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Cricket.

Stanhope v Cliffe Hall.—Played at Stanhope, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—Stanhope, 139; Cliffe Hall, 43.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1890.

Mr Wm. Ramsay, the energetic secretary of the above club has, as in former years, kindly forwarded to us the performances of the members of the Consett Club for the past season. As will be seen from the report, the club has scarcely been so successful as in previous years, a fact chiefly due to their inability to always put in the field representative elevens. Mr A. S. Godfrey (captain) has the splendid batting average of 34·6 for eight innings, and has likewise done well in the bowling department. Mr T. D. Dales has been a great support to the club, his batting average being 25·7, and his bowling 29 wickets at a cost of 2·2 runs each—an extraordinary analysis. The other figures speak for themselves:—

1st TEAM.

Played 17 matches; won 8; lost 6; drawn 3.

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Name	Matches	Innings	Total runs	Most in innings	Times not out	Average
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T D Dales	10	8	207	54a	2	25·7
I Richards	10	9	148	93	1	16·4
T Jameson	8	7	65	22	1	9·2
A Wood	11	10	85	19a	1	8·5
J Siddell	11	11	91	33	—	8·2
P G Salmon	3	2	15	10	1	7·5
W A Leadbitter	6	5	31	23a	1	6·8
M Williamson	14	13	88	26	1	6·7
G Walton	11	11	68	23	—	6·1
S Rayner	11	9	51	21	2	5·6
J R Richards	7	7	35	11	—	5·
Dr Wynne	13	9	27	9	4	3·
J Askew	5	4	10	8a	1	2·5
P Gibson	4	4	10	4	—	2·5

The following have played in less than three matches:—W Gibson, 9; J McTaggart, 2; R Watson, 1; F Walker, 1; S Templeton, 1; Dr Bibby, 0; J Maddison, 0; M Hobday, 0; J Robinson, 0; and R Heymer, 0.

(a) Denotes not out.

BOWLING.

Name	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maiden overs	Average
T D Dales	64	29	43	25	2·2
P G Salmon	27	8	27	10	3·3
A Wood	24	7	25	8	3·4
A S Godfrey	57	15	42	13	4·3
T Jameson	46	8	18	6	5·7
J Maddison	52	6	26	5	8·6
M Williamson	181	19	83	24	9·5
Dr Wynne	232	24	110·1	21	9·7
I Richards	204	15	85	16	13·6

The following bowled in less than three matches:—J R Richards, 3 runs, 2 wickets, 3 overs, and 1 maiden over; J Siddell, 11 runs, 0 wickets, 2 overs, 0 maiden overs; and W A Leadbitter, 11 runs, 0 wickets, 3 overs, 0 maiden overs.

2nd TEAM.

Played 9; won 5; lost 3; drawn 1.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Matches	Innings	Total runs	Most in innings	Times not out	Average
P Gibson	4	3	41	19	1	13·6
M Hobday	6	6	45	17	—	7·5
R Watson	6	6	45	17	—	7·5
T Jackson	3	3	18	17	—	6·
A Wood	4	4	24	7	—	6·
W Gibson	5	5	28	13	—	5·6
J Fiddess	8	7	27	16	1	3·8
T Watson	5	4	15	11	1	3·7
W Wilson	3	2	7	4a	1	2·5
J Siddell	3	3	10	7	1	3·3
W Bell	5	4	13	5a	1	3·2
J Askew	5	5	13	8	—	2·6
T Turner	4	4	5	5	—	1·2
T T Gray	9	9	7	2	—	·7

The following played in less than three matches:—J G Murray, 8; R Johnson, 7; J McTaggart, 7; R Heymer, 4; G Robinson, 1; and J Collinson, 0 not out.

(a) Denotes not out.

BOWLING.

Name	Runs	Wickets	Overs	Maiden overs	Average
A Wood	71	21	50	17	3·3
T Watson	111	22	66·2	15	5·05
R Watson	21	3	19	6	7·
T T Gray	159	21	63	13	7·8
J Askew	50	2	20	5	25·

The following bowled in less than three matches:—M Williamson, 30 runs, 12 wickets, 21 overs, and 5 maiden overs; J McTaggart, 9 runs, 3 wickets, 5·2 overs, and 1 maiden over; J Maddison, 6 runs, 5 wickets, 5·1 overs, and 2 maiden overs; P Gibson, 11 runs, 0 wickets, 2 overs, 0 maiden overs; J G Murray, 3 runs, 1 wicket, 1 over, 0 maiden overs; John Askew, 13 runs, 0 wickets, 4 overs, 1 maiden over; and J Fiddess, 8 runs, 0 wickets, 4 overs, and 2 maiden overs.

WEDNESDAY TEAM.

Played 6 matches; won 5; lost 1.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	Matches	Innings	Total runs	Most in innings	Times not out	Average
M Hobday	6	5	30	12	1	6·
L McTaggart	3	—	6	4	3	6·
J McTaggart	5	5	28	9	—	5·6
J Collinson	4	4	22	12	—	5·5
M Williamson	5	5	22	11	—	4·4
W Foggon	3	3	11	8	—	3·6
R Marshall	4	3	10	5	1	3·3
T T Gray	3	3	10	6	—	3·3
Dr Wynne	3	3	4	4	—	1·3
J Siddle	5	4	4	2	1	1·

The following played in less than three matches:—P Gibson, 37; T D Dales, 20; W Wilson, 15; Geo Walton, 7; J Fiddess, 2; J Askew, 2; J G Murray, 1; Dr Bibby, 0; W Gibson, 0.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v WALLSEND.—BENEFIT MATCH.

On Saturday afternoon, in glorious summer weather, a match was played at Chester-le-Street between these teams for the benefit of Mr Thomas Farrow, Chester-le-Street, who has acted as umpire for the Chester-le-Street Cricket Club throughout the season. There was a large and fashionable attendance, including a number of ladies. Score:—

WALLSEND.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
R Bell, jun., c Gray	3	J Shaw b W Elliott	0
W Elliott b T Middleton	1	J Witherspoon c W Elliott	8
G E Robson lbw b W Middleton	0	D Shepherd b Bell	0
S Anderson not out	5	G K Walker c Bennett	2
J Patterson b T Middleton	8	T Middleton run out	4
T Yeats c Witherspoon	3	J Bewicke b Yeats	12
G Elliott b T Middleton	2	Wm Middleton c G Elliott	14
R Dawson c and b Bewicke	14	G Halliday c Robson	13
Dr Bennett b T Middleton	1	L Gray c W Elliott	16
T Kydd run out	3	T Hall c W Elliott	6
T J Wood b Bewicke	0	T Raynor not out	1
Extras	1	Extras	5
Total	41	Total	81

GATESHEAD N.E.R. v BLAYDON PARK.

Played on the ground of the Blaydon Club in charming weather, and a pleasant game ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

BLAYDON.		GATESHEAD.	
L Jones b J Thompson	21	J Thompson b Hutton	2
J Jamieson c Glass	1	E Dodds c Ridley	49
H Hutton c Charlton	97	Wm Ellerington c Wear	4
M W Ridley lbw b Glass	8	E A Robinson b Hutton	6
J Hughes b Glass	3	G Iredale b Ridley	6
B Wear b Wilkinson	16	John Thompson c Crozier	9
J Crozier b Thompson	20	G Mosdue b Hutton	3
T Neville b Mordue	2	W Charlton c and b Hutton	4
W Mitchell b John Thompson	7	W Wilkinson c and b Hutton	6
T Laidler not out	0	O Patterson c Wear	6
C Waters run out	0	A Glass not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	4
Total	189	Total	99

RIDING MILL v OVINGHAM.

Played at Riding Mill, and resulted in a draw, though morally an easy win for the home team. W. M. Scott batted well for 38. Score:—

RIDING MILL.		OVINGHAM.	
W M Scott b Hall	38	Oswald b Walters	3
Pyle c and b Turner	0	Waugh b W M Scott	0
Fuller b Walker	10	W C Turner c W M Scott b Walters	3
Walters b Turner	1	Hall c Fuller b Walters	18
Graham run out	0	Walker b W M Scott	0
J Trotter c Graham b Hall	10	Robson b Walters	0
M T Scott b Hall	2	Forster b Walters	2
Byron b Hall	4	J Turner c Fuller b W M Scott	0
Knott c Walker b Turner	16	Emmett not out	0
Townsend b Turner	0		
A Trotter not out	0		
Extras	23	Extras	6
Total	104	Total	32

CHESTER-LE-STREET v A. G. ROBERTSON'S TEAM.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

ROBERTSON'S TEAM.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
F Alder hit wicket	1	W Middleton c Pelham	0
J Wilcox b W Middleton	4	Dr Smith c Peele	4
N E Wilkinson b T Middleton	5	T Middleton b H Wilkinson	14
J Hutchinson b W Middleton	1	J Bewicke b H Wilkinson	8
A G Robertson b W Middleton	1	J Witherspoon b Robertson	0
L Dodd c Donnison	11	T Hall c Dodd	0
C Fogg · Elliott run out	7	R Coxon st	6
A Pelham b T Middleton	0	C Robson b Wilkins'n	17
C Wilkinson b T Middleton	0	G Robinson b Wilkinson	0
H Wilkinson b T Middleton	3	G Donnison not out	9
R Peele not out	1	R Yeomen b Hutchinson	3
Extras	3	Extras	9
Total	37	Total	70

CONSETT FELL v MR W. MAUND'S SCRATCH TEAM.

Played on the Fell ground in very fine weather, and after a very interesting game, resulted in an easy win for the home team. R. Lowes, G. Lowes, and T. Longworth played well for the winners, and J. Maxwell and E. Walker did likewise for the losers. Score:—

SCRATCH TEAM.		CONSETT FELL.	
W Maund b R Lowes	1	R Lowes c Clarke b R Turley	16
E Walker b R Lowes	10	G Lowes b Gibson	17
G Clarke b R Lowes	4	T Charlton l b w b Bullock	0
W Gibson b R Lowes	1	T Longworth b Bullock	13
M Brown b R Lowes	0	J M Williams b Bullock	10
R Turley c J Lowes b T Charlton	4	J Lowes c and b Gibson	2
T Hull run out	0	G Charlton c Clarke b Gibson	1
J Welsh b T Charlton	0	A Kempster b Gibson	5
J Maxwell c G Lowes b Charlton	12	S Walker not out	2
T Bullock st Kempster b R Lowes	0	T Lumsden absent	
J Turley not out	0	T Unsworth b Bullock	7
Extras	2	Extras	15
Total	34	Total	88

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2nd v CASTLESIDE.

Played at Castleside, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors by eight wickets and 21 runs. Score:—

CASTLESIDE.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
W Walton b Seed	15	E Bell not out	27
T Sheldon b Seed	0	J Postle b Maddison	20
J Maddison c Smailes b Postle	0	J Lister c Sheldon	2
J Proud b Postle	6	A Turner	To bat.
G Fleming b Postle	0	R Smailes	
R Gray b Seed	0	S Laverton	
J Robinson b Postle	0	J Seed	
J W Golightly b Postle	1	J Lister	
C Toward b Seed	0	W Dodds	
J Ripley run out	3	A Reed	
J Jackson not out	0	J Hardy	
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	31	Total	52

WEST STANLEY v WESTWOOD.

Played at Stanley Flower Show, and resulted in a draw. The visitors had the assistance of Messrs T. D. Dales (Medomsley) and J. Robinson and A. Heckles (Burnhope). The home team won the toss, and occupied the wickets up to within seven minutes of the time for drawing stumps. Hunter and Jewitt both played well. Score:—

WEST STANLEY.	
R Gibson b Dales	9
J Hunter b Richardson	45
R Knox lbw b Richardson	2
W T Brown c Dales b Richardson	5
T Jewitt run out	15
R Holmes b Clark	2
P Harkness b Clark	0
E Gailes b Clark	0
I Harkness b Richardson	5
J Benfold not out	4
M Smith lbw b Richardson	7
Extras	11
Total	105

Westwood did not bat.

STANHOPE v CLIFFE HALL GENTLEMEN

Played at Stanhope, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

STANHOPE.		CLIFFE HALL.	
T Moore b Roper	17	T Wrightson b Roddam	5
J Curry b Robinson	4	G Roper b Roddam	0
Cooper c Robinson	3	T Robinson b Dixon	0
Sharples b Robinson	15	Hickie b Moore	18
R Pulleine c Roper	53	Headlam b Dixon	2
J A Hildyard b Robinson	2	Swan b Dixon	0
H Roddam not out	16	B Wilson b Moore	5
J Moore b Wrightson	0	C Trotter not out	5
J W Roddam run out	2	J Robinson b Pulleine	1
G Waller	To bat.	J G Wilson not out	2
J J Pulleine		Y Ryan to bat	
J Dixon		J Wilson	
Extras	27	Extras	5
Total	169	Total	43

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Football.

_ Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Wednesday* morning.

ASSOCIATION.

Byker Albion v West Wylam Harriers.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a draw—neither side scoring.

Consett League of the Cross v Tantobie.—This match was played at Consett, and ended in a draw of one goal each.

Langley Park Rovers 2nd v Brandon Rovers 2nd.—Played at Langley Park, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to one.

Tanfield Lea Slashers 3rd v Hedley Harriers 2nd.—Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a draw—neither side scoring.

Pelton Fell Harriers v 3rd Durham Rifles.—Played at Sunderland in fine weather, in two 35's, and after a pleasant and well-contested game, resulted in a draw of two goals each. The Harriers played with ten men most of the game, one of their half-backs having to retire soon after the kick-off.

Tanfield Lea Slashers 2nd v Tanfield Excelsiors 1st.—Played at Tanfield Lea, in the presence of 700 specaters. Both teams were fully represented, and a grand game took place. For the first half-hour the Slashers had the game all their own way, Fletcher scoring the first goal, soon after which Bloomfield added two more. Half-time score—Slashers, three goals; Excelsiors, nil. In the second half the Slashers again had the best of matters. Hayes and Fletcher each scored for them, and they pressed severely up to the finish. Three minutes before time the Excelsiors scored. Final result—Slashers, five goals; Excelsiors, one goal. The following was the Slashers' team:—Goal, W. Plummer; backs, G. Mudd and Bruce; half-backs, G. Brown, T. Ridley, and W. Christopher; forwards, W. Ridley, W. Fletcher, H. Bloomfield, Hayes, and Gibson.

Langley Park Rovers v Hobson Rangers.—The Rovers journeyed to the Hobson to play their first fixture. The visitors won the toss, and started with the sun at their backs. Play was in mid-field for a time, until from a combined run Jackson scored the first goal for Langley Park. At the interval the score stood—Rovers, one goal; Hobson, nil. After a short delay the game was re-started, but only continued for ten minutes. The visitors scored again, the Rangers soon afterwards getting their first goal. On the ball being set in motion, Langley Park made straight in, and scored No. 3. The Rangers claimed "hands," which was disallowed, when the home team went off the field, leaving the Rovers victorious by three goals to one. Langley Park team—Goal, T. Dixon; backs, T. Raper and T. Newton; half-backs, J. Pickering, R. Rutter, and J. Agar; forwards, J. Gott and J. Iveson, left wing; G. Foster, centre; H. Monsey and C. Jackson, right wing. Umpire, Mr T. Rutherford.

Tanfield Lea v Hedley Harriers.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to two. Tanfield had all the best of the second half, and experienced hard lines.

Leadgate Exiles v Dipton Wanderers.—This match was played on the ground of the former, under a glorious sunshine, and before a numerous company, of whom a considerable sprinkling came with the visiting team. The latter were minus their usual custodian. Leadbitter was given a try forward, and Smith went to half-back. The home team winning the toss, elected to play with their backs to the road goal, having the benefit of the pleasant breeze that was blowing. On the ball being set in motion, the Exiles quickly got it away, but only to see it run over the goal-line. Dipton retaliated by a good run on the right wing, which, however, came to nothing, and the Exiles for some time subsequently had all the best of the play, and but for the splendidly cool and accurate kicking of Tuson, would doubtless have scored at this stage. The danger was ultimately averted for the time being, and the scene of combat transferred to the opposite goal, where the visitors seemed within an ace of scoring. Play reigned in mid-field, the homesters playing the better game, that of the visitors being erratic and lacking in dash and combination. At length, from a corner for the home team, which was splendidly sent in, the Exiles drew first blood. After this both goals were in turn besieged, but at half-time nothing further had been scored, and ends were changed with the score as under—

Exiles .... One goal
Wanderers .... Nil

For some time after resuming, the play was anything but good, and neither side seemed up to their usual form. Eventually the Exiles had a look in, but Turpin cleared, and the right wing of the visitors getting away carried the warfare to the opposite end, and after 15 minutes' play equalised from a free kick. From this time to the close of the game the Exiles were compelled to put in all they knew to defend their citadel, corner after corner falling to the Wanderers, but with no result, and the end came with a drawn game. Final score—

Exiles .... One goal
Wanderers .... One goal

The teams were composed as follows:—Dipton Wanderers—Goal, T. Turpin; backs, J. Walker and A. Tuson; half-backs, A. Dodds, W. Smith, and W. Bowes; forwards, W. Turner (capt.) and J. Leadbitter, right wing; J. Gilliard, centre; T. Walker and D. Crozier, left wing. Leadgate Exiles—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, Wm. McGee (capt.) and J. Monaghan; half-backs, F. Thompson, P. Hughes, and J. Hagan; forwards, J. Argyle and W. Costello, right wing; T. Campbell, centre; J. McMahon and P. Quinn, left wing. Umpire, Mr John Costello. Referee, Mr A. Little (Medomsley A.F.C.)

Leadgate Exiles Reserve v Dipton Wanderers Reserve.—These two teams entered the field at the close of the above game, the locals again having the benefit of the toss. Three minutes from starting the Exiles scored an extremely easy goal, and for some time held the upper hand. Ten minutes afterwards Dipton made matters equal. Another goal was added by the Exiles before the change of ends, soon after which Smith, who was playing a capital game for the Wanderers, headed through and made the scores equal once more. Dipton were decidedly playing the better game in this half, and goals three and four were quickly added, Maude doing the needful in one instance, and the Exiles helping their opponents in the other. Final result—

Dipton .... Four goals
Exiles .... Two goals

Leadgate Park v Spennymoor Town.—The above game was played at Leadgate, before a good company. Wattsford scored for the Park three minutes from the start. At half-time the score stood:—Park, two goals; Spennymoor, one goal. The home team had the best of the game during the second half, but only registered other two goals, owing to the brilliant defence of Claughan between the sticks. The game ended in a victory for the Park by four goals to two. Leadgate team:—Goal, Geo. Beadling; backs, T. Hewitt and T. Cairns; half-backs, S. Rayner, A. Burnhope, and T. Stephenson; forwards, J. Robson and A. M. Hedley, right wing; G. Walton, centre; J. Hunter and J. Wattsford, left wing. Umpire, Mr F. Jackson. Referee, Mr R. Campbell (Medomsley A.F.C.)

Leadgate Park Reserve v Spennymoor Town Reserve.—The Park Reserve journeyed to Spennymoor to play the latter. Makepeace had to retire 10 minutes after the commencement, leaving the left wing to take care of itself. The home team were ultimately victorious by four goals to two.

MEDOMSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB.

Owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining a field for the present season, doubts have for some time prevailed as to whether the above club would exist any longer. However, we are pleased to notice that the members have concluded arrangements with Mr John Hunter, The Grange, Medomsley, to occupy the same ground as they rented last season. On Monday evening, the annual general meeting was held in the cricket pavilion. There was a large attendance of members, and Mr J. Ross was voted to the chair. The secretary's and treasurer's reports showed that the club had had a fairly successful season, the financial state of the club being satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Rev W. Cockin, M.A.; vice-presidents, Rev E. G. F. Macpherson, Dr Bibby, Messrs J. H. Morris, W. P. Morris, S. Mace, R. Moffitt, J. Close, and T. D. Dales; captain, Mr J. Ross, jun.; vice-captain, Mr M. Charlton; financial secretary and treasurer, Mr Wm. Hunter; match selection committee, Messrs W. B. Charlton, A. Little, and Jas. Cant; business committee, Messrs T. Bramley, Geo. Moon, J. Veitch, R. Campbell, and J. G. Hunter; corresponding secretary, Mr W. G. Thompson, Medomsley Edge, Lintz Green, R.S.O. The meeting was of a very unanimous and enthusiastic character, which is a good augury for the success of the club, who have entered for the Durham Association Challenge Cup, and hope to place a good eleven in the field. Nearly all last season's players will be available, and in addition the club has received promises of support from some prominent outsiders. Last season the club reached the fourth round of the Durham Junior Cup, and were put out by the ultimate winners of that trophy—Southwick.

Burnhope A.F.C.—This club held their annual meeting on Friday night, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr J. W. Wallace; vice-captain, Mr Wm. Seymour; treasurer, Mr H. Knowles; financial secretary, Mr A. Heckles; corresponding secretary, Mr James Johnson, Church Row, Burnhope; committee, Messrs James Uncles, John Uncles, and Jos. C. Cummings. The secretary would like to arrange matches with good teams. All dates vacant.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

Saturday was again a beautiful summer day, and far more suitable for cricket than football. Of course, it was all right for spectators, but the players must have felt the heat considerably.

A GOOD GAME AT LEADGATE: THE EXILES AND WANDERERS FINISH LEVEL.

The first match between the above clubs this season, which was played at Leadgate on Saturday, furnished a capital exposition of Association football. In the first half play was very fast, and the only scoring done was a goal obtained by the Exiles from a well-placed corner-kick. For some time it looked as if the home team were going to be victorious, but about the middle of the second half the Wanderers secured a free kick close in to the Exiles' goal, which was converted into an equalising point. This was all the scoring, and an excellent and closely-contested game resulted in a draw.

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Both teams displayed capital form, considering it is so early in the season. The Exiles had the best of the play in the first half, while the visitors showed up prominently in the concluding portion. The display of the full backs on each side was the feature of the game. McGee and Monaghan defended splendidly, and Thompson was decidedly the best of the halves. The latter, who hails from Sunderland, is a real good man, and should prove a valuable acquisition to the Exiles' ranks. I thought Argyle and Costello the pick of the home forwards. For the Wanderers, Tuson was a host in himself, and it is not too much to say that he saved his side from defeat. He kicked and tackled in first-class style, and always seemed to be in the way when danger threatened. The halves played fairly, and Gilliard and T. Walker were conspicuous in the front rank.

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The two clubs seem to be on capital terms with each other, and play a good, friendly game. It is a pity, however, that individual members cannot attend to their play without usurping the powers of umpires and referee. Mr A. Little, of Medomsley, performed the latter thankless office in a most sportsmanlike manner, and it is anything but creditable that players should abuse the officials for decisions given, because the latter do not coincide with their own particular opinion.

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THE PARK SCORE THEIR SECOND VICTORY.

Spennymoor Town, which is the name of the club formed by the amalgamation of the various teams in Spennymoor, visited Leadgate on Saturday to fulfil their engagement with the Park. The latter were strongly represented, and their opponents seemed a likely lot. However, I was rather disappointed with the contest, which fell far below what I had anticipated. Although the Park were victorious by four goals to two, they played a very moderate game.

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I was much pleased with the play of Cairns, who greatly improved on his previous week's performance against Etherley, and promises to turn out a capital back. He certainly cannot be accused of want of vigour, to which fact I daresay the Spennymoor team would willingly testify. Hewitt played fairly. Of the halves, Burnhope put in any amount of effective work, but was manifestly out of his place. On many occasions he was to be seen leading the forwards, which is scarcely the *role* of a half-back. The forwards lacked combination, and played in a disjointed manner, which compared very unfavourably with their capital display of the previous Saturday. Of passing there was practically nil, long and wild kicking being the prevalent feature of the game, with the exception of appeals for "hands." The visitors' custodian showed excellent form, and saved some stinging shots.

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THE PARK RESERVE UPSET.

Curiously enough, the Park Reserve, who were at Spennymoor antagonising the Town Reserve, were defeated by a precisely similar score to that by which their seniors were victorious—viz., four goals to two. I am informed that the chief cause of their defeat was the rough charging of one of the home backs—a big, heavy player, who knocked the light Park forwards about like ninepins. In addition, the visitors had the misfortune to lose Makepeace soon after the game commenced.

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RESUSCITATION OF MEDOMSLEY.

As I mentioned last week, Medomsley were very nearly dropping out of existence. However, I am pleased to state that the efforts made to rescue the club from oblivion have been successful; and on Monday evening a meeting was held to elect officers, &c. There was a good attendance of members, and the proceedings passed off most satisfactorily. I understand that home-and-home fixtures have already been arranged with Leadgate Exiles and Park, and Dipton Wanderers, and the team hope to commence active operations next Saturday. Any gentlemen wishing to join the club should apply to the secretary, Mr W. G. Thompson, who will furnish all information. Play up, Medomsley!

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THE DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP.

I have no doubt that members of our local clubs who have entered for the above trophy will scan tomorrow (Saturday's) papers very eagerly, for the draw for the first round of the Qualifying Competition takes place to-night (Friday), at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham. Nearly all the prominent local clubs have sent in their entry, and the competition should provoke some exciting games. Mr J. McCurley (hon. sec. Leadgate Exiles) is the representative for this division on the Challenge Cup committee, and he may be trusted to take care that justice is meted out to all the clubs in our district.

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CONSETT RUGBY CLUB.

From the report of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the above club, I observe that they still intend to play under the Rugby code. I understood that they were going to adopt the Association game, which I think would have been very advisable, as there are no Rugby teams of any note in the district, and consequently most of their fixtures are with clubs at a distance. This causes numerous disappointments, and in addition the club has great difficulty in sending out representative elevens, on account of the comparatively early hour at which the team has to leave home, in most instances, to be in time to fulfil their engagements. They have several capable exponents of the dribbling code in their ranks, and with a little coaching and practice, could turn out a team second to none in the district.

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A CONTRADICTION.

