A MEMORY OF MILLAIS.

...e is little need here to recall the splendid ...ality of the artist who has gone. But as ..., his figure seems to rise before me, she..d... e magnetic pleasure his presence always ...t. He turns to look at me, as he has done ... of times, from his round-backed chair ... the great fireplace of his studio. He has ...d the pictures on the easels ranged around ... half-halting, half-explosive, wholly delight... ...y. His pipe is between his teeth—the ... brier, more precious than the finest cigar ... ever rolled. The travelling cap of tweed, ... raised once or twice as if to ventilate the ... then carelessly replaced, rakishly on one ... finally thrown on to the table close at ...nd reveals the silver fringing to the splendid ... hairy, nimbus, like a laurel wreath, lovingly ... by the crowning hand of Time. The strong ... that was to become, alas! weakened, husky, ...audible at last—sounds loud and fresh and ... in my ears; the powerful, kindly hand is ... with genial roughness on my shoulder; ...ile, so full of charm; the untutored, halting ...nce; the bright, happy, infectious roguery ... accentuating wink; the enthusiastic talk ... now optimistic, now denunciatory of fads ...lishness; a great, jolly Englishman unaffected ...ooboy, and as unconscious of it as a man ...ius. I see him as he turns, Anglo-Saxon ...kin to core; sixty and more by the alma... ...but fifty by himself; vigorous and bluff, ... healthy power of body and of mind. I ...n, true, straightforward, honest; staunch, ...end; hearty, but not vindictive, as a hater; ...us in his blame as in his praise, from whose ...every cobweb of injustice, every taint of ...ce, has been swept clear and fresh by the ... of his Scottish moors. And then he ... again—that smile of extraordinary sweet... ... significance, which ever and anon lights ... handsome face, and strikes the key-note ...that is tender in his work, all that is grace... ...d lovable in his pictures of passion or of ... in woman, man, or child. And then again ... him; little changed; the kindness of his ...on what it ever was, the geniality of his ...hip as gentle and cordial as before the ... had gathered. It is difficult to hear him ...nd the strain of talking is great. He stops ... course of a sentence, and pointing in apology ... throat he laughingly rounds off the con... ...onal fragment with a knowing side-shake ... head. Once more I see him, forgetful for ...ng self, stalking off to the hospital to cheer ...ber of the Academy lying ill—for is he ...w President, and father of his flock? And ...e vanishes from sight—to his room of sick... ...gony, and death. And word comes out to ... his heroism, his gentleness, his patient ... And then——. We are spared the ... And this is the end of a bright and sunny ... cruel lining to a glorious cloud of purple ... gold.—Mr. H. Spielmann, in "The Maga... ...Art" for September.

LARKS WITH THE NEW BOY.

...new boy in a factory or workshop is a ...able and inevitable a subject for practical ...s he has always been at school. He must ...s "footing" on pain of the most fearful ...s, prove himself to be a prodigy of strength ...valour, or conform in some other way to a ... of the establishment whenever a beginner is ...ced. Refusing to pay a "footing" is gener... ...nsidered a serious matter, and is visited with ... punishment. No long ago a youth who ...nfringed the unwritten law of a factory ...t into a large basket and lowered by means ...ope and pulley half-way down an opening ...r conveying goods from the top to the bottom ... building. The intention was to allow him ...ain there only for a short time, but the hands ...way for the night without giving a thought ...r prisoner. No response came, and soon ... silence reigned around him. Eventually, ...r, the cramped position of the lad caused ...ch pain that he climbed up the rope, and, ...nging to and fro, alighted on the floor. ...ho made his way to the ground storey, ...d himself through a window, and escaped. ...f strength are frequently imposed on a new ... Every boy must carry a 56lb. weight by ...th for a considerable distance. The other ...ith a fine display of fairness, show him "how ...ne;" but they are careful to take into the ... a good portion of the handkerchief or ...y which the heavy mass is suspended, and ...t it firmly between the grinders. The neo... ...ignorant of the the whole secret of the thing, ... all the weight on his front teeth, and comes ...unate if he does not loosen or break a few. ...wner of the works used to be very much ... with the appalling condition of his lads' ...s, but he attributed the cause to the excessive ...tea and "sloppy" food. On one occasion, ...course of a paternal sort of lecture to his ...yes, he referred to errors in diet, and that ...ht illustrate the consequences arising there... ...mentioned the defective teeth of his boys. ..." he then asked solemnly, "what is the ...of-that!" "Carrying fifty-sixers!" piped a ...voice at the back of the hall. This unex... ...reply, coupled with the roar of laughter ...followed, so puzzled and disconcerted the ...r that he sat down abruptly.—From ...ns" for September.

TO THE PIT BOYS' RESCUE!

...er yet was there a mining disaster of any ...tude without several instances of individual ...try in saving boys alone (says a writer in ...s." As a colliery manager said to me ...her day. "There may be a score of cases ...t kind after a single accident, and nobody ...y the wiser." And then he gave me an ...le. "A boy told me once," he proceeded, ... after an explosion one of the men who was ...g with him brought him along for a consider... ...distance in the workings. At last they met ...fter-damp. The lad was so terrified, so ...s to get out, that he wanted to rush through ... make his way to the shaft. If he had ...on he would certainly have dropped, but the ...ould not let him—he stopped him by force, ...hough the lad bit and fought like a little ..., he stuck to him and held him near to the ...d, so that they could breathe. How do you ...he calmed the boy at last? Sang comic songs ...! Well, they had to keep where they were ...out five hours, and then, when the air had ...etter, the man started off and brought the ...ster out safely, though once he was nearly ...ated by the after-damp. Now, there's a case ... nobody would have heard of probably if ...ad hadn't happened to have told me about ... As an instance of heroism in this direction ...is known, however, I recall a story I heard ...the bank of the Hyde Pit after the explosion ...89. You know that the slightest delay in ... for the shaft may mean death. In the neigh... ...ood of Bolton, some few years ago, one man ...f a party of colliers stopped behind for a ...te or so to look for his son, a boy of four... ... who was working close by. The two met, ...alas! they perished there together, and were ...l clasped in each others arms. And paternal ...ion as those manifested has cost many a brave ... his life. Well, on the occasion referred to ...n named Haslam brought fro mthe workings, ...t as he was scurrying along to the pit mouth, ...n named Haslam brought from the workings. ...ey he stuck to the lad with the most heroic ...mination. Twice the boy stumbled and fell, ...he noble collier dragged him to his feet and ...l him to push on with all speed. Other mis... ...befel them; yet both, I rejoice to say, gained ...urface alive and comparatively well.—From ...ums" for September.

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FOOTBALL.

Annfield Plain Wesleyan Sunday School Juniors beat Kyo Rovers by six goals to 1, at Annfield Plain. Hunter and Simpson played well for the homesters.

CONSETT SWIFTS JUNIORS v. CORNSAY RISING ROVERS.

Played at Consett, and resulted in a win for the home team as under—

Swifts .... Two goals
Cornsay .... One goal

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v. LANCHESTER.

This match was played at Lanchester in a deluge of rain. The home team won the toss and kicked down the field. From the kick off the Swifts rushed the ball into the Lanchester goal mouth, but only a goal kick resulted. From the result of good play by Nichol, Sisterson scored the first goal for Consett. After a few minutes play the ball was again put through by the visitors, but was given "off-side." At half-time the score was—

Swifts .... One goal
Lanchester .... Nil

During the second half Consett had all the play, their custodian only handling the ball once. Sisterson scored the second goal, the feat being repeated shortly after by Laidler, after some smart work by the right wing. Result—

Consett .... Three goals
Lanchester .... Nil

HEDLEY HILL v. ESH EXCELSIOR.

On Saturday Hedley Hill opened out the season by receiving a visit from Esh Excelsior. The Hedley Hill team was slightly changed through E Heslop (left wing), and E. Sharp (back), being unable to play. Teams:—

Hedley Hill—Goal, W. H. Morallee; backs, A. Green, and J. Blake; half-backs, S. Newton, J. Kearton, and A. Tomlinson; forwards, F. Tomlinson, H. Heslop, T. Jones, E. Stones, and G. Tomlinson.

Esh Excelsior—Goal, Cook; backs, Wear and Rodgerson; half-backs, W. High, A. Bowers, and A. Simpson; forwards, G. Miller, Sanderson, Smith, Maddison, and Clough.

The Excelsior won the toss, and Mr. Wm. Allison kicked the ball off. The Hedley Hill forwards soon rushed the ball to the Excelsior's end, and continued to press for about 15 minutes, when the first goal was scored by F. Tomlinson, and just before the first half ended a splendid goal was got by G. Tomlinson. In the second half it was soon seen that Hedley Hill had the upper hand, and they continued to press. The game was almost stopped at this point, owing to a thunderstorm, and the rain came down in torrents. Other four goals were added by F. Tomlinson, G. Tomlinson, S. Newton, and J. Kearton.

IVESTON VILLA v. ALLENDALE PARK RESERVE.

Played at Iveston. The home team kicked off and the visitors ran down, but Toole cleared. The Villa attacked strongly after this, Paul scoring the first goal. From the kick-off the visitors ran down and Thompson saved a good shot, but could not clear, and visitors' left equalised. After this the home team had matters all their own way, J. Forster scoring a second goal with a good shot. The Park seldom became dangerous. Tweedy scored a third goal, the goalkeeper just touching the ball with his hand. The home forwards ran up and J. Forster scored a fourth goal, the ball going through off one of the backs. Tweedy had hard lines shortly after, striking the upright, and the ball went past. Dawson scored the fifth goal with a long shot, and half-time arrived with the score—

Villa .... Five goals
Park .... One goal

In the second half the visitors played up better, but the home forwards ran down and a corner resulted. Rain now fell heavily, and the game was stopped after five minutes of this half had been played, leaving the result—

Villa .... Five goals
Park .... One goal

The following represented Iveston—Goal, Thompson; backs, P. Forster and T. Toole; half-backs, J. Carr, R. Dawson, and W. Turnbull; forwards, J. Forster, J. Tweedy, J. Paul, M. Day, and J. Harper.

Referee, Mr G. Temple.

LEADGATE EXILES V. NEWCASTLE UNITED.

It will be remembered by our readers that these teams should have met last April at Leadgate in accordance with an arrangement come to in consideration of the Exiles scratching to United in the English Cup competition. However, owing to some misunderstanding the game was not played, but the Newcastle men promised to come out at the beginning of this season, and in fulfilment of that promise they visited Leadgate on Thursday evening of last week. Unfortunately, on their arrival the visitors found that the bag which contained all their football attire had somehow been mislaid, and although the United managed to procure some shirts, &c., from the Leadgate Park club, they were compelled to play in their ordinary boots. The evening was a very fine one, and consequently there was a good muster of onlookers, something like 700 or 800 being present. Both teams were at full strength, and turned out as below:—

Newcastle United—Watts, goalkeeper; White and Foyers, backs; Miller, Graham, and Stott, half-backs; Lennox, Thompson, Adams, Aitken, and Wardrope, forwards. Linesman, R. McDermid.

Leadgate Exiles.—Callighan, goalkeeper; W. McGee and Haggan, backs; P. Hughes, McGrachan, and Rafferty, half-backs; J. B. Robson, J. McGee, Doyle, Haley, and Brannen, forwards. Linesman, J. Hagan.

Referee.—Mr. B. Rodgers, Leadgate.

Hughes having won the toss, Adams set the ball rolling towards the entrance goal, and the United forwards at once went to the front by means of some pretty short passing. Although McGrachan checked their progress, the visitors came again, but Hughes robbed Aitken and Wardrope cleverly and gave to his forwards, who, although momentary stopped by Stott, would not be beaten back, and Rafferty got in a dangerous shot which White headed out. Adams secured and put across to Wardrope, who centred, and just as the whistle sounded for offside Lennox headed against the cross-bar. Foyers returned from the Leadgate forwards, and the Newcastle men again indulged in a nice round of passing, which was put an end to by W. McGee, but Foyers once more placed his front rank in possession, and after some tough work on the goal line McGrachan got the leather away. Capital work by Robson and J. McGee took play to the other end, a goal kick resulting, and Doyle securing from this gave Robson a beautiful pass, the latter shooting hard, but the ball went off Foyers for a corner, which Lennox easily headed away. Stott was bustled by the Exiles' right and kicked into touch, and from the throw in Robson gained possession and shot into Watts' hands, the custodian throwing out, and the leather found touch. The "greens" attacked severely for a short time, and Doyle sent out wide to Robson, who, however, could not reach the ball in time to prevent it going past. J. McGee ran round two or three opponents and put to Brannen, who promptly fired in a splendid shot, but Watts saved grandly, and punted the globe well up the field. United at length managed to clear their lines, but not for long, as Hughes returned, and Doyle locked all over a scorer until pulled up by Foyers. W. McGee beat Thompson and Lennox, and the ball came to Robson, who again sent in a fine shot, but Watts would not be beaten, and saved in a fashion which elicited loud cheers. Thompson and Lennox carried hostilities into the enemy's camp, and passed across to Aitken, who sent past, which was followed by Wardrope shooting over with a really grand attempt. McGrachan relieved the home lines, and Brannen and Haley ran down in fine style, the former getting in a rare shot, and Watts nearly made a slip, but managed to retrieve himself, and fisted the leather out of danger. After some heavy pressure in the Newcastle quarters Robson forced a corner, which was well placed, but Miller came to the rescue. Still the home men attacked, a "bully" in the goal-mouth resulting in the ball hitting the cross-bar, and from the re-bound it was rushed through in irresistible fashion by the Exiles to the accompaniment of loud cheers from all parts of the field. From the centre kick the visitors got away with some clever passing all along the line, but could not overcome the home defence, which was very strong, and W. McGee kicked away for Graham to return, Aitken putting past when in a very favourable position. At this point Adams injured his shoulder and retired On resuming, Doyle was seen to be careering down the field in rare fashion when Stott deliberately fouled him, and was loudly hooted, the free kick coming to nothing. Brannen and Haley were again prominent, the former putting right across to Robson, who centred, and Haley just sent wide of the upright with a praiseworthy effort. Adams now returned to the field amid some applause, and Stott placed up with a big kick which W. McGee misjudged, making matters look black for the home team, but all Wardrope could do was to shoot over. The Exiles again pressed as the result of good play on the left wing, and Haley shot right across the goal-mouth, but Robson, who was lying in waiting near the upright, was rulled off-side. The Newcastle forwards now treated the spectators to another pretty spell of passing which carried hostilities to the opposite end, but Rafferty checked them, and placed over to the right, J. McGee and Robson running the ball back, and a subsequent free kick taken by Haggan was put into the goal-mouth, Watts having to kick out, and then McGrachan and Hughes were conspicuous for some good work, Haley shooting by with a long attempt. Hughes robbed Wardrope and Aitken in clever style, and a free kick close in looked well for the Exiles, but Haggan put into touch, and the whistle sounder just after for the interval—

Leadgate Exiles .... One goal.
Newcastle United .... Nil.

On a re-commencement being effected, it was found that Adams was unable to resume, consequently the visitors had only ten men. United forced the pace at the start, and Graham put in a good shot which Haggan repelled, the latter doing ditto with another shot from the foot of Stott. The leagueites still pressed, Lennox, Aitken, and Thompson all sending past, which was followed by an abortive corner to the visitors, but Stott returned with a grand shot, Callaghan bringing off a wonderful save. The Exiles' front rank got off in nice fashion, Robson receiving and putting in a beautiful centre, but White effected a good clearance. After a run by the Newcastle forwards Thompson centred right across goal, but W. McGee kicked away, and from a subsequent free kick to the visitors the globe was put through by Foyers without having been touched by a second player. The Exiles pressed, and both Robson and Rafferty missed chances, which was followed by Doyle shooting over the bar, and then Watts conceded a corner from a grand shot of Doyle's. The visitors raised the siege after some heavy pressure, but Haggan returned play into the Newcastle territory, where hostilities raged for some time. From a splendid shot by Thompson, Callaghan repelled, repeating the performance shortly after, but on the ball again being centred Graham managed to equalise. From the centre kick Graham gave his forwards a good opening, and Wardrope getting hold skimmed the bar with a fine shot. After a free kick to United had been cleared, Doyle got away with a good run, compelling Foyers to kick out to save. Haley and Brannen took play to the United end, where a fruitless corner resulted. Darkness now set in, and it was found impossible to follow the movements of the players. However, nothing further was done in the shape of scoring, and the final result was—

Leadgate Exiles .... One goal.
Newcastle United .... One goal.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.
TOW LAW v. BISHOP AUCKLAND

These old opponents, the respective holders of the Amateur and Durham Senior Cups, met at Tow Law on Saturday. Rain fell heavily prior to the start. The teams lined up as under:—

Bishop Auckland.—Goal, Wood; backs, Bousfield and Upton; half-backs, Marshall, J. Chatt, and Goodfellow; forwards, Allan, F. Widdas, H. Gibson, P. Widdas, and Hutchinson.

Tow Law—Goal, Allison; backs, Temperley and G. Simpson; half-backs, Waites, Wilson, and W. Simpson; forwards, Coulson, Rippon, McIntosh, Butterfield, and Hudson.

The home team was won the toss, played up the hill with the rain at their backs. The start was a sensational one, the visitors scoring through Widdas within a minute of the start. Play was pretty equal for a while, the half-backs on both sides showing up well, Marshall especially. A foul close in looked dangerous for the homesters, but Allison was there. By a fine run of their forwards Tow Law got to the other end, only to meet a sturdy defence. A mis-kick by Wilson nearly proved fatal to the homesters. From the goal-kick Tow Law got up the field, Butterfield scoring with a fine shot from Widdas. Play was in midfield when the interval arrived, with the score one each. On re-commencing, the rain came down in torrents, causing great inconvenience to the players. Fouls were frequent on both sides, Marshall being a great offender. The homsters got down and obtained a corner, which Butterfield converted into a goal. Auckland tried hard to equalise, but met with a good defence. A foul off Hudson nearly let the visitors in, Simpson clearing. Play was of an even character for a while, until a fine spurt by Auckland resulted in Allen equalising. On the re-start, Wood saved a fine shot from Coulson. The ball was kept in mid-field for a while, until McIntosh, receiving the ball, made a splendid run and ended by scoring a goal. At this stage Tow Law were showing decidedly the better form, which they maintained until the call of time, which found Tow Law winners of a hard-fought game as under—

Tow Law .... Three goals
Bishop Auckland .... Two goals

SOUTH BANK V. LEADGATE PARK.

These teams met under the auspices of the above league at South Bank on Saturday, before a fair attendance. The weather was of the most miserable description, and rendered the ball and turf very slippery. The home team had their full strength, but the Park were only moderately represented, as the following list of names will show:—

Leadgate Park.—Goal J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. J. Foreman; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson, and R. Foster; forwards, G. Millurn, A. Dunn, S. Thompson, J. Wilson, and G. Lock.

Referee, Mr. S. Kemp, Redcar.

On the game being commenced, play ruled pretty even for a time. Both sides attacked in turn, but the defence prevented any scoring. After a good run by the visitors' forwards Lock made a splendid attempt to get one through, but the South Bank defence was equal to the occasion. Lock did eventually manage to beat Fenney, but the referee ruled the point off-side, although it was certainly a close thing. Half-time arrived with the score-sheet blank—

South Bank .... Nil.
Leadgate Park .... Nil.

Soon after resuming, a free kick fell to the homesters, the ball being finely shot in by Wheatley, but Crowther brought off a capital save and kicked the ball well away. Cox returned the globe, but Crowther again proved his worth. The Leadgate forwards then transfered play to the other end, and Fenney had all his work cut out to stop a stinging shot from Thompson. The "Bankers" now pressed, and after several desperate attempts to score had been averted Redfearn got in a shot which beat Crowther, although the latter strongly claimed that he was bundled into the net before the ball reached him. However, the referee disallowed the appeal. The remainder of the game was most exciting, and Lock scored again only to have the point nullified on a claim of off-side. The visitors came very near to equalising on several occasions, but could not quite manage it, and the game ended—

South Bank .... One goal.
Leadgate Park .... Nil.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION.
JOICEY CHALLENGE CUP.
OUSTON v. PELTON FELL.

These teams met at Ouston on Saturday in the presence of a large attendance of spectators. Pelton won the toss, and the game opened in favour of the visitors, who got cleverly down the field before being stopped for a foul given against Emery. Still Pelton attacked and forced a corner, which proved of no use. Ouston now woke up and took play to the other end, where they seemed likely to score, but only gained a useless corner, from which Usher kicked well up the field. The home men returned to the attack, but although they secured two corners they could not get one through, thanks to the fine defence of the Fell. From the goal kick the Pelton forwards put in a nice run, but a grand kick by Willis sent it back to the centre, where Emery got hold and lifted it into the goal-mouth, and had it not been for Elliot's cleverness a score would assuredly have accrued to the visitors. Ouston again tried to open their account, but the leather was returned by Pelton, and was handled right in front of the home goal. Half-time—

Pelton Fell .... Nil
Ouston .... Nil

The second portion of the match opened rather in favour of the visitors, who were playing a capital game. However, Ouston pressed by a good run on the part of their forwards, and Carr gaining possession banged the ball into the net and scored the first point for Ouston amid cheers. This did not suit the visitors, who played up gamely in their attempts to equalise, and threatened their opponents' fortress, but only goal kicks resulted. The game now became rather rough, the spectators urging the players on, and Ouston again carried play to the Pelton end, Willis scoring a really splendid goal after an exciting scrimmage. Play afterwards was not so exciting, but the Fell managed to prevent their opponents from scoring again, so that the final result was—

Ouston .... Two goals
Pelton Fell .... Nil

The following were the teams:—

Ouston—Goal, Elliott; backs, Willis and Richardson; half-backs, Smith, Gibbons, and Cockburn; forwards, Carr, Clark, McDermott, Dixon, and Minns.

Pelton Fell—Goal, Trotter; backs, L. Usher and Emery; half-backs, Gallagher, S. Usher, and P. Usher; forwards, Tiplady, Lennon, Laverick, Hedley, and Lowery.

EDMONDSLEY v. WOODSIDE.

These two teams met on Saturday on the ground of the former, the result being an easy victory for the visitors by 7 goals to nil. Edmondsley team—Goal, G. Plummer; backs, J. Chipchase and T. Parker; half-backs, W. Simpson, W. Strangroom, and D. Kindred; forwards, T. Hare, I. Nesham, R. Curry, B. Wheatcroft, and F. Milthorn. Woodside—Goal, R. Plase; backs, A. Ellison and R. Hetherington; half-backs, J. Clark, G. Spanton, P. Duffy; forwards, J. Goatorby, W. Dodds, J. Nicholson, J. Smith, and H. Jefferson. Referee, J. Carr, Beamish.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. HEXHAM EXCELSIOR.

The Celtic travelled to Hexham on Saturday to play the Excelsior in a Tyneside League fixture. The ground through the recent rains was very heavy, the game itself being played in a heavy downpour. At the start there was only a meagre attendance of spectators; the majority being supporters of the Celts, who had journeyed to Hexham to see their pets perform. The Celts were greatly handicapped owing to the inability of McLatchie to play through injuries received last Saturday, this necessitating a re-arrangement of the team, Parker going full back, Coyle (late of Oakey's) who has returned to his old love, filling the responsible position of centre half. The teams lined up as follows—

Celtic—Goal, R. Lynop; backs, W. Parker and A. Moore; half-backs, T. Allison, J. Coyle, and P. Bell; forwards, R. Forster, W. Ellis, J. Lynop, R. Gillender, and R. Bell.

Hexham—Goal, T. Hall; backs, J. Milne and G. Cowell; half-backs, H. Sword, R. Mills, and J. E. Hay; forwards, R. Wood, J. Milne, J. Forster, J. Nelson, and F. McCurley.

Referee, Mr Smith, Gateshead.

Annfield Plain won the toss and elected to defend the bottom goal, the opening exchanges were in favour of the visitors, who experienced hard lines in not scoring. Play was transferred to the Celtic quarters, Hexham gaining a corner, which was placed behind. From the goal kick the Celts ran up, Gillender only missing by inches. Play at this stage was very exciting. "Hands" in front of goal was given against the visitors, the home men scoring from the scrimmage. From the kick-off Annfield Plain pressed, but met with a stubborn defence. They, however, stuck gamely to their work and made matters lively for Hexham. A grand run by the visitors' forwards resulted in Gillender scoring, the goal, however, being disallowed on the plea of offside. From the goal kick Milne, late of Sunderland A fame, secured, and eluding all opposition scored No. 2 for Hexham with a beauty, Lynop having no chance of saving. This put the Celts on their mettle, and for a time they pressed severely, Ellis missing with nobody but the goalkeeper to beat. Still they would not be beaten off, and Gillender getting into position scored a beauty, for which he was warmly applauded. Nothing more was scored up to half-time, the score at the interval reading—

Hexham .... Two goals
Celtic .... One goal

After a short rest the teams again faced each other. The visitors pressed, J. Lynop, who had played a champion game throughout, being badly fouled. The referee, however, could or would not see it, and the home team pressed, but Lynop cleared brilliantly time after time, the spectators cheering him to the echo. About fifteen minutes from time Hexham scored from a corner, and before time added a fourth from a scrimmage. Final—

Hexham Excelsior .... Four goals
Annfield Plain Celtic .... One goal

Our correspondent adds that the Celts were hardly prepared for the rough reception they got whilst at Hexham, most of the players, one or two in particular, being badly knocked about. The game, especially in the second half, was very unpleasant, several men being laid "hors de combat." Taking all things into consideration it will be some time before the Celts forget their visit to Hexham.

CONSETT SWIFTS V. MICKLEY.

The first Tyneside League match at Consett this season was played on the Consett Fell, on Saturday last, between the Swifts and Mickley. This being the Swifts' first year in connection with this tournament there was a good number of spectators to witness their performance. Prompt to the advertized time the teams lined up as follows.—

Consett Swifts.—Goal, Elliot; backs, J. McKie, and R. Harkness; half-backs, Wake, B. McKie, Allison; forwards, J. Little, J. Rafferty, J. Dempsey, Turley, and M. Eustace.

Mickley.—Goal, J. Charlton; backs, Bailey and Liddle; halfbacks, McGlen, J. Best, and Scott; forwards, Batey, J. R. Charlton, E. Blackburn, Soulsby, and E. Best.

Referee, Mr. T. Amos, Hebson.

Consett won the toss, and wisely elected to defend the top goal. Mickley started and carried the ball to midfield, and after a few exchanges here, Little and Rafferty made their way down hill. A foul charge by the local men gave Mickley a chance to improve their position, but no sooner did they get into their opponents' quarters than "hands" were declared in favour of Consett. J. McKie took the free kick and passed to Wake who neatly gave to Little, Rafferty, and Dempsey, and the latter dribbled away at a fair rate carrying all before them. Eventually the ball went out of play, and on the throw in Turley placed the Swifts again in front of the Mickley goal, where the pressure was only relieved by a foul attack by the Swifts. The latter were still determined, however, and Eustace, getting a timely pass rushed down the field and gave to Little whose shot at goal was just saved by Charlton. Some manœuvering on Consett's right wing saw Wake and B. McKie playing a good game. A strong attack was made by Blackburn, Best and J. R. Charlton on the home goal, and it was more by good luck than good management that Harkness was at the side of the posts to stop a fast shot from Blackburn. The Swifts' backs worked hard and despite every attempt to hemn them in Mickley had to beat a retreat to midfield. From this point Rafferty headed down, but Bailey had ample time to return. Eustace and Turley were upon the ball immediately, and in the midst of a struggle for supremacy between them and the visitors' right wing the referee declared that the Swifts fouled. Bailey was entrusted with the kick, and he placed the ball right into the home backs. Harkness fed B. McKie, and no sooner did he get upon the ball than three of the opposing forwards challenged him. He made a plucky attempt to get clear, but the odds were so heavy against that he had to transfer to Rafferty, who was standing in a nice position to receive. He had a clear field before him, and did not neglect to make use of his position. He ran the ball within twenty yards from the target. Liddle tried to rescue, and the former gave to B. McKie, who sent a flying shot across the field to Eustace, and although this player was immediately in front of goal the ball was allowed to go spinning by the post and over the goal line. Not to be discouraged by such hard lines Consett pressed, and on the Mickley representatives retaliating some fast and exciting play was witnessed. By long passing Mickley managed to take the leather to the top goal, but there was no danger, as J. McKie banged back across the centre line. E. Best was first to get possession, but in Rafferty he found too strong an opponent and he had to send the ball over the touch line rather than be deliberately dispossessed. The throw in landed the ball nicely above the heads of the players who had taken up a position round the Mickley goal, and Eustace again experienced hard lines in not scoring. The ball returning in play Allison stood firm against opposition and finally defeated his men by a strong kick. The home forwards followed up and Dempsey gave Little a pass which he improved by sending between the posts, but the outside right was offside and the score was disallowed. Mickley kicked well up and after a desperate attempt the forwards paid Elliott, J. McKie and Harkness a visit They were in a capital position for scoring, but in the midst of his anxiety to get the ball between the posts, Blackburn kicked wide of the mark. The goal kick enabled the Swifts to pass the Mickley half way line and although the visitors were awarded a free kick, they could not repress the determination of their opponents. The Consett eleven were undoubtedly having the best of the play. For fully five minutes they kept their men in check at the bottom end. Frequent attempts were made to score, but the Mickley team were represented by a tough defence, which was harder to break than one might suppose with such pressure before them. Play was settling down somewhat tamely when Eustace forced a corner. Allison placed well and J. Best might have got away had not B. McKie made a good kick from behind, which sent the ball close into the Mickley goal mouth. From wing to wing the ball rolled until the latter's forwards showed improved combination and thus succeeded in visiting the top goal. Their stay, however, was only very short, and no sooner did the Consett backs kick out that the front rank again descended the hill. Through the instrumentality of Blackburn the Mickley men returned a few seconds afterwards and a corner kick was the result of a determined attack. Batey sent nicely from the corner to the centre of the goal mouth and the manner in which the Swifts got the ball away from the scrimmage which ensued, can best be described as a marvel. "Hands" brought the homesters relief, but the free kick was not so well taken as those of the earlier stages of the game. E Best got in and J. McKie just reached him in the nick of time to prevent what might otherwise have been a soft goal. Consett had another look in, B. McKie defeated Blackburn and gave to Little. This player got well down, but evidently being at a difficult angle for scoring he sent over to Dempsey who was then rushing in at a good rate, and got by the ball before it reached him. The goal kick was a good shot. It carried play to midfield, and it was here play was being briskly carried on when the whistle sounded half time with

No Score.

On the teams crossing over Dempsey started the ball, and immediately afterwards "hands" gave Mickley a free kick into their opponents goal, but nothing came of it. Mickley were now taking advantage of the hill. They pressed hard and more than once in a very short space of time the Consett team had to play on the defensive. About five minutes after the interval Mickley took up a capital position in front of the Swifts' goal mouth, and had it not been that a free kick was awarded the latter for a foul their goal must have been put to a stiff test. Turley and Eustace tried hard to break through the Mickley half way line, but failed. Soulsby combined with E. Best and together they took play to the bottom of their wing. At this point rain fell in torrents, and the referee, Mr. T. Amos, stopped the game, the result being a draw of

No goals.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
STANLEY A V. SPEN ALBION.

Stanley A team antagonised Spen Albion in a Derwent Valley League fixture on their own ground on Saturday, the game preceding in premier team's fixture with Willington. Mr. W. Smith, of Dipton, refereed the game and the teams were as follows:—

Stanley—Goal, Gailes; full backs, Beckwith and Shield; half-backs, Chisholm, Whitfield, and Cunningham; forwards, Williams, J. Cunningham, Gibson, Dodds, and Southern.

Spen Albion.—Goal, Amos; full backs, Inglis, and Short; half-backs, Bainbridge, Robson, and Millburn; forwards, J. Sowerby, C. Sowerby, Laing, Little, and Pearson.

Mr. W. Smith, Dipton, referee.

Oakey's played down the field, and the opening exchanges were very even. After about twenty minutes play the homesters got down the field and must have occasioned the downfall of the Spen goal, had their shooting been a little less erratic. A hot bully followed, and the visitor's defence put in a series of remarkably weak kicks, which culminated in giving Jake Dodds a golden opportunity to score which he took advantage of in no uncertain fashion. Amos never having a chance with the shot which placed the Oakey's "one up." On the restart Gibson took a return from Dodds and passed it again to Southern who could not get up in time. Williams centred but Inglis repelled well, Dodds got possession, but put in a very weak shot which went right across the goal mouth. Shield repelled a fine attack but the Albion came on again and made the home defence play for all it was worth, but the attack ended in a bye. Shield passed up to Dodds who headed in, but the Spen custodian cleared. Cunningham ran well down and sent in a stinging shot which just went to the wrong side of the crossbar. Some very scrambling play followed till half-time sounded with the score—

Stanley A .... One goal.
Spen Albion .... Nil.

On resuming the second period of the game Williams went centre-half and Whitfield took his place in the aggressive rank. The homesters started by running down and troubling Amos; the Spen custodian was all there, however, and gave to Inglis who punted up the field. Having thus got the ball into the Stanley territory the Spenites seemed determined to keep it there. For a long time Stanley were kept continually on the defensive and it seemed most probable that they would score. The Stanley defenders played rather wildly, and this combined with the efforts of the opposing halves made it seem extremely improbable that a score would be averted. The homesters at last ran down in a body and relieved the pressure. After some mid-field play Whitfield ran down and attempted to score. The effort was undoubtedly a creditable one, but the home forward was too closely pressed to steady himself and the essay went a few yards wide. The Oakey's continued to press, but both sides gave a most lack-a-daisical exhibition of the game, the downpour which accompanied the game, damping the spirits of both players and supporters. Spen at last broke away, but Shield was on the alert and no score resulted. R. Cunningham from the half-back line made another attempt to score, but the ball went high over the cross bar. Both sides pressed alternately, but the play of the teams in front of goal made it evident that no score would accrue, and when the referee's tootle sounded as a welcome relief from the drenching shower, the final score stood at—

Stanley .... One goal.
Spen Albion .... Nil.

BYER MOOR V. DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

In miserable weather, "Jupitir Pluvius" reigning supreme, and before a meagre attendance, the football season was opened on Saturday last at Byer Moor, when the above teams opposed each other under the auspices of the Derwent Valley League. The start was advertised for 3.15, and prompt to time the teams lined up in the following order:—

Byer Moor—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, Tom Leighton (capt.), and G. Bennett; half-backs, Jos. Brown, T. Young, and C. Hudspith; forwards, R. Clasper, P. Keefe, G. Nicholls, G. E. Weedy, and H. Lowes.

Dipton—Goal, Robson; backs, T. Turpin and White; half-backs, A. Thornton, M. Cain, and A. Shield; forwards, Davies, S. Evans, H. Walker, J. Brown, and M. Brown.

Tom Leighton having lost the toss, his men were set to face a strong wind and a bleaching rain. Mr. McElduff, a warm supporter of the club, kicked off from the village end. The Dipton forwards at once attempted to break away, but Young checked them and sent to Lowe, who, with Weedy ran down and forced a corner, which proved abortive. From the goal kick fast play ensued, and Dipton, aided by the wind, worked their way up the field, when they had a try at Hodgson's charge but the home defence was on the alert and quickly transferred the venue. Brown and Walker on the visitors' left strove hard to break away, but they found their match in Joe Brown, and the "Moorites" again assumed aggressive tactics. Turpin, however, averted danger till Nicholls sent in a swift shot which was thought to have gone through, and the home team claimed a goal; the referee's verdict, however, was an adverse one, and only a goal kick resulted. This was certainly hard lines on the home men, but nothing daunted the forwards in a body came away, and White and Turpin failing to stay their progress Nicholls had the honour of scoring the first goal of the season for Byer Moor. The Wanderers now warmed to their work, and played for all they were worth to equalise before losing the advantage of the wind. Hodgson was tested with a teaser, but he cleverly fisted away, and a moment later one of the visitors' halves sent in a clinking shot which seemed bound to score, but Bennett effected a brilliant save, heading out in simply marvellous fashion. The visitors had another attempt, but erratic shooting nullified their efforts, and half-time arrived with the score—

Byer Moor .... One goal.
Dipton Wanderers .... Nil.

On a resumption being made the rain almost fell in torrents, and good play was almost an impossibility. The home team, now having the wind behind them, at once got into the Wanderers' quarters, but were unable to score. Dipton now took up the running, but Leighton checked their career, only to see the ball returned, and, to save Bennett kicked out. The subsequent corner came to nought, and once more Byer Moor broke away. "Hands" was given the Wanderers near their 25 yards flag. Bennett took the kick, and sent beautifully into the goalmouth, and from the scrimmage which followed Keefe notched the second goal for Byer Moor. The home lads now had the measure of their opponents, albeit the latter worked hard to redeem their lost ground, but to no purpose, the defence of the Moorites being too much for them. From a free kick Bennett sent through, but the ball not having been played in its transit no goal resulted. The rain now came on in a thunderstorm, and towards the finish the Wanderers made a final effort, but try as they would they could not beat the home half and full backs, and time arriving Byer Moor had scored their first League victory of the season as under—

Byer Moor .... Two goals.
Dipton Wanderers .... Nil.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
DIPTON WANDERERS V. ST PETER'S ALBION.

Miserable weather was associated with the opening Alliance match at Dipton, rain falling in torrents, while a thunderstorm delayed the game for about 15 minutes. Under these circumstances it was surprising to find such a large attendance. Two or three alterations were made in both teams from the list of names advertised, Palmer and Thompson being unable to play for the Wanderers, and this let in Freek and Gray. The teams were as under:—

Dipton Wanderers—Goal, R. Freek; backs, M. Evans and Underwood; half-backs, W. Gray, R. Coates, and J. T. Willey; forwards, J. B. Robson, G. Forster, J. Spinks, G. Burletson, and T. Walker (capt.)

St Peter's Albion—Goal, T. Knox; backs, R. Harwood and J. Robson; half-backs, H. Humphrey, J. Pescod, and A. Davison; forwards, W. Lackenby, D. Murray, J. Bell, C. Gardner, and J. Nichol.

Referee, Mr. R. Coleman, Durham.

The visitors won the toss, and Spinks commenced for Dipton towards the low goal, and immediately got "hands" off one of the visitors. The free kick was well sent in and Coates getting hold banged the leather past the upright. Harwood placed the goal kick well up the field, but it was equally as well returned by Underwood, and found touch. Graham and Nichol got away from the throw in, placing the ball across to the right wing, but a successful appeal for off-side stopped them. Gray secured and ran down, but sent past and from the goal kick the globe went into touch off Willey. Humphrey received the throw in, but Robson gained possession and sent in a tremendous shot which just cleared the bottom of the upright. Gardner and Nichol made an attempt to reach the other end, but the home back division were playing a good sound game, and Coates easily pulled them up After some midfield play Underwood tried a long shot which went a little wide—a capital effort considering the long range. Harwood conceded a corner to the Wanderers, which was nicely put in by Walker, and after some heading amongst the players in the goal-mouth Spinks sent past. From the goal kick Robson made another try, but Knox managed to save in capital style only for the ball to be quickly back again, and Robson once more compelled Knox to clear his goal. Dipton at this juncture pressed very heavily, and only the fine defence of Knox and his backs prevented the Wanderers from registering a good score. After a severe onslaught on the Albion goal Robson relieved with a huge kick, enabling his forwards to get within shooting distance, and they called upon Freek to save, which he did easily, having plenty of time. St. Peter's now began to waken up a little, and did some pressing till Evans got hold and sent down the field with a good kick Gray came away with the leather, and along with Forster roused the excitement of the spectators by a beautiful piece of headwork, the ball at last going into touch off Forster. From the throw in Lackenby and Murray sprinted up the field, but on Underwood endeavouring to check their progress he was fouled. The free kick was well sent down by Underwood, and Spinks got well in and fired in a clinking shot, but the ball just missed its mark. A couple of free kicks for "hands" followed against the home team, the ball hovering round the home goal, but the alertness of Freek and his backs kept the visitors out. The ground now became in a deplorable state, and seemed to greatly affect the players, who were completely soddened by the heavy rain. The visitors were pulled off for offside when favourably placed, Lackenby being the offender, and soon after the game was stopped by a thunderstorm for a quarter-of-an-hour, the ground being entirely deserted by both players and spectators. After the storm had subsided the referee threw the ball up in midfield, Harwood securing and kicking the ball into touch. From the throw in Spinks got hold and raced away down, putting over to Robson, who ran swiftly along the right, and when in a good position centred grandly, three of the Dipton forwards failing to put the finishing touch on to what seemed a sure score. From the goal kick Dipton pressed, gaining a corner, which was well placed by Robson, Evans heading over to Walker, who seized the opportunity and banged the ball through, thus scoring the first goal of the season for the Wanderers, much to the delight of the spectators. Murray secured from the re-start, and ran up, but his shot went wide of the mark. From the goal kick Robson received from Forster, and put in a brilliant run, sending in a terrific shot which bounced off one of the "Saints" backs. Robson, however, caught the ball on the re-bound and again sent in a tremendous shot which just grazed the bottom of the upright—a case of hard lines. Coates missed a grand chance of scoring just after. Gardner and Nichol ran off, and the latter got in a good shot, the ball just missing. The goal kick led up to an exciting scrimmage in the visitors' goal-mouth, but ultimately Spinks sent past. The home still pressed, gaining a corner, which proved useless. Pescod had to kick out from the goal-kick, the ball being well returned. From throw in the game began to slow down, but a sudden rush up by the "Saints" forwards aroused interest, and Bell shot in, calling upon Freck to save his charge. St. Peter's took their turn at pressing, but only for a short time, as Spinks secured and made a fine run down, but passed rather too sharp for Robson, and the ball found touch. Half-time—

Dipton .... One goal.
St. Peter's .... Nil.

