1½ in Red and White Wood.
200 feet of 9 in x 3 in Red Wood.
130 Posts 4ft 6in and 5ft 6in by 3½ x 2½, pointed.
100 Yards of 5in by 1in W. Flooring Boards.
Quantity of Slabs, Hurdles, Posts, Firewood, &c.
Sale Office, Stanley. 5r

Licensing Announcements.

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872—1874.

Notice of Intention to apply for Justices' Certificate.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stanley, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, Joseph Watson, now residing at Front Street, West Stanley, in the Parish of Stanley, in the County of Durham, Licensed Victualler, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjournment of the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the 24th day of September next, for a Provisional grant of a License in respect of certain Premises about to be constructed at Front Street, West Stanley aforesaid, for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale by retail of all Intoxicating liquors, to be consumed either on or off the Premises, of which Premises plans will be submitted.

I will be the owner of the said intended new Premises.

Given under my hand this 1st day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.
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I am the Owner of the premises in respect of which this application is made and which premises were lately occupied by John Chaytor.

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Business Announcements.

GLENDENNING'S BEEF & MALT WINE.

LOCAL AGENTS:

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	R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel.
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THE FAIR.—Great preparations are going on in Stanhope this week, for the great Carnival of the season in Weardale, Stanhope, Fair, which begins on Friday, and continues until Wednesday of next week, and which most of the young folks, for 20 miles around, attend.

INTERESTING TO ANGLERS.—Anglers will learn with pleasure that the big fish are up the Wear as far as Burnhope and Burtree Ford at the head of the river.

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

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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

A FULL report of the Medomsley Parish Council and Benfieldside School Board meetings have been held over till next week, owing to pressure upon our space.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1896.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

WITH COLLIERS in the Durham districts, the house rent question is becoming almost as burning as that of organisation. Both these have recently been discussed at Waterhouses, by miners of that place, Esh, and Ushaw Moor, and emphatic resolutions have been passed relating thereto.

THE APPOINTMENT of a person to collect the rates of Consett is still in abeyance, and is likely to remain so, until the members of the District Council become fully acquainted with the duties involved therein, for so much has been made of the whole case that the committee appear to be certain that next time the matter is discussed, it will be settled in such style, that will show that the Council know what they are dealing with. By the next meeting of the committee the whole of the present rate will be collected. They will then be in a position to say how many days are devoted to collecting, and the Council will then have some guide in deciding what salary should be paid.

THE QUESTION of a recreation ground is another subject which is interesting not a few of us who take an interest in municipal affairs. The latest official information upon the matter does not carry the project to any further stage than those of a month, so far as the Consett Iron Company are concerned, but perhaps ere this note has gone the rounds of our district they will have sent Mr. Welford their views upon the scheme. But, if a recreation ground is to be provided—and we believe it is, sooner or later—the most convenient place would be in the vicinity of Medomsley Road. The Sherburn Hospital Authorities own the most of that site in Consett, and although the part which the Council first asked for is, or is intended to be, laid out in building sites, they might see their way clear to grant us as much ground upon the opposite side of the road as would be necessary. Very few acres would serve the purpose, seeing that we have a beautiful park in our midst. One is apt to lose sight of that fact.

THE WORK of a minister of any denomination is not altogether pleasant, for like all trades and professions it has its drawbacks, which are at times inclined to become unbearable. He has to endeavour to please the whole of his congregation, and once he makes a wrong move there are hundreds ready to criticise him, crush him down, and try to trample upon him, as it were, whilst only comparatively few will be found to sympathise with him, and so assist in his efforts to rectify his mistake. Therefore when a minister, especially one young in years and experiences, is successful in pleasing the whole of his parishioners he is well worthy of his name. So much can be said of the Rev. A Dunn, curate of Collierley Parish, who is leaving the district, and what is more pleasing his people have congregated together and decided that before he shall be allowed to go a testimony of their esteem and appreciation must be presented to him. Since the parishioners meeting, other movements with a similar object have been set on foot. We wish them all success.

THERE WERE several interesting items disposed of at the last meeting of the Blaydon Urban District Council, and the most startling of these was the report of Dr. Brown, the medical officer, who stated in plain words that one half of the population of the district were overcrowded in their dwellings. Moreover he suggested no way of improving matters, but simply informed the Council that to interfere with even the more glaring cases would only lead to wrangling and invidious comparison. Well, that is certainly a cool way of observing a serious position like this, and the case is rendered more painful when it is noticed that the Council themselves, pass the matter by as though it were merely a case of a high birth-rate. Councillor Archer's arguments that he used at a recent meeting, where the question was discussed, apply with even greater force to-day than they did before the full facts were known.

THE REV. JOSEPH BACON has commenced his duties as the new pastor of Consett Wesleyan Church, and superintendent minister of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, in succession to the Rev. R. W. Butterworth. He hails from Nantwich, having previously being stationed in other large centres, amongst which are Chipping, Norton, Swindon, North Mavin, Armadale, Greenock, Wigan, Heywood, and Wath-upon-Dearne. On Sunday last, the first of the connectional year, Mr. Bacon appeared before a Consett congregation, and so favourable was the impression he made by his morning and evening sermons that one can, without the least hesitation, predict a successful career amongst the Wesleyan Methodists of this circuit. At Stanley, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Bacon was received into the midst of his flock at that part of the district. There was a "great flourish of trumpets," the welcome was a genuine one, and it was apparent that the newly-appointed superintendent, soon felt comfortable and at home.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

["BY INCEDO."]

THE SHOTLEY SHOW.

It would be a pity were the annual flower show at Shotley Bridge to become a thing of the past, after having held its own through storm and calm; sunshine and shadow, for nearly half a century. It appears that the extraordinary loss this season is due exclusively to the state of the weather, and that is a circumstance that falls outside the reckoning of all mundane concerns. The management is all that can be desired, long experience having conduced to give the committee that measure of wisdom that comes with years. Every conceivable method has been resorted to in the way of a probable "draw" in order to maintain the status of the exhibition, spinning donkies, and tilting troopers being introduced in turn. Perhaps one of the best ways of raising the wind during the winter months to make good the deposit would be to float a series of entertainments at Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge. A good deal of money could be raised in that way, assuming that local talent only was employed—and there is certainly no want of that in the districts named.

SOMETHING NEW.

The development of Consett has been marked by a practically new feature in the social life of the people, or rather that section of them known by the distinctive appellation—the brethren of the "mystic tie." The new Masonic Hall is quite an acquisition to the town, and to the masonic fraternity it is bound to be a boon. "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth," is an injunction that was written in the olden time, but the Free Masons appear to be the only class of men who carry the principle into effect. Except to those in the inner circle, few have any idea of the amount of good done in an unobtrusive way by the masonic brethren, for they seem never to grow weary in doing what in them lies to lighten the burden of human life when it becomes too heavy for the bearer.

CREDITABLE.

The success of the Consett Iron Company's Brass Band deserves more than a mere passing notice, because, unlike the men employed in the mining industry, the members of the band are placed at a considerable disadvantage in the way of time and leisure for practice. No working men labour so many hours a day as the ironworkers do—six to six being their limit day or night as the case may be, except in the case of the men employed at the shears. The night and day shift also tells very much against them, from the circumstance that they cannot possibly get together. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, however, it is evident that the men have climbed to the top of the tree, and that is no small credit to them. That they are accomplished musicians there is no denying, but as a number of the men are known to me, I am inclined to lean strongly to the opinion that they are almost direct descendants of Jubal, who in the ages far away, struck the sensitive strings of the harp, and wound the handle of the organ.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

BY THE "OLD CROW."

If ever there was a strike that commanded small sympathy it was surely that which happily has just come to a settlement. The recent action of the Engineers connected with the Amalgamated Society on the Clyde is demanding the dismissal of a non-society man as the price of their continuing to work, was in the highest degree unreasonable. Though at this moment of writing the terms of a settlement have not been made publicly known, it is fair to assume that one of the first considerations with the masters would be to ensure the continuance of the services undisturbed, of the man who declared to be coerced into a membership of the Amalgamated Society, against his will. The masters could not well help insisting upon that condition, for it was the high handed attitude assumed by the men in connection with the continued employment of this particular workman that the masters very properly resisted, and that bought about the whole of the mischief. No one at this time of day will question the vast usefulness of Trades Unionism and the immense support it is to the workmen; but the system must not be abused or it will defeat its own objects. We all know that years ago Trades Unionism was looked askance at by many as emblematic of tyranny, intimidation, and coercion, and for a very good reason too. Do not let us fall back on those evil days.

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I notice that on Wednesday evening, our member Mr. Atherley Jones, will address a meeting of his Leadgate Constitutuents in the Co-operative Hall. There is pretty sure to be a big muster to welcome him on that occasion, especially as he will be supported by no less distinguished a gentleman than Alderman S. Storey, of Sunderland, —a Radical of the hearty stirring sort. Our member will doubtless give, I think, a lively and interesting speech for Wednesday.

LEADGATE NOTES.

(By "Rover.")

THE WEATHER AND STREET LIGHTING.

We have been passing through a season of very disagreeable weather—heavy fogs and drizzling rains, which have greatly retarded the corn harvest, and notwithstanding the prospect of only having to pay half the rates the local farmers are only in a very gloomy mood. But certainly we will be getting the sunshine, and strange to say just as I am writing, the king of light is peering through the gloom to see how we are doing down here. Bad as the days may have been however, the nights have been worse, and Leadgate for the past fortnight has been enveloped in darkness, and to make matters worse, our Lighting Committee have been taking practical steps to boycott the Gas Company. They have steadily refused to light the gas, and if this active body of men could have heard the wishes that have been heaped upon them by people stumbling in the dark, they would hesitate before again asking for the suffrages of these people. Of course, I am expecting an explanation at the next Council meeting, and let us hope that it will be satisfactory.

A POPULAR SHOW.

The Flower Show has again "come and gone," and, as usual, there was a splendid exhibition. Seeing that the weather of late has been against the cultivation of outside flowers, it is to me, truly marvellous the perfection to which some of them were brought. In every class there was keen competition, and the show altogether reflected the utmost credit upon the horticulturalists of the place. It is to be regretted that the committee were not favoured with better weather, which on this occasion had a sad effect upon the attendance. If I may be permitted to make a suggestion it would be that next year some extra attractions be provided; say for instance a choir contest, or something in that line.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST FLOWER SERVICE.

The Primitive Methodists, wise in their day and generation, held their annual flower services on Sunday last. The chapel was handsomely decorated by bouquets of flowers, plants, etc. Mr. Greenwood, of Blackhill, preached excellent sermons in the morning and evening to good congregations, and in the afternoon a service of song entitled "Left alone in the world" was rendered by the choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Frank Borthwick. The connective readings which were truly touching and pathetic were entrusted to Mr. Greenwood, who discharged the duties to the satisfaction of the large audience present.

NEXT WEEK'S DEMONSTRATION.

The forthcoming Liberal Demonstration on Wednesday next promises to be a great success amongst the miners in the neighbourhood. There is great enthusiasm over the visit of Mr. Storey, and with others in the County of Durham they are determined to show how highly they appreciate the splendid heroism and sacrifices that Mr. Storey has made on their behalf. Moreover, there is the prospect of seeing and hearing our popular member, Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones. I would advise my readers to put in an early attendance at the meeting, as there is sure to be a crush. I hear that the committee are receiving applications from all over the district, for reserved seats, and amongst the local Liberals there is great expectations: they declare they will make the reception of Mr. Storey and Mr Jones the most popular ever seen in the district.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

THE HARVEST.

The fine prospects for an early harvest, which was promised the farmer a few weeks since, has been blighted by the continued dull and foggy weather, from which I fear the grain crops will be taking hurt at present. If we had been depending on our home produce, for our bread stuff, our wives and mothers would have been looking forward to "baking day" with gloomy forbodings.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The re-opening services of the Wesleyan Church were conducted on Sunday by Mr. Mark Noble, of Newcastle, late of Blackhill. Rev W. Wallace, Peterhead, having fallen ill could not be present, Mr. Noble kindly supplying the vacancy. Fairly large congregations attended, and good collections were taken.

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Councillor G. Race, of Westgate, Weardale, conducted Mr R. Robson's memorial service, in the Primitive Methodist Church, on Sunday night to a large congregation. The sermon was, as usual, brim-ful of thought-gems. Kindly reference to our departed friend was made, and his many good offices during his lifetime were referred to in a touching manner.

WEDDINGS.

The Rev. E. W. Jenkins (pastor) at Rowley and Highgate, is being kept busy. On Saturday the 29th ult., he booked two couple for the (U. S.) United States—the first couple, at Highgate, being Mr. John Ward, and Miss Emma Edis. The bridegroom, a particular friend of the writer, is a young man with fine qualities, being much respected by his workfellows, so much so, that they have presented him with many useful articles. The parties married at Rowley were better known to me, the bridegroom being Mr. Joseph Ingram, Mosswood, the bride, Miss M. Willis, second daughter of Mr. W. Willis, farmer, Butsfield. Both are highly respected in the district. We wish each of the parties every happiness.

TWO LATE WORTHIES.

Death has been busy removing some old land marks, in the person of old Rachel Hopper, in her 75th year, widow of the late Mr. R. Hopper, Stanniforthem. Mrs. Hopper was an old standard, having lived in the neighbourhood over half a century, and was much respected by all who knew her. Another old standard friend has passed away in the person of Mrs. William Metcalf, late of Blackhill, but who spent nearly all her life in and about Castleside, having lived at Wharnley Burn and Allansford. Mrs. Metcalf's maiden name was Hopper, being the daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Hopper, Wharnley Burn. She met with her husband after he had served his Queen and Country on many a bloody battlefield having seen much active service. A large family and himself remain behind to mourn the loss of one so much loved. From girlhood she was connected with the Primitive Methodist Sunday School and Church, and many villagers learned with regret of her demise.

WEARDALE NOTES.

BY "STANHOPE."

A GOOD SHOW.

Rookhope Flower Show on Saturday, as usual, was a success, although not to the extent of other years, and may be accounted for by the strike there, and the excursion to Hutton Gate. Still this spirited little show holds it's own, and is well patronised by the villagers, and the energetic secretary, Mr. Walton, works for its welfare with untiring zeal. The class of exhibits were surprisingly good, and would do credit to shows of for greater pretensions.

THE FAIR.

Stanhope fair, the great carnival of the year in Weardale, is held this week. Beginning on Friday it will continue for a week or so, and will be visited by most of the young people 20 miles around. As a pleasure fair it has few equals, there being only one or two similar fetes in the north of England. It increases in interest year by year. The only fear is that the high tariffs charged for stands in the fair, will militate against it.

THE LEAD MINERS' GRIEVANCES.

The miners' strike at Rookhope continues. Almost everybody thinks the poor lead miners are badly paid for their dangerous and unhealthy work, 9/7 per week being anything but a living wage, and how a man with a family manages to live upon such an income is to me a stiff proposition in Euclid. In all fairness a man who risks his all should be reasonably remunerated, but for a man to spend his time in a damp, dark, dangerous, unhealthy mine for such a wage "takes the cake."

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[BY "OBSERVER."]

OLD ATTRACTIONS.

A few days ago, I had a stroll round by the way of the old Urpeth Forges and disused paper mill, which in the days of my boyhood used to be in full swing and presented a thriving appearance. All these small industries are now in ruins with only fragmentary portions remaining, which revive vivid memories of the past. The most of the old residents who had lived and laboured at these places have been removed by death, and the younger portion removed to pastures new. These old families were well known in the district, viz., The Hedworth's, Heburn's, Wood's, Dixon's, Skelton's, and Corker's. This locality still retains its beautiful scenery, whether you stand on the top of the embankment, or in the low long valley below. The whole presents an exquisite picture of nature in picturesque beauty and grandeur which nothing can excel. The Old Burn pumping engine is still in operation and continues to raise water which accumulates from the Beamish or Chop Hill Colliery. The coal required to generate steam for this motive power is secured from coal seams which are worked from a level cutting into the embankment. A considerable quantity of

COAL LIES IN THIS LOCALITY,

and arrangements are now being made to secure it. This new seam of coal which is about five feet in height is known as the "Brass Thill," and is of good quality. The drift begins a few yards away from the old paper mill on the opposite side, and is now undergoing a building process of substantial arched brick work, which, when completed, will form a safe covering from the soft heavy external material. The coal from this drift will be conveyed by a haulage sytem to the Burn pumping engine, and then lowered down the pumping shaft to the Hutton seam, a distance of twenty seven fathoms. The Beamish Colliery underground hauling engine will then convey them to the working shaft bottom to be drawn by the regular ordinary supply. The arrangement to lower the coals down the pumping shaft consists of an ordinary single decked cage which will run in slides affixed the required distance to the seam. To balance this cage a measured weight will run in wire rope guides, the whole system being controlled by brake power connected to the rope roll or drum located at the surface. Thus it will be seen that by this ingenious method a considerable quantity of coal can be secured from this low lying valley where railway traffic is almost impossible.

A PRACTICAL ENGINEER.

The gentleman who has the mechanical department under his control and supervision is Mr Richard Storey, of Urpeth West House. He has been responsible for this important department for nearly thirty years, during which time successful progress has been visible in all directions. Those who have seen the Beamish Mary Colliery, cannot fail to see its extensive mechanical system without being impressed by its methodical arrangements. This elaborate project has been executed during recent years, and bespeaks a noble tribute to the engineer who, by a concentrated energetic mind, efficiently and effectually finished the whole gigantic structure. Another similar project is being commenced with at the Twizel Colliery which has during the year been sunk to the Busty seam. The foundation for the new winding engine house is in progress, and in a short time great changes will be effected. Mr Storey is responsible for seven of Messrs James Joicey and Co's collieries in their engineering departments along with several other important architectural divisions connected with his office. His large and extensive experience, coupled with a speculative mind, causes him to compete successfully with the arduous duties incumbent in his important sphere of labour. He is also held in high esteem by owners and workmen alike.

NEW MINISTERS.

A ministers house has been built at West Stanley, which will shortly be inhabited by the Rev J. Dixon, newly appointed minister. The reception tea is being held during the week, when the new ministers will be made welcome by the societies in the circuit area. This will number six ministers residing in West Stanley—Church of England, two; Roman Catholic, one; Presbyterian, one; Wesleyan Methodist, one; and Primitive Methodist, one. Surely if these influential gentlemen would federate in temperance and evangelistic mission work, good results might be obtained. The whole of the sects they represent are endeavouring to gain one destination. They receive spiritual instruction from the same guide book; then why not arrange a united association independent of their own sectional action. This, to my mind, would greatly reduce the competitive friction which now exists. Salvation is a free gift, and unity of purpose should be manifested regarding it. Under the existing state of things it becomes difficult to determine which sect to join, for they all claim to be the right one. The difference of doctrinal views also cause a source of unrest, for they cannot all be right while their theology is at extremes. If Christianity ever fulfills its mission conscientiously, it would be when sects are willing to lay aside jealous competitions, and work for the commonwealth of all. At the present time, while one sect is striving vigorously in evangelistic services the others are idly looking on without rendering any assistance.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Much comment has resulted from Dr Bodie's experiment at the Stanley Victoria Theatre on Friday last. A man volunteered to be entranced for the space of 24 hours, and consequently he was placed in a long wooden box, and lay there the appointed time. Any-one could see him during his sleep by paying a fee of threepence, and many did so. He was aroused on Saturday night, and did not appear much the worse by his strange experience. Many affirm that it's a fraud, others have a little faith in the reality of the case, and the majority leave the problem alone. Mesmerism is a curious and strange science, and it is passing strange that some individuals possess magnetic power to a large degree which enables them to subdue those with an inferior quality of this mystic element. The most persons susceptable to the operator's influence evidently possess little will power, otherwise they would keep him at bay. The most of the singular phenomono witnessed by the public at these gatherings is genuine.

A GOOD EXHIBITION.

The West Stanley and District Vegetable and Flower Show was held in the Albert Hall on Friday and Saturday. The proceedings were effectively and systemically carried out. Competitors have been very deligent in their growing processes, and as a result the exhibits were mostly excellent. The prizes were of a substantial character and were worth striving for. The speculation in all directions was further developed than previous ones, and without doubt the show will soon assume larger dimensions. The other interesting attractions in connection with it were much appreciated. The public were responsive by a liberal patronage.

A WORTHY DEED.

Mr and Mrs Davidson, of Louisa Terrace, West Stanley, provided a substantial feast in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom at South Moor, on Saturday last. The event was in connection with this Church's anniversary services. After the tea an interesting lecture was given by Mr W. Jacques, of Sleetburn, entitled, "Elijah, the reformer." Mr P. Reay presided. On Sunday, three sermons were preached by Messrs Jacques and Reay. Good audiences were in attendance.

A PLEASANT TRIP.

The members of the "Star of the West" Lodge, in connection with the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, went on Saturday last to Sunderland for a day's recreation. The weather was threatening, but with the exception of a few slight showers, the day was not so bad. The special attraction for many was the football match with Sunderland and Bolton Wanderers, while others enjoyed the parks, museum, and Roker sands. Suffice it to say that all were satisfied with their excursion.

CONSETT.

On Sunday, special sermons were preached in the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel, by Mr. J. English, of Birtley, large congregations being present.

THE RACE MEETING.—On Wednesday next, the autumn meeting of Consett Races will be held. Some good entries are being received, and with fine weather there should be a good gate at the Carribees Course.

RECEPTION OF WESLEYAN MINISTERS.—On Wednesday next the Rev. J. Dixon, will preach in the Wesleyan Church, Consett, at 3.30, after which there will be a public tea. In the evening a reception meeting will be held to be addressed by the Revs. Joseph Bacon, J. Dixon (two of the newly appointed ministers to the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit), C. M. Greenway, J. Irwin, and other gentlemen. The chair will be taken by Mr. C. F. Cooke, of Annfield Plain.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—The weekly service of the Young Peoples' Christian Endeavour Society was held on Thursday night last, when a very interesting address was given by the president, Rev. T. Durant, and was greatly appreciated by the young people present. During the service Miss Stokoe, of Rowley, sang two interesting solo's entitled, "Forgive and forget," and "The sinner and the song," in capital style. Several young people were enrolled as members of the society.

FIRE.—About seven o'clock on Tuesday evening, shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Burdon had left their house in King Street, Consett, a man named Thos. Pearson saw smoke issuing from beneath the door. He promptly effected an entrance by breaking open the door, when the bed was found to be on fire. With the assistance of a number of people who soon congregated, Mr. Pearson got a good supply of water, and the conflagration was speedily got under, and extinguished. Beyond the fact that part of the bed was destroyed, the ceiling smoked, and the furniture saturated with water, very little damage was done. The cause of the fire could not be accounted for.

BILLIARDS.—This game is at present more popular in the district than it has ever been. During the week a prominent local gentleman made a capital 62 break on the Commercial Hotel table, Consett. At this place a friendly match between Mr. J. Merritt, and Mr. T. Beattie, both of Consett, was arranged to be played on Monday night, but the latter mentioned player failed to put in an attendance, thus disappointing a large number of enthusiasts. It might here be mentioned that the old marking board at the billiard room of the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms, has been replaced by the new one, about which so much feeling was expressed a few weeks ago.

RECEPTION OF THE REV. A. E. SALMON AT NEWCASTLE.—On Tuesday night, at Blenheim Street Wesleyan Chapel, the reception of the Rev. A. E. Salmon, late of Consett, to the Blenheim Street Circuit was celebrated by a tea and meeting held in the chapel. The Rev. A. E. Salmon, who takes the place of the Rev. F. Inwood, who has been removed to Clyde Bank, Glasgow, preached on Sunday to large congregations. At the meeting Mr. J. Montgomery presided, and there was a large gathering. Addresses were delivered by Mr. H. E. Richadson, the Rev. E. D. Dannatt, the Rev. A. E. Salmon, and others, and the meeting was in every respect successful.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

TRIP TO SUNDERLAND.—On Saturday morning there was a trip from Annfield Plain to Sunderland, which was patronised by about 900 people. The members of the South Moor choir, together with the vicar and curate, accompanied the "trippers," who visited Roker and other places of interest.

ACCIDENT AT PONTOP COLLIERY.—As two boys, named Thomas Fenwick, of Pontop Rows, Annfield Plain, and William Manners, of Greencroft Cottages, were playing on the gangway, they accidently fell through the railings. Fenwick's wrist was broken, and he also received severe injuries to the head. Manners also sustained injuries to his head, but they were not so severe as those sustained by his unfortunate companion. The two lads were taken to their homes in carts, and were attended by Dr. Brien's assistant.

MORE HONOURS FOR MR. STOREY.—At the Birkenhead Dog Show, held on the 2nd of September. Mr. John Storey's dog, "Duke of Florence," won the championship cup of 50 guineas, and three specials in the open class for St. Bernard dogs. On the 2nd and 3rd of September, the above gentleman's dog won the first prize and a special, at the Bishop Auckland Dog Show, and the companion dog "Gold Finder," obtained second honours. It appears that wherever Mr. Storey takes his dogs he carries all before him, and from the fact that he has obtained the 50 guinea award, it may safely be assumed that his dogs are of first class quality.

BENFIELDSIDE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH.—The collection last Sunday morning in St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, amounting to £6, was given to the National Society for the Education of the Poor. The Rev. G. C. de Renzi, vicar of St. Chad's, West Coseley, gave a very able and interesting account of the great services of the National Society in the cause of religious education. Numerous Church of England Schools he said, were helped by it, and it trained numbers of good and religious men and women, as teachers. He claimed for every child a full and definite religious education in the whole of the faith of the gospels, as education without religion, instead of checking crime, tended to increase it.

BURNOPFIELD.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—On Saturday evening first, there will be an old-fashioned Farmers' Supper, and on Sunday the harvest thanksgiving services will be held when Mr. W. Mills, of Darlington, will preach in the morning and evening. In the afternoon the choir will give a service of song, entitled "Sowing Wild Oats."

BIRTLEY.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council on Thursday, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. A. P. Stoker, to apply to the Local Government Board for powers to adopt section 29 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for the township of Birtley.

BLAYDON.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—A "Young men's parlour" in connection with this church was opened on Monday night. Commodious rooms are suitably furnished, and innumerable games are to be provided, also newspapers and magazines, whilst entertainments, lectures, &c., will be given frequently. The inaugural ceremony was performed by Mr Rutter Carr. A largely attended meeting was afterwards held in the church, when addresses were given by Messrs T. Adamson, W. Scott, J. H. Graham, and J. Quirk, and a capital programme of songs, recitations, &c., rendered by Miss Curry, Mr T. Carr, Mr J. Davidson, and others.

CATCHGATE.

The Rev F. S. Foster, of Blackhill, the newly-appointed minister, preached two sermons in the United Methodist Free Church on Sunday last. At each service the choir sang two anthems. "When the Lord shall build up Zion," in which Miss Mary Haw and Mr J. Hoskings took the solos parts, and "Her ways are ways of pleasantness," in which the solo parts were taken by Miss M. Haw, Mr J. Dixon, and Master E. Rutherford.

CHESTER-LE-STREET

THE ALLEGED CRIMINAL ASSAULT.—The Chester-le-Street Justices were on Wednesday afternoon engaged for a considerable time in hearing a charge against John Mowbray, 18, belonging Felling, in respect of an alleged criminal assault on Margaret Jane Harrison, 14, at Broomy Holme Farm, near Chester-le-Street, on the 30th ult. Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, defended. After hearing the evidence, the Bench committed accused for trial, allowing bail.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.—At a meeting of this body on Thursday, Mr. George Ridley, J.P., presiding, a letter from the Treasury was read, recommending the Council to pay Mr. McGregor, late highway surveyor, an annual sum of £165 6s 8d, in lieu of loss of office owing to the transference of the Highways to the District Councils, of the districts, according to rateable value. The and that sum be made up of payments from each matter was referred to a joint committee of representatives from each of the districts.—Mr. Symons was appointed sanitary inspector and surveyor for the Harraton Division of the district. Mr. Symons has been for some time assistant sanitary inspector in Newcastle. There were 35 applications for the post.