Mr W. Shorten, assistant secretary of the Langley Park Rovers, writes as follows:—Observing that the result of the match between Langley Park 2nd and Consett League of the Cross 2nd, at Consett, was reported as a win for the League by two goals to one, you will much oblige by contradicting it, and stating that the game ended in a draw of one goal each, which was the true result.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Medomsley (A) want matches with good clubs. Nearly all dates vacant. Apply at once to Wm. G. Thompson, Medomsley Edge, Lintz Green, R.S.O.—Tanfield Lea (A) would be glad to arrange matches for their 2nd team. Apply to John Smith, secretary, Tanfield Lea.—Cornsay (A) would like to arrange matches with any first or second teams. All dates open. Apply to James McDermott, 38, Office Row, Cornsay Colliery, Co. Durham.—Consett League of the Cross (A) have still a few vacant dates, which they would like filled up with good reserve or moderate first teams. Address John Mulholland, 7, John Street, Consett.—Consett League Juniors—ages 14 to 17—would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Address James Kelly, jun., 11, Middle Street, Consett.—Consett White Stars (A) would like to arrange matches with any junior teams whose members are under 15 years of age. Apply to Robert Williamson, secretary, 42, Queen Street, Consett.—Burnhope (A) require matches with good teams. All dates vacant. Apply to the secretary, Mr James Johnson, Church Row, Burnhope.

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STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

On Friday, the 57th annual meeting of the Stanhope Agricultural Society took place in the Castle grounds, in favourable weather, and there was a large attendance of farmers and stock breeders. The show-yard presented a choice lot of prize winners at the local shows already held this season, and altogether the exhibition was a good one. Luncheon was provided in the grounds by Mr Walton. Mr J. A. Hildyard, J.P., presided, and proposed the toast of "The Stanhope Agricultural Society."—Mr W. Vickers responded.—Other toasts followed. Judges and their awards as follows:—

Judges.—For shorthorns and dairy cows—Mr W. Relf, Meaburn Hall. For border Leicester sheep and swine—Mr J. Pigg, Warden Battocks; Mr W. Angus, North Acomb. For black-faced and mule sheep—Mr R. Greenshields, Hexham; Mr W. Cook, Hexham. For draught horses and ponies—Mr R. Bryden, Seaham Harbour; Mr J. Sanderson, Alnwick Grange. For driving, harness, and leaping—Mr R. Snowdon, Bracks, Bishop Auckland; Mr R. Hunter, M.R.C.V.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne. For butter and eggs—Mrs Walton, Westernhopeburn; Mrs W. Vickers, Howl John.

Cattle.—Shorthorns—Bull, above two years—1, J Vickers, Catehburn; 2, G W Farwell, Staindrop. Bull, above one and under two years—1, J Vickers; 2, W D Petch, Skelton; 3, R and G Harrison, Underpark. Bull calf, under twelve months—1, Messrs Morley, Eastgate Farm; 2, R and G Harrison; 3, J Vickers. Cow, above three years, in calf or milk, having had a calf within twelve months—1, W D Petch; 2, J Vickers; 3, Messrs Morley. Two-years-old heifer, in calf or milk—1, W D Petch; 2, J Walton, Westgate. Yearling heifer—1, R and G Harrison; 2, W D Petch. Heifer calf, under twelve months—1, G W Farwell, Wakefield; 2, R and G Harrison. Special prize of £2 2s, offered by Mr H F Robson, Wolsingham, for the best shorthorn (male or female), above two years, confined to the parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham — 1, Stephenson and Reed, Eastgate; 2, Messrs Morley. Special prize of £1 1s (confined to the parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham), offered by Mr V A Rippon, Rogerley Hall, for best bullock under two years—1, J Collinson, Frosterley; 2, T Robinson, Shield Ash. Dairy cows—Cow, of any breed, for dairy purposes—1, G C Steel, Greatham; 2, J Lowther, Harperley. 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, S Rowe, Consett; 2, J Robinson, Stanhope.

Sheep—Border Leicester—Tup, above two years—1, J E Nicholson, Lanchester. Shearling tup—1, J E Nicholson; 2, W Vickers, Howl John. Tup lamb—1 and 2, Messrs Morley, Eastgate Farm. Pen of two ewes having reared lambs this season—1, H P Dolphin, Wolsingham; 2, Messrs Morley. Pen of two shearling gimmers—1, J E Nicholson; 2, W Vickers. Pen of two gimmer lambs—1, W Vickers; 2, J E Nicholson. Mule, or the first cross between a Leicester ram and black-faced ewe—Pen of two ewes having reared lambs this season—1, His Grace the Duke of Cleveland, K.G.; 2, J E Nicholson. Pen of two shearling gimmers—1 and 2, His Grace the Duke of Cleveland. Pen of two gimmer lambs—1, G Brown, Middleton-in-Teesdale; 2, T A Stephenson, Newbiggin House. Black-faced—Tup above two years—1, J Maughan, Eastgate; 2, G Stephenson, Swinhope House. Shearling tup—1, W Wilson, Stanhope; 2, W Vickers, Stanhope. Tup lamb—1, G Stephenson; 2, Messrs Oliver. Pen of two ewes having reared lambs this season—1, Messrs Graham, Alston; 2, Messrs Currah, Woodcroft. Pen of two shearling gimmers—1, T Stephenson, Ambling Gate; 2, Messrs Graham, Nenthead. Pen of two gimmer lambs—1, Messrs Oliver, Redburn; 2, Messrs Currah.

Pigs—Cottager's pig, owner's rental not to exceed £10—1, R Dodd, Stanhope; 2, J March, Stanhope.

Horses—Brood mare having reared a foal this season—1, W R Minto, Fencehouses; 2, W Vickers, Howl John. Two years gelding or filly—1, W Turnbull and Son, Heighington; 2, J E Nicholson. Yearling colt, gelding or filly—1, R Earle, Darlington; 2, W R Minto. Foal—1, T Stobbs, Wolsingham; 2, W R Minto. Gelding or mare, any age—1, Sir W Eden, Bart.; 2, R Hughf, New Shildon. Dales ponies, not exceeding 14½ hands—Brood mare having reared a foal this season—1, T Peart, Burnopfield; 2, T A Stephenson, Newbiggin House. Two years gelding or filly—1, T Watson, Burnhope; 2, J Gargett, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Yearling colt, gelding, or filly—1, R Lowes, Stainmore; 2, J Coatsworth, Low Houses. Foal—1, J Dent, Eastgate; 2, H Pickering, Frosterley. Gelding or mare, any age, to be ridden when before the judge—1, W Rutherford, St. John's Chapel; 2, R Coatsworth. Cob ponies, not exceeding 14½ hands—Gelding or mare, any age, to be ridden when before the judge—1, W Pope, Downham; 2, E Lingford, Bishop Auckland. Special prizes offered by Mr W Coltman, Harberry Hall, as follows—Best foal by "Little Wonder II"—1, J Dent; 2, T Wilson, Biggins. Best mare stinted by "Little Wonder II"—1, R Coatsworth. For saddle or harness, exceeding 14½ hands—Brood mare having reared a foal this season—1, G W Farwell, Wakefield; 2, J E Nicholson. Two years gelding or filly—1, J Applegarth, West Auckland; 2, F Vickers, Stanhope. Yearling colt, gelding, or filly—1, T A Stephenson; 2, J Robinson, Stanhope. Foal—1, J Vickers, Tow Law; 2, G W Farwell. Gelding or mare, any age, to be driven when before the judge—1, W Pope; 2, W Gregory, Bishop Auckland. Driving—single harness—Gelding or mare, not exceeding 16 hands—1, G Norman, Hunwick Lane Ends. Gelding or mare, not exceeding 15·3 hands, light draught, for farmers or tradesmen—1, W Roddam, Allandale; 2, Mrs Harper, Edmondbyers; 3, R Ridley, Stanhope. Gelding or mare, not exceeding 14½ hands—1, W Gregory; 2, W Vickers, Stanhope.

Leaping—For the best leap, horse or mare, any age—1, G Sedman, Scarborough; 2, D Smallwood, Whitby; 3, H Andrew, Redcar.

Racing for Ponies, not exceeding 14½ hands—1, H Shield, Holwick; 2, J W Watson, Redgate; 3, J Lowe, Westgate.

Butter and Eggs—2lbs butter, unsalted—1, Miss Urwin, Wolsingham; 2, Mrs Burn, Witton-le-Wear. 2lbs of salted market butter—1, Miss Urwin; 2, Mrs Burn. Six hen eggs—1, F Readman, Great Ayton; 2, Miss H Coulthard, Swinhopeburn.

THE LUNCHEON

was served up in excellent style by Mrs Walton, Phœnix Hotel. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

The Bishop of Richmond, replying to the toast of "The Bishops, clergy, and ministers of all denominations," said that although he was often away, yet he was always happiest at home among his own parishioners. He felt especially interested in the fact that since last year we had had a new Bishop of Durham, who had already been in the dale and went up as far as Westgate, and intended before long going up to St. John's Chapel and Heathery Cleugh. He believed they would find in him a worthy successor to Dr Lightfoot, possessed as he was of the ability and power to understand all the great social movements of the day. There was coupled with this toast the ministers of all denominations, whom they ought to respect for their work's sake. (Applause).

Mr J. A. Hildyard (president) gave "Success to the Stanhope Agricultural Society." He observed that although there was a slight falling off in the number of stock, the quality was excellent. He also spoke of the beautiful harvest weather they were experiencing. He had been in the south, also in Scotland, and had seen much bad and spoiled hay—a thing which he had not seen much of in this valley. Despite a most unfavourable season, the Weardale farmers had won their hay in fairly good condition, which spoke much for the enterprising and plucky-spirited farmers of this district.

Mr Wm. Vickers, in replying, said the committee had always endeavoured to make the show educational. He had been to various other exhibitions, but their show was worth all the others put together. (Applause). The cattle shown there today, especially in the shorthorn classes, were most excellent, so much so in fact that there were animals in the show ground that had taken premier honours at the county show which to-day had not chalked at all—animals which would have done credit to any show.

Mr Roddam next gave "The judges." He said they all knew that they could not please everybody, but the names, reputation, and experience of the judges were such as would commend them favourably to the public as men who would give their decisions and adjudicate upon the stock before them that day with an unbiassed mind, and their decisions would be generally very favourably received by the public. Their task to-day undoubtedly was an onerous and difficult one, on account of the quality of the exhibits.

Mr Bryden, speaking on behalf of the judges, said Mr Vickers had told them of the first-class nature of the cattle exhibited at the show that day. He could speak favourably of the horses, which they had found in every class possessing great merits. (Applause.) He had ten years ago found some classes of horses not nearly so numerous as they were then, and he would advise them to take a note of warning and pay great attention to the dales ponies, and not lose the breed as they had done in some places where he went.

Rev F. C. Jagg, vicar of Frosterley, proposed "The president of the society," and spoke also of the claims of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution for decayed farmers. Without a presiding hand a society did not succeed so well, but with such a president as Mr Hildyard in their midst the success of the Stanhope Agricultural Society was assured.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr Hildyard, in replying, said he hardly knew how to express himself in words for the kind way in which they had drunk his health. He well recollected the keen interest his father took in the society, and said it was his fervent wish to follow in his footsteps and emulate his worthy example. He thanked them very much for the spontaneous and hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. (Applause.)

Rev J. Eddowes, vicar of Eastgate, also spoke. He said they had occasionally heard of ghosts, and Rev F. C. Jagg had brought one before them that day—the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution for decayed farmers. He would give them a remedy against ghosts. He heard of a clergyman who travelled part. On one occasion he got to a haunted house, and actually had to sleep in a haunted room, where many others had been frightened before by his ghostship, and left it at once. This gentleman, however, stayed in, apparently quite comfortable, inasmuch as the landlady enquired how he liked his lodge and cot. "Very well," said he. "Have you had no unusual visitors during the night?" "Yes," said he, "but I easily got rid of the old gentleman." "How did you do?" said she, "others could not." "Well," said he, "I simply asked him for a subscription for a well-known charity, and he cleared out at once, and came no more." He proposed "The health of the vice-president."

Mr Roddam suitably replied.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A WEARDALE MAN IN AUSTRALIA.

News is to hand respecting the death of Stephen Bee, a native of St. John's Chapel, who was accidentally killed in a gold mine in East Ballarat, by a fall from the roof. His mates had left him doing something in a section of the workings, and on their return were horrified to find him happed up. When taken out he was dead. The funeral of the daleman was large and impressive. He was well-known in Weardale as a cricketer.

REPORTED MURDER OF TWO WEARDALE MEN IN MEXICO.

A painful rumour is going the round of Weardale, causing deep concern both to the public, likewise to an aged and dependant father, sister, and relatives. A couple of years ago, Mr Wm. Hackworth paid a visit to the dale from the joint cattle ranch on the Mexican border of the states of his brothers, John and John Elliott, and the above rumour which has found its way into an evening paper has it, that while returning from selling their annual surplus stock they were waylaid and massacred by a tribe of wandering Indians, who flayed them and their Indian servant. Unfortunately, the fact that the father up at the head of the Wear has heard nothing for upwards of twelve months from his hitherto attentive sons, lends colour to the story so freely circulating in Weardale just now, but which wants confirmation.

PRESENTATION AT SOUTH GARESFIELD COLLIERY.

On Saturday night, the underground workmen of the above colliery assembled at the Black Horse Inn, Barnopfield, to present their manager (Mr W. Braidford) with a testimonial in celebration of his wedding. The testimonial took the form of a beautiful silver tea and coffee service and oak tray, together with a diamond ring for his bride. Each article of the service had the letters "W. and L.E.B." inscribed as a monogram, and the tray was mounted with a silver plate, bearing the following inscription:—"This tray, with the tea and coffee service, presented to Wm. Braidford, jun., on occasion of his wedding, as a mark of esteem and regard from his underground workmen and officials. 13th Sept., 1890." To this was added a handsome silver pickle cruet, given by Mr J. Turnbull, Leazes, Burnopfield. A large company of workmen and friends assembled, and first partook of a cold repast, served in Mrs Fewster's well-known admirable style. On the tables being cleared, Mr Westoe took the chair, and was admirably assisted by Mr Seddon in the vice-chair.

Mr Westoe rose and said that of all testimonials he had subscribed to and had assisted in collecting for, this had been the most pleasant. Everybody had given freely, because their manager was worthy of confidence. They claimed him as a personal friend, and were proud of him. They all hoped he would rise to be a great engineer, as he had shown unmistakable capabilities. They wished he and his wife might live long and happy lives, and enjoy the many presents which they had received. (Loud applause). He had much pleasure in calling on their overman (Mr Potts) to make the presentation.

Mr Potts said he was nervous and must be excused from making a long speech. He had known Mr Braidford for eight years, and it was a happy moment to have to present him with the handsome articles before him. He wished them a long life and a happy one to enjoy what they had received. (Loud cheers).

Mr Braidford, on rising, received quite an ovation, and when quietness was restored, said he was too much moved by their kindness to make a speech. He must thank them from his heart for their kind wishes more than the presents, which both he and his wife would ever cherish as mementoes of their good feeling. (Cheers).

Mr Seddon was glad everything had gone off so harmoniously. There had been no selfishness.

Mr Smith observed that he had known Mr Braidford from boyhood, and well remembered how they started South Garesfield with four hewers, two of whom were sent home for want of places, and he was one of them. They had struggled on till now they had over one hundred hewers, and produced up to 430 tons per day out of a colliery which had never before paid. He was glad to claim their manager's friendship, and was proud to say he was born and brought up amongst them. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Turnbull for his kindness, which was seconded by Mr J. Robinson, and carried with acclamation.

Mr Braidford's health was then drank with musical honours.

Mr Braidford, sen., was also toasted with musical honours, and suitably responded.

A pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to Mrs Fewster for the splendid manner in which she had served the supper. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs Seddon, Lamb, Gibbons, and Clough.

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LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Sept. 11th.—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (chairman), Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

John Travis was charged by P.C. Dixon with being drunk and disorderly at Esh, on the 16th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Bell, was accused by P.C. Dixon, with being drunk and causing a disturbance near to the Stag's Head, at Esh Colliery, on the 16th ult, and was fined 5s and costs, in default, seven days' hard labour.

Robert Armston was proceeded against by P.C. Vickers, with being intoxicated and causing a disturbance at West Stanley, on the 30th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

Robert Brown pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, preferred against him by P.C. Vickers at West Stanley, on the 3rd inst.—The usual penalty of 5s and costs was inflicted.

Ralph Thompson was accused by P.C. Phillipson with being drunk and disorderly at West Kyo, on the 16th ult.—Fined 7s 6d and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

John William Purvis, a boy, was charged by P.C. Feasy with doing damage to turnips to the amount of 3d in a field at Hedley Hill, the property of Mr Robt. Crow, on the 19th ult.—The damage having been proved, defendant was fined 1s and to pay the damage and costs.

Matthew and *James Green*, brothers, hailing from Malton Colliery, were summoned by *Mrs Esther Leary* for breaking four large panes of glass of a window, on the 30th ult.—Prosecutrix stated that she did not wish to press the case, as the viewer of the colliery had spoken to her that morning about the matter, and agreed to see that all the damage was put right, and legal expenses paid, if she would withdraw the charge. In consequence of this she desired to withdraw from the case.—The Bench allowed her to do this, but stated that she would have the costs to pay.—Complainant paid the costs, alleging that the viewer would see all the money was refunded.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Matthew Green, one of the defendants in the last case, and *Thomas Fox* were summoned by the last-named prosecutrix for a breach of the peace at the same time and place; but owing to the defendants having compromised the case, it was not gone into.—The prosecutrix was also called upon to pay the costs incurred in this case.

PITCH AND TOSS.

William Regan, Thomas Elliott, John Coyle, and *Matthew Palmer*, young men hailing from South Moor, were charged by P.C. Vickers with playing at pitch and toss at West Stanley, on the 30th ult.—The defendants were each fined 2s 6d and costs.

COMPROMISED.

John Flynn, Peter Flynn, and *Mary Flynn* were all summoned by Michael Comistry with a breach of the peace at Quebec, on the 31st ult. Prosecutor's wife appeared and stated that the case had been settled out of court, and wished the charges to be withdrawn.—The Bench agreed to this, on the understanding that the costs would be paid.

A FRIVOLOUS CASE.

Margaret A. and *Dinah Bird*, two sisters, were proceeded against by Margaret Miller, a young girl, for assaulting her on the 21th ult., at Hedley Hill.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared for the defendant.—Complainant attested that on the day in question, while she was going home she met the defendants, who slapped her on the face and otherwise illtreated her.—A witness deposed that the complainant struck first, and then the mischief started.—The magistrates after considering the case came to the conclusion that it was a frivolous grievance and ought never to have come to the court. The case was dismissed, the complainant having 12s costs to pay.

EDUCATION ACT.

Robert Reed was charged by Mr J. Gibson, school attendance officer, for not sending his two children to school on the 25th ult.—The mother stated that one of the children had been in the habit of playing the truant, but they were now ill, and could not attend.—The case was adjourned for a month.

ALLEGED FURIOUS DRIVING AT WEST STANLEY.

John Humphrey, 'bus proprietor, of Harperley, near Tanfield Lea, was charged by P.C. Vickers with furiously driving three horses attached to a brake at West Stanley, on Wednesday, 20th ult. Mr Oliver, Durham, appeared for the defendant.

The officer stated that he was on duty at Stanley on the night in question, in company with P.C. Eland, when he saw defendant driving a brake and three horses down Front Street at a furious rate. There was a number of people on the road, who had to run in order to avoid being run over. Witness watched the defendant from Watson's public-house until he got out of his sight. He shouted to the defendant to stop, but he took no heed, and continued driving to Shield Row.

Mr Taylor Smith: What time would it be?—The officer: Between seven and eight o'clock at night.

Mr Taylor Smith: What speed was he going?—The officer: About 15 miles an hour.

Cross-examined by Mr Oliver: Witness stated that he watched the defendant until he got out of sight. The distance would be about 400 yards. It was a heavy brake, but could not say that it was licensed to hold 36 passengers. He was not aware that it had come from Benfieldside that night. Witness did not see the defendant stop in order to get the shoe put on to go down the hill. It was more than 150 yards. Witness did not take notice as to what kind of horses they were, but took particular notice of the defendant. The horses were three abreast, but would not swear to their colour.

P.C. Eland gave corroborative evidence.

In answer to Mr Oliver, witness stated that there were three people in the brake. The defendant was driving at a rate of 13 or 14 miles an hour. He watched the brake a distance of 300 or 400 yards.

For the defence, Mr Oliver contended that the defendant was not driving furiously, and he would bring evidence forward to prove that the rate the defendant was driving was not more than six miles an hour, and no person was obliged to run out of the way of the horses.

Frederick Humphrey, brother of defendant, stated that the brake had been at the Agricultural Show, at Benfieldside, that day, and he acted as conductor. The brake was licensed to carry 36 passangers. They left Benfieldside about a quarter to six o'clock and got to Stanley about 7·30. Two of the horses which were attached to the brake were heavy draughts. They stopped at Watson's public-house, and also in front of Watson's butcher's shop, in order to put down passengers. They trotted the distance at about six miles an hour, and did not exceed it. The brake was stopped and the shoe put on before they descended the hill to go to Shield Row. No passenger complained of the rate they were going. There were a good many people on the street.

After the Magistrates had consulted together for a short while, the Chairman said the defendant was found guilty of furious driving, and would be fined 10s and costs.

A SERVANT'S CLAIM FOR WAGES.

Ellen Thompson, farm servant, summoned Ruth Stones, wife of Edward Stones, of Blackfine, near Consett, for the sum of 18s alleged to be due to her in wages.—Prosecutrix informed the Bench that she agreed to work for Mrs Stones for £3 10s a half-year, and entered on her duties on May 13th.—Defendant admitted that she owed complainant 9s 7½d. On one occasion she ran away. Witness sent her with her son's dinner, and she did not come back for three weeks.—The Bench, after considering the claim, concluded that there was only 9s 6d due, and advised the defendant to accept this sum in settlement of the claim.—The prosecutrix agreed to do so, and the costs were remitted by the Magistrates.

CHARGE UNDER THE VAGRANCY ACT.

William Jackson, a tall, powerful-looking man, was charged under the Vagrancy Act with begging. A second charge was also brought against him of stealing a coil of wire worth 2s, from an outhouse at Woodlands, near Consett.—Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, who was sitting on the Bench retired, and entered the witness box. In the course of evidence given against the defendant, witness strongly commented upon the manner in which men, like defendant, were going about the outlying country district begging. He charged defendant with begging from a Mrs Craigs, at Red Houses, on Tuesday, 9th inst.—With regard to the second charge, George Robson King deposed that he was a game-keeper on the Woodlands Estate, and came there on Wednesday, September 6th, when he took posession of the coil of snare wire, produced, and all other articles in and about the house. He saw the wire all right on a shelf in the out-house, about one o'clock on Tuesday, 9th inst. On going to the out-house to get in at 5·30 a.m. the next morning, it was gone. The wire produced was the same which he missed, and was his property. The wire was worth about 2s. Sergeant Tones spoke to apprehending the prisoner on the road between Templetown and Consett. He was coming from the direction of Woodlands, and was carrying a large sack or bag. Witness brought him to the Police Station and examined the bag, which contained a lot of old rags and the wire produced. He took the wire to Woodlands, next morning, when the gamekeeper identified it at once as being his property. The officer, afterwards, charged the prisoner at the Police Station with stealing the wire, and defendant replied, "I found it by the road-side."—The Magistrates sentenced the prisoner to three months' hard labour for larceny, and the charge of begging was consequently dismissed.

THE FRUITS OF MARRIED LIFE.

William Liddell, a master shifter at Hedley Hill Colliery, was proceeded against by his wife, Annie Liddell, for desertion, and an application was likewise made to the bench for maintenance.—Mr Mawson, of Durham, defended.—Prosecutrix stated that she had been married to the defendant for six years, and had two children. For some time past he had systematically ill-used her, and on the 6th August he turned her out of the house, and refused to support her any longer. He also broke all the furniture, and threatened to murder both her and the children. In consequence of his threats she left him on the Saturday, and went to stay with her father at Croxdale. The defendant earned 35s a-week, and gave her 25s to keep the house on; but he frequently got back part of the money to buy drink.—Mr Mawson said that his client was willing to keep his wife if she would come back and live with him.—The Chairman (to the complainant): Is there no possibility of your going back to your husband and getting the case settled?—No, sir; I dare not go back to get murdered.—Matthew Davison corroborated complainant's story as to defendant's conducted towards her.—In answer to the Chairman witness stated that defendant could drink his share.—Defendant said that his wife sometimes "sulked" for several days together, and refused to cook his food. He was still willing to take her back, but in any case he would keep the children with him.—The Bench said the woman left her husband under great provocation, because she was afraid of her life. They would make an order for 10s per week, believing that she was quite justified in refusing to go back to him. With regard to the custody of the two children, that matter would have to be settled between themselves, as the magistrates had no power to deal with it.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, Sept. 15th.—Before Coun. Annandale (in the chair), and J. W. Walton-Wilson, Esq.

EDUCATION ACT.

William Carr, Dipton, was proceeded against by Mr David Mole, attendance officer, at the instance of the Collierley School Board, for not sending his daughter to school on the 4th Sept. The mother stated that the child was sick, and she sent word to the school to that effect.—Adjourned for 14 days.

John Jardine, Dipton, was summoned by Mr Mole for not sending his children regularly to school.—Fined 5s including costs.

James Newstead was also summoned by Mr Mole to show cause why he did not send his children regularly to school.—The mother stated that she sent them to school.—Fined 5s including costs.

Hugh Judge, Blackhill, was proceeded against by Mr Alex. McKean, school-warden, on behalf of the Benfieldside School Board, for not sending his daughter Catherine, to school.—The mother appeared and said that the child was suffering from influenza, and could not attend.—A penalty of 5s including costs, was imposed.