Immediately Bell had set the ball in motion for the "Saints," both teams put a great amount of vigour into the game, Underwood effecting a grand save when hard pressed. The visiting forwards got well down, but were pulled up for offside, and a foul against Forster let the "Saints" in, but Willey tackled successfully and averted the danger. Soon after Coates gave a corner to save, from which Evans headed well out, the latter also sending the ball into touch from a free kick for "hands." Then Knox saved rather luckily from Forster, and a scrimmage ensued in the visitors' goal-mouth, and how Dipton were kept from scoring must for ever remain a mystery. From a throw in for the visitors near the corner flag the ball was worked up to the "Saints'" quarters, and a grand centre by Walker was missed by both Forster and Robson. A miskick by Evans nearly brought disaster to the Wanderers, Freek only just getting the ball away in the nick of time. Willey conceded a corner after a run down by the St. Peter's left, but it proved useless. A free kick for a foul against Spinks enabled the Albion forwards to make a beautiful combined run, and the leather coming to Gardner the latter scored with a grand shot, and thus equalised the scores. The "Saints" now played up with great determination, and forced a corner, which resulted in a second goal from the foot of Gardner. Encouraged by their successes, the visitors played up very strongly, and would not be kept out They came down again with a great rush, but off-side spoiled them. A free kick to the home team for a foul was returned by Harwood, which was followed by "hands" to the Albion, and this gave the visitors a good chance to score, but the ball went past. The "Saints" still attacked, Dipton only showing up moderately, playing a scrambling kind of game. A free kick for a foul throw to St. Peter's was sent very wide of the mark. However, the visitors came again, and a long shot from Pescod went just past. The home team could not clear their lines for some time, although the shooting of their opponents was most erratic. At last a run up by Spinks compelled Robson (St. Peter's) to kick out to save, and a grand centre by Lackenby resulted in a corner, which was splendidly placed, but sent by. Dipton were here awarded a free kick, and Robson tried hard to get away, but could not pass his namesake on the other side. The Wanderers now played with renewed vigour, making strenuous efforts to score, and got around the "Saint's" goal, but the defence was simply grand. Two corners fell to Dipton, and from the second of these the home team strongly appealed that the ball had been through before being returned, but the referee's decision was against them. Try as they would the home men could not equalise, and the game ended—

St. Peter's Albion .... Two goals.
Dipton Wanderers .... One goal.

STANLEY V. WILLINGTON ATHLETIC.

Stanley were thought to have a pretty hard nut to crack, when on Saturday last, they met the Willington Athletic team. The Tynesiders have a most enviable reputation in football circles, and their performances in the Alliance tournament showed them to be a clever and plucky set of players. Taking all this into consideration it must be admitted that the Stanley men had an exceedingly difficult task set them; and though the game was not an Alliance one, the result was awaited with anxiety by the home supporters, who knew that win or lose their team would come out of the encounter with credit. The Stanley team included Fish of Birtley, who showed that he was fairly "in his element" and thoroughly justified his inclusion in the team. Willington had several changes in their ranks, and the most important one was the absence of the Rev. A. Tuson, whose opperance was eagerly expected as a football crowd always like to welcome an old favourite, even though he appear in the ranks of a hostile team. Mr. Fothergill of Stanley directed the game and his preliminary whistle brought up the following teams:—

Stanley—Morris, goal: M. Joyce, and Pouton, backs: Fish, Nicholson, and Milburn, half-backs; T. Crooks, T. Robson, J. Pentland, J. Howe, J. Masterman, forwards.

Willington Athletic—Donaldson, goal: Green, Simpson, backs: Sproull, Manuel, Knifton, half-backs: Scott, Chipchase, Simm, Cummings, Lamb, forwards

Nicholson elected to play towards the town end of the field and Simm started. Willington came straight down the field, but Fish stopped the rush and midfield play reigned for a few moments, till "hands" was accorded on the centre line in favour of the Stanley men. Pouton placed the ball up, but a foul off Robson kept the homesters in check. Masterman broke away and sprinted right up the field and gave to Howe, who quickly transferred to Crooks across the goal mouth, but the latter player shot wide amidst a murmur of disappointment. The homesters came on again, Nicholson placing the ball a few yards in front of goal and Crooks made a good attempt to get through, the ball being returned to Masterman, who whizzed it in, but the leather rebounded off Lamb out of play. Willington at last relieved the pressure and their men made speedy tracks for the home goal. Stanley easily cleared the danger, and took up the attack, and after a couple of good attempts to score Millburn got on the sphere, and sending in a good shot completely beat Donaldson and opened the Stanley account. Willington then tried to mend matters by a long range bombardment of the home territory, but Joyce and Pouton were never at fault, and though Stanley were for some time off the aggressive they were never in danger. At last the home halves wakened up and though Willington made desperate efforts to stem the tide they were pressed back and had a warm time of it, for some minutes. Green at last punted into safer quarters and Pouton in attempting to return the ball miskicked, and though he tried hard to recover his position found himself unable to do so, Scott taking the ball into a good position; but was ruled offside in the act of shooting. A pretty piece of combination by the visitors forwards gave them a good chance and Lamb sent right into the goalmouth, but Morris picked it up and sent it neatly out of danger. Stanley soon retaliated and one of the visitors halves let Robson in, and that player quickly used his chance to screw in a splendid shot, which registered a second goal for the home men. On re-starting Milburn sent well up, but the forwards did not improve the opportunity afforded them. Crooks then made a single handed run up the field and was just looking dangerous when robbed by Sproul. Willington then retaliated and Lamb and Cummings, running up, passed the ball to their partners on the left, but the effort only resulted in a bye. Willington pressed again, and forced a corner, but Sproull placed it wretchedly, and a bye was the only result. Masterman received a pass from Milburn, and running down, centred, but Green and Simpson managed to clear. Chipchase and Scott took the ball down the field and the latter sent in a lofty shot which just bounced over the crossbar, and from the goal kick Willington pressed again, but a free kick for "hands" relieved the pressure at the Stanley headquarters. Manuel put in some good head work twice, returning the ball into the home goal but the forwards were slow to take advantage of the chances, and once more the Stanley broke away, Nicholson sending in a good shot, but Simpson returned to midfield where some interesting play followed. "Hands" off Howe gave Willington a chance and they slowly worked their way along the touch line. The visitors when well in their opponents territory were accorded a free kick and from this they rushed the ball through, but the point was disallowed for offside. After this Willington played up splendidly, and it was only after some very dangerous work that the ball came out of the scrimmage and Masterman took it away and shot by. In all these scrimmages Fish played a very prominent part, several of the best essays of the visitors being frustrated by his endeavours. Just before the whistle blew, Stanley scored a third time in a somewhat peculiar manner. Howe ran the ball up and just in front of the goal it stuck in a pool of water. A momentary deadlock prevailed amongst the visitors defence, and Howe, rushing in, hoisted the ball clean out of the water and through the Willington goal, Half time soon sounding with the score—

Stanley .... Three goals.
Willington .... Nil.

On resuming, Willington pressed at the beginning, but good play by Fish and Masterman gave Stanley a chance, but the defence proved equal to the occasion and the point was cleared. Masterman again got possession and looked dangerous, but was dispossessed. Fish gave Pentland a chance, which he transferred to the right and Crooks made a dash for goal but Simpson returned. Morris was then troubled but kicked away nicely, and a determined rush by the visitors forced Joyce to concede a corner. The point was placed very weakly by Sproull, the ball bye, and from the kick off Pentland sent the ball to Crooks, who sent past with a good attempt Willington breaking away. Cummings sent in a shot which just went bye. Nicholson repelled another hot attack in the left corner of the field, and immediately afterwards Milburn repeated the performance. Pouton then put in some fine kicking which undoubtedly saved the Stanley goal on more than one occasion. Scott had a first class chance to score but was ruled offside. Stanley were pressing hotly when Simpson relieved with a nicely judged overhead punt and Morris neatly repelled a hot shot from the visitors right, and Pouton conceded a corner, which was placed with very bad judgment as indeed every one of the visitors corners were. Crooks looked like getting through when Green kicked out. Howe then ran the gauntlet of the opposing half-back division, and tricking Simpson registered number four. On resuming the homesters straightaway made tracks for their opponents goal and some exciting play ensued until Simpson at length relieved. Knifton got on the ball about a couple of feet off the ground and sent in a shot which was undoubtedly one of the features of the match, but Morris was all there and, catching the ball, kicked away. Masterman headed well in but the goalkeeper neatly saved, and then Crooks made a tricky run down the field. Twice in quick succession, the Willington goal-keeper saved well, much to the surprise of the spectators who had come to regard him as hardly being an active participator in the game, and once again Donaldson saved in a manner little short of marvellous. Willington forced a corner which proved abortive and the homesters ran down once again, and some clever play by the home forwards resulted in Crooks nearly scoring. A moment afterwards Robson got away with the ball and ran through for a fifth point. The homesters continued to play as if even yet the issue was in doubt, but the Willington men repelled just as well, and indeed played a very plucky game under such hopeless circumstances. On one occasion they got a very good chance to score but one of their backs made a miserable attempt. However, they persisted in their attack and finished up with scoring their first and only goal from a scrimmage in the goal mouth. On resuming Stanley had considerably the best of matters till the whistle blew with the score—

Stanley .... Five goals.
Willington .... One.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

BY "OFF-SIDE."

NEWCASTLE UNITED AT LEADGATE.

Although many people were sceptical as to the United directorate sending out their full league team to Leadgate on Thursday night of last week, such proved to be actually the case, the only absentee being the new centre forward, Smellie, whose place was filled by Adams. It was a great pity that the visitors should somehow have mislaid their football "toggery," and they certainly looked a queer assortment when they turned out. The majority of them wore shirts belonging to the Park Reserve (kindly lent by Mr. A. Graham), but their long trousers and ordinary boots undoubtedly handicapped them, more especially the latter, as the turf became very greasy as the game went on, and the Newcastle men found it difficult to maintain their equilibrium. Fortunately the evening turned out fine, and this had the effect of drawing a large muster. The Exiles depended upon exactly the same team that had disposed of Seaham Harbour on the Saturday previous, and all the men appeared to be in good trim. I was informed on entering the ground that Mr. W. Foreman was going to referee, but for some reason this gentleman was "non est," and Mr. B. Rogers acted in his stead.

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Possibly most of those present expected to see the visitors rush away at the start, and put on goals pretty much as they liked, but nothing of the sort occurred. The home team held their own well—in fact they did most of the pressing, and the goal they scored was the outcome of smart work, and was thoroughly deserved on the run of the play. The Exiles held their lead at the interval, and as United had now only ten men owing to Adams having to retire injured, there seemed a possibility of the "greens" bringing off a tremendous surprise. However, seeing that there was a chance of them being beaten, the United played up very strongly, and although Callighan dealt ably with several shots he could not get at one from Graham, and the teams were again on level terms. The concluding stages of the game were fought out in darkness, and as the players were almost invisible it came as a welcome relief when the referential whistle put an end to the proceedings, the result—a draw of one goal each—being distinctly creditable to the home men.

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There can be no doubt that the Exiles have got together a really good team, and the forward line that did duty for them on this occasion is probably the best the club has ever had. Haley and Brannen are a splendid acquisition, and their play on the left on Thursday night was a revelation. Brannen is really a centre half, but judging from what I saw of him he is one of those useful men who can adapt themselves to any position. Robson and "Jimmy" McGee formed a strong right wing, and the old Park man got in a number of fine shots. Barring a slight tendency to his old fault—selfishness—Doyle did admirably in the centre, and gave his colleagues some beautiful passes. Rafferty is one of the most promising players in the district, and although it was trying him highly to pit him against such formidable opponents he came out of the ordeal with flying colours. Hughes was also in excellent form, but McGrachan, albeit very conspicuous at times, was scarcely so effective as I have sometimes seen him. The veteran W. McGee wears wonderfully well, he and Haggan setting up a defence which the visitors could rarely overcome. Callighan showed all his old resource and cleverness, and the shot which beat him would have puzzled any goalkeeper in the country.

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After making every allowance for the trying circumstances in which they were placed owing to the loss of their football attire, I am bound to confess that the display of the visitors fell a long way short of expectations. The forward's now and again gave some pretty touches, but their efforts were not sustained for any length of time. Aitken was probably the cleverest of the quintette, all of whom, however, were as weak in front of goal as they possibly could be. Stott, a well-built stalwart half, is a fine player, and there is not the slightest necessity whatever for him to descend to shady work, which is about the only fault that can be found with him. Graham used great judgment in the centre, but Miller was very moderate. The United have a splendid couple of backs in Foyers and White, who, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which they laboured, kicked and tackled wonderfully well. From what I could judge of Watts he is one of the smartest custodians in the country, and the Newcastle club has certainly made an excellent deal in securing the old Burton Wanderer.

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A LUCKY WIN FOR SOUTH BANK.

The splendid fight made by Leadgate Park at South Bank was one of the principal topics of conversation in local football circles on Saturday night. On all hands it was agreed that the Park upheld the reputation of the district, and began their Northern League fixtures in a manner which augured well for their future games. Our local men were considerably handicapped to start with, as Snowdon and Jimmy Graham were still unable to play, whilst to make matters worse, Bell had to cry off owing to the death of his mother. R. Foster and Milburn had been selected to fill the vacancies at half-back and forward respectively, whilst the old Park captain (W. J. Foreman) seeing the desperate state of affairs, consented to once more take his old position as the partner of his brother Frank. Therefore it can be easily understood that the visitors did not make the journey with very high hopes of returning home successful.

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However, after their three hours' railway journey, the Park entered the field with the determination to do their best, and although they had to submit to defeat by a goal to nil they were distinctly unlucky to lose. They had fully as much of the game as South Bank, and a draw would have more correctly represented the run of the play than a win for the home team. Leadgate had exasperatingly hard lines, as Lock scored twice with fine shots only to have them struck off for a violation of the off-side rule, whilst suspicion certainly attached to the point allowed the home men, Crowther alleging that he was hustled through the goal before he had a chance to deal with the shot which took effect. Notwithstanding this the game was an extremely pleasant one, and the Park men vote the "Bankers" a very decent set of fellows. The display of the visitors undoubtedly astonished the natives, who were found to be a wonderfully impartial crowd, and frequently applauded the efforts of Leadgate.

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With regard to the players individually, three men stood out boldly on the Park side, and they were Crowther, Frank Foreman, and Cartmell.

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a chance, but the defence proved
occasion and the point was cleared,
again got possession and looked
it was dispossessed. Fish gave Pout-
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made a dash for goal but Simpson
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BALL JOTTINGS.

Y "OFF-SIDE."

CASTLE UNITED AT LEADGATE.
many people were sceptical as to the
ctorate sending out their full league
dgate on Thursday night of last week,
to be actually the case, the only ab-
g the new centre forward, Smellie,
was filled by Adams. It was a great
visitors should somehow have mislaid
l "toggery," and they certainly looked
rtment when they turned out. The
them wore shirts belonging to the
(kindly lent by Mr. A. Graham),
ing trousers and ordinary boots un-
andicapped them, more especially the
n turf became very greasy as the game
d the Newcastle men found it difficult
their equilibrium. Fortunately the
ned out fine, and this had the effect
a large muster. The Exiles depended
y the same team that had disposed
Harbour on the Saturday previous,
men appeared to be in good trim. I
d on entering the ground that Mr.
was going to referee, but for some
gentleman was "non est," and Mr.
oted in his stead.

nost of those present expected to see
rush away at the start, and put on
much as they liked, but nothing of
urred. The home team held their own
they did most of the pressing, and
y scored was the outcome of smart
as thoroughly deserved on the run of
he Exiles held their lead at the inter-
United had now only ten men owing
f the "greens" bringing off a tre-
prise. However, seeing that there was
them being beaten, the United played
ongly; and although Callaghan dealt
veral shots he could not get at one from
d the teams were again on level terms.
ling stages of the game were fought
ness, and as the players were almost
came as a welcome relief when the
whistle put an end to the proceedings,
a draw of one goal each—being dis-
table to the home men.

n be no doubt that the Exiles have
a really good team, and the forward
duty for them on this occasion is
be best the club has ever had. Haley
n are a splendid acquisition, and their
left on Thursday night was a revel-
nen is really a centre half, but judging
I saw of him he is one of those use-
o can adapt themselves to any position.
d "Jimmy" McGee formed a strong
and the old Park man got in a num-
shots. Barring a slight tendency to his
elfishness—Doyle did admirably in the
d gave his colleagues some beautiful
Rafferty is one of the most promising
the district, and although it was
highly to pit him against such formid-
nents he came out of the ordeal with
rs. Hughes was also in excellent form,
chan, albeit very conspicuous at times,
y so effective as I have sometimes seen
veteran W. McGee wears wonderfully
nd Hagran setting up a defence which
s could rarely overcome. Callaghan
his old resource and cleverness, and the
beat him would have puzzled any
in the country.

aking every allowance for the trying
ces in which they were placed owing to
f their football attire, I am bound to
at the display of the visitors fell a long
of expectations. The forwards now and
some pretty touches, but their efforts
ustained for any length of time. Aitken
ably the cleverest of the quintette, all
however, were as weak in front of goal
possibly could be. Stott, a well-built,
half, is a fine player, and there is not
est necessity whatever for him to descend
work, which is about the only fault that
nd with him. Graham used great judg-
he centre, but Miller was very moderate.
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d White, who, notwithstanding the dis-
s under which they laboured, kicked and
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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

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The custodian showed marvellous form, especially under the conditions which prevailed, whilst the defence of Frank Foreman and Cartmell was simply grand, and could not have been improved upon. W. Foreman and Forster both shaped very creditably, but the Park skipper was hardly in his best form. The right wing (Dunn and Thompson) were the best of the forwards, although the others did not do at all badly. For South Bank, Feeney was up to his usual form in goal, and the backs worked hard, Gaudie perhaps being slightly better than his partner. Taylor shone amongst the halves, whilst the forwards are a really capital string. Hedley and Redfearn were both excellent, and they were ably supported by Richardson and Dixon.

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RAIN VERSUS FOOTBALL ON THE FELL.

The Tyneside League match between Consett Swifts and Mickley was deeply interesting, but the circumstances under which it was viewed were altogether unpleasant. Those acquainted with the field on Consett Fell will know what a decline it is, and the team kicking down hill have, generally, to make the most of that advantage while their opponents play on the defensive. This is specially so when the grass is wet and the turf spongy, as on Saturday. Consett were fortunate in winning the toss and they kicked down hill. Most of the play was in Mickley's quarters; and at various times the ball was near the goal mouth, but try as they would the locals could not score. Shooting in front of goal was their weakest point. Their combination was exceptionally good, the backs did well what little duty they were called upon to do, and the custodian was always there when wanted, but when in front of the Mickley goal the forwards were as rash as they could possibly be, and the visiting defence always managed to get the ball out of danger. B. McKie and J. Rafferty were the pick of the whole field; that is, if the Mickley men can be judged with heavy odds against them, for they did not get a chance to display themselves, as just after they got the hill in their favour the match was stopped on account of the heavy rain. Nothing up to this point was scored.

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RAIN VERSUS REPORTING ON THE FELL.

Rain fell steadily at this match nearly the whole of the afternoon, and gradually a black cloud passed over from the direction of Stanhope, and burst with its rivers of water. There was no shelter to be had within nearly half a mile, and some of the unfortunate spectators and players alike had to "grin and bear it," whilst others scampered off in the direction of their homes. Many without overcoats were wet to the skin, before leaving the field, and I daresay there are many who yet feel the effects of their drenching. This is bad enough so far as the spectator—who visits football matches for mere sport—is concerned, but what about the hardy reporter, who even under such circumstances as those already described, without any accommodation whatever, is expected to publish a readable account of the match on the publishing day of his journal? No thought is given to how is he going to take a note in the rain, or how, if he does attempt to take one, is the printer going to read it, in order to compose it. Surely after such a miserable looking spectacle as the football reporter presented on Saturday, the Swifts will prevent a repetition of such a bitter experience, and provide for the Press that convenience which they justly deserve. As I have oft times pointed out in these columns, matters could be remedied with very little trouble and less expense, and they would be repaid with a twofold satisfaction—with the knowledge of having done their duty to those who can claim to be the best mediums through which football and its kindred sports are advertised.

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WILLINGTON WIPED OUT.

Willington Athletic must have been a little surprised at the result of their match with Stanley. To be beaten by a margin of four clear goals by a team who just managed to get into the Alliance by "the skin of their teeth" was just a little bit "off" for a team with Willington's reputation. The Tynesiders certainly looked as if they would render an excellent account of themselves, being a well-built set of fellows. For some time after the start there was very little in the game, but after about a third of the opening half had been played the persistent efforts of the Stanley men told its tale, and they worked their way into the enemy's territory, and then Milburn scored the first goal. Willington played a good game, and gave a very pretty exhibition of football, but these tactics were very little use when pitted against the unwearying and sure play of their opponents. Though they had not as many "wrinkles" off as the Athletic the homesters understood the art of goal-getting better, and Willington learnt by bitter experience that scoring is after all the chief end and aim of football.

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To deal with the players individually. The palm must be awarded to Fish, who on this occasion was probably assisted by the abundance of his "native element" which was so prominent a feature of the afternoon. Stanley should be proud of having secured such a player as the ex-Birtley man, who showed himself a master of the art of breaking up combination. His kicking, tackling, and shooting were alike excellent, and the spectators were not slow to appreciate the work he was doing for his side. Nicholson and Milburn were also in good form, the former player at times putting in some excellent play. The backs played well, Joyce, being somewhat better than last season, whilst his partner, Pouton, kicked fearlessly and with judgment. The combination of the forwards was hardly as good as at the close of last season, but seeing that the players have hardly got into their stride yet there seems every reason for expecting that in a few weeks they will be an exceedingly dangerous combination. Crooks and Howe were perhaps the pick of the batch, though Robson and Pentland gave creditable exhibitions. Masterman, though doing fairly well at times, gave indication of being considerably "off colour," and whilst his speed came in very handy on several occasions he did not display his usual judgment in using his opportunities.

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When a team has an adverse balance of four goals against them there is some little excuse if their play lacks dash. Willington, however, were playing just as hard towards the close of the game as they were at the beginning, and their goal was the result of some good work. The home spectators were quite cognisant of this feature of the play, and the notching of Willington's goal was the signal for hearty cheering, which was not at all ironical. Donaldson, the custodian, was undoubtedly the weak spot of the team, and in the first half he let shots through which should never have scored. In the second half of the game he also played wretchedly, but towards the close he came out in brilliant fashion. Indeed, if he had played throughout as well as he did at this period of the game the score would probably have read much differently. The backs were a pair of strong kickers, but they were not reliable, and on occasions they were very weakly supported by their halves, Knifton on the right being perhaps the best of the trio, albeit Sproull and Manuel played hard right through the game. The forwards were in contradistinction to Stanley the strongest portion of the team, but they were opposed by a sterling defence, and on those few occasions when they got past the backs they found Morris always on the alert. There were two absentees which caused considerable regret—one was the Rev. Arthur Tuson, and the other was the press-box, the absence of both being greatly felt.

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A DISAPPOINTMENT AT DIPTON.

There can be no question that the result of the Alliance game at Dipton on Saturday came as a disappointment to the large number of enthusiasts who support the Wanderers. Although their team was not so strong as expected, it was thought that the fact of playing at home would more than counterbalance this, but I am sorry to say that such did not prove to be the case. That St. Peter's are no dunces at the game was proved by their splendid performance on Wednesday of last week, when they easily beat Willington on the Rosehill ground in a Tyne Charity Shield tie. I have grumbled so much about the weather already that I am tempted to give this subject a rest, and will merely remark that Dipton got its full share of the visit of "Jupiter Pluvius." Still it was satisfactory to find that there was a capital "gate," and the Wanderers can evidently yet reckon upon a lot of support. Palmer again failed to turn out, being, I understand, yet unable to break himself away from the charms of cricket, and consequently the home team had once more to fall back upon that rare old servant, "Bob" Freek.

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The game can be easily summed up. Dipton had all the best of matters in the first half, whilst this state of affairs was reversed after the cross-over. Whether it was that the Wanderers lacked practice I cannot say, but the fact remains that they went all to pieces in the second "45," and were completely outplayed by the "Saints." Had they only kept up their form all through, there can be little doubt that they would have pulled through in fairly easy fashion. The visitors certainly created a distinctly favourable impression. They are a smart, evenly-balanced team, and appear to know the game thoroughly. In Knox they have a capable goalkeeper, whilst Harwood and Robson are a grand pair of backs, and in the second half were invincible. Humphrey, Pascod, and Davison form a strong trio of halves, and they backed up their forwards in judicious fashion. The attack suffered but little in comparison with the defence, and after the interval the whole team were seen to the greatest advantage. Leckenby has a bad habit of continually lying off-side, but with this exception no fault could be found with him. The "Saints" seem likely to hold their own in the Alliance.

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As I have intimated above, Dipton played finely up to the change of ends, and I am quite unable to account for their falling away afterwards. Much interest was naturally centred in the display of the new forward, Burletson, but he turned out a complete frost. The surprise of the game was the exhibition given by Spinks in the centre. This young player is rather on the light side, but gives promise of making a clinking forward. Robson and Walker both did well, albeit the former missed two very easy chances to score through being too eager. Forster made some nice passes, but appeared to be troubled with nervousness, which was certainly excusable under the circumstances. Gray was completely out of condition, and could not do himself justice at half, but Coates and Willey worked very hard, the former being as good as ever. However, Buck will make a considerable difference should he (as expected) turn out against Jarrow on Saturday. Nothing could have been finer than the back play of Evans and Underwood in the first half, both of them kicking a good length and tackling effectively. Underwood could undoubtedly do with more training. Towards the finish Evans came forward and made a great effort to bring about a draw. He compelled Knox to give a corner from a fine shot, and this was so well put in that the ball looked to be forced over the line before Knox scooped it out. However, Mr. Coleman—who gave his decisions very fairly throughout—was not in a good position to see, and therefore could not uphold Dipton's claim. Freek shaped capitally in goal.

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THE EXILES LOSE AT AXWELL.

Like their neighbours, the Park, the Exiles left home on Saturday with a weak team, being short of Doyle, Rafferty, and Robson, whose places were filled by three juniors. Therefore their defeat at Swalwell, albeit only by the margin of a single goal, did not occasion much surprise, more particularly when it became known that Hughes had been injured and had to leave the field, the winning goal being registered after he had retired. The Exiles visit Crook on Saturday, and expect to take a good team, although Hughes will probably be an absentee.

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TOW LAW AGAIN WIN.

Notwithstanding defections from their team it is a moot point whether Tow Law have not a stronger eleven this year than ever previously. They have commenced the season brilliantly, and so far have carried everything before them. The meeting of the hill-top boys with Bishop Auckland on Saturday was doubly interesting from the fact that the two teams are respectively holders of the Durham Senior Cup and the English Amateur Cup, and also because the visitors had a much better team than when Tow Law beat them on the first of September. Still, the Auckland men have perhaps suffered more from the wiles of the poachers than any other team in the north, and one looked in vain for the majority of the players that so gallantly carried off the Amateur Cup at Leicester last season. Although Bousfield assisted Darlington a fortnight since he has evidently patched up his differences with the Auckland committee, as he turned out for the "Bishops" on Saturday.

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However, although they made a good attempt the visitors could not quite manage the trick, and had to put up with another reverse. Tow Law were undoubtedly the superior team, and had the ball into the net on five different occasions, but two of them were struck off. The greasy turf and ball greatly interfered with the play, and the miserable weather rendered everything most unpleasant for all concerned. The home men played a strong game, and it will take a formidable combination to defeat them on their own ground. They were better together than the "Bishops," most of whom are still new to each other. Of course, serious football was altogether out of the question, but probably there is just about a goal between the teams.

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MUD LARKING AT BYER MOOR.

Few clubs have had more difficulties to contend with than Byer Moor, and had it not been for the energetic work of my friends, Messrs J. Bennett and W. H. Dawson, it is doubtful whether a club would have been in existence at that place at the present time. One of the chief difficulties the club has had to contend with was the obtaining of a suitable field, and although the ground they are now using is far from being an ideal one, they are thankful for small mercies, as it is much better and more convenient than several they have had to play on in the past. For their opening game the Byer Moor committee had arranged for a visit from their neighbours, Dipton Wanderers Reserve, who have been admitted to the Derwent Valley League this season. Great uncertainty existed up to the last moment as to the composition of the home team, and when they turned out it was seen that there were several new faces amongst them. Dipton were not so well represented as they had expected to be. Of the game it must be said that it was completely spoiled by the wretched weather which prevailed, and which soon rendered the ground little better than a puddle, the men being quite unable to keep their feet. Naturally, accurate play was at a discount, and although the first half was fairly interesting, the later stages of the game were miserable in the extreme.

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With the advantage of a slight wind Dipton had rather the best of the play in the first half, but still they crossed over a goal in arrears. Rain fell in torrents during most of the second period, and in compliance with the request of the players the referee mercifully stopped the game a few minutes before time. As Byer Moor had added another goal previous to this they won their first league game by two goals to nil. I have been out in all sorts of weather in pursuit of football, but I have rarely got such a "doing" as on Saturday. I was completely soaked to the skin, but fortunately for me a good Samaritan was at hand in the person of Mr. Jas Bennett (the worthy president of the Derwent Valley League), who supplied me with a welcome change of clothes, and after I had donned these and partaken of a substantial tea at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson at Burnopfield I felt little the worse for my "ducking." However, I was compelled to spend the night at Byer Moor, and I take this opportunity of returning my best thanks to Mr. W. H. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson for their extreme kindness to yours truly. A more hospitable lot of folks than those at Byer Moor I have seldom come across, and I shall ever retain kindly recollections of their treatment towards me.

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To criticise the players individually under such conditions as prevailed would be a work of supererogation. It is impossible to judge fairly of a man's merits on a ground like a skating rink and with the ball playing all sorts of queer antics. When they settle down properly I should say that Byer Moor will have a superior team to last season. The defence is very sturdy, and, although they lack combination, the forwards are rare triers, Nicholls setting his colleagues a good example in the centre. With their full strength on Dipton should quite hold their own in the league, as they have several very promising players. The forwards were, if anything, better together than the home lot, but they seldom troubled Hodgson. Shield is a useful half-back, but the custodian gave the first goal away in a very simple fashion.

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TANTOBIE SHAPE WELL.

These teams met for the first time at Medomsley, and unfortunately the rain spoiled both gate and game, only about 100 spectators being present. Owing to the Park team having been re-modelled, there was a great amount of curiosity as to how the "new hands" would acquit themselves. Railey in goal was only once tested, Bell showed good form at half, but roamed too much, while Stoker was placed at a great disadvantage in having no bars on his boots. Glasgow, of the Derwent Ramblers, showed up fell, and with more practice will prove to be a capable forward. Of the old hands, none showed such improvement as Robinson. Last season Robinson was played on the right wing, not out of choice but necessity, owing to Gillender and T. Lynop both being left wingers, and consequently was not a great success. Evidently left wing is his place, and on Saturday he was the best forward on the field. Mooney was selfish in the centre. Jos. Walton's brilliant runs were to the fore again, but it is a pity he cannot have a regular partner. T. Walton and Attedley showed their usual offensive and defensive powers, while M. Walton and Charlton were rarely beaten at back.

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Turning to the visitors, they played surprisingly well for a young club, their chief feature being a splendid defence, the backs and goalkeeper forming a trio of capital men. The halves tackled well, but had no idea of feeding their forwards. The latter are no doubt the weak part of the team, but owing to the downpour of rain it was an impossibility either to combine well or shoot with accuracy. Given a fine day they will no doubt hold their own against the majority of the Derwent Valley League clubs.

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A CLOSE GAME AT STANLEY.

Spen Albion have been considerably strengthened this season, and they journeyed to Stanley on Saturday with a fair amount of confidence in the result of the game. The ground was not in the best possible condition for playing, being rather sticky, but taking all things into consideration little fault could be found in this respect. The "powers that be" ordained that this game should be played before the premier team exhibited themselves, and this arrangement proved most unfortunate, the heavy rain which fell during the fixture making the ground a perfect quagmire. There was indeed little to choose between the two teams, but, if anything, Stanley were somewhat sharper than the Spenites. Both teams gave a rather unfinished display, but a perfect game can hardly be looked for so early in the season.

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Stanley had the assistance of more than one player who figured last year in the ranks of the first team. For example, Dodds and Beckwith. Both these players gave a first-rate exhibition, and proved themselves considerably above second team form. Gailes in goal was not troubled much, but on the rare occasions on which he was called upon played a very safe game. Shield played a really good game alongside Beckwith. In the half-back line, Chrisholm and R. Cunningham played a hard game, but Whitfield was very much "off" until he was transferred into the forward line, Williams being placed at centre-half—a change which proved beneficial to both players. Dodds, as was only to be expected, rather outshone his partner, but nevertheless Southern played a clever game, and the same can also be said of J. Cunningham and Gibson. When fairly going, the Stanley attack will have plenty of sting, and I shall expect them to figure well up the league table.

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There was no one man in the Spen ranks of whom conspicuous mention can be made, as their play was in every case meritorious. Amos in goal gave a good show, and had a good deal more to do than his vis-a-vis at the other end of the field. He was ably supported by his backs, Inglis and Short, who put in some excellent kicking and tackling. The half-backs also did admirably, whilst the brothers Sowerby on the right wing gave a pretty display of football. Laing in the centre used his opportunities well, whilst Little and Pearson on the left troubled the home defence considerably.

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HEDLEY HILL'S FIRST GAME.

The newly-formed club at Hedley Hill opened in capital fashion on Saturday, when they gained a most creditable victory at the expense of Esh Excelsior. Morallee had not much to do in goal for the winners, as the backs were very safe, Blake being especially good. The halves were certainly the backbone of the team, and seldom allowed the visiting forwards to become dangerous. The front rank showed up well considering that this was their first game, G. Tomlinson being about the pick. Notwithstanding that Cook (the Esh custodian) had six goals scored against him, he did not shape at all badly, whilst Rodgerson was the most prominent man on the defence, the others being only moderate. Miller was easily the best of the forwards, and played an excellent game on the right wing. With more practice and experience Hedley Hill look like developing into a strong combination.

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A NEW CLUB AT BLACKHALL MILL.

A meeting in connection with the Westwood Excelsior Flute Band was held last week at the house of Mr. W. H. Stonehouse, Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill. Mr. Wm. Breen occupied the chair, and after some discussion it was decided to start a football club in connection with the band. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. William Breen; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Stonehouse; secretary, Mr. Thomas Smith. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday evening next, at seven o'clock, when all desirous of becoming members are requested to attend.

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SCHOOLS LEAGUE FOR TANFIELD DISTRICT.

On Friday night, the 4th inst., a meeting of the masters of the schools in the Tanfield district was held at Tanfield for the purpose of forming a league for the schools in that district. A committee, consisting of a representative from each school, was chosen to carry on the project. This committee met on Monday night last, when rules and fixtures were drawn up. The league at the present time consists of the following schools:—West Stanley, Causey, Tanfield Lea, Flint Hill National, Leaze, Burnopfield National, and Pickering Nook. The election of president and vice-presidents was left over, while Mr. G. H. Smith was elected treasurer, and Mr. J. L. Weedy, Pickering Nook, secretary. It is not definitely decided what the winners will receive, but it was suggested that a silk banner or flag be obtained, the winners to have their names worked on it, and to hold it for one year. This banner can be hung in school, and, I think, is much better than a cap or medals. The first games commence on October 3rd, and extend to the end of February. I wish the new league every success, and the fact that my friend, "Jim" Weedy, has been appointed secretary is a guarantee of this.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC.

On Saturday night last the first of a series of smoking concerts which is intended to be held this winter was held in a spacious hall adjoining the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain. The entertainment was in every respect a success, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on the promoter, Mr. Thomas Stobart, of South Pontop, for the assiduous manner in which he worked to make the gathering a success. This gentleman neither spared time, trouble, nor expense, and the result was that a splendid night's enjoyment was spent by all present. A perfect galaxy of talent were in attendance, including such as Will Johnson, the ever popular ballad singer, of Annfield Plain, Mr. J. Day (comic), Leadgate, Mr. T. Palmer, South Moor, and several others. Mr. W. Taylor occupied the chair, with Mr. R. Ramsay as his deputy. In a few remarks the chairman explained the object of the gathering, and hoped he would be present at many more of them. (Applause.) The following programme was then gone through:—Mr. H. Palmer, selection of Scotch airs on the violin; Mr. Will Johnson, "Nelly and I go courting;" Mr. J. Day, "Maloney in New York;" Mr. J. Wood, "I gave her a ride on my bicycle;" Mr. W. Dodds, "The rose of Tralee;" Mr. J. Mason, "Mother kiss me in my dream;" Mr. W. Johnson, "Say au revoir;" Mr. J. Day, "Come down and open the door;" Mr. W. Johnson, "Only to see that dear old place again;" Mr. J. Wood, "Knock at the knocker, and ring the bell;" Mr. T. Palmer, "Dinna cross the Burn;" Mr. T. Stobart, however, created the biggest furore with his song, "The song of songs;" fairly bringing down the house. In response to an encore he favoured the company with a song of his own composition which greatly pleased the company. Mr. H. Palmer, violin, and Mr. H. Maude, piano, added greatly to the night's enjoyment.

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THE DURHAM CUPS.

I am pleased to see that there is again an excellent entry for the Senior Cup and also for the new Junior Cup. The draw for both took place on Friday night, the following clubs falling together in the Consett District:—

First Round.

A—Dipton Wanderers v Birtley.
B—Stanley v Craghead Rangers.
C—Annfield Plain Celtic v Swalwell Axwell Rovers.
D—Allendale Park v Leadgate Exiles.
E—Consett Town Swifts, a bye.
F—Ouston, a bye.
G—Leadgate Park a bye.
H—Hobson Wanderers, a bye.

Second round.

A v D. C v F. E v H. B v G.

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There is sure to be a stiff struggle between Dipton and Birtley, the winner of which will receive a visit from Allendale or the Exiles in the second round. Annfield Plain and Axwell Rovers should prove another good game, and Ouston will have to oppose the survivor of this tie. Stanley have once more been drawn very luckily, as they should easily dispose of Craghead, and then there will be a "battle royal" at Stanley between the representatives of the Northern Alliance and the Northern League. This will be one of the games of the season, and I shall expect to see a mammoth attendance. Consett Swifts and Hobson Wanderers, who both receive byes in the first round, will meet at Consett in the second, and this will be a hard game. Altogether, the draw is an excellent one, and he would be a clever man indeed who could accurately predict the last four clubs left in. The first round must be played on October 3rd, and the second on October 24th.

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The draw for the Junior Cup resulted in all the teams entered from this district being favoured with byes. In the second round Birtley meet Leadgate Exiles at Birtley, and Shotley Bridge Rovers receive a visit from Marley Hill St. Cuthberts. Langley Park and Dipton St. John's will pass into the third round without a struggle, as they again drew byes. From what I can see of it this competition will eventually become very popular, and it certainly redounds to the credit of the Association for instituting it. There are no games in the first round, and the second comes off on October 17th. Notwithstanding the formation of leagues, alliances, etc., the cup-ties still hold their own in public favour.

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THE PROPOSED REFEREES' ASSOCIATION FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

Dear Sir,—I have watched with extreme satisfaction the correspondence on the above question which has appeared in your valuable columns. It is certainly time we were up and doing, as I think, sir, it is almost impossible to correctly estimate the benefits that would be derived by the formation of such a body in our midst. The referee question has been a vexed one for years past. Without troubling you further, sir, I would suggest that you summon a meeting at once, at Consett or Blackhill, and issue a public invite to all gentlemen who are willing to undertake the duties of a referee. It could then be discussed, perhaps with better effect. Hoping that ere long we will be in possession of a good association, whether affiliated or not affiliated to the Northumberland and Durham Association,—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SMITH,
Secretary Derwent Valley League.
Victoria Garesfield, September 14th, 1896.

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There seems to be such a strong feeling in favour of the formation of a Referees' Association for North-West Durham, and, so many referees have mentioned the subject to me in terms of approval, that I have made arrangements for a meeting to be held at the house of Mr. R. Brodie, Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday night first, at half-past six o'clock. I trust that every referee in the district will make a special effort to be present, so that the matter can be thoroughly thrashed out and something definite decided upon. Such an association, to use a stereotyped phrase, will fill a long-felt want, and we cannot get to work too soon. I earnestly entreat all referees to make a note of the date and place of meeting.

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MEMS.

It is to be hoped that we shall not have many Saturdays like that of last week during the present season.

No better proof of the popularity of the game could be afforded than the fact that many thousands of people all over the country bravely held their ground in spite of the drenching downpour until the final whistle sounded.

Stanley's easy victory over Willington was one of the biggest surprises of Saturday.

It is evident that their form against Jarrow was no fluke.

The visit of the Amateur Cup-holders to Leadgate on Saturday should prove a big attraction.

Although they have lost six or seven of last season's team, Bishop Auckland have been successful in securing excellent men to fill their places.

The Park's splendid performance at South Bank last week has filled their supporters with quiet confidence as to the result.

Rarely have I seen better shooting on a slippery turf than that of Joe Robson in the game against Newcastle United last week.

Had Watts not been wonderfully smart two or three of the shots would certainly have taken effect.

The Exiles have got hold of two of the smartest players in the district in Brannen and Haley.

Although Underwood is a capital man, the same certainly cannot be said of his comrade, Burletson, who was of no use whatever against St. Peter's Albion.

I hear that "Teddy" Buck will take up his old position on Saturday, and that Burletson will be dropped.

The Swifts are to be congratulated upon the auspicious manner in which they opened their Tyneside League fixtures.

It was no mean feat to hold their own against a team like Mickley, who, in many quarters, are looked upon as likely to top the league.

While down at Byer Moor last week I came across an old friend in the person of Mr. Dixon Brabban.

Mr. Brabban used to be a warm supporter of football, and I am sorry to hear that he does not take much interest in it now. More's the pity.

Speaking of Byer Moor, reminds me that a scheme is on the "tapis" for presenting a testimonial to Mr. W. H. Dawson.

Never was one better deserved, as few are aware of the great work Mr. Dawson has done on behalf of the Byer Moor club and football generally.

Anyone wishing to subscribe can forward their donations to Mr. Jas. Bennett.

A meeting of the Challenge Cup Committee will be held at Durham to-night (Friday) for the purpose of considering applications from leagues for affiliation, violations of the close season by players and applications from players non-resident in the county for permission to play in the Cup Competition.

The following clubs are exempted from the qualifying competition of the Senior Cup:—Tow Law, Sunderland, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Gateshead N.E.R., Stockton, Jarrow, and Southwick.

Although Annfield Plain were rather badly beaten by Hexham on Saturday, they can console themselves with the knowledge that they will not be the only team to suffer defeat on the Foundry Lane ground before the season ends.