SHOCKING RAILWAY FATALITY.—A shocking fatal accident occurred on Monday night, on the Team Valley line, near Chester-le-Street. William Duncan, a signalman, stationed at Chester Moor cabin, left his duty shortly after seven o'clock. He would, in the ordinary course, walk along the line northwards to Chester-le-Street, where he lived. Some time after his body was found lying in the gutter in a frightfully mangled state. It was assumed that Duncan would be walking on the up line, and would meet the mail, and in stepping out of the way would get immediately in front of a down fast train. Duncan was a well-known and highly respected man, and leaves a widow and three children. The body was removed from the line to his house in John Street, Chester-le-Street.

LANCHESTER.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.—In connection with this place of worship the annual thanksgiving services will be held on Wednesday next, to be preceded by the parish tea, to which a large number of parishioners generally attend.

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[illegible] LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION.—On Wednesday next a great Liberal demonstration will take place in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, when addresses will be delivered by our worthy member, L. A Atherley-Jones, Esq., M.P., Ald. S. Storey, Sunderland, and other leading Liberals of this division. The chair will be taken by Councillor Thomas Keenleyside, of Leadgate.

THE REV. R. S. HAY AT LEADGATE.—The former popular curate of Leadgate, the Rev. R. S. Hay, now of Hylton, near Sunderland, preached twice—morning and evening—at St. Ives Church, Leadgate, on Sunday last. There were large congregations present at each service, and the eloquent sermons of the rev gentleman were listened to with rapt attention.

FIRE.—On Monday evening, between eleven and twelve o'clock, a fire broke out in a hayshed belonging to Mrs Wilson, Leadgate, but rented by Mr. Thos. Keenleyside, butcher, who had a large quantity of hay in the shed. Both the latter were completely consumed, although Mr. Keenleyside and others made strenuous efforts to prevent this, but to no avail. However, they succeeded in preventing the flames spreading to a quantity of "sleepers" close by. The damage is estimated at £150.

WESLEYAN METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.—The quarterly meeting of the Sunday-School Union of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Front Street, Leadgate, on Saturday afternoon. There was a representative gathering of teachers from nearly all the schools in the circuit. The reports of the visitors and representatives were considered very satisfactory. The party adjourned at 4-30 for tea, after which the meeting was resumed under the presidency of Mr J. Carr, Stanley, who read a paper, entitled, "Our winter's work as Sunday-school teachers." An interesting discussion followed on the various questions brought out in the paper, which referred to bands of hope, the Wesleyan Guilds, and many other institutions that are in operation for the benefit of the schools and churches. Several of the teachers took part in the discussion, and after a vote of thanks had been passed to the Leadgate teachers and friends for the excellent tea provided, this very profitable meeting was brought to a close.

MEDOMSLEY.

DEATH OF MRS. STUBBS.—On Wednesday the remains of Mrs. C. Stubbs, of the above village, was interred in the Parish Church. She had died after an illness of a few days at the age of 42 years. This is the third of the same family who has been laid to rest in the short space of six weeks. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Stubbs and family. A large number from Medomsley, Consett, and the surrounding district attended the funeral.

PICKERING NOOK.

NARROW ESCAPE.—As Mr Asquith, of Harperley Hall and manager of the Tanfield collieries, together with Mrs Asquith, were returning home from Lintz Green Station, on Friday morning about 10 o'clock, the carriage horse, when at Syke Bank, near Pickering Nook, suddenly dropped down dead. Mrs Asquith sustained a severe shock, but was not otherwise injured. The horse is an old favourite of Mr Asquith's, he having had it for a number of years.

SOUTH MOOR.

FLOWER SERVICE.—The first flower service was held on Sunday in South Moor Infants' School. There were large congregations, and the school was decorated with a profusion of flowers, kindly given by the people. Appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev C. J. Gray, curate, and the Rev W. C. Cooke, vicar. The singing throughout was of a very creditable character. Mr W. Wilson conducted, and Miss Jobson acted as accompanist. The offertories, which amouted to £2 3s, were on behalf of the choir treat.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—On Saturday afternoon, a well attended tea was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, at South Moor, the tea being giving by Mr. and Mrs. J. Davison, of Louisa Terrace. This lady and gentleman were assisted by the following:—Mrs. G. H. Marshall, Stanley; Mrs. H. F. Storey, Stanley; Mrs. Moss, South Moor; Misses A. Ramshaw, M. A. Cooke, Busher, E. H. Davison, Wilkinson, and Messrs W. Atkinson, Jno. Handy, F. Wilkinson, J. Wilkinson, and W. Atkinson, South Moor. In the evening an extremely interesting lecture on "Elijah the Reformer" was given by Mr. Jacques, of Sleetburn, Mr. P. Reay presiding, and on Sunday these two gentlemen conducted the services, the proceeds reaching £10 10s 0d.

STANLEY.

Y.P.S.C.E.—A meeting was held on Monday night in the Primitive Methodist School-room, at Stanley, in connection with the newly formed Young Peoples' Society for Christian Endeavour. Mr. Pearson addressed the gathering.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.—On Sunday, services in aid of the home and foreign missions of the Primitive Methodist Society were held in the Stanley Primitive Methodist Chapel, the conductors being the Rev. W. Johnson, of Gateshead, and Mr. A. Carral, of West Pelton. The Sunday services at Pelton and Beamish were also for the same cause.

QUARTER-DAY MEETING OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST STATION.—The September quarterly meeting of the Stanley Primitive Methodist Station was held on Saturday last at the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Stanley. There was a large attendance of representatives from all parts of the station, the meeting being presided over by the Rev. W. Gelley. The reports from the various churches were received and the general condition of the district was shown to be satisfactory. The membership was 653, an increase of 18 on the quarter. The circuit steward, Mr. Bart. Johnson presented the financial report showing that the monetary position was sound, there being a balance of £29 12s 0d, after meeting all demands. The Rev. W. Gelley, superintendent minister was invited to remain a fourth year in the circuit and consented to do so. Notice of motion was to the effect "That the next meeting consider the advisability of bringing out a second minister to labour on the station." Mr. Jos. Haddon, of Stanley, secretary reported that efforts were being made to form Young Peoples Societies of Christian Endeavour in connection with all the churches in the district, during the forthcoming winter.

WEARDALE.

SUDDEN DEATHS.—Elizabeth Lowes, wife of John Lowes, Stanhope, died very suddenly on Friday last, whilst Wr. Moses (19), of Middle Black Dene, Upper Weardale, died suddenly on Saturday.

VISIT TO HUTTON HALL.—A heavily freighted excursion train left Weardale on Saturday on Saturday noon, for Hutton Hall, the seat of Sir J. W. Pease, M.P.

FORMATION OF A CHORAL SOCIETY.—It has been decided to form a choral society at St. John's in Weardale, Mr Foreman being secretary, Mr T. Phillipson, Hermitage, treasurer, and Mr T. Featherstone, conductor.

A RAILWAYMAN'S EXPERIENCE.—A driver on one of the Weardale trains had an unusual and unpleasant experience the other day. Coming up the Valley, he was looking through his window, when a partridge either flew against it or collided with it, smashing the glass, which badly cut the driver in the face. The partridge was killed, and the driver kept it as a solatium for his mishap.

WESTWOOD.

The Westwood Brass Band were successful in capturing two prizes at Haydon Bridge last Saturday.

WHICKHAM.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The monthly meeting of the Urban District Council was held on Thursday evening. Mr. Henry Wallace, J.P., in the chair. —The Finance Committee reported a balance in the bank of £955 16s 4d.—The Medical Officer (Dr. A. W. Attwater) reported a death rate of 22.17, and a birth rate of 45.61 per 1,000 per annum.—Mr. Hopper, of Dunston, waited upon the Council to put in a claim for damages owing to illness in his family alleged to be caused by defective drainage.—On the motion of Mr. Blackbird, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, it was agreed that the Council refuse any liability.

Late Sporting.

FOOTBALL.

KYO UNITED A.F.C.

The above club held a meeting on Monday evening under the presidency of Mr T. Parkin, when all the old players signed on. R. Dawson was elected captain, W. Raydon, vice-captain, and T. Scorer, secretary. It is expected that the club will put a good team on the field this season, and we wish them every success.

OUSTON RESERVE v. CHESTER MOOR 1st.

Ouston Reserve played the first game in connection with the 2nd Division of the Chester-le-Street League, their opponents being Chester Moor 1st on the latter's ground. Ouston ran out easy winners by three goals to none.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT BURNHOPE.

On Friday, an inquest was held at the reading-room, Burnhope, touching the death of Patrick Daley, who was employed as a miner at the Burnhope Colliery, belonging to Ald. U. A. Ritson, Newcastle.—From the evidence tendered it appeared that about three o'clock on the afternoon of the previous Wednesday, Daley was working double with his "marrow." He was sitting on a "cracket," busy engaged hewing, when a fall of stone took place, which caught deceased in the neck and back. Daley was speedily extricated but died only 15 minutes after the accident.—The Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

DIPTON.

The marriage celebration of Miss Grace Kayter assistant mistress at the Collierley Board Schools, Dipton, to Mr J. R. Curry, Dipton, son of Alderman J. Curry, took place in Dipton Church on Sunday morning, after which the happy couple journeyed to the bridegroom's father's residence, Newcastle, where dinner was provided.

CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon the marriage of Mr. W. Wood, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of Knitsley Lane, Consett, to Miss Mary Elsdon, eldest daughter of Mr. Nathan and Emma Elsdon, Consett, took place at Christ Church, Consett. Mr. W. B. Elsdon acted as best man, and the Misses R. and N. Elsdon as bridesmaids. The bride and her attendants were richly attired and presented a neat appearance as they left for the church, amidst showers of rice. Despite the inclement state of the weather a large number of persons assembled at the church doors, whilst many had secured seats in the edifice to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. C. S. Wilson, curate of the parish. The party afterwards partook of luncheon at the house of the bride's father, where many handsome gifts and congratulations were presented to the happy couple, who shortly afterwards left the district for the Killarney Lakes, Ireland, where they will spend their honeymoon.

EDMONDBYERS.

A pretty wedding took place the other day at the ancient old Church at Edmondbyers, between Mr. Jackson Walton, jun., of Edmondbyers, son of Mr. Jackson Walton, Assistant Overseer, and Miss Hannah Peart, of Castleside. Mr. John S. Dodds, Newbiggen, Lanchester, was best man; and Miss J. A. Walton, bridesmaid. The bride and bridesmaid were neatly and tastefully dressed for the occasion. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. W. Featherstonehaugh. The happy couple left, amid showers of rice and wishes, for their honeymoon. The list of wedding presents were very large and many of them handsome and costly, the bride and bridegroom being highly respected in the neighbourhood.

WESTWOOD.

On Tuesday afternoon, a popular wedding which excited much interest at the above village, took place at the Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Chapel, the contracting parties being Mr. John Wilson Clegg, eldest son of Mr. Charles Clegg, Co-operative Stores manager, Leadgate, and grandson of Mr. John Wilson, Westwood, and Miss Sarah Armstrong, daughter of Mr. Geo. Armstrong, Westwood. The marriage ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. C. M. Greenway, the bride being given away by her father. Mr. Charles Clegg, jun. (brother of the bridegroom) and Mr. M. Armstrong (brother of the bride) acted as groomsmen, whilst the bridesmaids were Miss M. Armstrong (sister of the bride), Miss Clegg (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Moffitt, Medomsley, (cousin of the bridegroom), and Miss Reed. The bride wore a handsome heliotrope dress, and carried a bouquet similar in design to that of Princess Maud on the occasion of her recent marriage. The wedding cake—a very beautiful one—was presented to the newly-married couple by Messrs Wm. Rowe and Son, confectioners, Leadgate. At the conclusion of the marriage service the wedding party returned to the residence of the bride's father, where they were joined by a large number of guests, and a choice repast was partaken of. The healths of Mr. and Mrs. John Clegg were proposed in excellent terms by Mr. Charles Clegg and Mr. Geo. Armstrong. A large number of very useful and handsome presents were received by the happy pair.

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VISIT TO CRONIWELL SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Last Friday at the completion of their deliberations, the Municipal and County Engineers with others, journeyed from Newcastle to Croniwell along the road which passes through the charming Valley of the Derwent. The party numbered over 100, and included the following well-known scientific gentlemen:—F. C. May, M., Inst., C.E., Boro' Engineer, Brighton, (President of the Association of Municipal and County Engineers) Dr. Alfred Hill, F.R., S.E., F.I.C., M.O.H., Birmingham, (President of the Conference of Medical Officers of Health. The Sheriff of Newcastle (Coun. Harkus.) The Mayor of Huddersfield, G. Jordan, Chairman of Huddersfield Sanitary Committee, J. Firth, Huddersfield, J. Mountz, Belfast, T. Oxley, Chairman of Harrogate Sanitary Committee, Coun. O'Keefe, Chairman of Hanley Sanitary Committee, Dr. T. E. Hill, County M. O. H., Durham, Dr. C. Porter, D.P.H., M.O.H., Stockport, Dr. H. Jones, D. P. H., M.O.H., Crewe, E. G. Mawley, Borough engineer, Leicester, W. F. Bird, F.S.Sc., Somerset, S. Salt, Hanley, D. B. Hewett, (Chairman Public Health Committee, Cheshire County Council), Rev. R. C. Fletcher, (vice-chairman Lancashire County Council) J. Parker, Lanchester Urban District Council, Leadgate, M. Robson, Leadgate, Dr. Simonds, Bath, T. Hopwood, Shildon, J. V. Walton, Wolsingham, W. Fletcher, Swalwell, H. Sykes, London, together with representatives from the Municipalities, County, and District Councils of the North Riding of Yorkshire; Newport, Tynemouth, Grimsby, Lisburn, Glasgow, Morpeth, etc.

The party arrived in brakes kindly provided by Mr. Adams, of York, (the patentees of the Sewage Lift which is in use at Croniwell, for raising automatically, and without cost, the low level sewage of Blackhall Mill) and proceeded to the Schoolroom at Hamsterley Colliery, where Mr. A. Watson had provided a sumptuous tea and other refreshments, after this the Rev. P. C. Fortin, Vice Chairman, of the Lanchester Rural District Council, welcomed the distinguished party and said the authority which he represented had gone over nearly the whole country to see, as far as they could, what was the best method of sewage disposal and purification. They had come to the conclusion to adopt that system which was best adapted to their district, and up to the present it had met their requirements. They would have an opportunity of seeing the works in operation. They were only meant for a small population of about 3,000 people, and had only been open for four months, but they had been perfectly successful, and he hoped that was a criterion of their future usefulness.—A plan of the works was explained by Mr. J. E. Parker, who designed the works, and this gentleman gave a description of the scheme and showed some new developments in sewage disposal, which were much appreciated and these included the method of separating the floating solids, the precipitation of the various sewage matter, the combined character of the tanks and the method of filtering the sewage. Samples of the sewage effluent, which was quite sparkling, were exhibited, and some of the bolder members of the party did not hesitate to taste it. After explaining the ingenious sewage lift which Mr. Parker and Mr. Killon did in a lucid manner and answered a large number of questions relating thereto

The President said they should not seperate before passing votes of thanks to certain gentlemen for their kindness to them. Mr. Parker had taken the pains to prepare a paper which there was unfortunately no time to read; but the lucid explanation he had given had fully made up for that, and he hoped to see the paper in print, so that when they got back to their homes they might be able to digest it at their leisure. They also had to thank the gentlemen who had invited them there to view the works of the Lanchester Rural District Council. They had been favoured with the presence of several members of that Council, including the vice-chairman, who was the representative of that particular district. And they had also to thank Mr. Arthur Watson and other members, who had generously provided refreshments for their comfort, and Mr. Adams for liberality in providing the brakes to take them there so comfortably. He hoped to hear in the future that that system was a success, because there were many places in which a system such as that would be a great benefit, if it could be proved to be a success. The success of that system, since its inauguration, justified them in believing that it would be successful in the future. He wished success to Mr. Adams in that new departure:—The motion was carried by hearty acclamation.—Rev. P. C. Fortin, vice-chairman of the Lanchester Rural District Council, responded, and said he thought that what had been done successfully on a small scale might also be done on a much greater scale. Mr. Arthur Watson wished him to return thanks on his behalf also.

The party then returned to the brakes, and were driven to the Rowlands Gill Railway Station, where they took train for Newcastle, reaching the Central Station at seven o'clock, after a pleasant and profitable afternoon's outing. It was intended to include a visit to Chopwell, to see the railway and reservoir, but as the party stayed longer at Croniwell than was expected only a few proceeded with this excursion.

Mr Harry Taylor, Newburn, acted as conductor to the party, and all the arrangements were of a satisfactory character, numbers of the members expressing their gratification at what they had seen.

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Football

DELVES LANE UNITED v. CONSETT FELL RANGERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the United. Score:—United, six goals; Fell Rangers, nil.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC RESERVE v. GRACE ALBION (BYKER).

Played on the ground of the latter, a splendidly contested game resulting in favour of the home team by two goals to one.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v. STANHOPE.

The Swifts opened their season by receiving a visit from a strong Stanhope team. Play throughout was pretty even, and the result of a fairly good game was a draw. Score—

Consett Swifts..........Three goals
Stanhope..........Three goals

MICKLEY v. ALLENDALE PARK.

These teams opened the season at Mickley before a fair attendance. Neither side was fully represented. Charlton set the ball rolling for Mickley, who began to press, but they found a stubborn defence opposed to them, Hedley being especially conspicuous. At length the home right put in a good run, and Charlton receiving a capital centre from Bailey notched the first goal for Mickley, who afterwards added two more, and finally ran out winners as under—

Mickley..........Three goals
Allendale Park..........Nil

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. WILLINGTON ROVERS.

Chester-le-Street were visited by the Willington Rovers, who brought their strongest team, while the "Citizens" played as published. Soon after the start the visitors, by virtue of superior combination, scored the first goal, but before half-time the "Citizens" equalised. In the second period the game was equal, the Rovers having slightly the best of it. Final—

Willington..........Five goals
Chester-le-Street..........Three goals

BIRTLEY v. RUTHERFORD COLLEGE.

Played at Birtley before a crowd of about 1,000 spectators. Birtley kicked off, and Lawson scored from a penalty kick. After this reverse the visitors got away, and speedily had two goals to their credit, and the score was in favour of the visitors at half-time. Birtley took up the pressure from the recommencement, and from "hands" in front of goal scored their second goal. Birtley scored twice afterwards. Final—

Birtley..........Four goals
Rutherford College..........Two goals

OUSTON v. MIDDLESBROUGH ROVERS.

Played at Ouston. The home team won the toss, and Mr Mills kicked off. Ouston ran down and Quinn scored with a beauty. Play became fast, both goals being visited in turn. Ouston did most of the pressing and nearly scored, Carr just missing by a few inches. Half-time—Ouston, 1; Middlesbrough, nil. The second half was very fast. The visitors came down and Willis sent well. Carr scored with a beauty. Middlesbrough scored on time. Final—

Ouston..........Two goals
Middlesbrough..........Two goals

The following was the Ouston team:—Goal, J. Elliott; backs, M Willis and W Cockburn; half-backs, J Smith, J Gibbons, and W Richardson; forwards, H Dixon, G Minns (capt.), W McDermott, F Clark, and J Carr.

LINTZ ROVERS v. BLAYDON UNITED.

Played at the Lints in two half-hours. The visitors won the toss, and the Lints kicked off. Blaydon soon made tracks for the home goal, but the defence was too good for them. The home forwards got the ball, and from a grand pass off the left Irwin scored No 1 for the Lints. It was not long after when the whistle sounded for half-time, the game standing—

Lints..........One goal
Blaydon..........Nil

The ball was set in motion again after a short rest, and the visitors got well down to the home goal, when they shot, but Hayes saved grandly on several occasions. After the goal kick the Lintz forwards raced up the field, and from a long shot Pyle scored No 2 for the Rovers. The ball was started again, and from a miskick by one of the home backs Blaydon scored. When the whistle sounded for time the game ended—

Lints..........Two goals
Blaydon..........One goal

HAMSTERLEY WHITE STAR v. WEST PELTON VIOLETS.

Played at Blackhall Mill in dull weather. The visitors arrived in good time, and at three o'clock the ball was set rolling by the Violets. The Stars started to press, and before many minutes the ball was in the visitors' ground, the home team having hard lines in not scoring before play had been long in progress. Armstrong at length shot from the right wing and scored with a beauty amid cheers. This seemed to awaken the Violets, and they came with a rush, but could not break through the defence of the backs. The Stars kept at it and scored again, and then the Violets got one through. Still the Stars were not to be outdone, and although the Violets were the heavier team the homesters made rings round them, especially J. Fenwick, who soon put two goals to his credit. After midfield play the left wing scored from a scrimmage near the goal-mouth. Half-time—

Stars..........Three goals
Violets..........One goal

The Stars re-started, but there wasn't much done in the second half. The visitors got dangerous now and again, but the Stars kept them at bay, and after some fine play on Brown's part the home men took the ball into the visitors' territory and got "hands." Blacklock took the kick and sent in a swift shot, which would have gone past but for Fenwick heading through, thus leaving the score—

Hamsterley..........Four goals
West Pelton..........One goal

SEAHAM HARBOUR v. LEADGATE EXILES.

Leadgate Exiles commenced the season in brilliant fashion by defeating Seaham Harbour at Seaham by three to one. The latter team, it will be remembered, played in the final for the Monkwearmouth Charity Cup, and were only beaten by goal average in the Wearside League, besides winning a set of gold medals against all comers. Seaham won the toss, and Doyle kicked off for the "Greens," who immediately rushed towards the home citadel, where a brisk bombardment took place. A good defence was offered, which could not be broken, and the ball travelled to the opposite end of the ground. Nothing resulted, however, but the Exiles, not to be denied, again attacked the home goal and succeeded in beating the custodian. Half-time found the score—

Exiles..........One goal
Seaham..........Nil

On resuming, the visitors still continued to hold the upper hand, and played a capital game. Before the whistle blew the home custodian being beaten twice more with splendid shots, whilst Seaham could only get one past Callaghan, the result was an extremely handsome victory for the Exiles as under—

Leadgate Exiles..........Three goals.
Seaham Harbour..........One goal

The following represented the Exiles:—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, W. McGee, and J. Haggan; half-backs, J. Rafferty, T. McGrachan, and P. Hughes (capt.); forwards, J. B. Robson, Jas. McGee, M. Doyle, Brannen, and J. Haley.

IVESTON VILLA v. CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS 2ND.

This game was brought off at Iveston on Saturday. The home captain won the toss and chose to play against the wind. The visitors kicked off and ran the ball down to the home goal. Dawson relieved with a big kick, Paul taking the ball right up to the Consett goal, but lost his footing, and Walton cleared with a long kick. The Swifts' forwards got hold of the ball and took it into the Iveston goal mouth, when one of the home backs handled, and from the free kick the visitors rushed both ball and goalkeeper through, scoring the first point for Consett. From the kick-off the home forwards took the ball up, and Harper had hard lines, striking the upright with a splendid shot. Paul got hold and passed to Harper, who ran up the field, but the backs cleared, and Consett scored a grand second goal with a long shot, Calvert allowing it to slip through his fingers. The home forwards got off and Harper scored with a good shot, half-time arriving shortly after—

Swifts..........Two goals
Villa..........One goal

In the second half the Villa pressed all through, but could not score, the home custodian only handling once. Final—

Swifts..........Two goals
Villa..........One goal

The home team were represented by the following:—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, J. Thompson and R. Dawson (capt.); half-backs, J. Forster, J. Carr, and P. Forster; forwards, W. Turnbull, J. Tweedy, J. Paul, J. Charlton, and J. Harper.

DARLINGTON v. TOW LAW.

A friendly game between teams representing the Northern League champions and the Durham Cup holders was played on the Feethams Ground, Darlington, on Saturday. The visitors, who won the toss, played from the town end of the field, and the homesters, who started at once, made a rush towards the visitors' citadel. Boyle, who had taken the ball up the left, sent into Allison's hands. The ball got a short way down the field, when play was reversed, Johnson putting right over the crossbar. From the goal kick McIntosh got away, but he was checked by Bousfield. McIntosh ultimately received from Simpson, but when he had a splendid chance of scoring he unfortunately handled the leather. Hudson then got possession, and after putting in some useful work shot in, but McGregor relieved with a beautiful kick, the ball finally going out of play. From the throw-in, Rippon received and shot in, but Cooke having knocked the ball down McIntosh came upon the scene and put through the first goal after some twenty minutes' play. Tow Law came away from the re-start, and Rippon scored the second goal almost immediately after. After some further play Coulson shot in, Bousfield having to concede a corner. Play was transferred and Bromley, who had worked the ball nicely towards the visitors' goalmouth, passed to Watson, who missed his kick, the ball being got out of danger. Two corners having fallen to the homesters, the visitors got away, McIntosh sending the ball over the crossbar. When the interval arrived the game was standing—

Tow Law..........Two goals
Darlington..........Nil

Shortly after resuming play McIntosh shot in from close quarters, and Cooke being slow to get the ball away allowed Coulson to come up and score the third goal. Each side in turn made attempts to score but without success. After some play had taken place in the visitors' quarters a corner fell to Darlington. The ball was well placed and after it had been hovering about the goal mouth for some time Watson was successful in scoring. Further attempts to score were made by Johnson and Watson, but Allison managed to clear. No further score was made and the game ended as follows—

Tow Law..........Three goals
Darlington..........One goal

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS v. RUTHERFORD COLLEGE NOMADS.

The football season was opened at Shotley Bridge on Saturday by a friendly trial of skill between the Rovers and a strong team of the Rutherford College Nomads, before a good attendance of spectators. Teams:—

Shotley—Goal, Scott; backs, Hobday and Oliver; half-backs, Winter, Murray, and Robinson; forwards, Joyce, Barrass, Weedy, Smith, and Watson.

Nomads—Goal, Beam; backs, Lovegreen and Panlin; half-backs, Kissing, Eyton, and Gibson; forwards, Veitch, Easten, Wynne, Davenport, and Watson.

Referee, Mr H. Surtees.

The Rovers having won the toss, the College kicked off from the entrance end. The home captain (R. Watson) put in some brilliant work, his runs along the touch-line being very good, although his final screw for goal failed to have the desired effect, want of practice being evident. The College forwards combining well together succeeded in getting down the field, and one of the home backs missing his kick the ball was landed between the uprights. The Rovers made a gallant effort to equalise, and some very fine play was witnessed, but Rutherford obtaining a free kick in the Shotley half, Oliver (the full back) unfortunately headed the ball through his own goal. This reverse caused a wakening up of the Rovers, and after Murray had changed from half-back to centre forward an immense improvement was seen in the team, the forwards working splendidly together, giving the College backs an enormous amount of work, which they performed with credit to themselves. Eventually Barrass had the goal at his mercy, but his shot went sailing high over the bar. Still the Rovers were not to be denied, and settling down to genuine work fairly hemmed in the Nomads round their own goal. Several shots were sent in, and some of them were really deserving of better success than that which attended them. Ultimately Barrass brought about the downfall of the visitors' goal by a beautiful goal, this being followed by Watson receiving a good pass from the left wing, and scoring the second, while sharp after a good run on the left ended in Barrass heading a third. Half-time then arrived with the score—

Shotley..........Three goals
Nomads..........Two goals

The second half opened with some give-and-take play. The College forwards then combining beautifully together got near the home goal, where a free kick for "hands" was given against the homesters, and the ball being nicely placed was neatly headed through, thus equalising. The Rovers now gradually worked their way down the field, Rutherford conceding a corner, which was grandly placed by Watson, the ball dropping right into the goal-mouth, and then bounding through off one of the opposing backs. Shotley still continued to attack, and a combined run of the forwards ended in Murray adding a fifth goal. Rutherford struggled hard to score, but owing to the sound play of the home backs were unable to do so. The whistle sounding brought an end to a pleasant and well-contested game with the final result as follows:—

Shotley Bridge Rovers..........Five goals
Rutherford College..........Three goals

HOBSON WANDERERS v. LEADGATE PARK.