James Murron, Blackhill, was summoned for neglecting to cause his child to attend school. Mr McKean stated that the child had not attended once during the last seven weeks. Fined 5s including costs.

John Reed, was summoned by Mr McKean for not sending his child to school regularly.—Mr McKean stated that in this case he was instructed to apply for an attendance order for the child to attend Benfieldside Board Schools.—The application was granted.

The following parents were proceeded against by Mr Ward attendance officer at the instance of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee for failing to send their children regularly to school:—*John Tuite*, Consett, adjourned for 14 days; *Michael Ward*, Consett, attendance order, and fined 5s including costs; *Bernard Malloy*, Consett, 5s; *Bartholomew Johnson*, Leadgate, 5s; *Terrence Brannigan*, Consett, 2s 6d; *Arthur McConville*, Consett, adjourned for 14 days; *William Thos. Kelly*, Flint Hill, adjourned for a month; *Thomas Campbell*, Consett, 5s; *Matthew McAleer*, Consett, 5s; *Thomas Thompson*, Consett, 5s; *John McElhone*, Consett, attendance order.

DRUNKENNESS.

John W. Lawson, living at Burnhope, was charged by P.C. Tomlinson, with being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill on Saturday.—Fined 5s and costs.

Charles Grant, puddler, of William Street, Consett, was proceeded against by P.C. Smith, with being drunk, and causing a disturbance at Consett, on Saturday night.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

Margaret Rogers, an old woman, was accused by P.C. Smith with being intoxicated and disorderly in Trafalgar Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—Fined 2s 6d and costs; in default, seven days' hard labour.

Henry Clark, was charged by P.C. Haw with being drunk and disorderly in Trafalgar Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—Fined 5s and costs; or seven days' hard labour.

John Ward, was charged by P.C. Smith with committing a similar offence in Newmarket Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—Fined 5s and costs.

Adamson Scott, was proceeded against by P.C. Humphrey with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Sunday afternoon.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—The officer's story was corroborated by Inspector Benzies, and the defendant was fined 5s and costs.

Peter Bradley, was charged by P.C. Bradley with being drunk and causing an uproar in the streets of Consett, on Saturday night.—The defendant was fined 5s and costs; or seven days' hard labour.

APPLICATION FOR AN EJECTMENT ORDER.

John Crawford, auctioneer and butcher, of Victoria Street, Consett, was proceeded against by Mrs Swinburne Murray, of Melbourne Street, Consett, for refusing to quit the shop, No. 2, Church Street, Consett, occupied by him after the usual fourteen days' notice had been served upon him. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared for the prosecutrix; while Mr Wm. Dickinson (Consett) represented the defendant. P.C. Humphrey deposed to having served the usual form of notice upon the defendant.—Mrs Murray stated that she was the owner of the shop, No. 2, Church Street, which the defendant occupied. Defendant took possession of it on Sept. 7th, 1885, when it was to let, defendant met her on the street, and asked her if she would let it to him. The rent had to be 4s per week; but with regard to letting the shop to defendant, she would take time to consider the matter and let him know. After considering defendant's application, she went and told him he could have the shop for the present. Defendant paid his rent regularly. Prosecutrix was the owner of several other houses and let them by the fortnight.—By Mr Dickinson: Prosecutrix had given the defendant two receipts since the notice was served. Defendant did not say he would take the property under a years' tenancy, and six months' notice had to be given on either side. After the agreement had been made and the rent stated at 4s per week, she went for the keys. Defendant made the alterations at his own expense. Prosecutrix had let the property to someone else; but not six weeks before Mr Crawford got the notice to quit.—By Mr Welford: Witness stated that defendant was a weekly tenant. The Magistrates Clerk (Mr Granger): How much notice did you give the defendant?—Witness: Defendant received fourteen days' notice.—Mr Dickinson stated that he would bring evidence to prove that the defendant should have six months' notice to quit the premises, and not fourteen days which he had got.—The defendant deposed that he was an auctioneer and butcher, and carried on a business at this particular shop of which the prosecutrix was the owner. Witness took the premises in 1885. When he saw the place was to let he went and saw Mrs Murray about it, and asked her if the shop was to let. Defendant was informed it was, and he asked the prosecutrix to let it to him. Prosecutrix came to his own residence about the matter, and some conversation took place about the letting of the shop. Mrs Murray stated that she would let the shop to suit himself. Defendant informed her that he would take it under no other consideration than a yearly tenant, and said that if a man made the business he could do no other way. In answer to this, prosecutrix said that she would let the shop under a yearly tenancy; but she would require the rent fortnightly as she had nothing else to live upon but the rents. If anything occurred, there would have to be six months' notice given on either side. Witness took the shop upon these terms, and paid the rent fortnightly. The alterations to the premises had been done by himself, and he had painted it out four or five times. Witness never got any receipts for rent except the two produced.—Cross-examined by Mr Welford: He did not propose how the rent should be paid. Witness had known Mrs Murray for many years. All his family and a journeyman were present when the conversation took place with regard to the letting of the shop.—By the Chairman: Witness never paid any rates or taxes.—John Thomas Storey, living at Kyo, said he remembered the conversation perfectly well that took place between defendant and Mrs Murray with regard to the letting of the shop. Prosecutrix asked defendant if he was going to take the shop, and defendant replied he would take it yearly, six months' notice to be given on either side if there was any change. Mrs Murray spoke to defendant about the rent, and said that she would require it fortnightly, but it had to be understood that it would make no difference in the tenancy.—By Mr Welford: The rent had to be paid fortnightly. It was the prosecutrix who raised the question about the rent.—The Magistrates come to the conclusion, that defendant should have six months' notice to quit the premises. The prosecutor was called upon to pay the costs incurred.

RATHER TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

Matthew Cain, Dipton, was summoned by Thomas Heslop with committing an assault upon him on the 31st ult. Defendant was represented by his wife, who said that her husband was ill.—Prosecutor stated that he was chasing some boys, who had been among the turnips, when defendant and others stopped him. Defendant used threatening language, and threw stones at him.—The magistrates fined defendant 10s and costs.

ASSAULTING A GIRL.

Samuel McIvor, who did not appear, was summoned for assaulting Mary Jane Harrison, at Dipton, on the 6th inst.—Complainant alleged that defendant came into the house and used very bad language towards her. Accused also struck her twice on the face. He was intoxicated, and had absconded since the assault was committed. On another occasion defendant came and broke several panes of glass, for which he had been fined in the other court that day.—The magistrates imposed a penalty of 20s and costs, or one month's imprisonment.

CHARGE OF DAMAGING GAS PIPES.

Thomas Johnson, engine proprietor, of Wigan, Lancashire, was summoned by Mr Matthew Richley, secretary, at the instance of the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company, for damage to gas pipes occasioned by the travelling of two engines and two waggons over the Benfieldside Road, on May 15th. Defendant did not appear.—Mr Richley stated that defendant had remitted the sum of £3 7s 6d, and the Company were willing to withdraw the charge if the Bench would make an order for the costs to be paid.—The facts of the case, given by Mr Richley, are as follows:—On the night in question, about ten o'clock, defendant's two engines and waggons travelled over the Benfieldside Road. Defendant, on arriving at the bank near Snow's Green, found his load too heavy, and uncoupled his waggons, taking the engines up to the Church Bank top. He then returned with the leading engine for the waggons, and in turning round he drove into the roadside or channel, where the gas-pipe was laid, and the extraordinary weight broke the gas main, causing a serious waste of gas, which found its way into an adjoining house, and between ten o'clock at night and seven o'clock next morning it almost suffocated a family of children. The Company, on being made acquainted with the circumstances, opened out the ground, and found directly under the wheel mark of the engine a pipe broken in two places, which was duly repaired, and the damage claimed against Mr Johnson, who had repudiated any liability for the charge, as he had a license to travel on the highway. A summons was then issued, and at the last meeting defendant paid the claim of £3 7s 10d, but not the costs of the court. The Company applied for an order for payment of court costs, and desired at the same time to state that their object was principally to show the proprietors of these engines that they could not exercise their license or drive their engines without regard to the rights of other people, because if suffocation or an explosion had occurred in this instance a serious responsibility would have fallen upon someone, which might have been avoided if defendant had used all due precaution in conducting his engine, either by choosing a firmer or wider road by Cutler's Hall, or by having a lighter load, and so obviated the necessity of turning round by travelling in day-light instead of at ten o'clock at night, and by keeping in the centre of the road.—The magistrates made the usual order for the costs of the court to be paid.

COMPROMISED.

George Turner was summoned by Elizebeth Turner with a breach of the peace, on August 30th.—The case having been compromised, complainant was called upon to pay the costs.

NOT GUILTY.

Thomas Lynn was proceeded against by Ann Angus, a married woman, living at Mountsett, near Dipton, with threatening her life, on the 6th inst.—Complainant stated that defendant would kill her if he was not prevented, and did all in his power to annoy her and her husband. Defendant did all this when he was drunk.—A witness stated that the way defendant used complainant was abominable, and he threatened to "pull her wick out."—Defendant repudiated the charge, and said complainant tossed two buckets of dirty water upon him.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and pay costs.

THE WRONG MAN.

Robert Willey, grocer and provision merchant, of Mount Pleasant, Consett, was summoned by Albert Ackermen, a little boy, with keeping a dangerous dog in his possession, on August 28th.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said that he did not keep a dog. The animal belonged to a servant, named Fred. Moore.—The Magistrates' Clerk (to complainant's parent): You have summoned the wrong man.—The Chairman: We are very sorry, Mr Willey, that you should have been put to this trouble.—Mr Willey applied for his expenses, but the Chairman informed him that they could not allow any costs, and said the case against him would be dismissed.—The party was informed that they would have to take out a fresh summons against the owner of the dog.

PITCH AND TOSS.

James Hunter, Lawrence McKenna, Thomas Baker Thomas Gaffney, and *George Thirlaway* were all accused by P.C. Richardson of playing at pitch and toss at Tanfield, on the 24th ult.—Hunter, Baker, and Gaffney pleaded not guilty.—The officer stated that on the afternoon in question, he saw defendants, along with others, playing at pitch and toss. When about fifty yards away from the "school," the company spread, and they all ran away.—Hunter said he was not there, and called two witnesses to corroborate his statement.—Baker and Gaffney said they were never near the "school," and the latter went as far as to say that he had never played at the game in his life.—The Magistrates dismissed the case against Hunter, but fined the other defendants 10s each and costs.

Matthew Robson, William Robson, Thos Thirlaway, Thomas Green, William Watson, James Taylor, Jas Campbell, Emmerson Bowes, William Thirlaway, and *James Hunter*, young men, were proceeded against by P.C. Richardson with playing at pitch and toss at Tanfield, on the 31st ult.—All defendants except Campbell, and several of them were defended by Mr Wm. Dickinson, Consett, pleaded not guilty.—The officer alleged that on Sunday afternoon, August 31st, he was on duty near to Tanfield, when he saw the whole of the defendants "schooling." Witness watched them for about twenty minutes, and then walked into the field were defendants were playing. When they saw him, they all ran away except Thos. Thirlaway.—The Magistrates came to the conclusion that defendants were all guilty, and fined them 10s each and costs.

A FRACAS AT HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY

Mary Jane Turner, a young woman, was summoned for using threatening language towards Elizabeth Anderson, at Hamsterley Colliery, on the 5th inst.—Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, defended.—Complainant deposed that defendant came into the house where she was in service and threatened to pull "her liver out." Defendant and her had no altercation before this, except she came for the loan of some money, and she refused to give it to her.—By Mr Welford: Witness never challenged defendant out to fight.—Elizabeth Turner deposed that she saw the occurrence and heard the defendant challenge the complainant out to fight. Defendant threatened to pull complainant's "b—— liver out."—For the defence, Mrs Maitland and Lucy Jacques gave evidence to the effect that defendant used the statement brought forward by the complainant.—The case was dismissed, each party having their own costs to pay.

John Turner, brother of the last defendant, was proceeded against by the same complainant with using threatening language towards her on the same day.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Mr Welford was for the defence.—Complainant stated that defendant threatened to knock her b—— head off.—After other evidence, the Magistrates came to the conclusion that both parties were to blame, and dismissed the case, the costs to be defrayed amongst them.

Benjamin Roberts, a married man, was summoned by Mary Jane Turner for indulging in threatening language towards her, on the 6th inst, at Hamsterley Colliery. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr Welford prosecuted.—Complainant stated that the affair occurred in their own house. Defendant came in and took hold of her by the right hand, and threatened to kill her as dead as h——. Lucy Jacques and Elizabeth Bushby corroborated.—Defendant said he never used the language complained of, and did not touch the girl.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and pay the costs.

William Turner, an engineplane man, was summoned by Benjamin Roberts for assaulting him on the 6th inst, at Hamsterley Colliery.—Complainant stated that defendant came into his house about 1·30 p.m., and wanted to know what he had been doing with his sister. He said to defendant, "Stop awhile and I will tell you the story." Defendant then up with the hatchet and said you b—— I will take your head off."—By Mr Welford: Complainant stated that defendant never struck him.—The case was dismissed.

ASSAULTING A BOY.

Thomas Hall, contractor, living at Baxton Burn, was summoned for assaulting Robert Laing, a boy, and son of Mr Laing, postman for Shotley Bridge district, on the 6th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty, but said the offence was commited under great provocation.—Complainant alleged that he was going along the Paper Mill Lane, when he overtook the defendant with a horse and cart. A boy in the cart struck him with a whip, and threw sticks at him. Defendant jumped off the cart and thrashed him with the whip. Hall hit him in three places on the face and on his side. Complainant had done nothing to defendant.—Cross-examined by defendant: He never climbed into the cart, nor threw stones amongst the harvest people when they were coming home. When the party tossed the sticks out, he (complainant) threw them back again.—Robert Judge and Henry Angus, two boys, gave corroborative evidence.—P.C. Thompson spoke to being called in to see complainant after being assaulted by the defendant. Complainant had several marks on different parts of his body, which was very much swollen and inflamed.—Defendant stated that whilst coming along the road complainant began to get hold of the cart. He ordered him off, and he began to throw stones. Defendant struck at him with the whip, but not with the intention of doing him any injury.—Mary Robinson deposed that one of the stones struck her on the head, and defendant did not use any violence.—John Kirsopp said that he could not say whether defendant's son threw any sticks at complainant; but complainant did throw stones. Hall ordered Laing away from the cart, and complainant threatened what he would do when he caught defendant's son. Defendant struck complainant three times with the whip, who was very impudent.—Fined 1s and costs.

ILLEGALLY PLEDGING A WATCH.

Nicholas Forster, of Jarrow, who did not appear, was proceeded against for illegally pledging a watch, the property of Mr Daniel Wherley, watchmaker, of Victoria Street, Consett, on the 2nd ult.—Prosecutor attested that defendant came to him and got the loan of a watch, valued at 30s, which he had pledged with the firm of Messrs Finlay and Mitchell at Jarrow. The watch had been returned, but he wanted the costs that had been incurred.—The case was adjourned for fourteen days, in order that Mr Clifford Brice, manager of the pawnbroking establishment, might attend court.

SECOND COURT.

Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (presiding) and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly:—*Samuel Martin*, at Consett, 1st inst., 5s and costs; *Michael McNulty*, at Consett, 2nd inst., 5s and costs; *William Wilkinson*, at Consett, 2nd inst., 5s and costs; *Joseph McNamee*, at Consett, 30th ult., 5s and costs; *John O'Neil*, at Leadgate, 31st ult., 5s and costs; *Simon Doolan*, at Tanfield Moor, 6th inst., 5s and costs; *William Wallace*, at Blackhill, 30th ult., 5s and costs; *William Wheatley*, at Blackhill, 30th ult., 5s and costs; *Edward Young*, at Blackhill, 30th ult., 5s and costs; *William Toole*, at Blackhill, 6th inst., 5s and costs; *Francis Hewitson*, at Dipton, 6th inst., 10s and costs; *Margaret Lister*, at Shotley Bridge, 7th inst., 2s 6d and costs; *Robert Richardson*, at Burnopfield, 31st ult., 5s and costs; *Michael Magee*, at Burnopfield, 5th inst., 5s and costs; *Arthur Hughes*, at Burnopfield, 5th inst., 10s and costs; *John McKenna*, at Burnopfield, 5th inst., 5s and costs; *Richard Bennett*, at Burnopfield, 5th inst., 5s and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Roger Flynn was charged with causing wilful damage to corn at Dipton, on the 2nd ult.—Thos. Edwards proved the damage.—The defendant was fined 6d damage and costs.

Patrick Connolly was proceeded against by Thos. Heslop for committing damage to corn on the 31st ult.—The injury having been proved, defendant was ordered to pay 1d and costs.

Robert Turnbull was accused by Thos. Heslop with doing damage to turnips at Dipton, on the 31st ult.—The prosecutor proved the damage, and defendant was mulcted in a penalty of 2s 6d, and pay the damage and costs.

Thomas Brown was summoned by David Kirkup with doing damage to whins at Upper Lintz on the 31st ult.—Defendant was found guilty, and was ordered to pay 6d damage and costs.

Samuel McIvor was summoned for doing wilful damage to windows, the property of Wm. Harrison, on the 6th inst.—After the damage had been proved, the defendant was fined 2s 6d, and ordered to pay 3s 6d damage and costs.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE OCCASIONAL COURT.

TUESDAY, Sept. 16th.—Before Councillor James Annandale.

ALLEGED ROBBERY AT CONSETT.

Thomas McNally (28), a labourer, of Consett, was charged with breaking into a till and stealing about 9s, mostly in copper, from a till of a beer-house, in John Street, Consett, the property of Daniel Donnolly. Accused was arrested early on Tuesday morning by Sergt Tones.—He was remanded for a week.

DRUNKENNESS.

Isabell Gardner (36), a Scotch woman, was put forward by P.C. Haw for being drunk and disorderly at Consett, early on Tuesday morning.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed, the alternative being seven days' hard labour.

METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETINGS

WEARDALE CIRCUIT.—The Wesleyan quarterly meeting of this circuit was held on Saturday, at Westgate, Rev J. Mackintosh presiding. The new minister, Rev A. Dickenson, of Stanhope, was welcomed into the circuit. The financial report showed a balance of £4 in the hands of the stewards, which, considering the removal expenses lately incurred, was considered satisfactory. The numerical return gave the number of members as 550, a decrease of 10 on the quarter. A discussion took place on how to aid the weak places in the circuit, but no conclusion was arrived at.

A WEST DURHAM WORTHY AND THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The British Association, founded in 1831, for the advancement of science in all branches, holds meetings annually in various parts of the British Isles, and even abroad. Last year it met at Newcastle-on-Tyne, this year at Leeds. In order to facilitate the reading and discussion of papers the British Association is divided into eight sections—viz., mathematical and physical science, chemical science, geology, biology, geography, economic science and statistics, mechanical science, and anthropology. At its meetings it brings together the most learned and scientific men from all parts of the world, and in the discussion of the papers the speakers go into every off-shoot, no matter how little or how simple in detail it may seem to an every-day person. Amongst the local North of England persons who take a part in this great conclave of wise men, and the only, and if we mistake not the first, one from West Durham is Mr J. W. Fawcett, of Satley, who has had the pleasure of preparing for the learned body two papers, which were well received by them as containing much important matter upon very important subjects. Both come under the anthropological section, and are entitled "Notes on the Religion of the Australian Aborigines" and "Notes on the Aborigines of Australia," the latter being a severe reply to some remarks made by a Mr C. Lumholtz at the Newcastle meeting, several of which remarks contained scarcely an item of truth. Mr Fawcett having spent three years in Northern Queensland, partly in botanical exploration, in his travels, often in parts untrodden by the foot of white before his approach, gathered much knowledge from the tribes in which he came in contact, and hence is well able to prepare the elaborate papers which received so good a criticism last week. We feel sure that all our readers, and especially West Durham, are proud of owning so learned a member of the scientific world.

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VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The members of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club having had excursions during the past summer to various places not situate in the vale from which the society has taken its name thought it only right that an afternoon should be spent in what is generally considered as being the principal village or town of the valley. And since, as has been remarked before in connection with the papers occasionally prepared for the society's excursions, some little few observations on the history and the natural features of the places visited tends to enhance the interest of the visit, an attempt will be made, as briefly as may be consistent with the subject, to put down a few remarks about Shotley Bridge and its associations. Many circumstances have concurred to make Shotley Bridge such a well-known place in the North of England as it has become. About 50 years ago, Shotley was just becoming heard of as a health resort in consequence of a report that had just got abroad that a medicinal spring had been there lately discovered. This report, together with the well-known natural beauties of the place, soon led some of the more enthusiastic residents of the district to form an opinion that Shotley was destined to become one of the principal spas of England, and that it would become a second Harrogate, Buxton, or Tunbridge Wells. It would seem that the spa, which had just got such a name for good qualities, was not an altogether new discovery, but had been known to the dwellers in the district as the Hally Well. Nor was this the only Halliwell in the Derwent Valley, as there was one in the cliffs a little below Lintzford. Hally Wells, or as some would define the word, Holy Wells, have been known from the earliest ages. The Fons Bandusial of Horace and the Fountain of Clitumnus, described by the younger Pliny, were instances of Holy Wells, and probably the Fountain of Bethesda was a Hally or Holy Well. The Well of Procolitia, on the Roman Wall, where so many Roman coins were discovered a few years ago, was in all likelihood a Hally Well or sacred fountain. It was customary for visitors or pilgrims to these holy wells to drop an offering into them of a small coin or other article. When the visitors to these wells could not or would not afford money they used to put in any other small trifle. The writer has been informed that at one time the small pool at the Hally Well at Lintzford contained a quantity of hair pins, which had been put in by visitors. Horace speaks of offering a kid to the Bandusian fountain. It does not seem easy to decide whether the term Hally Well is a corruption of Holy Well, or it is Haliwell from the Saxon "hal," meaning sound in body, as we sometimes speak of an elderly person as being "hale" and hearty. From very early periods certain waters, and more especially water that had any peculiar taste, or smell, or appearance, have been more or less credited with medicinal properties. And undoubtedly with good reasons. The body contains always a certain amount of mineral matter when in perfect health, and the want of the due proportion in the blood of these mineral ingredients results in a diminution of the general health, which minerals can frequently be supplied by drinking water containing mineral matter in solution. But although Shotley Bridge may have not fulfilled the expectations of those who foresaw in it the prospects of becoming a fashionable spa and health resource, yet there can be no doubt but that the discovery or re-discovery of the Hally Well or spa has been the means of creating an interest in the village of Shotley Bridge which would not otherwise have been created. Shotley Spa Well is, there can be very little reason to doubt, but one out of very many springs which are to be found scattered throughout most of the country where the carboniferous series of rocks come to the surface. In many places in the coal districts may be found springs of water which, although they may seem to be quite clear and bright as they ooze from the ground, yet on their exposure to the air, which takes place as they trickle along the ground, soon leave in their stream, or rather on the ground over which their stream runs, a yellow ochrous-looking deposit. This deposit is caused by the iron which is contained in solution in the water. Many mineral matters found in the Chalybeate waters of Harrogate are also found to exist in the Shotley Spa, though in different proportions. Thus in the Shotley Spa are found in 4 gallon of water chloride of sodium, or common salt, 513¾ grains; in the Chalybeate water at Harrogate there are only 205 grains, thus accounting for the saline taste of the Shotley water. At Shotley there are 91½ grains of chloride of calcium, and at Harrogate 138 grains. At Shotley there are only two grains of chloride of magnesium; at Harrogate 84·39 grains. The carbonate of iron quantities are much the same in both waters. Harrogate springs are supposed to be caused by disruptions of the rocks of the carboniferous period, and Shotley Spa being in the carboniferous system, the coincidences in the waters of the same mineral salts is not much to be wondered at. But though Shotley, as a watering place, has not kept up its reputation, except as a resort of excursionists, yet there is very much to be found that is interesting and worth knowing about Shotley. Some would say that Shotley owes its existence as a village to the colony of German sword-makers, who settled on the banks of the Derwent about the latter part of the seventeenth century, or as others think quite a century earlier. But there are good reasons to suppose that the place had an existence as early as 1356, as it is then mentioned as Shotley Brigg. Probably there was a mill here for grinding corn a century before this time. Doubtless the place would be then a very wild desert and uncultivated. At any rate, we find about that time the district about Ebchester described as forest. Whether there was much that occurred during the period that intervened between this time and the coming of the German sword-makers may not be easy to say, but at any rate the coming of the foreigners would doubtless create some stir in the valley.

It is perhaps unnecessary to go much into the history of the German sword-makers, as the subject has been treated on more or less in every account about Shotley Bridge that has been written. The first account the writer remembers reading about them was in one of the delightful series of books called "Hone's Year Book and Every-day Book." It is not definitely known when they first settled at Shotley Bridge, nor exactly whether it was the suitability of the Derwent water for tempering steel, or the facilities for its manufacture arising from the abundance of fuel for smelting, or the easy means of procuring ironstone for the manufacture of steel. But whatever may have been their motive for settling on the Derwent, the fact remains that they did set up manufactures of sword blades in or about Shotley Bridge, and carried on the business for considerably more than a century. Their productions had evidently been appreciated, and the business had prospered. From that time until but a few months ago, steel has been continued to be made on the Derwent, and on the banks of the Derwent at Consett are now to be founds works for the manufacture of steel, not much, if any, behind the largest in the world. The writer has handled a sword blade made by the descendants of the German sword makers, the temper of which seems, from the way in which it may be bent and recovers itself, to be of very high quality. This sword was presented by one of the Oley family to the father of the late Cuthbert Surtees, of Ebchester, and is now in the possession of his son, Mr Anthony Surtees, of Witton Gilbert. The following motto is engraven on the blade:—

"Draw me not without a reason.
Put me not up without honour."

"The handle," says Mr Ryan in his 'History of Shotley Bridge,' "which is silver-mounted and of extremely curious workmanship in ivory, presents to the front of the blade a griffin, and to the back a mild, determined face, wearing moustaches and ear-rings, which have probably graced some foreign functionary. The handle was taken from an old dirk, and is manifestly very ancient."