There should be a rare game at the Plain on Saturday between the Celts and the Swifts.

There was very little between them last season, and as both have obtained a number of new players it will be interesting to note the result.

The opening of the football season always brings with it a number of useful and interesting publications.

Not the least of these is a smart little volume forwarded me by the Northern Publishing Company, and entitled "Where is it?"

The book is edited by that well-known authority on the game, Mr. J. H. Morrison, and contains a large amount of information indispensable to followers of the game.

There are some capital diagrams on the off-side rule, which may be said to explain this difficult point in a nutshell.

Span Albion—who have been rather quiet this season—acquitted themselves very creditably in their opening engagement at Stanley.

Iveston Villa appear to have got a very useful team together this season, and should do well.

Fish (the old Birtley half-back) was probably the best man on the field at Stanley last Saturday.

Mr. A. Cooper (who secured election on the Challenge Cup Committee at the last annual meeting) referees at Leadgate on Saturday.

Stanley will be highly tried on Saturday, as they have to meet Shankhouse away from home. However, they should make a good show.

Hobson Wanderers will open their league fixtures by receiving a visit from Bill Quay Albion, and are pretty confident that they will annex the points.

The Exiles expect to have a strong team for the Junior Cup.

A sides game will be played on the Brooms ground on Saturday between teams chosen from those eligible to take part in the Junior Cup competition.

Mr. C. Cooke, at the request of several old members, has called a meeting for Monday night at the Cocoa Rooms, Havelock Street, Consett, with a view to restarting the old Consett Y.M. Football Club.

All old members and intending members are requested to attend.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Town Juniors would like to arrange matches with good junior teams. Apply to R. Mullen, 11, Puddlers' Row, Consett.

Consett United 2nd have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 11 to 17. Apply to T. Williams, 12, Buddle Street, Delves Lane, Consett.

Blackfine Juniors would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply to J. Wilkinson, 18, Murray Street, Blackfine.

Oxhill Juniors would like to arrange dates with any junior teams in the district; ages, 13 to 15. Apply to Joseph Hunter, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O.

West Stanley Young Plungers have the following dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; average age, 15—Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5, 19, Jan. 2, at home; Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 26, Jan. 9, 23, away. Apply to T. Reay, 3, Renton Terrace, West Stanley.

Bust Bank Rovers are in want of a few matches with any junior teams; ages, 12 to 14. Apply to John T. Guy, Busty Bank, Burnopfield, R.S.O.

Annfield Plain Wesleyan Choir Juniors have dates vacant for junior teams; ages, 10 to 14. Apply to Jas. Simpson, Annfield Plain, 21, Wood Rows, R.S.O.

East Stanley Swifts Reserve have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 15 to 16. Apply to B. Burn, Kip Hill Terrace, West Stanley, R.S.O.

Tantobie Co-operators Reserve have several dates vacant for good second teams; also, Wednesday team have all dates vacant and would like them filled up as early as possible. Apply to J. Bell, Stores, Tantobie.

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. Eltringham, 20, East Street, High Spen, Lintzgreen.

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 17, 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.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of 6d, (post free 7d), may be had at ROBERT JACKSON'S, bookseller, Front Street, and 21, Newmarket Street, Consett.

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Cricket.

MR JOS. ELTRINGHAM'S XI v. MR TOM LAMBERT'S XI.

With the object of assisting the fund for the proposed extension and enlargement of the Consett and District club's ground at Blackfine, the genial president (Mr Joseph Eltringham) arranged with Tom Lambert (the county wicket-keeper) for a match between two strong teams got together by these gentlemen. Saturday last was the date fixed for the game, and considering the object in view it was a thousand pities that the weather was of such an unfavourable nature, and as a consequence the "gate" was only of moderate dimensions. Both sides were very strong, and had the elements only smiled favourably on the venture there would in all probability have been an attendance three or four times as large as was the case. Mr Eltringham generously defrayed the travelling expenses of the visitors, and also entertained both teams and a number of friends at the conclusion of the game. The after proceedings were of a very pleasant character, songs, recitations, toasts, &c., helping to while away an enjoyable evening. Some excellent cricket was witnessed, details of which are appended:—

The spin of the coin fell in favour of Lambert, and he decided to bat, sending in Plowright (Constabulary) and Jeffrey (Elswick Works) to oppose the bowling of Martin and Dales. The former commenced the attack, and Jeffrey cut his initial delivery for a single, serving Dales in a like manner, following with a single off Martin. Plowright opened his account with a single from one of Martin's deliveries, and Jeffrey replied with a beautiful cut for a brace off the same trundler. The Constabulary pro. succeeded in getting Dales away for a trio, and immediately after placed Martin to the boundary for four, and from the next delivery scored a couple, following with a single. Shortly after Martin disarranged Jeffrey's sticks, and the first wicket fell with the score standing at 18. Fawcett (Elswick Works) now made his appearance, and saw Plowright drive Dales for a single, the new-comer snicking Martin for a similar number. The former batsman again put a single to his credit, and then hit one of Dales's deliveries to the ropes for a quartette, and on change of overs made a single from Martin. Fawcett made a similar number from one of Martin's deliveries and soon after drove one of Dales' slows to the ropes for four, but the same trundler clean bowled him with his next delivery. Two for 33. Plowright, who was batting splendidly, was partnered by C. Robinson (Elswick Works), the former making a single off Martin while the latter placed the same trundler between point and cover-point for a brace. A single by Plowright off Dales was followed by a four boundary by Robinson, and after the former had made a single Martin disarranged Robinson's wicket with a "yorker." Three for 43. The next batsman to take up his position at the wicket was W. Robinson (Elswick Works), who cut one of Martin's deliveries for a single, but hitting out at Dales he was neatly caught by S. Wood. Four for 44. Lambert filled the vacancy, and placed one of Dales' deliveries to leg for a single, while the former followed with a four—a beautiful drive—from the same bowler. After both batsmen had contributed a single off Martin, Plowright was credited with a brace, his partner doing ditto. "Tom" had evidently got his "eye in" as he now made a single and a couple of four boundaries off Martin. A change in the bowling resulted in S. Wood displacing Dales, and Lambert made a four boundary and a single, while his partner was credited with a four and a couple of singles. Owing to the drizzling rain and the greasy condition of the ball it was with great difficulty that Martin and Wood trundled, and under such circumstances the batsmen had much the best of matters. After Plowright had added a single to his score, Lambert cut a beautiful four. At this point the weather compelled the players to retire for a time. On resuming, Plowright got S. Wood to leg for a single, and the same bowler was here applauded for the good attempt he made at a very quick return by the latter batsman. From his next delivery Lambert added four to his total, and Plowright made a single off Martin. Another change in bowling was made, this time F. Richardson relieving S. Wood, and contributing the first maiden over. After a couple of singles by Plowright, Lambert cut one of Richardson's deliveries for a couple, while his partner again got a single off Martin, Lambert doing likewise. The latter got "Jim" beautifully to leg for a quartette, then a two and a single, Plowright getting another single to finish the over. Again Richardson sent down a maiden. Lambert made a couple of singles, and then Plowright made his 50 by getting Martin to leg for four. Once more the players had to adjourn to the pavilion on account of the wet, and upon this occasion it was decided to abandon the game with the score standing at 123 for four wickets. Plowright (50 not out) and Lambert (42 not out) displayed good cricket for their runs, the cutting of the former being all that could be desired. Lambert is a very punishing bat, and did not forget to "lay on" when an opportunity afforded itself. Score:—

MR LAMBERT'S XI.

Plowright not out	52
Jeffrey b Martin	5
Fawcett b Dales	6
C Robinson b Martin	6
W Robinson c S Wood b Dales	1
Lambert not out	42
Coyle did not bat	
Nicol did not bat	
Taylor did not bat	
Wilson did not bat	
Coulson did not bat	
Extras	11
Total (for 4 wickets)	123

Mr ELTRINGHAM'S XI—S. Wood, Bennett (Stanley), T. D. Dales (Medomsley), G. Walton, F. Richardson, J. Siddell, A. Wood, M. H. Williamson, S. Aynsley, W. Foggon, and Martin (Consett.)

TYNEDALE v. RYTON.

Tynedale had for their visitors on the Priors' Flat Ground, at Hexham, on Saturday, the Ryton club, this being the last fixture for the season. The weather was very unpropitious, and after an hour's play the match had to be abandoned owing to the heavy fall of rain, the visitors having compiled 42 for the loss of five wickets. Score:—

RYTON.

J Pearson c Topham b Kendal	7
T Ward run out	0
F R Simpson b Topham	0
F Sisterson not out	19
J Borrow b Kendal	5
C Raisbeck b Kendal	3
F Oliver did not bat	
W Atkinson did not bat	
G Purdy did not bat	
H Yielder did not bat	
Extras	8
Total (for five wickets)	42

GREENSIDE v. JARROW.

Played at Greenside, and resulted in a win for the home team by three runs. Score:—

GREENSIDE.		JARROW.	
J Callender b Hewitt	19	T Watson b J Fewster	0
A Dodd c T Watson b Hewitt	5	A Renton b J Fewster	1
J Fewster b Renton	4	McNeil b J Fewster	23
T Armstrong b Hewitt	11	E Watson c Robinson b Armstrong	4
Rev G A C Bell run out	5	A Brown b J Fewster	12
J Fellis b Hewitt	6	J Watson b Armstrong	0
J Hall b Renton		T Earnshaw c Robinson b Fewster	2
W Carrick b Hewitt		S Hewitt b C Fewster	4
C Fewster c McNeill b Hewitt	6	C Wilson b C Fewster	1
J Robinson not out	0	R Woodman b J Fwstr	2
G Forster b Renton	0	J Hewitt not out	0
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	60	Total	57

MEDOMSLEY v. TOM LAMBERT'S ELEVEN.

Medomsley will finish their season on Saturday by receiving a visit from a strong team of professionals got together by Tom Lambert. The home team will be a powerful one, as they have been promised the assistance of several of the leading players of the Consett and District Club. Wickets will be pitched at 1·30 prompt, and given fine weather some excellent play is sure to be witnessed.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CLUB.

On Friday evening, a general committee meeting of the members of this club was held at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, Mr Joseph Eltringham (president) presiding.—The special committee which was appointed to examine the ground, presented a plan shewing proposed alterations and enlargement.—It was unanimously decided that the recommendations of the committee should be carried out.—It was also agreed to lay down a bowling green, and we have no doubt when this is completed, the additional attraction will greatly increase the membership of the club.—Owing to Blackhill Rovers still intending to carry on their club under rugby rules for the present season the question of forming an association football club was abandoned.

ROOKHOPE v. WESTGATE.

"A Lover of Fairplay" writes:—Sir,—Referring to the cricket match, Rookhope v. Westgate, will you allow me space in you valuable paper to express my feelings? The writer to the "Auckland Chronicle" made it appear on paper that it was a mere accident for the Rookhope team to win, some Westgate "pros" being absent. To my unbiassed judgment the Rookhope team possess much merit, having proved themselves victorious on the field in six matches out of eight this season.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MAUD JOICEY.

The marriage of Lord John Cecil, Grenadier Guards, fourth son of the third Marquis of Exeter, with Miss Maud Joicey, eldest daughter of the late Colonel Joicey, and of Mrs Joicey, of Newton Hall, Northumberland, was solemnized on Tuesday afternoon at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square. The service was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon of Durham, assisted by the Rev W. Hopkinson, the Rev Robert Peel-Ross, and the Rev W. B. Rickards. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, Sir James Joicey, M.P. for the Chester-le-Street Division, wore a costume of ivory satin, the bodice being entirely of chiffon draped with Brussels point lace. Her bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Eva Joicey; Lady Louisa Cecil, the bridegroom's sister; Miss Marguerite Joicey, cousin of the bride; Lady Katherine Pakenham, and Miss Pakenham, cousins of the bridegroom; Lady Elizabeth Northcote and Miss Cecil Heneage. They were attired in dresses of white satin, with white chiffon bodices and sashes of pale blue satin, and their large white felt hats were trimmed with white feathers and pale blue satin. Each wore a diamond and pale blue enamel spray brooch and carried a bouquet of crimson and white clove carnations, the bridegroom's gifts. Lord Burghley attended his uncle as best man. After the ceremony, Mrs Joicey entertained the wedding party at 15, Grosvenor Place, and subsequently the newly-married couple left town for Burghley House, Stamford, kindly placed at their disposal for the honeymoon by Lord Exeter. The bride's going-away dress was of electric blue moire with white lace trimmings. The presents (over 300) included the presentation of a pair of massive silver candelabra, silver tea tray, and silver-gilt bowl from the officers of the Grenadier Guards, a silver cigarette case from the officers and non-commissioned officers and men of the bridegroom's company, and a silver salver and gold cup (time of George III) from the Burghley estate staff and household.

Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING.

The small dog sweep advertised to take place in the Tantobie grounds on Saturday afternoon had to be abandoned on account of the small attendance and the unpropitious weather.

ANNFIELD PLAIN GROUNDS.—At the above-mentioned grounds on Saturday afternoon, Mr M. Greenwell gave 5s towards a small dog sweep at 7s per lot, the best of three courses. Results:—First round—Bardess's Annie Leybourne, 16½, beat McGuire's Woman in Green, 16½, by 2 to 0; Brown's Little Hero, 17, beat Smith's Bull Pup, 17, by 2 to 0; Robinson's Boy in Blue, 17½, beat Smith's Bonny Pat, 18, by 2 to 1; Thompson's Jack Thompson, 19, beat Buckham's Kyo Lass, 15½, by 2 to 0; Routledge's Give her a Chance, 18, beat Simpson's First Away, 17½, by 2 to 0; Henderson's Jenny Be True, 18, beat Brown's Nanny, 15½, by 2 to 1; Bell's Sally, 18, beat Walker's Bumble, 15½, by 2 to 1. Second round—Sally beat Little Hero by 2 to 0; Jack Thompson beat Give Her a Chance by 2 to 0.—Final—Sally beat Jack Thompson by 2 to 1 (after a no go). Judge, Mr M. Greenwell; bookkeeper, Isaac Bell; and pistol-firer, J. Littlefair.

WEST STANLEY GROUNDS.—A sweep promoted by Mr Harrison, who added £1 to 3s 6d per lot, resulted as under:—First round—Hall's Queen of Diamonds, 17, beat Cotman's Ace of Trumps, 18½; Coxon's Outsider, 21, beat Hardie's Cooper, 17; Raglain's Nancy Lee, 17½, beat Campbell's Lanky Lass, 17 (2nd lot) beat Cotman's Queen of Trumps, 17; Bell's Excelsior, 18½, beat Brown's Wolf Crag, 18½; Bell's Excelsior 18½ (2nd lot) beat Brown's Wolf Crag, 18½; Raglain's Nancy Lee, 17½, beat Cotman's Queen of Trumps, 17; Cotman's Ace of Trumps, 17½ (2nd lot) beat Hall's Queen of Diamonds 17. Second round—Queen of Diamonds beat Nancy Lee, Ace of Trumps beat Outsider, Excelsior beat Nancy Lee, Excelsior beat Lanky Lass. Third round—Queen of Diamonds beat Excelsior, Ace of Trumps beat Excelsior. Final—Ace of Trumps beat Queen of Diamonds and won.

ATHLETICS.

FELLSIDE FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.—The sports in connection with the above, which ought to have been held at Fellside on Saturday, had to be postponed owing to the heavy downfall of rain, which lasted nearly all the afternoon.

RYTON FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.—The following item of sport was decided in connection with the Ryton flower show, held on Saturday, at Ryton:—Quoiting: 10 yards on the sward, 2-inch pins, and 7 points game (23 entries)—W Curley, Newburn; F Laverick, Blaydon; and W Nixon, Throckley, divided the prize money. Mr W Hindshaw officiated as handicapper and referee.

QUOITING.

DIPTON.—A match was decided on Saturday afternoon in the grounds adjoining the house of Mr S. Ledger, Bird Inn, Hill Top, Dipton, for £30, the contestants being J Askew, of Dipton, and Bell, of Burnopfield, clay ends, 41 points game. About 200 people were present, and odds of 5 to 4 were laid on Bell, who ran out the winner by 13 chalks. Mr J Wigham, of Westwood, was referee.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AT WATERHOUSES.—On Saturday, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, an exceptionally large gathering mustered at Mr Coxen's quoiting grounds, Waterhouses, to witness the decision of a championship match between the present champion, Sam Moody of Newbottle, Fence Houses, and John Smith of Sleetburn Colliery, who played 10 yards on the sward, 2-inch pins, 4lb quoits, 41 points game, Moody conceding Smith three points start. Betting ruled at 6 to 4 on Moody, who inaugurated the game with playing 16 in succession, and ultimately won an excellent game by 41 points to 20.

BURNOPFIELD.—A quoit match took place in the ground connected with the house of Mr T. Wright, Burton House, Burnopfield, between D Newton and T Surtees, both of Spen, for £15 a-side, 41 points game. Surtees was made favourite at 5 to 4 on, and won by 41 chalks to 29.

SWALWELL.—A match was brought off at the quoit grounds, adjoining the Wherry Inn, Swalwell. The contestants were T Burke and T West, both of Blaydon, who played a game of 31 points up, with flat-edged quoits, 10 yards on the clay, and 2-inch pins. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on West, but West won by 31 to 24. Score:—Burke, 1 1 1 0 2 2 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 2 2 4 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 1 1 2 0 1—31; West, 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 2 2 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 2 2 0 1 2 1 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 3—24. Mr E Robinson was referee.

WINLATON.—At the grounds adjoining the Turf Hotel, Winlaton, further progress was made on Saturday in the handicap promoted by Mr T. Carr. Mr F Thoburn was referee. Results—First round (continued)—B Beay, Winlaton, 12, beat J W Dixon, Winlaton, 16, by 10; Jos. Lowes, Winlaton, 18, beat J Grundy, Winlaton, 20, by 3; J Hughes, Winlaton, 20, beat N Forster, Blaydon, 20, by 5; J Lowdon, Winlaton, 17, beat J W Dixon (second lot) by 3. The conditions were 10 yards on clay ends, 2-inch ins, two steps, and 31 points game.—In consequence of the weather the handicap promoted at the grounds belonging to Mr R Evans, Old House Inn, Winlaton, was postponed, but a match for £5 a-side took place between R Evans and G Lowden on the one side, and R Purvis and R Watson on the other, all belonging Winlaton. The usual conditions were observed in a game of 31 points up. After an exciting contest Evans and Lowdon won by 31 points to 28. Mr Jos Evans, junr. officiated as referee.—The handicap promoted by Mr Thos Forbes was on Saturday resumed at the grounds attached to the Commercial Hotel, Winlaton, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large number of spectators were present to witness the further heats played in the first round. Results:—S Watson, Gateshead, 21, beat R Watson, Winlaton, 18, by 31 to 30; William Ritson, Greenside, 18, beat P Martindale, Greenside, 19, by 31 to 27; M Whitfield, Winlaton, 14, beat T Armstrong, Winlaton, 18, by 31 to 23. Mr Thos Forbes was handicapper and referee.—At the above house £1 a-side was deposited to bind a match between Edward Spark of Content Pit, Winlaton, and T Atkinson, of Winlaton, to play at the Commercial Grounds, Winlaton, on October 3rd, for £10 a-side. The conditions are:—10 yards on the clay, 5lb quoits, 2-inch pins, and 41 points game. The parties have to meet next Saturday at the same house to make good a further deposit.

GOLF.

RYTON v. BELLINGHAM.—Played over Ryton Willows on Saturday, the home golfers winning by 11 holes. Score:—Ryton—W. Farr, 0; T. F. Charlton, 1; R. Steel, 7; A. M. Dunn, 0; W. H. Ritson, 12; C. Atkinson, 1; T. W. Bourne, 0—21. Bellingham—J. Dodds, 2; J. Hedley, 0; J. Allen, 0; J. Robson, 0; C. Robson, 0; J. J. Turnbull, 0; R. Collins, jun., 8—10.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 44 dairy cows and heifers, 12 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 9 finger calves, 25 pigs, 175 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £20 10s; fat cattle to £14 10s; store cattle to £9; finger calves to 30s. Pork pigs to 55s; young pigs to 15s 9d. Fat lambs to 28s 6d. from Mr Hodgson, Etherley; to 28s 3d, from Mr G. Wayper, Toft Hill; to 21s, from Mr J. Hall, Harperley; fat b.f. ewes to 24s 6d.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There was forward on Monday only a small show of cattle, but an excellent show of sheep, pigs, and poultry. The numbers were 9 fat cattle, 5 cows, 8 store cattle, 4 calves, 37 pigs, 243 fat sheep and lambs, 10 mule keeping lambs, and about 100 head of poultry. There was only a slow trade for cattle, while sheep sold extremely well, and pigs were also a better trade. There was a large company present. Fat heifers, £11 10s to £13; fat sheep to 41s; lambs to 38s; Scotch ewes to 28s; cows, £12 15s to £18 10s; calves, 27s, 31s, 40s, and 43s; store cattle, £4 6s to £4 15s; geld cows £7 15s to £8 2s 6d; pork pigs, 34s to 64s; small pigs, 16s to 28s; poultry, 11d to 2s 2d each; and other lots at fair prices; everything making satisfactory prices, and equal to other markets.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The third special sale of keeping lambs and grazing cattle was held on Saturday. The weather was anything but propitious, as rain fell early in the morning and continued at intervals throughout the day. Whilst the lambs were being sold it was a regular downpour, and this spoiled the appearance of the stock very materially. There was a very good attendance of buyers, and trade was fairly good, although many buyers left the ring for shelter during the sale. The sale opened with the cattle, of which about 45 were forward out of 50 entered. Prices from £5 5s to £10 for stirks, from Biddleston Edge; polled heifers, to £13 15s from Bewcastle; shorthorn heifers to £13 10s; shorthorn bullocks to £11 12s 6d, from Biddleston. Sheep: Blackfaced shearlings to 19s. Lambs: 906 forwarded out of 1,100 entered. The rain stopped several entries from getting forward which were on the road. Greenwood House, half-bred ewes, 28s; Shipley Hill, half-bred ewes, 17s 3d; Sherburn Tower, three-quarter-bred ewes and wethers, 22s 6d; Eden Hill, three-quarter-bred ewes and wethers, 24s; Moss Kennels, three-quarter-bred ewes and wethers, 24s 9d; Watchcarrick, half-bred wethers, 21s; Swinburn, ewes and wethers, 20s 6d; Briggs, half-bred wethers, 22s; Beaumont House, half-bred wethers, 22s 9d, mules 20s 6d; Minstreacres, half-bred ewes, 23s 3d, half-bred wethers 21s; Woodburn, three-quarter bred, 23s 6d; Birtley (N.T.), mules, 15s 6d; Harewood Shield, mules, 17s; Low Shield Green, mule ewes, 20s 3d, wethers 19s, blackfaced 9s 6d; Lamperts, mules, 13s 3d, blackfaced wethers 9s; Finchale Bank, mules, 15s 3d. There were customers for four times the number of stock forward, and every lot cleared out.

WEARDALE.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The quarterly meeting of the officials of the Westgate (Weardale) Primitive Methodist Circuit was held at Westgate on Saturday, the Rev. R. Walton presiding. The Chairman accepted an invitation to remain a fifth year in the circuit, and the Rev. R. Huddlestone was invited to succeed the Rev. G. Bromley at Stanhope.

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS.—At a meeting of the Weardale Association of the National Union of Teachers, held at Stanhope on Saturday, an address on current educational topics was delivered by Mr. Chas. Bowden, of Gateshead, an ex-president of the union and a member of the Executive. Mr. Jas. Rushton occupied the chair.

TOW LAW.

CHANCELLOR ESPIN'S DISCOVERY.—The Rev. T. E. Espin, of Tow Law, has not only succeeded in taking the ordinary skiagraph of a coin interposed between the X ray tube and a sensitised plate, but also impressions of the coin. Perhaps the result may best be realised by supposing that we pointed a camera at the sun, stood behind it, took off the cap, and on developing the plate found a positive and negative of ourselves.

RYTON.

BRASS BAND CONTEST.—In connection with the Ryton Floral and Horticultural Society, a brass band contest took place on Saturday afternoon. Mr R. H. Cooper officiated as adjudicator, and his awards, which appeared to be very favourably received were as follows:—Selection—Throckerley, Mr G. Perry conductor, 1; Sunderland East End, conductor Mr J. G. Mackintosh, 2; Chester-le-Street C.E.T.S., conductor Mr J. Howe, 3. For the march the Gateshead Borough Band (conductor Mr J. R. Porteous) secured first prize, and Westwood (conductor Mr W. Holdsworth) was second.

BENSON'S CHRONOGRAPH.—The St. Leger Stakes was won by Persimmon. The time taken by Benson's Chronograph was 3 mins 20 secs., the time last year being 3 mins 18 2-5 secs.

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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. 960u

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.
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GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, September, 1896. General Manager.

EBCHESTER WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES in connection with the above, will be held on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 20th and 21st, 1896. On Sunday, Two Sermons will be preached by Mrs. A. ALLEN, of Gateshead, in the Afternoon at Two and Evening at Six, when Collections will be taken. On Monday, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be given by the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir. Leader, Mr. Urwin. Chair taken at 7 p.m.

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A MEETING will be held at M John Gladders, Oak Tree Inn, Tantobie, on Wednesday first, September 23rd, 1896, at 7·30 p.m., to form an Owners and Ratepayer's Association. All interested kindly attend. 58v

MRS SARAH O'HANLON, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of SARAH O'HANLON, of Harvey Street, Consett, and the Albert Hall, Stanley, Widow and Lodging-house Keeper, deceased, who died on the 31st day of August, 1896, are required to send particulars thereof to me, the undersigned, the Executor, before the 16th day of October next.
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Proceeds in aid of extension and improvement of the Cricket Ground. 52v

CHARITY COMMISSION.

IN the Matter of Charity of ROWLAND WILKINSON, in the Parish of "Lanchester and Satley," in the County of Durham, including the Charity formerly known as the Old Parish Stock; and in the Matter of "The Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894."
By direction of the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, NOTICE is hereby given that an Order is proposed to be made by them after the expiration of one calendar month, to be computed from the first publication of this notice, establishing a SCHEME for the administration of the above-named Charity.
Any objections to the proposed Order or suggestions thereon may be transmitted to the said Commissioners in writing, within twenty-one days next after the publication of this notice, addressed to "The Secretary, Charity Commission, Whitehall, S.W."
Printed Copies of the Proposed Scheme may be inspected, free of cost, on each week day during a period of fifteen days from the first publication of this notice, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at MR. W. BROTHERHOOD'S Office, in Lanchester, and between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Office, of the Commissioners, where also copies may be purchased during the same period at the price of 6d each, which may be remitted by Postal Order, crossed "Bank of England," or, if the amount be less than One Shilling, in penny postage Stamps.
Dated this 14th day of September, 1896.
67v D. F. FEARON, Secretary.

Licensing Announcements.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chester-le-Street, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police for the Chester-le-Street District of the Middle Division of Chester Ward, in the said County and to all whom it may concern.
I, MARY ANN HOOD, now residing at Durham House, Tanhill, Kimblesworth, in the Parish of Chester-le-Street, in the County of Durham, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Police Court, Chester-le-Street, in the said County of Durham, on the 30th day of September, for a License to sell Beer, Spirits, and Wine, by retail, to be consumed off the premises in pursuance of the Act II. Geo. IV. and I. Wm. IV., cap 64, 24 and 25 Vic. cap. 21 s.2, and 23 Vic. cap. 27 s.5, and Acts amending the same at a house situate at Tanhill, Kimblesworth, in the said County, of which premises Mrs. Sarah Hood, of Durham House, Tanhill, Kimblesworth, is the owner.
Given under my hand this Thirty-first day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.
MARY ANN HOOD.

Sales by Auction.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr Jas Turnbull.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart.

THE 12th ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF RAMS AND RAM LAMBS, AND SPECIAL SALE OF DRAFT EWES AND GIMMERS AND KEEPING LAMBS, will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd, 1896. Early entries are respectfully invited, and should be forwarded by Wednesday, Sept. 16th at latest. PRIZE CARD on application to
999u JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

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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.
1000u JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-rooms, Victoria Street, Consett, September 21st.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is favoured with instructions from the late Proprietors of Park Hotel, to remove and SELL a SPLENDID TONED PIANO together with the contents of a well-furnished House belonging to another Lady.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 68v

At an early date.

SALE of FURNITURE, at Derwent View, Burnopfield. 69v

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

By Mr John S. Murray.

SALES BY AUCTION by J. S. MURRAY.
Royal Auction Mart.—Monday, Sept. 21st.
Saturday, Oct. 3rd.—Farm Stock, &c., Edmondbyers
Saturday, Oct. 10th.—Tups, Ewes, and Keeping Sheep, at the Mart. 70v

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1896.
10 to 15 Fat Cattle.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Calves, Pigs, Cows, and Heifers. Poultry, Saddlery, Stack Covers, &c.
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71v JOHN S MURRAY.

EDMONDBYERS, Saturday, October 3rd, FARM STOCK, &c. 24 Head of Cattle, 38 Scotch Ewes and Shearlings, 1 Horse. Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, 300 Larch Posts and Rails. Part Furniture, &c., the Property of Mr. H. George.
72v J. S MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Saturday, October 10th, 1896.

ANNUAL SALE of TUPS, TUP LAMBS, EWES, and GIMMERS at the Royal Auction Mart. Entries solicited. J. S. MURRAY.

THE HOUSE, No. 11, Park Road, Consett, not being Sold on Tuesday last, can be arranged for privately by applying to the Auctioneer.
71v J. S. MURRAY.

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By Mr A. Phillipson.

34, South Medomsley, Dipton.
Saturday, Sept. 19th, 1896.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, favoured with instructions from Mr. Geo. Ritchie, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above Place and Date, all his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. See Bill for particulars. Also, a Lot of other Goods from another Party.
Sale to begin at Two p m. 53v

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

By Mr. J. Green.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, at 1 30
PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF RAMS AND SALE FOR EWES OF ALL CLASSES, and KEEPING SHEEP and LAMBS, and STORE CATTLE. Early entries invited to
78v JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

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. 23v

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. 24v

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—R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel.
BURNOPFIELD—TURNBULL BROS., Grocers, &c
—W. WRIGHT, Burton House.
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"—T. D. DRYDEN, Grocer, &c.
"—N. ELSDON, Wine Merchant.
"—JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer, &c.
—T. MILNER, Chemist, &c.
—G. PATTRICK, Chemist, &c.
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CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. 548q

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1896.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

MR. JOHN WILSON, the parliamentary representative of Mid-Durham, has issued his monthly circular for August to the members of the Durham Miners' Association. He is frank in every detail, and as such, local miners will appreciate it, even though its contents may in some measure be unsatisfactory. Mr. Wilson gives a capital outline of the Mines Act and promises to deal similarly with the Conciliation Act and Truck Act in future circulars, but his voice is loudest on the work of the session of 1896, which he says has just ended its struggle. He characterises its prologue as "great expectations," and its epilogue as "bitter disappointment" to all who were deluded by the specious promises. Says, he, "where is there a class satisfied with the results except it be the landlords, and their joy is not full? The Government have allowed them to use the Treasury as a milch cow, but their insatiable demands have not been fully met. They in their clamour for public money, are the modern leech, crying give; for each new meeting of their request has been simply a whetting of their appetite to dig deeper into the public purse." This is candid language and fully describes the fearless mind of Mr. John Wilson.

THE NEWSPAPERS of Monday last contained some startling news of a Fenian plot to murder the Czar and the Queen, and of how the authorities of Scotland Yard trapped the conspirators and laid bare their plans. Up to the time of writing, the documents in the hands of the police have not been fully examined and made known to the public, but the general construction placed upon the sensation is that the conspiracy is associated with American Fenians, and Russian Nihilists, who think that by injuring the Czar who is about to visit Scotland as the guest of Her Majesty would cause increased friction between the two nations, and that it would injure the Queen through him. Fortunately the police have apprehended the principles, and are deserving of great credit for their prompt action. This intelligence, startling enough, will be more than a nine days' wonder, for the trials of the prisoners are certain to reveal facts which will be more amazing than those at present discussed in our midst.

AT LEADGATE, matters are not sailing altogether pleasantly amongst the members of the Urban District Council, who have apparently got themselves into hot water through the action of the old Board, by the latter sanctioning a slaughter-house to be built next to a dwelling-house some time ago. The medical officer has reported that this was done contrary to the Act and that in its present position it constituted a nuisance under the Act, but so far as other allegations as to a nuisance, they were unfounded. The question was discussed on Wednesday evening of last week. Some of the Councillors were wont to say hard things, and the Board is now evidently waiting to see what turn matters will take.

CONSETT AND LEADGATE are not the only places where complaints are raised anent the unsatisfactory arrangements of lighting the street lamps, for at the last meeting of the Kyo Parish Council, Mr. Elliott illustrated quite plainly how dangerous were conditions of street darkness to human life. He told his colleagues that while returning to his home a few days ago he had occasion to pass through White-le-Head. It was a very dark evening and he saw a man fell himself against a lamp post, through their being no lights to guide him. He accordingly played the part of the Good Samaritan, assisted the unfortunate fellow to his feet, and accompanied him along the road, but they had not gone far when they stumbled against a big stone and together they fell to the ground. To some this little experience may be amusing, but, dear readers, it is altogether a dangerous business, and, if allowed to exist, may not only result in broken limbs, but the loss of life. Needless to add that after Mr. Elliott's story had been related the Council promptly resolved that the clerk be instructed to write the District Council asking them to light the lamps in Tanfield Moor district at once.

A MORE worthy object to which to devote the proceeds of any gathering, than the benefit of the inmates of a Workhouse cannot, under everyday circumstances, be imagined, but too seldom do we hear of the benevolent casting their gifts in this direction. However, at Lanchester there is what is known as a Sports Committee composed of gentlemen outside the ranks of the Guardians, and a week or so ago, they inaugurated sports for the benefit of the inmates of the Lanchester Workhouse. In their management exceptional tact was used, and as a result—although no charge was made at the gate, but a collection taken—some £21 has been raised. There are many ways of spending this money for the pleasure of the inmates, and the master and matron, who show more than a passing interest in those under their roof, will have no difficulty in hitting upon a scheme which will please everyone concerned.

APROPOS of kindness shown to paupers reminds us of the many acts of benevolence different members of the Lanchester Board of Guardians have shown to these unfortunate people, and we notice in this respect Miss Gibson, Miss Peele, and Mrs. Piercey-Taylor Smith, the lady members of the Guardians, come in for a fair share. On Monday week, Miss Gibson entertained eleven of the female imbeciles at her residence, Shotley Bridge, and, until she was granted this outing, one of the imbeciles had not been out of the Workhouse for upwards of twelve years. With the knowledge that she was doing good to her fellow creatures, Miss Gibson would be amply repaid, and were it possible for outsiders to conceive how heartily they enjoyed themselves, with one accord, we would conclude that it is a thousand pities that such outings could not be more frequent, with more people to throw their interest therein.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

["BY INCEDO."]

COUNTY HONOURS FOR A LEADGATE LADY.

There are many of my readers in the towns of Consett, Leadgate, and Blackhill, who will be pleased to learn that at the public cooking competition, held at the Olympia, Newcastle, on Saturday last in connection with the Sanitary Congress in that city, Miss McCurley, of Leadgate, took first honours in the French Cooking Competition, a special prize having been awarded to her. Miss McCurley belongs to a well known and highly talented family, the members of which have given a good account of themselves in districts a long way remote from North-West Durham, and the honour on this occasion referred to is correspondingly increased from the circumstance that she was the only student who entered the competition—the other contestants being professional teachers. The lady named has been studying cookery at the County Training College, Newcastle, for some time, with a view to entering the professional ranks under the Government, and her performance on Saturday indicates pretty pointedly that her talents and her tastes run in precisely the same direction—a very desirable combination. It will interest my lady readers to learn that the fair cooks had to perform their task in full view of the public, the raw material being provided, together with the culinary utensils, and two hours granted to prepare the feast. Miss McCurley must be as active as she is clever, for she had dinner ready five minutes within the prescribed limit.

A FAIR OFFER.

The members of the Kyo Parish Council are in clover, and so also are the honest fellows who have for some time been trying to force the hand of the Council to the end that a few patches of land can be had for paying its value for the loan. Mr. Joicey, who makes an offer to the Council to give land at 35/- per acre, must be a gentleman to the core, for his offer is the most liberal that has come under my notice for some time, and those who want allotments will do well to strike while the iron is hot, otherwise they may, as the saying goes, go further, and fare worse. To the workmen in the mining districts, or in the vicinity of such centres of industry as Consett, Blackhill, and Leadgate, allotments are a veritable God-send. Nothing could be more conducive to the health of mind and body than a plot of land, with say a corner for the bairns to grow flowers on their own account, and the rest of the land set apart for potatoes and vegetables. It may be odd, but it is true, that a family have more relish for a dinner when the "pot stuff" is of their own growing, and I have often heard the people in the town complain—and notably folks who have once lived in the country—that they could not set the broth pan on the fire without having to "dive" into their pockets. Now that the ball is at their feet, it is to be hoped that the Kyo men will combine and persevere, and that next year they will crowd all the local flower shows with such allotment produce as has never yet been seen within the borders of North-West Durham. In fact, I should not be very much surprised to hear that they had grown turnips large enough to break the record of the Scotch farmer, who boasting once about the size of his turnips, declared that he lost a sheep one Autumn, and that in the spring months he found it in a turnip, having eaten its way into it, and thereafter feasted thereon all through the winter!

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

In a small way, the members of this body will understand what is meant by the true saying that "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." In common with men in other parts of the country, the members of the Leadgate District Council sought office—thinking more about the passing honour than about the responsibility incurred and it so falls out that they are rarely free from the meshes of either one net or another. Their latest entanglement is the alleged slaughter-house nuisance, which has been found a sad stumbling block to them. They fitted out a microbe hunting expedition, sending out scouts, and a vanguard equipped with picks and shovels. Nothing came of the "hunt" for not a single brace of game was bagged. The history of the expedition, which has just been published, has not a single scintillation of romance from the head to the tail of it, nor did it need anybody to dig beneath the floors of dwelling-houses to discover documents bearing upon the subject matter introduced by the physician who accompanied the exploring expedition. The transactions of the defunct Local Board are surely not so precious that they require to be hidden under the foundation of Leadgate. Really the Council is in a fix, and the stench from the ashpits, about which complaint has been made, is not likely to sweeten their puzzled imagination.

NOTES FROM STANLEY.

[BY "OBSERVER."]

AN EXCELLENT CONCERT.

On Monday evening last, the Tanfield Lea Primitive Methodist Choir rendered a miscellaneous programme of well arranged and selected music in the Kip Hill Wesleyan Chapel. This choir is in good order, the vocal parts being well sustained. The pieces were well timed and of a lively character, and consisted of solos, duets, quartettes, anthems, glees, etc. The baton was wielded by Mr R. Fawcett, choirmaster, the organ being manipulated by Mr. R. Hindmarch. Mr. J. T. Bolam, of Beamish View, presided, and in his remarks stated that the time had arrived when choirs ought to have more freedom in their choice of suitable and attractive selections of music for concert purposes. There had been restrictions in this direction which must be counteracted in order that choirs might be able to sustain interest, and draw the multitudes. After votes of thanks to the workers had been expressed the audience dispersed highly gratified with the proceedings.

A PROPOSED NEW CHOIR.

I hear the West Stanley Co-operative Society's employees are considering the advisability of forming a Co-operative choir. This most certainly would be a step in the right direction. Several societies of this kind have already developed this choir business with satisfactory results. The science of music is a systematic recreation which elevates the mind and inspires the soul, bringing in its train refinement and kindred virtues. Under practical government and discipline it would indeed be a boon to the whole group of servants. I earnestly hope that the suggestion may be soon put into operation which would prove a valuable means of spending leasure hours.

DR. WAND'S TESTIMONIAL.

The testimonial fund for Dr. James Wands is now closed, and the committee regret that this late popular resident of West Stanley cannot re-visit the district at present owing to the state of his health. The gifts will be forwarded to him in due course, and the correspondence accruing from this action will pass through the local press, so that the donors will learn therefrom the whole of the proceedings. I understand the effort put forth is highly satisfactory.

AN OLD CITIZEN DEPARTED.

Most of the inhabitants of West Pelton, and Beamish would be familiar with the face of Mrs. Harrison, who acted for about twenty years in the capacity of housekeeper, and caretaker for Dr. Benson's assistants at West Pelton and Engine Row. For some time past she has been confined to her room from general debility, her complaint culminating in death. She was interred at St. Paul's churchyard, on Tuesday afternoon. The cortege was a fair representation of the esteem held by her friends and neighbours.

THE SHIELD ROW SHOW.

On Saturday last this show was held in a marquee, located near to the Bird Inn, of Mr. J. Watson. The exhibits showed special specimens of leeks, etc., which were on view till eventide. The public responded by a liberal patronage. Useful presents were distributed to the successful competitors.

THE HARVEST.

The most of the farmers are busily engaged gathering in the sheaves of golden grain. The inclement weather has caused some anxiety, but we hope the ultimate gain will be satisfactory. Thanksgiving services are being held in the various places of worship, the interior of which are decorated with the fruits of the season. Suitable hymns, prayers, and sermons are used appropriate for the season.

LEADGATE NOTES.

(By "Rover.")

A LOCAL PREACHER AND THE ARMENIANS.

I had the pleasure on Sunday last of hearing a sermon in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Rev. W. Raistrick, on the subject of "God's call to Moses," and in the course of his remarks he made a very powerful appeal to his hearers on behalf of the persecuted Armenians—an appeal that I trust will also be made from every Christian pulpit in the district, for it certainly is time that the voice of the men and women of this country was heard speaking with no uncertain sound on this great question of the hour. On this subject men of all creeds, and of no creed at all, may meet, and no time ought to be lost in calling upon our rulers to exercise the powers they already possess, and by some means put an end to this terrible history of suffering and death.

A NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

I was also glad to have the privilege of hearing the new Wesleyan Superintendent on Sunday. He certainly created a very favourable impression upon his hearers, and I fancy he will find he has in Leadgate a band of earnest Christian men and women who will be ready at all times to follow his lead in the great fight against the powers of darkness. By these two notes it will be seen that I was in the midst of religious teachings.