Considering the attractiveness of the above game there was scarcely such a good attendance as was expected at the Hobson on Saturday, probably not more than 300 paying "gate." The home team had only one fresh face in their ranks, and the Park were in a similar position, albeit the latter were weakened by the absence of R. Graham, G. Lock, and T. Snowdon, whose places were filled by W. Graham, W. Mansell, and J. Veitch respectively. The weather was dull, and the ground greasy and heavy when the teams lined up half-an-hour late as under—

Hobson Wanderers—Goal, J. McNeil; backs, W. H. Liddle (capt.) and M. McCue; half-backs, T. Heslin, E. Henderson, and J. Weedy; forwards, J. T. Bell, W. Hindhaugh, R. Race, A. Lown, and J. M. Maddison. Linesman, T. Amos.

Leadgate Park—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, Frank Foreman and W. Bell; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson (capt.), and J. Veitch; forwards, W. Graham, A. Dunn, S. Thompson, Joe Wilson, and W. Mansell. Linesman, A. Graham.

Referee, Mr Wm. Smith, Lintzford.

Wilson lost the toss for the Park, and the Hobson decided to play up the incline. Thompson set the ball in motion, but Weedy placed up, and R. Wilson missing the home men reached the top end, and after some desultory play secured a useless corner. The Park ran down, Weedy kicking into touch, and then Mansell tricked three or four opponents cleverly, but could only put the ball past. R. Wilson returned the goal kick, but Liddle stopped the Leadgate forwards when they were getting close in, and McCue was called upon to clear again shortly after. Maddison and Lown raised the siege, sprinting nicely up the left, but lost to Foreman, and a free kick followed to the visitors, which went out off Graham. Thompson shot over after a short run, and then hesitating play by the Park forwards enabled Liddle to dash in and effect a good clearance, but "Wilf" Bell returned in good style, and McCue was called upon. The latter directly after got the better of the visitors' right wing, but the ball came back and was sent over the line. "Hands" was given against the home team, from which Mansell secured, and in attempting to centre the greasy ball he put just by the upright. McCue robbed Dunn, but Veitch put over to the right, Graham sending by, and then Bell and Hindhaugh got away, and "Wilf" Bell making a mistake Race fastened on the ball and put through, but was adjudged to be off-side. "Hands" ensued against the Park, and Cartmell getting hold put to Thompson, who gave Mansell a nice pass, but Liddle proved a trifle too good for the veteran. After some play in front of the Hobson goal J. Wilson shot by, and from the goal kick Maddison and Lown ran the ball up the left, but Cartmell returned, only to see Liddle save with a big kick, and play was taken into the Park territory, but was quickly removed to mid-field, where a couple of fouls accrued to the Hobson, and off the second one the leather came to Race, who opened the scoring at close range, Crowther having no chance. From the centre kick the ball went to Graham, who gave to Dunn, but the latter put by with a weak attempt, and then Bell raced up the right and kicked across to Lown, who, however, was tackled before he could get in his shot. The Park forwards came away, Graham centreing into McNeil's hands, and the latter had all his work cut out to save, which it is doubtful whether he would have done had not Liddle come to the rescue at a very critical moment. Dunn gained possession, but stuck too long to the ball, with the result that he was robbed by Liddle, who sent up the field. Cartmell placed to Thompson and Dunn, who indulged in a nice run, but they could not get the better of Liddle, who was in champion form. Just after, Dunn secured from a free kick and sent in a bouncing shot which McNeil fisted away, but the visitors claimed that the custodian was over the line before he cleared, and the referee upholding their appeal the scores were equalised. The Park now pressed for a time, but Hindhaugh ran up and passed across to Maddison, a goal kick only resulting. Some well-judged passing by the Leadgate forwards took the ball right down the field, but at this point a short stoppage occurred owing to Dunn being "winded." On resuming, the Wanderers attacked hotly, and were awarded three corners in quick succession, but they were all got away, and a bad miss at the other end by McCue let in the Leadgate forwards, but Graham put over the line, and shot past again shortly after. Lown standing well up the field received from Race in a good position, but was rightly ruled off-side, and this led up to half-time—

Hobson..........One goal
Park..........One goal

The home team put on a lot of pressure after the re-start, and came very near getting in front on two or three occasions, but the play of Foreman, Bell, Cartmell, and Wilson was very safe, and prevented any disaster. The visiting forwards were getting under weigh when Weedy put in a good overhead kick, and Dunn sent the leather into touch. Henderson headed into the Park goal, and Foreman kicked away, but still the Hobson forced the pace, and Foreman had to deal with a well-placed corner, which was followed by a series of throws-in. Maddison and Lown put the visitors on the defensive again, but the position was well saved by Cartmell, and then, after a severe tussle on the goal-line between Liddle and Dunn, the ball came out to Cartmell, who centred in splendid style, but the forwards failed to take advantage of it. R. Wilson placed up cleverly to Dunn, who gave Graham a beautiful pass, and the latter shot in for McNeil to throw away. At this point one of the home halves somewhat lost his temper, with the result that he gave away a corner in quite unnecessary fashion, and the ball came out of the ruck to Foreman, who headed back into goal, but Liddle cleared effectually. Thompson, Dunn, and J. Wilson ran nicely up the field, "Sammy" putting the ball beautifully across the goalmouth, but Graham failed to get up in time, and a grand chance went a-begging. A free kick taken by Liddle was placed through without being played a second time, which was followed by a good run by Thompson and Dunn, the latter shooting over, but the whistle had previously gone for off-side. The home team continued to do most of the pressing, and were looking very dangerous on one occasion when Foreman effected a very fine clearance right in the goalmouth. Some exciting play on the Park right resulted in a corner to the visitors, but Heslin and McCue came to the rescue, the latter kicking into touch. The Park now had a spell of attack, and Graham fired in a magnificent shot, McNeil bringing off a wonderful save at the expense of a fruitless corner. The Hobson retaliated, and Crowther had to kick out from Race, whilst shortly after Bell shot high over the bar after some scrambling play near the Leadgate goal following on a free kick. The Park forwards dashed up the field, and getting right in seemed certain to score, but McNeil once more proved his worth and cleared miraculously. The visitors were certainly having the best of it at the close, but the home defence prevailed, and the final was—

Hobson..........One goal
Park..........One goal

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. WOLSINGHAM.

For their opening game the Celts secured a visit from Wolsingham, last season's winners of the Durham Junior Cup, and the match attracted a good "gate," something like 700 or 800 spectators being present. The ground looked in capital condition, and has been levelled up a good deal since last season. Several new players appeared in the home ranks, and, judging from their performance they are likely to strengthen the team. Wolsingham were represented by a pretty good eleven, although short of their regular custodian. The Celts turned out in their new colours as under:—

Annfield Plain Celtic—Goal, E. Lynop; backs, J. McClatchie and A. Moore; half-backs, T. Allison, W. Parker, and P. Bell; forwards, R. Forster, W. Ellis (capt.) J. Lynop, R. Gillender, and R. Bell. Linesman, H. Maude.

Referee, Mr. T. H. Wood, Jarrow.

Hobson started downhill for the visitors, and Wolsingham ran up, Moore repulsing, and Ward neutralised a run by the Celts. A foul off Soakell gave them a good look in, but nothing came of the advantage, and Parker put in some good work. "Hands" off Moore gave things a dangerous appearance in the Celts' goal, but McClatchie cleared. Kenny from the bottom corner centred well, but Hobson headed wide, and from the goal kick the Celts ran down and Bell put the leather through with a grand shot. Some hot midfield play afterwards ensued, and the home men several times looked dangerous, and the Wolsingham custodian (Johnson) cleared splendidly from Foster. The Weardale men then came away, and just when they appeared threatening "hands" was given from a scrimmage in goal, relieving the pressure. Bell shot right in, and a score seemed certain when Ward came across the goal mouth and cleared. Wolsingham made a smart run down on the left, but "Jimmy" McClatchie cleared neatly, shortly after repeating the performance. The visitors tried some kick and rush tactics, and as Lynop cleared well the Celts had an easy opening, and some nice play by the forwards resulted in R. Bell scoring number two for the Plain men. "Hands" was given in midfield, and Moore placing well, the ball bounced through for the third time. Play was now stopped owing to McClatchie getting hurt through colliding with one of the visitors, and on re-starting the Wolsingham left wing shot over. The visitors then forced a corner which was placed by Jno. Williams, and a hot bully ensued in the goal-mouth, Sherrington placing it through. Soakell put in a grand shot, but Lynop repulsed in good fashion, and McClatchie then stopped a heavy rush by the Weardale men. "Hands" was accorded Wolsingham in a favourable position, but Renshaw placed it right across the goal-mouth and bye, and from the ensuing kick the Celts ran up, some hot play following in the Wolsingham territory, but the defence proved too sound, and half-time sounded with the score—

Celtic..........Three goals.
Wolsingham..........One goal.

With matters so much in favour of the homesters at half-time, it was not surprising that the Celts should have the best of matters playing downhill, and when J. Lynop started the second period the leather travelled down into the goal-mouth, but the danger was averted by the visitors' left back kicking out of play. Foster and Ellis got possession of the ball and ran down, but were unable to score, and the Wolsingham half-backs carried the ball up the field, but McClatchie lifted the leather well down again, and after some combination by the forwards a "bully" ensued in the goal-mouth, and J. Lynop scored from the scrimmage, putting the Celts three goals to the good. On the restart another anxious period ensued for the Weardale men, but the backs played very well, and as the majority of the aggressive division had fallen back on their goal, a score was averted. Wolsingham came away, and Lynop saved twice in quick succession. The Plain men were not to be denied, however, and Foster taking a pass from the left shot number five. After this Wolsingham came away, and Hobson shot, Lynop making no attempt to save, a goal was accorded the dalesmen, much to the surprise of the spectators, the majority of them being of the opinion that the ball went over—as it no doubt did—Lynop's attitude also supporting this view. After this the Celts pressed hotly, but the final whistle blew with the score—

Annfield Plain..........Five goals.
Wolsingham..........Two goals.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

The teams met at Tantobie in weather the reverse of pleasant. The visitors led at half-time by two goals to one, but the home men equalised before the close, and the final result was—

Tantobie..........Two goals
Leadgate Park..........Two goals
Referee, Mr T. Dixon, Lintzford.

HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE V. LINTZFORD.

After the match between the Hobson and Park first teams the above elevens took the field to play off their league game, and, if anything, this proved more exciting than the previous match. The teams were as under:—

Hobson—Goal, J. Wilkinson; backs, W. Henderson and M. Smith; half-backs, R. Aitchison, J. Croudace, and W. Hall; forwards, J. Hindhaugh, W. Hindhaugh, H. Layton, J. Layton, and N. Bell.

Lintzford—Goal, R. Turnbull; backs, J. Carr and J. Gibson; half-backs, G. Dodds, J. Seath, and R. Abbott; forwards, T. Ferry, J. Laing, jun., A. W. Hayles, Jim Andrews, and T. Seath.

Referee, Mr. A. P. Little, Leadgate.

The Hobson won the toss, and Hayles commenced down the incline for the visitors, who were put on the defensive at the start, but Carr cleared, and Ferry ran down and put across the goal-mouth, the ball beating the other forwards and going past. H. Layton and W. Hindhaugh were going nicely up the field when J. Seath stopped their career, and Aitchison sent past. Andrews gave Hayles a nice chance to score, but the latter shot weakly, and Smith cleared without any difficulty. Laing returned with a nice run, but his final attempt only resulted in a goal kick, from which Andrews secured and put in a splendid shot, forcing a corner, which was well placed, but Hayles shot by from a favourable position. Bell and the brothers Layton contributed a clever run, and Carr had to kick out to save from J. Layton, following which Ferry made a capital single-handed sprint, putting across to Andrews, who ran the leather by. The "Ford" returned to the attack by the aid of T. Seath and Andrews, the latter being left in final possession, but the greasy ball spoiled all attempts to centre. Carr beat H. Layton and Bell in great style, Henderson replying with a clever kick, and the home team gained a corner, which came to nothing, as did a similar concession to the visitors just later. Andrews skimmed the bar with a fast shot, following which Ferry ran down and centred, but Croudace kicked away, Andrews receiving the ball from T. Seath put in a nice run and centred. Hayles missing a good chance, but Laing was adjudged off-side on fastening on to the globe. Aitchison passed neatly up into the visitors' goalmouth, but Bell shot over, and then at the other end Smith conceded a corner after good work by Andrews and T. Seath, but it proved abortive. H. Layton ran up and gave to W. Hindhaugh, but Gibson did not allow the right-winger to get in his centre, the leather going to Bell, who shot, but Turnbull was at his post and cleared in excellent fashion, and after a run down by Ferry and Laing the former shot past. Some weak play by Gibson gave the Hobson a fine opening, but Turnbull managed to get the ball away, and also dealt safely with a subsequent free kick close in. Clever work by Andrews and Hayles resulted in the visitors getting into dangerous proximity to the home goal, and the centre forward put through, but a successful claim for off-side was set up. Mis-kicking by the "Ford" backs again let in the homesters, but Turnbull would not be beaten, and sent out to Ferry, who took the leather down, only to again send by. Dodds was here conspicuous, running round two or three of the home team and giving to Andrews, but Henderson robbed the speedy left-winger and kicked up the field, Abbott returning with a splendid kick which just went wide of the post. Exciting play round the Hobson goal looked like ending in a sure score to the "Ford," and J. Seath had a fine chance on the ball coming out to him right in front of the posts, but all that he could do was to shoot wildly by, and half-time arrived—

Hobson..........Nil.
Lintzford..........Nil.

The home men pulled themselves together on resuming, and had rather the best of the exchanges for a few minutes, gaining one or two useless corners. However, the visitors soon asserted themselves, but could do nothing better than force a corner, which was followed by Bell putting in a good sprint, but he had eventually to succumb to Dodds. H. Layton was prominent for a good run, and put out to his brother and Bell, who, however, could not get past Carr, the latter giving to T. Seath, who lost to Hall. The Hindhaughs were making tracks for the "Ford" goal when pulled up by Gibson, and then Ferry had two or three nice openings, and on one occasion certainly ought to have scored, but could not get the ball in the right direction. Then Abbot secured and put in a grand kick, Laing having a rare chance presented to him with which he made no mistake, beating Wilkinson with a scorcher amid tremendous cheers from the Lintzford supporters. An appeal for off-side was over-ruled. There was no stopping the visitors, whose forwards were going in great form, and Ferry made the result secure by notching a second point. This concluded the scoring and the game ended—

Lintzford..........Two goals.
Hobson Reserve..........Nil.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

STANLEY V. JARROW.

Stanley alliance team paid their first visit to Tyneside in connection with the above tournament on Saturday last, their opponents being Jarrow. Since last season Jarrow has undergone many changes, and with the exception of Kent who is at present suspended, they had their full strength upon the field on Saturday. There was only one change in the Stanley team which defeated Birtley on Wednesday of last week; viz., Pentland filled the position of centre forward instead of Wood. To the Monkton enclosure people began to assemble fully half-an-hour before the advertised time for starting, and when Stanley first entered the arena there would be about 2,000 persons present including a contingent of many enthusiasts from the North-West Durham district; but at about 3.15 the attendance increased fully another thousand. As might be expected under the circumstances, the Jarrow team received the most cordial welcome. As the teams lined up the respective clubs were seen to be represented by the following players:—

Jarrow—John Cassidy, goal; D. Thompson and R. Curry, backs; Alex. Jones (captain), J. H. Connor, James Appleton, half backs; A. G. Kennedy, R. Cusick, Jos. Smith, Jos. Wallace, and Chas. Dixon, forwards.

Stanley—G. Morris, goal; E. Beckwith and W. Poston, backs; J. Millburn, E. Nicholson, and M. Cunningham, half backs; T. Crooks, T. Robson, J. Pentland, J. Masterman, and J. Howe, forwards.

The toss of the coin was in Jarrow's favour, and they elected to defend the bottom goal, playing with the wind. Pentland kicked off, and Masterman promptly took possession and ran down. He was challenged by Thompson who received, and sent over to Jones but the ball went out of touch. On the leather returning into play Smith sent well up and looked like getting near Morris, when Nicholson charged; he dispossessed his opponent in a clever style and gave to Crooks, who ran along the right wing to mid-field. Here Wallace received and returned with a long kick, which was followed up by Dixon, who, however, failed to pass Robson and had to transfer to Wallace. The latter had a shot at goal but it was a fruitless attempt. Stanley now warmed to their work, and combined well to the bottom end of the field, and Robson was showing signs of an attempt to score when Curry conceded a corner. In turn Jarrow rushed to the top end. The ball went out of touch, and on Kennedy placing well, Morris effected a clever save. After a few exchanges in front of goal Masterman got upon the orb and kicked well down. Smith, however, was in readiness but it was only by sheer fortune that he got away from Pentland who followed closely up. The ball had scarcely settled down when Stanley were fouled. The free kick brought a few minutes relief, but the Jarrow backs were so strong with the wind that a kick from Thompson sent the ball close up to the top goal when Kennedy sent in a shot which Beckworth did well to get away. A ring of applause went round the field at this performance, and so encouraged did the visitors appear at this acknowledgment that they infused a much faster spirit into the game. They pressed their men on all sides, and eventually got near the Jarrow goal. The backs of the home team were as determined as ever and refused to allow an attempt to score. Connor sent over to the left wing, where Dixon and Wallace opposed Crooks and Robson. The former, ultimately got away with the assistance of Smith, but their stay at the top end was only momentary, as, no sooner did Pentland and Howe get on the ball than Masterman rushed to their aid and altogether they speedily dribbled to the bottom end again. In this wise the game continued for the next few minutes. The exchanges were even, and the only run calling for special attention up to this point was that which took place along Stanley's left wing; Milburn got possession after a stiff struggle between himself and Cusick and Kennedy, and passed neatly to Masterman; this player rushed past Jones and was in the act of shooting at goal when Connor interfered, and prevented further progress. Wallace received from Curry and passed over the field. Again Stanley's left wing were in evidence. They took the ball into Jarrow's lines but Pentland mulled an attempt to score. The ball however, was kept in this vicinity for a few seconds, but Wallace broke away, and try as they could Crooks and Robson could not stay his speed. Cunningham, however, performed the requisite, and although Appleton showed improved play, he and his colleagues could not pass the Stanley guard. They fought bravely, and as a result the Jarrow forwards had to give way, for Pentland sent a neat shot down the field and on Robson receiving a good pass from Nicholson he cleared Jarrow's front line. Connor was in readiness, but it was only with the assistance of Thompson that he was dispossessed. The ball was taken up the centre of the field, but was as promptly returned—again chiefly through the instrumentality of Masterman, who was noticed to make a tricky run round Kennedy and pass over to the opposite wing. Robson was there when called upon, and in order to save his citadel Cassidy had to rush out from beneath the posts to the assistance of his colleagues. A minute or two afterwards saw the ball rolling rapidly in Stanley's lines, where corner was given against them. Thompson took the free kick, and placed the ball nicely into the net, but no score was allowed as no one touched the ball in its course. Jarrow now pressed hard and the Stanley defence had a busy time of it. They achieved some remarkable performances and it was only the result of perseverance and good football that they managed to hold their own until Milburn brought relief by kicking to midfield. Pentland and Crooks took up the running, but got only a short distance away, as the odds were greatly against them through the Jarrow defence being closely together. Again Jarrow relied upon their left wing to take the ball over the line, but they met an obstinate player in Nicholson who more than once prevented their run. Eventually they got past Stanley's half-way line and Dixon sent a flying shot at the target. Morris, however, was not caught napping and he fisted out in splendid manner. The ball went across to Stanley's left wing, and on failing to make a favourable impression at this part of the field, the Jarrovians took the leather to midfield. They pressed hard to the top end and again Morris saved by conceding a corner. Kennedy placed the ball, but it only resulted in another corner kick at the opposite side of the field. Dixon was entrusted to the kick, and although he placed well, Cunningham got the ball away to Pentland, who was in the act of making a favourable run when Kennedy and Smith interposed and put the orb out of their reach. Play was now turning very loose and after a few tame charges about the centre mark the whistle noted half time with

No Score.

After the internal, Jarrow started, and in the rush which Stanley opened play they carried the ball over the touch line. Dixon threw in to Smith who sent along the field and in order to save which might have been a troublesome attack Cunningham had to kick over the goal line. Nothing resulted from the corner. The ball went to midfield, and although at one point Kennedy beat Masterman, Howe took possession. Cusick challenged, and after some determined manoeuvering, got the leather and placed it to the toe of Kennedy who dribbled neatly into Stanley's territory. From wing to wing the ball traversed, until Nicholson caught it in the centre and banged it over the heads of the Jarrow forwards. Conner, however, returned with equal force. Robson and Crooks pounced upon the orb and with great skill went through the Jarrow team, the latter getting into a good shooting position, but mulling in the end. Appleton got in, but Pentland and Robson were soon upon his track and transferred play again back to top end. Play reigned here for a few seconds, until Wallace and Dixon dribbled away. They were tackled near the half-way line by Cunningham and Beckwith, and the former mentioned of the Jarrow left wing forwards handled the ball in his attempt to defeat the opposition. The field was at this juncture somewhat disarranged, and through the free kick which followed Wallace's handling, the Stanley forwards had time to get into their proper position. The whistle sounded and Beckwith kicked high. On the rebound the visiting forwards were there in a body and with only Smith and Cusick to contend with they got into Jarrow's quarters. The defence of the home team was equal to the occasion, however, and when their forwards met the Stanley's pressure the latter had to give way. Wallace ultimately putting in a shot which Morris easily coped with. Stanley continued to press, and Milburn giving Pentland and Howe a timely pass, hostilities were brought back to Jarrow's goal mouth, and Cassidy was called upon to leave his post and run out about twenty yards in order to save his goal. He just got out in the nick of time, but the kick was only weak, as no sooner did the home custodian get into his place than a shot arrived from Robson and glided by the upright. Jarrow, evidently awakening to their perilous position, retaliated to this pressure, and with some exertion managed to carry play through Stanley's defence. Wallace got in a shot at goal, but it had the same experience as that from Robson a couple of minutes earlier. Thus play continued for some time, each goal being visited in turn and each defence being placed upon their metal. About ten minutes afterwards Stanley cleared a corner kick by Jarrow but did not get far away until Brown judged his position well, and sent the ball over the players through the Stanley goal. It was completely out of the reach of Morris, and bestowed credit upon the scorer. Loud cheers rang out all along the field, and when the game re-started both teams went at it with a determined will. Pressure upon our sporting columns deprives us of the ability of going further into details on the match. Suffice it to say that Jarrow had the best of matters for the next ten minutes, but for fully twenty minutes and, right up to the close of the game Stanley pressed their men into their own ground and on different occasions had hard lines in not equalising. Final:—

Jarrow..........One goal
Stanley..........Nil

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BYER MOOR JUNIORS v. MARLEY HILL ST CUTHBERT'S JUNIORS.

Under the auspices of the above newly-formed League these teams met at Byer Moor on Saturday. The home team kicked off from the entrance goal, even play ensuing during the first ten minutes. Gradually the "Moorites" gained the upper hand, their efforts being rewarded by a goal, to be followed shortly after by two more, the interval finding Byer Moor leading by two goals to nil. On a resumption, the home team still maintained their superiority, and during this period raised their score to six, and the "Saints" towards the close obtaining two, the game ended—

Byer Moor..........Six goals
Marley Hill..........Two goals
Referee, Mr W. Hogarth, Burnopfield.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION.

JOICEY CHALLENGE CUP.

PELTON FELL v. EDMONDSLEY.

These teams met on the ground of the first-named, and resulted in a win for the home team, who opened their home fixtures with a good display, and ran out easy winners by four goals to nil.

SECOND DIVISION.

HAY CHALLENGE CUP.

PELTON FELL 2ND v. EDMONDSLEY 2ND.

Played at Edmondsley, and resulted in a win for the visitors by six goals to nil. The game was a very one-sided affair, the winners, who are a very smart team, displaying superior form throughout and scored nine goals altogether, three of which were disallowed, and also played ten men most part of the game.

NOTABLE FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

MR. W. KENT.

The popular captain of the Jarrow Association Football Club was born in Middlesboro on January 4th 1865, and commenced playing football shortly after leaving school, and played for one of the minor teams in Middlesboro. He soon made his mark, and then was drafted into the Middlesboro Grange Club playing for that team in 1892. In 1893 they won the Cleveland Junior Cup, and in 1893 they won the Cleveland Medal Competition. He then migrated to West Hartlepool, and played for the West Hartlepool N.E.R. team, assisting his old club the Middlesboro Grange against the newly-formed Jarrow Club in the end of 1894. The officers of the Jarrow club were struck with his sterling good play, and he was offered a place on the Jarrow team. He then came to Jarrow to work, and became very popular with the players and committee and was last season elected captain of the team, a post which he filled with such satisfaction to his many friends and admirers that he has been re-elected this year.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

BY "OFF-SIDE."

Hurrah! the football season is upon us once again, and, judging from what I have seen and heard, the game is more popular than ever—a state of things that is likely to continue for very many years to come despite the direful prophecies of the "milksop brigade." Although the past cricket season has been a wonderfully attractive one, there is not the slightest doubt but that football is the game in the north. I do not say this with any intention of disparaging the grand old summer pastime—of which there is not a more enthusiastic follower than myself—but facts speak for themselves, and the big assemblages at the various games on several nights last week amply bears out what I have written. However, there is plenty of room and to spare for both games, and long may they flourish say I. Nearly all our local clubs have opened the season with anticipations of a successful campaign, and I sincerely trust that these may be fully borne out in the result. The game has made rapid strides in North-West Durham within recent years, and we can now hold our own with clubs who, a few seasons since, thought their reserves quite good enough for our best best teams. Nor has this improvement been confined to one particular part of our district, but is general all over, and all who have the welfare of the game at heart cannot but rejoice at such an exceedingly satisfactory state of affairs. Outside of the English League, the Northern Alliance and the Northern League are the two leading bodies of the north, and I am proud to say that we have worthy representatives in both. The Tyneside League is also a rising combination, and here again we are well represented, whilst, of course, as its name applies, the Derwent Valley League is entirely composed of clubs within our district. It is safe to say that the interest in the game is now greater than at any previous period, and fully recognising this fact we shall, as usual, devote a large share of our space to the doings of the merry leather-chasers. I wish each and every club the best of luck.

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HONOURS EASY AT HOBSON.

A spirit of friendly rivalry has existed for many years between Leadgate Park and the Hobson, and most of my readers will remember what a fight the two clubs made for the championship of the Tyneside League during the first year of its existence, the question of supremacy hanging in the balance until the very last game of the season. No matter how badly they may fare away from home the Hobson men are always to be reckoned with on their own ground, and this the Park found out last April, previous to which they had been carrying all before them, but on this occasion they could only make a draw with the Wanderers. At the meeting held to arrange the Tyneside League fixtures for this season, Messrs Graham and Amos agreed to open at the Hobson on the first Saturday in September. However, as all who follow the game are aware, the Park were elected members of the Northern League subsequently, and of course their Tyneside engagements fell through. This notwithstanding the respective secretaries decided to keep the fixture good, with the result that the Park opened out the Hobson season as had been previously arranged, the match, of course, only being a "friendly."