But besides the coming of the German sword-makers, there are others connected with Shotley Bridge and district whose lives and history have afforded interesting reminiscences. We are not far from the birthplace of Lough, our own celebrated sculptor. Dr Carr also, the author of a very elegant ode to the Derwent, a copy of which may be seen in the reference library at Newcastle. Ryan mentions John Hall, Esq., a native of Consett, who lived in the time of the Commonwealth, and is said to have been an extraordinary literary genius. It is curious to note at this day how Ryan, who wrote in 1841, mentions Consett as exhibiting only a respectable farm house and surrounding plantations. Not far away is Minsteracres, the residence of the Silvertops, an ancient and respectable Catholic family. It may seem a far cry from Shotley Bridge to the battle of Waterloo; but it may almost be said that a native of the district of Shotley Bridge was the indirect means of bringing about the battle of Waterloo. The owner of Minsteracres visited Napoleon at Elba, and stated to him that a few weeks previously he had dined with the Duc de Fleury, and in the course of conversation with him mention had been made of the sum of money that had been fixed on by the allied powers to be annually allowed to the deposed Emperor. The Duke laughed at him for supposing that they would ever be such fools as to pay it. "This," Napoleon said, "was one of the reasons which induced me to quit Elba." So that possibly if the owner of Minsteracres had not visited Buonaparte and told him this, he might not have left Elba, and there might not have been any battle of Waterloo.

But whatever may have been the importance of the battle of Waterloo to Europe and the world, there is yet a tradition of another event having occurred in the immediate neighbourhood of Shotley Bridge, which might have had consequences far transcending in importance the conflict at Waterloo. The district of Shotley Bridge was at one time the residence of very many of the estimable religious sect of the Society of Friends, or as they were very frequently termed, the Quakers. To some of the more prominent of these individuals Shotley has been indebted for becoming much what it is. In fact, it may truly be said that had it not been for the business qualities of the Quakers who were resident at and about Shotley Bridge, in all probability Shotley Bridge and Consett would have been only small country villages. It was through the intelligence and enterprise of the Richardsons that the spa was brought into repute and the hotel built, and it was owing to their exertions that the Consett Iron Works were commenced—works that are now second to none in the kingdom for their extent, and for the successes which they have achieved both financially and for the quality of the iron and steel which they produce. But successful as the Consett Iron Company may have become, if the matter had been a success which some of our estimable Friends seem to have attempted, the result might have been of still greater importance. In a work called "Turner on Providence," says Mr Ryan in his "Shotley Bridge," it is related that at one of the first Quaker meeting houses, which was at Benfieldside, where there had been one for nearly two centuries, the devil appeared in great wrath to snatch away the key which was to imprison him for ever. Unfortunately, the details of this event are not forthcoming, so that we have no means of ascertaining how this key came into the possession of the Quakers of Benfieldside. We can only conjecture that it may possibly have been forged on the Derwent by some of the German sword makers, and had been prepared there on account of the excellent quality of the material for which these Germans were renowned. But history being silent on this point, this is only a surmise.

We are also not informed how it occurred that this evidently well laid scheme went as Burns says "of other schemes o' mice and men oft gan agley." A not improbable solution may be that, since we are told that Satan appeared at the meeting house at Benfieldside in great wrath, the worthy quakers there might have considered that it would not have been altogether consistent with the principles which they profess to have offered much opposition to his majesty, and particularly since he was in much wrath, and have simply offered a mild protest against his taking away the key which was intended to entirely suspend all operations in the world on his part not only in the immediate future but for all time. They may have said, "Friend, thee appears to be much enraged because we purpose for the benefit of mankind that thou shouldst not go about any longer as a raging lion seeking whom thou mayst devour. Thou can'st take the key but thou must for the future use they powers more gently than thou hast done in the past." Probably his majesty thanked them and promised to do as they told him, but so far as can be judged from the world as we can see it, he has not been as good as his word. But independently of these important transactions, there is much at Shotley Bridge to interest. Shotley seems, to a certain extent, to be placed just at the point where the more tame scenery of the Derwent terminates, and the more wild and mountainous district commences. The view from Shotley Bridge station embrace eastwards the well wooded vale of Derwent with the domain of Gibside surrounding the lofty column of liberty. On the opposite bank are seen the extensive crown plantations of Chopwell. Directly opposite is seen the sheltered village of Shotley Bridge with the Shotley Park plantations rising toward Minsteracres and the parish church of Shotley. Westward are the woods of Muggleswick, beyond these the hills rise, over the crest of which nestles the pretty and snug little town of Blanchland. One need not wonder that the peacable and retirement loving society of friends, concerning whose religious opinions some may have possibly raised a smile, but at the same time, of whom nothing amiss could have been said, should have chosen the district round about Shotley Bridge as a place of abode, where they might quietly practice their respected virtues without disturbing anyone or being disturbed by others.

But, besides the story about Satan and the key, there are other relics of the tales of the fabulous ages lingering, or rather that used to linger, about Shotley Bridge. A little farther up the Derwent at the Sneep, is said to be the enchanted Hall of King Arthur, where the monarch surrounded by his Queen and courtiers, and his faithful hounds is awaiting the drawing of the sword the cutting of the garter, and the blowing of the horn which is to dissolve the spell of enchantment. Near the Sneep is Crooked Oak, the dwelling place of Jane Frizzle, who used to traverse the vale of Derwent by night with a broomstick for her palfrey. Not far away is Howen's Gill, said to have been formed by the hammer of Cor, Con, and Ben, giants, who gave names to Corbridge, Consett, and Benfieldside, having been thrown with too little force and fallen short of its mark. Although, I believe, a member of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club has another theory about it being formed in the age of ice. It was also the stream of the Derwent that was favoured with the freaks of the half-malevolent, half-beneficent demon—Hedley Kow. It is to be feared that the whistle of the engine at Shotley Bridge station and the glare of the furnaces at Consett, have been the cause of these visitants of the former years, deserting the scenes formerly favoured with their ministrations.

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Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for the ROYAL POLAND STREET HAND-BELL RINGERS, NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, Friday, October 3rd.

REMEMBER the Grand Vegetable Show at the Peacock Inn, Shield Row, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1890. 51d

LOOK OUT for the GREAT DERBY LEEK SHOW, to be held on Saturday, September 27th, at Mr. P. COYLE'S, Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett. 57d

A LEEK SHOW will be held at the house of Mrs. HANNAH NOBLE, Commercial Inn, Leadgate, on Saturday, September 27th, 1890. Judge, Mr. Thomas Bell. The Show will be open till Monday night. 64

CASTLESIDE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL OPEN LEEK and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on Saturday, October 4th, 1890, at the Fleece Inn. For particulars see Prize List. 56d

VISIT the Great Annual Stock Sale of Clocks, Jewellery, Cutlery, and Watches TO-DAY, and until Saturday, September 30th, at the Consett Jewellery Emporium, Mount Pleasant, Consett. 909c

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1890, and during the Week, engagement at an enormous expense of MESSRS EMMERSON & VAUGHAN'S LONDON COMPANY in the Great Romantic Drama, "A Man in a Thousand." Tickets for Circle can now be had at Tyler's Boot Shop, Middle Street, Consett. 71d

NOTICE.

STOBART'S SALVES.—These well-known Salves are sold at the RAILWAY HOTEL, Consett; STAG'S HEAD INN, Medomsley; NORTH-EASTERN HOTEL, HEXHAM; and WHITE HORSE INN Groat Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 856c

ROBERT THOMPSON, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of Robert Thompson, East Kyo, who died Aug. 22nd, 1890, are requested to send full particulars thereof forthwith to me, the undersigned, on or before the 25th Sept.

83d WM. HOLMES, Post Office, Tantobie.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO ALD. W. JENKINS, J.P.

IF GENTLEMEN desirous of Subscribing to the above Fund, who may not yet have been called upon, will communicate the Amount of their Subscriptions either at the North-Eastern Bank, Consett, or to the Secretaries (Messrs. GEO. AINSWORTH and T. L. GLEDSTONE) the Committee will feel obliged.

CONSETT GOVERNMENT ART CLASSES
Held in the
CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S BRITISH SCHOOLS, TRAFALGAR STREET.

THESE CLASSES will RE-COMMENCE on Wednesday, September 17th, 1890, at 6-30 p.m. For particulars apply to Mr. HYDEN, at the school.

19d W. PATTERSON, Art Teacher.

MR. ALLAN McPHERSON RUNS A BRAKE from TANTOBIE to CONSETT every Saturday and Monday; leaving Tantobie at One o'clock, and Dipton at Half-past One, Half-past Three and Seven on Saturdays; and leaving Tantobie at Nine o'clock, and Dipton at Half-past Nine and One o'clock on Mondays. The Brake leaves Consett at 2-30, 6, and 9 o'clock on Saturdays, and at 12 and 4 o'clock on Mondays. 468c

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CASTLESIDE.

THE ANNUAL

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES
WILL BE HELD IN THIS CHURCH,
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1890.

HOLY COMMUNION AT 8·30.
MORNING PRAYER, 10·30.
PREACHER—
THE REV J. W. MITCHELL, M.A.,
VICAR OF LEADGATE.

EVENING PRAYER, 6·30.
PREACHER—
THE REV T. H. E. C. ESPIN, M.A.,
VICAR OF TOW LAW.

Collection for Church Expenses.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CONSETT BRANCH OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY,
WILL BE HELD (D.V.)
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1890.
At 7-30 o'clock p.m., in the
SMALL HALL OF THE NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

W. JENKINS, Esq., J.P., in the Chair.

REV. E. GEORGE,

Assistant Secretary in the Metropolitan District, will attend as a Deputation from the Parent Society, and several Ministers and Laymen are expected to take part in the proceedings.

A Collection will be made in aid of the Society's Funds.

A PRIVATE MINING SCHOOL
FOR CANDIDATES FOR COLLIERY MANAGERS CERTIFICATES.
Will be commenced on
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1890,
IN THE
LECTURE HALL OF THE Y.M.C.A., CLAYPATH, DURHAM.
At 3-30 p.m.

Masters:—Mr WM. TATE, Queen's Medallist, author of "Principles of Mining," "Mine Chemistry," and editor of the "Science and Art of Mining," and Mr WM. CHARLTON, Queen's Medallist, and certificated for Colliery Manager.

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Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, Sept. 29th, 1890. — Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, including Hair-seated and Easy Chairs, Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses, Feather and Down Beds, 25 Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watches (un-redeemed), Superior Cutlery and other Hardware, First-class Iron-framed Pianoforte, Full Trichord, in perfect order, &c.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, September 29th, 1890, the Superior Household FURNITURE and Effects.

Sale to commence at 1·30 p.m.

Other Goods may be included in this Sale. 72d

FOR SALE. — Pianofortes and Harmoniums supplied to order. Very Fine Iron Framed Overstrung Trichord Pianoforte, nearly new, cost 50 Guineas, to be Sold, a Bargain.—Apply, BRODIE, Town Hall. 73d

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ADAM BRODIE and ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Auctioneers' Institute, are prepared to SELL FARMING STOCKS, HOUSES, LAND, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and STOCKS IN TRADE, by PUBLIC AUCTION, or otherwise. The Victoria Sale-Rooms, are open daily for the reception of Goods for absolute Sale. General Office: Town Hall, Consett. Private Office: 17, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 301c

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22ND, 1890. — 60 to 80 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 7 Fat Cattle; 165 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 10 Finger Calves; a number of Pigs.

Entries to day of Sale.

Sale at 10-30 a.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE, Saturday, September 27th. Present Entries comprise—A number of Horses and Ponies, various ages; 20 Geld Cows; 100 Store Cattle, 1 to 3 years old; 50 West Highland Kyloes, mostly forward in condition, adapted for short keep; 1200 Mule and Black-faced Ewes, for Breeding purposes; Lambs, Wethers, and other Store Sheep.

Sale at 10-30 a.m.

These numbers will be considerably augmented.

The ANNUAL RAM SALE, Wednesday, Oct. 1st. Early entries invited. Full particulars next week's advertisement.

54a J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr John S. Murray.

PRESENT SALE FIXTURES.

Monday, Sept. 22nd.—Royal Auction Mart.
Wednesday, 24th.—Electro Silver Plate, Royal.
Thursday, 25th.— Do. do.
Thursday, Oct. 2nd.—Ram Sale, Mart.
Saturday, Oct. 4th.—Mrs. Bell's Cows and Stock, Blanchland. 65d

J. S. MURRAY.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22ND, 1890.

Present Entries:—
7 Fat Cattle.
130 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
15 to 20 Calving Cows and Heifers, including 4 big good Cows from Woodlands Hall.
Pigs, Calves, and Poultry, &c.
10 Store Cattle.

Cart Ropes, Plough Cords, Saddle-girths, Bridles, Head Stalls, Stack Nets, Brushes, &c.

Excellent Single-Horse Brougham.

Other Miscellaneous Lots.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

67d JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Thursday, October 2nd, 1890.

THE ANNUAL SALE of RAMS and Wintering SHEEP, EWES, &c.

Early entries solicited.

J. S. MURRAY.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. 67d

Blanchland, October 4th, 1890.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mrs ANN BELL, Bridge End, Blanchland, who is declining Business, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, October 4th, the whole of her STOCK, CARTS, HARNESS, HAY, &c., comprising—

1 Young Roan Cow, due to calve Oct. 16th.
1 Young Blue Cow, due to calve Nov. 28th.
3 S.H. Heifers, 10 to 20 months old.
1 S.H. Steer, year and 7 months old.

Coup Cart, Set Cart Harness, Dog Cart, Set Silver-mounted Harness, Set Brass-mounted Harness, Trace and Chains, Riding Saddle and Bridle, Single Horse Grass Cutter, by McGregor, Gripes, Shovels, Hay Rakes, Hay Forks, and other Miscellaneous Lots.

Also, about 6 Tons HAY, in Shed, Hay Shed, Eatage of 4 Acres Excellent Old Land Fogg, Dairy Utensils, Iron Bedstead and Mattress.

Sale at Two o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside. 68d

Peremptory Sale.—In Liquidation.—Re Alliance Silver Plating Company, Sheffield.—Important to Hotel Proprietors, Restaurant Keepers, Private Families, and others.—Sale of a Highly-important and Valuable assortment of Electro Silver Plate, and Fine African Ivory-handled Cutlery.

MR. J. S. MURRAY has received instructions from the Trustees to SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th and 25th, 1890, at the Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, a Magnificent and varied Collection of PLATE and CUTLERY, made expressly for the best London Trade, including about 400 dozen Dinner and Dessert Forks and Spoons, Old English, Beaded, and King's Pattern; Sugar and Sauce Ladles, Sugar Caddy, Tea, Salt, and Egg Spoons; 250 dozen Ivory-handled Table and Breakfast Knives, Meat and Game Carvers, Steels, Cabinets of Cutlery, containing every requisite for table use (well worthy of attention); Cases of Dessert Cutlery, with Handles of Pearl, Ivory, and Silver; Cases of Fish Knives and Forks, with similar Handles; Fish Carvers; Children's Presentation Services, Butter Knives, Pickle and Sardine Forks, Marrow and Lobster Scoops, Grape Scissors, Nut Crackers, Knife Rests, Fruit and Jelly Spoons. PRESENTATION TEA AND COFFEE SETS, Tea Pots, Toast Racks, Soup Tureens, with Revolving Tops, Salvers and Coffee Trays (large and small), Patent "Tantalus" Liqueur Cases in Oak and Silver Frames, Hot Water Kettles with Stands and Lamp, Toddy Kettles, Hot Water and Claret Jugs, Inkstands, Dish Covers, and Centre Dishes in a variety of Patterns; Cruet Frames (3, 4, 5, and 6 Bottles), Cups, Biscuit Caddies, Cake and Sugar Baskets, &c.

N.B.—The Auctioneer invites the attention of intending Purchasers, as the Stock is of a very superior character, and the circumstances under which it is being Sold are most favourable to buyers.

Sale at 2-30 and 6-30.

On View Mornings of Sale. 78d

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Notice of Sale.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY will hold a SALE BY AUCTION, in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, the 24th day of September, 1890, consisting of Household FURNITURE, CARPETS, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, PATENT KITCHEN RANGE, 5ft. by 5ft. 2in., BICYCLES, TRICYCLES, &c. Full particulars will be given in Handbills and Posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock p.m. 50d

JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Mr John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL, on Monday, September 29th, 1890, 150 Lots of Valuable Household FURNITURE, brought to the above rooms for convenience of Sale.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold on reasonable terms.

Valuable Property to be Sold by Public Auction at Blackhill.

MR. GEORGE HEADS (who has come from America for the purpose of selling his property) has instructed Mr JOHN CRAWFORD to SELL, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mrs Robson, Derwent Hotel, Durham Road, Blackhill, on Thursday evening, September 25th, 1890, at 7.30, that Well-built HOUSE, with Two Rooms, Pantry, Yard, and all out-door Conveniences, No. 36, Durham Road, Blackhill, occupied by Mr Thos. Forster, adjoining the Derwent Hotel, also HOUSE and SHOP, shop with Two Windows, and Three Rooms, Pantry, Yard, and all out-door Conveniences, occupied by Mr Westgarth.

The above Property is Substantially-built, and situated in an Excellent Business Locality, and will be sold to suit purchasers.

For full particulars apply to John Crawford, auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 82d

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 905a

By Mr. William Nicholson

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1890.

Present entries:—
65 Prime Fat Sheep and Lambs.
120 Top Mule Lambs.
A number of Mule Ewes and Gimmers.
Cows, calved and to calve.
Fat and Grazing Cattle.
Calves, Pigs, Poultry, Geese.
Other Farm Produce.
Entries to time of Sale.

Sale at One o'clock.

59d WILLIAM NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

By Mr. James Turnbull.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW and Sale of Rams and Ram Lambs, and Special Sale of Draft Ewes and Gimmers, and Grazing Cattle, will be held on Thursday, September 25th, 1890, at One p.m., prompt.

Present Entries:—

1,200 HEAD OF STOCK.

130 Border Leicester, Pure Leicester, and Shropshire Rams and Ram Lambs, consigned direct from some of the best Breeders in Northumberland, Durham, and Yorkshire, and comprises some of the best and most fashionable blood in the kingdom, including several of this year's prize winners, from Messrs Annandale and Son, Lintz Green, 10; Earl of Durham, 5; Heslop, Barnard Castle, 7; D. Cooper, Bainesse, Catterick, 16; Bell, Hedley Hall, 6; Pattison, Low Fell, 14; Charlton, Shaw House, 12; Young, Broomyholme, 15 (R.L.); Proctor, Durham, 6 Downs; Joicey & Co., 2; J. C. Wearmouth, Lookout, Alnwick, 11; Woodman, Newton, Stocksfield, 6; Lamb, Runhead Farm, 6; Snowball, Usworth, 4; and other well-known places.

750 Half, Three-parts Bred, Cheviot, Mule, and Black-faced Draft Ewes and Gimmers, principally select lots from some of the best Breeders in the three counties—Northumberland, Durham, and Yorkshire — including Marquis of Londonderry's Shetland Farm; Wood, Brockbushes; Wood, Thornbrough; Heslop, Barnard Castle; Coldcoat, Rookton; and Blackburnhead, Langley, Broom House, Byer Moor, Holmside Old Hall, Colwell House, Barrasford, Ryal-Matfen, and other well-known places.

250 Three-parts Bred, Mule and Shropshire Keeping Lambs, off Eltringham, Grindon, Haydon Bridge, Holmside Old Hall, and other places.

90 S.H. and Galloway Cross Grazing Steers and Heifers, 1½ to 3 years old, very fresh, and full of hair and quality.

Trucks at the Station.

JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer, &c. 75d

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

HORSE SHOW AND SALE, Monday, Sept. 29th, 1890.

Prize Lists and conditions on application to JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Entries close Sept. 22nd, 1890. 76d

Business Announcements

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19TH, 1890.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

(BY "INCEDO.")

THE STEEL AND IRON TRADES.

The outlook in connection with the steel and iron trades is a shade brighter than it was some six weeks ago. It will be remembered that I have from the first taken a hopeful view of the situation. I did not go the length of inferring that there would be no falling off in the measure of prosperity enjoyed in the early months of the summer, because I knew quite well that the signs of the times did not warrant such an assumption. I was confident, however, and I expressed myself to that effect, that the shipbuilding industry was not on the eve of an epoch of depression such as characterised the autumns and winters of 1883-4. Subsequent events have proved that I had scanned the horizon pretty accurately. But while there is much to be thankful for, there is really very little to boast about. There are at this moment very large yards on the Tyne, the Wear, and the Tees—for hardly a week passes that I do not listen to the rattling of hammers on the banks of all these rivers—in which there is not more than a solitary vessel, instead of a round, half-dozen or more. I know that at not a few iron and steel manufacturing establishments orders are much scarcer than those most interested would like to see them, while one well-enough known firm has shut the gates for an indefinite period. So much then for the vagaries of fortune, and the ever-varying winds of circumstance, which, by the way, seem to waft the lion's share of their favours to Consett.

LOOKING FORWARD.

It is a common saying that it is never too late to mend; but one never heard of a trusty teacher of men upholding such an out-and-out fallacy. Such a motto is calculated to curse mankind—not to rouse and cheer them. Take the case of the poor creature, the old man who was at the last meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians brought before that interesting body, on a charge of being "a curious pauper." The man's pockets were seen to be bulky, and on a search warrant being obtained—for but scant ceremony is needed in the case of paupers—it was found that the thoughtful soul had secreted about his person a winter store of a dozen clay pipes and two tins of preserved tobacco! This was what must rightly be denominated looking forward. But this species of foresight came too late, for had this man practised the art of looking forward in the days of his youth, or maturer manhood, the chances are that the same individual had never seen the inside of the Lanchester Workhouse. You will therefore see, my reader, that it is possible enough for a man to be too late to mend. It was once said of a man, who lost his life by a fall from a horse, that between the saddle and the ground, he mercy sought and mercy found; but as the man was killed outright, it was purely a stretch of the imagination to warrant such a deduction. Moral: It is a good thing to be looking forward; but see to it that you look forward in time.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions. Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve man, but unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fevers Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pill, will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung Affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 13½d, and 2s. 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 36 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggists Manchester.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The anniversary of the Consett Wesleyan Chapel was celebrated on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev J. Harrop Taylor, the newly-appointed superintendent minister of the circuit.

Last (Thursday) night, a committee meeting of the Ald. Jenkins Testimonial Fund was held in the New Town Hall buildings, Consett, when further progress was made with the scheme.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Wednesday afternoon, Robert Saville, hairdresser, of Middle Street, Consett, died very suddenly, at the age of 47 years. Although ailing for some time, he was enabled to go about, and on Wednesday forenoon he was sitting in front of his establishment. Later on, while he was in a neighbouring fruiterer's shop, he immediately expired. Deceased leaves a wife and family.

DEATH OF A NORTHERN JOURNALIST.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr Thos. Walton, journalist, of Durham, as having occurred on Wednesday morning, at his residence, 13, Flass Street, Durham, in which city he had for over twenty years represented the *Newcastle Chronicle*. For a long time past he had been in failing health, and last Thursday he cut his finger whilst opening a tin. He took no notice of the injury at the time, but erysipelas intervened, and he was completely prostrated on the following day, but nothing serious was feared, until Wednesday morning, when he passed quietly away. He was 51 years of age, and leaves a family of six, three sons and three daugeters, one of the former being in India.

CATCHGATE.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—"THOMAS SEXTON" BRANCH.—The half-yearly meeting of this society has just been held. Mr M. Sculley presided. A report was submitted which showed the membership to be 90, with 11 more names proposed to become members, making a total of 101. The financial report was very satisfactory. The sum of £6 10 has been sent to the executive, beside local expenses, and £2 18s to the Matthew Harrison Testimonial Fund. The total income for the six months was £15 10s. After meeting all demands a balance of £2 5s was left in the treasurer's hands. The election of officers took place, which resulted in one or two changes. The branch is in a prosperous condition. It was decided to arrange for a public meeting to be held shortly, and to be addressed by Prof. Curry, of the Felling.

BLACKHILL.

At Highgate Park grounds, Blackhill, on Saturday Highgate Lad won the greyhound sweep, and Rejected the small dog sweep promoted by Mr Geo. Covell, Miners' Arms Inn.

On Monday night, the Consett Wesleyan Choir gave an oratorio, entitled *The Captives of Babylon*, in Highgate Baptist Church, before a good audience. Mr C. Stelling presided at the organ.

LEADGATE

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SOCIETY.—The third of a series of sewing meeting teas, connected with the society, at Leadgate, was held on Monday afternoon, in the school-room. The provisions were given by the members of the Catechumen Class, and the tables were presided over by several of the female members. Mr Collinson superintended the arrangements. There was a good company present, and the proceeds realised £4.

MARRIAGE.—On Monday, the marriage was solemnised in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, between Mr John McCurley, hon. sec. of the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C., and Miss Mary Ann Quinn, daughter of Mr William Quinn, of Sherburn Terrace, Consett. The bride was given away by her father, the ceremony being performed by Rev Jas. Foran. The bride was attired in fawn satin, trimmed with orange blossoms, and hat to match. The bridesmaids were Misses B. and S. McCurley, and M. Hughes, who wore grey dresses, trimmed with cream satin, and hats to harmonise therewith. The groomsmen were Messrs F. McCurley, Wm. McGee (the popular captain of the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C.), and Wm. Quinn, brother of the bride. After the ceremony, the happy pair journeyed by rail to Tynemouth to spend their honeymoon. The gifts were numerous and valuable, and included a present subscribed for by the club held at Mr Quinn's hostelry, consisting of a handsome fender and set of fireirons, which was presented by Mr C. Routledge. The jovial proceedings were kept up at the house of the bride's father till 11 p.m.

CASTLESIDE.