A QUERY.

I am wondering when a start is going to be made with the Technical Education Classes. I am afraid things are only very quiet in that direction, just now. I am sorry to have to admit it, but it is true that there is a very poor response to the appeal which the committee made some weeks ago. The committee has done all they possibly could to make technical education popular in the place, and they were prepared to start classes for the teaching of any subject for which there is any reasonable demand. What a pity it is that so many of us do not seem to feel our need of any further instruction. However, I am hoping that even yet we may redeem ourselves, and that the committee may be justified in forming classes during the coming winter.

AN ANNUAL FEVER.

The football season has set in amongst us with a vengeance, and almost the whole place is alive with excitement over the doings of the two local teams. The Exiles greatly surprised everyone by running Newcastle United to so close a finish last week, and if they can hold such a powerful combination in check, what may we expect them to do with less powerful teams? And, then the great club of the Northern League, South Bank, was only able to defeat a weak team from the Park by one goal, and now the Park's supporters are actually making themselves believe there is a chance of medals for them next year again. I hope there is.

MORE LIGHT AT LAST.

Whether as a result of my notes last week, or the action of our Council, I cannot tell, but to-day, it is a fact, I see the employees of the Gas Company engaged in fixing the lamps. So far, so good, but what if the Lighting Committee do not order them to be lit. I have heard they haven't yet signed the agreement with the Gas Company, but the Company will know by this time that in the end the Leadgate Council will agree to almost anything they propose.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "WEARSIDER."]

THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Chester-le-Street Parish Council, under the presidency of Mr. Peter Hay, managed on Tuesday night, to get through their business in the most approved and modern fashion. They simply deferred the major portion of the matters before them to their big brother—the Rural District Council. That body, it is almost safe to prophecy, will also act upon the improving ticket, and will relegate the matters in question to one or other of their committees! What will become of the questions then is easy to guess—they will be put through the process known as "shelving." One of the things brought before the meeting was the idiotic naming of streets and places in our ancient city. The names given to places by the new tablets have evidently been put up for no better reason than that the present names do not at all describe the places in many instances. This is a very serious matter to people owning properties in places thus wrongly described. Result:—"Referred to District Council." An alleged encroachment on a newly-laid building estate met with a similar fate. The Waldridge and Edmondsley Councils asked to be heard at the next meeting of the Council in respect to the road across Waldridge Fell. A tardy permission was granted; but the inevitable reference to the District Council was made. And so on throughout. Indeed it would appear that the Chester-le-Street Parish Council is a thoroughly impotent and incapable body.

HOME RULE.

Don't stare dear reader, I am not going in the midst of the dynamite scare, to attempt the resuscitation of the Home Rule campaign. All I wish to point out is that with all the "referring to the District Council," there was one cheerful note running through the meeting, and that was that the time had arrived for Home Rule for Chester-le-Street: that is to say that the city should have an Urban Authority of its own. It was clearly pointed out that the Parish Council cannot carry out—indeed scarcely any of the necessary improvements—and that the District Council will not. This was the key-note for a Local Board or Urban Authority. And it ought to be so.

LAMESLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

This body are agitating in a much more practical way for Urban powers, and Local Authority. On Friday night they carried a motion in favour of it at a parish meeting; but a poll is to be taken. Lamesley is to all intents and purposes a rural district; Chester-le-Street is certainly Urban. Here are the official figures relating to their parishes:—Lamesley—population in 1891, 4,994; area, 7,179 acres; rateable value, £29,581. Chester-le-Street—population in 1891, 8,623; area, 2,900 acres; rateable value, £37,646. If Lamesley should have the powers, surely Chester-le-Street should also have them.

SPEN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "PAUL PRY."]

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

I took a ramble up to Mr. W. Richardson's house, at Chopwell Mill, the other day, and saw a number of houses that he is building. "You see" he said, "they stand in a pleasant situation facing the south." "A beautiful view" I remarked. "You can see a distance of about 15 or 20 miles he said on a clear day." I asked, "and are they self-contained?" "Yes, they are self-contained; each house has three rooms; a back scullery, a pantry, and a back yard, with all conveniences." "Did you build them for work people to live in?" I remarked. "Yes," he said, "I did, because a working man wants a comfortable house, and he cannot have that unless he has a convenient house." "Have you allotted to each house a garden?" I enquired. "I have, and my conditions are that the tenants must promise that they will cultivate and work them up to perfection, because I desire that the place be made pleasant and profitable to my tenants; I like to see a place kept in a respectable state. I have ten almost finished and I intend to build other twenty in course of time." Such was the gist of a conversation I had with a gentleman who is trying to improve the surroundings of his fellow-men.

A PRESENTATION.

The members of the Clayton Terrace Cricket Club have presented Mr J. Mordue with a beautiful engraved medal. The members and friends met in the Butt Arms Hotel. Mr. R. Dolson presided over the meeting, and after a few pointed remarks on cricketing, made the presentation. Mr. Mordue, on receiving the gift promised to cherish it, and said if he had done well in the past to deserve it, his ambition would be to do a thousand times better in the future for his team. The meeting afterwards took the form of a social, and altogether the gathering was a pleasant one.

TANFIELD.

PROPOSED OWNERS AND RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—On Wednesday evening, a meeting to form an Association of Owners and Ratepayers is to be held at Mr. Gladders, Oak Tree Inn, Tantobie.

INQUEST ON A MINER.—On Wednesday afternoon, Coroner Jno. Graham held an inquest at the Peacock Inn, Tanfield, respecting the death of Thos. Thirlwell who died on the 14th inst. Robt. Bartle, a putter in the employ of Messrs Jas. Joicey and Company, at the Tanfield Colliery, said that he was putting in the Brockwell seam in the above colliery, on the 31st of October last year. He had been shifting some tubs and when he came to the place where deceased was working he found him under a fall of stone.—Thomas Nearney deposed to having been working in the seam 200 yards away from Thirlwell, and going to his assistance. Mr. T. Maughan, the deputy, gave technical evidence, and Dr. Anderson said that death was due to spinal injuries caused by the fall. Dr. Benson had attended Thirlwell during his illness. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death." The unfortunate man was buried on Wednesday afternoon there being a very large attendance at the funeral.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

THE IRON CO.'S WORKMEN'S PRIZE BRASS BAND.—This band attended Haltwhistle Contest on Saturday last, and were awarded first prize, Mr. Hobday being conductor.

PHRENOLOGY.—Mr. N. Morgan, the well-known phrenologist and clever delineator of character may be consulted daily at No. 33, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

OCCASIONAL LICENSE.—At the Consett Police Court, on Monday, Mrs. Christopher, Blackhill, was granted an occasional license for the sale of liquor on the Carribees Race-course on Wednesday, in connection with the race-meeting of the North-West Durham Racing Company.

DRUNKENNESS.—At the Consett Occasional Court, on Tuesday, a labourer named Edward Lindsey, was brought up and charged with being drunk at Consett, on Monday evening.—P.C. Carruthers deposed to finding the defendant drunk and creating a disturbance.—A fine of 5/- and costs, in default seven days' hard labour was imposed.

SALVATION ARMY.—The Salvation Army held their annual harvest thanksgiving services, on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, finishing with a harvest home meeting and supper, on Tuesday night. The Barracks was tastefully decorated with fruits, flowers, vegetables, etc., the gifts of members and friends. The celebrations, which commenced on Saturday night, were conducted by ex-Capt. Dixon and wife, of West Stanley.

BAPTIST CHURCH Y.P.S.C.E.—The usual weekly service was held on Thursday, when Miss Farnsworth, Consett, occupied the chair. The following took part in the service:—Mr. W. Twitehard, Blackhill, read a paper on "Getting the most out of the Bible." Mr. G. Farnsworth, jun., and Mr. J. Phillips, Consett, also spoke upon the same topic. At the close several young people joined the society.

LARGE MUSHROOM.—We have been favoured with a view of two mushrooms recently, which were found by a well-known Consett resident. They measured respectively, 9¾ inches in diameter and 28¼ inches in girth; the second one being 10½ inches diameter, and 34½ inches girth; while a third one found a little later actually was 4ft 1 inch in circumference, and 1 foot 5½ inches across the crown. The fungus were in a state of corruption when discovered.

BLACKHILL.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH Y.P.E.—The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday, when a capital programme was given by members of the band, assisted by friends, including, Miss Lille Sanderson, Miss F. Jones, Miss B. Richards, Miss E. Little, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. W. Jenkins. The chairman was Mr. R. Richardson, Blackhill. Mr. J. Gardiner, Consett, presided at the organ.

INQUEST ON A CHILD.—On Saturday morning last, Mr. Coroner John Graham, held an inquest at the Scotch Arms, Blackhill, touching the death of a child named William John Coyle.—Henry Nelson, grandfather of deceased, said he was a fireman and resided at 18 Derwent Street. The child was the son of Sarah Coyle. For about ten years the husband of Mrs. Coyle had been in America away from his wife.—Jane Moss said she was a widow, and resided at 13, Hawthorn Terrace, Blackhill. She had acted as a mid-wife for some years, and delivered Mrs. Coyle of a male child on the 8th inst. The child died on the 10th inst. It was prematurely born, and very delicate.—Dr. Renton stated that he saw the body of deceased on the 11th inst., at 18, Derwent Street, Blackhill. It was then dead, and had been so for fully 24 hours. Witness did not see the child before death, but from information obtained he was of opinion that death was due to convulsions brought on by premature birth.—A verdict was returned accordingly, the Coroner remarking that there was no suspicions whatever about the case.

BENFIELDSIDE.

THE EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES.—In reference to our public notices, it will be seen that the committee of the above classes purpose making a commencement with their work on the 28th inst. The subjects taken will include book-keeping, mensuration, drawing, shorthand, music, and commercial arithmetic, and calculation. The efforts of the committee have been so well and ably seconded by those of the teachers that excellent reports have been obtained in previous years, and we thrust that with growing popularity and an increasing number of students, they may continue their work of usefulness, and, if possible, eclipse their former endeavours. There is no doubt that some really creditable work has been done, and parents would do wisely to use all their influence in persuading the young members of their families to embrace this opportunity of increasing their store of knowledge and improving their mental status. The charges are merely nominal—half-a-crown for the whole course of lessons—and a student may take up all the subjects, if so inclined, but everyone must make twelve attendances at least in each of two. We can recommend these classes with confidence, knowing well the sterling benefit to be derived therefrom. It is intended to present as many of the students as possible for higher examinations.

BURNHOPE

PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Burnhope and District Ploughing Association is to be held at seven o'clock, on Tuesday evening next, at Mr. Joseph Walton's, Bird Inn, Shield Row, to elect officers.

BURNOPFIELD.

PIT ACCIDENT.—About 8 o'clock on Monday morning a portion of the winding engine of the Burnopfield Colliery broke down, and the pit was laid idle for the day. The breakage was speedily repaired and the colliery resumed work on the following day.

CATCHGATE.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH.—On Saturday and Sunday, special services were held in the Bethany Christian Lay Church at Catchgate. An entertainment was given in the schoolroom on Saturday afternoon, addresses being delivered by Mr. W. Kelly, of East Stanley, and Mr. J. Mowett, of Newcastle, Mr. Geo. Ridley, of Catchgate, presiding. On Sunday, sermons were delivered by Messrs J. Mowett, and R. Hodge, of West Stanley, large attendances being the rule at all the services.

INCENDIARISM.—A somewhat exciting incident occurred at Catchgate on Tuesday. It appears that a two storey building, the property of Mr. Geo. Holson and situated near Harperley Mills has been let in flats. One of the lodgers in the house has lately been drinking heavily, and there are four other tenants. The lodger behaved so outrageously on Monday night, that the tenants were forced to leave the house, and about seven o'clock on Tuesday morning the house was found to be in flames. The neighbours and several of the mill hands were promptly on the scene and managed to get the upper hand of the flames, though not before the doors, window shades, and the boarded floor downstairs had been destroyed. The amount of damage being about £30. Inspection showed that the fire seemed to have been caused purposely and the lodger, who was found to have been severely burnt, has been arrested.

DIPTON.

ACCIDENT AT SOUTH MEDOMSLEY COLLIERY.—As a man named Wilfred Nicholson of South Medomsley Cottages, was following his employment at the above colliery, he received injuries to his left hand on Tuesday, and was attended to by the colliery doctor.

WEDDING.—The marriage of Mr. Christopher Smith, of Sotuh Medomsley Cottages, to Miss Elizabeth Bell, Delight Cottages, took place at Dipton Church, on Monday afternoon. The vicar, the Rev. R. Tuson, performed the ceremony. The bride attired in a slate coloured dress and bearing a bouquet of white flowers, was given away by her father, Mr. Robert Bell. The bridesmaids were Miss Sarah Bell, sister of the bride, and Miss Mason, who were also dressed in slate coloured costumes. Mr. David Bell, brother of the bride, and Mr. Mason, acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the happy pair drove to the home of the bride, where the rest of the day was spent in merriment.

EBCHESTER.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES are announced to be held at the Wesleyan Chapel, Ebchester, on Sunday and Monday next.

LANCHESTER.

THE ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC-HOUSES.—The Assessment Committee of the Lanchester Union has held several special meetings recently to revalue the properties throughout the Union. In several instances the asstssment of hotels and fully licensed inns has been increased from 300 to 400 per cent. beyond their present rateable value.

LANCHESTER STOCK MART CO., LTD.—On Wednesday last, Mr. Jackson Green, auctioneer, had forward 260 mule and b. f. lambs, and 8 cattle. There was a good trade (considering the fine day which kept many farmers at home harvesting), mule gimmer lambs from John Hedley, Fininys-Farm, to 23/3; mule wedders, from J. W. Walton, to 23/3; other lots, Geo. Dowson, Back Stone Bank, to 21/-; Bewly, Wolsingham Park, to 17/-; Wolsingham, 18/-; poor trade for b. f. lambs, cattle to £9 10s.

Late Advertisements.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

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

Sale Room, Stanley.
Sale of Ready-made Clothes.

JOHN LOWES will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Friday and Monday first, over 100 Ready-made Suits, Overcoats, Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c., in the above Room.
Sale each night at Seven o'clock. 87v

SALE OF VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY AT STANLEY.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Commercial Inn, Front Street, Stanley, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 24th, 1896, at Three o'clock in the afternoon prompt, subject to Conditions as shall then be read.

JOHN LOWES, AUCTIONEER.

All that FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, situated at the corner of Anthony Street and Beamish Street, and now occupied by Mr John Davison, containing:—On Ground Floor, 2 Sitting Rooms, Kitchen and Office and Pantry; on First Floor, 3 Bedrooms and Bath Room (fitted with Hot and Cold Water), Wardrobe on Landing; also, Good Yard, W.C., Ashpit, and Coalhouse.

The above is substantially built, having a splendid Front built with Tow Law Blockers, and has only been erected some 14 months.

As there is a large demand for Houses in Stanley, the above affords an opportunity to Capitalists for a sound investment. The Property may be inspected at any time on application to the Tenant.

References apply to R. Calvert, Esq., Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate; T. W. Welford, Esq., Solicitor, Stanley and Consett; or the Auctioneer, Stanley.

Sale Office, Stanley. 86v

PROPOSED SCHEME.—An important notice of a proposed scheme by the Board of Charity Commissioners, for the administration of the charities of Rowland Wilkinson in the parish of Lanchester and Satley, including the charity formerly known as Old Parish Stock, is advertised in another column, to which we desire to call the attention of the parishioners.

SHIELD ROW.

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW.—On Saturday afternoon the annual exhibition of leeks and vegetables was held at Mr. Jos Watson's Bird Inn, Shield Row. The following are the prize takers. Best buttonhole.—1, Anderson; 2, Jos Robson. French marigolds.—1, Jas. Robson; 2, W. Cockburn. Asters.—1, Jos. Robson; 2, W. Cockburn. Queen marigolds.—1, E. Cockburn; 2, Jos. Robson. Leeks:—The following are the names of leek exhibitors in order of merit. T. Carr, R. Scott, W. Urwin, Wm. Hunter, H. Carr, R. Holland, R. Cockburn, D. Holland, P. Harkness, W. Cockburn, J. Hall, A. W. Jacques, M. Smith, Jno Smith, A. Temple, E. Sanderson, D. Scott, J. Robson, H. York, W. Gibson, W. Bird, T. Judge, I. Harkness, W. Gibson, T. Curry, J. Cleminson, W. Scott, T. Harrison and Benj. Harrison.—Vegetables, three varieties, one of each.—W. Urwin (special prize given by Mr. Wylam), Jno Anderson, R. Scott, J. Hall, T. Jewitt, J. Nicholson, T. Carr, A. Temple, E. Holland, D. Scott, W. Robson, T. W. Jacques, J. Robson, M. Smith, R. Cockburn, B. Harrison, W. Harrison, T. Harrison, I. Harkness, P. Harkness, W. Bird, Jno. Nicholson, J. Smith, Ralph Cockburn, T. Curry, E. Sanderson, H. York, J. Cleminson, D. Scott. Mr. A. W. Jacques ably fulfilled the duties of secretary, Mr. J. Robson being treasurer. The show has many influential patrons, amongst them being Sir Wm. Eden.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE

BUILDING SOCIETY BALLOT.—The First Shotley Bridge and District 37th Starr Bowkett Building Society held their 108th Appropriation by ballot in the Low Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Tuesday evening, when Mr. D. Ormerod occupied the chair, and Messrs J. W. Harker and F. W. Gillis acted as scrutineers on behalf of the members. Miss Wildsmith acted as ball drawer. The result was:—first draw 038, withdrawn; second draw, 134, drawn before; third draw, 145, clear for two shares, in the name of Mr. James Christie, entitling him to an advance of £200 as per rule.

STANLEY.

A NEW P.C.—The police force at Stanley has been somewhat altered by the translation of P.C. Cunningham to Jarrow, P.C. Lancelot Dobinson of Hebburn taking his place.

BAND AND CHOIR FESTIVAL.—Our readers are reminded of the treat in store for them at the band and choir festival, on Saturday and Sunday in the United Methodist Free Church, Stanley.

RACE MEETING.—At a meeting of the Stanley Race Company, held under the presidency of Mr. Jas. Watson, a deficiency of £60 was reported by the secretary (Mr. Geo. Lee). The members expressed satisfaction at the result under the unfavourable circumstances, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on Easter Monday, 1897.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—On Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Stanley, when the Rev. W. E. Fletcher, of Newcastle, will preach. In the afternoon a service of song will be given, entitled "Farmer Forest's Thanksgiving." On Monday evening, Mr. Thomas Teasdale, who has recently returned from the Transvaal, will give his experiences of the most interesting and richest country in the world.

DURHAM MINERS' ASSOCIATION.—For the position of treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association there are no less than 26 candidates for the office. Amongst these are Mr. William Indian of West Stanley, Mr. W. Bulmer of Tanfield, Mr. P. Carling of Blaydon, and Mr. M. Stephenson of Pelton Fell. The next Council meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday), when delegates will be sent from the various lodges with power to vote.

WEST PELTON.

AN APPOINTMENT.—Mr. William Ridley, of West Pelton Colliery, has been appointed to the management of the extensive Houghton Collieries belonging to the Lambton Collieries Company, Limited, which had become vacant through the resignation of Mr. Joseph Stoker, J.P.

THE VALUE OF PROPERY AT CONSETT.

On Tuesday evening, at the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Consett, Mr. John S. Murray, of Blackhill, offered for sale by auction several lots of freehold business and dwelling-house properties. There was a large and influential company of gentlemen. Lot 1 consisted of a freehold dwelling-house of four rooms and conveniences, pleasantly and conveniently situated, being No. 1, Garden Place, Consett, let at 5/- per week. The bidding was commenced by Mr Suddes at £150, followed by Mr. Drummond with £200. The other gentlemen who followed in the competition for the property were:—Mr. M. McNally, £210; Mr. Ed. Wylam, £215; Mr. J. Gardiner, £220, £230; Mr. Gallagher, £225; and Mr. P. Coyle, £235, who became the purchaser. Lot 2 was four houses of four rooms each, three of which were let in six flats, situate in George Street, Consett, and bringing in a gross rental of £78 per annum. Mr. Drummond started the bidding with £300, followed by Mr. Gallagher with £400. Mr. Eldon next came on with £500, Mr. Gallagher, £600, Mr. Coyle, £650; Mr. Gallagher, £700; Mr. Thos. Beattie, £750; Mr. Gallagher, £800, and Mr. Thos. Beattie, £810. The property was withdrawn; but was afterwards disposed of to Mr. Thomas Beattie. Lot 3.—This lot consisted of two shops and houses, Nos. 10 and 11, Victoria Street, Consett, and bringing in a revenue of £26 and £30 a year respectively. Mr. Drummond commenced this lot with £300, followed by Mr. R. Murray with £500. The other bids were:—Mr. Freadick, £550; £700, £720; Mr. Gallagher, £600, £650; Mr. Ed. Wylam, £620, £710, £730. The lot was withdrawn. Lot 4 consisted of a dwelling-house of seven rooms, No. 11, Park Road, Consett, overlooking the public park from the rear. There was very little competition for this property. Mr. Dodds commenced with £250, and after the bidding had reached £340, the property was withdrawn. Lot 5.—This lot consisted of three copyhold houses in six flats, situate in Dobson Street, Blackhill, let at a gross rental of £64 4s a year, were put up separately, one being purchased by Mr. George Drummond, Castleside, for £300, and the other two being withdrawn at £270 and £265 respectively, but were afterwards sold privately to Mr. Gardiner. Lot 6 was a house of five rooms, No. 7, Ridley Street, Blackhill. The bidding for this property was as follows:—Mr. George Nicholson, £150; Mr. Gallagher, £160, £170; Mr. Dodds, £165; Mr. Jos. Eltringham, £180, and Mr. Ed. Wylam, £190. The property was withdrawn. The last lot was a five-roomed house; No. 19, Taylor Street, Consett. Mr. Wylam commenced the bidding with £180; followed by Mr. Suddes with £210. The other bidders were:—Mr. Wylam, £220; Mr. Freadick, £225; Mr. Eldon, £250, £260; Mr. Gardiner, £265; Mr. Jas. Eltringham, £275; Mr. Jackson, £270, and £280, at which price it was knocked down, and Mr. Jackson became the purchaser. Out of the 13 houses offered for sale, nine were sold. Mr. J. S. Murray, Consett, acted on behalf of the vendors.

A suitable souvenir of "TRILBY" by Paul M. Trotter founded on George du Maurier's Novel. Seven beautiful Photogravure plates in portfolio, printed by J. S. Virtue & Co., London, price 2/6 or by post 2/9. R. JACKSON, "GUARDIAN" OFFICE, CONSETT. ONLY A FEW COPIES LEFT. 531a

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Public Offices, Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge, presided over by Mr Joshua Lax, J.P. (chairman). The other Councillors present were Messrs J. Eltringham, F. Sloane, J. Heymer, F. Priestman, Jas. Annandale, Wm. Annandale, Wm. Telford, Geo. J. Robinson, C. Parnaby, G. Eltringham, the Deputy-clerk (Mr R. Hayward), and the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

THE NEW RATE.

The Financial Committee presented an estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing six months, which amounted to £1,111 10s. The Committee reported that a rate of 10d in the £ would raise £ ... which was £226 12s 11d short of the estimate. The Committee considered that this balance is bank was sufficiently large to cover the difference, and therefore recommended the Council to order a rate to be made of 10d in the £ to receive the stamp of the Council at the next meeting.

On the motion of Mr Heymer, seconded by Mr Sloane, a rate of 10d in the £ was ordered to be prepared.

CHEQUES.

Cheques to the amount of £320 14s 6d were ordered to be signed.

THE BLUE BRIDGE.

The Surveyor was instructed to inform the Hexham Rural District Council that as soon as they made arrangements with the Shotley Low Quarter Parish to keep in repair one-half of the Blue Bridge, the Council was prepared to do likewise.

WILFUL DESTRUCTION: A WARNING.

The Surveyor said he would like to call attention to the wilful destruction of the globes on the public lamps. In one street there was no less than four broken, and he thought that a strict watch ought to be kept so as to get hold of those who were doing this damage.

Mr Heymer: Will it cost 8s to replace these globes?

The Surveyor: The globes cost 1s each.

The members decided that if the offenders were caught they ought to be prosecuted.

A DEPOSIT.

The offer of the Consett and District Cricket Club of a plot of land for a deposit at Blackhine was accepted.

A BUILDER AND HIS PLAN.

Mr George Eggleston, contractor, attended the Council to give an explanation of his action in building a house without the plan being approved of by the Council.

Mr Eltringham having explained the action the Building Committee had taken in the matter, the members considered that Mr Eggleston should apologise for what he had done, and no penalty would be enforced.

The Clerk drew up the following apology, which was signed:—"Gentlemen,—I beg most respectfully to apologise for any action in proceeding with a building without a plan, and beg leave to thank the Council for their offer to consider the plan which I now present.

AN ENCLOSED QUARRY AT DERWENT COTTAGES.

The Chairman read a letter which had been received from the Clerk of the Medomsley Parish Council pointing out that the quarry at Derwent Cottages had been closed by the owner of the property adjoining, and asked the Council to take the matter up with a view of having the quarry re-opened for the benefit of the inhabitants of Derwent Cottages.

The Surveyor stated that he had made some inquiries about this matter, and had ascertained that Mr Murray had closed up the quarry.

Mr Eltringham said he had known the quarry for some years. The house erected on the boundary of the quarry was built in the time of Mr Wilson, and the tenant had cultivated it by removing the mounds, and filling up the hollows with soil. It was first turned into a grass field, and then into a garden, and the quarry had become enclosed.

It was agreed that the letter should be referred to the Highway Committee to report thereon.

RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK.

A WORTHY OFFICIAL.

The following letter was read.—

Gentlemen,—I think it is my duty to inform you I have resolved to relinquish the duties of Clerk to your Council which now require for their discharge much more time than I can conveniently bestow, and which I can see, are not likely to decrease in the near future. As we are close upon the audit, which practically will close the financial year, it seems a convenient time for my retirement; but I am willing to continue the discharge of my official work till you appoint some one to take it over, which, I hope, will soon follow this announcement. I have acted for close on thirty years in the discharge of the duties, which have connected me very closely with local government formerly of your district, and latterly of the Urban District Council. With your present Chairman, and his predecessor, I have always had such kindly aid and co-operation, as enabled me to discharge my duties with satisfaction to myself, and I hope to the district. To have my old colleagues, and your officials, gives me much concern; but I venture to hope the work of local Government will go on with satisfaction to those who are interested in the district, and particularly to those who give so much time to the discharge of their public duties.

With sincere good wishes to you all,

I am, yours very faithfully,

JOHN BOOTH.

The Chairman: I regret that the Clerk has taken this step. As Mr. Booth has said in his letter he had been connected with the old Board, and the present Council for nearly thirty years. The several Acts that had been adopted had very materially increased the work connected with Mr. Booth's office. The Clerk had always discharged his duties with conspicuous ability, kindness, and courtesy. I do not think we ought to allow the occasion to pass without trying to retain Mr. Booth's services. I think Mr. Booth might be interrogated as to whether the letter was final or not. I think the reporters might not take a note of the letter at present. We might discuss it in committee.

Mr Parnaby asked for what reason, and said it would be public property directly.

The Chairman: Well, it is yet in embryo. However, I am in the hands of the Council, I do not wish to stop what might be of interest to the public.

Mr. Jos. Eltringham said it would perhaps be advisable to withhold the letter from publication till they knew whether the resignation was final or not.

The Chairman said he would like to hear the views of the Council on the subject.

Mr. James Annandale stated that he was quite sure it was with deep regret they had heard the contents of the letter from the Clerk. Mr. Booth and himself were the only remnants of the first Board, which met some 28 years ago. Not only so; but he thought they were the only remaining members who took office in March, 1868. Mr. Booth's services had been invaluable. They had had the benefit of his advice on matters relative to the Local Government Board, and the various Acts connected with the Council. Mr. Booth's services could not be over-estimated. He believed that this feeling was universal, and all would be sorry if they had to part with the Clerk, who had the law at his finger ends. He was afraid that the letter would have to be considered as final. The reason of Mr. Booth sending in his resignation was the increase of work, and the state of his health. He thought it was quite right to ascertain whether or not Mr. Booth could be prevailed upon to reconsider his decision. He was quite sure that if Mr. Booth could be persuaded to carry on the work with assistance, it would be willingly granted by the Council. He did not think that their Clerk would consent to withdraw his resignation. He was afraid they would have to say good-bye to a kind, efficient, and courteous servant.

Mr. Parnaby said they had all been pleased to hear such testimony regarding Mr. Booth. They were quite aware of the fact that when age crept on, they had to part with old servants. It was unfortunate that the resignation should have occurred at this moment, when certain things were on the board. He should not like anyone to think that the resignation had been brought about by any side issue. Whatever might be the outcome of the discussion he thought they did not want to make any change. He trusted there was no ulterior motive; but that it was pure and unvarnished. He would like to know that in any case would Mr. Booth have resigned. He believed that when they were discussing the duties of the Clerk at the last meeting, and referring to the necessity of the Clerk attending committee meetings, the Clerk interrupted by saying "or resign." He hoped there was nothing beyond the resignation.

Mr. Booth was called into the room, and the Chairman informed him that they had received his letter, and the Council were sorry to hear of his resignation. The matter had been discussed in a kindly spirit, and the members would like to know if his decision was final.

The Clerk: Yes.

The Chairman: Perhaps the Council would like to have some explanation of your motive.

The Clerk said there were two—the state of his health, and the increase of work. There was no necessity for any further explanation, unless the members had any question to ask.

The Chairman said that from what he could gather the Council would like an explanation. He supposed the Clerk had no further reason to offer than that contained in his letter?

The Clerk: All my reasons are contained in my letter. I am not so active as I used to be, and should like to be relieved of my duties.

The Chairman: That is your final decision?

The Clerk: Yes. I hope I have made it clear that I have no other motive for resigning than already stated.

The Chairman said they all regretted to hear of the Clerk's resignation, and the fact that the retention of the office would still further injure his health. They would not like to press upon him to take the work longer.

The Clerk having retired,

Mr. Heymer pointed out that it was rather unfortunate that the Clerk's resignation should have come up. He saw Mr. Booth on the previous day at the railway station, and that the Clerk then looked in very good health.

The Chairman: Mr. Booth does not seem to be as well as he looks.

After further discussion, Mr. James Annandale proposed the following resolution:—"That the Council have received with much regret a letter from Mr. Booth resigning his position, as their Clerk, and desire in accepting the same, to place upon record their sincere appreciation of the valuable services which he has rendered the district during the long period of nearly 30 years, and of his unvarying courtesy. As the financial year does not end till March 31st, 1897, the Council hope that Mr. Booth will consent, either personally or by deputy, to continue to perform the duties appertaining to the office of Clerk up to that date."

This was seconded, and carried.

The Clerk having thanked the members for their kindly reference to the services he had rendered to the Council, the question dropped.

The Council afterwards rose.

Late Correspondence

THE REV. FATHER DIAMOND'S LECTURE AT CONSETT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—I see Mr. R. J. Simpson, Clerical Secretary of the Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London, is exercised over the remarks of Father Diamond on the Protestant mission in Patagonia. Now, as Father Diamond is on the high seas sailing westward ho! for the Falklands again, perhaps I may be permitted to say a word on his account. In the first place, Mr. Simpson must not be too hard on the poor Father for distinguishing between Protestant and Catholic missions—he has been abroad for many years, and has not yet realised modern methods of speech. It is pleasant, however, to see that Mr. Simpson is not to be misled by the lecturer's "inaccuracy" on this point, and so the libel is brought home, and "the Protestant Missionary Society, established for fifty years in Patagonia," is identified with "the South American Missionary Society." So far Mr. Simpson and myself are—more or less—in accord; but where "the irreverent jests, amounting to little short of blasphemy" come in, I, as one of the audience at the lecture, am utterly at a loss to understand—unless indeed it were Father Foran's best trousers being used as a necktie by the Fuegian lady. Perhaps Mr. Simpson will deign to explain what he means by "little short of blasphemy," and apply it to the remarks he objects to. But what I would chiefly desire to call Mr. Simpson's attention to is this:—That Dr. Diamond's reference to the "Protestant" missions were almost exclusively confined to those in Patagonia and Terra del Fuego. It is somewhat surprising then to find that Mr. Simpson with his high sense of indignation for "inaccuracies," should ignore this and cover his retreat from the main point attacked, under a general defence of work alleged to have been done in South America, and especially in the Paraguay Chaco, together with a fling at the Jesuits and their work in Paraguay. Father Diamond stated that the Protestant mission had failed in Southern Patagonia and settled in Beagle Channel, Terra del Fuego; that its career there had not been eminently successful, and that the head of the Mission had finally bought land and settled down as a farmer. One would have expected now that a Society that has apparently won such high encomiums from Charles Darwin, the King of Italy, and the accredited representatives of five nations—(how accredited not stated?)—might have found a sufficiently wide field for their labours among the poor Patagonian savages. If these be some of the "inaccuracies," will Mr. Simpson kindly give us the true state of affairs? What has the South American Missionary Society to show for its fifty years of existence in South Patagonia and Terra del Fuego? What we want is not generalities about South America—(which I believe is a rather large place)—but facts and figures about Patagonia and Terra del Fuego—and authorities for the same. Father Diamond was not speaking without his book. The Salesian order to which he belongs is engaged in the mission field in these very countries, and may be trusted to know what goes on there. When Mr. Simpson has satisfied us that Dr. Diamond was incorrect in his statements here, there will be time enough to deal with Paraguay and the Jesuits.—Faithfully yours,

A. MAGILL.

RECEPTION OF THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening the Consett Wesleyans held reception services to the Rev. Jos. Bacon, the newly appointed superintendent minister, Consett, and the Rev. J. Dixon, the minister for the Stanley section. In the afternoon a tea was held, tables being presided over by Mrs. H. Davison, Mrs. C. Davison, Mrs. Hobday, Mrs. V. Dunn, Mrs. N. Fawell, junr., Miss Dodds, the Misses Carey, and the Misses Routledge. The tea was largely attended. Preceding this a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Dixon.

In the evening a reception meeting was held, the rostrum being occupied by the Revs. J. Bacon, J. Dixon, C. M. Greenway, W. Irwin, and Messrs C. F. Cooke, Jas. Palliser, Jno. Oliver, Jno. Davison, and Thos. Swainston.

The Rev. C. M. Greenway said they were met that evening to give a hearty welcome to their new colleagues. On his own behalf, as well as on behalf of those assembled he gave them a hearty welcome. He had also to introduce to them Mr. C. F. Cooke, who, he was glad to say, was to preside over the meeting. It was his good fortune to have two circuit stewards of kindly heart and generous disposition. He had great pleasure in calling upon one of them, Mr. C. F. Cooke to take the chair.

Mr. Cooke, who received a very hearty reception, said he thanked them very much for the honour they had done him in chosing him for that duty. It was his duty to call upon Mr. Palliser to perform the ceremony of introducing their two new ministers.

Mr. Palliser first of all expressed his regret that Mr. Lax could not be with them. Mr. Lax was one of the best men in their community, and they might be sure that his absence was unavoidable. He then shook hands with Mr. Bacon and Mr. Dixon, the congregation standing during the ceremony. He spoke of the splendid credentials and records which both the rev. gentlemen possessed, and trusted that their stay in the circuit would be blessed with success.

The Chairman then spoke of the excellent manner in which Mr. Bacon and Mr. Dixon had been received in Stanley, and of the ability of both gentlemen. He said they had most excellent ministers' houses and chapels in the circuit, and he believed that the circuit would manage to clear all its debts, and go on with fresh buildings long before even they had calculated on.

The Rev. Jos. Bacon, who was warmly applauded on rising, thanked them for the gratifying reception they accorded to himself and his colleague. He regarded it as a happy augury for successful work to come. The receptions he had met with in the various places where he had preached had afforded him great gladness, as giving promise of glorious gospel work in the district. The terms in which Mr. Palliser's invitation to the circuit was couched, would have made it very difficult for him to refuse, even if he had not thought of accepting it. He said the system of transferring of ministers from one place to another, was in one respect an excellent thing, as it gave the minister who was working with no apparent result, an opportunity of welcome change and rest. He asked them to remember that the sight of nine hundred people who attended the chapel had only one face to remember, whilst he had eight or nine hundred, so they must forgive him if, at first, he occasionally made mistakes. Dr. Chalmers said that the strength of the Wesleyan body lay in the fact that "they were all at it, and always at it." If that was a somewhat flattering description, he hoped that in the form of time office upon which he was entering, it might be applied truly to the Wesleyans in the Shotley Bridge Circuit. They wanted the members to work thoroughly for the success of the cause they had at heart. Their church, it was true was a highly organised one, but they nevertheless would run as well as machinery. (Applause.)

The Rev. Jno. Dixon, who was also warmly received, counselled his hearers to work earnestly in the cause of Methodism. He warned them against trusting too much to mere forms of religion, whilst they left the true religion neglected. There was also a danger in Methodism in their members trusting to the traditions of the church, and in their anxiety to cling to the forms and mannerisms of their predecessors letting their own cravings for religious truth go unnourished. When the congregation worked well it was a great encouragement to their ministers, and tended to produce a healthy state of affairs in the circuit. Methodism was one of the greatest antagonists of the Roman Church. The great thing was to prosper, and thus become a still greater force to oppose the Romish principles. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Oliver, in a brief speech, counselled the youth of the Methodist Church to use their energies whilst in the prime of life as preachers and workers, and when they were no longer young the work of their younger days would be an unending source of gratification to them. (Hear, hear.)

A vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided and served tea, and the speakers at the meeting, was neatly proposed by Mr. T. J. Muse, of Castleside, seconded by Mr. T. Swainston, and unanimously carried.

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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

HERE AND THERE IN WOR DISTRICT.

TO THI EDITOR O' THI "CONSUTT GUARDYEN."

Dear Sor,—Aw hev ti begin maw notes this week wiv a note of lamentashun at thi decease of wor gud awd frind, Willie Wilkinson, Assistant Owerseer and Clark ti thi Collurley Parish Cooncil Aw was glad to notish in the report in yor papor that ye, yorsel, were amang thi monny frinds and akwaintances that attended his funerol. One by one thi awd standards are passin away. Aye, man, but he wes aw canny fellaw; an monny a one ill miss his kindly fyece, and cheery prissince. Ne mair he'll help us wiv his wise words ov coonsel. Like yorsel, Mr. Edditor, awve kent him a lang time noo, and monny a help ower thi style awve hed fra him. He wes elways thi syem, whither things were gannin easy an plissent, or a little bit crosswise; he could elways be relied upon for assistance if ye wanted it. Sum folks cannot carry thor awn trubbles let alyen help others wi' thetrs, but Bill could carry his awn, (an mind he hed a few), and aw knaw he sumtimes helped others ti carry theirs. Aw just fancy aw see him as he was—twenty-fower or five yeers syne. He was aboot his hey-day thin. Aw divvent think thor wes a fore-owerman onnyway that could be better liked or mair respected amang his men than he was. An ti the men's credit let it be said they nivvor forgat him. Aw mind weel when thor were changes myed on thi collury hoo thi men felt aboot thi matter. But Bill, (we know him best by that nyem) wes sure o' one thing, an that was a warm plyece i' the hearts of thi fowks he lived amang. That wes mare ti him than silver or gowld, an hoo they stuck tiv him. Man its a grand thing ti hev a warm place in other hearts forby yer awn. If onnybody disarved an had this it wer Bill Wilkinson. Aw mind weel of his appointment ti thi owerseership. Hoo thi men rallied roond him—awtho' it wes iv anuther toonship. We knew wor man, an wor ditarmined to reward him for his constancy. It just capp'd him at thi time, an aw think that ivvorybody ill aknowledge he's dyun his wark weel fra that time onward till his illness privented him. He's gyen, but he'll not be forgetten thereckly; becaws he wes one o' these men that ye cannot loss without missin them. Sum fokes could be weel dyun without for ony good they dee. Not so oor frind. May he live lang in wor memree, an may his broad, generous, unselfish dispcishun influence us awl to coppy his eksample, an be as weel spoken of whin wor time comes.

> "A man may hae an honest hairt,
> Though poverty hourly stare him;
> A man may tak a nei bor's pairt,
> Yet hae nae cash to spare him."

Aw suppose wor Parish Cooncil hes thi reet noo to fill up thi vacancy caused by Willie's deceese. Noo, maw lads, heors a grand chance for ye, ti distinguish yorsels. Let's hev nee tappy-lappy business, but let's hev a strite thing dyun. Thor'l varry likely be a lot of applicashuns for thi job, an aw dee hope that in thi forst place ye'll get a man ti fill thi post that issent gettin his livin oot of thi ratepayers awlreddy. Aw knaw yor just a young public boddy, an nyen o' ye knaws varry much aboot things yet, but aw will say that aw think the whole o' yee hes a gud deal o' that stuff they call "common sense," an yor quite yebel to see thi wisdom of maw sujjestshun. Aw divvent knaw ekeacly what thi salary is, but if its as much as i'll keep a man lets hev sumboddy put in that's either oot o' wark or hes ower hard ti wark for what they dee get. Thors scores of warkin men that can manish a job o' this kind, an aw wad like ti see ye, for thi credit o' wor awn place, act a bit differuntly than sum of wor neebors hev dyun in myken appointments. Thor are sum cheps that are drawin as much cot of thi ratepayers as wad myek a decent li elihood for three or fower men. Thors nee ne d for this at all; an it waddint be thi case if wor Nance had hor way. She says "that nee man hes thi reet ti de two men's wark, an that nee man hes thi reet ti get two men's pay, an that some o' these cheps shud be tyen down a bit." Aw knaw she's a bit plain spokken, but she sumtimes "hits thi nail on thi heed." Noo, aw hope maw frinds, Johnson, Young, Murray, Gatiss, Taylor, and others (aw munnet montion nee mair nyems for fear ye guess whe aw voted for at thi last elekshun) ill not think awm sayen ower much ti them aboot this matter. Aw'm not only sayin what aw think aboot it, but aw've heerd a lot o' crack here an there, and aw want if possible thi public ti see that wor Parish Cooncillors knaws "what's what."