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The Park did not make the journey with any very great amount of confidence, as they bemoaned the absence of their two extreme forwards—Graham and Lock—and also Snowdon, left half. As the reserve were engaged in a league fixture, it was not deemed advisable to place in jeopardy their chance of obtaining points by drawing upon them, so that the eleven were completed by the inclusion of Mansell, Veitch, and W. Graham. The Hobson team differed in two instances from that advertised, the veteran McNeil and "Elly" Henderson turning out after all, and taking the places of Wilkinson and Muirhead respectively. Naturally, one did not look for anything grand so early in the season, and it was plain to be seen that many of the players could do with a deal more training, it being a case of "bellows to mend" with several ere the interval was reached. There were certainly a few exciting incidents, but on the whole the game was of a scrambling character, and not to be compared with many previous struggles between the pair. A draw of one goal each was a fitting termination to the game, as there was but little to choose between the teams, both of whom missed a number of capital chances. Of course, we may look for a decided improvement in the play of both sides very shortly. The game served as a good pipe-opener for the combatants, whose exhibition was extremely creditable considering that the season has only just opened.

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I should say—and most people who saw the game will agree with me—that the Hobson captain (Liddle) was the most conspicuous man on the field. He has quickly got into form without a doubt, and one might easily have imagined that he had been on the warpath for some months instead of it being his first match. His kicking was grand on the slippery turf, whilst his judgment was seldom at fault. He got his side out of difficulties time after time, and always appeared to be in the right place when wanted. McCue was fair, but suffered in comparison with his skipper. It was pleasing to see McNeil once more in his old place, and he quickly proved that his hand has not yet lost its cunning. The halves did nothing great, Henderson being very short of practice. A new man named Race was given a trial at centre forward, but he did not impress me greatly, although for reasons mentioned above it would not be fair to judge of his capabilities upon a first appearance. I hope that he may turn out the missing link so much required by the Wanderers. Lown and Maddison are evidently going to make their presence felt again this season, and got on well together. They were certainly the pick of the front rank. "Tot" Bell showed good pace on several occasions, but W. Hindhaugh was only moderate. However, the whole team will do better after they have worn off the rustiness acquired during the close season.

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The Park were greatly let down by the substitutes, of whom Mansell and Veitch had had absolutely no practice whatever, and consequently it was not surprising that they were thoroughly done up at the end of the first half-hour. Of young Graham it may be said that he was responsible for the best shot of the afternoon, and only a wonderful effort on the part of McNeil prevented it taking effect. Crowther has rarely had an easier time, but the backs were provided with any amount of work, and both Foreman and Bell played a capital game, the latter being undoubtedly in his proper place on the defence, from which position he should not be shifted. Cartmell was not inferior to any half on the ground, giving an admirable display, and he had certainly the best wing to face. Of course, constituted as they were, too much could not be looked for from the forwards. The brunt of the work fell upon Thompson, Dunn, and Joe Wilson, who strove very hard for success, and played finely all through. The only fault that could be urged against them was a tendency to stick too long to the ball at times, but perhaps this was due to the fact that they had not their regular colleagues to pass out to, and this no doubt affected their play to some extent.

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A SURPRISE AT JARROW.

Stanley's first appearance in a Northern Alliance match was seen on Saturday last on the Monkton enclosure, where they tried conclusions with the Jarrow eleven. Although Jarrow held a good record from last year, Stanley's success on Wednesday evening of last week went far to weigh in their prospect of their next encounter, and the team and its supporters had every reason to believe that even if they did not obtain the first two Alliance points they sought for, they would not succumb to a serious defeat. Saturday's game at Monkton was interesting from many points to a Tyneside crowd. In the first instance it displayed a trial of new tournament blood, it tried several new local players, and withal it impressed upon the latter how determined a team from North-West Durham could appear even after so short a training, and with what skill they could play the game, and if necessary, accept a defeat in the best of humour.

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Stanley's defeat of one goal to nil was by no means a crushing one. In fact, it speaks to the contrary, for many a worse Alliance game by clubs which have been considered more superior has been seen on the Jarrow ground. Whatever may be said of the home team, Stanley played well. They were, as can be naturally surmised by anyone who did not see the match, a little disorganised. The goal keeper played a faultless game, whilst his defenders in the immediate front were generally safe. The halves were perhaps not so alert; they were strong in their kicking, but a little extra discretion in placing the ball would not be used to disadvantage. The forwards worked hard from first to last, and perhaps it was only in their determination to make a good show that their weak parts—if such they can be considered—came to light. Individually they could not have played a much better game, unless it was that they were weak in front of goal, but their combination was somewhat loose at one or two stages of the game. This may appear a grave criticism upon the team, but my Stanley friends, who, I hope, have always given me credit for straightforwardness, know that I mean well, for my comments point clearly to an exhibition of fair form, which before the season in many weeks older, and as the team become more fully acquainted with each other, will improve again.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN OPEN WELL.

The Lizzie Celtic, or, rather, the Annfield Plain Celtic, are evidently the better of the change in name which they have recently undergone. They were considerably too good for Wolsingham on Saturday, despite the fact that the dalesmen played a plucky game throughout. The Celts relied upon several of their old players, though E. Lynop, of Allendale Park fame, figured between the posts, and his brother "Jacky," also an old Allendale man, was in the centre. Gillender partnered Bell in the forward department, whilst Allison, of Craghead, was a new acquisition to the half-back line. The Weardale men were rather weakly represented, though they nevertheless brought a fairly good team.

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The game was not long in progress before it was evident that the Celtic players were working in excellent combination, and though they made but little headway in the first few exchanges, they held their opponents well in check, and were easily the superior team. The forward play was somewhat ragged at first, but the halves worked beautifully together, and after the attack got thoroughly warmed up they showed their characteristic dashing play. Wolsingham indulged in much of the "kick and rush" style, and they never got much of a chance at goal, the defence of both Moore (another new man from Craghead) and McClatchie being almost faultless. If not very scientific in their play the Wolsingham men stuck to their work excellently, and managed to trouble their opponents not a little. Johnson's display in goal was, however, far from good, and though the two shots which beat the visitor's goalkeeper in the first half were excellent ones they might easily have been stopped. The third goal should never have been scored, the Wolsingham left back (Ward) catching the ball on his head and sending it right through his own goal.

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Lynop had very little to do, but did it in his usual clever style. A word of praise is due to the home backs, who throughout the game tackled and kicked well, and the half-back division combined with them in capital fashion. Bell was perhaps the best of the forwards, though Foster and Ellis hardly got a fair chance, the opportunities accorded them being very few and far between. In the second half the forwards fairly worried the visitor's defence, which, when put to the test, was excellent. Johnson is, I believe, not the regular custodian of the Weardale team, and perhaps disaster might have accrued had it not been for Renshaw and Ward, who showed really good form. The Wolsingham halves can play the game well, especially Soakell, but the other two lack judgment, whilst the forwards are too apt to play wildly when in front of the goal. The Celts are to be congratulated upon opening so well against a team of such merit as Wolsingham. Bye-the-bye, when is that press-box going to be erected? I half expected to see it ready on Saturday, but as Sergt. Vickers, who is showing a deep interest in the doings of the Celts this year, says it will be ready soon, the pressmen live in hope.

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A BRILLIANT OPENING BY THE EXILES.

Although little known in this district, Seaham Harbour—to judge from their performances last season—are a really good combination, and only lost the championship of the Wearside League on goal average. Therefore, it was certainly a splendid feat on the part of the Exiles to tackle the Seaham Harbour men on their own ground and administer a decisive beating upon them. I understand that most of the Seaham team are really residents of Sunderland, and they were fully confident of their ability to take down the number of the "greens," so that the actual result came as a big surprise to them and their supporters. On this form the Exiles are likely to make a more prominent show than ever during the present season, but they were always noted for being able to play as well away as at home, which can be said of very few teams.

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The forward rank of the winners is the best they have had for quite a number of years, and their display on Saturday gave great satisfaction to all concerned. Brannen and Haley on the left played a splendid game, whilst Robson and J. McGee combined together on the other wing as if they had been partners for years, some of their passing runs being admirable. Robson had the honour of scoring the first goal of the season for the "greens," whilst the second, which came from the head of the clever little centre, Doyle, was one of the finest ever seen. The half-back line is as strong as ever, the new man, J. Rafferty, showing up prominently, as did both McGrachan and Hughes. W. McGee and Haggan kicked with all their former strength and confidence, and good old Callaghan, in goal, completed a very strong team indeed.

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TOW LAW GOING STRONGLY.

The loss of Thompson and Lumsden appears to have made little difference to Tow Law, and victories over Bishop Auckland and Darlington (both away) in the first week of the season speaks eloquently as to their strength. The hill-top boys have every reason to be proud of the way in which they have commenced their campaign, and a continuation of this form will land them very near the top of the Northern League when that competition closes. Darlington were thoroughly beaten at Feethams on Saturday, but they played fairly well for a first attempt, and their supporters are not without hope that they will turn out a good lot with more practice. Cooke, of the Reserve, who substituted Henderson in goal, was not a success, and should easily have saved one of the three points registered against him. Bousfield (the old Bishop Auckland back) played an excellent game, but his partner (McGregor) was not so good. The halves were fair, whilst amongst the forwards Dunn and Boyle made a capital left wing, and Watson in the centre was going all the time, and should fill this difficult position satisfactorily during the season.

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Tow Law exhibited admirable all-round form, and were unquestionably the superior team. The forwards combined well, and were tricky, McIntosh putting in a lot of effective work in the centre. Temperley was as usual in grand form, and continually proved a thorn in the side of the Darlington forwards. He appears to be better than ever, and that is saying a deal. Allison again proved what a reliable custodian he is, and although he was tried with all sorts of shots he only allowed one to escape his vigilance. The half-backs were

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a very level trio, W. Waites making an uncommonly good show, and they were generally equal to the task of dealing with the opposing attack.

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LINTZFORD OPEN WITH A WIN.

The "Ford," as they are familiarly termed by their supporters, made but a moderate show in the Derwent Valley League tournament last year, but there appears to be every indication that they will, this season, improve upon their former record. Owing to the fact that they cannot enter into possession of their ground until late on in the season, the "Ford" are placed in the unfortunate position of having to play their first five fixtures away from home, and this indisputably handicaps the team. However, they made a capital beginning at the Hobson on Saturday, and are to be congratulated upon the excellent game they played. They were undoubtedly superior to the home team, and fully deserved their victory, which sent the many supporters of the winners who were present into transports of delight. Nor could the esteemed secretary of the league (Mr. W. Smith) conceal his satisfaction at the way in which his boys had acquitted themselves. If only for the sake of such genuine sportsmen as Messrs Smith and Dixon, I hope that the "Ford's" success on Saturday is only the forerunner of many more, and that the team will finish near the top of the competition.

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As foreshadowed in my "Football Prospects," Lintzford tried several new men, and, what is more satisfactory still, all of them came off. Carr (late of the Spen) is a rare catch, as he is a splendid back, whilst another player from the same locality (J. Laing, jun.,) makes an admirable partner for Ferry. Hayles did not distress himself in the centre, but evidently has a good knowledge of the game. The "Ford" are very strong forward—Andrews, Ferry, and T. Seath being all good men. Turnbull is a reliable custodian, whilst Gibson shaped creditably in his new position at back. "Jocker" Seath played a fine game at centre half, and was always in the thick of the fray, whilst "Bob" Abbott wears wonderfully well for a veteran, and Dodds is more than useful. The display of the Hobson was certainly disappointing, and there was an entire lack of combination amongst the forwards. H. Layton, W. Hindhaugh, and Bell did good work individually, but will do well to remember that combination is the secret of success. All the halves worked hard, especially the wing men, whilst Smith is a good back, and his sound defence saved his side many a time. Henderson is not the Henderson of old, although he occasionally got in some nice pieces of play. No fault attaches to Wilkinson for the defeat, as the shots which scored were "warm 'uns."

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A DRAW AT TANTOBIE.

Considering that they have not been very long in existence, and also the fact that they have only just recently been admitted as members of the Derwent Valley League, the Tantobie Co-operators may be said to have done better than their most sanguine supporters could expect in making a draw with last year's champions (Leadgate Park Reserve) in their opening fixture. The committee did their utmost to put a strong team into the field, and altogether they were fully prepared for a good beating from such redoubtable opponents as the Park Reserve. However, the home men played up most pluckily, and never giving in till the finish had the satisfaction of drawing level just before time was called. The result certainly came as a surprise to the "Co-ops" and their supporters, and if they can keep up this form they will wind up a long way from the bottom of the list. For their first game the Park combined fairly well, but will probably improve upon Saturday's performance with more practice—a remark that is also applicable to Tantobie.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS.

For their opening game at the Spa grounds, Shotley Bridge Rovers received a visit from a strong team yclept Rutherford College Nomads. The match was well-fought out to the finish, and although the visitors put on the first two goals the Rovers were in no wise disheartened, and ultimately had the satisfaction of running out winners by a majority of two goals—five to three. The home men showed capital form for their first encounter, and gave promise of being stronger than ever. Both the defence and attack were in good trim, and the Collegians probably found them a harder nut to crack than they had anticipated. I shall be disappointed if the Rovers do not make an extremely creditable display in the Derwent Valley League competition.

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PROPOSED REFEREES' ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

TO THE FOOTBALL EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—I was extremely glad to see the letters of Mr. Amos re the above subject, and also that of "J. M." It is a matter which will benefit players and referees alike. Players will have more confidence in "certificated" referees (if I may be permitted to use the term) while the latter will not be suspected of partiality so much as of yore. Sir, before the Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association was formed, I had thought what a benefit to the game it would be, and also mentioned the matter to various gentlemen, who thought likewise. I am, therefore pleased to see Mr. Amos broach the subject. I think, with him, that an association in our own district, and affiliated to the Newcastle body, would be best. At the same time I would put another plank in the "Newcastle programme" (no politics please), and have both (theoretical and practical "exams." It could be easily done, but more of that anon. Come now, Messrs Little, Smith, Graham, and Co., come forth and show your hands. Trusting that you sir, will shortly announce a meeting—at Blackhill I should propose.—

I remain, yours faithfully,

JNO. ED. TAYLOR.

Blackhall Mill, Ebchester, Sept. 5th, 1896.

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Dear sir,—It is with interest I notice that the formation of the Durham and Northumberland Referees' Association is rapidly awakening the two counties to the necessity of such an association and I am also glad that Mr. Amos has opened out a correspondence in your valuable columns for the extension of such in your district, which I sincerely hope will lead to good results. It is obvious that such has been needed to meet the wants of the clubs generally. Mr. Glass, in his reply to Mr. Amos's first letter gives the necessary information required as to how the membership of the above association can be extended, which I hope will receive a favourable reception by the district. But there is one item Mr. Glass omits from his letter, that is:—"All Leagues or Alliances in the two counties can have a list of the successful candidates submitted to them for their discretion in selection." So you will see that should the Board of Examiners visit your district, you will be able to select referees in your immediate neighbourhood. It is therefore essential and important in the highest degree that we should have a central association for the two counties. But let me even go farther. I am of an opinion that if all Leagues and Alliance Committees would submit their fixture-cards, and likewise each association the result of their draws to the Referees Association, and allow them power to select referees out of their number for the various districts, it would prevent many a dispute and be a much better plan. Mr. Amos, in his second letter, I fancy, from it tone, entirely agrees with the provisions laid down by Mr. Glass, and, as I read it, wishes for the extension of the association by the election of cut-committees in various districts for the education of referees periodically in their particular districts. That I heartily agree with, and I think it would receive the co-operation of all the present Referees' Association committee and members, as it is their intention to hold educational meetings for the improvement and benefit of all referees. That being the case, they would not, I think, have any objection to sub-educational committees being elected outside a stated area, as travelling expenses would be a great consideration.

I am, dear sir, yours truly.

A. A. FLETCHER.

Swalwell, Sept. 8th, 1896.

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NEWS.

The season has now commenced in earnest, and any amount of good games are down for Saturday.

Dipton and Stanley will be both engaged in Alliance matches at home, but the latter have unquestionably the hardest task set them in facing Willington Athletic, who last week disposed of Blyth.

I shall certainly expect to see Dipton open with a win against St Peter's Albion.

The Park will need to be upon their best behaviour at South Bank, but I feel confident that they will acquit themselves with credit.

The Exiles will again be away on Saturday, and Axwell Rovers will have to improve upon last Saturday's performance if they hoped to be them.

The Rev. R. S. Hay (formerly curate of Leadgate and a fine forward in his time) preached twice at St. Ives Church on Sunday to large congregations.

Mickley should prove a great attraction at Consett on Saturday, where they will antagonise the Swifts in the Tyneside League.

Hobson Wanderers held a most successful supper in their pavilion on Saturday.

The Wanderers are fortunate in having a large number of lady supporters, and they are seen to advantage on occasions like this.

I commend the attention of my readers to the two letters which appear in connection with the proposed Referees' Association for North-West Durham.

A meeting will probably be called at an early date, due notice of which will be given.

Lintzford had a most enthusiastic band of supporters at the Hobson on Saturday, and they did not forget to make their presence felt.

Annfield Plain play the first of their Tyneside League fixtures at Hexham, and will find the Excelsior bad to beat on their own ground.

Leadgate Exiles, Leadgate Park, and Wolsingham all have byes in the English Amateur Cup, whilst Tow Law are exempt from the Qualifying Competition.

In the first round of the Qualifying Competition for the English Cup, Leadgate Exiles meet Wallsend Park Villa, and Wolsingham play West Hartlepool N.E.R.

Leadgate Park, Birtley, and Mickley have drawn byes, whilst Tow Law are exempted to the third round.

The draw for the Durham Cups takes place tonight (Friday), and this is being eagerly anticipated in many quarters.

I had a visit last week from my old friend, Mr. John McCurley, who is looking wonderfully well.

He has still as warm a side for football as ever, and is doing his utmost to popularise the game in the Walker district.

The result of the game at Jarrow on Saturday came as a surprise to everybody.

It was generally expected that Stanley would go down by four or five goals.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett United would like to arrange matches with junior teams; average age, 14. Apply, Thos. Williams, 12, Buddle Street, Delves Lane, Consett.

Kyo United have all dates vacant for moderate first or good reserve teams. Apply, T. Scorer, 18, Robert Street, West Kyo, Annfield Plain.

Spen Young Albions would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, J. Ettringham, 20, East Street, High Spen, Lintz Green.

Craghead Athletics have the following dates vacant—Oct 10, 24, Nov 21, Jan 2, home; Feb 6, 20, Christmas Day, March 5, 19, April 2; ages, 17 to 19. Apply to W. Wilson, Railway Street, Craghead.

South Moor Albions have the following dates vacant—Oct 12, Nov 21, 28, Dec 5, 26, Jan 2, 16, 30, Feb 13, 27, March 13, 20, 27; and would like them filled up with moderate 1st or good 2nd teams. Apply, Ben Handy, 9, Louisa Terrace, Stanley, R.S.O.

Burnopfield Temperance Juniors 2nd have all dates vacant, and would like the filled up with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply, L. Jackson, Low Farm, Lintz Green.

Burnhope Young Rovers would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 13 to 16. Apply to D. Cowie, 11, Cross Row, Burnhope.

Consett Fell Rangers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 17 to 15. Apply to T. Hull, 27, Puddler's Row, Consett.

Tantobie Co-operators Reserve have several dates vacant, and would like them filled up with moderate reserve teams. Also, Wednesday team have all dates vacant. Apply, J. Bell, Stores, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Esh Winning United (late Bluebells) have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible.—Apply for dates to J. Tighe, Esh Village, near Durham.

Stanley Royal Oaks cannot arrange any dates on account of the club having broken up.

Hamsterley Colliery Lilywhites want matches; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, Thomas Gardner, 11, Prospect Row, Hamsterley Colliery.

Consett Shamrocks would like to arrange dates with good minor teams. Apply, M. Page, 20, Dixon Street, Blackhill.

Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING.

At Beamish a rabbit match took place between Stoke's Jack and Brown's School Boy. School Boy won. Betting ruled at 7 to 4 on Jack.

FIVES.

Chester-le-Street.—There was a very large attendance at the Chester-le-Street Fives Court on Saturday to witness a double handed match between Walker and Pine, of Craghead, against Michael and E. Wright of Chester-le-Street, for £20 a-side. A hotly-contested game, extending over four hours, resulted in a victory for the Craghead couple Scores:—Walker and Pine, 33; Wrights, 27. Joe Carr was stake-holder and referee.

QUOITING.

Winlaton.—The handicap at the Old House Inn, Winlaton, promoted by Mr Robert Evans, resulted as under:—H West, Windy Nook, 17, beat T Dodds, Winlaton, 12, by 4; J Lowden, Winlaton, 18, beat J Forster, Winlaton, 6, by 6; E Evans, Winlaton, 19, beat R Cotherne, Stargate, 18, by 2; J Gray, Windy Nook, 18, beat J Wilson, Path Head, 16, by 1; S Watson, Gateshead, 18, beat N Hosking, Winlaton, 18, by 1; W Morton, Greenside, 18, beat W Smith, Stargate, 14, by 2; C Laskey, Newcastle, 12, beat I Gray, Windy Nook, 16, by 4; J Forster, Stargate, 14, beat R Lowes, Barlow, 17, by 4. The handicap will be resumed next Saturday.

Winlaton.—On Saturday at the ground attached to the Turf Hotel, Winlaton, the following heats were decided in the first round of the handicap promoted by Mr T Carr, who adds £2 to all entrance money. Mr F Thoburn was referee and handicapper. Details:—First round (continued)—Darkey Joe, Winlaton, 18, beat J Grundy, Winlaton, 20, by 3; Y March, Winlaton, 18, beat W Grey, Blaydon, 14, by 11; J Hughes, Old Pit, 20, beat N Forster, Old Pit, 20, by 5. The handicap is still open, and will be continued next Saturday. At the quoit grounds adjoining the Commercial Hotel, Winlaton, the handicap promoted by Mr Thomas Forbes, who adds £1 to an entrance fee of 1s, was continued. Heat 15—W Laidler, Winlaton, 16, beat M Knowles, Winlaton, scratch, by 4. Heat 16—N Whitfield, Winlaton, 16, beat T Renwick, Winlaton, 16, by 7. Heat 17—W Rayne, Winlaton, 18, beat J Hedley, Rowlands Gill, 18, by 6. Heat 18—J Dobson, Crawcrook, 14, beat Wm Armstrong, Greenside, 18, by 5. Mr Thos Forbes was referee and handicapper. The handicap, which still remains open, will be resumed next Saturday.

DIPTON ODDFELLOWS' SPORTS.

The two Oddfellows' lodges in Dipton united together in the promotion of a brass band contest and sports, which took place in a field behind the Collierley Board Schools, Dipton (granted by Rev E. Tusen and Mr F. Turnbull), on Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately, there was only a single entry (Chester-le-Street) for the amateur brass band contest, although £25 was offered in prizes, and the competition had to be abandoned. The committee accordingly engaged the services of the South Derwent Prize Brass Band to perform selections of music. Details:—

£10 10s 120 Yards Foot Handicap (70 entries).—Winners of heats—J Dent, Blackhill, 26; J Walker, Kyo, 21½; D Kelly, Dipton, 21; J Reed, Consett, 26; J Bentick, Happy Land, 26; T Nealey, Cement Houses, 26; W Cashel, Langley Moor, 26; R Wilson, Blackhill, 24; F Hall, Cutler's Hall, 21; F Pearson, Stoney Heap, 26; J Crawford, Annfield Plain, 26; T Miller, Blaydon, 26; R Coxon, Pelton, 26; W Elsdon, Blaydon, 21½; and E Wears, Dipton, 26. Second round—Heat 1—Dent 1, Walker 2, Reed 3, Kelly 4. Won by a foot. Heat 2—Smurthwaite 1, Nealey 2, Cashel 3, Bentick 4. Won by a yard. Heat 3—Pearson 1, Wilson 2, Hall 3, Crawford 4. Won by a foot. Heat 4—Miller 1, Wears 2, Coxon 3, Elsdon 4. Won by six inches. Final—Dent, £7, 1; Miller, £2, 2; Pearson, £1, 3; Smurthwaite, 10s, 4. Won by a yard, three-quarters of a yard between second and third, the fourth man being a yard behind. Mr J W Robson, South Pontop, was handicapper and referee; and C Heslop, Greencroft, pistol-firer.

80 Yards Boys' Race.—A Quigley, Cornsay, 1; J Carts, Dipton, 2; W Parker, Dipton, 3. Won easily. Referees, Messrs T Simpson and Glenwright.

Girls' Skipping Competition (most turns in 1 minute).—Miss P Walker, 150 turns, 1; Miss E Turnbull, 144, 2; Miss S A Cooke, 142, 3; Miss Glenwright, 120, 4. Referee and timekeepers, Messrs T Laverick and P Bell.

The quoit handicap on the award received 70 entries, and resulted in a long division. Referee, Mr Thomas Milburn.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—There was forward on Monday only a small number of stock, for which there was an extra good trade, buyers being forward in good numbers, and everything sold at satisfactory prices:—10 fat cattle, £12 2s 6d to £14 17s 6d; fat sheep to 46s each; fat lambs to 34s 6d; keeping lambs 17s to 20s; calves to 31s 6d; pigs, 12s 6d to 5 s 6d; store cattle, £3 12s to £7 each; cows, £8 10s to £13 17s 6d. A large number of poultry, harness, and ladders were sold at fair prices.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 20 dairy cows and heifers, 10 fat cattle, 3 store cattle, 12 calves, 16 pork pigs, 185 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £22 10s; fat cattle to £15; heifer stirks to £6 10s; calves to 6 w; porkers to 5 s; fat mule ewes to 27s 6d—top, Mr J. Dowson, West Newlands; fat lambs to 33s 6d, from Mr B. Hodgson, Etherley; to 28s 6d, from Mr W. Vickers, Eastgate; to 26s 9d, from Mr A. Oates, Greenwell Hill; to 28s 3d, from Mr T. Stobbs Hare Law; to 26s, from Mr G. Wearmouth, The Ashes.

Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Ltd.—Monday Sept. 7th, Mr Jackson Green, auctioneer, had forward 100 sheep and lambs, 4 fat cattle, 12 pigs, 40 geese, and a quantity of poultry, young sheep from Mr Green, Satley to 41s 6d sold to Mr J. D. Hunter, Sacriston, Mr Jas. Hunter, Langley Park; from Mr W. Gibson, Newbiggen, to 40s, sold to Mr Green, West Stanley Co-operative Store, and Mr G. Stoddart; from J. Crawford, West Belsay, to 39s, sold to Mr Green, h.f. wedders from Mr J. Reed, to 35s, sold to Mr Swainston, Sacriston; from Mr Wilson to 27s 6d, sold to Mr Swinburn, and Mr W. Hunter; from Mr Jameson to 27s 6d, sold to Mr Walburn; from Mr. Robinson, Margery Flat to 27s 6d, sold to Mr Jas. Hunter, and Mr Swainston. Fat cattle to £10. Pork pigs, 39s. Young pigs 16s 6d. Geese 3s 10d &c., &c. There was a a largecompany of buyers, and a very brisk trade was carried on.