Harvest thanksgiving services will be held in St. John's Church, Castleside, on Sunday, the preachers announced being Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A., Vicar of Leadgate, in the morning, and Rev T. H. E. C. Espin, M.A., vicar of Tow Law, in the evening.

OXHILL.

THE ALLEGED RECANTATION.—Mrs Elizabeth Reed writes as follows:—"Whether Jessie Burnett calls it recantation or no, I hereby publicly declare that John Burnett uttered these words in my hearing—'Lord, have mercy on me.'"

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—On Wednesday night, Mr J. S. Murray sold at the house of Mr J. Lumley, Annfield Plain, a dwelling-house of four rooms, situate near the Wesleyan Chapel. There was a large company of buyers present. The property was commenced at £100 by Mr Robert Thompson, who was quickly followed by Mr G. A. Thompson at £140; and after a spirited competition by Messrs Green, Simpson, Lumley, Taylor, Douglas, and others, it was purchased by Mr Jos. Lumley for £260.

WOLSINGHAM.

A horse belonging to Mrs Vickers, of Reagate Hall, Wolsingham, fell down in the village on Tuesday, and died. None of the occupants in the trap were hurt.

DERWENT COTTAGES.

A REMARKABLE KITTEN.—On Friday last, a cat the property of John Marrs, 6 Derwent Cottages, gave birth to a remarkable kitten which has eight legs, two tails, and one head.

EBCHESTER.

ACCIDENT.—On Sunday forenoon, about eleven o'clock, whilst Mr Geo. Smith, stationmaster, at Shincliffe Town, near Durham, was riding a bicycle down Ebchester Bank, he lost control of his machine, and was thrown very heavily at the bottom of the hill. He was rendered insensible for over two hours. Mr Smith also sustained injuries to his left arm, and to his left hip joint. P.C. Lawson speedily arrived, and had the unfortunate man conveyed to the Chelmsford Hotel, where he bandaged his injuries, and a medical man was speedily called in. Mr Smith's machine was all smashed.

BURNOPFIELD.

WEDDING.—On Wednesday se'nnight, a pretty wedding—that of Mr J. J. Little, of Mickley, and Miss A. J. Dixon, third daughter of Mr A. Dixon, of Priestfield Farm—took place in the Burnopfield Parish Church. About 11.30 a.m., the bridal party reached the church, the bride leaning on the arm of her father, having as her bridesmaids her three sisters, Miss J. Dixon, Miss E. Dixon, and Miss S. Dixon. A large number of the village people were present to witness the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev P. Hughes, whilst Mr J. G. Ramsay presided at the organ. As the party left the church they were showered with rice, and almost deafened by a *feu de joie*. Breakfast was served at Priestfield Farm—where the bride and bridegroom and friends, were received by Mrs Dixon under the presidency of Mr A. Dixon. At breakfast we noticed:—Mrs Little (mother of the bride-groom), Mr S. Little (brother), Mr and Mrs Pattinson, Mr T. Dixon (brother of the bride), Misses J., E., and S. M. Dixon (sisters), Mr and Mrs Gibson, Burnhope; Mr and Mrs J. Gibson, Broomside, Northumberland; Mrs J. R. and Miss Gibson, Burnhope. The bride was dressed in royal silk (cream), and the bridesmaids in cream cashmere, whilst all were carrying beautiful bouquets of stephanotis. The presents were both numerous and costly. Many of the friends of the bride arrived for tea, and afterwards indulged in dancing, which was kept up with great ardour till a late hour. Mr and Mrs Little left in the afternoon for Windermere, with the best wishes of all present.

SPEN COLLIERY.

REMARKABLE MUSHROOM.—The other day whilst Mr R. Browell, of the Miners' Arms, Spen, was out for a day's shooting over the grounds where he has the right of sport between Crawcrook and the Tyneside, he came across a very large mushroom, which he pulled up and brought home with him. It was found on measurement to be 40 inches circumference or 13½ inches diameter. It is a very rare occurrence to get so large a mushroom, in this locality, as it has not been a good season for mushrooms. It was growing on the Freestone Head.

BURNHOPE

On Saturday evening last, John Wilson, Esq., M.P., delivered his popular lecture on "Gladstone" in the Primitive Methodist Chapel of the above place. J. T. Forster, Esq., C.C., of Burnhope took the chair on the occasion. On Sunday, Mr Wilson preached in the morning at 10.30 and evening at 5.30, and Mr R. Tyson, of Burnhope, preached at 2 p.m. A collection was taken after each service in aid of the chapel fund.

SATLEY.

DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD.—A kind and gentle spirit, in the person of Edward Kirton, of Lyre Dean, passed away last Saturday at the age of 75. For over a quarter of a century he has had the farm on which he died, and was held in high esteem, not only by his landlords, but by all his neighbours and acquaintances.—Quiet, industrious, and honourable in all his dealings, he was not unmindful of his higher duties, as his well-thumbed bible showed.—He has peaceably passed to his rest after a well-spent life, in sure trust of his Saviour's merits to lead him to one of the many mansions.—The funeral took place at Castleside on Monday, amid every token of regard and respect

STANHOPE.

The take at the gates at Stanhope Agricultural Show, amounted to £98 odd.

ACCIDENT TO A STANHOPE MAN AT SALTBURN.—On Saturday, as Mr John Moutry, (late of Stanhope), was superintending the passenger traffic at Saltburn Station, he fell before the engine, and had part of his hand cut off by the engine wheels.

FUNERAL SERMON.—On Sunday evening, Miss Bulmer, of the Stanhope Evangelistic Mission, improved the death of the late James Gibson, at the High Street Chapel, which was crowded on the occasion. Gibson, it will be remembered, was the man who was accidentally shot on the moors at Edmondbyers, while with a party of grouse shooters. He was greatly respected in Stanhope and neighbourhood.

UNITED RELIGIOUS SERVICE.—On Monday afternoon, a united service of the Wesleyans and Primitives of Stanhope, was held in the Market Place, and addresses were delivered by Mr Wm. Elliot, of Stanhope, and Mr Henry Featherstone, of Wearhead, to the large company assembled. It being fair, numbers of showmen, stall-keepers, hobby-horse and round-a-bouts men, and numbers of a similar class, gathered, along with a number of the inhabitants, to hear the Gospel preached to them by working men of Weardale.

WEARDALE.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN FARMER'S WIFE.—The death of Sarah, wife of Mr William Vickers, jun., of Pease Myres farm Stanhope took place on Sunday morning, the 14th inst at their residence. She has been ailing some time and has gradually sunk. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss.

RELIEF TRAINS TO THE FAIR.—The North Eastern Railway Co. are to be complimented on their running several relief trains to and from Stanhope fair on Saturday, which was felt to be a great convenience to the public and one which they well appreciate.

The weather of the past fortnight in Weardale has been all that could be desired for harvesting purposes. The remainder of the hay crop has been secured and those who have been the last have got excellent hay. In the lower part of the dale, corn is being harvested in capital condition. And the dry weather will also have the tendency of checking the potato disease which has shewn itself in damp situations in the gardens and fields in the valley.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

A FEROCIOUS DOG.—At Gateshead County Police Court on Tuesday, John Weatherley made an application for the destruction of a black retriever dog. On the 7th inst. he was passing the house of Mrs Milburne, Ryton, when a dog belonging to her sprang at him and bit him in the leg. Three months ago the same dog bit him on the hip.—Evidence was given by two witnesses as to having been attacked by the dog.—The Bench made an order for the dog to be kept under proper control, and ordered the defendant to pay the costs of the case, which amounted to 16s. She was informed that if she allowed the dog to run loose again she would be fined £1 a day

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

LIGHTING THE VILLAGE.—On Monday evening, a public meeting of inhabitants of Cornsay Colliery was held in the British Schools, for the purpose of taking into consideration, the necessity of lighting up the streets of the village with oil lamps. There was a good attendance of rate-payers. After due consideration of the scheme, a committee, consisting of Messrs P. Kirkup, (manager), and Allan Love, (foreman), for the owners; Messrs J. Storey and R. Towns for the tradesmen; and Messrs Wm. Barrett, and R. Barron on behalf of the workmen, was appointed to further the object. Altogether, 15 lamps are found necessary to light the main thorough-fares of the place. The distance suggested is 15 yards apart, so as to give sufficient light for all foot passengers. The lamps at Quebec being found insufficient to give the necessary reflection required. Already funds are forthcoming, and the project is anticipated to be completed before the bad weather sets in. Donations amounting to £8 are promised, and other gentlemen have offered to contribute towards the scheme. The tradesmen have also consented to co-operate with the workmen in defraying the expenses. Undoubtedly, a corresponding comfort and convenience will be the result during the winter months, while the cost of improvement will be trifling to the benefit and pleasure received by the people.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr George Ridley presiding. Present: Messrs John Kirkup, John Hodgson, John Crawford, Peter Oswald, Peter Hay, John M. Snowdon, Joseph Witherspoon, Edward Nicholson, John Chystal, Joseph Cook, A. Berkerly, and the clerk (Mr R. Dickinson).

A DISPUTED ACCOUNT.

The CHAIRMAN said the Board would remember that at the last meeting they deferred the consideration of an account for 5s 6d, charged by Sergt. Hutchinson for removing a man from Birtley to the Workhouse, at Chester-le-Street. Colonel Sheppee, chairman of the bench, had written to Mr W. H. Kerrich-Walker, asking that gentleman to bring the matter before the Board. Mr Kerrich-Walker had also written to the Clerk, saying that he could not attend, but had forwarded the letter of the Colonel.

Mr HAY: It was very irregular for Col. Sheppee to write to Mr Kerrich-Walker. If he had a complaint to make he ought to have written to the Board direct, and not to a member of the Board. He thought they should not notice the letter.

The man referred to was called in, and said that he happened an accident at Chester New Bridge, which was on his way to Flotter's Mill, where his niece lived. He was taken to Flotter's Mill by a brewer's dray, and stayed there overnight, and was then removed the following day to Birtley, when he was left at Sergt. Hutchinson's, and attended by Dr Wilson. He did not express any desire to go to his lodgings at Porto Bello, and did not want to go. Mr Turnbull gave him an order to the House, and some time afterwards the sergeant brought him to Chester-le-Street in a conveyance hired from Mr McAvoy. Mr Turnbull never refused to do what he could for him.

After hearing Mr Turnbull, the Board decided not to hear Sergt. Hutchinson at all. There was no blame attached to Mr Turnbull. They also decided that the account should stand over until rendered direct from Mr McAvoy to the Board, or their officer.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Messrs J. Armstrong and R. Turnbull, relieving officers, submitted their fortnightly accounts for out-door relief and other expenses, as follows:—Chester-le-Street sub-district £61 17s 11d, Harraton sub-district £57 14s 7. Cheques were ordered and signed accordingly.

THE BIRTLEY VACANCY.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board stating that before they could grant an order for the election of a Guardian for Birtley, in the place of Dr Wilson, who had been appointed medical officer for Birtley, it was necessary that Dr Wilson's resignation should be forwarded to them, accepted, and confirmed. A form for the resignation was enclosed.

The Clerk said he had forwarded the form to Dr Wilson requesting him to fill it up.

The CHAIRMAN: That is satisfactory.

THE WORKHOUSE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master (Mr Aikman) reported that the number of inmates in the House that day was 86, as against 104 at the same date last year, decrease 18; during the fortnight 63 vagrants had been relieved, corresponding period last year 43, increase 20. The Countess of Scarbrough and Mr J. Cook had each sent a quantity of tobacco for the inmates. The presents had been much enjoyed.

Mr KIRKUP moved that the thanks of the Board be accorded to the Countess of Scarbrough and Mr Cook.

Mr HODGSON did not believe in tobacco, but on account of the good intentions of the donors he would second the motion. He would like to know how the tobacco was delivered out. Was it in accordance with the doctor's orders?

The Master: He gave it out according to the directions of the doctor. Some of the men got half-an-ounce a week, and some an ounce.

Mr HAY: Tobacco was a first-rate thing. Mr Hodgson would be all the better for it.

THE ASYLUM VISITING COMMITTEE.

The following committee was appointed to visit the County Asylum:—Messrs Kirkup, Oswald, Berkley, Cook, and Drs Renton and Wilson.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

THE ASHPIT CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Persuant to notice, Mr HAY moved that the resolution empowering the Clerk to retain a balance of £9 15s from Mr Beveridge's account be rescinded, and that, with the approval of the Local Government Board, the amount be paid to Mr Beveridge. He was still in the mind that the contractor had accepted the work at £40 or £50 too little. He hoped it would be a warning to all other people tendering.

Mr WITHERSPOON seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

POLLUTION OF THE WEAR.

The Chester-le-Street Sanitary Committee reported that they inspected the alleged polution of the river at Ropery Lane, and also the sewerage farm. They recommended that Mr D. Balfour, C.E. be asked to furnish plans for the removal of tha pollution complained of, and also plans for the better regulation of the sewerage farm.

On the motion of Mr HODGSON, seconded by Mr OSWALD, the report was adopted.

BIRTLEY.

The Birtley Joint Committee reported that they recommenced the acceptance of Mr Balfour's plans for the sewerage of that place, and also that North Side and Wash-houses be supplied with the Newcastle water.

The CHAIRMAN said it was at one time thought that there was not sufficient fall in Mr Balfour's proposed sewers; but on close examination it was found that there would be an average fall of 1 in 200. At Chester-le-Street they would remember they only had 1 in 1,000. There was a little difficulty about the land for filtration. It was not exactly certain that Lord Ravensworth could sell the land or not, if not they would have to take it compulsorily. The estimated cost was £5,000, and they might safely add another £500.

Mr KIRKUP: Another £1,000 will be nearer the mark.

The CHAIRMAN: It would be necessary for some one to give notice of motion for an application to the Local Government Board for powers to borrow the money.

The report of the committee was adopted, and Mr HAY gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that borrowing powers be applied for.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr Duncan reported that during the fortnight there had been registered 33 deaths and 61 births, giving a death-rate of 16·8 and a birth-rate of 31·1 per 1,000. He had received 13 notifications of infectious diseases from medical practitioners, viz., five of scarlet fever, six typhoid, and two erysipelas.

Mr HAY said that there was more typhoid fever than he liked to see. He urged that the Sanitary Inspector make careful examinations into the surroundings of the dwellings from which cases were reported. They should endeavour to stamp it out.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Sanitary Inspector (Mr Barras) reported that he had attended to the various nuisances. At Usworth 72 ashpits and privies had been built, but the filthy channels had not yet been cleaned out. He had received a letter from the Chop Hill branch of the Durham Miners' Union, complaining of the want of privy accommodation at Hammer Square, Beamish.

Mr NICHOLSON: The owners of the colliery are seeing to the matter.

The CHAIRMAN: That will do.

The authority then adjourned.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING AT BLACKHILL.

On Wednesday night, the annual meeting of the rated inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge, which are embraced within St. Cuthbert's ecclesiastical parish, was held in the low schoolroom, Durham Road, Blackhill, for the purpose of electing three members to act on the Benfieldside Burial Board for the ensuing three years, and furthermore to appoint two auditors to examine the yearly accounts. Contrary to usual experience, there was a large attendance of inhabitants, and Mr Ed. Sloane, Blackhill, was chosen as chairman.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The first business was the election of three members of the Board, those retiring by rotation being Rev Jas. Foran, Roman Catholic priest, Blackhill; Messrs Joseph Oley, auctioneer, Shotley Bridge, and A. E. Turner, draper, Blackhill. The undermentioned gentlemen were nominated:—Father Foran; Messrs J. G. Cooke, newsagent, Blackhill; J. Oley; Geo. Eltringham, grocer, Blackhill; W. Turner, gentleman, Blackhill; and A. McKean, school attendance officer, Benfieldside (the last-named candidate withdrawing).

The CHAIRMAN explained that it was the custom to elect the members by a show of hands.

Mr GEO. ELTRINGHAM urged that the matter was so important to the ratepayers that the voting should be by ballot. He moved to this effect.

Mr GEO. MATTHEWS (Blackhill) seconded the proposition.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that if the meeting determined that the voting should be by ballot, then the meeting would have to be adjourned, and the sense of the whole parish taken anent the point.

Mr J. G. COOKE observed that he was quite willing for the election to be conducted by a show of hands; but it must be distinctly understood that each ratepayer could only vote for three members. If each person present voted every time, the candidates would have precisely the same number of votes.

The CHAIRMAN thought those present were honest enough to vote for three candidates only. (Hear).

Mr W. ELTRINGHAM (Blackhill) enquired if it was not the law for such an election to be conducted by ballot?

Mr T. Whinney (clerk to the Board): If any one of the candidates nominated requires the election to be conducted by ballot, we must necessarily adjourn this meeting, and take a poll of the whole parish.

Mr W. ELTRINGHAM: You will never get the sense of the meeting by a show of hands.

Mr COOKE did not object to the ballot, but said they were not prepared to carry out that mode of selection that night.

The CHAIRMAN: It has been the custom for the past 15 years to elect members by a show of hands.

Mr W. ELTRINGHAM: Then we must divert from old customs, and have a new one established.

Mr D. ORMEROD (Blackhill): Is it understood that if a person votes for more than three candidates, he will be disqualified?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, his votes of course will be invalid.

Mr W. ELTRINGHAM suggested that this might be obviated if each ratepayer was furnished with a slip of paper, and wrote down the names of the three candidates he wished to support. (Voice: "Have you brought the pencils?" and laughter).

Mr J. DAVISON (Consett) spoke in favour of a show of hands being taken, each candidate being put in rotation as nominated.

Father FORAN moved, as an amendment, that the *modus operandi* of the election be by a show of hands.

This was seconded by Mr McKEAN.

On being tested 21 voted for the amendment, and seven for the original motion.

The voting resulted as follows—Foran 17 votes, Cooke 16, Oley 16, Eltringham 18, and Turner 12.

Mr Wm. ELTRINGHAM declared that it was easy to see that those present intended to vote for the five candidates. Some had already voted for three members.

Mr DRAFFAN: There's two more left. We've only voted for three yet.

The CHAIRMAN hoped that after they had voted for three candidates each ratepayer would be satisfied.

Mr W. ELTRINGHAM: But you have no means of detection. There are some in this room willing to hold up their hands for every candidate.

Mr COOKE repudiated that allegation, and said that the people were as capable in choosing candidates as Mr Eltringham.

Mr ELTRINGHAM requested that the Chairman should vote upon Mr Cooke's nomination again. He did not distinctly hear whose name it was that was called out.

Mr DRAFFAN: The vote has already been taken and counted.

The CHAIRMAN declined to comply with Mr Eltringham's request.

Mr ELTRINGHAM begged the Chairman to call out the names a little louder. He was rather deaf, and could not hear so well as the people in the far corner.

At length, the CHAIRMAN announced that Messrs Foran and Eltringham were elected, and there was a tie for the third place between Messrs Cooke and Oley.

Mr OLEY offered to retire in favour of Mr Cooke. He said he wanted to put a stop to this humbug.

Mr G. ELTRINGHAM said Mr Oley was an old man, and had proved himself a true servant of the ratepayers. He did not thing there was any humbug about the matter. (Voice "Get a glass of whiskey.") Every person nominated and elected by the ratepayers to fill a certain position ought not to shirk his duties. It was the duty of the people to see that proper persons were appointed to sit on that Board.

The Chairman was asked to give his casting vote, but firmly declined, and the meeting agreed to test the matter, with the result that 21 voted for Cooke, and 11 for Mr Oley. Mr Cooke was declared elected.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

The auditors retiring were Messrs M. Richley and P. Osborne. They were again nominated, as well as Messrs A. McKean and W. Kelsey.

Mr DAVISON thought it should be understood that there was no remuneration attached to the office.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, there's a slight remuneration.

Mr TURNER said the auditors were more thought of than the members of the Board.

Mr DAVISON: I suppose they get 7s 6d for doing 25s worth of work.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. (Laughter.)

Mr COOKE: It's the sweating system. (Renewed laughter.)

During the process of voting, Mr ELTRINGHAM said: Take the names, Mr Whinney. Some of them have already voted for two candidates.

Mr T. PERKINS (Blackhill): Some of us have only voted once, and others not at all.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: There will be just as many votes for the other two as for the two already passed over. (Cries of dissent, "order," "chair," &c.)

After a pause, Mr ELTRINGHAM exclaimed: Now, you will have to be very careful this time. Next time it will be dominoe with you. (Loud laughter.) (A voice: "Put your hands in your pockets, chaps.")

The CHAIRMAN announced that Messrs Kelsey and McKean had been chosen auditors.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Mr COOKE moved that the thanks of the ratepayers be accorded to Messrs Oley and Turner for their past services on the Board.

Mr GEO. ELTRINGHAM seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr TURNER, replying, remarked that they could not sit on the Board without coming to grief. People took notice of their actions, and "brought them to book." However, he had done his best, and retired with a good grace.

Mr OLEY, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had been referred to as an old man. However, he hoped his successor (who styled him thus) would be as assiduous as he himself had been in attending the Board.

Mr COOKE (interposing): If you refer to me as calling you an "old man," I said "old member."

Mr OLEY: I did not mean you. But if the cap fits, you can wear it. (Laughter.) However, I am thankful you have removed me off the Board. (Laughter.)

Mr TURNER said he was pleased to retire, as he had other business to attend to. He remarked that Mr Oley was most regular in his attendance at the meetings, and mentioned that some of the members had only been present twice during the many years he sat on the Board.

Mr G. ELTRINGHAM urged that it was useless electing gentlemen on the Board who refused to attend to the business. He moved that the clerk prepare a statement of the attendances of the members for the information of the ratepayers at the annual meetings.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that this could only be done at the Burial Board. He thought it right to explain that the members alluded to were Ald. W. Jenkins, who was so popular that he would be unanimously re-elected by the ratepayers, and Rev F. Steggall, who had lately been prevented through enfeebled health to attend the meetings.

An expression of thanks to the chairman terminated the somewhat lively proceedings.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

Variety business is the attraction offered this week at the above place of amusement, and so far has proved successful. The Company—a real good one—consists of the following:—Miss Ethel Danbury, serio-comic and character singer and dancer, Mr A. Gilbert, vocalist and specialist, who introduces the marvellous feat of whistling two distinct melodies at the same time. Mons and Madame Monti, lamp manipulators and jugglers. Miss L. Bentley, soprano, this lady's singing of the "Kerry Dance," is most pleasing. Miss Kate Gower, quick change and transformation dancer. Mr Bob Bradford comedian, and last but not least Mr Harry Starr, who is certainly a host in himself. The operetta sketch—*A Double Dutchman*—concludes a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. The lessee—Mr R. J. Brodie—has effected a most important engagement for next week, in the production, by Messrs Vaughan and Emmerson's Company, of an entirely new and romantic drama, entitled, "A man in a thousand." It is from the pen of Mr Clarence Burnette, author of "Dawn of Hope," "The Prime Minister," &c., and was first produced at the Theatre Royal, North Shields, on the 11th of last month, and met with a hearty reception then. A critic writing in the *Era* upon its first production, says:—"The writer has hit upon the happy theme of a strong mutual affection between a mother and son, when struggling against adverse fortune, and the cruel tyrrany and injustice of landlordism. The position of a noble, patriotic mother, and dutiful son reduced from proud estate to penury, being too honourable to betray the secret of their misfortunes when it would destroy the happiness of others who are innocent, is one which has many dramatic opportunities, and Mr Burnette has utilised the situation with no little skill and talent. The story is deeply attractive and well told. It possesses a high moral tone, and the incidents with which it abounds are impressive and effective, without being overdrawn to anything like the extent we experience in the ordinary thrilling drama. One of the best features of the play is the cleverness of the dialougue which produced the most desirable effect." The author himself plays the part of our hero "Owen Penrose" so that we may be sure of having it well done as Mr Burnette is an actor as well as an author. Considerable expense being attached to the engagement of such a company, we trust the public will rally round the lessee, and so make it worth his while to bring similar talent every week.

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

IVESTON.

The flower show season is now drawing to a close. For the last few weeks the shows have been numerous, and with more than usual luck have generally had fine weather, which is very fortunate, considering the very inclement weather experienced of late. On Saturday, the first annual exhibition of flowers, vegetables, and fruits, held under the auspices of the Iveston Floral and Horticultural Society, took place in the school-room, Iveston. The weather was charming, and the sun shone brightly during the whole of the afternoon, and crowds of visitors paid for admission to the exhibition. The society has for its president, Coun. Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate, while the vice-presidents are as follows:—Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Messrs E. W. E. Balleny, J. Todd, J. Parker, Wm. Robson, J. Stokoe, T. Shearer, J. Smith, W. Brown, W. Robinson, Greener, Foreman, J. Hudson, Ward, and G. Christopher. Mr W. Armstrong, Iveston, acts as treasurer; whilst the most responsible position as secretaries falls to the lot of Messrs G. H. Henderson, and L. Stoker, Iveston, who well discharged their duties. There is also a strong committee, which consists of some brave and hard-working members. It might be stated that the committee made a decided mistake in holding the exhibition indoors; but nevertheless they are to be congratulated upon the success they have attained in establishing a society of this kind in the village. Speaking of the show, the display was remarkably good all round. The competition for the lady's hand bouquet showed good arrangement and taste, especially the one by Mr Robt. Charlton, of the Benfieldside Nurseries, which received first prize. A large space was taken up by cut blooms of various descriptions, and were as a collection, the best we have seen displayed. Vegetables were up to the average. The show of cabbages was an excellent one, and in point of number, as well as quality, was most praiseworthy. In the competition for collection of vegetables, there was a capital one displayed by Mr R. Charlton, which was admired by the bulk of the visitors. A great amount of interest was centred upon the farmers' class. The number of entries in the four classes was about 500. The judges were occupied a considerable time before they were able to give their decision, owing to the competition being so keen. Mr A. Trotter, florist, Durham Road, Blackhill, and Mr Suddees, The Ford, Lanchester, adjudicated the flowers, &c.; while Mr Geo. Hardy, Knitsley, acted as judge for the farmers' class. During the afternoon, a programme of sports were brought off in fields behind the schools, kindly lent by Messrs Ward and Thirlaway. The Leadgate Saxhorn Band played a choice selection of music at intervals. In the evening a grand ball was held, which brought the successful proceedings to a close. Appended is a complete

PRIZE LIST.