Noo, Sor, awve offin wundered if owt could be dyun wiv these cheps that gan skulkin aboot public hoose passages, corner ends, and back lanes wiv a byuk an a bit pencil i thor hans. Thor not exactly kommercial travellers, but awm inclined to think that sum o' them's deein a much mare profitable business than lots o' kommercial travellors. They hev sec a slee way a deein things that it wad be varry hard to tell hoo much they are deein. They seem ti hev seck a lot o' customers, men, wimmen, and bairns tee; they gan wawkin aboot i broad day leet, an thor not partikalor whithor it's Sunday or Monday, it's the syem thing ti them; an awve heord tell o' wor bits o' skyeul bairns carryin up a bit papor wiv a shillin or two lapt in't, an thi instrucshuns wr.ttin on thi paper what had to be dyun wid. This is not sumthing that happens at Collurley Dykes only, mind ye, but awve seen the syem thing as awve knocked aboot here and there. Evvory p'yece seems tainted wi this syem thing. Noo, can wor lokal pollis officers not dee sumthing ti stop these cheps fra plyin thor unhealthy and immoral trade in open daylect. Thors sum o' them myekin a grand thing oot on't, an varry monny o' thi young cheps, as weel as a lot of awd cheps at wor plyece, are thi victims of these byukmakkers. Man, let Ralphy Riddle advise ye ti stop the byukmakkors fra thivin oot of yor hard-earned wages. Aw heavent myed a bet mysel since "Falkland" won thi "Northumberland Plate," an that's a bit since noo, an awl be bund for't aw'm a bettor man thi day than if aw'd been i thi hands o' thor cheps still

> Aw always hev a penny if aw want to lend,
> Aw always hev a penny if aw want to spend,
> Aw always hev a penny for a poor awd frind,
> But nowt for thi byukmakkers.

Aw notish that Cooncillor Billy Down's not content aboot thi notish he's gettin fra thi Coonty Cooncil aboot thi gardin rails bein on thi hyway. Noo, he's not gawn to be easily fritened aboot thi job an dissent see thi necessity for shiltin his garden rails. Thor's nee need for that ti be dyun yet at onnyrate, an it wad seem a silly thing to dee at prissent. But if awm reetly informed, the Coonty Council dissent want that dyun either, but thor willin to let them stand till thi gardin's are wanted for road improvements, an they hevvent asked a big rent; aw believe it's ony aboot sixpence a year. Noo, Billy, maw man, pay thi sixpence; thaw garden's worth that much. Aw wad rathur pay that mysel than loss thi seet o' thaw canny bit garden. It's nee use talkin aboot the Coonty Council coming to a little place like Catchgate to start thor unpleasant wark. Thor's sum folks think they waddent hev been there yet if they haddent been sent for, an thors a lot of folks think that Kyo Parish Cooncil had sumthing to dee wi bringing them when they did come. Hooivvor that may be awm not gannin to say, but onnyway, it strikes me like this that the ways of Coonty Councils, District an Parish Councils are past findin oot, an if they hev thi whip in thor awn hands thor not elways marciful; an when a thing hes ti be dyun, nee mattor how ye object ti't, the best thing is ti di't at once. It offers syeve trubble, sumtimes expense, and generally improves yor appetite.

Noo aw just want another word or two befor aw sing maw nyem, an that is ti write a word or two o' warnin to thi workin men. Eftor thi 29th of this munth thors to be a big change in thi Local Government Administration of wor locality, an its once or twice cum ti maw notish that thors a lot o' preporashun garnin on awlreddy for thi leckshun, which is sure to be sumtime arly next munth. Get ready for thi contest, men of Annfield Plain, Greencroft, and Collurley Dykes. Divvent be catched nappin. Ye want ti be well represented on thi new Bord, or ye'll find it oot when its ower lang. The wark to be dyun upon a Bord of this kind affects ye most; and, mind ye, they hev large powers, an if thi thing hes to be managed in the interests of thi masses, thi masses mun hev a share—an a gud share of thi members. Get yorgreet powers, an if thi thing hes ti be manished ye can entor thi feeld wi chances of success. Above awl things try to avoid a skrammel. Let yor collurrees hev a meetin, then hev a meetin awltegethor, an if ye'll act calmly and wisely, ye hev thi result in yor awn hands, an can elect a body of men wiv interests identikal wi yor awn, and men that understand yor wants and will fairly try to see that thi needs of thi district will be properly met. Thor hes ti be a lot o' colliery offishuls up, and a lot of tradesmen as weel, but, nivvor mind that, thor may be a lot of gud fellows amang them; but see ti't, that ye hev yor share, an thi thing i'l be awlreet when thi leckshun's ower. Thor are twelve men wanted, stick in for hevin eight or nine o' yor awn choice, an like me gan nap.

Yours trooly,
RALPHY RIDDEL.

Collurley Dykes, September 14th, 1896.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL?—Will Forms, by which any person can make their Will, are to be obtained at 3d and 6d each, of Robert Jackson, "Guardian" Office, and 21, Newmarket Street, Consett.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday in the Board Room, of the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Mr. T. J. Muse (vice-chairman) presiding. The other members present were: Miss Gibson, Miss Peele, Mrs. Piercey-Taylor Smith, Rev. Father P. C. Fortin, Father A. Magill, Messrs T. S. Longstaff, W. Aynsley, George Hobson, Ed. Wigham, Khulman, William Bradford, sen., Henry Greener, W. Collier, Thos. Nichol, Geo. D. Powell, J. H. Morris, W. Robinson, Thos. Lowdon, J. W. Taylor, George Walles, A. Watson, George Forster, J. Green, W. Johnson, Thos. Wilkinson, W. Young, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Workhouse Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood).

TENDERS.

The following tenders were accepted for supplying provisions, &c. to the Workhouse during the ensuing six months:—Groceries, &c., Mr. Walton, Lanchester, flour; Mr. Wiggen, Langley Park, coffins; Mr. T. Sinton, Lanchester, coals; Mr. Burdon, Lanchester, beef, &c.; Mr. Stephenson, Newcastle.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

The Clerk presented his estimate of the probable expenditure during the half-year ending Lady Day, 1897. The total amount was £6,195, as compared with £5,548 in the corresponding period of last year.—From this sum £2,200 is to be deducted for common fund receipts, leaving a total of £3,995 to be realised by the rates. The county rate of 1½d in the pound would yield £2,070, and a poor rate of 2½d in the pound would produce £4,000.

Mr. Taylor: How will this rate compare with last year.

The Clerk: It is just the same.

Mr. Taylor: Are you sure the county rate will be 1½d this time?

The Clerk: Well it was 1½d last half-year, and I have no reasons to believe it will be any less this half-year.

On the motion of Mr. Aynsley, it was resolved that the clerk should prepare a rate of 4d in the pound for the period named.

A BUILDING COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, Messrs William Logan, W. Johnson, Rev. Father P. C. Fortin, George Forster, Thos. Wilkinson, and W. Gray were appointed to constitute a building Committee during the erection of the New Infirmary and other new buildings at Lanchester, belonging to the Union.

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTATION.

The Visiting Committee reported that they had appointed a deputation which included the Master; for the purpose of proceeding to South Shields, and Manchester with a view of inspecting the laundry appliances in operation at these two places.

Father Fortin explained that the Guardians would be aware that the Poor-law Inspector for the local Government Board had requested them to provide additional laundry appliances for the Workhouse. Before they commenced with the scheme they wished this Committee to visit South Shields and Manchester and examine the laundry appliances in operation at these two Workhouses, and report to the Visiting Committee. If this was done the Committee would be able to obtain the best appliances for the money they intended to spend on this erection.

The recommendation was agreed to.

It was further agreed that Mr. Taylor's name should be added to the deputation.

A HANDSOME SUM.

The Visiting Committee reported they had received from Mr. Henderson, on behalf of the Lanchester Sports Committee, the sum of £18 16s 2½d. This sum was received from the sports that were held at Lanchester the other Saturday, for the benefit of the inmates of the Workhouse. The Visiting Committee wished the Clerk to write Mr. Henderson thanking the sports committee for this handsome sum of money. A sub committee, along with the Master and Matron had been appointed to decide how this money shall be disposed of for the benefit of the inmates.

Father Fortin stated that he was asked by the Sports Committee to attend the gathering and distribute the prizes to the winners of the several events. He must confess that he was highly pleased with the day's proceedings. Everything passed off without a single hitch. The Master had in his possession the sum of £3 10s 0d collected from the Guardians, which when added to that received from Mr. Henderson made a grand sum of £21 to be disposed of in some form or other for the benefit of the inmates. (Applause.) He considered that the success of the gathering was due from the fact there was not a fixed charge at the gate. People as they entered the field were allowed to give as they felt disposed.

The report was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to forward Mr. Henderson a letter, containing a vote of thanks, for the sum of money he had forwarded on behalf of the Sports Committee.

RELIEF COMMITTEES.

An order was read from the Local Government Board authorising the the Relief Committees to sit at Consett and West Kyo for the purpose of disposing of the relief cases.

CLASSIFICATION IN THE WORKHOUSE.

On the proposition of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Powell, the Clerk was instructed to procure a copy of the circular dealing with the classification of inmates in the Workhouse for each Guardian.

A COMPLAINT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board complaining of the inability of the Vaccination Officer for the Lanchester and Consett District (Mr. J. Proud) to perform his duties owing to the temporary loss of eye-sight. The letter also suggested that some other person should be temporally appointed to carry out the duties till Mr. Proud's eye-sight was restored.

The Clerk said he had received a letter from Mr. Proud, pointing out that he expected to undergo an operation, and his eye-sight would be all right by Christmas. If they would allow him still to carry out the duties his son had promised to see that the books were kept properly.

In answer to a Guardian, the Clerk explained that Mr. Proud's eye-sight was effected by cataract.

It was agreed to allow Mr. Proud to continue to carry out his duties, and the Clerk was empowered to forward the necessary explanation to the local Government Board.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

It was decided that Messrs Ward and Gibson should be re-appointed attendance officers for the ensuing twelve months, at salaries of £50 and £99 respectively.

MORE WAGES WANTED.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Adamson, Clerk of the works at the new Infirmary for an advance of wages.

The Guardians decided not to entertain the application.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood) reported as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have to report that on the 14th ult. I admitted a lad named Philip Ward, sent here by the magistrates from Consett. His father took him out again on the following day. I have received 10/- from Mr. Henry Oliver towards the children's outing. Mr. Henry Knowles, of Burnhope, sent a hamper of pears for the children. Miss Gibson entertained eleven of the female imbeciles at her residence, Shotley Bridge, on Monday last. They all enjoyed themselves very much, one of these had not been out of the Workhouse for upwards of twelve years until this outing.

The report was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to thank Miss Gibson, Mr. H. Oliver, and Mr. H. Knowles for their kindness.

AN INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION.

It was agreed that permission should be obtained from the Local Government Board to increase the subscription to the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate, from £2 2s to £5 5s.

CHEQUES.

Cheques to the amount of £451 0s 8d were ordered to be signed.

The other business transacted was of a private character.

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PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT HOBSON COLLIERY.

LECTURE BY THE REV. A. T. GUTTERY.

On Saturday afternoon, in the Primitive Methodism Chapel, Hobson, the Rev. A. T. Guttery of Newcastle, the popular preacher and lecturer, preached to a large audience. After the service a public tea was provided, to which a large number of about 120 persons sat down and partook of the good things provided. The tables were ably presided over by the Misses Burnip, Miss Bell, Miss Nicholson, Miss Watson, and Miss Gray, and Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Bell attended to the making of the tea, etc. The proceeds were to defray the debt on the chapel. In the evening the rev gentleman delivered a lecture on "Queer folk," the chair being occupied by Mr. Proudlock, of Howden.

The Chairman, in introducing the lecturer to the meeting, said he was glad to be with them. He believed Mr. Guttery was a good man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. He recognised the fact that it mattered not what a man's intellectual ability was if he had not that force, his abilities and intellectual powers would be comparatively useless, to effect good, but if they were consecrated to God, and he believed the lecturer's were used for the purpose of extending the Redeemer's Kingdom, then he believed they would have a good time. He then call upon Mr. Guttery to give his lecture on "Queer Folk."

The Lecturer, who was warmly received, said that in the world no two men were alike, in spirit, in taste, in temperament, faculty, etc. Some men were as open books, revelation lying bare before the eyes; other men were as sealed volumes, closed books. Some men from their very attitude and gesture told them of the inner life and the inner motive. Other men hide rather than reveal. Any man who looked at the portrait of Martin Luther will see in him the lion hearted reformer. Melancthon equally earnest, equally devout, and pure spirited, yet no looking upon that thin pale face would ever dream of the courageous heart that lay behind. They have had in their English parliament two supreme illustrations of this contrast in the differences with which men may be ranged. Some years ago there used to sit on one side of the House of Commons and the Speaker, a great statesman, great in power, eloquence, and witchery with which he led a great party, Benjamin Disraeli, when he sat in his place, if a friend called upon him he was not startled, there was no flush on the cheek, great as he was; as a politician he was a mystery to the English people whom he led. Opposite to him there used to sit a statesman, equally eminent, equally eloquent, equal as a statesman. His face an open book was easily read, and in purpose and spirit, William Ewart Gladstone lives as a mastermind of politics. (Applause.) He did not wish it to be understood that queer folk were all bad folk. Some of his dearest friends were the queerest friends he knew. He would not that all men were alike, he would have all men to be good. There is room in the home for the widest contrasts of endowment, faculty and taste. The beauty of heaven is its variety, and the beauty of human life lies in this fact, we can have the widest contrast in manifestation, combined with the deepest unity of spirit and purpose and thought. He wanted them to look at queer folk with sympathy rather than criticism, and in their study he would remind them of this fact that it was not easy to read character because society so largely masked itself. They did not wear their hearts upon their sleeves, nor should they. Men walked in masquerade. A reserve, a modesty, had its place in the social economy: The best and worst deeds of men were unchronicled and unknown. If they could see the weakness of the strong, the folly of the wise, the frailty of the good, and the virtue of the sinner, they would be amazed in very deed and very truth. They all hid the deeper life, they smiled when passion was in the heart, if they were invalids they tried to be strong, if they had never known a day's illness or an hour's pain they were very prone to attempt to win the sympathy of others by appearing to be a little delicate, if they were poor they acted as though they were rich, and if rich they professed to be poor, especially when the Income Tax Commissioner came round to make his demands. They masked their deeper individualities,' and it was for this reason that Christ said "Judge not, lest ye be also judged." Behind the mask of a hard, unsympathetic, sordid appearance there is the gold of a precious love and the quivering heart of a tender affection, and if there is one place on this earth where the mask ought to be dropped, and where men should be what they appear and appear to be what they are, it is in the home; at the fireside let the mask drop. It appeared to him that while we are progressing in every effort for the betterment of human life, a progression in which he heartily rejoiced, he was not so sure that we have progressed in the tenderness and sweetness sweetness of human life and he believed the reason very largely was that it has grown in these days easy and fashionable to hide, to mask the tenderest effect of holiest feelings of human life. To have pure human life in these days is called soft and unmanly, but the very glory of your home is not its furniture, but in the love that throbs and the very heart of human life. When reading of our grandfathers and grand mothers he learned that they used to marry for love, and they admitted it nowadays, we marry for all manners of reasons, one man marries to please his friends, another marries to spite his relations, another is tired of having house-keepers who can leave him on a month's warning. Sir George Campbell said we ought to marry from scientific reason, and that every true marriage ought to produce what he called physical and mental equilibrium; every bridegroom should always seek a bride who is strong where he is weak; in other words no young man should ever propose to the girl of his choice until he has taken her to have her bumps carefully examined by a skilful phrenologist, to produce a physical equilibrum. To him it was the sorriest triflying with a sacred question when the home life started with anything less than the pure, tender, secred, God-blessed love. Otherwise life started badly, and often ended in disaster, and shame. Proceeding the Lecturer said: Let us not be afraid of confessing at our own fireside that the glory of the home is the sweetness of its consideration and the tenderness of its love. This mask of life too, tends to produce unnecessary speaking. We use words very often to hide our thoughts rather than disclose them. We use speech to mask ideas rather than to unveil them, and so we have our fibs, our social, and commercial fibs. A young man informed him the other week that it was simply impossible, in his business to get on, if he had always to speak the truth. In reply he said "then don't get on." "But" said the young man "I must live." The Lecturer said he did not see that he must live; the world would go on when they had both gone. There was no reason why we should live at the sacrifice of truth; we had better die than sell our consciences and our souls, and so we have some truthful speaking. We don't call things by their proper names. A good bargain is very often simply stealing. In bankruptcy cases, it all depends upon who the bankrupt is. If it is a little tradesman who has "gone smash" through no fault of his own, well crush him down, if it is the Prince of Wales, who through gambling incurs debts—Well, the Parliament has been foolish enough to pay them; but the British public will never allow it to be done again. (Hear, hear.) We don't call a spade a spade, but an agricultural implement. (Laughter.) In our public intercourse and in our social life we use too much cant of speech, and cant of thought. I remember Carlyle's greatest prayer, and if I could I would have it made the key note of every pulpit in our Israel, "Lord whatsoever else thou doest for us save us from cant." We want truth in our word and in our religion, and in our commerce and trade. Then will the kingdom of this world become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ. Behind this mask of social life we will look at a few queer folk. The first are thin skinned folk—people who are described by their nerves, people who are to be always fed with milk, and wheeled about in perambulators with pnaumatic tyres. You have watched thin skinned men following a line of argument with which he has no sympathy; his face gets red, he fidgets, and foams and frets and buttons up his coat, unbuttons and buttons it again—the more buttons there are the better—and by-and bye he can stand it no longer, and leaves the room. If he had to deal with some heterodox brethren, he would make them preach for six long months to six hundred thin-skinned people, and if they did not belive in eternal punishment at the end of that time there would be no hope for his being saved. (Hear, hear.) After speaking at length on this class, the Lecturer turned the attention of his audience to another class of queer folk, viz, curious folk—those who were always full of curiosity, who always asked questions. This class, the Lecturer remarked, were the pioneers of their race. It was curiosity that led Columbus to discover for them the New World. It was curiosity that led young Watts to bear in the hissing of his mother's tea kettle the prophecy of the roaring machinery of the engine. It was curiosity that inspired the Stephensons to give us the iron horse, the locomotive. The next class of queer folk, the Lecturer noticed, were blunderers, and he said he would not be without blunderers for they put mirth into life. Who would like to live in a stereotyped way among perfect people? He certainly would not. Would his congregation like to have a preacher who never made a mistake? He would be an awful man to live with. After giving some amusing illustrations of this class of people, Mr. Guttery concluded an excellent lecture by viewing the fashionable, and the heroic class.

On Sunday, Mr. Proudlock of Howden, preached two sermons, morning and evening, in the above place of worship, to large congregations.

WINLATON SCHOOL BOARD.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Winlaton and Blaydon School Board, on Thursday evening, Mr. I. Clark presided. There were also present, the Rev. A. B. Tebb, Mr. Howdon, Mr. R. Carr, Mr. W. Atkinson, Mr. R. Young, and Mr. Dalton (clerk.)

THE PRECEPT.

The Finance Committee reported that the Board's books, cheques, etc., had been examined and all were found in order. Cheques to the amount of £256 18s 10 and the general account and £102 on the Rowland's Gill School Loan Account were required to meet the expenses of the month, leaving a balance in hand of £897 11s. The council recommended that precept of £1,000 be served upon the overseers for the next half year.

The report was adopted.

H.M. INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Her Majesty's Inspectors' report of the Winlaton School was laid before the Board. It stated that in the Boys' Department there was evidence of good steady work. A partition was much needed; on the occasion of a visit without notice, the stoves did not seem to heat the room well; the one in the class room smoked very much. The girls had, on the whole, passed a good examination, and the higher grants could be recommended for both elementary and class subjects. The Infants' Department was very carefully and intelligently conducted. Much of the work, however, was hindered by the want of proper desk accommodation, and it was to be regretted that this difficulty, which was pointed out in last year's report rendered it impossible to recommend the highest grant under article 98 (b) of the code. The total Government grant amounted to £455 19s.

It was the feeling of the Board that the school work was very satisfactory. The items mentioned in the Inspector's report were attended to.

MR. ADAMSON'S REPORT.

The head-teacher of Winlaton, reported that Colin Parker, on of the standard VI. boys had, by competitive examination held in June last, succeeded in obtaining a county scholarship of the value f £30 per annum. Two others obtained meritorious positions among a large number of successful candidates. Herbert Searle, an intelligent ex-standard VII boy, would with the Board's permission commence as a monitor.

MISS RODGER AND THE BOARD.

Miss M. Rodger of the Winlaton Girls' School, reported that the school re-opened a fortnight ago with a good attendance, but that of this week was great improvement upon it, on Tuesday morning there being 182 scholars present. The teachers had all been present and the work had been going on steadily. She drew the Board's attention to the fact that the girls' school of Winlaton (including cookery grant and excluding drawing grant) had earned 22/2 per head, being over 2/- more per head than the highest average grant named in the column referred to of the London Schools, the average attendance of the girls for the year being 154, and the grant for the year exclusive of pupil teachers and drawing being £170 17s 0d. She respectfully asked for a slight increase of salary. She pointed out that she was a college-trained first class certificated mistress of long and varied experience, and for the past eight years, had, as a rule, been in school at work every school day of the year. Miss Emily Taylor, who was an ex-seventh standard scholar and over 15 years of age was desirous of being a teacher. She (Miss Rodger could recommend her services to the Board. She would like to take the children a pic-nic on Friday afternoon of next week and she asked the Board to grant the children a half holiday on that date; she previously intended to hold the pic-nic on Saturday, but now found that that day would not be so convenient for the children.

Mr. Carr: What salary has Miss Rodger?

The Clerk: £90.

The Chairman: That question must stand over for another month.

The Clerk: It will probably involve an increase all round.

On the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Carr, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: It is a very satisfactory report, and she is a careful teacher.

Mr. Carr: There is no doubt about that.

The question of appointing a mouiter was also allowed to stand over.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb moved that permission be given to Miss Rodger to give the children a pic-nic next Friday afternoon. Such a course kept the teachers on good terms with the scholars and parents, and ought, be considered, to be encouraged.

Mr. Carr seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

MISS LITTLE AND THE BOARD.

A letter, dated the 9th inst, was read from Miss Mary Little, a teacher, of the Blaydon Girls School, which stated that she was sorry that her health prevented her from attending school after the holidays, and that by the doctor's orders she had been compelled to stay at home until Wednesday. She, however, was now better, and hoped to resume her duties to-morrow (Thursday.)

The Clerk pointed out that Miss Little's school had done very well indeed at the examination, and perhaps it would be well for the Board to tell her to take matters quietly for the next few weeks, until she got stronger in health.

The Board unanimously concurred and the Clerk was instructed to write Miss Little to that effect.

THE HEAD-MISTRESS OF THE NEW SCHOOLS.

Miss Emily Atkinson, wrote, thanking the Board for the kind consideration of her application and for her appointment to the position of head mistress at the Rowlands' Gill Infant School. She would endeavour, as previously, to fulfill the duties entrusted to her faithfully and conscientiously.

OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOLS AT ROWLANDS' GILL.

Mr. T. C. Nicholson, architect, reported that he had inspected the new schools at Rowlands' Gill and found that there was still some work to do to complete them. The principal part of the work remaining unfinished was the palisading next the highway, and until this was quite finished, he could not see his way to advise the Board to take over the building and open the schools, for the simple reason that there was nothing to protect the brick dwarf wall to carry palisading; and admitting a lot of school children on to the premises it would undoubtedly get seriously damaged, and thus the contractors would in all probability turn round to claim damages. He enclosed a post-card from the contractor, stating that the palisading would not be finished until the 18th inst. He thought the Board would do well if they could arrange to have a meeting of the new school and inspect the place before the opening day. He had written the contractors pointing out out that the work was still unfinished.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb thought that Monday the 21st inst. would be a suitable day upon which to open the school.

Mr. Carr moved that the schools be opened on that date.

Mr. Atkinson seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. Smailes, and Miss Atkinson, head master and head mistress, respectively of the new schools waited upon the Board, and received instructions for the opening of the premises.

Mr. Smailes asked if it was the Board's intention to commence cookery classes at the school. If so, they should start at once in order to obtain the best possible grant?

Coun. Tebb said he always agreed that cooking should be taught to girls, but there was plenty of time to consider the question.

Mr. Smailes said he only asked the question in order that he would be able to make out his time table.

The Clerk: You can make out a provisional time table and the Board will consider the question of cookery after the school is opened.

The teachers then withdrew and Mr. Viner, school master at Blaydon School waited upon the Board. He reminded them that Mr. Smailes would be leaving his school shortly to take up his duties at the Rowlands' Gill, and he hoped the Board would remember his staff.

The Chairman: You can do for two or three weeks without another assistant, Mr. Viner?

Mr. Viner: Oh yes, but I hope you will not forget us.

Mr. Young: We have been considering the matter and the staff will be re-organised shortly.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: How many scholars have you on the books, Mr. Viner?

Mr. Viner: There are 246, to-day there were 218 present.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: And what accomodation have you?

Mr. Viner: We have accomodation for 280.

The Clerk: Before long, gentlemen, you will have to get your hands into your pockets again. It is a pity we did not provide accomodation for a thousand children at that school.

Mr. Atkinson: Oh that school will be able to meet the requirements of the district for some time yet.

The matter then dropped.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. J. H. Reed, school attendance officer, reported that the attendance for the two weeks since the holidays was good. There were, however, several cases of irregular attendances.

The Board having dealt with cases of irregular attendance, the meeting adjourned.

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BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

On Wednesday afternoon week, the usual monthly meeting of the Benfieldside School Board was held in the Board room, Benfieldside, Mr. Wm. Telford presided, and there were also present, the Rev. E. W. Jenkins, the Rev. A. Baillie, the Rev. Father Foran, the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, Mr. W. Ramsay, Mr. G. J. Robinson, and Mr. Barclay (clerk).

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This report was read by the Chairman. It stated that the attendance officer's report having been laid before them and considered, a letter was read from Miss Henderson, Derwent Street School, complaining of the small attendance of scholars during the month of August. The officer accounted for the poor attendance stating that there were several cases of measles and that others were from home. The committee recommended that a new book of proceedings be obtained for the officer.

The report was adopted.

MISS A. KINNEAR.

The Clerk read the following letter from Miss A. Kinnear, which ran as follows:—"Gentlemen,—I feel I must tender my sincere and grateful thanks for the kindly consideration you have shown to me in my recent trouble. I feel benefited by the change, and have been able to resume my duties."

The Chairman explained that since the last meeting Miss Kinnear had sustained a serious loss by the death of her mother and brother. Naturally she was much grieved and appeared to be falling into ill-health. The Clerk and he thought the matter over, and decided to grant Miss Kinnear a few days leave of absence in order to recruit her spirits somewhat.

The Rev. Baillie: I endorse what the Chairman and the Clerk have done. They could not have taken a wiser course on behalf of the Board. (Hear, hear.)

The Board passed an unanimous vote of condolence with Miss Kinnear in her bereavement.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. A. McKean, school attendance officer, reported that during the month there had been a decrease in the attendances at the various schools; this was owing to sickness and other causes, viz., excursions, errands, and in some cases truanting, also children kept on the register over 13 years of age. During the month he had summoned seven parents for not sending their children regularly to school. A new book of proceedings was required.

CARETAKER'S REPORT.

The caretaker, Mr. A. McKean, reported that a number of coping stones on the wall near the north gate of the schools had been pulled down; children were in the habit of coming into the gate in the evening to play there, and owing to the new caretaker's house it was difficult to see them, and they took the advantage. He needed a new ladder 18 or 20 feet long, as the one he used at present was too short to reach the spouting.

The reports were adopted, and it was resolved to place an order for a new step ladder with Mr. Surtees.

THE COPING STONES.

The Rev. E. W. Jenkins said that what the caretaker complained about was quite true in regard to the damage to the coping stones.

The Rev. A. Baillie: Is it necessary to have that gate open?

Mr. Ramsay replied in the affirmative.

The Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin drew the Board's attention to the bad state of the steps to the gate in question.

After further discussion, these matters were left in the hands of the clerk with instructions to have them attended to.

THE STAFF.

Miss Elizabeth Davison, of Blackhill, and Miss Elsdon, wrote to say that their apprenticeships expires on the 30th inst, and they therefore made application for their services to be retained under article 50 of the code.

The Chairman thought that as the staff was rather short at present the services of Miss Elsdon and Miss Davison should be retained.

The Rev. E. W. Jenkins: It would be inconvient to dispose of any of our teachers at present.

Mr. Ramsay moved, the Rev. E. W. Jenkins seconded, and it was agreed to retain the services of the above mentioned teachers until Christmas, at least.

It was also resolved that Mr. Ramsay and the Rev. A. Baillie be appointed to re-arrange the staff of Derwent Street and Benfieldside Infant Schools.

The Board then went into committee.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The ordinary meeting of this Committee was held on Thursday, in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Rev. Father P. C. Fortin presiding.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Mr. Ward reported that although the attendance at the schools has improved, it cannot yet be considered satisfactory. The prevalence of whooping cough, measles, and other ailments partly accounted for it; but a large number of the excuses advanced by the parents are of a most trivial character. Since his last report, he had made 435 absentee visits in the parish of Consett, 38 in Knitsley, and 222 in Iveston. He had also made 28 visits to schools, served seven bye-law notices at Consett, and at Leadgate, and reported 59 absentees to other officers.

Mr. Gibson, attendance officer, reported that a number of children extended their holidays away from home for one or two weeks after their respective schools had re-opened after their summer vacation; otherwise the attendance had been fair during the last month; except South Moor and vicinity where measles has prevailed. During the month he had made 25 visits to schools. The homes of 367 absentees had been visited.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Messrs Ward and Gibson reported that the number of children over five years of age on the register was 6,708, and the average attendance amounted to 5,781.6, or 86.19 per cent. These figures, as compared with last year show an increase of 90 on the register and 104.7 in average attendance.

The average attendance of infants was 397.6, and 25 children were attending private schools.

During the year 13,364 absentee visits were paid, and 775 cases were reported to other officers.

710 visits were made to schools, 260 bye-laws notices served, and six official warnings were issued. 294 cases were reported to the Committee, and 27 prosecutions were ordered of which only one case was dismissed.

Additional places were provided for children at Lanchester National School, and a further 82 at Burnhope Colliery School, making a total accomodation for 8,805 children.

The reports were adopted.

The other business was of a formal character.

THE GIRL WITH HOPES.

A reporter (says the "Peterborough Standard") called upon Mr. B. Richardson, manager of Mr. Itter's extensive brick works at King's Dyke, Whittlesey (Cambridgeshire), and had an interesting experience. Miss Richardson opened the door, and her rosy cheeks presented a picture of health. Mrs. Richardson said her daughter was sixteen years of age, and enjoyed good health up to about two years ago, when she took cold, and seemed as the mother said to be in a decline. Professional advice was obtained, but the girl made no progress, and became so weak that "we quite expected," said the father, "that we should lose her, but you see her here now looking quite well again."

"How has this improvement been effected?" the reporter asked.

"By the merest accident," replied the father. "We found out what can be done by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People from a pamphlet that had been pushed under the door. I read it, and said to my wife, 'Here's somebody advertising, and if only half what it says is true there's hope for Jane yet.' The same night I sent for a box of Pills, and before half the box was gone we saw a marked change. As you see her now, she is a woman again and well."

"What was the matter with her?" questioned the reporter.

"A decline—Consumption: but there are no signs of that disease now. She was so weak she couldn't do anything; it appeared as if she hadn't strength to walk. But the Pills entirely cured her. She takes them still occasionally, whenever she feels a little weak, and they seem to set her up at once."

Mrs. Richardson showed a prudent precaution in keeping the Pills at hand in case of need, for though Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not like other medicines, and their effects are permanent, nothing else is so prompt in pulling up the system, when, from some temporary depression or otherwise, strength is needed. They have cured more than five thousand cases, besides Miss Richardson's, of wasting diseases, such as consumption, anaemia, and all the ailments of ladies; and in men and women alike of several muscular weakness, depression, loss of appetite, palpitation of the heart, headache, early decay, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, and sciatica; also all diseases arising from vitiated blood, which cause scrofula, rickets, hip-joint diseases, and chronic erysipelas. These Pills are not a purgative medicine. They contain nothing that could injure the most delicate system. They 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. Genuine only with the full name. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Pink Pills sold out of glass jars are not Dr. Williams'

MEDOMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday evening, in the Board Room, Medomsley—Coun. J. H. Morris (chairman) presiding. The other Councillors present were Messrs S. J. George (vice-chairman), W. P. Morris, W. R. Cooke, Thomas Storey, J. Walton, W. Allen, T. Milligan, J. Harrison, J. Armstrong, J. Allison, jun., William Robinson, and the clerk (Mr. W. T. Milburn.)

THE PLOT OF GREEN.

The Chairman said that nothing had yet been done with regard to fencing in the plot of green in front of the Co-operative Stores. The committee had been engaged in ascertaining the prices of the different ornamental railings, but had decided upon nothing yet.

Mr. George stated if the members knew the amount of work the Chairman and himself had had to do as overseers or the parish, they would exonerate them from all blame in not having got this particular work carried out.

The Chairman explained that the passing of the Agricultural Rating Bill had caused the Overseers a considerable amount of work in looking after the interests of the farmers.

THE REPAIRING OF A STILE.

The Chairman stated that at the last meeting there was a discussion about his having instructed Mr. Moffitt to repair a certain stile. The reason he took this action, was simply through receiving a complaint from the farmer about his cattle straying from one field to another, owing to the stile being broken down. He did not thing it was necessary to call the Council together to sanction for this work to be done, when it was only a 2/6 matter, and therefore ordered the work to be done, to stop the complaint.

CHEQUES.

Cheques to the amount of £5 5s 4d, were ordered to be signed.

THE REPAIRING OF A FOOTPATH.

Messrs Joseph Crawford and Owen Clark reported that the General Purposes Committee appointed four of their number to examine the footpath brought before the notice of the Council. This was done, and several of the inhabitants were interviewed, who stated that the footpath had never been repaired by any public body. As this footpath could be legally repaired they would recommend that it should be done, as it was in a dangerous condition.

The Chairman said he was afraid the Council could not repair the footpath. It was one that would have to be repaired by the owners of the land abutting the same.

Mr. Storey: The Hamsterley Coal Company, and Mr. Dickinson, Derwent Cote, are the owners of the land; but can this Council not repair the footpath?

The Chairman: I am afraid not.

Mr. Milligan: Did not the Clerk go to Durham to see about these footpaths.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. George said he would answer Mr. Milligan's question. The Clerk went to Durham to ascertain if they had footpaths in their district similar to those in other parishes, to avoid being surcharged if they should happen to repair them. They were told they had none; but since then this footpath had cropped up, and the question had arisen whose duty was it to repair it.

Mr. Allison: What footpath are you referring to?

Mr. Storey: The one at Blackhall Mill which runs by the riverside down to Derwent Cote.

After further discussion, on the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Cooke, the Clerk was instructed to write the owners of the land requesting them to repair the footpath.

THE PAINTING OF THE LAMPS.

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the whole of the lamps at Westwood and Allendale should be re-painted, and also that the lamps in Allendale Lane be re-arranged, and other two additional lamps erected.

The Chairman: It is very necessary this work should be carried out.

On the proposition of Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. W. P. Morris, it was agreed that the work be carried out by Mr. Moffitt, Medomsley.

A RESPONSIBLE POSITION.

It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by the Chairman, that Messrs Robinson and George should be responsible for the repairing of the stiles in the district.

It was further decided that V-shaped gaps should be erected in preference to stiles, when the latter were broken down, and had to be repaired.

Mr. George said one farmer had called attention to the fact that some of the stiles were far too low, as the cattle could jump over them just like a dog.

Mr. Cooke: In the north side of the district some of the stiles are too high and very dangerous.

THE PRICE OF GAS.

A letter was read from Mr. Pattrick, Consett, on behalf of the Consett and District Tradesmen's Association asking the Council to appoint two representatives to form a deputation to wait upon the Shotley Bridge Gas Company with a view of obtaining a reduction in the price of gas.

It was decided to do nothing in the matter, and the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

ANOTHER LAMP WANTED.

Mr. Robinson drew attention to the fact that a lamp was required to be erected at the end of the road leading from Villa Real ard to the new road towards Leadgate. What was wanted was a Bray's lamp, and he thought the Leadgate and Consett Council would subscribe something towards its cost.

It was agreed to allow the matter to stand in abeyance till a formal application was made.

THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Armstrong brought forward his motion for the Council to take steps to gain for the people of Derwent Cottages free access to the [illegible] quarry of that place. He said the quarry was in the Benfieldside district, and the proprietor of the adjoining land had prohibited people from going into the quarry.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk write the Benfieldside Council calling their attention to the matter.

Mr. Armstrong also brought forward the question of having Spencer's Quarry at Bradley Cottages thrown open for the benefit of the inhabitants, who deserved a recreation ground. He laid on the table a petition signed by the whole of the inhabitants, praying for the Council to maintain the privilege and right of the quarry, and also asking to have the Lighting and Watching Act extended to their village.

On the motion of Mr. George, it was decided to ask the Lanchester District Council to take the necessary steps to have this quarry opened out.

The other question was referred to the Lighting Committee for consideration.

VERY NECESSARY.

On the motion of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was resolved to renew the application to the Lanchester District Council to have the footpath from Low Westwood to Hamsterley kerbed and channelled.

THE LIGHTING OF THE COLLIERY ROWS.

Mr. Storey submitted his motion for the Council to take steps to have the Colliery Rows, at Derwentside, and Blackhall Mill, lighted. He had taken a great deal of trouble to ascertain if the Council had power to do this. He was informed by Mr. Currie Grant that they could do the work providing the Council had adopted the Lighting and Watching Act. At Cornsay Colliery this had been done, and he failed to see what was to prevent them from doing likewise.

Mr. Milligan said if they could get the sanction of the parish meeting, they could carry out the work.

A long discussion ensued. Mr. Armstrong remarked that he did not understand how it was whenever there was anything brought forward for the benefit of the working classes there was always a great many obstacles placed in the way.

The Chairman said the Council was constituted for the purpose of carrying out work that would benefit the parish. Mr. Armstrong had no right to use the phrase "working classes" inside the Council. They did not place obstructions in the road of the motions that came either from Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Storey; but they liked to have things done in a proper way. What they wanted to do was to be sure they had the power to carry out this work, before they moved in the matter.

It was resolved to write the Local Government Board to ascertain whether they had the power to light up private streets or not.

This was all the business of importance.

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[M]EDOMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

[Th]e ordinary meeting of this Council was held [on] Wednesday evening, in the Board Room, Med[oms]ley—Coun. J. H. Morris (chairman) presiding. [The] other Councillors present were Messrs S. J. [Geor]ge (vice-chairman), W. P. Morris, W. R. [...]e, Thomas Storey, J. Walton, W. Allen, T. [Milli]gan, J. Harrison, J. Armstrong, J. Allison, [...] William Robinson, and the clerk (Mr. W. [M]ilburn.)

THE PLOT OF GREEN.

[Th]e Chairman said that nothing had yet been [done] with regard to fencing in the plot of green [in fr]ont of the Co-operative Stores. The committee [had] been engaged in ascertaining the prices of [the] different ornamental railings, but had decided [on] nothing yet.

[M]r. George stated if the members knew the [amo]unt of work the Chairman and himself had had [to do] as overseers of the parish, they would exonerate [them] from all blame in not having got this par[ticula]r work carried out.

[Th]e Chairman explained that the passing of the [Agri]cultural Rating Bill had caused the Overseers [a co]nsiderable amount of work in looking after [the] interests of the farmers.

THE REPAIRING OF A STILE.

[Th]e Chairman stated that at the last meeting [ther]e was a discussion about his having instructed [Mr.] Moffitt to repair a certain stile. The reason [he t]ook this action, was simply through receiving [a com]plaint from the farmer about his cattle stray[ing] from one field to another, owing to the stile [bein]g broken down. He did not thing it was [neces]sary to call the Council together to sanction [...] this work to be done, when it was only a [small] matter, and therefore ordered the work to be [done], to stop the complaint.

CHEQUES.

[A c]heque to the amount of £5 5s 4d, were ordered [to b]e signed.

THE REPAIRING OF A FOOTPATH.

[M]essrs Joseph Crawford and Owen Clark reported [that] the General Purposes Committee appointed [two] of their number to examine the footpath [broug]ht before the notice of the Council. This [was] done, and several of the inhabitants were inter[view]ed, who stated that the footpath had never [been] repaired by any public body. If this footpath [coul]d be legally repaired they would recommend [that] it should be done, as it was in a dangerous [cond]ition.

[Th]e Chairman said he was afraid the Council [coul]d not repair the footpath. It was one that [shou]ld have to be repaired by the owners of the [land] ablutting the same.

[M]r. Storey: The Hamsterley Coal Company, [and] Mr. Dickinson, Derwent Cote, are the owners [of t]he land; but can this Council not repair the [footp]ath?

[Th]e Chairman: I am afraid not.

[M]r. Milligan: Did not the Clerk go to Durham [to s]ee about these footpaths.

[Th]e Chairman: Yes.

[M]r. George said he would answer Mr. Milli[gan']s question. The Clerk went to Durham to [asce]rtain if they had footpaths in their district [simi]lar to those in other parishes, to avoid being [c]harged if they should happen to repair them. [The]y were told they had none; but since then [this] footpath had cropped up, and the question [had] arisen whose duty was it to repair it.

[M]r. Allison: What footpath are you referring [to?]

[M]r. Storey: The one at Blackhall Mill which [runs] by the riverside down to Derwent Cote.

[A]fter further discussion, on the motion of Mr. [Arm]strong, seconded by Mr. Cooke, the Clerk [was] instructed to write the owners of the land [reque]sting them to repair the footpath.

THE PAINTING OF THE LAMPS.

[Th]e General Purposes Committee recommended [that] the whole of the lamps at Westwood and [Allen]dale should be re-painted, and also that the [lamp]s in Allendale Lane be re-arranged, and other [...] additional lamps erected.

[Th]e Chairman: It is very necessary this work [shou]ld be carried out.

[O]n the proposition of Mr. Cooke, seconded by [Mr.] W. P. Morris, it was agreed that the work be [carr]ied out by Mr. Moffitt, Medomsley.