Special Sale of Lambs at Chester-le-Street.—The second special sale of grazing lambs and grazing cattle was held on Wednesday se'nnight. There was an excellent attendance of buyers from all parts, and bidding was brisk from start to finish. The number forward was 1,405 keeping lambs, 40 feeding sheep, and 66 grazing cattle. Cattle made up to £13 5s, top, Mr P. Brown, Medomsley Edge; stirks to £ 0 7s 6d; feeding to 42s 6d. Tree-parts bred lambs—Hermitage, 28s 6d; Urpeth Riding, 25s 9d; Arbour House, 17s; Eltringham, 27s; Plawsworth, 24s 9d; The Briggs, 24s; Fatfield, 20s; Broom House, 2 s 6d; Eden Hill, 31s 9d; Beaumount House, 21s 3d; Moss Kennels, 24s; Waldridge, 27s 6d; Waldridge Hall, 2s 9d; Gibside, 14s 9d; Shrops, 25s 6d; Greenwell House, 24s; Hill House, 16s 9d; The Cleppers, 28s 6d; Waldridge Fell, 21s. Mule lambs—Ravensworth Hill Head, 17s 9d; The Lamports, 17s 6d; Hair Houses, 16s 7d; Low Shield Green, 18s. Black-faced lambs, 8s 6d to 2s 6d. Every lot was cleared out. In several instances last year's prices were exceeded from 1s to 2s 6d per head; others showed a slight fall.

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A SUCCESSFUL LEEK GROWER AT SWALWELL.

A large party of friends, assembled at the Highlander Hotel, Swalwell—Mr. Thomas Robson, being in the chair, to congratulate Councillor Wm. Blackbird, of Swalwell, upon his success of having again won the "Ramsay Challenge Cup," this being the second year, in succession that he has won it at the Swalwell Flower Show, held in Axwell Park. During the seven years that the show has been held, he has been four times first, and three times second, which is considered to be a most remarkable feat. At this same show held on September 1st 1895, he exhibited one of the largest and best leeks ever grown in the North, which averaged 12 inches long by 2¼ inches thick, and which is admitted to be the largest leek ever seen at such an early date, it having the appearance of having been turned in a lathe, it was so smooth and uniform in shape. A photograph of which can be seen any time at the Highlander Hotel, Swalwell. About eight years ago he won four leek shows, which were held at Gateshead, and also the great Derby, which was held at Mr. Bagnall's, Cannon Inn, Low Fell, having won above forty pounds in prizes, between the years 1887-8. Mr. Blackbird has also had a very successful career as a fruit and vegetable grower, especially apples and rhubarb, as the following will show: In 1890, he exhibited three stems of rhubarb at the Swalwell Band of Hope Gooseberry Show, the weight of each stem being as follows:—1st stem, 13½lbs; 2nd stem, 12¼lbs; 3rd stem, 11¾lbs, the total weight of which was 38lbs. The following is the measurements of the largest stem:—12 inches in circumference, 21½ inches in length, and 4ft 10ins., being the width of the leaf. It is worthy of note that these three stems, were all pulled from one "eye," and are the same weight as three stems exhibited by him at the same show held in 1887. The above are said to be the heaviest on record by five pounds. Mr. Blackbird can also boast of having pulled from a tree in his garden, a bunch of apples, which were part of a second crop, grown in November, 1893. A November crop of apples is a truly remarkable phenomenon.

MR JUSTICE HAWKINS AND VIVISECTION.

Mr. Joseph Collinson, of the Humanitarian League, writes to us as follows:—"May I ask if you can find room for the following letter of a learned Judge, which makes striking reference to the question of vivisection? The latter was recently addressed to the Secretary of the London Anti-Vivisection Society, and runs thus:

5, Tilney St., Park Lane, London.

Dear Sir,—Nobody can wish your Society perfect success more cordially than I do. I hate the notion of Vivisection, and should be very glad to see it absolutely and entirely prohibited, unless indeed the love of service and the essence of philanthropy should induce some hardy human creatures to offer themselves for experiments, instead of allowing poor helpless creatures to be forcibly or treacherously sacrificed for objects in which they are not concerned.......

H. HAWKINS.

The above communication is well fitted to show that opposition to vivisection does not necessarily imply the presence of any weak sentimental feeling. Nobody would dream for a moment of calling Mr. Justice Hawkins a sentimentalist.

ROOKHOPE.

The Miners Strike.—The miners strike at Rookhope continues. Men, with families, earning 7/7 per week, have decided to face the inevitable rather than work in unhealthy and dangerous lead mines.

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LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL

On Wednesday evening last, the usual monthly meeting of the above body was held in the Board-room, Leadgate, Coun. W. F. Lane presiding in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman. The other Councillors present were—Messrs J. W. Winter, Thos. Keenleyside, J. Costello, M. D. Greener, W. McIvor, W. Robson, and H. Cheesemond; the Surveyor (Mr. T. S. Longstaff), and the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland.)

THE LEADGATE RAILWAY STATION.

Coun. Winter called attention to the present state of the Railway Station, which he considered was dangerous, especially when two trains were arriving together, and people were crossing from one platform to the other. He moved that this matter be brought before the North Eastern Railway Company, and that they be asked to make an approach on to the up platform.

This was seconded by Coun. Costello, and approved of.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Geo. Renton) reported that the district might be said to be in a healthy condition. The cases of infectious diseases reported were one of erysipelas and two of scarlet fever. The latter were removed to the hospital.

THE ALLEGED NUISANCE IN FRONT STREET.

The Clerk said that Dr. Renton, with several members of the Council, had inspected the slaughter-house belonging to Coun. Keenleyside, and the dwelling-house occupied by Mr. Robson, and his report had been received.

The Chairman: This will be interesting to the whole Council.

The report read as follows:—

On the 28th ult., in the presence and with the assistance of several members of the Council, we made an inspection of the dwelling occupied by Mr. R. Robson, painter, Front Street, Leadgate, and of the slaughter-house belonging to Mr. Keenleyside, butcher, which was placed against the gable of the aforesaid dwelling. It was alleged that a nuisance detrimental to the health of the occupants of this dwelling was caused by its contact with the slaughter-house, in that blood from the slaughtered animals found its way into the foundation of the dwelling, led to the formation of maggots, and caused offensive odours to permeate certain of the living rooms, making them, practically uninhabitable, and affecting adversely the health of the inmates and their comfort. A complete examination of the slaughter-house was made in the first instance, attention being principally directed to its condition as to cleanliness, to the slope of the floor, and the state of the soil in the foundation of the gable of the dwelling. First as to its condition—it was found both well kept, clean, and orderly, and there were no offensive smells perceptible. The slope of the floor was away from the dwelling, so that the blood from slaughtered animals would naturally gravitate in the proper direction. Several slabs were removed, and the soil from the foundation of the gable of the house examined in several places. The soil was perfectly dry and sweet, free from smell, and exhibited no evidence of saturation by blood. The dwelling was next under examination, and to facilitate this the board from the floor of the room where the offensive odours were said to exist was removed, and specimens of soil taken up and examined. No smell was perceptible to him, nor was the soil in an offensive condition. There was found to be free ventilation under the floor. The room in which maggots were stated to have been found had been recently cemented, so that a complete examination was impossible. On raising a portion of oilcloth, however, the floor was found to be in a very damp state, and the smell peculiar to that condition was perceptible. The part of the slaughter-house in apposition to the position in the dwelling, where the maggots were stated to have formed at the higher end, and several yards distant from where the animals were slaughtered gradients were carefully taken, and it was found that the level of the dwelling-house was several inches above that of the slaughter-house. The inferences he drew from this examination were, that there were no present conditions, either in the position of the slaughter-house, its state of cleanliness, or the condition of the soil to constitute a nuisance detrimental to the health of the inmates of the adjoining dwelling, and that in the dwelling itself, the only thing calling for remark was the dampness of the floor of the higher room, such dampness, however, not being traceable to the slaughter-house. Although the erection of this slaughter-house was sanctioned by the old Board there could be no doubt that it was done contrary to the Act, and that in its present position it constituted a nuisance under the Act.

The Chairman: Now, gentlemen, you have heard the doctor's report, and it is open to the members of the Council to express their opinion concerning it.

Coun. Winter thought that as the subject was one of considerable importance, it would be well for the whole of the correspondence relating to the matter to be read.

The Clerk then read the whole of the correspondence, including the letters from Messrs Miller and Dickinson, solicitors, Newcastle, on behalf of Mr. Robson.

Coun. McIvor: My opinion is that the whole Council will be prosecuted.

The Chairman: It was my business, in company with other members of this Council, to inspect the premises, and I am sure that Mr. G. Nicholson could not have taken any greater pains than he did. We went to considerable trouble and turned up the ground to as much as a foot in depth. Then we went into the next house at great inconvenience, and I may say that we were not received with that grace we should have liked. The only smell we noticed was that arising from the dinner which was in process of cooking, and that militated against our perceiving it. I don't see that the Council can do anything in the matter.

Coun. Winter: The matter requires serious consideration. There have been certain allegations made against the Council, or against certain members of this Council. We have been charged with being influenced by the fact that one of the gentlemen concerned is a member of our Council. I should have been pleased if all the members of the Council could have heard all the allegations that have been made. I, for one, should like to repudiate such a charge. To my mind everything that could be done was done, and I should say that it was satisfactory. As far as human eyes could see, there was nothing that could be termed a nuisance.

Coun. Robson thought they should adopt the doctor's report as being satisfactory.

Coun. Costello thought if they accepted the doctor's report they accepted the slaughter-house as a nuisance.

Coun. Robson: We have to do with the alleged nuisance. The doctor has sent us a report, and if we are not satisfied with it what is there that we can do?

Coun. Costello: The doctor has put us in a queer position by the closing words in his report.

Coun. Robson: Yes, he has placed us in a dilemma.

Coun. Winter: I move that we reply stating that after very careful inspection we have come to the conclusion that there is no existing nuisance.

The Chairman: The first question to consider is, has the building been condemned as insanitary?

Coun. Greener: It has not been condemned.

Coun. Costello: The Medical Officer has stated that it is contrary to the Act, and it is therefore a nuisance. I question very much if the late Board are not responsible.

Coun. Winter: I don't think that we need be alarmed. An appeal must first be made to the owner.

Coun. Robson: To get over the difficulty will Mr. Keenleyside take all the responsibility?

Coun. Keenleyside: Certainly not.

Coun. Greener seconded Coun. Winter's motion, and on Coun. McIvor's suggestion a rider was added to the effect that a copy of the doctor's report should be forwarded to Messrs Miller and Dickinson.

The resolution was passed, Coun. Robson remaining neutral.

Coun. Robson: The doctor said it was a nuisance and what could they do?

Coun. Keenleyside: What will you do? Move a resolution.

After further remarks, Coun. Robson said he would leave it with the two gentlemen.

Coun. Greener: That is what Mr. Winter moves.

Coun. Robson said the matter was between Mr. Robson's solicitors and the Council, who were involved.

Coun. Costello: It is a legal point.

Coun. Keenleyside: Then let legal men deal with it.

Coun. Costello said if it came to law, Mr. Keenleyside might turn round and come upon the Council for compensation in allowing him to erect a slaughter-house.

Coun. McIvor said there had been some reflections upon the Medical Officer, which he thought were not justified. The solicitors who wrote knew the Act perfectly well, but probably the doctor did not. Personally he thought they should get out of the matter as quietly and reasonably as they could. They knew perfectly well that the matter would cost a considerable sum, and they should endeavour, if possible, to compromise the matter with Mr. Robson and his solicitors. If the matter went to law, and Mr. Robson was successful, as he probably would be, because a technical offence was really an offence, they would be punished by means of compensation or pulling down the slaughter-house. Therefore he advocated trying to settle the matter quietly.

Coun. Keenleyside asked for copies of the correspondence between the Council and the solicitors.

Coun. McIvor moved, and Coun. Greener seconded that the request be granted.

Coun. Robson: Before that motion is put I should like to ask if the other side will be granted the same privilege?

The Chairman: Oh, certainly.

Coun. Costello: I move that the privilege be not granted. If it is granted any other person could ask the same thing.

Coun. Robson: Mr. Keenleyside has thrown us into this muddle and has made this matter public.

Coun. Keenleyside: To let Mr. Robson see that I am perfectly honourable I may point out that I suggested bringing it before the Council to both the Chairman and the clerk.

Coun. Robson: It is not a question of being honourable, but of putting the Council in a muddle.

Ultimately the motion was carried, Mr. Robson again being neutral.

The Chairman: Are you voting, Mr. Robson?

Coun. Keenleyside: He dare not do so.

Coun. Robson: That is strong language. Some chairmen would have called Mr. Keenleyside to order for using it.

The Chairman: I have been pressed into this position against my wish, and I hope Mr. Robson does not insinuate that I am partial.

Coun. Robson: Mr. Keenleyside has been using abusive language, and the Chairman did not request him to withdraw.

The Chairman: I have several times requested Mr. Keenleyside to resume his seat, and have tried to be impartial.

Coun. Robson: You heard what Mr. Keenleyside has said respecting me and it was an insinuation of the basest kind. It implied that I am influenced by certain persons. I am certain that no one will ever gag me, or stop me from speaking.

Coun. Keenleyside: I said you did not vote, and it was perfectly true.

The matter then dropped.

CLEANING OUT ASHPITS.

Several members referred to the fearful stench caused by the removal of refuse from the ashpits during the day.

On the motion of Coun. Cheesemond, it was decided to ask the Consett Iron Company to clean out the ashpits not later than eight o'clock in the morning.

After other matters had been disposed of, the Council adjourned.

FOOTBALL.

LEADGATE EXILES v. NEWCASTLE UNITED

The above match will take place on the Exiles' ground this evening (Thursday.) The EXILES TEAM will be composed of—

Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, W. McGee and J. Haggan; half-backs, J. Rafferty, T. McGrachan, and P. Hughes (capt.); forwards, J. Brannen, M. Haley, M. Doyle, J. McGee, and J. Robson.

The UNITED TEAM will be the same as did duty on Monday last against St. Bernard's.

Kick-off at six prompt.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 12TH.

LEADGATE EXILES v. AXWELL ROVERS.

These teams have arranged to meet at Swalwell on Saturday, when the following eleven will do duty for the

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ANNFIELD PLAIN RESERVE v. LINTZ ROVERS.

At Annfield Plain. The teams will be:—

CELTIC RESERVE—Goal, S. Foster; backs, A. Bell and A. Coyle; half-backs, Pickervance, T. Martin (capt.), and Pendelton; forwards, W. Henderson, T. Taylor, E. Storey, W. Bell, and W. Carr.

LINTZ ROVERS—Goal, M. Hayes; backs, R. Hoggs and B. Boylan; half-backs, P. Hauratte, J. Sinclair, and T. Lamb; forwards, R. Pyle and C. McGinn, right wing; R. Irwin, centre; M. Hughes and A. Dews, left wing.

HEDLEY HILL v. ESH EXCELSIOR.

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Referee, Mr J. Brennan. Kick-off at 2-30.

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. ST. PETER'S ALBION.

The Dipton ground will be opened on Saturday by an Alliance game between these teams. The home club will be well represented, it being expected that both Willey and Forster, of Leadgate, will take their places in the team. The "Saints" have been strengthened since last season, and are intent on making a bold show. The following will play for

DIPTON WANDERERS—Goal, R. Palmer; backs, G. Underwood and M. Evans; half-backs, J. T. Willey, W. Thompson, and R. Coates; forwards, J. B. Robson and G. Forster, right wing; J. Burlinson, centre; T. Walker (capt.) and W. Gray or J. Spinks, left wing.

Kick-off at 4. Referee, Mr R. Coleman, Durham.

STANLEY v. WILLINGTON ATHLETIC.

The visit of Willington to Stanley on Saturday is sure to draw a large crowd, as the Athletic are very strong this season, and have the assistance of the Rev A. Tuson at back. The home team will make two or three changes in the team that did so well at Jarrow last Saturday, the subjoined having been chosen:—

STANLEY—Goal, G. Morris; backs, M. Joyce and W. Pouton; half-backs, T. Fish, E. Nicholson, and J. Milburn; forwards, T. Crooks, T. Robson, J. Pentland, J. Masterman, and J. Howe.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v. MICKLEY.

It is but seldom that a team of the calibre of Mickley visit Consett, and as the game between them and the Swifts is a league one there should be one of the biggest attendances ever seen on the Fell ground.

CONSETT SWIFTS (selected from)—J. Finnighan, J. Welsh, J. McKie, R. Wake, B. McKie, J. Allison (capt.), J. Carruthers, C. Pescod, D. Elliott, J. Rafferty, J. Little, R. Harkness, J. Dempsey, M. Eustace, J. Turley. Linesman, T. Greyson.

Referee, Mr T. Amos, Hobson. Kick-off at 3-30.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. HEXHAM EXCELSIOR.

These teams meet at Hexham under the auspices of the Tyneside League. Last Saturday Hexham beat Shankhouse by 5 goals to one, which shows that they are in rare form. The Celtic can be relied on, however, to make Hexham play for all they are worth if they want the two points at stake. The following will represent the

CELTIC—Goal, E. Lynop; backs, J. McLatchie and T. Moore; half-backs, T. Allison, W. Parker, and P. Bell; forwards, R. Forster, W. Ellis (capt.), J. Lynop, R. Gillender, and R. Bell. Reserve, W. Thompson. Linesman, H. Mande.

Leave Annfield Plain by 11-32 train.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

BYER MOOR v. DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

The season at Byer Moor will be opened by a league match between these teams, which should furnish a capital struggle. The home team has not yet been definitely chosen, but the Wanderers will be opposed by one of the strongest teams who have ever donned the Byer Moor colours. A warm and liberal supporter of the club will kick-off at 3-15.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE—Goal, R. Freick; backs, C. Thornton and W. White; half-backs, W. Thompson, W. Cain, and A. Shield; forwards, J. E. Davies and J. Spinks, right wing; W. Evans, centre; H. Walker and J. Brown, left wing.

STANLEY RESERVE v. SPEN ALBION.

These teams meet on the Stanley ground on Saturday, when a good game should be witnessed. The following will represent

STANLEY RESERVE—Goal, J. Galles; backs, E. Beckwith and J. Shield; half-backs, J. Williams, R. Cunningham, and G. Whitfield; forwards, J. Cunningham, H. Bolam, W. Gibson, J. Coyle, and J. Dodds.

Referee, W. Smith, Dipton.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BEAMISH v. NEWBOTTLE.

Beamish open their new ground on Saturday with a visit from Newbottle. Great interest is centred in this match, as this is the first match at Beamish in the Chester-le-Street and District League. A good game is sure to be witnessed.

BEAMISH TEAM will be chosen from the following:—T. Shield, M. Watson, J. Hetherington, O. Shield, D. Welsh, D. Maclaren, C. Jackson, J. Scott, G. Kew, D. Laverick, J. Brayson, J. Pickford, J. Rodham, D. Soulsby, and M. Dargue.

Kick-off at 3-30. Linesman, L. Mason.

BURNOPFIELD JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BYER MOOR JUNIORS v. BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE.

On the ground of the latter, when the following team will represent

BYER MOOR—Goal, R. Hodgson; back, T. Spoor and R. Laythen; half-backs, J. Reed, J. Kirby (capt.), and G. Muller; forwards, G. Bruce, J. Keife, J. Welsh, R. Hall, and J. Oney.

Kick-off at 3 o'clock.

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BLAYDON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE QUESTION OF OVERCROWDING.

A STARTLING REPORT.

On Thursday sen'night the ordinary monthly meeting of the Blaydon Council was held in the Board Room, Blaydon, Coun. W. Paxton presided, and there was also present Councillors R. Carr, A. B. Tebb, E. Aiston, W. Atkinson, H. Atkinson, J. Robson, W. Archer, W. Scott, J. W. Tucker, E. Stoker, J. Cummings, W. Crook, and Messrs Henry Dalton, (clerk) R. Biggins, (sanitary inspector) and W. H. Stephenson, (surveyor.)

HEALTH REPORT.

This Committee reported that the inspector's report was laid before them and after going through it, they agreed to recommend that someone, be employed to take charge of and give out disinfectants at Victoria Garesfield, at an acknowledgement of five shillings per quarter; that a request from the inspector for an ambulance van be referred to the Council; that the application from Mr. W. Turner, Bridge Street, Blaydon, for permission to construct a water-closet on his premises there, stand over for further inquiries.

STREETS COMMITTEE.

The Streets Committee recommended that the Surveyor be authorised to make arrangements with Mr. Edwin Swansborrow of High Spen to look after the tanks and cultivate the beds on the Spen Sewage Disposal Works; that permission be granted to the Ryton and District Cycling Club to erect a danger board for cyclists at the head of Cowan's Bank, Blaydon, subject to its being removed when required; that the application received from William Summerside for a habitation certificate for premises situated at Collins Bank, Winlaton, be not granted; that the following plans be passed: The Rev. W. Greener's amended plan for alterations and additions to the National Schools, Blaydon, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the surveyor, and no building being erected over any drain, amended plan by Messrs Hindson and Shipley for two houses and shops at Chopwell; plan by Mr. W. Richardson for three houses at Chopwell; and that the following plans be disapproved:—Plan by Mr. Phillips, Winlaton, for two cottages at Winlaton, owing to insufficient privy accomodation, and the yard space not being in accordance with the bye-laws; plan by Mr. J. Cowen for converting a stable into a dwelling house, owing to the plans being incomplete.

Coun. Carr moved the adoption of the report.

The Chairman seconded, and it was carried.

THE PROPOSED AMBULANCE VAN.

The Clerk explained that the inspector requested an ambulance van for the carriage of infectious patients to the hospital. The inspector was very emphatic about the necessity for it, and the committee thought it wise to leave the matter for the whole Council to deal with.

Coun. Crook said the Finance Committee had had the matter before them, and they were of opinion that the inspector made out a very good case. It appeared to the committee that when the inspector took a patient to the hospital, he had under present conditions to get into a close carriage beside them, and thus his life was placed in jeopardy. That placed the matter in a very serious light. (Hear, hear.) Therefore the committee recommended £60—the amount expected to be paid for a new van—be allowed, and put into the estimate as part of the next rate. He moved that the inspector's request be granted.

Coun. Tucker seconded.

In answer to Coun. Carr, the inspector said they would not be able to get much if they sold the old van, as it was all padding, and all that was of any value about it, was the wheels.

The Chairman said this was the first he had heard of the necessity of a new van. He could, however, testify to Mr. Biggins having to get into the van beside the patients, as he had seen him do so, but he would like to know that if he would not be expected to get into the new one?

The Inspector: Yes, but it will not be so confined. There will be better ventilation and all the other arrangements will be much better.

The motion was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Coun. Crook read the Finance Committee's report which recommended that cheques be signed to the amount of £412 7s 2d, which would leave a balance in hand of £1,491 7s 5d.

The report was adopted on the motion of Coun. Crook, seconded by Coun. Aiston.

THE ESTIMATE.

Coun. Crook gave a detailed account of the various items estimated for, for the next half year, ending March 31st, 1897, which showed great reductions in many different items. The Finance Committee, he said, had gone completely into the question, and they recommended that the seal of the Council be fixed to a rate of 1/8 in the £. He moved that that be done.

Coun. Aiston seconded. He said as a member of the Finance Committee, he did not think they would be able to get the rate down so low. They had done their best in preparing a rate of 1/8 in the £ and he hoped that next half year they would be able to reduce it to 1/2 in the £.

The motion was carried.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' FEES.

The Clerk said that since the Finance Committee had met, Dr. Brown had sent in a bill for £21 3s 6d for attendances at the hospital. He did not put the item on the pay sheet, but he would ask the Council to pass a resolution for it to be paid. The number of visits the doctor had made during the half year were 95.

Coun. W. Atkinson moved that a cheque be signed for that amount.

Coun. Tucker seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

THE QUESTION OF OVERCROWDING.

Dr. Brown, medical officer, reported that during the month there had been 38 notifications of infectious diseases, as against 33 last month. The excess of cases over those of last month was due to continued fever. The large number of cases were disheartening and it was only mitigated by the falling off of scarlatina. The question of overcrowding was turning out to be a much more difficult matter than was at first conceived. Measured by the rules of space as generally allowed by all the best authorities it would be fair to say that fully one half of the population of the Council's district were living and breathing under conditions unfavourable to good sanitary standards, and to point out even a few of the more glaring cases would lead to nothing but wrangling and invidious comparisons. He felt that in the event of infection settling down upon localities circumscribed or more diffused, it would have to be deemed sufficient to give due warning to the chief offenders. Many of the latter at the present moment were to be reckoned amongst some of those who had received into their houses as lodgers, a number of the staff engaged in the new railway works of the Consett Company.

The Chairman: That is not a very satisfactory report, and I only hope it will be better next time.

Without further discussion the matter was allowed to drop.

THE COUNCIL AND THE GAS COMPANY.

Coun. Crook, as one of a deputation appointed at the last meeting of the Council, said they waited upon the Gas Company last week, but previous to going they saw Mr. Bracken, and from the information he gave them they agreed not to ask the company for any reduction in the price of gas, but they decided only to ask for better lighting. Their case was laid before the secretary of the company, and it chiefly asked that the lamps should be lighted on dark nights after the full moon. The secretary said he thought they had a good case. He promised to lay the question before the directors. The directors had held a meeting on Wednesday last, but as yet the clerk had received no reply. While they were present with the secretary of the company they also drew his attention to the fact that as according to promise they had not erected a number of incandescent lights in the district as an experiment. He thereupon called the foreman's attention to the matter, and the latter accounted for it by saying that there was not a sufficient supply of gas. The secretary, however, promised to have the lamps erected in October as a test, and he would make it a condition that they would not be placed where there was likely to be any shaking by traffic—such as near the railway—as the lights were very delicate and could be easily damaged.

THE LIGHTING OF OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

The Clerk reported that he had received tenders for the lighting of the outlying districts of the Council. There was not a quorum on the meeting night of the Lighting Committee, and the matter would have to be dealt with by the Council as the lighting season had commenced, and the lamps required immediate attention. The different contracts for lighting at the Spen were £2 7s 6d, £3, £3 15s 0d, and £3 5s 0d per lamp; at Victoria Garesfield, £1 11s 1d; and £1 19s 1d; at Blackhall Mill, £4 2s 0d; at Barlow, £1 13s 0d, £1 13s 0d, and £1 4s 0d. Besides these there was another tender from the High Spen, which had arrived after the closing day of receiving them, and it would be for the Council to say whether it would be entertained.

Coun. W. Atkinson: I don't know who it is from, and before we do know the name or the amount of the tender I move that it be entertained.

Coun. Aiston seconded.

Coun. Stoker moved a direct negative that it be not entertained.

The Clerk: He has had no means of knowing what the amounts of the other tenders are.

Coun. Stoker: No matter. It is not fair to accept tenders after they have closed.

The Chairman: It is not, but we have not made up our minds yet whose tender we shall accept.

Coun. Stoker: I am not prepared to accept any.

The Clerk: One thing that troubled the members of the committee who did put in an appearance at the Board-room, was that there was such a great difference in the prices, they thought it would be an invidious thing to let one lamp at £1 10s 0d at one place and £4 at another.

The Chairman suggested that money of the tenders be accepted, and that the Clerk be instructed to advertise again for a tender for the lighting of the whole of the lamps.

Coun. Tucker said he had always advised the Council to do their own work, as he thought they would be able to do it cheaper and better, and in this particular case—the lighting of the outlying districts—he certainly thought they would do the work better themselves. There was no great distance between the places, he thought, but that one man might manage the whole of the lamps.

The Clerk thought the best course to pursue would be for the Council to buy their own oil and employ a man in each district to do the labour.

Coun. Archer said the lamps at Victoria Garesfield only cost twopence each per week for oil last year.

Coun. Tebb: Did I understand you to say, Mr. Archer, that the lamps at Victoria Garesfield cost twopence per night for oil?