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom—1, J Scott, Kyo; 2, R Charlton, Benfieldside.
Two fine foliage plants—1, R Charlton.
Two petunias, dissimilar—1, W Forster, Hanging Stone.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W Forster.
Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, W Forster.
Two coleus—1, R Charlton.
Four bottles of cut flowers—1, R Charlton; 2, J Scott.
Four gladioli, dissimilar—1, R Charlton; 2, R Reed, Boggle Hole.
Four herbaceous flowers—1, R Charlton; 2, J Robinson, Dipton; 3, J Miller, Boggle Hole.
Three phloxes, dissimilar—1, R Charlton; 2, J Miller; 3, J Robinson.
Six dahlias, dissimilar—1, J Robinson; 2, R Charlton; 3, W Forster.
Six cut roses, three dissimilar—1, R Charlton.
Four trusses of geraniums, in bloom—1, J Miller; 2, J Robinson.
Six French asters—1, J Ward, Annfield Plain; 2, Isaac Brown, Wood Houses.
Six globe asters, dissimilar—1, J Ward; 2, R Charlton; 3, J Robinson.
Six French marigolds—1, R Charlton; 2, J Robinson.
Six African marigolds—1, J Ward; 2, J Robinson; 3, R Charlton.
Six pots of table decorations—1, R Charlton.
Lady's hand bouquet—1, R Charlton; 2, J Scott; 3, J Robinson.
Basket of cut flowers—1, R Charlton.

FRUITS.

Two bunches of grapes—1, Thomas Reed, Boggle Hole.
Six pears—1, T Reed.
Six kitchen apples—1, T Reed; 2, R Reed.
Pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, W Towns, Consett; 2, J Miller.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, J Miller; 2, W Towns.

VEGETABLES.

Two cucumbers—1, R Charlton; 2, W Towns.
Six kidney potatoes—1, J Scott; 2, R Charlton; 3, J Ward.
Six round potatoes—1, J Scott; 2, J Ward; 3, J Robinson.
Three leeks—1, J Ward; 2, T Reed; 3, R Charlton.
Three turnips—1, W Forster; 2, J Robinson; 3, R Charlton.
Three parsnips—1, J Ward; 2, J Scott; 3, J Miller.
Three carrots—1, J Scott; 2, J Ward; 3, R Charlton.
Three roots of beet—1, J Ward; 2, J Robinson; 3, R Charlton.
Two heads of celery—1, M Bates, Kyo; 2, J Scott; 3, R Charlton.
Twelve pods of peas—1, M Bates; 2, J Robinson; 3, J Ward.
Twelve pods of beans—1, R Reed; 2, J Miller; 3, W Forster.
Two cauliflowers—1, J Scott; 2, J Robinson; 3, R Charlton.
Two early cabbages—1, J Ward.
Two red cabbages—1, R Charlton.
Best collection of vegetables—1, R Charlton; 2, J Scott.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, dissimilar—1, W Forster.
Two fine foliage plants, dissimilar—1, W Forster.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W Forster.
Petunia—1, J Robinson.
Double petunia—1, J Robinson.
Tuberous-rooted begonia—1, W Forster.
Herbaceous begonia—1, W Forster.
Three plants, suitable for table decoration, dissimilar—1, J Robinson; 2, W Forster.
Three cut roses—1, R Reed; 2, J Robinson; 3, W Forster.
Six French asters—1, W Towns; 2, J Robinson; 3, W Forster.
Six globe asters—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.
Six French marigolds—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns; 3, W Forster.
Six African marigolds—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.
Six zonale geranium trusses, dissimilar—1, J Robinson.
Six spikes phloxes, dissimilar—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.
Four stands herbaceous flowers—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.
Four stands cut flowers—1, J Robinson.
Four bunches cut flowers—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.
Four show dahlias, dissimilar—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.

FRUITS.

Six kitchen apples—1, S Hudson.
Pint flavoured gooseberries—1, W Towns.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, W Towns.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1, J Robinson; 2, W Forster; 3, M Parker, Iveston.
Six round potatoes—1, J Robinson; 2, W Forster; 3, S Hudson, Castle Dene.
Two early cabbage—1, W Ward, Iveston; 2, W Forster.
Three early turnips—1, J Robinson; 3, W Levett, Delves Lane.
Three carrots—1, J Robson.
Three parsnips—1, J Robinson; 2, W Ward.
Thirty-six pods of peas—1, W Forster.
Twelve pods of beans—1, S Hudson; 2, W Ward; 3, W Forster.
Four leeks—1, J Robinson; 2, W Forster.
Two heads of celery—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns.
Two cauliflowers—1, J Robinson; 2, W Towns; 3, W Forster.
Twelve onions (tripoli excepted), spring sown—1, W Towns.
Three roots of beet—1, J Robinson; 2, M Parker.
Two red cabbages—1, W Forster.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J Robinson.
Cucumber—1, W Towns.
Vegetable marrow—1, S Hudson.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, dissimilar—1, J Scott; 2, T Reed.
Dark fuchsia—1, T Reed.
Light fuchsia—1, T Reed.
Zonale geranium—1, J Scott.
Double geranium—1, J Scott; 2, W Forster.
Petunia—1, W Forster.
Four dahlias, dissimilar—1, T Brown; 2, T Reed; 3, W Levett.
Six French asters—1, G Reed; 2, J Scott; 3, J Ward.
Six globe asters—1, J Ward; 2, J Miller; 3, W Levett.
Six French marigolds—1, J Ward; 2, W Levett; 3, T Reed.
Six African marigolds—1, J Ward; 2, J Scott; 3, J Miller.
Twelve pansies—1, J Ward; 2, J Miller; 3, T Brown.
Four bottles of cut flowers—1, J Scott.
Four stocks, dissimilar—1, W Forster; 2, R Reed.
Three spikes, dissimilar—1, J Scott; 2, J Miller; 3, R Reed.
Ivy leaf geranium—1, J Miller.

VEGETABLES.

Six kitchen apples—1, T Reed; 2, R Reed.
Pint flavoured gooseberries—1, R Reed; 2, J Miller.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, J Hopper, Dene House; 2, J Miller.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes—1, J Scott; 2, J Ward; 3, M Bates.
Six round potatoes—1, J Ward; 2, J Scott; 3, M Bates.
Three early turnips—1, R Armstrong; 2, J Ward; 3, J Miller.
Six summer onions—1, T Brown; 2, J Reed; 3, J Butcher.
Three leeks—1, J Scott; 2, J Ward; 3, W Levett.
Three carrots—1, J Scott; 2, J Ward; 3, J Miller.
Three parsnips—1, M Bates; 3, J Miller.
Three roots of beet—1, W Levett; 2, T Reed; 3, J Miller.
Two heads of celery—1, M Bates; 2, J Scott; 3, J Miller.
Twelve pods of peas—1, J Ward; 2, J Scott; 3, M Bates.
Twelve pods of beans—1, R Reed; 2, J Miller; 3, J Butcher.
Cauliflower—1, J Scott; 2, J Miller; 3, J Butcher.
Two early cabbages—1, J Ward; 2, J Miller; 3, W Robson.
Red cabbage—1, J Miller; 2, T Parker; 3, T Shearer, Iveston.
Savoy cabbage—1, W Robson; 2, R Armstrong.
Scotch cabbage—1, J Ward; 2, J Miller.
Two stalks of rhubarb—1, J Miller; 2, M Bates.
Best collection of vegetables—1, J Scott; 2, M Bates.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Best basket of farmers' produce, consisting of 12 ears of wheat, 12 ears of barley, 12 ears of oats, three yellow or white swede turnips, and 12 potatoes—1, M Pearson; 2, W Thompson; 3, W Johnson.
Six hen eggs—1, J Hopper; 2, M Hardy, Catchgate; 3, Mrs Parker, Boggle Hole.
Pound of butter, without salt—1, Mrs W Hopper; 2, Mrs I Parker; 3, Mrs Pearson, Low Friarside.
Best design of fancy butter.—1, Miss Burrell, Broomhill; 2, Mrs Moyle.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

Writing—1, drawing board and tea square, given by Mr M Robson, Leadgate, J L Stokes; 2, small handbag, given by Miss Stoker, New Inn, Iveston, S T Reed; 3, knife, given by Mr M Robson, Leadgate, M J Johnson.

DRAWING.

Shaded models—1, James Harper; 2, Jonathan Ward; 3, Richard E Hall.
Chair (freehand)—1, James Harper; 2, Richard Swinburn; Thos Bland.
Ornamental flower (freehand)—1, Jos Parker; 2, J Forster; 3, J Reed.
Axe (freehand)—1, S Forster; 2, J E Douse; 3, T Armstrong.

SEWING.

Lot 1—1, S T Reed; 2, Ellen Gray; 3, Jane Ward.
Lot 2—1, Ann Ward; 2, Elizabeth Miller; 3, S Stokes.

OXHILL, STANLEY AND DISTRICT.

With fine weather and a good company, the ninth annual floral and horticultural show of the Oxhill, Stanley, Beamish and District Society was held on Saturday, in a field kindly granted for the occasion by the West Stanley Co-operative Society. The committee feel highly elated at their success, and, erelong, this show will probably rank with the best. Flowers formed a good attraction, and were by far the best that have been set before the public this season. The most successful competitors in this department were Messrs J Ward and W Cockburn. For the collection of vegetables the coveted prizes were secured by the veterans, Messrs J Wilson and L Dodds. Messrs Ames, of Beamish, and Geggie, of Harperley Hall, were the judges, and gave entire satisfaction. During the afternoon, the South Derwent Prize Brass Band played several selections, &c., and engaged the attention of many visitors. Another form of amusement was a cricket match between West Stanley and Westwood, which resulted in a draw. Mr Smith, of Gateshead, found amusement for the junior department, with his swings, roundabouts, &c. To wind up the day's proceedings a ball was held, and received ample patronage. Appended is a

LIST OF PRIZE-TAKERS.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties, two of each kind—1, Luke Dodds, rocking chair.
2—William Cockburn, barrow.
3—R Ridley, pair of blankets.
4—John Hall, brass pan.
5—Edward Vipond, pair of blankets.
6—Riley Holland, rocking chair.
7—R Lumley, coffee-pot.
8—William Smith, looking-glass.
9—William Gibson, breakfast set.
10—James Wilson, pair of boots.
11—Nicholas Summerbell, fender.
12—Charles Scott, cruet-stand.
14—Jake Golding, half-a-dozen knives and forks, and half-a-dozen dessert spoons.
14—Edward Allen, half-a-dozen knives and forks, and half-a-dozen dessert spoons.
15—William Harrison, set of calvers and half-a-dozen table spoons.
16—T Scorer, set of fire brasses.
17—T Metcalf, tea-pot.
18—William Proudlock, cruet.
19—R Bell, marscant lamp.
20—E Sanderson, coffee-pot.
21—William Hunter, copper kettle.
22—John Handy, alarum clock.
23—R Harvey, hearth-rug.
24—T Brown, tea-pot.
25—John Curry, bed-rug.
26—J Patterson, lady's bag.
27—D Scott, brass line.
28—D Welch, tea-pot.

SPECIAL CLASS.

Three varieties, one of each kind—1, Jas Wilson, meerchaum pipe.
2—John Hall, bed rug.
3—Richard Holland, bed rug.
4—William Cockburn, toddy kettle.
5—E Vipond, pair of brass candlesticks.
6—J Golding, brass pan.
7—R Ridley, half-a-dozen table spoons.
8—R Bell, half-a-dozen table spoons.
9—Wm Proudlock, felt hat.
10—Charles Scott, half-a-dozen knives and forks.
11—R Harvey, felt hat.
12—William Gibson, felt hat.
13—Luke Doddo, silk handkerchief.
14—John Curry, one pound of tea.
15—W Smith, one pound of tea.
16—J Patterson, half-a-dozen gladioli.
17—William Harrison, half-a-dozen gladioli.
18—T Scorer, spade.
19—E Allen, spade.
20—N Summerbell, clock.
21—W Hunter, beast's tongue.
22—T Metcalf, garden hoe.
23—D Scott, garden hoe.

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS

Three stocks—1, J Wilson; 2, R Dodds.
Six French marigolds—1, J Ward; 2, E Vipond.
Six asters—1, J Ward; 2, R Summerbell.
Six dahlias—1, W Cockburn; 2, R Cockburn.
Six African marigolds—1, W Cockburn; 2, J Ward.
Three button-holes—1, W Cockburn; 2, R Cockburn.
Six carnations—1, W Cockburn 2, R Cockburn.
Twelve pansies—1, J Ward; 2, R Dodds.
Window plant—1, J Curry; 2, D Scott.
Wild flower bouquet—1, T Scorer; 3, E Sanderson.

SPORTS.

120 YARDS FOOTRACE—1, £1, T Moore; 2, 10s, J Armstrong; 3, J Oliver.
QUOIT HANDICAP—1, £1, W Embleton; 2 and 3, 15s, Larry McKenna.
SENIOR CRICKETING—West Stanley v Westwood, draw.
JUNIOR CRICKETING—Pit Hill Juniors v Oakey's Lily Whites, divided.
KITE CONTEST—1, M Masterman.

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LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

LEADGATE.

On Saturday, a leek show was held at the house of Mr John Shield, Miners' Arms, Leadgate. The long room was set apart for the exhibition, and was neatly decorated with flowers, &c. The committee have put forward the most determined and strenuous efforts to make the show a success. For this purpose a substantial sum was offered in prizes, being an increase on last year's. This has had the desired effect, and with the assistance of the energetic secretary (Mr Jas. Muse) they were enabled to secure 33 exhibitors. The collection of leeks was admitted on all hands to be above the average. It was indeed a creditable show, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The judge was Mr John Ward, Annfield Plain, and it was pleasing to see that almost the whole of the exhibitors were satisfied with his decisions. There was a capital collection of vegetables on exhibition, shown by Mr J. Bell, Leadgate. The exhibition was well patronised, and was again opened on Monday night. Appended is a

LIST OF PRIZE-TAKERS.

1—Jos. Wheatley, Leadgate, Paisley shawl, value £1 1s.
2—John Bell, Leadgate, pair of blankets, £1 1s.
3—John Shield, Leadgate, pair of blankets, 16s.
4—George Walton, Leadgate, pair of blankets, 15s.
5—Thomas Anderson, Leadgate, pair of blankets, 12s 6d.
6—William Brown, Redwell Hills, pair of blankets, 12s.
7—Thomas Cookson, Medomsley, pair of blankets, 10s 6d.
8—John Birch, Leadgate, pair of blankets, 10s 6d.
9—A. Farnsworth, Leadgate, rug, 9s 6d.
10—Thomas Edgar, Derwent Cottages, quilt, 9s.
11—J. Walker, Derwent Cottages, quilted rug, 8s 6d.
12—William Benson, Stoney Heap, shawl, 8s 6d.
13—John Shield, jun., Leadgate, tablecloth, 8s.
14—John Anderson, jun., Leadgate, hearthrug, 8s.
15—Mrs Noble, Leadgate, shawl, 7s 6d.
16—R. Kirsopp, Pontop Pike, umbrella, 7s 6d.
17—William Walker, Leadgate, shawl and shirting, 7s.
18—William Brown, Crookhall, shirting, 6s 6d.
19—William Carr, Leadgate, tablecloth, 6s 6d.
20—J. Hardy, Leadgate, tablecloth, 6s.
21—M. Robson, Leadgate, rug, 6s.
22—William Forster, Stoney Heap, shirting, 6s.
23—M. Johnson, Derwent Cottages, umbrella, 6s.
24—John Forster, Stoney Heap, hearthrug, 6s.
25—Isaac Brown, Wood Houses, pair of sheets, 5s 6d.
26—Thomas Barron, Bradley Cottages, tablecloth, 5s 6d.
27—J. Reader, Leadgate, pair of sheets, 5s.
28—J. Batey, Leadgate, petticoat, 5s.
29—J. Anderson, sen., Leadgate, shirting, 4s 6d.
30—A. Bird, Leadgate, leg of mutton, 5s 6d.
31—Mrs Bell, Leadgate, pair of vases, &c., 5s.

CONSETT.

On Saturday, a leek and vegetable show, styled, "The Leadbitters," was held at the house of Mrs E. Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett. The billiard-room was placed at the disposal of the committee for the show room. There were twenty stands for the leek competition, which were of the best quality. There was a large number of entries for the competition for the best cauliflower, celery, parsnip, carrots, &c., and created no small amount of interest. The show was well patronised, and was quite a success. For the finest three leeks, Mr Jos Wheatley, Leadgate, took first honours, while Mr John Bell, Leadgate, came second. Mr Isaac Brown, Woodhouses, exhibited one of the best cauliflowers that has been seen this season at any of the local flower shows, and was awarded first prize. The whole of the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr I Brown, secretary. The judge was Mr M Handcock, Burnopfield. Music was supplied by Mr Thos Charlton, Leadgate, and Mr Wm Brown, Woodhouses. The following is a

LIST OF PRIZE-TAKERS.

Three leeks—1, Joseph Wheatley, Leadgate, pair of blankets.
2—John Bell, Leadgate, pair of blankets.
3—J Birchmen, Leadgate, pair of blankets.
4—J Marlow, Leadgate, teapot.
5—W Walker, Leadgate, shawl.
6—I Brown, Woodhouses, half-a-dozen knives and forks.
7—Thomas Cookson, Medomsley, pair of sheets.
8—Thos Edgar, Derwent Cottages, kettle stand.
9—John Steele, Leadgate, shirting.
10—Joseph Leach, Medomsley, silk handkerchief and tongue.
11—M Johnson, Derwent Cottages, clock.
12—Miss Brown, Woodhouses, shirting.
13—Robert Lowes, Leadgate, brush and spoons.
14—A Towns, Consett, clock.
15—John Butcher, Templetown, pair of sheets.
16—John Snaith, Leadgate, lamp.
17—George Levett, Delves Lane, pan and steamer.
18—Jas Twitchet, Templetown, pan and ladle.
19—W Towns, Consett, grape and shovel.
20—G Diament, Templetown, pipe.
Cauliflower—1, T Brown; 2, J Butcher.
Celery—1, J Butcher; 2, G Diament.
Three parsnips—1, J Leach; 2, T Cookson.
Three turnips—1, J Leach; 2, T Brown.
Three carrots—1, J Leach; 2, T Cookson.
Three roots of beet—1, J Butcher; 2, G Diament.
Red cabbage—1, J Leach; 2, T Cookson.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There was only a short supply of stock at this mart on Monday. A good company of buyers was present, and good prices were obtained for all classes of stock. Fat cattle to £19; sheep to 54s; lambs to 39s; keeping lambs, 20s 6d; stirks, £4 5s; cows to £14; calves to 20s. Beef, 8s per stone; mutton, 8½d; lamb, 9d per lb. A quantity of poultry, harness, &c., were sold.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 87 cows (calved and to calve), 7 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 22 calves, 20 pigs, 178 fat sheep and lambs. Calved cows made up to £24; cows to calve up to £26 7s 6d; fat cattle up to £18; store cattle to £11; fat half-bred sheep to 48s—top, Messrs Stobart & Co., Etherley; fat lambs to 34s—top, Mr Watson, Chapman Hill; fat black-faced wethers 35s 6d—top, Mr Oliver, Hanging Wells; fat black-faced ewes to 39s 6d—top, Mr Keenlyside, East Hedleyhope.

FAREWELL PRESENTATION AT WINCOBANK.

The parishoners of St. Thomas' Church Wincobank, Sunday School teachers, and senior scholars, held a meeting on Tuesday evening, in the schoolroom, to present their curate, the Rev J. F. Starforth, and his wife, with a beautiful marble timepiece, with chaste embellishments, and a pair of dome-shaped stands to match. The mothers' meeting presented them with a cheese dish and glass jug; other friends gave cases of razors and knives; and Mrs Starforth's class a silver-mounted biscuit stand. The Rev J. Julian, M. A., vicar, was the presiding chairman. The senior scholars, their teachers, and friends had their annual tea in the schoolroom, and the mothers' meeting with Mr and Mrs Starforth (their host and hostess) in the Liberal Club-room adjoining.—Mr H. C. Jenkinson, churchwarden, said they were assembled with a double object—to present their worthy curate with some recognition of esteem for his ministry amongst them, and to wish God-speed to him in his new sphere of labour at Birmingham.—Mr G. Smith, vicar's warden, said all had done their utmost to show due appreciation of the labours of Mr and Mrs Starforth, and to encourage them to pursue through life the same consistent course they had done in Wincobank. The spontaneous expression of kindness and goodwill would always be fully recognized by the recipients. Mr Starforth had left them in his offical capacity, although the time did not expire till the end of September, and had got established in the metropolis of the Midlands, at the Parish Church, Birmingham, with the Rev Canon Wilkinson D.D. He had the best wishes and sympathy of all for his future welfare.—The Vicar, in making the presentation, gave expression to Mr Starforth's worth in all parish work, public and private. The inscription was: "Presented to the Rev J. F. Starforth by the parishoners of St. Thomas', Wincobank, in grateful recognition of 2½ years' faithful service as curate. September 2nd, 1890". Mr Starforth, in acknowledging the gift said he had experienced a happy ministry in their midst. He had worked most harmoniously with their worthy Vicar, the benefit of whose counsel and guidance he now experienced in parochial matters. Songs were given at intervals by Miss Kelshaw, Mr Flint, and Mr Ernest Julian.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confection is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen.

IONIE, THE PRIDE OF THE MILL.

A THRILLING LOVE STORY

By LAURA JEAN LIBBEY.

CHAPTER XXII.

"HEY STOOD FACE TO FACE AT LAST, THESE TWO, WHO BOTH LOVED SO FONDLY THE SAME MAN.

Frank Lyons drew back, white with wrath, as these cutting, scornful words fell from Ionie's lips, and seizing the opportunity, she sprang into the coach unassisted, followed by her chaperon, Miss Carriscourt.

He took his place silently beside her, and not another word was spoken until they arrived within sight of the Tresham residence; then he turned to her, and she saw by the light of the carriage lamps a glittering fire in his flashing eyes.

"I have one request to make of you, Ionie," he said, hurriedly, "and that is that you will not publish to the world by your actions the terms on which we stand. Will you promise me that much?"

"If you keep away from me, I promise," she answered.

"That is exactly what I *must not do*," he said, angrily. "As our engagement has but just been given out, such a procedure would excite comment. Be reasonable, Ionie."

She saw at once that he was quite right; but she did not vouchsafe him a reply.

"Will you dance the first dance with me?" he asked, as he handed her out of the carriage. "It is expected of you. I am obliged to ask you in advance, to make sure of you."

"It is a matter of indifference to me," said Ionie, haughtily.

A little later they entered the magnificent ballroom. No wonder a throb of exultant pride that he had won her stirred Frank Lyons's heart as he noted the *furore* Ionie created. She was dressed with charming simplicity, which formed a striking contrast to the over-dressed, bejewelled young girls present.

Her dress was of white fleecy tulle, without ruffle or tuck, which fell in plain, straight folds from the slender waist to the tiny foot. From out of the folds of lace which was gathered into a frill at the throat, rose the graceful head, crowned with its beautiful nut-brown curls. White kid gloves covered the dainty little hands, reaching to the elbow sleeves. There was a total absence of jewels. She wore no ornaments, save the simple cluster of pink rosebuds on her breast and the spray of pink blossom's in her curls.

Many a young man's heart beat faster as he gazed in admiration on that vision of beautiful, girlish loveliness. She was the observed of all observers as she moved among the glittering throng. Miss Carriscourt smiled to see how unconscious Ionie was of it.

"You are making a most profound sensation, my dear," said Mrs. Tresham, coming up to her, flushed and pleased. "No flattery is intended, but you are by far the most successful débutante of the season. I predict that other balls will soon follow in your honour."

She wondered why these words brought no smile to the girl's lovely face. Ionie looked slightly wearied.

"There is only one young girl present who comes near rivalling you, my dear," she said with a mischievous twinkle in her eye, for she had said this simply to arouse Ionie's interest; "and she is, by the way, a young fiancée, too. She has but just come with her lover, Mr. Arthur Rochester. They are coming this way. A handsome, distinguished-looking young man, is he not?"

The rich colour faded from Ionie Lawrence's face; the little hands that held the cluster of pink roses trembled; even the crimson lips grew pale. Arthur was engaged to another, and so soon! Ah, how quickly he had forgotten her! And her heart cried out bitterly against the inconstant love of men.

Ionie rose from her seat, not hastily, but with the quiet grace that always distinguished her.

"The scent of flowers is quite overpowering," she said. "I never like heliotrope in a room. What were you saying about the young lady leaning on the arm of the—the—gentleman who is approaching? Who is she?"

"Miss Elaine Granger, the heiress," returned her hostess. "She is a ward of young Mr. Rochester's father."

All the indifference had faded from Ionie's face as if by magic, as she gazed breathlessly at the young girl whom Arthur now loved.

She saw the gleam of white satin and costly lace, a face, dark, proud and piquant, and jewels that might have cost a king's ransom, swinging from the pink shell-like ears, and running like a river of fire around the white throat and bare, gleaming arms.

In that moment she remembered where she had seen that young girl before. Her thoughts travelled quickly back to that stormy night when she, penniless and friendless, stood on the stone, snow-covered steps of the Rochester mansion in the terrible snow-storm, begging of this self-same girl, who had peered at her from behind the footman who had answered the bell, to be permitted to see Arthur Rochester for just one little minute, and how coldly and cruelly this girl had refused and repulsed her, and how she had turned slowly away, facing the storm and the darkness again, praying Heaven to let her die and end it all, the world so cruel and hard.

Under what strange circumstances they were to meet now.