A RESPONSIBLE POSITION.

[It] was unanimously decided, on the motion of [Mr.] Armstrong, seconded by the Chairman, that [Mess]rs Robinson and George should be responsible [for] the repairing of the stiles in the district.

[It] was further decided that V-shaped gates [shou]ld be erected in preference to stiles, when [the] latter were broken down, and had to be [repa]ired.

[M]r. George said one farmer had called attention [to] the fact that some of the stiles were far too [low], as the cattle could jump over them just like [do]g.

[M]r. Cooke: In the north side of the district, [som]e of the stiles are too high and very danger[ous].

THE PRICE OF GAS.

[A] letter was read from Mr. Pattrick, Consett, [on] behalf of the Consett and District Tradesmen's [As]sociation asking the Council to appoint two [rep]resentatives to form a deputation to wait upon [the] Shotley Bridge Gas Company with a view [to] obtaining a reduction in the price of gas.

[I]t was decided to do nothing in the matter, and [the] Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt [of] the letter.

ANOTHER LAMP WANTED.

[M]r. Robinson drew attention to the fact that [a l]amp was required to be erected at the end of [the] road leading from Villa Real and to the new [roa]d towards Leadgate. What was wanted was [Mr.] Bray's lamp, and he thought the Leadgate and [Con]sett Council would subscribe something towards [the] cost.

[I]t was agreed to allow the matter to stand in [abe]yance till a formal application was made.

THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

[M]r. Armstrong brought forward his motion for [the] Council to take steps to gain for the people [of] Derwent Cottages free access to the awarded [qu]arry of that place. He said the quarry was in [th]e Benfieldside district, and the proprietor of [th]e adjoining land had prohibited people from going [in]to the quarry.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the [Cl]erk write the Benfieldside Council calling [th]eir attention to the matter.

Mr. Armstrong also brought forward the ques[tio]n of having Spencer's Quarry at Bradley Cot[ta]ges thrown open for the benefit of the inhabit[ants] who deserved a recreation ground. He laid [o]n the table a petition signed by the whole of [th]e inhabitants, praying for the Council to main[ta]in the privilege and right of the quarry, and [al]so asking to have the Lighting and Watching [A]ct extended to their village.

On the motion of Mr. George, it was decided [to] ask the Lanchester District Council to take [th]e necessary steps to have this quarry opened [o]ut.

The other question was referred to the Lighting [C]ommittee for consideration.

VERY NECESSARY.

On the motion of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was resolved to renew the application [t]o the Lanchester District Council to have the [f]ootpath from Low Westwood to Hamsterley [k]erbed and channelled.

THE LIGHTING OF THE COLLIERY ROWS.

Mr. Storey submitted his motion for the Council [t]o take steps to have the Colliery Rows, at Der[w]entside, and Blackhall Mill, lighted. He had [t]aken a great deal of trouble to ascertain if the Council had power to do this. He was informed by Mr. Currie Grant that they could do the work, providing the Council had adopted the Lighting and Watching Act. At Cornsay Colliery this had been done, and he failed to see what was to pre[v]ent them from doing likewise.

Mr. Milligan said if they could get the sanction of the parish meeting, they could carry out this work.

A long discussion ensued. Mr. Armstrong remarked that he did not understand how it was whenever there was anything brought forward for the benefit of the working classes there was always a great many obstacles placed in the way.

The Chairman said the Council was constituted for the purpose of carrying out work that would benefit the parish. Mr. Armstrong had no right to use the phrase "working classes" inside the Council. They did not place obstructions in the road of the motions that came either from Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Storey; but they liked to have things done in a proper way. What they wanted to do was to be sure they had the power to carry out this work, before they moved in the matter.

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LETTERS FROM THE CONSETT MISSIONARY.

Church Missionary Station, Taveta,
East Africa, July 30th 1896.

Dear ——,—When the mail came in on the 29th, I set to work at my business letters, intending to keep the whole of to-day (the last day before the mail-men leave) for my home and the Bishop's letters. However, I had nearly finished the former set, which were fairly numerous and long, when ague, who had been away for a long time, came into the room and insisted on staying with me. So I do not expect to make much of the home letter, and must put off the Bishop's. It is I hope only a slight attack, though sufficient to keep me shaking. We gave the school-boys their midwinter holidays from June 27th to July 11th. The mail occupied our first week, but the second week was given up chiefly to exploration. A sick woman, who being homeless had come to live with one of our settlers here died while we were in afternoon school. She was buried the same night.

During our holiday (July 7th) we made up a party of four Europeans and about thirty native boys, girls, and porters, and set off to visit Chimbi, one of the Chagga States, and the nearest to Taveta. All, I think, enjoyed the visit despite of one very chilly night, and one wet day. We walked a good deal about the country, and found the people extremely friendly, they were all most kind to us. They would give us presents of various kinds. Among them we received four goats and an immensely fat sheep of which I hope to send you a photograph some day. We had no scales for weighing, but I think its tail would weigh more than forty pounds. All these animals have been killed and used for food. We slept in tents during the three nights we were in Chimbi. Many around us are looking forward to having a bright time at Mahoo in the near future, for yesterday they fixed the dates for several weddings, as far as it was possible to do so. Yohana takes the lead, he and Ruthi hoping to be married on January 12th, 1897. Stefano and Lizzie on January 26th, and Mkwawi and Ada at the beginning of February. Mkwawi is a candidate for Baptism, and all being well will be baptized at Advent. I cannot write a longer letter, but it has occurred to me that when friends in England hear of the proposed marriage of Yohana and Ruthi, they will be writing to ask you what would be a suitable gift for them. I am sure that some who saw him three years ago will like to give him something towards his housekeeping. Well, domestic articles, pots, pans, cups, dishes (iron ones are best) and some washable dress material for little Ruthi—would certainly be most acceptable. I thought I had better let you know this. Have you anything for us in the way of clothing? If you have and will send it, or gifts for Yohana, to Messrs John Haddon & Co., Bouverie House, Salisbury Square, before the end of September they will promptly forward it with goods they have orders to send to this Mission Station. Yohana has written to the kind Consett lady who promised in 1894 to send him a wedding ring for his bride if he would let her know when his marriage was to be. Cannot write more to-day. Love to you and all at home, and around, and to every distant friend. Your affectionate—, ALBERT R. STEGGALL.

C.M.S. Station,
Consett House.
July 29th, 1896.

My dear Vicar,—I am going to try to write you a few words to tell you that I have not forgotten you. I want to tell you a little about Mahoo. Mahoo is growing large. We have more people living in it now, and we have begun to build a Church, a stone Church, and we want to build it ourselves. The work of God is going on well in Mahoo. We have many classes. I have a Mens' Class, and Miss Conway has one for women, and she helps me. Mr. Albert is quite well. He has not had fever for a long time. I want to tell you that I am going to be married next year, and what day do you think it is to be? It is to be on January 12th which I know will be your birthday. Some of us African Christians go to Tavata and other places every Friday and get the people together, and tell them about God, but many have not room in their hearts for Him. Many more come to Church now, men and women too. Please give my love to all my friends in England. I should like to see them all again, but I do not think I shall, but I hope to meet them all in Heaven. I hope you will excuse all my mistakes, and if my letter will trouble you to read it, please give it to Rumburia to read to you. I send many salaams to her, and to all at the Vicarage, and to all dear friends in Consett. May God be with you and help you in your work. I am, your faithful, YOHANA N. MDIGHRI.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES.

MEETING OF THE GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday—Mr J. W. Reddam presiding. There were also present Messrs J. Crawhall, J. Smurthwaite, W. Love, R. Watson, G. Mainprize, H. Featherstone, G. Currey, O. Monkhouse, J. A. Snowdon, G. Mutchamp, J. H. Atkinson, T. E. Fenwick, J. Maddinson, and T. Robinson.—On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided to adopt the standing orders.—Mr E. Jagg was temporarily appointed medical officer for St. John's Chapel district, until the permanent appointment at next meeting.—It was decided to advertise for tenders for provisions, to be dealt with at the next meeting.

MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. J. W. Reddam, J.P., presided at the ordinary meeting of the Weardale Urban District Council, on Friday.—A vote of sympathy was passed to be forwarded to the widow of the late Dr. Hewitson, Medical Officer for Upper Weardale.—The Council decided to adopt the standing orders.—The Clerk reported a low state of the Council's funds consequent upon £1,762 being due, or over-due, from the county authorities.—The Surveyor's report was read, which showed defective water pipes at Hill End, causing contaminated water at Bridge End.—It was decided to lay iron pipes instead of earthern pipes now in use.—It was decided to ask the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the control and use of Wolsingham pinfold.—Two tenders were received for Council's work at Frosterley.—R. Sisson, Stanhope, at £25 10s 6d, and W. Kilburn, Bishop Auckland, at £22 9s 0d.—The latter was accepted.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

Ald. Livingstone, J.P., presided at the ordinary meeting of this authority, on Friday.—The attendances were reported as under:—Lanehead, 85 per cent; Wearhead, 85.7; St John's Chapel, 82.4; Westgate, 84; Rookhope, 83.8; Frosterley, South, 81; Frosterley, North, 91.6; Stanhope, 91.9.—The masters all wrote in respect to libraries in reference to prizes for attendance and good conduct. Six masters were in favour of libraries for the children, and two, Messrs Chapman and Collinswood, preferred the present system of prizes in preference to libraries.—The Chairman thought the infants' difficulty was a great argument against libraries, as they could not appreciate them at all.—The matter was left over to another meeting.—The Board decided to take under their control the evening continuation schools at Frosterley to be taught by Mr. Chapman this forthcoming winter.—The clay modelling question was discussed, when it was decided to ask the teachers at a special meeting on Saturday to consider the question, the opinion of the masters to be forwarded to the next Board meeting.—The Government Inspector's reports for the schools were read. Grants had been won as under:—Lanehead 20s, mixed infants 12s 6d; Wearhead, 13s 6d and 14s 6d; Westgate, 20s 6d and 15s; St. John's, 20s 6d and 13s; Rookhope, 20s 6d all round; Frosterley, south, 18s 6d and 15s; Frosterley, north, 20s 6d and 15s; Stanhope, ditto.

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

STANLEY POLICE COURT.

THE EFFECTS OF THE RACES.

On Thursday morning of last week—before Mr. Geo. Ridley—three men named James Logan, Jno. Quinn, and Bernard Connoly were brought up charged with being drunk at Stanley on Wednesday night.—P.C. Robson deposed to having apprehended the three prisoners who were strangers to the place.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2/6 with costs or seven days imprisonment.

On Monday, before Mr. Geo. Ridley, Joseph Croney, painter, was charged at the instance of P.C. Johnson with being drunk and disorderly and was fined 2/6 and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.—Chas. Chase, who was stated to be an old offender was ordered 14 days imprisonment for sleeping at the coke ovens at Stanley colliery, on Sunday evening. P.C. Johnson proved the case.—Wm. Scoulon was sent to gaol for seven days for the same offence, P. C. Johnson again proving the case.

CONSETT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, September 14th.—Before Mr. J. T. Potts (presiding), and Mr. J. W. Davison.

DRUNK AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE AT CONSETT.

James McGuire, labourer, was brought up and charged with being drunk and assaulting P.C. Wardell, at Consett, on Saturday night.—The officer attested that he was on duty in Middle Street, in company with P.C. Pringle. When near the corner of Havelock Street, he saw the defendant drunk and staggering about. McGuire as soon as he saw the police said: "Go to h—— you b—— b——," and challenged them to lock him up. The prisoner's conduct was so bad they were obliged to take him into custody after ordering him away home. On the road to the Police Station prisoner acted in a violent manner, threw himself down, and kicked the officer several times on the lower part of the body. The prisoner had to be dragged to the Police Station.—Mr. Potts: Did the prisoner hurt you?—The Officer: Yes. I received a violent kick in the ribs and another one on the legs. The prisoner also kicked P.C. Pringle.—Prisoner. I was so drunk that I could not use my legs to kick.—P.C. Pringle corroborated, and stated when the prisoner was lying on the ground he gave him a severe kick on the legs.—Prisoner: Have you any marks?—The Officer: Yes.—The Chairman: Do you plead guilty to the assault or not?—Prisoner: I am not guilty; but I wish to make application for bail.—Supt. Benzies: You are being tried now. (To the Chairman), I told the prisoner if only one magistrate put in appearance, he would be remanded, and that is the reason he asks for bail.—The Bench fined defendant 10/- and costs for being drunk, and for assaulting the police £1 and costs; in default one month's imprisonment.

BEGGING AT CONSETT.

James Child, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to an act of vagrancy by begging at Consett on Sunday night.—Sergt. Dryden deposed that from information he received he proceeded to Medomsley Road, and there saw the prisoner begging off a man on the street. Prisoner afterwards went into the Fountain Hotel.—Mr. Henry Harvey, adduced that shortly after eight o'clock he was walking along Medomsley Road, when the prisoner asked him for a copper. Witness said he had not one for him, and the prisoner then began to use abusive language, and said that he had had better clothes on his back than he had ever worn.—Prisoner said he was very sorry for what had occurred. He was not abusive to the last witness. He had been well brought up, and travelled from Newcastle, fully expecting he would be able to find work. He was not able to do so, and therefore had to beg to pay for his lodgings.—Sergt. Dryden said when he took the prisoner into custody he was slightly under the influence of drink.—The magistrates came to the conclusion that undoubtedly prisoner had been abusive, and sent him to gaol for fourteen days.

DURHAM MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

MR. JOHN WILSON'S MONTHLY REPORT.

The monthly circular of Mr. John Wilson to the Durham Miners' Association, has just been issued to the members. It states:—"The Session of 1896 has ended its strugglings. Its prologue was "Great Expectations." Its epilogue "Bitter Disappointment" to all who were deluded by the specious promises. Where is there a class satisfied with the results except it be the landlords, [...] allowed them to use the Treasury as a milch cow, but their insatiable demands for public money are the modern leech-crying, give; for each new meeting of their request has been simply a whetting of their appetite, to dip deeper into the public purse. History has repeated itself. What the large landlord (Paul) wanted to do then, he has done now, and Birmingham has been on his side. Peter has been robbed; the landless millions find (and will realise more fully) that their labour and their toil is being burdened to ease the wealthy and the landed. Apart from the Mines Bill and Conciliation Trades Dispute Bill, there is nothing to show but Chamberlain's "audacious robbery." If we take the two exceptions, the Tories cannot now, and never ought in the future—to claim them as theirs. The bitterest opposition to these measures came from their own party; and if the gentlemen who had charge of the Bills were asked, they would admit that their best support came from the Liberal side of the House, and had it not been for that support, these two measures even in their weakened form would not have been passed,—but in which quarter will there be the greatest disappointment, and where should there be the sternest resolves not be deluded again? The Government are the barren fig tree of modern times. Their leaves of promise bulked out very large, but those who went expecting to gather fruit, have gathered disappointment. What a contrast between the Queen's speech that opened the Session, and the one with which it closed, and think of the majority with which they met the House. They had the largest majority ever seen in Parliament, and they had a long social programme. And then think of the little done, and that little unjust in its incidence, except in the one or two small cases which have come to us in a mild and mutilated form. In the general election we were told of great wages and prosperous trade, with pensions for old age, and workmen's dwellings thrown in, as an incidental make weight. In fact, to sum up, the return of the Government—with its mixture of the old school aristocrats, Salisbury and Balfour, and the erstwhile apostle of confiscation and plumber from Birmingham—was to be the panacea for all the ills our national life was, and is heir to. What is the result of this promise and pledge? The naval defences enlarged, and the taxes consequently increased. The relief for agricultural depression has proved to be a measure for easing the burdens of the landlords, leaving the labourer with his nine, ten, and eleven shillings per week, to bear a heavier taxation. The Irish Land Act, in the words of Mr. Davitt, is a mockery, a delusion, and a snare. In the grandiloquent language of the farewell speech, we are told of a measure for "protecting the flocks and herds of these islands from the importation of disease." Never were words used that were a greater divergence from the facts of the case than those that are put into the royal mouth. It is well known that in its inception and promotion, "the Cattle Diseases Bill" was intended as a species of protection, pure and simple. This was the ground upon which Mr. Long defended it when he introduced it. The result of the measure will be an increase the price of meat to the consumers. The wage-earner will feel the pinch; but what matters so long as the landlord is fat and flourishing. The effect of the Corn Laws was to restrict the supply of corn, and as a consequence increase the price of the loaf. Scarcity of any commodity and high prices are concomitants. There is nothing equals the audacity of the proposer of the opposite teaching, except it be the simplicity of those who believe it. But some who are ready to apologise for the Government will remind us of the Mines Act, the Conciliation Act, and the Truck Act. These are not forgotten, but as I have said,—I now repeat—that the credit of passing these lies more with those who sit on the opposition side than with the bulk of the Conservatives. The Mines Act extends protection to the miner. I would have gone further if the Government had not yielded to the selfishness of their interested followers. Proceeding, Mr. Wilson gives an outline of the Mines Act, which, he says redeems the Session from absolute failure. He promises to deal with the Conciliation Act and the Truck Act in future circulars.

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Arrive at Newcastle from—							
The North ...			9.45	1.38	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	10b4
Blackhill to Crook depart—	8.15	12.15	2.47		6.20		
Blackhill to Durham depart—	8.57	10.37	1.17		6.12		

Depart	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M. C	P.M.	P.M.	P.M. 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	10.56
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	

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. 5	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	12.36	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

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MEETING AT WASKERLEY.

On Saturday evening, Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P. for North-West Durham, accompanied by Mrs. Atherley-Jones, and several lady and gentlemen friends, paid a visit to the uplands of Waskerley. He also addressed a largely-attended meeting in the Board Schools, Mr. Campbell, head master, presiding.—The hon. gentleman, who was accorded a very hearty welcome, delivered an address to his constituents. He adversely criticised the Government's Rating Bill as passed through Parliament, and generally spoke in condemnatory terms of their proposed Education Bill. Referring to the massacres in Armenia and Crete, Mr. Atherley-Jones strongly urged that the Government should take prompt action to put a stop to these horrible atrocities upon Christians, and contended that the time had arrived when the Powers should dethrone the Sultan of Turkey.—On the motion of Mr. John Robson, seconded by Mr. J. Gowland, a vote of confidence in Mr. Atherley-Jones as a representative for the division was carried by acclamation.

MEETING AT LEADGATE.

SPEECHES BY MR. L. A. ATHERLEY JONES, M.P., AND MR. SAMUEL STOREY.

THE MEMBER FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM QUESTIONED.

After what has already passed in the North-West Durham Parliamentary Division, through Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones's action on the Education Bill, which was before the present Parliament some months ago, it was only to be expected that a large number of electors would gather at the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, to hear him address his constituents, on Wednesday evening last. Coun. Thos Keenleyside presided and was supported by Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., Mr. S. Storey, of Sunderland, Alderman Curry, Newcastle, Mr. R. G. Barclay, J.P., Shotley Bridge, Coun. J. Green, J.P., Stanley, Coun. R. C. Foster, Consett, Coun. J. Lowes, Consett, Messrs Armstrong, Reed, Buckham, H. W. Whitfield, R. Wilson, N. Bell, H. Carss, T. Collinson, J. Fitzpatrick, M. Gritten, M. Pumphrey, G. Broadbent, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs and Miss Barclay, Mrs. Pumphrey, Mrs. Gritten, Mrs. and Miss Keenleyside, Miss Gibson, Miss Bowey, and others.

The Chairman, at the outset, expressed the pleasure he felt at the honour conferred upon him in being selected to preside over such a gathering. He promised that he would not make a speech, as there were two gentlemen present who would be able to discuss all the politics that were to be discussed. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) On his left was Mr. Storey—(applause and cheers)—whom he had never met before, but of whom he had heard and read so much, that he was convinced that he was a hero of the Liberal cause. (Loud applause.) He had suffered a defeat at the last general Election, and he (the Chairman) thought he acted nobly after his defeat, as his friends wanted to present him with a testimonial of their good faith, but he needed no assurance of that, and refused to accept it. Where was there a man who would refuse a testimonial? (Laughter.) Mr. Storey, after that action, rose one hundred per cent. higher in his estimation, and he hoped he would always have reasons to think so highly of him. (Applause.) Then on his right sat their old member. (Loud and continued applause.) He needed no introduction from him, and when called upon would speak for himself. (Loud applause.)

Coun. J. Green, in response to the Chairman, then rose, and in a pointed speech proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting of the electors and non-electors of North-West Durham desires to affirm its loyalty to the Liberal Party and the Liberal cause in this country, and to express its great satisfaction at the manner in which the Liberals in the House of Commons have fought against the forces of reaction during the recent session of Parliament: further that we urge upon all Liberals in this division the desirability of strengthening the Liberal organisation, and thus be ready for any emergency that may be sprung upon us."

Mr. R. G. Barclay seconded. In doing so he remarked upon the successful issue to which the Leadgate Liberal Association had been raised. It displayed an example which other associations in the neighbourhood might follow. He hoped that the band of union which had for many years characterised their Central Association would be even stronger in the future.

Mr. S. Storey, who was received with loud cheers, said the Chairman had referred to him a short time ago as a stranger. He trusted that to the older men present at least, he was not that. To the young men probably he was. However, let him hope that after that night they would become acquainted, and being acquainted, they would agree to be firm friends, and fellow workers in the Liberal cause. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He was asked to speak in support of the resolution just moved and seconded, and to commence with he was going to tell them something they ought to know. That that was a Liberal meeting but that they were not Liberals there, as a few minutes ago he had been challenged by a Conservative lady to say what he had in defence of Radicalism, and that was what he intended to do. England had been governed for two centuries by one of two parties—the Liberal Party and the Tory Party. The Tory Party now delighted to describe itself as a Conservative Party and had a right to adopt any name it liked, and while some Liberals shrank from being described Radicals he did not. A Conservative was a man who was contented with things as they were and thought things were comfortable for him and his class and not bad for any portion of the community, although he does not deny that some improvements might be made. But the Radical took rather a wider view of the situation and thought that while the present social and political position of the country was good for a portion of the community it was evil for another portion and that the system which was evil for any portion could not be good for any, because it was the same with the body politic as with the human body, and the Radical knew that the sensible plan was to go to the root of the evil right as soon as possible. (Applause.) It used to be true that the Conservative Party was a party of the minority; it was never a popular party. The bulk of the people had not the franchise. The majority of them who had the franchise were rich and well-to-do, and they could buy their votes; afterwards the franchise was extended to a larger section of the community; but he would never regard it as a satisfactory law until every full grown man and woman in the country had the franchise. (Hear, hear, and applause.) With the extension of the franchise the description of the party he had given was no longer. The Conservative Party won last year, but they won because they had a majority of voters on its side. It is therefore the popular party, and whether they as Radicals liked it or not, they themselves were the unpopular party. There were therefore two popular parties, and if the characteristics of the two had changed they would have nothing to complain of, and, if both parties being popular, aimed at the widest good for the widest number, then good would be done. Had the parties changed? That was the point. Was it fair any longer to describe the Conservative Party as the party of monopoly and privilege? What was the spectacle at the last election? Where did that army of voters, who overthrew them at the polls come from? Who and what were they? Nine out of ten of the employers of labour, 99 per cent. of the clergy, and 99½ out of every 100 of the brewers and publicans. (Laughter and applause.) But this party, powerful as they were in themselves could not win an election. Then whence came the failure of the Liberals. They had little to offer—nothing in the way of a personal gain, very few places to offer and no liquor to dispense; they were depending upon the principles they could expound and the purpose they had in view—he may, or may not be wrong—and the essential conditions had not changed, but that they remained exactly as they were. It was alleged by the Conservative Party that too long a time and attention had been devoted to distressful Ireland and that it was time they devoted more time to distressful England. What were those promises—their measures? The only measure of any importance as touching the interests of the nation was not an English measure, but an Irish measure. He, however, was glad they did pass the Land Bill, and he wished they had gone a little further, because therefore very long they would have to pass another Land Bill. That gave them nothing to complain of, but what about the session as regarded this country? It was to be a session of time devoted to the amelioration of the condition of things in England. Who retards this amelioration? The rich? No. Why not; Because things were very comfortable for them. For the middle classes things were fairly comfortable at the present time. The poor, the working classes, the out of work, the sick, and the aged; it were those who wanted attention. (Applause.) Proceeding the speaker went on to deal with the Agricultural Rates Bill, when he clearly showed that it relieved the farmer of the rates, and placed them upon the people, and it relieved in many cases now, and in no case in the long run did the money go into the pockets of the farmer, but the pockets of the land-owner and if that be true the Tory Party was revealed to-day as it ever was, and that it was a party of privilege who sought to give to a class, rather than the good of the whole community. Mr. Storey then referred to the Education Bill, and claimed that it did not show that the Tory Party were very desirous for the spreading of education. The Bill had a strong desire to limit the expenditure. He liked economy, but if it was to be preached let it be preached elsewhere—upon pensions, for instance, for those who had not earned them. Parliament would do well to see every child got a proper education and that more attention was spent by seeking to encourage and provide methods by which out of work people should not be given alms, but rather encouraged through a system of assurance to provide against an inevitable existence of life. (Applause.) That would be a useful Parliament. (Loud applause.) Concluding, Mr. Storey referred to foreign matters, and in the end spoke in complimentary terms of the member of the North-West Durham Division.

Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., was the next speaker, his rising being the signal for much cheering. He said after the eloquent speech of his friend, Mr. Storey, he should consult their inclination, and confine himself to moving a vote of thanks to him for his speech, but a little vanity on his own part impelled him to say a few words to them lest it may be said by some unkind friend that after Mr. Storey's speech he had nothing to say. (Laughter.) He trusted they would believe him when he said in no manner was he in that predicament, but that he had abundance of material to detain them up to the small hours of the morning, if their patience admitted it, but he had no such intention. He would endeavour to search in the crevices of his mind in order to discover some topic upon which he could say something and upon which Mr. Storey had not said anything. They would all be glad to see Mr. Storey amongst them at Leadgate. (Applause.) He ventured to say that Radicalism flourishes as strong, and as vigorously and as determinedly in the North-West Durham Division as ever it did. (Hear, hear.) He hoped his friends on the platform would forgive him if he ventured to compliment them upon placing the Liberal Association on such a firm basis in Leadgate, and the immediate district, and they were also to be congratulated upon having secured the services of a man, whom he believed would prove a worthy servant to the Liberal Party, in the work of registration and general organisation of the Liberal Party. He referred to his friend Mr. Winter. (Applause.) He supposed it was usual at the close of a session of Parliament for the member—whether he be Liberal or Conservative—to come forward and discuss the work of the session. He had been a good many years in the House of Commons and he had served in successive governments. He had watched the management of the House of Commons by successive parliamentary leaders, but he must say—and he believed his opinion was shared by almost every Conservative as well as every Liberal—that during no session within the period he had been a member of Parliament had there been witnessed such an abject humiliation of a great political party as had been conducted during the past session of Parliament, for undoubtedly never had parliamentary work been reduced to such a hopeless state of chaos as it had been during the present session. The Liberals were reproached for having introduced a number of measures which they knew, under no possible circumstances could be passed into law. But let it be remembered that with their small majority—never more than forty and as small as twelve at times—placed more measures upon the Statute Book than had often passed the second reading in the present parliament, and be it remembered that those measures which were not put in the Statute Book were passed through the House of Commons and were only prevented from becoming law by the action of the House of Lords. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The last session had been a one-sided session, and the only statute that had passed during this session of parliament—the only opposed statute which had met with hostile reception—was the Landlords Relief alias the Rating Bill, to which Mr. Storey had referred. Could anything be more ignominious and more contemptible than a party, which went into power with a majority of 150 members, doing nothing more than passing a measure which was despised by the Liberal Party and the people. He cared not whether it be a Tory or a Liberal Party, it was a source of shame and discredit to the leader of any party blessed with such a large majority, that the result of one session should be one statute. Of course other bills had been introduced. His friend, Mr. Storey, had referred to the Education Bill. He would not presume at that late hour of the night to criticise that bill at any length as he wished to touch upon other matters. They would have it up again in some new form. It was an unpopular bill, even with the Tory Party, and it was the most reactionary measure which was ever introduced into the House of Commons during the period which he could remember. He would just point to one evil associated with that measure, namely, the power that was proposed to be vested in District Councils to limit the amount which School Boards and other educational bodies might be disposed to spend upon education. Consider for one moment that for the year 1896-97, £21,000,000 was spent on our navy and £18,000,000 on our army—nearly half of the whole of our national revenue spent upon naval and military matters, whereas the total amount from all sources spent on education was certainly considerably under £10,000,000. And yet the money which was spent upon education was money, the object of which was to fit out the people of the country in order to make them useful citizens of the State. It was a monstrous and unreasonable measure, and one which every friend of education should resist to the best of his ability. But the evil did not end there, for did it not propose that there should be expenditure of public money without corresponding public control. He would not have thought that he was doing his duty as representative of this division if he had not placed upon the paper an amendment in which he directly challenged the wisdom and justice of the policy. (Applause.) He put down that amendment, but the Government had raised such a storm round them that at the little debate which took place on that measure it was riddled through and through, and before his amendment was moved the bill was withdrawn. (Applause.) Referring to foreign politics, Mr. Jones said it had, as they knew, been a tradition of the constitution of this country that the control of our foreign policy should not be in the hands of Parliament but in the hands of foreign ministers and the other members of the Cabinet. It seemed intolerable to be told in this free country that Parliament had no power whatever, either in making traditions of war or of peace, and of entering upon war or of withdrawing from war. On this great question of peace and war, as a preliminary of this it should be the right and the power of Parliament to criticise them and adopt them, and finally decide whether they should be undertaken. Having called the attention of his audience to South Africa, Venezuela, the speaker dealt with the Armenian question, when he described the Turks as a bloodthirsty, fanatical, uncivilised crew, who had found their way through conquest into Europe in which they were as much out of place as they could possibly be. Their record had been one thrilling tale of horror piled upon horror; they had been merciless in their treatment to all Christian subjects upon whom they appeared to be able to lay their hands. It was not only the murder of hundreds, but of thousands, and Europe stood aghast. He cared not and did not shrink from saying that if all the nations of Europe stood aloof it was the duty of Great Britain to interfere. (Applause.) It was their duty to aid, not in the name of Christianity alone, but in the name of humanity. It was their duty as it was the duty of the Liberal Party to see that right and justice and truth prevailed. It was their duty to see that these horrors were put an end to, once and for ever. The method was not for him to discuss, but if they did not wish to satisfy Russia and Austria then they ought to insist that there should be a dual control, a triple control or even a quadruple control, especially in Turkey, having the same powers and subject to the same responsibilities as the dual control established in Egypt at the present day, and if that could not be done then it was time that the sword of England should rust in the sheath no longer. (Loud and continued applause.)

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Foster moved a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Mr. Armstrong seconded.

Coun. R. Eccles, of Blackfine, said he was surprised that an opportunity had not been afforded the meeting to ask a question or two of Mr. Jones, in respect to the position he occupies to the next Education Bill. The electors had watched with considerable interest the work of the past session and would now like to have something more definite from Mr. Jones on the question.

Mr. Atherley-Jones: This is not an election meeting, but I am always glad to try to answer any question that may be put to me. How many times I have got to give the same answer I am not in a position to say, but I will say again that I shall not vote for the expenditure of any further public money from the rates or from the State for voluntary schools unless accompanied by adequate and efficient public control. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Coun. Eccles: I expect that Mr. Jones is prepared to give us the same support as when it was an election time, but if the bill is introduced again next session will he do what he promised to do when the election took place.

Mr. Jones: What Party this gentleman represents I don't know, but,—

Coun. Eccles: Voluntary Schools.

Mr. Jones, continuing: So far as promising to give any further assistance to Voluntary Schools unaccompanied by public control, for me I absolutely refuse to have any part or parcel in it, and I state I would sooner sacrifice my seat than pander with the great and sacred principles of the Liberal Party. (Applause.) To the Catholic schools, what I told them in public, I say now: if it were possible—and I don't conceive how it can be—to do something to meet the Catholic case, which is a hard one, and if I could see my way how it could be done that any further extension of the principle of allowing public money to be expended without public control, I would endeavour to help the Catholics, but as I said then I say now: I do not see any feasible scheme by which it can be carried out. The sentiments I gave before are the sentiments which I utter now, and which I will continue to give utterance to so long as I represent this division. (Applause.)

Coun. Eccles: There is a great section in this constituency dissatisfied. Mr. Jones promised to a deputation who waited upon him, that he was prepared to help forward any scheme that would give out of the funds of the Imperial Exchequer, support to the Catholic Schools, any time it was brought in by the Government. If that is true, I would like to know what he intends to do when another bill of the kind is introduced?

Mr. Jones: I sympathise with the Catholics. But I never stated at any time, and I never shall state at any time, so long as I don't undergo a pretence of a complete change in my nature, that I shall vote in favour of giving Catholic Schools votes from public funds because I don't see how that can be effected without extending the same to the Church of England Schools and other Voluntary schools. All I said then and not what my friend says I said: that if it were possible to so arrange that some assistance could be given to extending Catholic Schools and it could be confined to that I would endeavour to approach the subject sympathetically. I said that before and I say it now, and I told several reverend gentlemen that that was my view. I did not parley to them to catch votes, for I am certain the Irish would not sell their birth-right—Home Rule—for a twopenny rate. (Applause.) I am obliged to my friend for asking these questions. My utterances are open for my constituents to see are right; my votes are all open and I never say anything in closed doors. If I am asked a question I would answer in public meeting that which I said just now, and I shall not state anything different to my friend anywhere else, whether it be at a public meeting or in his private sitting room. (Applause.)

The Chairman: Now are you satisfied?

Coun. Eccles: No, far from satisfied. (Laughter.)

The Chairman then put the motion to the meeting and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Storey replied on behalf of the speakers, and said if he had been asked that question Mr. Jones had answered he would have replied that "I would wait until the bill comes in and then I will know what I will do." (Laughter and applause.) He was afraid that at the next General Election he would have to come and defend his friend. (Laughter and applause.)

Coun. Eccles: He'll catch it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Storey: He cannot help that. We all expect that. (Laughter.)

The meeting thus terminated in good feeling after a vote of thanks had been accorded the chairman.

MURDER OF A LOCAL GENTLEMAN IN RUSSIA.

We regret to learn that intelligence was received in Weardale during the course of last week that the brother of the Rev C. B. Knight, vicar of Eastgate, together with his housekeeper, had been murdered in Russia. Plunder is supposed to be the motive for the crime.

CONSETT RACES.

The autumn meeting of the Consett and North-West Durham Racing Co., Ltd., was held on Wednesday afternoon over the Carribees course. The weather was fine, but a boisterous wind did not tend to the comfort of those present. It was thought that the opening of the new branch railway from Annfield Plain would have the effect of greatly swelling the attendance, but this was by no means the case, and the patronise bestowed upon the meeting was of a most disappointing character, and altogether unworthy of such a sporting centre as Consett. Why this should be we are unable to understand, and it is still more inexplicable that Blaydon should be perhaps the best "flapping" meeting in England—a fact vouched for by more than one good authority on Wednesday afternoon—whilst Consett makes little, if any, headway. The course was in capital condition, and afforded good going for the horses. Proceedings were set to commence with the Knitsley Stakes, but although it was reported that four animals were going to weigh out the race for some reason was declared void. After this unpromising commencement, Coaly Tyne and Miss Beattie turned out to run a match for £10. Odds of 2 to 1 were betted on Coaly Tyne, who ran half the length of the course from a false start before being pulled up. When the flag finally fell the horses kept together for some distance, but Miss Beattie fell at one of the turns, and Coaly Tyne finished alone. The North-West Durham Handicap brought out five runners, and Holly Hill was quickly installed a warm favourite at evens, Mary Jane having a lot of backers at 2 to 1. The race was confined to these two, Mary Jane beating the favourite by a length, with Miss Maggie a long way off third. Four runners weighed out for the Consett Plate, Haddon Hall being all the rage at 6 and 7 to 4 on, very little support being accorded to the other competitors. The calculations of backers proved to be correct, Haddon Hall having his race won at any part of the journey. Heathette was left at the post, and took no part in the race. The Derwent Selling Plate resulted in another "fiasco," as, although it was announced that Haddon Hall, Helen Marr, Plunger, and White Cockade were going to compete, and a lot of speculation took place on the race, it was ultimately declared void. The best event of the day was undoubtedly the race for the Greencroft Stakes. The largest field of the afternoon—seven—were weighed out, and Helen Marr was at once pounced upon as a "good thing," evens being taken about her chance. Wild Willow was well supported at 2 to 1, whilst not a few—remembering her gallant display earlier in the afternoon—accepted the long odds on offer against Mary Jane. When the horses entered the straight the cry at once went up that the favourite was beaten, and this was soon seen to be true. Then shouts were raised for Castleside, but Mary Jane, running as game as a pebble, wore down all her opponents, and gained a gallant victory by a short length over Wild Willow, with Miss Maggie only just beaten for third place. A long time was wasted over the concluding event, a Consolation Scramble, which on the programme was stated to be "for beaten horses at this meeting." On Plunger's number being hoisted he was objected to on the ground that he had not fulfilled the conditions, inasmuch as he had not previously turned out during the day. After a consultation between the stewards Mr Severs's horse was allowed to run, and with odds of 2 to 1 against him managed to defeat a warm favourite in Marie. Then followed another long interval before backers of Plungers received their money, the stewards again going into the matter, with the result that the race and stakes were awarded to Plunger. Racing finished fairly prompt to time. The stewards were—Messrs W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., T. Taylor-Smith, Alfred C. Coning, R. Murray, John S. Bagnall, J. Clarkson, J. Watson, and the directors of the North-West Durham Racing Company. Mr W. Young acted as clerk of the course, referee, and judge, Mr Thos. Beattie as starter, Mr T. C. Rawes as clerk of the scales, and Mr J. M. Nicholson as acting secretary. A strong force of police under Sergts. Dryden and Vickers maintained excellent order. Details are appended:—

2.0.—KNITSLEY STAKES, value £12.—First £9, second £2, third £1, weight for age. About two miles over hurdles.

DECLARED VOID.

2.33.—MATCH for £10.

Mr W. Ion's COALY TYNE, 10st	Ions	1
Mrs Rutherford's Miss Beattie, 9st	J. Clarke	2

Betting: 2 to 1 on Coaly Tyne, who finished alone. Miss Beattie fell.

3.0.—NORTH-WEST DURHAM HANDICAP, value £18.—First £15, second £2, third £1. About one-and-a-half miles on the flat.

Mrs Todd's MARY JANE, 5 years, 9st. 8lb	Ridley	1
Mr J. Leybourne's Holly Hill, 3 years, 9st. 9lb	Anderson	2
Mr J. Goldsbrough's Miss Maggie, 3 years, 9st.	J. Aitken	3
Mr T. Sever's Gladys, 5 years, 10st	Tennant	0
Mr W. Davidson's Watersprite, 3 years, 9st. 7lb.	Davies	0

Betting: Evens against Holly Hill, 2 to 1 against Mary Jane, 4 to 1 against Gladys, 6 to 1 against others. Only Holly Hill and Mary Jane in it, the latter winning by a length, Miss Maggie six lengths off third. Mary Jane was sold to Mr J. Smaith for 35 guineas.

3.45.—CONSETT PLATE, value £15.—First £12, second £2, third £1. About one mile on the flat.

Mr R. Benton's HADDON HALL, 3 years, 9st. 4lb.	McBride	1
Mr W. Davidson's Dene Lassie, 3 years, 9st. 5lb.	Clarke	2
Mr Davies's Marie, 4 years, 8st. 9lb	Davies	3
Mr J. Hodgson's Heathette, 3 years, 9st. 5lb.	Thompson	0

Betting: 7 to 4 on Haddon Hall, 3 to 1 against Dene Lassie, 4 to 1 against Marie and Watersprite. A very easy task for Haddon Hall, who simply played with his opponents and won as he liked.

4.30.—DERWENT SELLING PLATE, value £11. About one mile on the flat.

DECLARED VOID.

5.0.—GREENCROFT STAKES, value £13.—First £10, second £2, third £1. Weight for age. About six furlongs on the flat.

Mrs Todd's MARY JANE, 5 years	Ridley	1
Mr D. Adams's Wild Willow, 3 years	Adams	2
Mr J. Goldsbrough's Miss Maggie, 3 years	Aitken	3
Mr T. C. Marr's Helen Marr, aged	Thompson	0
Mr J. Hodgson's Heathette, 3 years	McBride	0
Mr E. Wylam's Castleside, 5 years	Horner	0
Mr T. Severs's Petersfield, aged	Tennant	0

Betting: Evens against Helen Marr, 2 to 1 against Wild Willow, 5 to 1 against Heathette, 6 to 1 against Miss Maggie, 8 to 1 against Mary Jane and Petersfield, 10 to 1 against Castleside. The latter jumped off in front, and occupied a prominent position till entering the straight, where Helen Marr and Heathette were beaten. A ding-dong race home resulted in favour of Mary Jane by a short length, Wild Willow only getting the better of Miss Maggie for second place by a head.

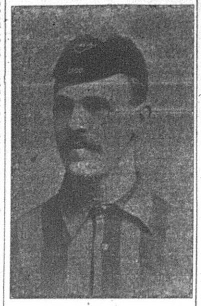
5-30.—CONSOLATION RACE, value £5 to the winner. For beaten horses at this meeting. About one mile on the flat.

Mr T. Sever's PLUNGER	1
Mr Davies's Marie	2
Mr W. Davidson's Dene Lassie	0
Mr J. Leybourne's Holly Hill	0

Betting: 30 to 20 on Marie, 2 to 1 against Plunger, any price others. The race was confined to Plunger and Marie, the former winning by about two lengths, with Dene Lassie and Holly Hill beaten off.

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NOTABLE FOOTBALL PLAYERS.



SAM WOOD.