Coun. Archer: I said twopence per week, but I find I have calculated some weeks when the gas was not lighted. It would be threepence a week for each lamp the time they were on. It was the best oil that they used, and they got it at a cheap rate by getting it wholesale.

Coun. Tebb: Then we ought to get it as cheap if not cheaper by buying a larger quantity to serve a greater area of the district.

Coun. Archer: I dareay.

After further discussion it was resolved on the motion of Coun. Archer, seconded by Coun. Tebb, that the Council puchase the oil for the lamps at Spen, Victoria Garesfield, Lintzford, Blackhall Mill, and Barlow, and that the question of employing men to clean and light the lamps be left in the hands of the surveyor with instructions to obtain men to do the work as soon as possible.

After other business of little importance the Council adjourned.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

THE REV. JOSEPH BACON.

On Sunday last, the Rev. Joseph Bacon, the newly appointed superintendent of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, preached twice to a large congregations, the church in the evening being crowded. The text at the morning service was 1st John, chapter 5, and verses 14 and 15, the subject being "Effective prayer." The preacher began by remarking that with many Christians it intense longing of the heart for the thing for which was often a matter of great anxiety why it was that they received so few immediate answers to prayer. His text, he added, revealed the secret of how such answers were to be secured. The preacher then proceeded to speak of some things in prayer; another was faith, confident persuasion of the soul that God would be faithful to his promises. He described faith as that organ of the soul essential to effective prayer. One thing was they prayed—this, the secret of all importunity by which we discern invisible and spiritual things, just as the eye was the organ of the body by which we discern visible and material things. He then answered two questions: "Why is it that faith in some Christians is so strong, and in others so weak?" and "What are the objects—temporal and spiritual—in respect to which we may exercise faith?" Hindrances to effective prayer were also dwelt upon, and then the preacher remarked that prayer must be in love as well as in faith. An unforgiving spirit cherished would be fatal to all to true praying.—In the evening the rev. gentleman selected for his text, Acts 10th and the latter part of the 33rd verse: "Now, therefore, are we all here present before God to hear all things commanded thee of God." In his text observed the preacher, they had given to them the principles which must guide the preacher in preaching, the hearer in hearing. The preacher must preach "al things commanded him of God." The gospel was a message and the preacher a messenger, not coming in his own name and right. The people must listen for this Divine message in the gospel if they were to be profited.—The collections taken on each occasion were on behalf of the lighting and cleaning of the church.

RECEPTION SERVICES AT STANLEY.

On Wednesday afternoon and evening the Stanley Wesleyans gave a reception to the Rev. Joseph Bacon, and the Rev. J. Dixon, the newly-appointed ministers to the Consett circuit. Mr. Bacon preached in the afternoon and a tea was afterwards held at which the following ladies presided.—Mesdames Jos. Green, Simpson, Calvert, Oliver, Willey, Hardy, Jackson, and Misses Chatt, Robinson, Storey, Simpson, Willey and Nurse Hannah (Miss Pirg). In the evening a reception service was held, presided over by Mr. Jas. Palliser, of Blackhill. The chairman was supported by the Revs. Jos Bacon, Dixon, W. Urwin, C. F. Cooke, jun circuit steward. The meeting was excellently attended.

Before calling Mr. Palliser to take the chair, the Rev. Mr. Urwin congratulated the Stanley congregation on having attained the position of having a resident minister.

The Chairman thanked them for their kind reception. They had a deal of sunshine in the meeting that night whatever the outside condition might be. He looked upon Methodism from an extremely optimistical point of view. They had done him the highest honour that could be conferred upon a Methodist in electing him a representative to the congress, and his experiences there had supported that view. He believed that their denomination had the very best prospects. He got a grand character of Mr. Bacon at the congress, and he had been told there that he was one of the best men in Methodism. On behalf of the circuit he extended him and Mr. Dixon, a hearty welcome. Mr Palliser then shook hands with the two new comers amidst loud applause. He said that in that circuit they possessed splendid property, and people were beginning to talk about the Shotley Bridge circuit and he believed that in a few years they would have a splendid reputation in Methodist circles. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. C. M. Greenway, said he was pleased to see such a great gathering. The growth of the place demanded that they should have the best consideration, and they were well entitled to a resident clergyman. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Jno. Dixon, one of the newly appointed ministers, thanked the Chairman for the very kind way in which he had been received. He believed that in this case he was going to be favoured with excellent colleagues. He felt his position in Stanley was an especially critical one, coming as he did to the circuit. He felt that nothing but the sympathy of his Stanley friends could help him through. He said the Methodist Church was developing; business men were testifying to the realism of truth, and reflecting the faith that was in them in their daily lives. Nowadays they were showing that their religion was a real one and their people were becoming thoroughly devoted to religion and showing its strength in every-day life. He spoke of the need of pertinacity of purpose in every department of church work. He asked them to do the very best they could to co-operate heartily with him in his work, that the greatest possible amount of good might attend their labour. (Applause.)

The Rev. Jos. Bacon, who was very heartily received said, he was glad to hear the terms in which they had referred to those who had gone before. When they heard their predecessors spoken of in such terms they were encouraged to think that such kind words would attend their labours if they went about their work in a proper manner. He had been greatly pleased by the manner in which he had been received at Consett on Sunday. He warned them against coming to the sanctuary with their minds full of mundane affairs. The pew should be prepared as well as the pulpit, and a sympathetic congregation was one of the best inspirations that a preacher could have. He was afraid that some of their revivals had led to the belief that men could only be converted when some special effort put forth. He hoped that they would be able to get the people to work earnestly and continuously with him. He had come among them very hopeful, and at the same time very diffident. He was not going to make any promises, but he trusted that each one of them would have nothing but the best interests of the cause at heart and no personal ends to serve, and he trusted they would all work heart and soul for the good of the cause. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Mr. Oliver, of Stanley, felt very thankful for their minister and he accorded his warmest welcome to him. He thanked Mr Palliser for his service and for those of other congregations who had joined with them in welcoming their minister, and he thanked those who had so heartily helped them on that occasion.

Mr. Jno. Green, J.P., seconded the vote of thanks specially mentioning the name of Mr. Calvert.

The vote was unanimously carried.

Representatives from the Annfield Plain Wesleyan Society, the Tantobie Wesleyans, Kip Hill Wesleyans, and others extended a welcome to the new minister. It was announced that the proceeds had amounted to over £17.

The proceedings then terminated.

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STANLEY RACE MEETING.

The first Stanley Races were held on Wednesday afternoon, under extremely unfavourable conditions, a drizzling rain falling throughout the proceedings, and the course being enveloped in a dense mist. The attendance was not large, though by the time racing commenced, the field was fairly well filled. If the weather had been anything like favourable the meeting must certainly have proved a great success, as the entries were numerous, the stakes of respectable dimensions, and above all Stanley is the centre of a population who are deeply interested in all sporting matters. The card contained six events, though it was thought politic at the last moment to abandon the Consolation scramble, the increasing gloom and the want of interest manifested being the chief factors in bringing about this result. Mr. Jos. Watson had granted the committee the use of two fields near Shield Row Station, and a good course had been prepared. The course is about six furlongs long and circular, and was very level, though the recent rains made the going somewhat heavy. The Stanley National Steeplechase found six competitors, Helen Marr, well ridden by Thompson gaining the verdict. The Tanfield Selling stakes were carried off by Heathette, a three year old bay mare, well known at local race meetings. The "big event" was the Stanley Handicap and the winner turned up in Holly Hill—a five to one chance. The Pony race produced the best race of the afternoon, Freicks Billy winning by a head from The Wasp. The Shield Row Stakes were won by Haddon Hall. Mr. Jno. Clarkson officiated as judge, Mr. Wm. Green sending the horses off. Messrs Anthony Swinburn and T. C. Rawes acted as Clerks of the scales, Mr. Jos. Watson as Clerk of the course, and Mr. Geo. Lee fulfilled the onerous duties fo secretary. Order was maintained by an efficient police staff under Supt. Benzies and Sergeants Vickers, Waller, and Lawson. The following gentlemen acted as Stewards: Messrs R. Cole, W. Archer, Jno. Smith, Ed. Wylam, S. Leighton, Thos. Charlton, Jas. Oliver, Jno. Urwin, Thos. Simpson, Jno. Rennison. The arrangements were excellent, and the fact that better success did not attend the efforts of the directorate is due not in the slightest degree to any fault of the arrangement. Under favourable conditions the meeting must have proved a great success, and it is to be hoped that on the next occasion better train service and better weather will unite in making the gathering a thorough success. Appended are the results:—

STANLEY NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, about two miles over hurdles.

FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD, as placed:—
11 10 HELEN MARR aged—Mr. T. C. Marr ....Thompson.
11 10 ENERGY AND BRAINS aged—Mr. John Leybourn ....Fitton.
11 10 GYRATION 6 yrs.—Mr. W. Hume...Cutter.
Also ran:—
11 3 TERRIBUS 6 yrs—Mr. Jas. Jebling ....Charlton.
11 10 GLENDYNE 6 yrs—Mr. J. Thornton...Mills
11 10 FLORENCE 6 yrs—Mr. T. C. Rawes ....Inshington

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Helen Marr, 5 to 2 agst Terribus, 4 to 1 each agst Gyration and Energy and Brains, 8 to 1 agst others.

Won by six lengths; twenty lengths between second and third.

TANFIELD SELLING STAKES. About six furlongs.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD as placed:—
HEATHETTE 3 yrs—Mr. J. Hodgson...McBride
MARIE 4 yrs—Mr. T. E. Abbott ....Davis
HOP BITTERS 3 yrs—Mr. Thomas Davidson ....Anderson.
Also ran:—
MISS MAGGIE 3 yrs—Mr. T. Wall............Scullion
Leybourne ....Anderson.
9 11 MARY JANE—Mr. T. Severs ....Ridley
PLUNGER a—Mr. Thos. Severs ....Tennant.

Betting: Evens Plunger, 3 to 1 each agst Hop Bitters and Heathette, 10 to 1 agst others.

Won by two lengths; a head between second and third.

STANLEY HANDICAP. About one and a quarter miles.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD as placed:—
9 0 HOLLY HILL, 3 yrs—Mr. John Lawbourne ....Anderson
9 11 MARY JANE, 5 yrs—Mr. T. Severs...Ridley
11 10 HELEN MARR, Mr. T Marr ...... McBride
Also ran:—
9 3 NABOB, Mr. R. Johnson ....Clark
10 2 CASTLESIDE Mr. E. Wylam ....Owner
8 7 WATERSPRITE—Mr. J Davidson...Barnard.

PONY RACE, about one mile.

BILLY—S. Freick ....J. Freick
THE WASP—Master Wm. Nixon ....Owner
MINNIE—Mr. W. Hudson ....Hudson.

An excellent race, Billy winning by a short head. Betting: 10 to 1 on Billy, any price others.

SHIELD ROW STAKES. About one mile on the flat.

9 12 HADDON HALL—Mr. R. Benton ... McBride
9 0 MISS MAGGIE—Mr. T. Hall ... Scullion
9 12 DENE LASSIE—Mr. Wm. Davidson...Fitton
Also ran:—
10 3 PLUNGER—Mr. T. Severs ....Tennant

Haddon Hall won by a head; poor third. Betting: Evens Haddon Hall, 6 to 4 agst Dene Lassie, 5 to 1 agst Miss Maggie.

KYO PARISH COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this authority was held in the West Kyo Board Schools, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Coun. P. Reay. The other members present were—Councillors R. Bates, W. Fitzpatrick, J. Strawbridge, W. Eltringham, G. Bullerwell, R. H. Pigford, F. J. Elliott, J. Dunn, J. Harrison, W. Down, H. Williams, and the clerk (Mr. J. Moore).

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. N. Clark, in his letter to the Council, stated that Mr. Joicey was willing to let the applicants for allotments have the field first applied for, that on the west side of Hare Law, for 35/. per acre, upon the same conditions as mentioned in a former letter.

A letter was also read from the clerk of the Greencroft Parish Council, in which it was stated that the support of the Kyo Council was desired to join them in requesting the North-Eastern Railway Company to make a footpath on the south side of the Annfield Plain station, as the present arrangement is inconvenient for passengers, when two trains are in the station.

THE ALLOTMENTS QUESTION.

This question was then dealt with, and it was thought that the report of the Allotments Committee should be given.

Coun. Fitzpatrick reported that Mr. Porter had been interviewed, and the Committee found that his land was let out in small holdings, and could not be obtained for allotments.

Coun. Strawbridge thought that the price offered by Mr. Joicey was reasonable.

Coun. Williams: The Council is unable to go further into the matter, unless the applicants are prepared to pay that price.

Coun Pigford thought the price quoted was rather high.

After further discussion,

Coun. Down moved, and Coun. Bates seconded, that the clerk be instructed to write Mr. N. Clark, Beamish, pointing out that the applicants for allotments desired land as near to Kyo as possible and requesting an early reply.

This was carried.

Coun. Down then moved that the applicants be asked to meet the Committee, to see what arrangements could be made.

FOOTPATH AT ANNFIELD PLAIN STATION.

The Chairman explained that the question had been gone into on two former occasions, but the Railway Company had refused on each occasion until the extension to Consett was completed.

Coun. Eltringham said that as the new line to Consett had been opened he would move that the Council support the request of the Greencroft Council.

This was agreed to.

WHITE-LE-HEAD IN DARKNESS.

Coun. Harrison asked if the Chairman could say when the lamps at White-le-Head would be lighted?

The Chairman explained that owing to some disagreement with the Dipton Gas Company, the Tanfield Urban Council had not been able to get the lamps lighted.

Coun. Elliott stated that a few days ago he was returning home through White-le-Head after dark and saw an old man fell himself against a lamp post. He accordingly picked him up and accompanied him some distance on the road when he caught a huge stone that was lying in the way, and over they both went, owing to the lamps not being lighted.

Coun. Harrison moved, and it was unanimously agreed to, that the Council write the District Council and ask them to light the lamps in the Tanfield Moor district at once.

THE GARDENS AT CATCHGATE.

Coun. Down stated that he had received a reply from Mr. Siney respecting this question, and would, if the Council wished, read the communication. It ran as follows:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 31st July last, I beg to inform you that at present I have no instructions from the County Council with respect to any encroachments on the main road at Catchgate. I shall be obliged to you for a definite answer to my former letter.

The question was discussed and the Chairman advised Coun. Down to let the matter rest.

After the cheques were signed for the necessary accounts, the Council rose.

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COLLIERLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the above Council was held in the Dipton Board Schools on Wednesday evening under the presidency of Coun. W. Johnson. The other members present were Couns. T. Gatiss, W. Jessop, W. Donaldson, D. Mole, G. Murray, T. Clark, W. Young, J. Coulthard, R. T. Batey, H. Beatham, J. W. Taylor, J. G. Taylor, and E. Herdman.

FOOTPATH AT DELIGHT BANK.

A letter on this subject was read, and ran as follows:

DEAR SIR,—Your request has been laid before the Council, and it has been decided to fence the footpath at this place as requested."

Coun. YOUNG was not satisfied about the fencing.

Coun. J. W. TAYLOR said the request was to make the road safe for pedestrians to walk upon.

Coun. MURRAY moved the question off the Board.

The CHAIRMAN concurred, and this course was adopted.

OUTLET OF THE SEWERAGE.

Respecting the above matter, the Clerk replied that nothing had been done.

The Council decided to send a complaint to the Clerk of the District Council in respect thereto.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE.

Coun. J. W. TAYLOR moved, and it was unanimously agreed, to send a letter of condolence to the relatives of the late assistant overseer and clerk, on the latter's death.

THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the question of the salary of the clerk and assistant overseer should be gone into.

Coun. MURRAY moved that Coun. Mole act as clerk and overseer pro. tem., and advertise the situation so that anyone would have an opportunity of applying.

After further discussion, Coun. DONALDSON moved that the Council have a special meeting on Sept. 15th to discuss the appointment.

Coun. MURRAY seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

FOOTPATH AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Coun. DONALDSON moved that the Council petition the North-Eastern Railway Company to make a footpath on the south side of Annfield Plain Station.

Coun. J. W. TAYLOR seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

The Council afterwards adjourned.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—White Hall, on the 31st ult., the wife of Coun. M. Anderson, of a daughter.

HALL.—Castleside, on the 28th ult., the wife of Joseph Hall, of a daughter.

ROSS.—Pelton, Grey Horse Hotel, on the 7th inst., the wife of John A. Ross, of a son.

SMITH.—Dean Howie, on the 15th ult., the wife of Alex. Smith, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ANDREW—PACE.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley, on the 7th inst., by the Rev Wm. Gelley, John William Andrew, Oxhill, to Ettie Jane Pace, youngest daughter of Robert and Margaret Pace, of Flint Hill, Dipton.

CURRY—CATER.—At St. John's Church, Dipton, on the 6th inst., by the Rev R. Tuson, J. R. Curry, eldest son of Alderman J. A. Curry, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Grace, youngest daughter of Mr W. Cater, of Dipton.

INGRAM—WILLIS.—Rowley Baptist Church, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. E. W. Jenkins, Joseph Ingram, of Mosswood, to Mary Willis, West Butsfield.

LOWDON—MILLS.—Highgate Baptist Church, on the 5th inst., by the Rev T. Durant, John Jos. Lowdon to Mary Mills.

WARD—EDIE.—Highgate Baptist Church, by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, John Ward to Emma Edie, both of Highgate.

WILLEY—SIMPSON.—St. Ebba's, Ebchester, on the 8th inst., John Willey to Dorothy Simpson, both of Ebchester.

DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—At 49, Burnmoor, on the 6th inst., aged 55, Elizabeth, wife of John Atkinson.

BIRD.—Leadgate, 45, Bradley Square, on the 10th inst., aged 17 months, Thomas Wilfred, beloved son of John and Margaret Bird.

BELL.—At Edmundbyers, on the 10th inst., aged 58, Jane, beloved wife of Henry Bell. Interment on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, at Edmundbyers. Friends please accept this intimation.

BOWMAN.—Kip Hill, Stanley, on the 6th inst., aged 61, Hannah, wife of the late James Bowman.

DUNCAN.—Chester-le-Street, 7, Elizabeth Street, on the 7th inst., accidentally killed on the railway, William Duncan, signalman at Chester Moor, husband of Elizabeth Duncan.

FERGUSON.—Mickley, on the 4th inst., aged 3, James Hume, son of William and James Ferguson.

GASCOINE.—Winlaton, on the 4th inst., aged 78, Elizabeth, widow of the late John Gascoine.

LOWES.—Stanhope, on the 4th inst., Elizabeth, wife of John Lowes.

MOSES.—Middle Black Dene, Upper Weardale, on the 5th inst., aged 19, William Moses.

PIPER.—Stanley, Joicey's Square, on the 8th inst., aged 37, Elizabeth, wife of William Piper.

REE.—Dunston, 26, Victoria Street, on the 4th inst., aged 9 months, Esther, daughter of James and Mary Ann Ree, and granddaughter of the late Geo. Renshaw, Consett.

REED.—At Shotley Field, on the 2nd inst., in her 88th year, Mary, relict of the late Thomas Reed, of Low Teppermoor.

ROWELL.—Slaley, Todburn Steel, on the 8th inst., aged 62, Jane, wife of Wilkinson Rowell, and daughter of the late Thomas Burdus, of Coalpits, Slaley.

STUBBS.—Medomsley, on the 6th inst., in her 63rd year, Hannah, wife of Charles Stubbs.

WILKINSON.—Hare Law, on the 4th inst., aged 48, William Wilkinson, assistant overseer.

WEILAS.—Ryton, on the 4th inst., aged 60, Herbert, husband of Jane Wellas.

WAILES.—Newcastle-on-Tyne, 133, Denmark Street, Heaton, on the 5th inst., aged 41, Anthony, dearly beloved husband of Isabella Wailes, and son of the late Thomas and Jane Wailes, late of Consett. Interment on Sunday at three o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Minto Lumley, who departed this life Sept. 11th, 1894, aged 53 years.

Her son John.

In loving memory of George Walter Cain, of West Stanley, who died September 11th, 1895, aged 17 years and 11 months.

Ever remembered
By his family, relatives, and friends.

In loving memory of Joseph Graham, the beloved son of Thomas and Annie Graham, who died at Annfield Plain, September 10th, 1895.

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

BIRTLEY.

Dog and Poultry Show.—The first of what it intended to be an annual exhibition in connection with the Birtley Horticultural, Industrial, Dog, and Poultry Society, was held on Saturday, in a field near the station. In every department the exhibits were of more than the usual excellence. Amongst the prize-winners were:—Dogs: T. Stark, J. Fairless, A. Hastie, H. Doncaster, W. W. Coxon, W. Ford, J. C. Murray, jun., T. Hall, W. Watson, Mrs. W. E. Alcock; J. W. Grainger, G. H. Proctor, John Smith, J. Parker, Mrs. Day, T. Day. Industrial department: C. Bolam, J. M. Lawson, J. English, Peter Carroll, John Grundy, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. J. Herron, Mrs. M. Brown, Miss Holmes, Miss Dora Todd, Mrs. E. Bell, Mrs. Cleasby, and Miss Anna Hall. School department: S. Sproats, M. E. Johnson, F. Stephenson, Eliza Giffen, E. Longridge, Gertrude Simpson, Lily Bell, A. Bell, and E. Bell. Poultry: R. Shield and Son, H. P. Douglas, Sowerby and Richardson, R. Robson, W. Ellis, G. Sprincett, T. Geldart, J. and T. Currah, T. Short, T. Newall, L. Jobling, R. Gray, John Winter, W. E. Alcock, A. B. Craig, J. S. Morton, Ed. Humphrey, George, George English, and J. Holt.

ROOKHOPE.

The Horticultural and Industrial Society's show was held on Saturday in the Board School, Rookhope, when a grand display of flowers, fruits, and vegetables was placed before the public, especially in the vegetable classes. The principal prize-takers were Messrs F. Thompson (gardener to the Rev. —. Knight, of Eastgate), N. Ward, T. Ward, J. Wall, Dixon, and T. Vickers. The men's industrial section showed a falling off, very few exhibits being forthcoming. No specimens of spar being exhibited the show was not so attractive as it otherwise would have been. In the lady amateurs section some splendid specimens of needlework were exhibited, the principal prize takers being Mrs. Whitehead, of Ireshopeburn; Miss Adamson, Mrs. W. Reed, Miss Ward, Miss Lightburn, all of Rookhope; and Mrs. Dowson and Mrs. Elliott, of Westgate. The Rookhope String Band was in attendance, and played a choice selection of music. The judges were:—Flowers, fruits, and vegetables, Mr. Robert Raine, Spens Field; bread, butter, honey, eggs, &c., Mrs. Robert Raine, Spens Field; men's industrial, Mr. John Crawhall, Stanhope; and Mr. Joshua Turner, St. John's Chapel; ladies' section, Mrs. Crawhall, Stanhope; and Mrs. Turner, St. John's Chapel. The attendance was from 400 to 500.

STANLEY.

The Stanley and District Floral and Horticultural Society held their 15th annual show on Friday and Saturday of last week in the Albert Hall, Stanley. Last year an increased interest was given to the show by the presence of Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones M.P., and Mrs. Jones. Mr. Jones expressed great interest in the show and this year he offered a guinea to be distributed in prizes for the best hand bouquets. This year's show compared favourably in all respects with that of last year, and there was an extremely numerous entry, the exhibits reaching a very high standard of excellence. From meteorological and other reasons the leeks this year were not so prominent in respect of number as in previous shows, in fact with the exception of those exhibited in the collection of vegetables, there were only two shows in the competition for the three best leeks that the Lindon Challenge Cup was the prize, and that other valuable prizes were also offered. Mr. C. Scott came off with premier honours, and as this gentleman also excelled in the leek competition last year the cup becomes his absolute property. His three leeks were not up to the previous lot he showed, but nevertheless they were exceedingly fine specimens. The second lot of leeks were somewhat longer but not so bulky as Mr. Scott's, and besides were rather uneven, so that the judges had but little difficulty in deciding which to devote the first honours. The Hall, spacious as it is, was well filled with the exhibits, and in spite of the lateness of the season most of the stuff was in prime condition. One of the most noticeable exhibits was a walking stick, which can only be described as wonderful. Mr. Hagarty of Scott's Houses, was one of the judges in the fretwork competition, and he put this article on show, though not in one of the competitions. The stick consisted of a frame work of light wood, and to that were pieces of various coloured wood dovetailed in, the whole being highly polished, the stick giving not the slightest indication of its intricate construction when knocked. The stick consisted altogether of over four hundred pieces of wood, and testified in no less a degree to Mr. Hagarty's wonderful patience and craftsmanship than to his fitness for the post he occupied as judge. Several extremely clever pieces of handicraft were shown in the lady's fancy work competitions, several of the exhibits being beautifully designed and worked. The farmers' classes were an excellent lot, the heads of cereals shown being well filled and large, whilst some splendid butter and eggs were shown. Pot plants were strongly in evidence, and some of the most bushy and generally excellent plants in the district were shown. Considerable curiosity was shown by schedule holders through the presence of a class for "coleus" but inspection showed that the common "coleus" was the plant referred to, and not some horticultural product peculiar to Stanley and district. Some splendid blooms were shown in the baskets of flowers displayed, and Mr. Jones's prize for a hand bouquet was a source of keen competition. In addition to the list of prizes given by the committee there was an excellent supplementary prizelist. A pleasing feature of the show was the School Department, the children's work being of a very high-class character, though the West Stanley Board School children showed up well, taking an exceedingly large proportion of the awards. Their work in writing, drawing, and map drawing, showed evidence of careful training, and Mr. Liddell and his teaching staff are to be congratulated upon the splendid results they achieved, as a competition of this sort draws out the children's capabilities to a much greater degree than does the ordinary school examinations. The committee had inaugurated two very taking attractions in the shape of singing competitions, the first night being taken up with sentimental singing and the second with comic singing, both competitions, needless to say, receiving a huge share of public applause. The show is not likely to suffer from want of support when it has amongst its patrons, gentlemen like Sir James Joicey, M.P. Mr. Atherley-Jones, M.P., Major W. Joicey, Messrs T. D. Eden, N. Clark, J. H. Burn, Dr. Benson, R. Murray, and M. H. Lindon. The president is Mr. W. Proudlock, and working with him are Mr. W. Neven, the secretary, who is ably assisted in this capacity by Mr. R. Scott, Mr. W. Turner being the treasurer, and it is needless to say that these officers one and all, worked heart and soul for the success of the show. Messrs J. Robson, I. Harkness, A. Jacques, C. Scott, T. Wilkinson, W. Gibson, T. Ridley, J. Hall, W. Harrison, and T. Harrison, formed the committee Mr. J. R. Curry acting as stager. The judges, who acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of everybody were:—For flowers etc., Mr. Lawrence Johnson, of Saltwell Park, Gateshead, and Mr. Bird, of Beamish; Fancy work, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Routledge, Miss Shiel; School Department, Messrs Hodgson and Bolam; Bread baking, Mrs. Matthew Cunningham; Industrial Department, Mr. Hagarty and Mr. Ridley; Singing, Mr. A. Coulson. A successful ball was held on Saturday evening, the M.C's. being Mr. Coyle and Mr. Wray.

FULL LIST OF AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

POT PLANTS.

Three stove or Greenhouse plants.—1, Thomas Thompson, Tow Law; 2, T. Simpson, Sunniside; 3, Jno. Scott, Kyo.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar.—1, T. Simpson; 2, T. Thompson; 3, J. Charlton, Ebchester.

Three coleus, dissimilar.—1, T. Thompson; 2, T. Simpson; 3, J. Robson, Kip Hill.

Two ferns.—1, T. Thompson, Tow Law; 2, J. Scott.