"You two will be rival beauties," laughed Mrs. Tresham, good-naturedly. "Have a care for your laurels, Ionie."

"She is young, beautiful, and very happy, I suppose—is she? Does her—her—lover love her very much?"

The fair face paled as she asked the question, oh, so wistfully, and the crimson lips trembled, but Mrs. Tresham did not notice it.

She laughed heartily.

"What an old-fashioned question! I do not know. People do not think of that kind of thing. It is about the last inquiry I should ever think of making."

"I—I—do not know what I could have been thinking of," faltered Ionie. "Of course such a question is highly absurd."

"As she is young and beautiful, I should say, yes, her lover *must* be attached to her. He is not marrying her for gold, for he himself is quite as wealthy. It is, of course, a love match; but, then, the attachments of men, dear friend, are matters of little moment," added the lady, with a delicious little laugh.

Outwardly, Ionie sat perfectly still—perfectly unconcerned—the cluster of roses hardly stirring with her breath; but her heart was beating; her pulse was throbbing, every nerve thrilling; her eyes half drooped; she felt the magic of his presence as he advanced, the spell that no one else in this world could throw around her.

Just for one little minute she lost her high spirits; she faltered in her speech; then she was herself again; a careless smile played around her lips. She knew that Arthur Rochester was watching her; their eyes had met.

She gave a violent start, and answered at random, half incoherently the question Elaine was asking him.

"Arthur," cried Elaine, "I do not believe you hear or care for what I am telling you. What are you watching so intently? You look so white one could almost fancy in this ball-room you had seen a ghost."

"Heaven help me, I have," he muttered under his breath—"a ghost of the dead past love." Aloud he said: "Pardon me if I seemed remiss, Elaine. I am ashamed to confess I was lost in thought. I promise you it shall not occur again."

A feeling of pique stirred in his heart, too, as he gazed upon the face of the girl he had loved better than life itself, and lost.

"She shall see that others appreciate me," he thought, desperately, and applied himself assiduously to the task of entertaining Elaine.

Ionie watched them until she grew faint and heart-sick with the pain of it.

When the dancing, mirth, and music were at their height, she turned to Miss Carriscourt with a shuddering cry.

"I am tired of it all, and weary," she said. "I wish we could go home."

"That is impossible, my dear, owing to the fact the ball is given in your honour," she replied, adding slowly: "I think I know why you do not care to stay. Arthur Rochester is here."

"That can make no difference to me," returned Ionie, proudly.

"You know best why you sent him away, dear," returned Miss Carriscourt, pityingly. "A word—a look would bring him to your side again. Do not be rash where the happiness of two lives are at stake, child."

"If it were to be done over again I should do just what I did then," she answered. "Say no more. I—I will stay. I must learn to school myself to meeting him," she moaned under her breath.

She turned with a smile to Frank Lyons, who was hovering near her.

"You asked for one dance," she said, with a smile so charming that it fairly dazzled him; "and in return for your consideration, I will give you four. That is your favourite dance—the lancers. Shall we join the group directly in front of us?"

He was only too glad to eagerly assent.

"I will show him that I do not care," thought Ionie, summing up all her bravery, as she allowed Frank Lyons to lead her out upon the floor, past Arthur Rochester.

No one would have thought to have watched her bright eyes and smiling face that the girl's heart was breaking; that the lights, and the music and laughter were mockery to her.

The bitterest drop in all her cup of woe was to note how oblivious Arthur seemed of her presence, after that first careless glance and salutation as he passed her by. How quickly he had forgotten her and sought consolation in another's love.

How she wished she had not come to the ball. Life would be so inexpressibly dreary for her after this.

Shortly after, Elaine was brought up to Ionie by Mrs. Tresham, and presented to her.

Elaine held out her hand with a charming smile, wondering at the chilliness with which this young girl acknowledged the presentation, and saying, cordially:

"I hope we shall be the best of friends, Miss Lawrence. I am impulsive—pardon me if I *say* I like you already."

"She does not know that we both love the same man," Ionie thought, looking into the proud, beautiful face.

At that moment one of Ionie's partners claimed her, and with a bow and a few courteous words to Elaine, she turned away.

A moment later Arthur Rochester came up to Elaine.

"What are you thinking of?" he asked, with an attempt at gaiety. "Your face is quite a study."

"Of the new débutante—Miss Lawrence," she said, abruptly.

"What do you think of her?" he asked, hesitatingly.

"She is quite as beautiful as report says," she answered; "but she has a heart of marble or ice. I have never met a girl like her."

(To be continued.)

DURHAM SINKERS IN BRAZIL.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

On Saturday evening, 5th April, the Durham sinkers and their families at the St. John Del Rey Company's Mines, Morro Velho, met at the residence of Captain Joseph Green, head mine agent and master sinker, to commemorate the anniversary of their arrival in Brazil, twelve months ago. The room in which the celebration took place was tastefully and artistically decorated with ferns, plants, flowers, creepers, and mottoes. Amongst the latter the most conspicuous were, "Success to the Morro Velho mine," and "Welcome." Punctually the visitors sat down to a splendid dinner (English in every respect, even to the beer), which had been prepared, and was served by the ladies of the party. Plum puddings, roast beef, ducks, chickens, mutton, &c., were amongst a few of the things provided, but after an hour's hard work in these commodities, an appreciable diminution was observable, and the complacent and satisfied smiles on the faces of the visitors, eloquently testified to their enjoyment. Immediately on the removal of the cloth, the convivial, or second part of the entertainment was commenced by an appropriate speech from the chairman, Captain Green, who, in the course of his speech, alluded to the object of the gathering, and the large undertaking they all had in hand, viz., to reach the great Morro Velho lode again. The courtesy and kindness of the superintendent, Mr George Chalmers, he said, everyone would freely acknowledge, were without parallel, and his generosity in increasing the wages from time to time, had so circumstanced them, that no man could now say, things were not so good as they were represented to him at home, previous to coming out to Brazil. These remarks were heartily endorsed and cheered all round the room, thus emphatically stamping them with the mark of truth right at the foundation head. Calumniators at home please note. The first toast of the evening was "Success to the mine and directors," followed by the health of the superintendent, both of which were enthusiastically received and drunk with musical honours. Mr Matt. Fenwick then sang "The Englishman," followed by "Billy Moutrose" from Mr Scott. The next toast was the health of Mr Frank Coulson, Durham, proposed by Mr Thos. Emmerson, and was followed by another from Mr Thos. Waite, viz, the health of Mr William Coulson, senior. Both toasts were heartily drunk to the soul-inspiring strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld lang syne."—It was very apparent to all that the esteem in which the name of Coulson had been held in England had not waned in a foreign land, and the many expressions of regret at their absence showed kindly feeling which had previously existed between Messrs Coulson and their workmen.

Mr Murley in a nice tenor voice then sang "Tis years since last we met," and was immediately followed by Captain Green, with "Be kind to me, dowter," who, on being encored, sang "Afton Water"; Mr M. Fenwick then sang "Take it, Bob," and followed with a nondescript sort of medley the chorus of which "Rule Britannia," was heartily sung by the company. Mr Thos. Emmerson next gave "The March of the Cameron[men]"; Captain Green "Blue-eyed Susan"; and Mr Murley "Pulling hard against the stream."

The CHAIRMAN noticing that the glasses of the company were very low, ordered them to be immediately replenished, and proposed the health of Mrs Chalmers, the worthy consort of the superintendent, asking the company to note that she had generously supplied the ducks, chicken, mutton, and beef (that she had provided royally, the sequel showed.) This toast coupled with one to the ladies who had prepared the dinner, and the committee who had arranged it, was most heartily drunk, and again the notes of that appropriate anthem "Jolly good, &c.," pealed out.

Mr M. FENWICK next proposed "The old folks at home," and Captain GREEN, "Our wives and sweethearts," to both of which toasts the bottoms of the glasses turned upwards.

Mr T. Emmerson's next song "The maid of Kilkenny," and Mr Cowling's "Shannon on the Moor," were followed by a toast from Mr HARRY FENWICK, who, in a neat little speech, proposed the health and success of "Our fellow workmen in the mine." After a few more songs, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by Mr John Chisman, a native of Ryhope, singing "Annie Laurie," and Mr William Pickering, of South Moor, "Canny pit lie idle." The company then dispersed but met again on Sunday, when another hearty dinner and tea were partaken of, and the evening spent in singing Sankey's sacred songs, and old-fashioned north-country hymns.

On the whole, the affair was a splendid success from beginning to end, and admirably testified to the contentment of the men, the whole of whom agreed that the public at home ought to be put upon a right footing regarding the excellent terms on which they stood with the officials of the mine, as it had leaked out that two or three of the men who had left Brazil, for reasons other than good, were endeavouring by culminating the mine and officials, to give their own unstable conduct a certain measure of excuse to which they were not entitled.

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BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Friday afternoon, in the Benfieldside Edge Road Schools, under the presidency of Alex. Baillie (chairman.) The members present were Rev E. W. Jenkins, Rev J. Foran, Wm. Raw, Henry Carss, and the clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay).

CARETAKER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—I found the gas was escaping at three of the ball joints the other day in the boys' department. I got the plumbers to repair. On several school buildings the walls need re-pointing; also the stone work of some of the windows. At Derwent Street Infant Schools a deal of damage has been done to the windows, owing to boys throwing stones at them. They were also in the habit of going into the school by the back windows and take away pens, pencils, &c. Yours &c.,
12th September, 1890. Alex. McKean.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—In submitting my report, I find the attendance has increased on that of last month; but compared with the corresponding month of last year, it is not so good. Many of the children have been ill a few days, and 65 ill one or more consecutive weeks. I have entered in the book of proceedings 17 cases to be dealt with to-day, including cases of two boys, Richard Newbold and Jos. Wilson, supposed to be attending Mr Wylie's school. Yours truly,
12th September, 1890. A. McKean.

School Returns for the month of August, 1890.

Inspected Schools.	No. on books	Average Attendance	Admitted	Left	Sick
Board Schools—Boys	220	188	—	—	4
—Girls	222	192	5	4	13
—Infants	115	87	—	—	15
Derwent St.	178	122	7	4	8
Shotley Grove	103	85	1	1	10
St. Mary's Roman Catholic	180	150	—	3	10
—Infants	124	103	4	—	5
Total	1142	927	17	12	65
August, 1890	1112	795			
Increase	30	—			
Decrease	—	49			

THE BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Board's attention was occupied a considerable time in going over the names of parents who had been entered in the book of proceedings for failing to send their children regularly to school. In most cases the usual caution was issued.

REPAIRING THE BUILDING.

The clerk stated that he did not think the school walls required re-pointing as yet, but there were one or two places which required attention. If the matter was left in his hands, he would see that it was attended to.

This was agreed to.

THE ERECTION OF A COAL-HOUSE.

The clerk reported that Mr J. Smith, architect, Shotley Bridge, had written to him with reference to the statement contained in the local papers to the effect that his plans for a coal-house adjoining Benfieldside Board Schools, had been thrown aside, and not meant to be used for that purpose. He had replied that if the proceedings of the meeting had been correctly reported, he (Mr Smith) would have had no cause for complaint.

At a subsequent stage of the meeting,

The Clerk said he might get a shed constructed of wood for very little money.

Mr CARSS said it was much needed.

Mr RAW proposed that a wooden erection be constructed for the purpose, until a more permanent structure could be built.

Mr FORAN seconded the motion.

Mr JENKINS: Will this be done cheaper.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh yes.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE reported that vouchers for last month's payments were examined, and found correct. Cheques were required for the following payments:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of teachers (Benfieldside school)	52	18	4
" " (Derwent St. school)	8	15	0
Salaries of officers	16	14	6
Accounts	19	0	8
Total	97	8	6

Cheques were also asked for the sum of £81 16s 4d, to enable the Clerk to close the accounts for the year.

The committee submitted an estimate of expenditure for the ensuing year, amounting to £862 11s 6d, and it was calculated that this expenditure would exceed the income by £320, and the committee recommended the Board to issue a precept upon the overseers of the Benfieldside township for a sum sufficient to cover the above deficiency.

Mr CARSS moved that a precept for the sum of £320 be issued upon the overseers of the Benfieldside township.

This was seconded by Mr FORAN, and agreed to.

Mr CARSS proposed that the Finance Committee's report be adopted, and the cheques be signed for the for the sums stated.

The motion was seconded by Mr FORAN.

DERWENT STREET SCHOOL.

Mr CARSS moved, and Mr JENKINS seconded that the Clerk be instructed to inform the caretaker of Derwent Street Schools that she would have to obtain a residence nearer the schools in order to look after them.

It was agreed that the Clerk write Supt. Oliver, instructing him to inform the police to keep a diligent watch upon the school, and see if they could not catch the mischievous individuals who had been doing the damage.

THE ATTENDANCE-OFFICER AND HIS LATE APPOINTMENT.

Mr CARSS said he thought the Board had been too stringent on Mr McKean, the attendance officer, with regard to the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board appointment.

The CHAIRMAN: It was discussed at the last meeting, and the members came to the conclusion that he had quite enough to do.

Mr CARSS: He was not bound to go to Healeyfield and do the work at that place in the Board's hours.

The CHAIRMAN: It is a scattered district.

After further discussion, the matter dropped, nothing definite being arrived at.

This was all the business of importance, and the Board shortly afterwards adjourned.

GRAND WEDDING IN WEARDALE.

The usually quiet little village of Eastgate in Weardale, was *en fete* on Monday, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr John Crawhall, local agent of the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, Stanhope, to Miss Annie Dixon Moore, daughter of Mrs A. Moore, of Eastgate. The church was well filled with villagers and friends from a distance to witness the auspicious event. The church was also neatly decorated with ferns and flowers. The service was full choral, Mr John Bell, organist at Stanhope church, presiding at the organ, and playing the wedding march. The vicar (Rev J. Eddowes) tied the nuptial knot, being assisted by Rev J. Schofield, vicar of Westgate. The bride was neatly dressed in steel grey silk and tulle fall, with a wreath of white flowers over her hair. She was given away by her brother, Mr John Moore, a younger brother, Mr Tom Moore, acting as best man, whilst five little girls, dressed in white, with red sashes, acted as bridesmaids. They were the two Miss Vickers, daughters of Mr W. Vickers, of Howl John; the two Miss Crawhalls, daughters of the bridegroom; and Miss Morley, daughter of Mr Wm. Morley, Eastgate. As the wedding party left the church, the organist played the wedding march, and the bells chimed out a merry peal. After breakfast at the bride's mother's, the happy pair left, amid showers of rice, for Keswick, to spend their honeymoon. The bride's presents were both numerous and costly, and included presents from the Misses Hildyard, of Hutton Bonville; the Bishop of Richmond and Mrs Pulleine, Stanhope; Dr and Mrs Arnison, Stanhope; a travelling case from the villagers and friends; a writing case from the scholars of Eastgate school; a cruet-stand from the church choir; and numerous other presents from friends and acquaintances. Miss Moore is one of a family who stand high in the estimation of the public, and is well connected.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Vicissitudes of climate, exposure and hardships, tell heavily on soldiers and sailors, sowing the seeds of diseases which may ultimately break up the constitution. Naturally careless of their health a word in season may avert many evils, and may cause them to resort to timely measures without any difficulty or publicity. Holloway's effectual remedies are so suitable, and are so easily adapted for the varied complaints to which our soldiers and sailors are liable, that a supply should always be obtained before proceeding abroad. It may with confidence be stated that many a valuable life might have been saved, or confirmed cripple prevented from begging in the streets, if Holloway's remedies had been used in time.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. C.G.)

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

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

THE REFRESHMENT QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your report of one of the recent Brewster Sessions in Durham, it is stated that Rev J. P. de Pledge said "I would again remind you that you are licensed victuallers and it is your duty to provide food as well as drink for the public." The point involved in this sentence is of very considerable interest, and my object in writing to you is to call attention to it. In many public-houses, I may almost say in most of them, a request to be supplied with anything except drink is met with a civil but very distinct refusal. Is Mr De Pledge quite sure that publicans are bound by law to provide refreshments? and if so, can he—or any other gentleman—state clearly what penalties a licensed victualler incurs by refusal, and in what way the person refused must take action? I am not one of those persons who look upon every public-house as a gate of Hades, and every licensed victualler as a direct representative of the Evil One, but I have several times been inconvenienced by a refusal to supply anything except drink and if the law does not warrant this refusal would like in future to make things unpleasant for the licensed victualler who breaks the law by refusing.—Yours &c.,

Newcastle-on-Tyne Sept. 1890. W. J. GREY.

Sporting Items.

IVESTON FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.

On Saturday, in connection with the Iveston Flower Show, the following sports were brought off in fields behind the village school, kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs Ward and Thirlaway. The day was fine, and there was a large number of spectators present. Appended is the events:—

FOOTBALL.—Consett Rugby Scratch team, 1; Iveston, 2; The Lizzie, 3. Mr T. Parker, Iveston, was referee.

QUOITING.—The following divided the sum of 15s.:—Messrs Armstrong, A. Carr, and Malpus.

TUG-OF-WAR.—1, Old, The Lizzie Team; 2, Stobbart's Team. Mr S. Blench, The Brooms, was referee.

WRESTLING.—First round—J. Young threw Johnson; T. Banson threw Wilson; G. Graham threw Temple; T. Wilson threw Hall; J. Miller threw J. Malone. Second round—Banson threw Young; Miller threw Graham; Wilson a bye. Third round—Miller threw Wilson; Banson, a bye. Final—Miller threw Banson twice in succession and won.

120 YARDS HANDICAP.—First, 15s; 2nd, 7s 6d; 3rd, 2s 6d.—Heat 1—H. Gair, Blackhill, 20, 1; J. Winter, Consett, 18, 2; M. Clair, Leadgate, 10, 3; S. Ward, Medomsley, 18, 0. Heat 2—J. W. Wilson, Blackhill, 20, 1; G. Gladders, East Castle, 24, 2; W. Bragg, Blackhall Mill, 17, 3; J. Gray, 24, 0; J. Wilson, Iveston, 20, 0. Heat 3—T. Grant, Leadgate, 20, 1; T. Thompson, Iveston, 20, 2; J. Watson, Annfield Plain, 20, 3; E. Crawford, Oxhill, 20, 0; T. Miller, Leadgate, 25, 0. Heat 4—J. Hall, Medomsley, 21, 1; A. Turner, Leadgate, 18, 2; E. Miller, Consett, 20, 3; G. Grant, Blackhill, 20, 0; G. Nicholson, Iveston, 20, 0. Final—H. Gair, 1; J. H. Wilson, 2; J. Hall, 3; T. Grant, 4. Mr Wm. Hanson, Iveston, acted as handicapper.

BOYS' RACE.—Thompson, 1; Reed 2.

GIRLS' SKIPPING.—Lot 1.—E. Gray, Iveston, 1; S. T. Reed, Iveston, 2; M. A. Reed, 3; I. Tweedy, Iveston, 4; S. Stokes, Iveston, 5.

Lot 2.—A. Ward, Iveston, 1; M. E. Parker, Boggle Hole, 2; M. Laverick, Dipton, 3; C. Kirkpatrick, Iveston, 4; S. Hunter, Esp Green, 5.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS.—Subscribers:—Miss Stoker, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Harper, Mrs R. Johnson, Mrs Clark, Mrs Swinburn, Mrs Tweedy, Mrs W. Johnson, Mrs Cranston, Mrs Ward, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Shearer, Mrs Wilson.

PRIZES:—1, purses—R. Stokes, R. E Hall, John Forster. 2, plush case—S. A. Turnbull. 3, balls—J. Harper, M. E. Wanless. 4, caps—B. H. Johnson, J. Reed, R. Wilson, J. Brown. 5, tie—J. L. Stokes. 6, handkerchief—Eva Armstrong. 7, pinafores and aprons—I. Tweedy, Lydia Hudson, M. A. Reed, S. T. Reed, E. Gray, Annie Tweedy, M. Laverick, A. Ward. 8, dolls—Edward Gladders, Sophia Stokes. 9, brooch—Jane Ward. 10, cuffs—Alfred Harper. 11, knives—J. Harper, J. Parker. 12, albert—Thos. Thompson. 13, basket—M. Westlake.

Trade Notes.

WEARDALE QUARRYMEN AND THE SHOOTING-DOWN QUESTION.

Some time ago, a dispute arose about shooting-down in several of the limestone quarries in Weardale. The matter was referred to Mr H. Maddison and Mr John Robson for settlement. These gentlemen have given their award as follows:—"Messrs H. Maddison and John Robson met at Frosterley to discuss the question of shooting-down and making artificial backs in pannels and benchings. They agreed as to the pannels that whatever can be worked without shooting or blasting has not to be paid extra price for, viz: That in taking down a pannel, say eight yards wide, so far, and having to come in to six yards, as the case may be, to get a back to go down with, no extra pay to be given, but the remaining portion of the pannel which requires shooting-down has to be paid for at the rate of one half-penny per ton, or they are to have the option of leaving the back portion and taking it down with the next pannel. In reference to the benches, supposing such benches to be ten feet thick, and it is to shoot down—that is, from the top of stiff dick post to the bottom of the limestone—it may be assumed that backs and joints will be available for at least half of the stone; therefore we think ½d per ton should be paid if it requires shooting. This arrangement applies to Frosterley and Rogerley quarries only."

Business Announcements.

HANDYSIDE'S
RHEUMATIC CURE.

No one need now suffer from Rheumatism, or Sciatica. Those who have witnessed the rubbing at Handyside's vans can testify there has never been a failure. There is no art required, anyone can bring their friends to rub them, and all are invited to see the result. Price, 1s. per bottle.

G. HANDYSIDE meets his patients at the van monthly. All should come and hear what his patients say about his Consumption Cure, you will hear the patients openly declare that after the doctor has given them up, they are restored to health. They should also hear from the patients themselves what the Blood Purifier has done for Asthma, Bronchitis, Fits, Weak Heart, Languidness, Costiveness, General Debility, Sleeplessness, Eruptions of the Skin, Scurvey, Running of the Body, Indigestion, &c. Both sexes should take it for Change of Life, for its effects are marvellous.

Handyside's No. 3 Pills contain now a large amount of Handyside's Blood Purifier, they do not purge the bowels, and ruin the constitution like common pills; they keep the bowels gently open by increasing the digestion and invigorate the system, and make people more healthy and happy. Those who try No. 3 Pill will soon find out which pills are worth a guinea a box. If No. 3 will not gently open the bowels once every three days, Handyside's No. 1 should be taken; but should be discontinued as soon as No. 3 will do their work. They will give health and happiness even to those whose health has been ruined with purging pills.

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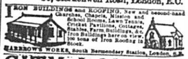
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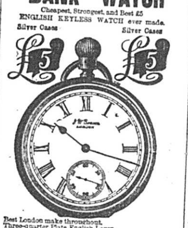
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NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Stanhope fair has come and gone once more. The annual carnival increases year by year; as a country fair few exceed it. All the youths in the adjacent villages for miles around resort to Stanhope fair. All the buxom damsels there find chaps, and the eligible young men find belles and many there met their fate. Acquaintainces are there formed which are fastened and cherished, and in many instances finish at the altar. It is said that marriages are made in heaven, but there are exceptions to all rules—a good many are made at Stanhope fair.

Like Christmas, Stanhope fair is a time of re-union of friends and acquaintances. People who have left the place for years gone by make it a point to visit their friends at the fair. This year the North Eastern Railway Co. have given increased facilities to persons wishing to visit the fair by running several relief trains up and down the valley, on Friday and Saturday, which was both creditable to the company and a great convenience to the public. When Richardson's organ struck up "Auld lang syne" in the market-place, it was very appropriated and fitting. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot" recalled vividly the memories of the past, and in many instances drew forth tears.

Great credit is due to Messrs. Charlton and Dixon, of the Stanhope Station, for the way in which they despatched and received the crowded trains—without a hitch—both on the Friday, Saturday, and Monday, although the station platform is too small for such occasions, and should be continued down to the bridge.

"Nothing succeeds like success," and the Stanhope Agricultural Society deserves complimenting on the successful issue of the show-day, and the big gate money—over £78. The quality of the exhibits does credit to the dale, especially in the shorthorn classes, where the dales farmers can generally hold their own against formidable rivals who have won at the county show. Much of the success of the show is due to the energetic secretary, Mr R. Thompson, and the hard-working committee.

There is one great drawback to the show, and that is the lack of courtesy shown to the press representatives, who are treat nowhere so shabbily as at Stanhope and St. John's Chapel shows. This year there might have been seen one or two writing outside the luncheon tent under the most disadvantageous circumstances. The public need not wonder if the after-dinner speeches are not reported.

Stanhope Cricket Club on Saturday gained a splendid victory over the Cliffe Hall gentlemen, scoring 139 to 43. Mr Robert Pulleine, son of the Bishop of Richmond, made 53 runs in admirable style. The Cliffe Hall team are by no means despicable opponents; they beat Darlington only the other day by 146. The Stanhope team were in good form. Mr Roddam's "daisy-cutters" and the fast balls of Mr J. Dixon proved them bowlers of no mean order.

Richardson's roundabouts did a roaring trade at the fair, and beat the records of previous years in coining money. No wonder that he can afford to give £40 for his stand. It is queer if Murphy doesn't run up his figure next year.

Two new features were introduced into the fair on Saturday evening, in the shape of two amateur bands, who played up and down the streets among the throng, attracting much attention and causing great fun. The one hailed from Wolsingham, and the other from Consett, and their instruments consisted of mouth-organs and penny trumpets respectively. They were led by two redoubtable wags, well-known in each place. The Consett one was termed a "brick."

Two gallant poachers at Wolsingham declared that no one man could take them, but one evening lately they got a sad surprise. A man of small stature came up to them when watching "bunnie," and tapped them on the shoulder. They at once "valented" through the river, leaving the ferret behind them. "Conscience makes cowards of us all."