Mr. Sam Wood was born at Greencroft, near Annfield Plain, on January 27th, 1869, and is now 27 years of age. His first connection with cricket and football commenced in 1882, in connection with the Boundary Football Club, in the west end of Newcastle, and continued there for about three years. After this he joined the now famous Rendel Club at Benwell and played for them about five years, playing four times in the final tie of the competition for the Northumberland Cup. After this he went to Middlesbrough and played the seasons 1891-92 there, afterwards coming back to Rendel and playing for them for two years. In 1894-95 he played for Dipton Wanderers, and last season for Oakey's Lilywhites. He was also engaged as coach for the Stanley and District Cricket Club in 1895-96. He has also got his cap for Northumberland County Cricket Club, and for Northumberland County Football Association, and is the holder of several medals, including a gold cricket medal for Newcastle Temperance Festival Competition, two silver medals for finalists of Northumberland Cup, and the silver medal for Temperance Festival Junior Competition. As a junior he played in Elswick Leather Works team when they won the Northumberland Junior Cup three times in succession. The Oakey's Lilywhites team are rapidly coming to the fore, doubtless due to the fact that they have such players as the subject of this sketch.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board-room of the Collierley Board Schools, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. J. W. Taylor (chairman), the other members present were, Messrs S. Swalwell, W. Eltringham, T. Clark and the clerk (Mr. D. Mole.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the teachers' reports were next adopted.

CONTINUATION CLASSES.

This matter referred to in Mr. Hayes's report was dealt with, and the Board resolved to let the question rest, seeing that in past years the classes had not been attended sufficiently well to justify the Board commencing them in the forthcoming winter season.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. D. Mole reported the attendance for the month showed an improved percentage, and a small increase in the number on the books, which might reasonably be taken as an index that the tide of migration from the village had largely ceased. The following figures show the attendance for the month:—Boys on the books for August were 195; September, 197; average 181; percentage for September, 92. Girls' department, 204 on the books for August, 201 for September; average, 175; percentage, 87. Infants' department, 197 on the books; for August, 202; for September, 173; average number, 173; percentage, 86. A split water pipe of the heating apparatus has been replaced during the month.

EXEMPTIONS.

Respecting one case entered on the attendance officer's report, the Board decided to make inquiry. In a second case exemption was given, and in a third case of a boy who had absented himself for five weeks that his parents be informed that if the boy did not attend school the Board would have to take stronger measures. In a fourth case it was decided to prosecute.

The Board then adjourned.

COLLIERLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

A special meeting of this Council was held on Tuesday evening in the Collierley Board Schools, under the presidency of Coun. W. Johnson (chairman.) The other members present were Councillors W. Young, W. Eltringham, W. Donaldson, T. Gatiss, R. T. Batey, D. Mole, W. Jessop, T. Clark, J. W. Taylor, J. G. Taylor, H. Beatham, G. Murray, and J. Coulthard.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER.

The Chairman said they were all aware of the business of the meeting, which was to arrange for the appointment of an Assistant Overseer for the parish in the place of the late Mr. W. Wilkinson. He asked the Council to ventilate their opinions on the matter.

Coul. Eltringham asked if the duties of the Assistant Overseer would be the same when the new Council was formed as they were at present.

The Chairman said the poor rate would only be to collect.

Coun. J. W. Taylor asked if the overseers knew how much money there would be to collect.

Coun. J. G. Taylor: Between £70 and £80.

Coun. J. W. Taylor: In approaching this question there are one or two things the Council should seriously consider. The first thing was, would the proposed new Council be likely to lessen the work of the Assistant Overseer. These things should be borne in mind. He had been thinking that if the Council could determine upon appointing an Assistant Overseer up to the 31st March, the new Council would by that time have applied for and obtained the powers of appointing and revoking the appointment of Assistant Overseers, and thus unite the offices of clerk, assistant overseer, and rate collector, and so make it a decent thing for the man to live on. He would not be over-taxed with work. If they could appoint a man to take up the duties until the 31st of March next for about £15, it would be a saving to the ratepayers of the parish, who were somewhat heavily taxed.

Coun. Gatiss asked if the £60 covered all the salary paid to the Assistant Overseer?

The Chairman: It does not seem to be very heavy work.

Coun. J. W. Taylor: Without imposing upon anybody we want to save if we can in view of our decreasing rateable value.

Coun. Murray thought the Council could do nothing else but appoint a man. He asked if it would be out of place to appoint the rate collector by proposition. He thought there were plenty of persons in the neighbourhood that could collect the rates without interfering with their other employment. His idea was to give everybody who had a wish to apply for the situation an opportunity of doing so.

Coun. Clark: If we were to advertise for a man we could fix the salary adequate to his work.

Coun. J. W. Taylor: The only objection I have to Mr. Murray's scheme is that if the place was tendered for, some person might take it at a very low figure to start with so as to secure the place, and afterwards apply for an advance, while an honest man who tendered his services at a fairly reasonable salary would be thrown out.

Coun. Murray: It was just an idea of mine, and is left for the Council to consider what they think about it.

After a prolonged discussion on the subject, Coun. J. W. Taylor moved, and Coun. Coulthard seconded the motion, that the Assistant Overseer be appointed for six months, at the rate of £40 per annum.

Coun. Donaldson moved, and Coun. Murray seconded the motion that the Assistant Overseer be appointed permanently at the rate of £30 per annum.

On the amendment being put to the meeting, there voted for it Councillors Donaldson, Murray, Gatiss, Beatham, Young, and Johnson. For the motion, Councillors J. W. Taylor, J. G. Taylor, Clark, Jessop, Batey, Eltringham, and Coulthard.

The motion was accordingly carried.

Coun. Gatiss moved, and Coun. Young seconded, but afterwards withdrew the motion in favour of the following motion which was proposed by Coun. J. W. Taylor, that the position be advertised in the local papers, and be confined to residents in the township, and that applications be sent to the Chairman not later than the 23rd inst.

This was all the business.

Football

SLEETBURN v. ESH VILLAGE UNITED.

Played at Sleetburn, the visitors winning by six goals to nil.

ESH VILLAGE UNITED RESERVE v. USHAW MOOR GLENDILES.

These teams met at Esh, when a good game resulted in a draw of three goals each.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 19TH.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. SLEETBURN OLD BOYS.

The Rovers open the season on Saturday with a match against the above team at Sleetburn, when the following will represent the

ROVERS—Full back, T. Elliott; three-quarter backs, J. Carr, E. McElrue, R. Stobbs, and R. Renton; forwards, A. Taylor, J. Morgan, G. Hewitson, J. Dawson, W. H. Wilson, F. Warwick, G. Raisbeck, and T. Lumley (capt.)

Train leaves Blackhill at 1-10 p.m.

CROOK v. LEADGATE EXILES.

The Exiles visit Crook in a "friendly." The team will leave Blackhill Station by the 12-15 train, and the following players will probably represent the

EXILES—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, W. McGee and J. Haggan; half-backs, P. McDermott, T. McGrachan, and F. Flyer; forwards, J. Brannen, P. Haley, M. Doyle, J. McGee, and J. B. Robson.

CONSETT TOWN v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS RESERVE.

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

CONSETT—Goal, T. Henderson; backs, D. Robinson and S. Dimmick; half-backs, R. Bowen, T. Jones, and R. Mullen; forwards, Joe Lee, John Lee, W. Bowen, J. Thompson, and J. Longhorn. Reserves, T. Wilkinson, J. Morgan, and T. Harris.

Kick-off at 3-15 p.m.

LINTZFORD v. MICKLEY RESERVE.

These teams will meet at Mickley in friendly rivalry on Saturday, when the following will do duty for

LINTZFORD—Goal, Turnbull; backs, J. Carr and Gibson; half-backs, Dodds, J. Seath, and R. Abbott; forwards, Jim Andrews and Tom Seath, left wing; A. W. Hayles, centre; J. Laing, jun., and T. Ferry, right wing.

Linesman, J. Walton. Brake leaves new church at 2-15 sharp.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS v. GATESHEAD N.E.R. A.

At Shotley Spa on Saturday first, the following will represent the

ROVERS—Goal, Scott; backs, Oliver and Hobday; half-backs, Robinson, Gray, and Winter; forwards, Joyce, Barras, Murray, Smith, and Watson.

Kick-off at 3-30.

KYO UNITED v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

The above teams meet at Tantobie on Saturday, when the following team has been chosen to represent the

UNITED—Goal, M. Turnbull; backs, T. Williams and R. Simpson; half-backs, W. Raydon, P. Parlett, and R. Dawson (capt.); forwards, G. Ridley, and G. Parlett, right wing; T. Gattis, centre; P. Shield and T. Reay, left wing.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS RESERVE v. IVESTON VILLA.

These teams meet at Consett, when the following will do duty for the

SWIFTS—Goal, W. Robson; backs, G. Wood and J. Welsh; half-backs, B. Bradley, A. Frosdick, and J. Walton; forwards, J. Nichol and J. Sheldon, right wing; J. Laidler, centre; G. Hamilton (capt.) and J. E. Sisterson, left wing. Reserves, T. Ellis and A. McDonald.

Linesman, W. Harris. Meet at headquarters at 4.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS JUNIORS v. LANGLEY PARK.

To be played on the ground of the former at Consett. The following players have been selected to represent the

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

WEST STANLEY YOUNG PLUNGERS v. OUSTON RED ROSE.

To be played on the former's ground. The PLUNGERS team will be selected from the following—

R. Williamson, G. Fraser, G. Walker, T. Swinburn, T. Herne, T. Lamb, G. Simpson, W. Fairless, J. Oyston, C. Rose, J. Hodgson, T. Reay, and J. Fewster.

HEDLEY HILL v. CONSETT SHAMROCKS.

This fixture will be brought off at Consett. The following players have been selected to represent

HEDLEY HILL—Goal, W. H. Moralles; backs, A. Green and J. Blake; half-backs, A. Tomlinson, J. Kearton, and S. Newton; forwards, E. Heslop and H. Heslop, left wing; F. Tomlinson, centre; E. Stones and G. Tomlinson, right wing.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK v. BISHOP AUCKLAND.

This league fixture at Leadgate is sure to cause a tremendous amount of interest, and there will probably be a very large attendance. Both teams played good games away from home last Saturday, and their meeting on the Park ground is certain to result in a hard, fast, and exciting struggle. The subjoined team will represent

LEADGATE PARK—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and H. O. Foreman; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson (capt.), and A. N. Other; forwards, R. Graham and A. Dunn, right wing; S. Thompson, centre; Jos. Wilson and G. Lock, left wing.

Referee, Mr A. Cooper, Durham. Kick-off at 3-45.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. JARROW.

Dipton journey to Jarrow on Saturday with the one o'clock train from Lintz Green. The following will represent

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; W. Gray, centre; T. Walker (capt.) and J. Brown, left wing.

Referee, Mr P. N. Ford, Sunderland.

STANLEY v. SHANKHOUSE.

Stanley will journey to Shankhouse on Saturday to play their Alliance match, when a good game is sure to be the result, as both teams are in good form at present. The following will do duty for

STANLEY—Goal, G. Morris; backs, E. Beckwith and W. Pouton; half-backs, J. Milburn, E. Nicholson, and M. Cunningham; forwards, T. Crooks and T. Robson, right wing; J. Pentland, centre; J. Masterman and J. Howe, left wing.

Referee, Mr Halliday, Newcastle.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC.

These teams meet at Annfield Plain on Saturday, when a good game should be played. Last year the Celtic and Swifts finished first and second in the North-West Durham League, the games between these teams resulting as follows:—Celtic won at Annfield Plain by 1-0; Swifts won at Consett by 2-1. The newly-erected press-box will be opened. The following will play for the

SWIFTS—Goal, D. Elliott; backs, Joe McKie and R. Harkness; half-backs, R. Wake, B. McKie, and J. Allison (capt.); forwards, J. Little and J. Rafferty, right wing; J. Dempsey, centre; M. Eustace and J. Turley, left wing. Reserves, C. Pescod and J. Laidler.

Meet at headquarters at 1 o'clock.

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

Linesmen, J. A. Bowen and H. Maude. Kick-off at 3-30. Referee, Mr T. H. Wood, Jarrow.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. BILL QUAY.

This Tyneside League fixture will be brought off at the Hobson, when, considering the previous meetings of the teams, a good game may be expected. The following will represent the

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

Referee, Mr J. Endean, Newcastle. Kick-off at 3-45.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE v. DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

This Derwent Valley League fixture takes place at Dipton, when HOBSON will be chosen from the following—

Wilkinson, Smith, Henderson, Hall, Croudace, Atkinson, W. Hindhaugh, J. Hindhaugh, H. Layton, J. Layton, N. Bell, W. Doran, W. Beattie, R. Young, and R. Cook.

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

STANLEY RESERVE v. LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

The Park Reserve will meet Stanley Reserve in a Derwent Valley League fixture at Stanley, when each team will strive to gain the two points. The following will do duty for

STANLEY RESERVE—Goal, J. Galley; backs, J. Shield and T. Chisholm; half-backs, R. Cunningham, J. Williams, and G. Whitfield; forwards, J. Cunningham and W. Purvis, right wing; H. Bolam, centre; W. Southern and J. Dodds, left wing.

LEADGATE PARK—Goal, J. Hunter; backs, D. Cartmell and G. Temple; half-backs, T. Calvert, R. Forster (capt.), and A. N. Other; forwards, M. Willis and A. Aitkin, right wing; G. Milburn, centre; R. Makepeace and J. Birtley, left wing.

Referee, Mr W. Hodgson, Tantobie.

ALLENDALE PARK v. SPEN ALBION.

The Park will have no less than nine of last season's players unable to play in this match, owing to various causes. Their team will be chosen from:—

T. Bailey, M. Walton, W. Bell, T. Walton, Jos. Walton, J. Stoker, B. Mooney, Jno. Walton, H. Glasgow, J. Calvert, J. Longstaff, J. Leathard, and A. N. Other.

Linesman, R. Milligan. Referee, Mr J. E. Taylor, Lintzford.

BURNOPFIELD JUNIOR LEAGUE.

HAMSTERLEY WHITE STARS v. HIGH ROW UNITED.

The above league game will take place at High Row, when a good game should be witnessed. The following team has been chosen to represent the

STARS—Goal, C. Rudd; backs, J. Kay and T. Blacklock; half-backs, J. Turner, T. Brown, W. Rudd; forwards, W. Armstrong and R. Gray, right wing; F. Graham, centre; C. Kirtley and J. Fenwick, left wing.

Linesman, S. Brown. Referee, Mr Lamb, Byer Moor.

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WEARDALE NOTES.

By "STANHOPE."

THE POPULAR FAIRS.

Stanhope fair has come and gone. The weather throughout the fair was wretched. A thunderstorm of unusual severity deluged the place with rain on Saturday afternoon, and hundreds of people got a thorough drenching, yet despite that, the fair on Saturday night was visited by thousands, even up to midnight. Monday night's fair was also brisk. Some noted gathering every year. The fairs in the dale this year have all been held in wild, wet, boisterous weather. At St. John's, the lunch tent was blown down. At Wolsingham rain fell in torrents all day. At Stanhope on the show day the weather was dull, damp, and threatening. The gates were consequently affected very much. St John's Chapel took about £30 in sixpences, Wolsingham £40 at 1s each, and Stanhope about £92 at 1s. Wolsingham was £50 short, and Stanhope some £13. Great credit is due to the North-Eastern Railway Co. and their officials for the excellent train service to these shows this year, and for the care the officials displayed to get people to their right trains. There were great crushes and heavily freighted trains but fortunately no accidents occurred.

INCONVENIENCE.

Stanhope Station seems badly arranged for throngs of people. The waiting room at the south side is much too small, especially during a thunderstorm, and had it not been for the action of the police and the railway officials at this station during the past few days, perhaps something serious might have happened. However, with the exception of a few drunken people, the fairs referred to have passed off pretty peaceably.

THE LATE MRS BELL.

The death of Mrs Bell, of Edmundbyers, last week, caused profound regret in Weardale, where she was known. Her many amiable qualities won for her universal esteem and regret, and her funeral on Saturday was attended by large numbers of sorrowing relatives and friends.

ITEMS.

The Weardale miners strike continues. Many of the miners rather than work for 9s per week are leaving the district for pastures new.—The Weardale Naturalists' Field Club have a day's excursion to the Cleveland district on Saturday first.—The Bishop of Richmond, the Rev Boyd Carpenter, has consented to preach the Stanhope Church harvest festival sermon this year.—Stanhope Dene is being transferred from the Commissioners to the Health Resort Association on lease for 21 years.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

DONKIN—Durham, 4, Pelaw Leazes, on the 10th inst., the wife of George Donkin, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

PHILIPSON—CAWTHORN.—At Medomsley Parish Church, on the 10th inst., William, eldest son of John Philipson, Fellside, Stocksfield, to Dora, eldest daughter of George Cawthorn, Long Close Cottage, Lintz Green.

TAYLOR—PICKERING.—Frosterley Church, on the 14th inst., by the Rev Mr Jaggs, W. R. Taylor to Phoebe, eldest daughter of Emmerson Pickering, of Frosterley.

DEATHS.

APPLEBY.—Victoria, B.C., on the 15th August, in her 38th year, Barbara, the beloved wife of William Appleby, formerly of Burnopfield.

ARMSTRONG.—White-le-Head, on the 10th inst., aged 57, Edward Armstrong.

BREWIS.—Newlands Grange, on the 9th inst., aged 81 years, William Brewis. Interred at Whittonstall on the 13th inst.

BENNETT.—Blaydon, 130, John Street, on the 8th inst., aged 43, Jane, wife of Thomas Bennett.

BATEMAN.—At Alston, on the 8th inst., aged 41, William Bateman, husband of Mary Ann Bateman, of Blaydon.

COLPITS.—Annfield Plain, on the 12th inst., aged 11 years, William Arthur, only son of Joseph and Mary Colpits.

CAWTHORN.—Hobson, on the 12th inst., Norman, second son of George and Helen Cawthorn.

DIXON.—Broad Oak, Ebchester, on the 9th inst., suddenly, aged 56, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Dixon.

ELDER.—At Lintzford, on the 12th inst., Mary Turnbull, beloved wife of John Elder, and daughter of the late Robert Turnbull, Burgh Surveyor, Musselburgh.

HOLT.—At Derwent Cottages, on the 17th inst., suddenly, aged 37, Henry, the beloved husband of Hannah Holt. To be interred at Medomsley on Sunday. To lift at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

HALLAM.—Burnopfield Colliery, on the 8th inst., William Hallam.

HARRISON.—Beamish, The Surgery, on the 12th inst., Sarah, widow of the late George Harrison.

PORTER.—Wrekenton, Foster's Cottages, on the 8th inst., aged 68, Henry, husband of the late Frances Porter, who died at Sheriff Hill.

RICHARDSON.—Pelton Fell, 14, North Row, on the 9th inst., aged 56, Hales Richardson, husband of Annie, son of the late William and Catherine Richardson, formerly of Hebburn Colliery.

ROWLAND.—At Stanhope, on the 9th inst., aged 75, Eden Rowland.

TAYLOR.—Chester-le-Street, on the 13th inst., aged 11 years, Ethel May, only daughter of John and May Taylor.

WATSON.—Birtley, Buffalo Terrace, on the 12th inst., Cecilia Watson, wife of the late Henry Watson.

In loving memory of Priscilla Bainbridge, of Consett, who departed this life September 15th, 1895.

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In loving memory of Jenny, beloved grand-daughter of Hugh and Dorothy Kennedy, who died at Leadgate, September 17th, 1895.

"To those who for her loss are grieved,
This consolation's given—
She's from a world of woe relieved,
And blooms a rose in heaven."

In loving remembrance of Eleanor, the beloved wife of Joseph Skipsey, who departed this life on September the 18th, 1895.

"A few more years shall roll,
A few more seasons come,
And we shall be with those that rest
Asleep within the tomb."
By her husband and family.

In loving memory of our dear sister, Lizzie Gladders, who died at Oak Tree Inn, Tantobie, Sept. 15th, 1895.

"A year has passed, and those around us
Think the wound is almost healed;
But they little know the sorrow
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SUPPLEMENT TO

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1896.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, 9th inst.—Before Colonel F. F. Sheppee (chairman) and Mr. R. W. Kerr the Walker.

DRUNKENNESS.—18 persons were charged with this offence, and fines ranging from 16/- to 7/6 were imposed; costs following in each case.

EDUCATION CASES.

Thos. Hope was summoned for neglecting to send two children to school, and was fined 5/- in each case. Wm. Wood was similarly charged in respect of two children. Fined 5/-.

WATER RATES PAID.

At the instance of the Consett Water Company, a number of persons were summoned for non-payment of water rate. All however have paid up, and the cases were struck out.

HIS FATHER'S MAINTENANCE.

John Brown, a strong young fellow, was summoned at the instance of Joseph Armstrong, relieving officer, for being £3 2s in arrears for his father's maintenance, chargeable to the Union. An order for payment and costs was made.

SENT TO AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Newton Wilson was brought forward in respect of his son, sent to an Industrial School. Supt. Rutherford asked for an order of 2/- a week, against the defendant, with costs.

ONE LIGHT.

Edward Grant was summoned for driving a vehicle without having sufficient lights at Plawsworth, on the 28th August. P.C. Scott said he saw defendant driving along without lights at 10.20 p.m.; he was going at a sharp trot, he had one light. Fined 2/6 and costs.

UNSANITARY PROPERTY.

John Herbert Holmes was summoned at the instance of the Rural District Council for neglecting to put his property at Pelton Fell into a sanitary state. Sanitary Inspector Webb said defendant had neglected repeatedly to carry out the notices of the Council. The Bench made an order, with costs.

TURNIPS.

James Skilcorn for a similar offence upon John Kirkup's land at Pelton, on the 23rd ult was also charged. Defendant was running about a turnip field. Mr. Kirkup said he had a deal of damage, and put this at one penny. Ordered to pay a fine of 1/- costs, and the damage.

GAMING.

Wm. Lynch and James Clark for playing at pitch and toss on the Burn Greens at Chester-le-Street, on the 21st ult., were fined 1/6 each and costs.

Michael Carr, Ed Spadling, and Thos. Cowell, for gaming with cards on the Burn Greens on the 28th ult. P.C. Maplethorpe proved the case, and defendants were fined, Carr 2/6, and the others 1/6 each; costs following in each case.

GARDEN BREAKERS.

Isaac Dodshow, Wm. Willis, Alex. Cooper, Jno. Gibson, and Jas. McGrath were summoned by John Wr. Hart for damaging his fruit trees and crops at Low Fell on the 28th ult. P.C. Stephenson said he saw defendants in Mr. De. Hart's garden pulling apples and pears. They also trampled down and destroyed a quantity of vegetables.—The gardener put the damage at 15/-. Defendants were fined 5/- each and costs, and ordered to pay 2/- each damage. Supt. Rutherford said the house had been occupied by Judge Greenwell, but was now empty; the Chairman said that made the matter worse.

AN EDMONDSLEY ROW.

Wm. Winter was charged with assaulting James Robinson at Edmondsley, on the 1st inst. Complainant said defendant went to him and asked him to fight; then immediately struck him two or three times. Witness had not had any quarrel with defendant, nor had he had any words with him.—George Littlefair said he saw Winter strike Robinson in the mouth; smashing his pipe.—Geo. King said he was talking to Robinson when Winter came forward, and challenged Robinson to fight. There was an altercation, and witness saw Robinson's pipe on the ground; he could not say how it came there.—Defendant denied the charge. Fined 5/- and costs, the witnesses being allowed.

GAME TRESPASS.

Benjamin Thompson, John Wardue and Thos. Hurst were charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on Messrs Fenwick's land at Pelton on the 25th ult. Defendants denied the charge, and Mr. Fred Harle, appeared for Mr. John Kirkup, on whose land the trespass took place. Sergt. Winn said defendants were in a harvest field, and when only a small strip of corn remained to be cut, they were there with their dogs, and slipped them after hares, which came out of the standing corn. They had no authority from any one to go there. Mr. Kirkup spoke to seeing the men in the field; they were there without his authority. The Bench considered the case proved, and ordered defendants to pay fines of 2/6 each and costs.

A CAUTION TO MINERS.

James Daley was charged with an offence against the special rule 109 in force at Beamish colliery; on the 25th ult. Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, appeared for Messrs Joicey, the owners of the colliery, and explained that the bottom of the oil vessel of defendant's lamp was in some way punctured, and the oil escaped. It was the duty of defendant to report an occurence of this sort at once to the deputy. This he did not do; and that constituted the offence. Had he reported the accident the rule would not have been infringed. Evidence was given in support of this statement. Mr. Oliver said there was no desire for a heavy penalty; they only wished the men to know that the rules must be obeyed. Fined 1/- and costs.

ATTEMPTED TILL ROBBERY.

Mark Redhead, 26, was brought up in custody, charged with attempting to steal money, the property of John Turner Cummings, landlord of the Green Till beer house, Hendon Row, on the 2nd inst. Cummings said prisoner was in the bar, along with a man named Cooper. Witness had to leave the bar to go to the billiard room. While absent he heard the servant cry to him. He went at once and found the till had been tampered with. Jane Ann Sadler, servant at the house, deposed to seeing prisoner behind the bar, in the act of pulling the till out of its place. She told her master; and information was given to the police. —P.C. McGee deposed to arresting prisoner who said he would go back and apologize; there was 15/- in the till.—Prisoner expressed his contrition and asked the Bench to deal with case. The Bench imposed a fine of 15/-.

FARMERS' FRIENDS.

George Wm. Harker, and Allan Layton did damage to crops the property of Andrew Tiplady, Plawsworth, on the 23rd ult.—P.C. Scott proved the case and defendants were fined 1/6 each and costs, and 3d damages.—Joseph Ellison trespassed in a similar way on the property of Robert Weatherburn, at Plawsworth, on the same day.—P.C. Scott proved the case.—Fined 2/6 and costs, and 3d each damages.

Joseph Elliot trespassed in a similar way against Robert Weatherburn at Plawsworth, on the same day. P.C. Scott proved the case. Fined 2/6 and costs, and one penny damages.

Ralph Pearson damaged crops on the farm of William Hall at Birtley, on the 22nd ult. Supt. Hutchinson proved the case, and defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

The Birtley Iron Company complained of damage against Robert Rogers, James McIvor, Joseph Lumley, William Rice, James McCluskey, Moses Burnham, and David Standboy. Rogers was fined 2/6 and costs; the remainder 1/- each and costs, and the damages.

John Loud for doing damage upon Mr. Peter Oswald's farm at Harraton Hall on the 31st ult, on the evidence of P. C. Wise who said defendant was gathering mushrooms, was fined 2/6 and costs, with one penny damages.

William Colledge, Waldridge; James Hepplewhite, Beamish; and John Ed. Hillson, Chester-le-Street; were charged with neglecting to have their children vaccinated. Joseph Armstrong, vaccination officer proved the cases; and defendants were ordered to pay a fine of 20/- and costs, to which Hillson objected as his child was over 15 months old. This case was dismissed but the Bench granted another summons under sec. 31 of the Act.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE AT BIRTLEY.

James T. Smith and Michael Flynn were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Birtley on the 5th inst; and further with assaulting P.C. Wise at the same time and place. The officer said he saw defendants and a great crowd making a disturbance. He ordered them away, and they refused to go. He took Flynn into custody; Smith came forward and struck him. Flynn kicked him; and he left Flynn and took Smith. He fell down and was kicked by both of them when down. He got Smith up to the lock up after a severe struggle. —A witness said he saw both prisoners strike and kick the constable.—Prisoners both denied that they were drunk, or disorderly, or that they ever touched the constable. Moreover the officer kicked them most unmercifully in the cells.—The Bench considered there was no doubt about it; they were drunk, disorderly, and assaulted the officer. For being drunk and disorderly, they were fined 5/- and costs; and for the assault on the officer they would be sent to prison for a month each.

A FELLING YOUTH IN TROUBLE.

John Mowbray, 18, belonging The Felling, was brought up in custody charged with a rape on Margaret Jane Harrison, at Broomy Holm farm near Chester-le-Street, on the 30th August. Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, defended. Prosecutor said she was 14 years old in April last. On the Sunday night she was down the Cut Lane leading from Broomy Holm Farm, where she lived with her parents. Her two younger brothers were with her. She saw the prisoner and two men named Brayson and Defty; she did not know prisoner. She had never seen him before. Defty threw her down, and prisoner helped him to take some flowers from her. They then went to her parents house at the Farm. She went further down the lane, expecting to meet her mother returning home. Prisoner overtook her, and stopped talking to her. Brayson and Defty then joined them; but presently passed on, leaving prisoner with witness. Witness went on down the lane with prisoner. She waited at the gate for her mother. Whilst there prisoner committed the offence complained of. She shouted, and Mr. Young, the farmer, came up. Thos. Young, the farmer of Broomy Holm, gave evidence, and described what he saw taking place between prisoner and prosecutrix at the gate.—The girl's mother also gave evidence as to her daughter's complaint to her.—Dr. Allan of Edmondsley, described the condition he found the girl in when brought to him shortly after eleven on the Sunday night.—Dr. Crosthwaite, assistant to Dr. Abraham, Police Surgeon, also gave evidence.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence. The Bench decided to commit prisoner for trial, but allowed bail in £20, with two sureties of £10 a-side.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this Board was held on Thursday, in the Board Room, of the Union Buildings, Lanchester, presided over by Mr. T. J. Muse (vice-chairman). The other members present were: Messrs J. Green, William Young, Ed. Sloane, R. Kay, Geo. D. Powell, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson).

LEADGATE FEVER HOSPITAL.

The tender of Messrs Goddart, Massey and Company, Nottingham, was accepted for the supplying of a new disinfecting chamber at a cost of £259 10s.

Three tenders were received for the enlargement of the laundry, disinfecting chamber, &c., at the Leadgate Hospital. The tenders were: Mr. Thos. Manners, £417; Mr. Geo. T. Manners, £405; and Mr. Edward Rutter, (Esh), £401 11s.

On the motion of Mr. Sloane, seconded by Mr. Young, the tender of Mr. Rutter was accepted.

The Local Committee reported that they had inspected the furniture, &c., at the Leadgate Hospital, and found that some new furniture, &c., was required. They had instructed Messrs Davison and Sons, Consett, to supply the furniture, &c. that was required, and also Mr. R. C. Forster, Consett, to supply the drapery goods.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Kay remarked that he thought the Leadgate Hospital ought to be perfect, as they had now authorised a further expenditure of £1,300.

THE LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL.

Tenders were considered for the planting of trees and laying out the ground, at the Langley Park Hospital. Messrs Fell and Company, Hexham, offered to lay out the ground and supply the trees for the sum of £55. They also agreed to supply the trees only at a cost of £29 17s 6d. Messrs Robson and Son, Hexham, offered to supply the trees and plant them for the sum of £23 8s.

On the proposition of Mr. Green, seconded by Mrs. Young, the tender of Messrs Robson and Son was accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Logan to find the labour for preparing the ground for the planting of the trees.

ACCOUNTS.

Cheques to the amount of £45 were signed.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Dr. Renton reported that two cases of scarlet fever had been admitted to the Leadgate Fever Hospital, the one on the 2nd and the other, 7th September. The first case was a serious one, and may probably terminate fatally.

Dr. Wilson reported that the hospital at Langley Park was empty at present.

The reports were adopted.

This was all the business.

Local Volunteer Intelligence.

PRIZE SHOOTING AT URPETH.

The annual prize meeting of the Newcastle Rifle Association took place on Saturday at the Urpeth Range. There were 11 competitions, and the entries were excellent. The weather, unfortunately, was very unfavourable, rain falling heavily at frequent intervals during almost the whole time that shooting was in progress, and the Association were heavy sufferers thereby. A great number of the best shots in the locality attended the meeting, but owing to the rain could not possibly enter into the extra competitions as often as they desired. The arrangements of the secretary, Sergt. T. S. Magnay, who won the Prince of Wales's Prize two years ago, were of a very complete order, and were carried through in an able manner by a good staff of willing assistants. Sergeant-Major W. Kellaway, R.E., Newcastle Engineers, tabulated the scores very ably in the statistical department. Sergeant-Major Sloane, 3rd V.B.N.F., was range officer. The registers were superintended by Sergeant Majors Flynn and Atkin, from Newcastle Barracks. The marking was in the hands of members of the local volunteer corps. At night the winners were presented with their prizes by Mr Magnay, the able secretary. The principal scores were as follows:—

THE NURSERY PRIZE, £5.—Open only to persons who have never won a prize of upwards of £1 at any national, all-comers, or county shooting Range, 200 yards. Five shots kneeling. Competitors may enter any number of times, but can take only one prize:—

Sergt. J. Tate, Newcastle, £1 10s	23
Pte. J. Nixon, Newcastle, £1	22
Sergt.-Major Baston, Newcastle, 10s	22
Sapper Stewart, North Shields, 10s	22

THE REID'S CHALLENGE CUP AND SILVER MEDAL.—Presented by Messrs Reid and Sons, Grey Street, Newcastle; £15 added by the Association. Open only to volunteers of the 1st N.V.A., Newcastle Batteries 1st N.T.V.A., 1st N.V.R.E., T.D.S.M.R.E., 2nd V.B.N.F., and 3rd V.B.N.F. For best aggregate at 200, 500, and 600 yards. The cup will be held by the winner for one year, subject to the approval of the Executive of the Association:—

Sergt. W. J. Sisterson, Newcastle E.V., cup, medal and £4	29	32	31—92
Sapper T. J. Read, Newcastle E.V., £4	27	31	33—91
Sergt. T. S. Magnay, 3rd VBNF, £1 10s	31	31	28—90
Sergt. Hardcastle, 3rd VBNF, £1 10s	30	31	29—90
Pte. J. Fawcett, 3rd VBNF, £1	28	33	27—88
Sergt. T. Armstrong, 2nd VBNF, £1	31	30	27—88
Pte. J. Stokoe, 3rd VBNF, 10s	30	33	25—88
Corpl. T. Fair, 3rd VBNF, 10s	29	33	25—87

THE BINGHAM CUP.—Presented by Lieut.-Col. J. E. Bingham, 1st W.R.V.R.E., Sheffield; £5 added by the Association. Open only to the same as No. 2. The cup will be held for one year by the winner, subject to the approval of the Executive:—

Sapper T. J. Read, cup and £2	31	33	—61
Sergt. W. J. Sisterson, £1	32	31	—63
Pte. J. Fawcett, 15s	33	27	—60
Sergt. Hardcastle, 10s	34	26	—60

THE WINGROVE CUP.—Presented by Lieut. P. W. Richardson, London Rifle Brigade; £15 added by the Association. Open to all-comers being members of the Association. Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each distance. Ladies may be represented:—

Pte. R. Atkin, Beamish, cup	33	31	31—95
Sergt. M. Robson, Bellingham, £2 10s	31	34	29—94
Pte. Atkin for Mrs Atkin, £1 10s	32	33	29—94
Lieut. Underwood, Bishop Auckland, £1	31	29	33—93
Pte. T. Milburn, Bellingham, £1	33	27	33—93
Q.M.-Sergt. J. Cruddace, Gateshead, £1	30	31	31—92
Sergt. C. W. Cable, Newcastle, £1	29	22	31—92
Pte. J. Davey, Newcastle, £1	28	32	31—91
Corpl. J. Bothwick, South Shields, 10s	31	30	30—91
Pte. T. Cough, Beamish, 10s	29	33	29—91
Pte. T. Graham, Hexham, 10s	33	30	28—91
Q.M.-Sergt. Cruddace for Mrs Cruddace, 10s	30	31	27—91
Sergt. B. Hardcastle, Newcastle, 10s	32	27	31—90
Corpl. J. Robertson, Gateshead, 10s	30	31	29—90
Pte. W. Campbell, Bellingham, 10s	31	30	29—90
Pte. J. Fawcett, Newcastle, 10s	32	30	28—90
Pte. Milburn for Miss Milburn, 10s	34	30	26—90

THE MEMBERS' PRIZE, open to all members of the Association, whether volunteers or not. Ranges, 200 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each distance. A lady member may nominate a gentleman member to represent her in this competition.

Pte. W. Chilton, 2nd VBNF, £1	33	34—67
Sergt. Hardcastle, 3rd VBNF, £2 10s	31	35—66
Pte. J. Graham, Hexham, £1 10s	33	33—66
Corpl. J. Cunningham, Felling, £1	31	34—65
Sergt. J. Moffitt, Gateshead, £1	32	31—63
Corpl. J. Grundy, Beamish, 10s	34	31—65

THE BRONZE MEDAL of the National Rifle Association. For the highest aggregate in Nos. 2, 4, and 5 competitions. Open only to the same as No. 2. The sum of £3 will be given to the winner, and if a previous winner of a medal a bar will be given, the medal passing to the highest scorer that has not won a medal previously.

Sergt. B. J. Hardcastle, 3rd VBNF	90	90	66—246
Pte. J. Fawcett, 3rd VBNF	88	90	62—240
Sapper T. J. Read, Newcastle EV	91	87	61—239

The two first being already medalists, the prize goes to the third man, Sergt. Hardcastle receiving the bar and £3.

THE ASSOCIATION BADGE. For the highest aggregate in Nos. 2, 4, and 5 competitions. Won by Sergt. Hardcastle, 3rd VBNF.

EXTRA PRIZES, No. 1 Series. Open to all-comers. Five shots at 200 yards. Competitors may enter any number of times, but can only take one prize.

Pte. J. Fawcett, Newcastle, £1 10s	23
Lieut. Underwood, Bp. Auckland, £1 10s	25
Pte. R. Nicholson, Newcastle, 10s	24

EXTRA PRIZE, No. 2 Series. Five shots at 500 yards. Conditions, &c., same of No. 8.

Sergt. T. S. Magnay, Newcastle, £1 10s	24
Sergt. J. Moffitt, Gateshead, £1 10s	24
Pte. J. Fawcett, Newcastle, 10s	21
Lieut. Underwood, Bp. Auckland, 10s	23

EXTRA PRIZE, No. 3 Series. Five shots at 600 yards. Conditions, &c., same as No. 8.

Lieut. Underwood, Bp. Auckland, £2	23
Sergt. W. Robson, Bellingham, £1	23
Sergt. C. W. Cable, Newcastle EV., 10s	23
Q.M.-Sergt. J. Cruddace, Gateshead, 10s	22

THE COUNTY EXTRA PRIZE. Open only to same as No. 2.

Pte. J. M. Stafford, Newcastle	25
Pte. J. Fawcett, 3rd VBNF	25
Sergt. T. S. Magnay, 3rd VBNF	25
Pte. Stokoe, 3rd VBNF	24
Sergt. F. Herbert, 3rd VBNF	23
Sergt-Major Baston, Newcastle EV	23

TOW LAW.

The Rector of Witton Gilbert (Rev. A. Watts, F.R.G.S.) at a conference of co-operative delegates of the district, at Tow Law, on Saturday, delivered an address on "Co-operation from a moral and religious point of view." Mr. Albert New, B.A., Durham University, presided.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MOVEMENT.—A Christian Endeavour Society Convention was held in the Presbyterian Church, Tow Law, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. G. Samuel, M.A., presiding over a large audience. Miss Alice Hardy, Darlington, read a paper on "The Christian Endeavour Society: Its Privileges," and Mr. J. D. Raw, of Waterhouses, a further paper on "The Junior Society." Discussion followed each paper. At 4.30 p.m., a public tea meeting took place. At night Mr. J. Baxter, president of the Tow Law society, took the chair at a public meeting, when Mr. R. W. Davies, president of the Cleveland and South-Durham Union, delivered an address on "The relation of Christian Endeavour Societies to the Church," and the Rev. J. Bainbridge an address on "The Relation of Children to the Church." On Sunday special services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Balgarnie, of Bishop Auckland.

TO YOUNG WOMEN.

(By Lady Cook, nee Tennessee Claflin.)

The life of a young unmarried woman is a period of promise, of hope, and anxiety. If she has no definite occupation, she is altogether uncertain of her future; and may be driven by unforeseen circumstances in any direction. Her character and person may be all that could be desired, and Hope may flutter round her heart and fan her day dreams, nevertheless she cannot escape the anxiety that besets uncertainty. But one thing she may do, and her duty to herself demands it of her; she can prepare herself for certain given eventualities; she can study, with the interest that a keen chess player feels in his game, the probabilities of the move on life's chequered board, and so avoid a checkmate.

If from the carelessness of her parents, or from any other cause, her education has been neglected or not worked on the most useful lines, she must study to make good the deficiency. Every person arrived at years of reflection can do this, and many of those most distinguished for intellectual abilities have taught themselves. It only requires good sense and moral resolution. Books and other means are cheap and accessible to all, and two or three hours a day of steady work would effect valuable results, and bring pleasure as well as profit. If one-third of the time devoted to useless and pernicious novels were spent in serious reading, the sex would lose the charge of flippancy and vacuity that is now made against it. Serious reading, too, offers a charming variety: poetry, history, biography, travel, philosophy, and all the sciences. There are golden mines in English literature which have been rarely explored, and many of our best works lie buried in dust on their shelves. The race of the maudlin "Yellow-backs" meanwhile, goes on merrily. It is not from such pabulum as these afford that the minds of sensible Englishwomen can be nourished. They foster false emotion and spread the seeds of many falsehoods, but rarely quicken higher sentiment or lofty thought. Intellectual taste was developed for a better purpose than to become the slave of the trashy three-volume novel.

The girl emerging into womanhood may be satisfied with her moderate personal attractions, or may be "dowered with the fatal gift of beauty," but something more is required before she is fit to become a wife and a mother, or even a useful member of society. Physical loveliness is fascinating while it lasts, but its reign is brief, and no amount of artificial substitution can supply its place. Intelligence and amiability, however, never grow old, and a pretty woman without these, even in the glory of her youth, is only a plaything for an hour. She whose soul is illuminated and beautiful can afford to dispense with cosmetic powders and paints and other deceits. Engaging in mind and natural in body, she leaves lures to harlots, and wins esteem by her candour and virtues. Her charms never decay, and in the evening of life she is as dear to her husband as on the morning of their wedding day. It is the strongest reproach to young women that they rate the ornamentation of their bodies so much higher than that of their minds; that they spend nearly all the time and money they possess in personal decoration, and give so little towards self-cultivation. Yet we know that they do this because the majority of men prefer it so, and therefore the reproach lies still heavier on these. They ask for dolls and they get them; for empty-headed women who pall upon them before the honeymoon is over, and the matrimonial market is consequently flooded with such.