One double and one single petunia.—1, Jno. Scott; 2, Jno. Charlton.

Two flowering begonias.—1, J. Robson; 2, T. Thompson.

Two flowering geraniums.—1, T. Simpson; 2, Jno. Scott.

Any variety of pot plant.—1, T. Thompson; 2, T. Simpson.

CUT FLOWERS.

Twelve dahlias, six dissimilar.—1, Jno. Cawthorne, Whickham; 2, T. Thompson; 3, J. Charlton.

Twelve roses, dissimilar.—1, J. Cawthorne; 2, J. Charlton.

Basket of flowers.—1, J. Charlton; 2, Jno. Cawthorne; 3, Ed. Fawcett, Stanley.

Hand bouquet.—1, J. Cawthorne; 2, J. Charlton.

CONFINED CLASS.

Confined to those residing in the district of the Show.

One fuchsia, any variety.—1, D. Scott, Stanley; 2, Wm. Urwin, No Place.

One petunia.—1, Isaac Harkness, Stanley; 2, Jos. Robson.

One Balsam.—1, J. Robson; 2, Jno. Curry, Cross Lane.

Coxcomb.—1, Jno. Curry.

One coleus.—1, Jos. Robson; 2, D. Scott.

One geranium, any variety.—1, W. Urwin; 2, Chas. Scott.

Pot plant, any variety.—1, Jno. Curry; 2, Chas. Scott, Oakey's Pit.

CUT FLOWERS.

Six French asters, three dissimilar.—1, Ed. Fawcett, Scott's Houses; 2, Wm. Cockburn, Cross Lane.

Six globe asters, three dissimilar.—1, J. Robson; 2, W. Cockburn.

Six French marigolds.—1, Wm. Gibson; 2, Wm. Cockburn; 3, Chas. Scott.

Six African marigolds, orange.—1, Wm. Cockburn; 2, Wm. Urwin.

Six African marigolds, lemon.—1, A. Thompson; 2, Thos. Harrison, Oxhill.

Six fancy pansies.—1, Chas. Little, Oakey's Houses; 2, Jno. Curry.

Six show pansies.—1 and 2, Messrs Gibson (an objection.)

Six picotees.—1, Wm. Cockburn; 2, J. Robson.

Six carnations.—1, J. Robson.

Three stocks.—1, W. Gibson; 2, W. Gibson, junr.

Three spikes phloxes.—1, Ed. Fawcett.

Six dahlias.—1, Ed. Fawcett.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Open to schools in the district of the show.

Best map of India.—1, Ellen Mudd; 2, Thos. Wilson.

Best map of Spain.—1, Enoch Newton; 2, Thos. Fawcett.

Freehand drawing, (over).—1, T. Waggot; 2, J. J. Long.

Freehand, (under 11)—1, Jno. Anderson; 2, Joseph Lee.

Compound addition.—1, Thos. Fawcett; 2, Martha Bates.

Making Out Bill.—1, E. Mudd, 2, Jno. Geo. Rose.

Writing (under 10).—1, J. Scott, East Stanley School.

Sewing (under 12).—1, Margery Bart; 2, Margaret Whitfield.

Sewing, (over 12).—1, Sarah Brown; 2, Ellen Mudd.

Sewing (under 10).—1, Margaret Wears, East Stanley School.

Special prizes for writing.—Jno. E. Robson and Ellen Mudd.

With the two exceptions mentioned, all the prize takers are scholars of the West Stanley Board School.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Best cushion.—1, Mrs. Dwyer; 2, Mrs. Bell.

Best mat.—1, Mrs. Bell.

Best Quilt.—1, Mrs. Urwin; 2, Mrs. Taylor; 3, Mrs. Cousins.

BREAD.

Best White loaf.—1, Mrs. Maughan, 2, Mrs. Taylor; 3, Mrs. Wade.

Best brass ornament.—1, R. Curry, Stanley; 2, W. Aitchison, Stanley.

Best fretwork model.—1, J. Russell; 3, T. Duffy. No second.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

The following is a list of the special prizes presented by the Tradesmen in the district and distributed by the Committee.

Best three leeks.—1, C. Scott; 2, J. Urwin.

£1 in five prizes for the best hand bouquet, given by Mr. Atherley-Jones, M.P.)—1, Ed. Fawcett; 2, E. Nevin; 3, J. Robson; 4, W. Turner; 5, C. Scott.

In the bread baking contest, the special prize was in groceries, given by W. Wilson, the results were. —1, Mrs. Maughan; 2, Mrs. Taylor; 3, Mrs. Wade.

Best Quilt.—1, Miss Urwin; Mis Taylor; 3, Mrs. Cousins.

Best mat.—1, Mrs. Bell.

Best Cushion.—1, Mrs. Dwyer; 2, Mrs. Bell.

A comic singing contest was held on Friday night with the following results.—1, T. Holland, £1; 2, Wm. Johnson, Annfield Plain, 12/6; 3, Wm. Uncles, 7/6.

LEADGATE.

On Saturday, the members of this society held their fourth annual exhibition in the Park Football Field. The weather was of a very miserable character, rain falling the greater portion of the day; but in spite of this fact, the inhabitants turned out in large numbers, and there was a good gate. The show, which was confined to a radius of something like two miles, debarred the principal gardeners of the district from competing; but this did not in the least spoil the exhibition. It seemed to have encouraged the cottagers, who possess their small plots, to show their exhibits, and there was on this occasion a capital display. The large marquee was stocked from end to end with exhibits of the highest quality, there being over 1,000 entries. The plants were an excellent lot, and the first prize for two stove or greenhouse plants was awarded to Robert Kersopp, of Ponton Pike; whilst he was closely followed by E. Smailes, and Mr. Marley, both of Leadgate, second and third respectively. Mr. Marley was also successful in gaining the red ticket for the two fine foliage plants. There was a fine show of fuchsias, and R. Kirsopp was awarded the premier honour for the dark flower; whilst Ed. Smailes was an easy first in the class for light fuchsias. Mr. Marley carried off first and second prizes for zonale geraniums. The pots of liliums were a splendid display, and the red ticket in this class fell to Mr. Thos. Lamb, of Leadgate. The cut flowers were a splendid lot, considering the lateness of the season. There was a keen competition for the silver cup, offered by the member of the division, (Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones), for the best six dahlias. The winner of the cup was Mr. Kirsopp, and was closely run by Mr. Thompson, who was awarded a second prize. Mr. McGowan, Leadgate, was successful in obtaining the silver teapot given by Mr. Thomas Lammonby, Leadgate, for the best antirrhinums. There was a somewhat keen competition in the vegetable class; and in many instances the judges experienced considerable difficulty in awarding the prizes. A considerable amount of interest was centred in the Industrial Department, where some very useful articles were displayed. The special prize for bread was carried off by Mrs. Hardy. The following were the judges:—Plants, flowers, etc.,—Mr. Burrell (Messrs Fell and Co.) Hexham, and Mr. A. Trotter, Blackhill. Industrial department—Mrs. T. Keenleyside and Mrs. J. Winter, Leadgate. Farmers' produce—Mr. I. Brown, Wood House, Medomsley. School department—Mr. Geo. T. Hyden, Consett. The secretarial duties were admirably discharged by Mr. J. A. Turnbull, and on the day of the show was assisted by Messrs Brears and Gowland. The Hamsterley Prize Brass Band, rendered a choice selection of music during the afternoon. We could not but pass a word of comment on the rapid progress the band has made during the past four years, and every credit is due to its teacher. The band has competed in five contests, and on four occasions have been successful in carrying off prizes. A number of sports were brought off, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by a successful ball in the marquee in the evening. The following is a

FULL LIST OF AWARDS:—

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, E. Smailes; 3, M. Marley.

Two fine foliage plants.—1, M. Marley; 2, E. Smailes; 3, S. Coombe.

Dark fuchsia.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, E. Smailes; 3, J. Maughan.

Light fuchsia.—1, E. Smailes; 2, R. Kirsopp; 3, M. Marley.

Zonale geranium.—1, and 2, M. Marley; 3, J. Maughan.

Double geranium.—1, E. Smailes; 2, T. Lamb; 3, W. McGowan.

Pot plant, in bloom.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, M. Marley.

Two ivy-leafed geraniums.—1, Thos. Lamb; 2, M. Marley.

Pot of liliums.—1, Thos. Lamb; 2, M. McCabe.

One lilium auratum.—1, T. Lamb.

Best window plant, in bloom.—1, J. Burnhope; 2, R. Brown.

Two begonias.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, T. Johnson; 3, M. Marley.

British fern.—1, E. Smailes; 2, M. Marley.

Two coxcombes.—1, T. Johnson; 2, W. McGowan.

Two balsams.—1, E. Smailes; 2, W. Walker.

One coleus.—1, S. Coombe; 2, E. Smailes.

Six pots table decorations.—1, E. Smailes; 2, George Moyle; 3, M. Marley.

One tricolour, and one bi-colour geranium.—1, M. McCabe; 2, J. A. Turnbull.

Group of five plants, any description.—1, M. Marley; 2, R. Kirsopp; 3, E. Smailes.

Pot rose in bloom.—1, J. Turner.

CUT FLOWERS.

Hand bouquet.—1, George Moyle; 2, M. Marley.

Six dahlias, dissimilar.—1, J. Thompson; 2, George Walton; 3, R. Kirsopp.

Three dahlias, dissimilar.—1, S. Coombe; 2, George Moyle; 3, J. Turnbull.

Four cut roses.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, W. Robson; 3, W. Walker.

Six French asters.—1, S. Coombe; 2, R. Kirsopp.

Six globe asters.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, W. Walker.

Six French marigolds.—1, M. Marley; 2, C. Surtees.

Six African marigolds.—1, E. Maughan; 2, M. Armstrong.

Six fancy pansies.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, W. Surtees.

Six show pansies.—1, George Moyle; 2, W. Surtees.

Two gladiolis.—1, W. Surtees; 2, E. Smailes; 3, M. Marley.

Six pompone dahlias, three dissimilar.—1, W. McGowan; 2, M. McCabe.

Three stocks.—1, J. Brown; 2, George Ripley.

Three spikes anterrhinums.—1, W. Walker; 2, J. Turner.

Two button holes.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, E. Smailes.

Four stands herbaceous flowers.—1, M. Marley; 2, R. Kirsopp.

Three stands hardy annuals.—1, M. Marley; 2, George Moyle.

Two stands cut flowers.—1, M. Marley; 2, R. Kirsopp.

Three phloxes.—1, W. Surtees; 2, M. Armstrong.

Si xcactus dahlias.—1, R. Brown; 2, W. Walker; 3, F. Lamb.

Four spikes pestemons.—1, George Moyle; 2, Thos. Lamb.

Four cut geraniums.—1, M. McCabe; 2, W. Walker.

FRUITS.

Gill red currants.—1, George Walton.

Gill flavoured gooseberries.—1, J. Batcher; 2, George Walton.

Six heaviest gooseberries.—1, George Walton.

Six tomatoes.—1, J. Clare; 2, J. Turner; 3, George Moyle.

VEGETABLES.

Six red kidney potatoes.—1, W. Robson; 2, F. Patton.

Six round red potatoes.—1, R. Brown; 2, M. Marley; 3, T. Johnson.

Six white kidney potatoes.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, W. Robson; 3, R. Brown.

Six white round potatoes.—1, F. Patton; 2, R. Kirsopp; 3, Thos. Lamb.

Three leeks.—1, J. Maughan; 2, C. Surtees; 3, E. Smailes.

Three white turnips.—1, George Ripley; 2, R. Brown; 3, J. Maughan.

Three yellow turnips.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, R. Donkin; 3, J. Paull.

Three carrots.—1, George Ripley; 2, J. Maughan; 3, S. Coombes.

Three parsnips.—1, J. Maughan; 2, R. Kirsopp; 3, George Ripley.

Three roots beet.—1, Thomas Reed; 2, M. Armstrong; 3, S. Coombe.

Two heads red celery.—1, J. Turner; 2, J. Turnbull; 3, E. Maughan.

Two heads white celery.—1, J. Brown; 2, S. Coombe; 3, J. Turner.

Twelve pods of peas.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, S. Coombe; 3, R. Kirsopp.

Twelve pods beans.—1, J. Paull; 2, R. Kirsopp; 3, J. Clare.

Two cauliflowers.—1, W. McGowan; 2, R. Brown; 3, R. Kirsopp.

Early cabbage.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, T. Johnson; 3, J. Paull.

Red cabbage.—1, R. Brown; 2, E. Maughan; 3, J. Spry.

Savoy cabbage.—1, R. Brown; 2, E. Maughan; 3, J. Brown.

Kale, green.—1, George Moyle.

Six winter onions.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, R. Kirsopp.

Six summer onions.—1, M. Armstrong; 2, J. Paull; 3, J. Thompson.

Three stalks rhubarb.—1, G. Moyle; 2, J. Spry; 3, T. Johnson.

Two cucumbers.—1, J. Maughan; 2, T. Johnson.

Collection of vegetables.—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, J. Maughan; 3, W. Walker.

Eschalots.—1, J. A. Turnbull; 2, J. Maughan; 3, M. Armstrong.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Basket of farm produce.—1, Miss Murray.

Six finest and largest white hen eggs.—1, Miss Murray; 2, J. Burnip; 3, G. Bramley.

Six largest and finest brown hen eggs.—1, A. Fewster; 2, W. Pugsley; 3, M. Armstrong.

Six duck eggs.—1, I. Pratt.

Pound butter, with salt.—1, Mrs. White; 2, Mrs. Fewster; 3, Miss Murray.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Hearthrug, any description.—1, Mrs. Paull; 2, Mrs. White.

Crewel work, in silk.—2, J. A. Turnbull.

Wood work, any variety.—1, Mrs. T. Slater; 2, I. Pratt.

Macrame work bracket, mounted.—1, J. Surtees.

Specimen of fancy work.—1, Mrs. W. W. Lee; 2, Mrs. T. Slater.

White loaf.—1, Mrs. A. Jackson; 2, Mrs. Willey.

Brown loaf.—1, Geo. Bramley; 2, I. Pratt.

Fancy pincushion.—1, W. Pugsley; 2, I. Pratt.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Boys over 11 and under 14, ten lines of poetry.—1, G. Davison; 2, R. Reed.

Girls over 11, and under 14, ten lines of poetry. —1, J. Williams; 2, J. A. Robinson.

Boys over nine years and under eleven, ten lines small-hand.—1, J. Kirkpatrick; 2, A. Richardson.

Boys over seven and under nine, seven lines small-hand.—1, J. Parker; 2, W. Stewart Allen.

Girls over seven and under nine, ten lines small-hand.—1, Lydia Grey; 2, Annie Parker.

Special, boys' writing.—W. E. Walker, and Joseph Penrose (equal.) Girls—1, J. Dixon; 2, Jane Race.

Basket of wild flowers, (open to boys and girls). —1, C. Willey; 2, J. Pratt; 3, W. Walker.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Bread.—1, Mrs. Hardy; 2, Mrs. W. W. Lee; 3, Mrs. Prest.

Six dahlias (silver cup given by Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P.).—1, R. Kirsopp; 2, J. Thompson.

Six cactus dahlias (given by Mr. Walker).—1, W. Walker; 2, Thos. Lamb.

Collection of vegetables (given by Mr. Watson). —1, J. Maughan; 2, George Ripley.

Peas and beans (given by Mr. Turner).—1, G. Moyle; 2, S. Coombe.

Antirrhinums (given by Mr. Thomas Lammonby). —1, W. McGowan; 2, M. Marley; 3, J. Turner.

HOW TO SAVE.

For one thing, we must resolutely resolve that we will not spend money in trifles. "Trifles make up the sum of human life;" they certainly add very considerably to the sum of household expenses. Yet the peculiarity about them is, that the people who most indulge in them are the most unconscious of the fact. "'Avoid spending money in trifles;' of course," says the embarrassed householder, "that is what everyone says; yet why repeat the advice to me? I never buy trifles; I have something else to do with my money." Yet more likely than not the very next time this individual goes to market a small purchase will be made which benefits no one, and which runs away with one of those pennies that must be put together before the pounds can be saved. It is a characteristic of unthrifty people that they readily yield to the temptation to buy trifles. It is said that workers among the poor, who try to get parents beforehand to save in order that their children may have a fortnight in the country, almost invariably find that the people who declare that they are too poor to save, and that they cannot provide the eighteenpence or two shillings which are to constitute their contribution towards the treat, are the identical individuals who send off their children supplied with cheap sweets and shabby odds and ends of finery. The travelling costermongers and sweetstuff shops in poor neighbourhoods are supported almost exclusively by people who lay out pennies and halfpennies upon rubbish, yet who say they cannot afford to buy good food. As it is with the very poor, so it is with householders higher in the social scale. The unthrifty, the unmethodical, and the weak, let money dribble between their fingers; the capable, managing, economical persons do not part with money unless they get money's worth in exchange.—From "Cassell's Book of the House hold" for September.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

ANNFIELD PLAIN EXTENSION. TIME TABLE.

WEEKDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Arrive at Newcastle from—							
The North † ..			9.45	1.33	2.47	6.38	10.5
Tynemouth	5.50	8.55	10.48	1.48	3.55	7.30	9.50
So. Shields	5.25	8.45	11b21	2.0	4b10	7.48	10.10
Sunderland	5.25	8.55	10.34	2b22	3.57	7.40	10b45
Depart				C			D
Newcastle ..	6.10	9.8	11.17	2.20	4.10	7.55	10.40
Gateshead ...	6.14	9.12	11.21	2.24	4.14	7.59	10.44
Bensham ...	6.18	9.16	11.25	2.28	4.18	8.3	10.48
Low Fell ...	6.22	9.20	11.29	2.32	4.22	8.7	10.52
Lamesley ...	6.26	9.24	11.33	2.36	4.26	8.11	10.55
Birtley arr.	6.30	9.28	11.37	2.40	4.30	8.15	11.0
Durham dep.		9.7	11.7	2.15	3.35	6.3	9.35
Birtley arr.		9.25	11.25	2.33	3.53	6.24	9.55
Birtley dep.	6.31	9.29	11.38	2.41	4.31	8.16	11.1
Pelton ...	6.39	9.37	11.46	2.49	4.39	8.24	11.9
Beamish ...	6.46	9.44	11.53	2.56	4.46	8.31	11.16
Shield Row ...	6.53	9.51	12.0	3.3	4.53	8.38	11.23
Annfield Pln.	7.1	9.59	12.8	3.11	5.1	8.46	11.31
Leadgate ...	7.8	10.6	12.15		5.8	8.55	
Consett ...	7.12	10.10	12.19		5.12	8.57	
Blackhill arr.	7.18	10.16	12.24		5.17	9.3	
Blackhill dep.	8.13	10.35	12.48		6.12	9.21	
Newcastle arr	9.2	11.22	1.35		7.0	10.8	

Blackhill to Crook depart—
8.15 12.15 2.47 6.20

Blackhill to Durham depart—
8.57 10.37 1.17 6.12

WEEKDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Blackhill from Crook Arrive—	...	8.46	12.43	...	3.12	6.45
Blackhill from Durham arrive—		10.25	12.40		3.18	6.5
Newcastle Depart—	6.10	9.42	12.25	...	4.8	7.30
Blackhill Arrive—	7.5	10.32	1.14	...	5.2	8.25
Depart—			C			
Blackhill ...	7.40	11.10	1.25	...	5.5	8.35
Consett ...	7.48	11.18	1.33	...	5.13	8.43
Leadgate ...	7.53	11.23	1.38	...	5.18	8.48
Annfield Pln.	8.2	11.32	1.47	4.0	5.27	8.57
Shield Row	8.8	11.38	1.53	4.6	5.33	9.3
Beamish ...	8.14	11.44	1.59	4.12	5.39	9.9
Pelton ...	8.20	11.50	2.5	4.18	5.45	9.15
Birtley ...	8.26	11.56	2.11	4.24	5.51	9.21
Birtley Depart—	9.0	12.25	3.50	4.55	6.40	9.42
Durham Arrive—	9.21	12.46	4.11	5.17	7.1	10.3
Depart—						
Birtley ...	8.27	11.57	2.12	4.25	5.52	9.22
Lamesley ...	8.31	12.1	2.16	4.29	5.56	9.26
Low Fell ...	8.35	12.5	2.20	4.33	6.0	9.30
Bensham ..	8.39	12.9	2.24	4.37	6.4	9.34
Gateshead	8.45	12.15	2.30	4.44	6.10	9.40
Newcastle arr.	8.49	12.19	2.34	4.47	6.14	9.44
Newcastle to Sunderland Depart—	9.25	1.8	2b32	4.55	6.57	10.35
Newcastle to South Shields—	9.7	12.35	3.0	5.10	6b15	10.15
Newcastle to Tynemouth—	9.15	12.30	3.5	5.7	6.20	10.5
Newcastle to the North—	9.30	1.30	3.10	4.53	6.30	11g0

b. The connection is at Gateshead. C. Tuesdays and Saturdays only. T. Wednesdays only. G. Thursdays only.

NEWCASTLE TO DURHAM VIA BLACKHILL.

Newcastle depart:—6.10, 8.5, 9.42, 11.0, 12.25, 2.35, 4.5, 5.20, 7.30.

Elswick 6.14, 8.9, 9.47, 11.4, 12.29, 2.39, 4.9, 5.24, 7.34.

Scotswood 6.18, 8.13, 9.51, 11.8, 12.33, 2.43, 4.15, 5.28, 7.38.

Swalwell 6.24, 8.18, 9.56, 11.14, 12.39, 2.49, 4.19, 5.33, 7.44.

Rowland's Gill 6.33, 8.27, 10.4, 11.23, 12.47, 2.57, 4.28, 5.42, 7.53.

Lintz Green 6.40, 8.34, 10.10, 11.30, 12.53, 3.5, 4.36, 5.47, 8.0.

Ebchester 6.53, 8.45, 10.22, 11.40, 1.4, 3.14, 4.49, 5.58, 8.13.

Shotley Bridge 6.59, 8.49, 10.27, 11.14, 1.8, 3.19, 4.45, 6.5, 8.19.

Blackhill arrive, 7.5, 8.55, 10.32, 11.50, 1.14, 3.25, 5.2, 6.10, 8.25.

Blackhill depart, 7.10, 8.57, 10.37, 1.17, 3.27, 6.12, 8.27,

Knitsley 7.20, 9.7, 10.47, 1.27, 3.37, 6.22, 8.37.

Lanchester 7.29, 9.15, 10.56, 1.35, 3.45, 6.31, 8.46.

Witton Gilbert 7.37, 9.23, 11.4, 1.43, 3.53, 6.40, 8.54.

Aldin Grange for Bearpark 7.44, 9.29, 11.11, 1.49, 3.59, 6.49, 9.1.

Durham arrive, 7.50, 9.35, 11.17, 1.55, 4.5, 6.55, 9.7.

DURHAM TO NEWCASTLE VIA BLACKHILL.

Durham depart, 7.25, 9.40, 11.55, 2.35, 5.20, 8.35.

Aldin Grange for Bearpark 7.32, 9.47, 12.2, 2.41, 5.27, 8.41.

Witton Gilbert 7.39, 9.51, 12.9, 2.47, 5.34, 8.47.

Lanchester 7.48, 10.2, 12.18, 2.56, 5.43, 8.56.

Knitsley 7.50, 10.13, 12.29, 3.7, 5.54, 9.7.

Blackhill arrive, 8.10, 10.25, 12.40, 3.18, 6.5, 9.13.

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Lintz Green 8.30, 9.24, 10.53, 1.7, 3.45, 6.29, 7.13, 9.38.

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Scotswood 8.50, 9.42, 11.11, 1.23, 4.3, 6.48, 7.29, 9.56.

Elswick 8.57, 9.50, 11.17, 1.30, 4.10, 6.55, 7.36, 10.3.

Newcastle arrive, 9.2, 9.55, 11.22, 1.35, 4.15, 7.0, 7.41, 10.8.

On Wednesdays only a stopping train leaves Newcastle for Blackhill at 10.50, p.m., arriving at Blackhill at 11.40, p.m.,

On Saturdays only a stopping train leaves Newcastle for Lintz Green at 7.10 a.m., returning from Lintz Green at 9.10 a.m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

On Sundays trains leave Newcastle for Blackhill at 7.30, a.m., and 2.30, and 7.15, p.m., returning respectively at 8.40, a.m., and 7.40, and 8.20, p.m.

LILITH.

A SEQUEL TO "THE UNLOVED WIFE,"

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CHAPTER XIV.

LILITH'S METAMORPHOSIS.

THE run of the *Kaiser Wilhelm* was an almost ideal voyage. After the first few hours, wind and waves subsided.

On Sunday morning the voyagers arose to find themselves borne steadily onward over a summer sea, under a sunny sky, freshened by a gentle breeze.

As this day was, so were all the succeeding days of the voyage.

Only twice it rained, and then only in the night, so that all the mornings were clear and fair.

Lilith was young, fresh and sensitive; and so, nothwithstanding all her past griefs, disappointments, and humiliations, she enjoyed the voyage.

The baroness was very kind to her young companion, and very delicate in making the gradual change she had determined upon in her case. She never said to the young creature in so many words: "From this time you are my little sister;" but she treated her with the free and fond affection due to such a relationship. She never asked Lilith to perform the slightest service for her; but, on the contrary, very often offered attentions to the girl—wrapping her shawl around her when they were going up on deck, and showing her all the solicitous tenderness of an affectionate relative.

Lilith was very grateful for all this kindness; nor did its excess embarrass her in the least degree. She had been used to the greatest care and the tenderest love all her days until the brief episode of her married life; and she had no experience to teach her that the baroness' treatment of her was not the treatment usually bestowed by a lady upon her salaried companion. So she accepted all the favours and all the attentions of the great lady with gratitude and enjoyment.

Their fellow-voyagers had not the least idea that these two young ladies stood in the relations of employer and employed towards each other, but believed them to be very young widowed sisters or dear friends.

There happened to be on board *not one* of Madame Von Bruyin's own circle who was acquainted with her family history and knew that she had no sisters.

The baroness happened to come on deck one morning without Lilith.

She sat down near a lady, who, after exchanging salutions with the new-comer, said, politely:

"I hope, madame, that your dear sister is not indisposed this morning that she is not on deck."

"Thank you, she is quite well, only a trifle late in rising; but Mrs. Wyvil is not my sister except in affection; though indeed there are few sisters so strongly attached to each other as we are. Circumstances have brought this friendly union about. We are both orphans, without sister or brother; both widows without children; we have, in fact, no family ties whatever. We are fast friends who have no one but each other," Madame Von Bruyin explained, speaking purposely so to one whom she knew to be one of the busiest gossips among all the ladies of the first cabin.

After this there was much talk about the "romantic friendship" existing between the two beautiful young widows. This talk found its way from the ladies' cabin to the gentlemen's saloon, where the status of the two lovely widows was often canvassed. Both were acknowledged to be "beautiful exceedingly," and yet so different in style that there could be no comparison between them—one a tall and stately blonde, the other a petite and graceful brunette; so that they were relatively called Juno and Psyche. Both were supposed to be enormously rich—great chances for "elegant but impecunious" fortune-hunters. And more than one adventurer who could not manage to approach the hedged-in royalty on ship-board, determined to keep track of the beauties in hopes of golden opportunies after they should have landed on the other side.

Meanwhile Madame Von Bruyin and Lilith, unconscious of the buzz of gossip, criticism, and speculation going on around them in cabin and saloon, kept on the even tenor of their way, until one fine morning near the middle of June they awoke to find themselves at Havre. Their ship had arrived in the night while they slept.

Lilith started up to look through the port-hole of her state-room, but she could see nothing but the hulk of another great steamer that lay close alongside.