We live in a world of beauty—beauty above and around us. Wonders beset us at every step, but every marvel is a solvable problem. A flower is a delight, a leaf a miracle of power. And if we cannot yet penetrate the mystery of life itself, we may understand its organisms, and gradually unfold the processes of nature. By doing this we understand her, we appreciate, love, and reverence her. We see that she is very good. We recognise that we are a part of her, bound up by numberless affinities with all she has evolved. So that, not in the Scriptural only, but in the true biological sense, we can say to the worm, "Thou art my brother," and can realise the duty and the pleasure of sympathy with every living thing. Above all, we can trace the progress of the human organism from its germ to its complete development, and learn what may affect it for good or for evil. Is anyone foolish enough or mad enough to think that this is an improper study for a pure-minded woman? If so he is in the depths of ignorance and in the bonds of superstitious prejudice. For this is not only her right but her duty. Is she, the future mother, to know nothing of motherhood? She, the producer, to be excluded from sexual knowledge? Let this rubbish be taught to monks and nuns, if they will, but not to the would-be mothers of an imperial race.

The chief danger to young woman at the outset of their lives is flattery—especially male flattery. Foolish mothers, in their fondness, cocker them from infancy, teach them before they can lisp to love showy clothes and ornaments, compliment them to their faces, and give them the first taste for what may at length become their ruin. Thus we see little girls mincing in gait and affecting the airs of adult vanity. As they sow they reap. The girl in her teens gets a lover, who "writes a sonnet to his mistress' eyebrow." As she grows older her appetite for flattery becomes grosser, and, at length, insatiable. To say nothing of others, the practised seducer—and we have a large number of that profession in our midst—plies her skilfully, artistically, and fools her to the top of her bent. All this has only one ending. All know it; all foresee it. Yet, like the poet's brook, the stream of flattery "runs on for ever."

It is most important, therefore, that girls and young women should be very careful in the selection of friends and acquaintances. The proverb says: "All are not friends that speak us fair." One may rid oneself at once of a worthless book, but not so of a worthless friend. Such a one has a limpet-like capacity for sticking. Casual acquaintance is so risky that it would be better to be altogether avoided, and only those of known reputation should be admitted to a young woman's intimacy. Association with worthy acquaintances may ripen into friendship, but the process should be a slow and careful one, no matter to which sex they may belong. Friendship is too momentous to be made hastily and thoughtlessly. For the whole course of a life may be seriously affected by it. "Friendship," said a classical writer, "is stronger than kindred." If so, how necessary it must be to exercise the wisest discretion in entering upon it.

If friendship requires careful choice, love, which is of more importance, comes unbidden, and probably only comes once. We may esteem from reflection, may like from association, but can neither love nor refuse to love at will. Love, too, can neither be bought nor sold, bartered nor bargained for. As the proverb says: "Love is the loadstone of love." And this is one of the most powerful reasons why a girl should guard against chance acquaintance, lest she bestow it on some one unworthy of it. Amorousness and fits of fancy arising from propinquity are common enough and sufficiently mischievous, but love is rare, is constant, stronger than death, and deeper than the grave. Wretched are they who bestow without receiving; happy are they who find it. The girl who contemplates marriage should be well assured that she possesses a real one and that it is mutual. Nothing else can make wedded life happy, or even endurable to highly-strung natures. And that it may not be marred in after life by any flaw of constitution, or by incompatibility of temper, she should refuse to engage herself to the worthiest man if any evil taint is strong in his family or in hers, and should practise the habit of cheerfulness from childhood. It is better not to mate at all than to produce children cursed with hereditary disease; better never to marry than to lead a cat-and-dog life. And that all contingencies may be provided for, it would be well for every girl to prepare herself, in case of necessity, to earn her own livelihood in the way most suitable to her. Then, should she never have the good fortune to make a match from mutual affection, she will be under no compulsion to make the mercenary one leads to misery. Better—a thousand times better—a single life, with liberty and independence, than to prostitute body and soul for life under the sacred name of marriage.

BAND OF HOPE UNION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Saturday afternoon the Quarterly Council meeting of the General Council of the Newcastle, Gateshead and District Band of Hope Union, was held by kind permission in the Church Institute, Chester-le-Street. Over 80 representatives were present all of whom entered with keen interest and great heartiness into the discussion of the important items of business brought before them. In his review of the Quarters work Mr. Troup, the organising Secretary, gave some interesting details of the success of the Open Air Band of Hope Movement. He stated that most successful afternoon demonstrations had been held at Gateshead, Wallsend, and in the East End of Newcastle, and also some less pretentious but none the less joyous and useful evening gatherings in which the Bands in the district had joined for singing marching, and a grand romp with their officers. The united open air meetings in the more densely populated localities had however been the most beneficial to the cause. In addition to the choruses, solos, recitations, etc., there had been in each case a short popular lecture with chemical experiments, diagrams, charts, etc., which had always arrested and kept the attention of large audiences of children and adults. This work had received the cordial support of the local workers and had undoubtedly been a splendid stimulus to them, as well as a means of keeping up the interest of the children. —Mr. Chippindale spoke of the popularity of his educational work in the day schools since last Council. Forty-four lectures had been given to 5,464 scholars and 183 teachers and nine examinations had been conducted and certificates of merit awarded to 91½ per cent. of those examined. Mr. Featherstone gave the statement of finances which showed a deficit of £140.—The president, the Rev. R. Stewart, M.A., with great eloquence and fervour, addressed the workers on "Enthusiasm," pointing out that it was the spirit of heroes, martyrs, and reformers, since the world began. He indicated by many pertinent references to history that every good cause owed its origin and success to men or women who were possessed by a spirit of holy madness, and the same he said it must characterise those who would bring to a successful issue the great enterprize in which they were engaged.—A thoroughly practical paper contributed by Mr. G. H. Pattinson, of Tudhoe, on the use of the optical lantern in ordinary Band of Hope work. It was largely a relation of personal experiences as an amateur, and clearly proved that this invaluable auxiliary was well within the reach of the poorest committee. He showed that a complete outfit could be obtained by the judicious expenditure of 50/-, and with a little contrivance and application the ordinary average worker might thus greatly enhance the value of his efforts.—After an inspection of the venerable church of Chester-le-Street, under the kind and able conductorship of the rector, the Rev. A. De Moleyns, the party was entertained to an excellent tea by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, the ladies of the respective families gracefully and cheerfully undertaking the arduous duties of hostesses.—Those of the friends mostly gifted with the power of speech were then told off in small parties to six of the surrounding villages, whence they were escorted by local helpers to take the leading part in public meetings previously arranged on the initiative of the organising secretary of the Union. These meetings were all well attended and under the inspirational influence of the afternoon conference, the speakers were both fervent and effective. The crowning event however, was the evening meeting at the lower part of the town by the side of the chief thoroughfare. Here more than 1,000 people gathered of all ages and conditions, and were held spell bound by the novel proceedings of a first class Band of Hope programme in the open air, every item of which was accompanied and illustrated by splendid magic lantern pictures, the majority of the slides were well executed copies of good pictures or admirably coloured photographs o views projected by Mr. W. L. Reed from one of his most powerful instruments, with such perfect regularity and precision, that almost breathless attention was maintained without the slightest interruption for an hour and a half. The meeting was ably conducted by Rev. R. Stewart, president, and effective recitations were given by Mr. George Whitfield, the agent, and a powerful appeal was made by Mr. Troup in the interests of temperance, by the aid of the lantern he demonstrated that the best work of brain and hand had been accomplished without alcohol, and that those who had endured the greatest cold of the Artic regions or the most intense heat of the tropics, had been abstainers, while the testimony of the greatest athletes was conclusive that the highest development of physical power could only be obtained in the absence of drink. His arguments were unassailable and were received without the smallest opposition.

RYTON.

DEATH OF "RYTON CRACK."—The dog fanciers of Northumberland and Durham will be surprised to hear of the death of the beautiful rough collie dog "Ryton Crack," the property of Mr. Matthew Herdman, Hawick, Kirkwhelpington, which took place on Wednesday morning of last week. "Ryton Crack" was one of the best (if not the best) dogs of the class in the North of England. He was well known in all the show yards in Northumberland and Durham, and generally carried off chief honours in his class.

THREE large editions have been already called for of the first part of Messrs Cassell and Company's new fine-art serial, entitled "Pictorial England and Wales."

LILITH.

A SEQUEL TO "THE UNLOVED WIFE,"

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CHAPTER XV. (continued.)

DURING all the remainder of the season in Paris it required all Lilith's tact to avoid receiving a direct proposal of marriage from one or another of her fortune-hunting adorers.

At length she almost offended Madame Von Bruyin by declining to go into company at all.

"They take me for '*a widow indeed*,' madame, and it becomes very embarrassing," she pleaded.

"Well, but, *petite*, we cannot explain; so what is to be done?" inquired the baroness, laughing at the absurdity of Lilith's dilemma.

"I do not know, unless I avoid society. I might stay at home when you go out, and keep my room when you have company here," replied the girl.

"But I cannot consent to any such isolation on your part. It would not be good for your health of mind or body. Come, my dear, cheer up! Endure the homage of the world for a few days longer—only for a few days, *petite*, and then it will be over. Paris will be empty, and we ourselves will be inhaling the mountain air of Switzerland," laughed the lady.

And Lilith, having no alternative, endured the tortures of her false position until the fashionable world had fled from town.

The baroness and her companion lingered a little behind the others, in order that Madame Von Bruyin might show Lilith all those places of interest which a new-comer must see, but which had hitherto been neglected for other and more social pastimes.

It was, then, near the end of July when they left Paris for Switzerland.

They spent the months of August, September and October in travelling over the north of Europe, halting at no point for more than three or four days.

In November they went to Rome, and sojourned in the "Eternal City" until the first of January, when they returned to Paris, where the Baroness Von Bruyin, having laid aside her first mourning, plunged into all the gaieties of the capital, taking her companion with her.

Everywhere they were very much admired. They could not possibly be rivals, even when constantly seen together. They were both so beautiful, yet their style was so dissimilar, so well contrasted, that they actually enhanced each other's attractions.

Lilith was no longer in danger of receiving embarrassing proposals of marriage. The same mysterious agent which had started the report of her fabulous wealth was most probably responsible for another report to the effect that the beautiful young widow was about to bestow her hand and fortune upon an eminent American statesman, to whom she had been for many months engaged. But she was none the less admired because she was inaccessible.

In February, however, the restless baroness, with all her party, crossed the channel, and went to London, to be in time to see the pageant of the queen's opening of Parliament.

Madame Von Bruyin, through her friends, obtained admission for herself and *protégé* to the peeress' gallery in the House of Lords, and from that vantage point witnessed the imposing ceremony.

Later on in the season our country-girl from West Virginia saw the majesty of England once again.

It was on the occasion of the first drawing-room of the season at Buckingham Palace, when Madame Von Bruyin and her *protégé* were presented by the wife of the German Ambassador.

After this presentation, the baroness, who had taken a handsomely furnished house on Westbourne Terrace, and whose year of mourning had expired, issued invitations for a large party, which she wished to make the most brilliant of the season.

The baroness had passed two seasons in London. The first as a *debutante* with her father, and a German princess as a chaperone; the second as a bride, with her newly married husband; and now in her third season she entered society as a young handsome and wealthy widow with a very extensive acquaintance.

She issued over five hundred invitations to her ball, and these included many of the most distinguished persons of the age, celebrities of high rank, of world-wide scientific, literary, diplomatic or military renown, the beauties and geniuses of the hour, and so forth.

The ball was to be a great success.

Lilith strongly objected to being present—pleaded earnestly to be relieved from attending it.

"Dear madame, I feel as if, in my circumstances, I ought to live in strict retirement. I am *not* Mrs. Wyvil. I am *not* a widow. I am Tudor Hereward's repudiated wife. When I find myself in a ball-room or in a drawing-room, surrounded by people who seem anxious to do me honour—I feel—oh, I feel just as if I were only a fraud, a humbug, an impostor, an adventuress. And, oh! I feel so deeply *ashamed* of myself and my false position! So humiliated and degraded! I feel this even more deeply in these English drawing-rooms than I did in the Parisian *salons*. Oh, dear madame, pray do not insist on my presence at your ball!" she prayed.

"Lilith, you are the most morbid creature I ever met with in all the days of my life. You would like to shut yourself up in a convent, I suppose just because that hateful man, after marrying you to be revenged on me, has thrown you off to please himself!" exclaimed Leda Von Bruyin.

"Pray do not speak of Mr. Hereward in that way," said the loyal young wife.

"I *will* speak of him as he deserves. I am beginning to *hate* that man. Yes, and to hate myself for ever having imagined that I liked him."

"Oh, Madame Von Bruyin!"

"It is true. The more I see of the world, the longer I live, the more experience I gain, the more heartily I dislike that man, and dislike myself for ever having fancied that I liked him," exclaimed the baroness.

"I am very sorry you feel so," said Lilith.

"Sorry! Sorry that I have ceased to be in love with your husband, Lilith? Well, you *are* an oddity!"

"Oh, no, not sorry for *that!* Glad—thankful for that! But very sorry that you cannot feel friendly towards him!"

"Bah! what a baby you are! He himself once quoted this line to me:

'Friendship sometimes turns to love,
But love to friendship, never!'

And it does not! It dies out in indifference, or it turns to hate and scorn, and *self*-scorn as well!"

"Ah, madame—" commenced Lilith.

"'Ah, madame,'" mocked the baroness. "Look here, my dear, I *have* known, and I thank Heaven that I have known one unselfish man who loved without self love! And he was Nicholas Von Bruyin. And the more I see of other men, the more I love and honour him. Mr. Hereward certainly suffers in that comparison. But to return to the subject of the ball, Lilith, my dear, I really cannot consent to your absenting yourself."

"But, madame—"

"But, nonsense! If you are are in a false position it is not one of your choosing. Your husband has forced you into it. If you are called Mrs. Wyvil, it is because your husband has forbidden you to bear his name, and you are so meek as to obey him. And if you seem to be a widow, it is because he has made you one in fate if not in law. But you shall not 'wear the willow' for his undeserving sake! You shall enjoy life as your youth and beauty entitle you to do. And I will protect you in this. Do not fear to be embarrassed by any more proposals of marriage. That embarrassment is forestalled. You are understood to be engaged to an American statesman of high rank. And that is also true, is it not? You *do* consider yourself most solemnly engaged, yes, most solemnly and eternally engaged, to that man, notwithstanding his repudiation of you, do you not?"

"Yes, madame! But I wish you would not call Mr. Hereward '*that* man,'" said Lilith.

"Very well! Since you object, I will call him *this* man! And while we are objecting, let me tell you that I object to you calling me 'madame,' as if I were somebody's aunt or grandmother! I am only about three years older than you are. And I call you 'Lilith,' do you observe? And *my* name is Leda; though I am likely to forget it, for since my father and my husband died there is no human being in the world left to call me Leda, unless my chosen friend and sister will do so," said Madame Von Bruyin, with a touch of pathos in her tone.

"I will go to your ball, Leda," said Lilith, conceding both points in her gentle answer.

The ball was to be a great success, and it *was* a great success.

Lilith was exposed to another complication. She was in danger of being "taken up" by a certain distinguished clique, patronised by a certain august personage, and being turned into a "professional beauty."

And the baroness made the conquest of an Italian prince, of about her own age, of much grace, beauty and accomplishments; of—what is much rarer in Continental princes—great wealth also, and of a family who claimed to read their title clear through all the centuries of recorded history, back into the age of fable and chaos, where all things are void or misty.

Prince Otto Gherardini was in personal appearance and temperament so diametrically antagonistic to the charming baroness that they were inevitably destined to be attracted to each other, as positive and negative in electricity.

Therefore it followed that at their very first meeting the dark, graceful, fiery Italian youth became desperately enamoured of the fair, stately, serene German lady.

After the ball, the baroness and her protégé were inundated with invitations to all sorts of entertainments, so that had they accepted every one, between garden parties, morning concerts, five o'clock teas, dinner parties and balls, they would have had scarcely an hour to call their own.

Lilith, with her saddened heart, shrank from all these social excitements and dissipations, yet, being irresistibly borne on by the imperious will of the baroness, she was drawn into the maelstrom.

Gherardini, with Italian subtlety, contrived to meet the baroness everywhere, so that gossip soon connected their names, and the world look forward to the announcement of their betrothal.

The baroness laughed at him, as a boy, behind his back, but treated him as a prince before his face.

Lilith secretly hoped that they might marry, and be happy, so that she herself might be at liberty to return to New York and rest in Aunt Sophie's quiet though humble home.

So the London season drew to its close. The announcement of the marriage of Prince Otto Gherardini with the Baroness Von Bruyin, arranged to come off early in the ensuing year, appeared in the *Court Journal*, and in the society columns of other London papers. It took no one by surprise, not even Lilith.

Madame Von Bruyin and her suite left London for a short tour in Wales and Cornwall, and spent a few pleasant and healthful weeks in leisurely travel through that beautiful, picturesque and legendary land.

In September they halted, and took lodgings at a farm-house near the mountain village of Llandorf.

There they settled down for a brief period to enjoy the simple country life of the neighbourhood.

Lilith, world-weary and heart-sick, felt the benign and soothing influence of nature around her, and resigned herself to rest—if rest might be granted her.

It was now eighteen months since she had been driven from her home. In all this time she had never once heard *from* her husband, and only once had she heard *of* him; and that was when she learned from Madame Von Bruyin that Mr. Hereward had been appointed Secretary of Legation to the Court of———. Since that day, fifteen months ago, no sign of his existence had appeared to her. In vain she searched all the insular and continental papers. His name never by any chance appeared in any paper.

Did Lilith resign all hope of ever hearing of him, seeing him, being reconciled to him again?

Ah, no! Though hope was only torture now, she could not help but entertain it. A thousand times she had said to herself:

"There is not the slightest possibility of such happiness for me. I am *dead* to my husband! Yes, I am *dead* to him, as I could never have been had only a natural death devided us, and not a spiritual one. I shall never meet him again, neither in this life nor the life to come."

But though she continually said this to herself, and though she tried to school her heart to believe it, yet, yet, she could not resign hope, for "While there is life there is hope"—"Hope springs eternal in the human breast." And so, though hope was anguish, she could not give it up.

One lovely day, near the last of September, Lilith was sitting alone in the little parlour of their lodgings. She had drawn her chair to the window to sit and enjoy the fine view of mountain lake and wood stretched out before her.

The breakfast table was set, but Madame Von Bruyin, who was a late riser, had not come down.

While Lilith sat there gazing from the window, and waiting for her patroness, the old postman for that neighbourhood came up the garden walk, and seeing her at the window, nodded pleasantly, and stopped to deliver his mail.

He laid a pile of letters and papers on the sill, nodded and smiled again, and turned away.

Lilith looked over the superscriptions of the letters. They were all for Madame Von Bruyin, Monsieur Le Grange, the lady's maid or the footman. There was not one for Lilith. Nor was she disappointed. There seldom was a letter for her, so she did not expect one.

She placed the letters on the breakfast table, and turned to look at the papers.

She took up the *Times* first, of course, and she turned first to the foreign and diplomatic news, hoping against hope—as she had done a thousand times before—that she might see her husband's name, if it were only a line in the list of guests at some State dinner, or in any casual event.

But no! There was nothing! She was again disappointed, as she had been a thousand times before.

Wearily, drearily her sad eyes wandered over the paper, indifferent now to anything she might find there.

Yet—Great Heaven! What was this? Not the name of Tudor Hereward! No; but the answer to a daily, nightly agonised prayer to Almighty God!—or so it seemed to Lilith's amazed vision. Daily and nightly, in her morning and evening worship, for the last two years, Lilith had prayed:

"Have mercy, oh, Father, upon all poor prisoners and captives; upon all miserable criminals and convicts; bringing the guilty to a profound contrition, to pardon and to peace; bringing the innocent to a full vindication, deliverance and salvation."

And these words, upon which her wandering eyes became fixed in astonishment, seemed the answer to that prayer.

(To be continued).

LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

RYTON.

The fourth annual exhibition was held on Saturday afternoon. The judges were Messrs William Little (Fell and Co., Hexham); J. Morrison, Ryton; William Scott, Blaydon; and R. Barnes, Ryton. Appended is a list of the principal prizetakers:—Open class: J. Morris, N. Walker, J. Hunter, T. Harrison, R. Barnes, N. Johnson, J. Gardiner, M. Wheatley, R. Errington, R. Arthur, R. Robson, W. Telford, G. Hall, R. Middleton, T. Foster, T. Leck, J. Richardson, and T. Spoor. Amateurs' class:—T. Leck, R. Ions, H. Purvis, H. Forrest, N. Johnson, J. Richardson, M. Wheatley, W. Hindshaw, J. Pattison, C. Hall, R. Farbridge, R. Middleton, M. Clark, J. Moffit, and E. Moody. Gardeners' class: J. Best, R. Barnes, W. Hall, W. Taylor, T. Foster, and M. Wheatley. Society's leek club competition: T. Spoors, Stella, 1; M. Wheatley, Greenside, 2; R. Ions, Holly Bush, 3; C. Hall, 4; G. Moody, 5; D. Campbell, 6. Farmers' class: W. Carter, G. Newton, R. Whitfield, H. White, E. Forrest, M. Wheatley. Industrial: Miss Watson, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Charlton, Miss Charlton, Mrs. Best, Mr. Geo Pringle, Miss Moody, Miss E. Waugh, Miss Rochester, and Miss Arkless. Quoiting contest: M. Curley, Newburn; F. Laverick, Blaydon; and W. Nixon, Throckley divided the stakes for first and second; W. Whitfield, Spen, third. Brass band contest:—Selection: Throckley, Mr. G. Perry conductor, 1; Sunderland East End, conductor Mr. J. G. Mackintosh, 2; Chester-le-Street C.E.T.S., conductor Mr. J. Howe, 3. For the March, Gateshead Borough Band, conductor Mr. J. R. Porteus, secured first prize, and Westwood, conductor Mr. W. Holdsworth, was second.

FELLSIDE, MARLEY HILL, AND WHICKHAM FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The 37th annual exhibition of flowers, plants, and vegetables, was held on Saturday, in a field kindly granted by Mr. W. Noble, Fellside. During the year the president, Mr. R. W. Berkley, of Marley Hill House, and the Committee and Secretary, Mr. J. Clark, of Marley Hill, had worked hard for the success of the society, and great praise was due to those gentlemen for the able manner in which they had made the various arrangements. From the subjoined list it will be seen that Messrs T. Thompson, C. Vickery, J. Cawthorn, W. Armstrong, A. Cawthorn, carried all before them. The various exhibits were of excellent quality, and the entries were far in excess of previous years and it was expected that it would have been a record show. However, the weather was not at all favourable to this, as it rained heavily all day, especially at about 4.30 p.m., and at a time when the most people were on their way to the village. The judges of the various classes were as follows:—For flowers and vegetables, Mr. Bettonsby, Axwell, and Mr. Watt, Harperley; writing, Mr. Castle, of Whickham Board Schools; and Mrs. Heppell, Sunniside, adjudged the butter, eggs, and bread.

The following is a full list of awards.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants.—1, T. Simpson; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, T. Heslop.

One pot of Liliums.—1, T. Heslop; 2, T. Simpson; 3, W. Armstrong.

One light fuchsia.—1, W. Oliphant; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, T. Simpson.

One dark fuchsia.—1, T. Simpson; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, W. Armstrong.

Two zonale geranium.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, T. Simpson; 3, A. Cawthorn.

One petunia.—1, T. Heslop; 2, T. Simpson; 3, C. Vickery.

One German stock.—1, J. Morris; 2, W. Armstrong.

One balsam.—1, T. Simpson; 2, J. Cawthorn.

One antirrhium.—1, J. Watson; 2, R. Lee.

One calceolaria shrubby.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, J. Morris.

One scarlet geranium.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, W. Armstrong.

Two foliage plants.—1, T. Simpson; 2, F. Heslop; 3, W. Oliphant.

One pelagonium.—2, C. Vickery.

CUT FLOWERS.

Six dahlias.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, A. Cawthorn.

Three dahlias.—1, A. Cawthorn; 2, J. Cawthorn.

One dahlia.—1, A. Cawthorn; 2, J. Cawthorn.

Six French marigolds, striped.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, R. McNeal; 3, J. Cawthorn.

Six French marigolds, self.—1, J. Brown; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, A. Cawthorn.

Six African marigolds, orange.—1, A. Cawthorn; 2, Vickery.

Six African marigolds, lemon.—1, R. Maughan; 2, C. Vickery.

Six Fancy pansies.—1, A. Cawthorn; 2, C. Vickery; 3, W. Vickery.

Six show pansies.—1, J. Cawthorn.

Six French asters.—1, McNeal; 2, W. Brown, jun.; 3, A. Cawthorn.

Six globe asters.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, R. McNeal; 3, C. Vickery.

Six stands drummondi.—1, W. Brown, jun.; 2, W. Vickery.

Three phloxes.—1, J. Morris; 2, W. Armstrong.

Three spikes gladioli.—1, W. Armstrong.

Six roses.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, J. F. Gardner; 3, W. Armstrong.

Three bottles cut flowers.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, T. Simpson.

Three bottles of hardy annuals.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, T. Simpson.

Hand bouquet of annuals.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, J. Morris; 3, T. Simpson.

VEGETABLES.

Six round white potatoes.—1, S. Vickery; 2, Jas. McQueen; 3, W. Noble.

Six white kidney potatoes.—1, W. Noble; 2, Jas. McQueen; 3, W. Brown, jun.

Six red round potatoes.—1, P. Sharp; 2, R. Nicholson; 3, J. McQueen.

Six kidney potatoes.—1, P. Sharp; 2, J. Morris; 3, J. Crossby.

Six summer onions.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, J. Milburn.

Three leeks.—1, W. Parkin; 2, J. Morris; 3, T. Brown.

Three roots of beet, not cut.—1, R. Morton; 2, H. Maughan; 3, J. McQueen.

Three stalks of rhubarb.—1, F. Gardner; 2, P. Sharp.

Twelve pods of peas.—1, J. McQueen; 2, H. Maughan.

Six pods of beans.—1, R. Riddle; 2, W. Vickery.

Six winter onions.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, H. Maughan.

One early cabbage.—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, W. Oliphant.

One savoy cabbage.—1, T. Brabban; 2, R. Coupland.

One Scotch cabbage.—1, E. Vickery; 2, R. Morton.

One red cabbage.—1, T. Simpson; 2, J. Milburn; 3, J. Ringer.

One cauliflower.—1, T. Simpson; 2, G. Morton; 3, J. Dawson.

Three carrots.—1, Gowan Gray; 2, J. Cawthorn.

Three parsnips.—1, G. Gray; 2, J. Morris.

Three white turnips.—1, H. Maughan; 2, T. Hutchinson.

Three yellow turnips.—1, J. McQueen; 2, W. Armstrong.

Two heads of celery, not cut.—1, J. Young; 2, R. Morton; 3, R. Nicholson.

One vegetable marrow.—1, W. Dawson; 2, J. Morris.

Two cucumbers.—1, T. Simpson; 2, G. Morton; W. Dawson.

FRUIT.

Best four apples.—1, H. Maughan; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, R. Maughan.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Best 1lb pat of butter for table use.—1, Miss Rutherford; 2, Miss Stark; 3, R. Meddick.

Six large round hen eggs.—1, W. A. Morton; 2, J. Coulson; 3, W. Ward.

EXTRA PRIZES.

Six dahlias.—1, (given by Miss W. Noble), J. Cawthorn; 2, (by the society), A. Cawthorn.

Bouquet of cut flowers.—1, 2, (given by Mr. R. Maughan), J. Oliphant.

Two fuchsias.—1, (given by Mr. T. Simpson), A. Cawthorn.

Twelve globe asters.—1, (given by Messrs H. Maughan and J. Coulson), J. Cawthorn; 2, (given by Mr. R. Coupland), R. McNeal; 3, (given by society), A. Cawthorn.

Two French asters, two self marigolds, and two striped (French).—1, (given by Messrs S. and R. Nicholson), J. Cawthorn; 2, A. Cawthorn.

Six victoria asters.—1, (given by Mr. W. Vickers), J. Cawthorn; 2, J. Watson.

Three bottles of hardy and half hardy annuals.—1, (given by Mrs. W. Noble), J. Morris; 2, J. Cawthorn.

One balsam.—1, (given by Mr. R. Maughan), T. Simpson; 2, W. Armstrong.

Six stands of verbenas.—1, (given by Mr. W. Dawson), A. Cawthorn; 2, (given by Mr. R. Morton), J. Cawthorn.

Twelve French marigolds.—1, (given by Mr. J. Cawthorn), J. Brown; 2, S. Nicholson; 3, T. Simpson.

Four button hole flowers.—1, (given by Mr. R. Foster), W. Oliphant; 2, (given by Miss H. Robinson), J. Cawthorn.

Twelve round white potatoes.—1, (given by Mr. W. Noble), W. Brown; 2, (given by the society), P. Sharp.

Twelve white kidney potatoes.—1, (given by Mr. R. Maughan), P. Sharp; 2, (given by the society), H. Lamb.

Three kinds of vegetables.—1, (given by Mr. W. Cuthbertson), J. Cawthorn; 2, (given by Mr. P. Sharp), T. Simpson.

Two heads of celery, two roots of beet, and two parsnips.—Three prizes (given by Mr. W. Watson), 1, W. Dawson; 2, J. Dawson; 3, J. McQueen.

Twelve potatoes, six kidney and six round white.—1, (given), P. Sharp; 2, R. Maughan.

Two leeks and two heads of celery.—1, S. Nicholson; 2, W. Brown, jun.

Best, plain loaf of white bread.—1, (given by the society), G. Gray; 2, J. Ringer; 3, Miss Rutherford.

Six stands of phlox drummondi.—1, (given by Mr. R. Cheeseman), J. Cawthorn; 2, W. Brown.

Best leek.—1, (given by Mr. T. Brown), W. Parkin.

Two cucumbers.—1, W. Brown; 2, given by Messrs G. and M. Heppell), T. Simpson.

Two victoria asters.—1, R. McNeal; 2, J. Cawthorn, (given by Mr. Wilson, Newcastle); 3, (given by the society), C. Vickery.

A collection of vegetables.—1, (given by the society), T. Simpson; 2, J. Young; 3, (given by Messrs J. Young, W. Parkin, and J. Morton), T. Heslop.

A basket of hardy and half hardy garden annual flowers.—1, J. Cawthorn.

EXTRA SPECIALS.

One cauliflower.—1, J. Morton; 2, W. Dawson.

Two heads of celery.—1, J. Morton; 2, N. Nicholson.

Three heaviest potatoes.—1, W. Noble.

Writing Competition confined to Marley Hill and Fellside Sunday Schools, for children not having passed any standard.—1, (given by Mr. J. Clark), E. Oates; 2, (given by society), G. Clark.

For children between seven and nine years of age.—1, (given by Mr. J. Brown and Mr. R. McNeil), Agnes Graham; 2, (given by the society), Ethel Potts; 3, W. Gregory.

For children between nine and 11.—1, (given by W. Brown), G. Storey; 2, (given by the society), Isabella Cockburn.

For children between 10 and 12.—1, (given by J. Parkin), Mary Ellen Dixon; 2, (given by the Society), Matthew Young.

For any child that has not passed the 4th standard.—1, (given by Mr. J. Watson, Gateshead)) James Purdy; 2, (given by the Society), Charles Morton.

The Marley Hill Brass Band was in attendance, and gave a selection of music which was well appreciated.

STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The 63rd annual show of the Stanhope Agricultural Society was held in the Castle Grounds on Saturday. The weather was much more favourable than at Wolsingham on Wednesday. The show was an excellent one in every respect, and so far as the cattle classes went, it was nearly a record. It was the largest total entry since 1888. There was an increase in cattle, horses, dogs, and sheep. The entries were:—Cattle, 60; sheep, 113; horses, 118; dogs, 20; pigs, 8; driving, 20; leaping, 10; dairy produce, 40; old produce 48—total, 443. The luncheon was presided over by Mr. W. R. J. Hopkins, of Darlington, supported by the Bishop of Richmond. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. J. W. Roddam.—The Chairman, in proposing "Success to the Stanhope Agricultural Society," said no one deserved success who did not try for success. In these days of agricultural science a farmer could obtain all possible advantages from such if he tried.—Mr. W. Vickers, Eastgate, in responding, expressed the opinion that the rent of farms in the Northern counties were too high, and he argued that the proper remedy for depression was a reduction of the rents.—The arrangements were well carried out by the secretary (Mr. R. Thompson). The following were the judges:—Shorthorn and dairy cows, Border Leicester sheep, and swine—Mr. Jos. Lothian, Winder Hall, Penrith; Mr. G. M. Angus, Matfen High House, Corbridge. Black-faced and mule sheep and shepherds' dogs—Mr. John Shield, Park Gate, Allendale; Mr. Rob. Rowlandson, Park Gate, Allendale. Draught horses and ponies—Mr. Thos. Burdess, Dukes Field, Hexham; Mr. Jacob Smith, Acomb Grange, York. Harness, driving, and leaping—Mr. John Shaw, Darlington; Mr. Edward Rigg, King's Head Hotel, Appleby. Butter and eggs—Mrs. Lothian, Winder Hall, Penrith; Miss Maidment, Durham College of Science.

PRIZE LIST.

CATTLE.—SHORTHORNS.

Bull above two years old.—1, Geo. Harrison, The Hall, Gainford; 2, Thos. Robinson, Shield Ash, Stanhope.

Bull above one and under two years old.—1, Geo. Harrison, The Hall, Gainford; 2, John Nattrass, Field Head, Westgate; 3, Wm. Watson, Ling Riggs, Ireshopeburn.

Bull calf under 12 months old.—1, Thos. Robinson, Shield Ash; 2, Ralph Metcalfe, Dent Gate.

Cow above three years old, in calf or in milk, or having had a calf withing 12 months.—1, Geo. Harrison, The Hall, Gainford; 2, Ralph Metcalfe, Dent Gate, Barnard Castle; 3, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park, Tow Law.

Two-year-old heifer, in calf or milk.—1, Geo. Harrison, Gainford; 2, Ralph Metcalfe, Dent Gate; 3, Thos. Emmerson, Unthank, Stanhope.

Yearling heifer.—1, Geo. Harrison, Gainford; 2, John N. Lamb, Egglestone-in-Teesdale; 3, Wm. Heads, Greencroft, Stanhope.

Heifer calf under 12 months.—1, John N. Lamb, Egglestone; 2, Geo. Harrison, The Hall, Gainford.

Male, any age.—1, Thomas Robinson, Shield Ash, Stanhope; 2, John Nattrass, Feld Head, Westgate; 3, John Walton, Park View.

Female, not exceeding two years of age.—1, Wm. Heads, Greencroft, Stanhope; 2, Thomas Robinson, Shield Ash, Stanhope; 3, T. Robinson, Shield Ash.

Female, above two years of age.—1, John Emmerson, Unthank; 2 and 3, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park.

DAIRY COWS.

Cow of any breed for dairy purposes.—1, T. Featherstone, East Black Dean; 2, R. Milburn, West Black Dean; 3, Thos Robinson, Shield Ash.

Cow of any breed for dairy purposes, the owner being rated at not more than £30 per annum for the land occupied by the exhibitor.—1, Jos. Graham, Seelling, Wearhead; 2, and 3, John Robinson, Back Lane, Stanhope.

SHEEP—BORDER LEICESTER.

Tup above two years old.—1, George Beveridge, Wharnley Burn, Blackhill; 2, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester.

Tup lamb.—1, Messrs Snowball, Hedley Grange, Stocksfield-on-Tyne; 2, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester.

Pen of two ewes having reared lambs this season.—1, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester.

Pen of two shearling gimmers.—1, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester.

Pen of two gimmer lambs.—1, J. E. Nicholson; 2, Georgye Beveridge, Wharnley Burn, Blackhill.

MULE.—Or the first cross between a Leicester Ram and Black-faced Ewe.

Pen of two gimmer lambs.—1, George Brown, Shotley Hall, Middleton; 2, George H. Emerson, Willow Green, Frosterley.

BLACK-FACED.

Tup above two years old.—1 and 2, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park, Tow Law; 3, Thomas A. Stephenson, Newbiggen House, Eastgate.

Shearling Tup.—1 and 2, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park, Tow Law; 3, W. H. Spark, Corn Mill, Allendale.

Tup lamb.—1, 2, and 3, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park, Tow Law.

Pen of two gimmer lambs.—1, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park; 2 and 3, Thomas A. Stephenson, Newbiggen House, Blanchland.

Pen of five black-faced sheep, any age or sex.—1, Joseph Vickers, Elm Park, Tow Law; 2, Thomas A. Stephenson, Newbiggen House.

PIGS.

Cottager's pig, owner's rental not to exceed £10.—1 and 3, Mrs. D. Robinson, Stanhope; 2, Mrs. J. Bowman, Stanhope.

HORSES.—FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Brood mare having reared a foal or stinted the season.—1, Thos. A. Stephenson, Newbiggen House, Blanchland; 2, John Peacock, Brinkburn Farm, Tyne Dock.

Two-year-old gelding or filly.—1, J. W. Rothergard, Gosforth; 2, R. Hall, Thornstree House, Seaton Burn.

Yearling colt, gelding or filly.—1, Richard Mews, Stanhope; 2, Thos. Nesbit, McNeil Farm, Witton-le-Wear.

Foal.—John Peacock, Tyne Dock; 2, Thos. A. Stephenson, Blanchland.

Gelding or mare, any age.—1, Wm. Vickers, Eastgate House, Eastgate; 2, Thos. Nesbit, Witton-le-Wear.

Two-year-old gelding or filly, by Roedham Stallion.—1, Richard Mews, Stanhope; 2, John Emerson, Haggate, Weardale; 3, John Gargett, Ettersgill, Teesdale.

DALE PONIES (not exceeding 14½ hands).

Brood mare having reared a foal or stinted the season.—1, J. W. Teasdale, Mickleton; 2, John Garget, Ettersgill, Teesdale.

Two-year-old gelding or filly.—1, Richard Mews, Stanhope; 2, John Garget, Ettersgill, Teesdale.

Yearling colt, gelding or filly.—1, Jos. Wm. Dent, Mickleton, Yorks; 2, J. Dent, Sunderland Farm, Eastgate.

Foal.—1, John Dowson, Fool Syke Woodlands; 2, Messrs Beadle, Etersgill, Middleton.

Gelding or mare, any age, to be ridden when before the judges.—1, A. Phillipson, Dipton; 2, J. Hawkin, Shildon.

COB PONIES (not exceeding 14 hands).

Gelding or mare, any age, to be ridden when before the judges.—1, John Chapman, Quarry House, Woodlands; 2, G. R. Wooler, Bombay House, Wolsingham.

FOR SADDLE OR HARNESS (exceeding 14 hands).

Brood mare, having reared a foal or stinted the season.—1, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House.

Two-year-old gelding or filly.—1, Simon Thwaites, Crook; 2, John Emerson, Haggate, Eastgate; 3, Wm. Dalton, Snowhope Close, Weardale.

Yearling colt, gelding or filly.—1, Isabella H. Muncaster, Spring Gardens, Lanchester; 2, Jos. Hall, Ashtree House, Holmside, Chester-le-Street; 3, H. A. Keeley, Esh Village, Durham; 3, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House.

Foal.—1, John Weir, Cross Hill, Blanchland; 2, H. A. Keeley, Esh Village, Durham; 3, J. E. Nicholson, Manor House.

Gelding or mare, any age, to be ridden when before the judges.—1, John Hawkin, Shildon Road, Shildon; 2, Wm. Gregory and Sons, Bishop Auckland; 3, John Pattison, High Waskerley.

SPECIAL CLASSES.

DRIVING—SINGLE HARNESS.

Gelding or mare, not exceeding 15.2 hands, light draught, for farmer or tradesmen, to be driven when before the judges.—1, Wm. Gregory and Sons, Bishop Auckland; 3, A. Phillipson, Dipton.

PONIES.

Gelding or mare, not exceeding 12½ hands, to be driven when before the judges.—1, J. T. Stobbs, Wolsingham; 2, Wm. Dalton, Snowhope Close, Eastgate.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Two pounds butter (unsalted).—1, Miss Urwin, Dunskins, Wolsingham; 2, Mrs. Featherstone, East Black Dean, Eastgate; 3, Miss P. Pickering, Acton, Blanchland.

Two pounds of salted market butter.—1, Miss Urwin, Dunskins; 2, Mrs. Featherstone, East Black Dean, Eastgate; 3, Mrs. Park'n, Mickleton; 4, Mrs. Burn, Witton-le-Wear.

Six hen eggs.—1, Matt. Bright, Bent House, Allenheads; 2, Mrs. Vipond, Newlandside Hall, Stanhope.

BURNOPFIELD.

WESLEYAN METHODISM.—On Saturday evening, a concert was given in the above place of worship by a party of friends from Westwood, Byer Moor, Barkus Close, Tantobie, Marley Hill, and Burnopfield. The soloists were Miss Davison, Miss Mortimer, Miss Oates, Miss Watson; a duet was also ably rendered by Misses Huggup and Watson. The pianists were Miss Dawson, Miss Saunders and Mr. J. Pyle. Recitations were also rendered by Mr. Bassham, and Mr. Johnson of Byer Moor, and Mr. Patterson. After the concert, an old fashioned farmers' supper was held. Considerable amount of speculation existed in the minds of a great many people as to the form, this part of the proceedings would take, but when the plates of roast beef, ham, tongue, pickles, cabbage, potatoes, etc., were placed on the tables at which Miss Latham, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Purvis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Boast presided, their curiosity was appeased. A large portion of the good things was kindly given by a number of friends. On Sunday sermons appropriate to harvest time, were preached by Mr. Mills of Darlington. In the afternoon a service of song entitled "Sowing Wild Oats" was rendered by the chapel choir under the able leadership of Mr. Johnson. The harmoniumist was Mr. J. Pyle, and the reader Miss Mortimer.

ON the 25th inst. will be published the first part of a new work, entitled "Cassell's Family Lawyer," being a popular guide to the civil law of Great Britain, by a Barrister-at-Law.

MESSRS CASSELL & COMPANY will publish next month the first part of a new illustrated work entitled "The Church of England: A History for the People," by the Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D.D., Dean of Gloucester.

MR. FITZGERALD MOLLOY'S new serial story, entitled "A Traitor's Triumph," a modern [illegible] drama founded on fact, will commence in the number of "Cassell's Saturday Journal" published on the 16th inst. In the same issue will appear the first of a series of complete tales by Richard Dowling, under the title of "Stories of London Light."

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