She dressed herself with eager, childish haste to go upon deck and look upon the shores of the old world, so new to her, and which she had so longed to see.

Such first sights are often a surprise and a disappointment to the young traveller. They expect to see something very new and very strange, instead of which they see what seem to be very familiar objects—all sea-port towns are at first view so very much alike in their general appearance.

When Lilith hurriedly dressed herself, and without waiting for Madame Von Bruyin, hastened up on deck, and looked around her, she saw what, as it seemed to her, she must have seen a hundred times before—a harbour with a forest of shipping, docks crowded with men, women, and children, horses, mules, carts, and vans, and laden with bales, boxes, barrels, and bundles of merchandise; dingy warehouses rising to the sky, with dusty windows and many ropes and pulleys reaching from roof to basement; beyond these the crowded streets of the city.

"Why, but for that old tower in the distance, and those old churches, this might be New York or Baltimore," said Lilith, unconscious of having spoken out.

"Yes, my dear, at a very casual and superficial glance; but wait until we get into the town. Then I will show you some antiquities of the time of Louis XI., when Havre was but a little fishing-hamlet and never dreamed of becoming the great sea-port that it now is," said the baroness, who had come quietly up to the side of her young friend.

"Ah! but it is not beautiful to look upon from this point," said Lilith.

"What sea-port town is? But it is interesting away from the docks—though I can well believe that the ships, docks and warehouses are decidedly the most interesting portion of the town to those busy business men whom we see in the crowd there. But, as I said, wait until we land and see the old city. And remember that beyond the city spread

'Thy corn-fields green and sunny vines,
Oh, pleasant land of France.'

I always enjoy the railway ride from Havre to Paris. We will take that ride to-morrow, little beauty. To-day we will do Havre."

"But, madame, I was thinking, as I have before hinted to you, of returning to New York by the first homeward bound steamer," said Lilith, deprecatingly.

The baroness turned suddenly around and stared at her little friend for a moment, and then exclaimed:

"You must never *think* of doing such a thing! Why have you *ever* thought of it?"

"Because you are going in the course of your travels to the very city and court where you will be sure to meet—Mr. Hereward," said Lilith, hesitating over the name. "And I should not like to seem to be *following* him, after all that has passed," she added.

"Nonsense, my dear! We may make the tour of the continent without going to that city. Or even if we go there, we may see everything worth seeing without meeting that man."

"But—"

"I will hear no 'but,' my dear. You must not leave me. You *engaged* to stay with me for twelve months, unless our engagement should be annulled by mutual consent. Now, I do not consent to any such thing, my dear; and you, I know, are too honest and honourable to break a contract. There has been quite enough of that sort of thing in our lives, at least in yours, without a new example. But there! we will not discuss this matter further until we get to our hotel. See! the people are beginning to go on shore. Ah! Monsieur Le Grange, will you be so good as to send Felix on shore to engage two carriages? I shall then ask you to attend Mrs. Wyvil and myself to the Hotel de l'Europe, where you will please engage rooms for us," said the baroness, turning to her private secretary, who had just stepped up.

The polite old gentleman bowed and went away to perform his commission.

"We will go down and put on our wraps, my dear. You need not take the trouble to pack or to remove anything. I will leave Lisette in charge of our rooms to do all that. Felix can see our trunks through the Custom House, and then come on with Lisette and all the other trumpery to the hotel."

Lilith followed her friend's advice and soon joined her in the cabin, dressed for landing.

They went up on deck, and while they stood waiting for the return of Monsieur Le Grange they exchanged good-byes with several fellow-voyagers.

"Will madame now proceed to the carriage?"

"If you please, monsieur.

The old secretary then put both ladies into the carriage, seated himself beside them, and gave the order;

"To the Hotel de l'Europe."

A few moments drive through the narrow streets brought them up to the fine hotel.

Their rooms were ready, so that there was but little delay before they found themselves in possession of them.

Monsieur Le Grange had ordered the breakfast, which was soon served in madame's small *salon*.

When the breakfast was over, the two ladies put on their bonnets, and took the carriage that had been engaged, and with him for their guide drove around the city to whatever they considered worth looking at, and finally returned to their hotel in time for late dinner.

That evening Madame Von Bruyin and Lilith had a final talk on the question of her—Lilith—returning to New York or travelling over Europe with the baroness.

The prospect of varied travel in company with her charming friend had great attractions for Lilith, certainly, so that when the baroness put it to her heart and conscience not to break the compact she had made with so fond a friend, Lilith not only yielded the point and consented to remain with the baroness, but she did so with evident pleasure.

Madame Von Bruyin kissed her ardently to seal the bargain, and they retired to bed in their adjoining alcoves.

Early the next morning the whole party took train to Paris.

CHAPTER XV.

WORLD-WEARY.

THE Baroness Von Bruyin and her suite reached Paris about the middle of June.

They went first to the Splendide Hotel, placo de l'Opera.

But they remained there only for a few days, until a suitable house was procured on the Champs Elysées to which they immediately removed.

Madame Von Bruyin was supposed, on account of her recent widowhood, not to go into the gay world; yet, somehow or other, as soon as she was settled in her magnificent "hotel," she managed to see much of society, or what was left of society in the French capital; for at this season the gay birds of passage in the fashionable world were already pluming their wings for flight to sea-side or mountain range for the summer. Yet enough still remained to make life gay in the gayest city of Christendom.

And though Madame Von Bruyin went to no balls or large public receptions, yet she saw a great deal of company both at home and abroad. And Lilith was always by her side, not as her salaried companion, but as her friend and equal.

The court had not left Paris, and it was through Madame Von Bruyin that Lilith obtained her first entrée into the "charmed" circle of Tuileries. And no less from her freshness, her piquancy and simplicity than from her rare beauty, *La belle Virginienne* became the fashion, just when the season was wearing to its close and wanted a new sensation.

Somehow also the impression had got abroad that Madame Wyvil was a very wealthy woman—the daughter of some New York merchant prince and the widow of some Californian mine king.

Who was responsible for starting the story is not certainly known; but it is undeniable that Madame Von Bruyin chuckled a great deal over the hallucination, when she saw Lilith sought, followed, flattered and fawned upon by impoverished nobles and impecunious princes.

Lilith knew nothing of the romances in circulation concerning her vast riches. The adulation she received both pleased and pained her. No beautiful girl of seventeen could be quite insensible or indifferent to the homage of the world; homage that she innocently supposed was paid to herself, rather than to her imaginary wealth; but when she remembered her position, she felt that she would gladly give all, all this worship for one kind word, or glance, from her husband.

She was often glad to get away from those court circles—though they were never gay scenes—to escape from everybody, even from her kindest friend, Madame Von Bruyin—lock herself up in her room at night, and there in solitude and darkness forget or ignore the cruel sentence that had banished her from her beloved husband and her dear home; bridge over the painful scenes that had marred the last weeks of their wedded life and go back and live over again in memory and imagination the brief, bright days of their harmony and happiness, and recall the few precious words of affection or approbation Tudor Hereward had ever addressed to her.

How fondly, how vividly—lying with her eyes closed and her fingers laid upon her eyelids as if the better to shut out the real world and the present time—how fondly and how vividly she recalled that day when she sat all day long over the writing-table in their room at the hotel, so busy at work for him, so happy, ah! so happy to be of use to him, answering piles of letters that he had marked for her, copying the crabbed manuscript for his speech, looking out authorities for his reference.

And when evening came and he returned from the capitol, and sank wearily into his easy-chair at the table and slowly examined her work, and finally said:

"You have performed your task only too well. • • • Your day's work has saved me from a night's work, my little lady love." And he kissed her.

It was a precious memory.

How happy she was that day! How very, very happy!

(To be continued.)

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USEFUL HINTS FOR THE HOME.

(By an old Correspondent.)

Rye (secale cereale) is a very important bread corn in the North of Europe and parts of Germany. It is allied to that of barley, but does not succeed quite so far North as the latter. It is supposed to be derived from the desert regions around the Caspian Sea, where it is said to occur in the wild state. Rye, when in a sound state is, perhaps, one of the best articles of food that has been conferred upon the human race. But it seems, at present, to be the only grain which is liable to recognised disease which is likely to prove and indeed has proved, disastrous to those who have consumed it in its diseased state. Rye is liable to be attacked by a fungus, which, commencing in the pistil of the grass, grows gradually, and ultimately by its size overshadows the normal grass. The fungus growth is called ergot, and at times the growth of ergot in the rye has become excessive. For the last eighteen hundred years, there have swept over larger or smaller districts of Europe epidemics of diseases which have been attributed to ergot. When the summer is wet and cold, the rye becomes very extensively ergotised, so that the fungus constitutes a large proportion of the material entering into the bread. It is under these circumstances that there occurs these epidemics of ergotism or chronic poisoning, which have been recorded from time to time since the days of Galen and Cæsar. The usual effect of consuming ergotised rye is the occurrence of mortification or gangrene of the extremities of the body, and this gangrenous ergotism has been especially observed in France, and is believed to be the same as the Ignis sacer or the Ignis sancti antanii of the middle ages, an affection which, in A.D.22, killed forty-thousand persons in South-Western France; whilst about two hundred and six years later, fourteen thousand of the inhabitants of Paris alone, were sent through the malady to that country from whence no traveller returns. There is another form of ergotism in which the symptoms consist chiefly of violent spasmodic contraction of the muscles of the body.

The hop (Humulus lupulus) is a perennial rooted plant with an annual twining stem, a native of Europe and parts of Asia, perhaps also of Britain and North America. Its common name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon happan, "to climb." Though long known in England, it was not cultivated till the reign of Henry VII. (1,509-1,547), when the practice was introduced from the Netherlands. The culture is now more extensive than in any other part of the world, chiefly in the counties of Surrey, Herefordshire, and Kent. Maidstone, the county town of the latter, situated on the Medway, is the chief seat of the trade. It also prevails in France, Germany, Belgium, and Southern Russia; and the plant has been introduced into Australia and New Zealand. The hop is not much used in medicine, although it is reputed to possess sedative properties. In hot countries a hop pillow is often recommended for sleeplessness. It is occasionally used with advantage in cases of restlessness, when for any reason the use of opium is considered objectionable. The benefit said to have been obtained from it by George III. (1,738-1,820) brought it for a time into more general notice. In the form of bitter beer the hop is an excellent remedy for dyspepsia and debility fo the digestive organs.

The plum (prunus domesticus), I need hardly say, appears wild in woods and hedgerows in most parts of Europe, being probably originally derived by culture from the sloe. The finest cultivated varieties are supposed to have been introduced from the East, as the damson, which has its name from Damascus, an inland city, locally called El-Sham, and situated on an extensive plain at the eastern base of Anti-Lebanon. A few remarks anent the preparing of this fruit will perhaps be beneficial at the present time. For making jam, the medium sized plums are the best. They should be washed in clean cold water, and laid on a towel to dry. Weigh one pound of sugar to every pound of fruit. Don't stone them, as it spoils both flavour and appearance. Put on the jelly pan with half a pint of water, and one pound of sugar. When this melts, put in half of plums to be preserved, and their weight of sugar. Let this again melt a little, then add the remainder of the fruit with an equal quantity of sugar. Let all simmer slowly for about thirty minutes, then boil briskly for other fifteen or twenty minutes. Try on a cold plate, and if it sets quickly, it will do, and ought to be put immediately into jars. Preserves should never be put into glass jars because of the danger of chipping. Persons have died from a piece of crystal getting into the stomach conveyed there in preserves from glass jars. Large Victoria plums may be boiled the same as above, only, a quarter of a pound less sugar to every pound of fruit need be used. Some persons when making this jam are in the habit of stoning, but when this is done, a few stones should be broken, tied in a small piece of muslin, and boiled with the jam for flavouring, but taken out before lifting. Damson jam can be prepared the same way as plum, but they are greatly improved by mixing them with apples. Cut a number of apples in quarters, dont pare or core, but put them into a pan with water, almost sufficient to cover them. After they boil soft, mash them, and stir to keep from burning. Strain, and to each pint of juice add one pound of pure cane sugar. Then put in the Damsons with their weight of sugar and boil about one hour, gently the first half and briskly the second half hour. When it sets put into jars. The common plums are generally used for making "prunes." The fruit is dried by exposing them alternately to the heat of an oven and to the open air. Prunes are very nutritious and form an excellent laxative for children. Some of our leading physicians states that they have "the most implicit confidence in stewed prunes." The following is an excellent recipe:—Wash one pound of prunes in cold water and put them into a saucepan with half a pint of water, the rind and juice of one lemon, and two tablespoonfuls of brown sugar. Allow the fruit to simmer until quite soft, which will be about two or three hours; then serve. A very good prune pudding can be made as follows:—Wash half a pound of prunes, and stew them with one gill of water till soft; take out the stones, and mix four ounces of flour, one tablespoonful of brown sugar, and spice (according to taste) together; and beat to a smooth paste with one teacupful of milk and the prunes. Beat all together, and pour into a well-greased mould. Cover over with a greased paper and tie down. Set the mould in a pan of boiling water, being careful that the water does not reach the top of the basin, and steam for about three hours. There are various other methods of preparing dishes of prunes, but space wont permit just now.

A short time ago, I referred to celery as a prophylactic for rheumatism, but as space would not then admit me going into the variety of ways in which it may be added to our foods, perhaps I may be allowed now to touch briefly on a few of the simplest methods that have been adopted. The green leaves are excellent for flavouring soups, but must not be cut down. Just wash a quantity and tie in a bunch with thread or small string, and drop into soup when it is first put on the fire. Let it remain until the soup is boiled, but remove it before the soup is served. Another good way is to take the white or bleached part, and wash and clean it properly, then cut it in half-inch lengths, and boil well. It can then be added to any kind of soup. The following is a very nice dish:—Put two ounces of butter into a vessel that will stand browning. Pare and slice a few Spanish onions, and brown nicely. After they are sufficiently browned, add a little boiling water, and then after it is at boiling point again add celery, the white part cleaned and cut as above. Dust on a little flour occasionally as it cooks, and serve on pieces of toast. A very good way of stewing celery, is to wash and scrape the blanched or white parts of two heads of celery, and cut into pieces about an inch long, then put them into veal stock or buttered water till tender. Then take half-a-pint of cream or a little sweet milk, with a very small quantity of flour dissolved in it, and put into a pan, then add to it the well beaten yolk of an egg, a pinch of salt, a morsel of floured butter, and make this quite hot, but do not let it boil, stir it continually until ready, then pour it over the celery. To flour butter take a little flour on a plate, roll a piece of butter about on it until all the flour is taken up. There is a host of other methods of preparing celery, but I will just mention one, which is best for rheumatism. Take the stalks and leaves of three heads of celery, and scrape and clean them properly, then cut down into one inch lengths, and put in a vessel covered with water. Then take three lemons, pare off thin yellow rind, remove pith and throw it away. Cut the remainder of lemon down and add it and the rind to celery. Simmer gently for about ten hours, adding boiling water if it boils away. Strain through a fine sieve, and take one gill of the juice first thing every morning. Several severe cases of rheumatism have been cured by this method.

Local Volunteer Intelligence.

5th V.B.D.L.I.

The members of the shooting club in connection with the headquarter companies of the above corps held their usual fortnightly handicap competition on the Bewes Hill Range, near Blaydon, on Saturday, under the management of Sergeant G. R. Parker. The competition consisted of seven shots and one sighting shot at 200, 500, and 600 yards, the positions being kneeling, prone, and any respectively; Bisley targets and scoring; h.p.s., 105. There was a moderate wind, which blew almost straight down the range, and had consequently chiefly an effect on the elevation. The light was good. There was only a small attendance, and the winners were:—Private G. Coulter (13 start), 29, 27, 30—99; Private E. R. Alan, (15), 27, 25, 28—95; Sergeant W. Bainbridge (18), 26, 27, 20—91; Private J. Soppott (19), 21, 23, 21—84. The seargeants of the headquarters companies held their annual excursion on Saturday afternoon to Alnmouth and Alnwick. The party travelled in a saloon carriage by the 1.60 p.m. train from the Central, and returned in the fish express, having had a very enjoyable trip. The arrangements were ably carried out by Sergeant-Major C. Crowley.

TYNE AND DERWENT RIFLE CLUB.

Though the weather was not very agreeable, there was a good turn out of members of this club on Saturday afternoon at Bewes Hills range, Blaydon, to take part in a competition in which the following conditions were observed:—Seven rounds and one sighting shot each at 200, 500, and 600 yards; positions, kneeling, prone, and any respectively; Bisley targets and scoring; highest possible score, 105. Returns:—Colour-Sergeant W. V. Shotton, Winlaton (8 start), 30, 34, 25—97; Private R. Chilton, Blaydon (14), 29, 23, 26—87; Sergeant-Major W. Collier, Northumberland Hussars (22), 26, 28, 21—87; Private J. R. Newton, Winlaton (21), 26, 21, 22—90; Colour-Sergeant T. Vallance, Blaydon (5), 29, 33, 20—87; Private J. W. Clarke, Blaydon (17), 21, 26, 23—87; Private J. Chilton, Blaydon (5), 32, 29, 20—86; Private W. Gardiner, Blaydon (5), 27, 33, 20—85; Private W. Farrow, Winlaton (26), 25, 15, 10—76; Corporal W. Brown, Blaydon (2), 28, 28, 17—75; Sergeant J. Marley, Blaydon (9), 31, 19, 16—75; Lance-Sergeant G. W. Stephenson, Winlaton (2), 29, 25, 14—70; Lance-Corporal D. Larner, Blaydon (30), 16, 12, 8—68. Sergeant Instructor E. Urry was in command.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S MAIDEN SPEECH.

In the September numeber of the "Windsor Magazine," Frederick Dolman gives some details concerning the maiden speeches of our most famous statesmen. He tells us that Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's maiden speech was called forth on August 4th 1876, by a debate in Committee on Lord Sandon's Education Bill. Elected for Birmingham in July, he had not intended taking part that session in the debates of the House, but the resolve was broken by the attacks levelled against the Birmingham School Board, of which he was then chairman, by the supporters of Lord Sandon's Bill. But in beginning his speech Mr. Chamberlain thought it necessary to tender an apology to his audience in the following terms:—'he had so recently come into the House that he felt reluctant to trespass on its time, being of opinion that he should best show his respect for the assembly he was proud to enter by refraining from addressing it while inexperienced in its forms and practices.' The event proved the apology to be superfluous. A new member rising to make his maiden speech always excites some amount of expectant interest—in a new parliament like the present, indeed, maiden speeches are a recognised means of diversion. Mr. Chamberlain's first appearance in debate was made at the fag end of a session, in a Parliament which was more than two years old, but his Birmingham career invested it with an exceptionally eager curiosity. The House was impatient for a division, but the moment it was seen that Mr. Chamberlain was on his feet the cries of 'Vide, vide' ceased. Members hurried in from the lobbies, and even Mr. Disraeli, who was in his private room when Mr. Chamberlain rose, was induced to return to the Treasury Bench by the voice of the new member for Birmingham. The House listened with close and unbroken attention, and Mr. Chamberlain, we are told by the chronicler of the "Birmingham Daily Post," 'resumed his seat amid loud and general cheering.'"

MR. GLADSTONE'S FIRST SPEECH.

"Maiden Speeches in Parliament" is the title of an excellent article in the September number of the "Windsor Magazine." The first place is given to an account of Mr. Gladstone's debut. "On February 21, 1833, a petition was presented relative to electoral corruption at Liverpool, and, prompted doubtless by a sensitive concern for the honour of his birthplace, the new member ventured to interpose in the discussion, which, in accordance with the then existing rule of the House, was allowed to take place when its prayer had been read. The new Parliament had not been in session a month, and Mr. Gladstone—who had been returned for Newark at the General Election in the preceding December—was, it must be supposed, still overawed by his surroundings. At any rate the young man of twenty-three was described in the newspapers of the following morning as having been 'inaudible in the gallery,' a circumstance which may have been, however, as much due to the wretched accommodation of the reporters at that time as to the failure of the voice that has since thrilled tens of thousands. Nor does this circumstance fully explain the long oblivion to which this maiden speech was consigned, for some sort of a report of it is to be found in both 'Hansard' and 'The Mirror of Parliament,' although they are qualified by the prefatory warning that 'Mr. Gladstone was understood to say.' From these reports it would seem indeed that he had not been well heard even by the members around him, and later on he had to rise on 'a point of explanation' at the request of a speaker who complained of the hon. member for Newark's want of clearness. Altogether it is clear that this maiden speech made no sort of impression upon the House. In a few hours it was forgotten; and when Mr. Gladstone came to make his second effort it was regarded by many members as his first. Mr. Buxton, in followed Mr. Gladstone described it as 'very able, eloquent and impressive,' whilst Mr. Stanley, the Colonial Secretary, referred to its 'temper, ability and fairness, as affording a model for many older members.' But the most remarkable testimony to the contemperaneous effect of the speech was not published till many years after in the memoirs of Lord Albemarle. 'One evening on taking my place I found on his legs a beardless youth, with whose appearance and manner I was greatly struck; he had an earnest, intelligent countenance, and large expressive black eyes. Young as he was he had evidently what is called 'the ear of the House,' and yet the cause he advocated was not one likely to interest a popular assembly—that of the planter versus the slave. I had placed myself behind the Treasury Bench. 'Who is it?' I asked one of the Ministers. I was answered, 'He is the member for Newark—a young fellow who will some day make a great figure in Parliament,' said Stanley."

A MEMORY OF MILLAIS.

There is little need here to recall the splendid personality of the artist who has gone. But as I write, his figure seems to rise before me, shedding the magnetic pleasure his presence always brought. He turns to look at me, as he has done a score of times, from his round-backed chair before the great fireplace of the studio. He has discussed the pictures on the easels ranged around in his half-halting, half-explosive, wholly delightful way. His pipe is between his teeth—the beloved briar, more precious than the finest cigar Havana ever rolled. The travelling cap of tweed, at first raised once or twice as if to ventilate the head, then carelessly replaced, rakishly on one side, is finally thrown on to the table close at hand, and reveals the silver fringing to the splendid head—a hairy nimbus, like a laurel wreath, lovingly placed by the crowning hand of Time. The strong voice—that was to become, alas! weasened, husky, and inaudible at last—sounds loud and fresh and hearty in my ears; the powerful, kindly hand is placed with genial roughness on my shoulder; the smile, so full of charm; the untutored, halting eloquence; the bright, happy, infectious roguery of the accentuating wink; the enthusiastic talk on art, now optimistic, now denunciatory of fads and foolishness; a great, jolly Englishman unaffected as a schoolboy, and as unconscious of it as a man of genius. I see him as he turns, Anglo-Saxon from skin to core; sixty and more by the almanack, but fifty by himself; vigorous and bluff, full of healthy power of body and of mind. I see him, true, straightforward, honest, staunch, as a friend; hearty, but not vindictive, as a hater; generous in his blame as in his praise, from whose mind every cobweb of injustice, every taint of prejudice, has been swept clear and fresh by the breezes of his Scottish moors. And then he smiles again—that smile of extraordinary sweetness and significance, which ever and anon lights up the handsome face, and strikes the key-note to all that is tender in his work, all that is graceful and lovable in his pictures of passion or of beauty, in woman, man, or child. And then again I see him; little changed; the kindness of his reception what it ever was, the geniality of his friendship as gentle and cordial as before the cloud had gathered. It is difficult to hear him now, and the strain of talking is great. He stops in the course of a sentence, and pointing in apology to his throat he laughingly rounds off the conversational fragment with a knowing side-shake of the head. Once more I see him, forgetful for his dying self, stalking off to the hospital to cheer a member of the Academy lying ill—for is he not now President, and father of his flock? And then he vanishes from sight—to his room of sickness, agony, and death. And word comes out to us of his heroism, his gentleness, his patient suffering. And then——. We are spared the rest. And this is the end of a bright and sunny life—the cruel lining to a glorious cloud of purple and of gold.—Mr. H. Spielmann, in "The Magazine of Art" for Septemeber.

LARKS WITH THE NEW BOY.

The new boy in a factory or workshop is as acceptable and inevitable a subject for practical jokes as he has always been at school. He must pay his "footing" on pain of the most fearful penalties, prove himself to be a prodigy of strength or of valour, or conform in some other way to a custom of the establishment whenever a beginner is introduced. Refusing to pay a "footing" is generally considered a serious matter, and is visited with prompt punishment. No long ago a youth who thus infringed the unwritten law of a factory was cast into a large basket and lowered by means of a rope and pulley half-way down an opening used for conveying goods from the top to the bottom of the building. The intention was to allow him to remain there only for a short time, but the hands went away for the night without giving a thought to their prisoner. No response came, and soon perfect silence reigned around him. Eventually, however, the cramped position of the lad caused him such pain that he climbed up the rope, and, by swinging to and fro, alighted on the floor. Then he made his way to the ground storey, squeezed himself through a window, and escaped. Tests of strength are frequently imposed on a new comer. Every boy must carry a 56lb. weight by his teeth for a considerable distance. The other lads, with a fine display of fairness, show him "how it's done;" but they are careful to take into the mouth a good portion of the handkerchief or scarf by which the heavy mass is suspended, and to grip it firmly between the grinders. The neophyte, ignorant of the whole secret of the thing, throws all the weight on his front teeth, and comes off fortunate if he does not loosen or break a few. The owner of the works used to be very much struck with the appalling condition of his lads' mouths, but he attributed the cause to the excessive use of tea and "sloppy" food. On one occasion, in the course of a paternal sort of lecture to his employes, he referred to errors in diet, and that he might illustrate the consequences arising therefrom, mentioned the defective teeth of his boys. "Now," he then asked solemnly, "what is the cause of that?" "Carrying fifty-sixers!" piped a small voice at the back of the hall. This unexpected reply, coupled with the roar of laughter that followed, so puzzled and disconcerted the speaker that he sat down abruptly.—From "Chums" for September.

TO THE PIT BOYS' RESCUE!

Never yet was there a mining disaster of any magnitude without several instances of individual gallantry in saving boys alone (says a writer in "Chums." As a colliery manager said to me the other day. "There may be a score of cases of that kind after a single accident, and nobody be any the wiser." And then he gave me an example. "A boy told me once," he proceeded, "that after an explosion one of the men who was working with him brought him along for a considerable distance in the workings. At last they met the after-damp. The lad was so terrified, so anxious to get out, that he wanted to rush through it and make his way to the shaft. If he had gone on he would certainly have dropped, but the man would not let him—he stopped him by force, and though the lad bit and fought like a little demon, he stuck to him and held him near to the ground, so that they could breathe. How do you think he calmed the boy at last? Sang comic songs to him! Well, they had to keep where they were for about five hours, and then, when the air had got better, the man started off and brought the youngster out safely, though once he was nearly suffocated by the after-damp. Now, there's a case that nobody would have heard of probably if the lad hadn't happened to have told me about it." As an instance of heroism in this direction that is known, however, I recall a story I heard near the bank of the Hyde Pit after the explosion in 1889. You know that the slightest delay in flying for the shaft may mean death. In the neighbourhood of Bolton, some few years ago, one man out of a party of colliers stopped behind for a minute or so to look for his son, a boy of fourteen, who was working close by. The two met, but, alas! they perished there together, and were found clasped in each others arms. And paternal devotion as those manifested has cost many a brave fellow his life. Well, on the occasion referred to a man named Haslam brought fro mthe workings, or met as he was scurrying along to the pit mouth, a man named Haslam brought from the workings, journey he stuck to the lad with the most heroic determination. Twice the boy stumbled and fell, but the noble collier dragged him to his feet and urged him on. [illegible] yet both, I rejoice to say, gained the surface alive and comparatively well.—From "Chums" for September.

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