A Stanhope poultry keeper killed two chickens the other night by twisting their necks. He took them to a big house in Stanhope, where they were thrown carelessly into the scullery, to be ploated next morning. But during the night one of them revived, and commenced crowing vigourously, and continued to do so all night, much to the merriment of the servant girls, who now twit the fellow about it every time he pays a visit.

Three dapper ladies in Stanhope were surprised at bed-time the other evening to discover three monkeys sent them as presents from the fair; but they turned out stiff tumblers, and are to be kept as mementoes of the fair. They had played antics with the hermit of Bachelors' Hall, and the monkey visitation was a return compliment.

A Castleside lady has squared the circle. She was having a shot at the cocoa nuts, at Castleside Flower Show, but instead of hitting a nut she hit the man in charge on the temple, knocked him down, and proved a "crack" shot. Her services will be in great demand this next pig-killing season.

A bachelor of a stereo-typed character lives near Castleside, and keeps a farm and a servant maid. The other day the maid boiled three eggs for tea; she set two for the master and one for herself. He took the knife to cut off the tops but instead of topping the egg, it turned up the edge of the knife in an astonishing manner. She had boiled two china stone nest eggs for her master, and a real egg for herself.

A local farmer who shaved rather closely in the shape of providing for the inner man, especially for his servants, was surprised to see the servant man laughing over his porridge the other morning. On enquiring he was told a fly was drowning in the milk on the porridge. The farmer saw nothing in it to laugh at, and told him to take the spoon and lift it out. Said the servant - "I was laughing at its frantic struggles to get out, when it could easily have waded out as the milk was so scarce."

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By Wearsider.]

Birtley is to have its hands full of public business just now. They want a new Guardian appointed in the place of Dr Wilson, who has been appointed medical officer for that sub-division of the Union. A new scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal works is under consideration, the estimated cost of which undertaking is £5,000. It is also intended to extend the Newcastle Water Company's mains to the hamlets of North Side and Wash Houses, upon the edge of the Black Fell. Surely Birtley will be busy enough.

It may be interesting to business folk, and is sure to be interesting to racing men, that there was opened, on Wednesday, a telegraph office at Pelton Fell. Messages may be given in at that place, and also received there now.

It is no secret now that Pelaw pit is to be re-opened. Operations are to be commenced at once, and houses for workmen are asked for at Chester-le-Street. This is indeed good news.

The pollution of the river Wear, both at Chester-le-Street and other places, is engaging the attention of the County Council. As far as Chester-le-Street is concerned, the flow or discharge of sewage in the Wear at the foot of the Ropery Lane is to be discontinued. This will be an expensive job, and it should be borne in mind that the sewer was taken down the Ropery Lane with and by the consent of the Local Government Board Inspector, Mr Arnold Taylor.

At a meeting of the Chester-le-Street Choral Society, on Tuesday night, it was decided to commence the session shortly. The office-bearers were re-elected, and it is anticipated that the forthcoming session will be one of great success.

There is a talk of another Rowing Club being started in Chester-le-Street. The original club is still a flourishing concern, perfectly solvent, but from some cause or other a little lethargic. Probably the formation of an opposition will be useful.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[By the "Old Crow."]

'Tis past midnight my reader, and I sit down lazily to run off a few lines that shall either add to your misery or otherwise. I often seat myself thus at these unearthly hours, to pour out my mind for your delectation—or otherwise, without the remotest idea in the world as to the matters on which, in the course of my ramblings, I may descant. But I fancy I can say at this moment, without the slightest fear of contradiction, I have as few ideas in my head—no, no, I beg your pardon—in my mind, dear boy, I mean—as I remember ever to have had in such an emergency. Kindly grin and bear the infliction with the same generous feeling of sympathy as you are won't to extend to me; and, in the words of the dramatist, all may yet be well.

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Mr Brodie of the Consett Theatre Royal is, I am delighted to find, still as enthusiastic as ever he was to meet the tastes of his various patrons. Changes, we are told, are always agreeable and with this idea strongly embraced the lessee of our little local dramatic home has been giving us a little Variety. Next week, I understand will see a resumption of theatrical fare, and later on will see the production *A Wife's Peril* a play which has been recieved in many quarters with considerable success, and is scarcely new to Consett houses. *Taken by Storm* and other good things follow on in quick succession and altogether the prospects for theatre goers is good.

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I ought not to forget to remind you that on Monday next Mr Brodie has arranged to produce a quite new piece only a few weeks old. The play in question is Clarance Burnette's *A Man in a Thousand* and as the lessee has had to give the Manager of the Co. a big guarantee I trust next week will prove to him one in a thousand in the way of business. Well done Mr Brodie!

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I never was a great lover of organ recitals, and indeed have known myself to shirk attending them on more occasions than one. Without the least idea of disparaging those whose inclinations are in that direction, I am bound to admit that organ recitals seem to be growing more and more dreary, and more and more a means by which enthusiastic and ardent young musicans contrive to "stow up" their musical culture at the expense of audiences far away too indulgent. These organ recitals may possibly be a trifle high-toned in pitch, but they are for the most part decidedly uninteresting and not seldom absolutely tedious. When will organists get to understand that audiences care very much less about the clever manipulation of the instrument than listening to pieces played without ostentation and bounce? Why is it that organists will insist upon that particular class of music for which not one in ten has the least sympathy? Why, oh, why not let us have something like "The Keel Row," or "After the opera," instead of the Mozartian Sonata? Why indeed! I am afraid echo answers, why!

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At the Edinburgh Exhibition some days ago I was present at one of these recitals when the usual thing obtained. The music for the most part was of the highly classical order for the most part, and as a consequence failed to satisfy the sparce audience. As the programme proceeded people rose significantly from their seats, first one by one, then by two and two, and then more numerously leaving the music hall, not always between the pieces, but often during the playing of them, so that before the conclusion only something like a dozen were left. Now all that might be remedied if organists would try to sink a little of that proverbial "edge," and submit programmes to meet the tastes and understandings of the people before whom they play.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, Sept. 20th.)

Leadgate Park v Portland (Newcastle), at Newcastle.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Portland Reserve, at Leadgate.
Dipton Wanderers v Ashington, at Ashington.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Gainsborough, at Newcastle.
Tanfield Lea v Shankhouse, at Shankhouse.
Tow Law v Sunderland Albion Reserve, at Tow Law.
Pelton Fell Harriers v Burnmoor, at Pelton Fell.
Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd v Red Rose A, at Pelton Fell.
Langley Park Rovers v Cornsay, at Langley Park.
Langley Park Rovers 2nd v Cornsay 2nd, at Langley Park.
Pelton Fell Blues v Chester-le-Street Excelsior, at Pelton Fell.

Leadgate Park v Portland (Newcastle).—The following team will leave by the 2·30 train for Newcastle to oppose Portland:—Goal, Geo. Beadling; backs, T. Hewitt and T. Cairns; half-backs, S. Rayner, C. Burnhope, and T. Stephenson; forwards, J. Robson and A. Burnhope, right wing; G. Walton, centre; A. M. Hedley and J. Hunter (capt.), left wing.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Portland Reserve.—This match will be played at Leadgate to-morrow (Saturday). The home team will rely on the following:—Goal, J. Day; backs, A. Graham and T. Gray; half-backs, J. Brown, W. Foreman, and T. Kennedy; forwards, J. Todd and C. Foreman, right wing; J. Haggerston (2), centre; J. Haggerston (3) and J. Haggerston (1), left wing. Umpire, Mr W. Johns. Reserves, Willey, Crowther, F. Foreman, and Lock. Kick-off at 4.

Dipton Wanderers v Ashington.—The Wanderers will journey to Ashington to-morrow (Saturday), when they will be represented by the following team:—Goal, T. Turpin; backs, J. Walker and A. Tuson; half-backs, A. Dodds, E. Buck, and W. Bowes; forwards, W. Turner and I. Gilliard, right wing; D. Crozier and T. Walker, left wing; W. Smith, centre.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Gainsborough.—In this return match, to be played at Newcastle to-morrow (Saturday), the Reserve will be represented as follows:—Goal, T. Mann; backs, R. Brewis and R. Crozier; half-backs, J. Bell, J. Curtis, and J. Adcock; forwards, H. Smith and J. Leadbitter, right wing; J. Jardine, centre; G. Temple and H. Maude, left wing. Reserves, W. Temple, W. Close, and H. McDine.

Tow Law v Sunderland Albion Reserve.—Tow Law opens their season to-morrow (Saturday), by a game with the Sunderland Albion Reserve, who, it will be remembered, administered such a severe licking to St. Hilda's, Darlington, last Saturday, the score at the finish standing 10 to 2. The visit of the famous Albion eleven, which will include several professionals, is creating a tremendous amount of interest in Tow Law, and if the weather is favourable, there will no doubt be a bumper attendance. Tow Law will be represented by the following team:—Goal, Allison; backs, Potts and Brown; half-backs, Charlton, Ward, and Beckwith; forwards, Blair and Pears, right wing; Conroy, centre; Keogan and Wilson, left wing. Umpire, Mr R. Brown. Referee, Mr E. Milburn, solicitor, Crook.

Langley Park Rovers v Cornsay.—In this match, to be played at Langley Park to-morrow (Saturday), the following will do duty for the Rovers:—Goal, T. Dixon; backs, T. Raper and T. Newton; half-backs, J. Pickering, R. Rutter, and J. Agar; forwards, J. Gott and J. Iveson, left wing; H. Mossey and C. Jackson, right wing; G. Foster, centre.

Langley Park Rovers 2nd v Cornsay 2nd.—To be played at Langley Park to-morrow (Saturday). The home team will be:—Goal, J. Teasdale; backs, Jos. Vickers and E. Shorten; half-backs, J. Abba, J. Vickers, and J. Edwards; fowards, J. C. Elliott and J. Shorten, right wing; W. Potter, centre; W. Shorten and J. Moss, left wing.

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BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening, in the Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge, under the presidency of Councillor James Annandale, J.P. The members present included Coun. R. Murray, Messrs T. Siddell, J. Lax, A. E. Turner, W. Robinson, W. Surtees, F. Priestman, J.P., J. Dowson, W. Wilson, the clerk (Mr John Booth), and the surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

DAMAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY.

A communication was read from Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., of Shotley Hall, complaining that some evil-disposed individuals had been cutting obscene figures on the Blue Bridge, which crosses the river Derwent, close to Messrs Annandale and Sons Paper Mills, Shotley Bridge. He asked the Board to endeavour to stop this undesirable proceeding.

The Surveyor likewise called attention to the fact that the new seats which had been lately erected along the roadsides within the Board's district had been damaged and disfigured, a good many initials and other hieroglyphics having been cut on the benches. He also mentioned that three globes on the street lamps had been broken within a fortnight.

Eventually, after some discussion, it was resolved, on the proposition of Mr Lax, and seconded by Mr Wilson, that the surveyor be instructed to issue handbills offering a reward to any person who will give information leading to the conviction of any evil-indisposed person or persons who were caught damaging the property of the Board in any part of the district, and the Board trust the public will assist them in putting a stop to the wanton destruction now going on.

The foregoing resolution applies to the Blue Bridge and the new seats, as well as the public lamps.

THE FLOODING OF A CELLAR AT BLACKHILL.

The Building and Sanitary Committee reported as follows:—

"Your Committee visited the cellar belonging to Mr George Eltringham, at Blackfine, on Sept. 4th, and recommend that the following works be done:—That the main sewer in Durham Road—now a 12-inch pipe—terminating opposite the Wesleyan Chapel be continued to the railway bridge, and by a metal pipe along the bridge to the east side, and to have a storm overflow—all at the east side of the bridge; then to continue with a 15-inch pipe from there to the open grate near Dr Renton's gates, the above pipe to be at least nine feet deep at this point; two large deposit pits to be fixed here, one on each side of the road, to be not less than six feet long, with strong metal grates on the top; afterwards to continue the branch sewer along Dixon Street, in place of the present sewer, up to the manhole at the bottom of Back Murray Street, the same to be connected to the new main sewer in Durham Road."

Mr Murray: It is rather an expensive undertaking.

Mr Lax: Well, it has become necessary, inasmuch as a lot of property has been erected at Blackfine, and the present sewer is altogether totally inadequate. The flooding of Mr Eltringham's cellar was due, no doubt, to the imperfect state of the drains there. Dr G. Renton had also suffered in years past.

Mr Robinson: He suffers yet.

Mr Lax: It is the duty of this Board to attend to this matter, and I move that that portion of the report in reference to the sewerage of Blackfine, from the railway bridge, be carried into effect as soon as convenient.

Mr Murray: Will you do the work with your own men, or let it by contract?

The Surveyor: Well, I cannot do the work with my own men this winter; but it might be done by them in the summer time. In winter, our men are constantly employed on the roads.

Mr Murray: What is the estimate of the cost?

The Surveyor: That has not been gone into. The drain laid down to Blackfine is already standing half-full of "sludge," and if the Board do not carry out this new scheme, this drain will have to be taken up wholesale. The drain in Dixon Street is laid at a very flat gradient, and I had to put in a manhole to get it cleaned out.

Mr Lax: By sinking it a few feet near Dr Renton's residence you will be able to get a better level?

Mr Dixon: Oh, yes.

Mr Murray seconded the proposition, which was adopted.

It was further resolved that the Surveyor be directed to prepare plans and estimate with reference to laying down the new drain at Blackfine, and lay the same before the Board at the next meeting.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommended the payment of the following accounts:—

	£	s.	d.
Hodgkin and Co., for rent	7	10	0
Association of Local Boards (sub.)........................	1	1	0
Surveyor's paybill........................	55	6	7
Total	£63	17	7

The amounts were, on the motion of Mr Priestman, and seconded by Mr Robinson, ordered to be paid.

PLANS.

The Building and Sanitary Committee reported that plans for the erection of a workshop and conveniences for Mr Jonathan Stephenson, in Derwent Street, Blackhill, were recommended to be passed; also plans for the erection of two four-roomed houses, intended to be built in Durham Road, Blackfine, by Mr Philip Stokoe, were recommended to be passed subject to duplicates being deposited, and the building form properly filled up.

The report was accepted, it being specified that Mr Stokoe's duplicate plan be sketched in ink, and not in pencil as shown.

A plan submitted by Mr W. Shell, for properties to be erected by Mr Wm. Turner, in Dixon Street, Blackfine, which had just come to hand, was subsequently examined by the committee, and finding it in accordance with the bye-laws, they pashed the same, subject to some slight amendment.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The seal of the Board was affixed to the contract with Mr David Ormerod for kerbing, channelling, and cementing various footways in the district, at a certain price per yard.

MORE ILLUMINATION.

The Finance and Lighting Committee reported that they had inspected Thomas Street. Since last year, when the lighting of the property was brought before the Board, four new houses were completed and occupied, and three more would be finished shortly. These seven houses were situated in Market Street and Queen Street. They, as well as Thomas Street, could be lighted from a main laid in Queen Street, which will shortly become a public street. The committee think that the time has now arrived when the Gas Company should lay a main in Queen Street, and when this is done, they recommend the Board to put in the necessary public lamps. With regard to the lighting of Prospect Place, the difficulty which existed last year as to laying the gas main through private land will shortly be removed, property—being a continuation of Prospect Place—having been erected towards St. Mary's Street, which will no doubt be shortly declared a public thoroughfare. When this is arranged for, your committee recommend that a main should be laid from St. Mary's Street to Back Prospect Place, and in addition to the lamps required (three in number) for this thoroughfare, a slight alteration in the formation of one lamp in St. Mary's Street will effectively light this part of the district.

The Chairman explained that when the application was made a year ago in respect of Queen Street, the Gas Company declined to lay their mains through a private street, unless the Board or the proprietors bore one-half of the cost. The property owners, however, refused, and the Board did not feel disposed to incur the expense. Now, houses had been built on one side of Queen Street, while the other side faced the railway; therefore there was a possibility of the thoroughfare being dedicated to the public. Besides, if the mains were laid, the private householders might consume the gas.

The Clerk was, on the proposal of Mr Lax, seconded by Mr Robinson, instructed to write to the Gas Company, asking them to lay their mains along Queen Street and down Thomas Street, the Board undertaking to light the public lamps when the pipes were laid.

A similar proposition, moved by Mr Murray, and seconded by Mr Siddell, was passed in reference to Prospect Place.

THE WIDENING OF THE CHURCH BANK.

Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., in a letter to the Board, enclosed two tracings showing the proposed widening of the Church Bank, Shotley Bridge. He asked that the plans should be signed by the Board and Mr Moffatt, and one returned to him, the other copy to be retained by the surveyor. Mr Wilson proposed to give land sufficient to make the roadway 22 feet wide from Benfieldside Vicarage to the corner of Mr J. S. Moffatt's property, the wall to be built 4ft. 6in. in height.

The Surveyor stated that Mr Moffatt offered to give the necessary ground on the last occasion the subject was before the Board.

The Chairman pointed out that if Mr Moffatt only signed the plan, the work could be proceeded with at once.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Mr Siddell, seconded by Mr Lax, that the plan be approved and stamped, subject to Mr Moffatt's consent, and the Surveyor was empowered to get on with the work as quickly as possible.

Mr Lax: Was the contract not let some time ago?

Mr Wilson: No. It was only agreed to be done.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the workmen had been busy water-tabling, gathering off loose stones, and dressing up the different roads. There had been several heavy rainfalls during August which had resulted in a good deal of damage to the roads. The stonebreakers were preparing material for the forthcoming season. Mr Ormerod, contractor, had commenced with the new kerb and channel at Cutler's Hall, and he (Mr Dixon) hoped the bulk of the work would be finished by the next meeting. He had, as desired, put a pavement down at the foot of the new seats. He had collected and paid to the treasurer £29 on account of the general and district rate. Mr Ormerod was quite willing to lay down a cement kerb and stone channel on the Shotley and Derwent Road, at the same price as he charges for laying down the kerb and channel at Cutler's Hall.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector reported that he had found more refuse in the ashpits than there had been for some time past, in consequence of the farmers, not taking away ashes at the present time. He was urging the people to get their refuse carted away as speedily as possible. The plans passed at the Board at the last meeting, belonging to the undermentioned parties, have been stamped, duplicates having been supplied:—Mrs Christopher. Mr Gibson, and Messrs Hobday and Gibson. He had inspected several of the cowbyres and found them in fair condition.

The reports were adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Geo. Renton) submitted the following report:—

Herewith I beg to hand you the vital statistics for your township, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890. The special features of interest are the birth and death-rates, which will be found to be low. The infantile mortality is also in a satisfactory state, being as low as 1·6. Zymotic diseases have appeared in two forms, viz., scarlet fever and enteric fever. Scarlet fever has been observed in almost every part of the district in a mild form, and has attacked 17 persons, without causing any fatality. Four of these case were removed to the Leadgate Fever Hospital, where they made good recoveries. Enteric fever has so far taken no hold of the district, and I have only one case to report from Snow's Green. On the whole, the report is satisfactory, if only on account of the low mortality. The vital statistics indicated that there had been 40 births—26 males and 14 females—representing an annual rate of 21·3 per 1,000; 19 deaths—9 males and 10 females—representing an annual rate of 10·1 per 1,000.

The members considered the report to be extremely satisfactory, Mr Lax explaining that the death-rate was 50 per cent lower than the corresponding period of last year, and 15 per cent below the preceding quarter's report.

The report was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

This concluded the business.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

The seventh annual festival of the above society, which was celebrated on Saturday, was a complete success. To this circumstances were on the whole favourable. True, there were two other attractions in the village, the flower show and a tea-meeting, the former of which was particularly well patronised. These however, do not appear to have sensibly diminished the attendance at the temperance festival. The weather was simply perfect. In the afternoon, a public tea was held in the Stanley National School, and it is a pleasure to testify to the manner in which congratulations upon the success of the undertaking flowed in on the ladies, and those who were responsible for making and carring out the arrangements. It is estimated that a larger number of persons took tea than at any previous festival of this society. After tea, the spacious schoolroom was cleared, and seats placed for the evening meeting. Some time before seven o'clock—the hour appointed for beginning—the room was well filled, many persons having a fairly correct notion of the treat in store for them, this being by no means their first visit on such an occasion. The staff secured to take part in the meeting was well worthy of the event, and included several clergyman actively interested in temperance work, the hon. secretary for the Deanery of Ryton, and several ladies and gentlemen with musical and oratorical gifts. After the well-known hymn "Rescue the perishing," had been heartily sung, and followed by prayer, the chairman, Mr Gilchrist, called on the secretary to read the report. This shewed the position of the society, both as to membership and finances to be satisfactory; especially in its finances, since after paying the purchase money, of a somewhat expensive piano, in addition to the ordinary current expenditure, there still remained a balance of over nine pounds in the hands of the treasurer. The report was received with applause, and then the chairman, in his address, after speaking in eulogistic terms of the society's work and position, added an earnest appeal for helpers in the cause. Messrs Richardson and Herdman were then called on for a duet, "A.B.C." which was received with enthusiastic clapping, and was followed by a solo, "White Wings," by Miss M. Smith, who has a very promising voice. Mr Connah with his delicately appreciative instinct, ably sustained the part of accompanist for the evening. The Rev B. Stack, then, in a most stirring and telling address, pointed out the responsibility of woman in the temperance cause. Miss M. Thompson, of Consett, created quite an impression both by her superior voice and by the manner in which she sang, "Killarney," and responded to an applauding *encore* by singing with equal effect, "Robin Adair." A most amusing, though usefully suggestive dialogue, "The sorrows of Mr Snooks, the Batchelor,"—was then given in a way that quite captivated the audience—by Misses S. Smith, Lily Simpson, and M. Christer, and Messrs W. Ross, T. Lumley, Joseph Lumley, I. Simpson, J. Robinson, J. Surtees, and J. Ramshaw. Mr Richardson next sang, "A soldier and a man," and then the Rev C. H. Newman responded to the chairman's request by giving a short, earnest, and pointed address, and afterwards accompanied by Mrs Newman sang, "The clang of the hammer" to the great delight of the listeners. Miss Isabella Thompson in a sweet voice sang, "Far away," and Miss E. Ramshaw followed with "Call me back again." In the touching song, "The flower girl," little Miss E. Lewis quite established herself as a favourite, and had the chairman felt at liberty to allow it many persons present would have been pleased. Mr Ross was sole reciter for the evening, and he certainly rose to the occasion. First in "Ask mamma," and then especially in "The same wherever you go," the latter piece having been specially composed by him for the occasion. After suitable votes of thanks had been proposed by the vicar, the Rev J. Crennell, and responded to, the "National Anthem" brought this enjoyable evening to a suitable close.

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LANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW. AND SPORTS.

The Lanchester Floral and Horticultural Society held their fourteenth annual exhibition of flowers, fruit and vegetables, on Wednesday, in a field in close proximity to the village, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr T. Wilkinson, Lanchester. The day being fine, visitors from the outlying districts flocked to the village, and patronised the show. Speaking of the exhibition, there were two classes—amateurs' and cottagers'—and both were well represented. Considering the time of the season the exhibits were good. As compared with previous years the exhibition was an excellent one, and quite sustains the reputation of the society. In doing away with the open class, the loss was more than compensated for by the increase in other departments, and the quality throughout was beyond criticism. The cut flowers were quite equal to the display in previous years. The foliage plants were a splendid show. The fruit department brought forth some capital specimens in its line. Apples, pears, &c, were a splendid feature, and were marked by high culture. One of the main features of the show was the splendid display of fruits, flowers, &c, by Mr C. Lovatt, gardener, of Greencroft Park. This stand was the admiration of the visitors. It is almost needless to refer to the vegetables, which were a most creditable lot. The exhibits from the children for wild fruits and flowers, considering the lateness of the season, were something wonderful, and in artistic arrangement they were most creditable. The judges were:—Flowers, &c., Messrs C. Lovatt, Greencroft Park, and W. Armstrong, Burnhopeside Hall. Butter, eggs, &c, Mrs J. Reed and Mrs J. Walton, Lanchester. The whole of the arrangements were carried out by the energetic secretary, Mr G. T. Wilson, Lanchester, assisted by a strong committee. Refreshments on the ground were supplied by Mr Jos. Wall, of the Black Bull, Lanchester. The Earl's House Industrial School Brass Band, numbering 21 performers, performed a choice selection of music during the afternoon. A capital programme of sports were brought off, including the following:—Tug-of war, teams of six men—1, 15s, Mr Ed. Wylam's team; 2, 6s, Mr Pallister's team. 120 yards hurdle race—Final—1, 15s, C. Wrangham, Ushaw College; 2, 7s 6d, H Nicholson, Burnopfield; 3, 2s 6d, Ed. Neale, Durham; 4, T. Hodgson, Consett. 120 yards handicap foot-race—The following won their heats—T. Cockburn, Catchgate, 11 yards; T. Hodgson, Consett, 11; N. Cairns, Newcastle, 1; J. Lax, Durham, 15; F. Forster, Esh, 1; J. Laycock, Newcastle, 16; F. Swinburne, Benfieldside, 12; J. Taylor, Blackhill, 10. In the second round the following won—T. Hodgson and J. Laycock. Final—1, 30s, Forster; 2, 12s 6d, Laycock; 3, 7s 6d, Hodgson. A good race won by half-a-yard. Mr Rutherford, Lanchester, was handicapper. Stone-picking race—F. Swinburne and F. Foster, divided 1st and 2nd; Robinson 3. Steeplechase—F. Swinburne, 1; J. Robinson, 2; A. Crow, 3. Great interest was centred in the race, owing to the distance that had to be travelled. The pedestrians had to jump a wide ditch, and then run over three fields, and round a plantation. The police arrangements were admirably carried out by Inspector Mitham, of Lanchester. The successful proceedings were brought to a conclusion by a ball in the evening, which was well patronised. The amount taken at the gate was over £24. Appended is the

PRIZE LIST.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three pot plants, not named in schedule—1, W Dickinson; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W Dickinson; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Light fuchsia—1, Wm Dickinson; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Dark fuchsia—1, W Dickinson; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Two zonale geraniums—1, W Dickinson; 2, W Hall.
Fern—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, G Bewick.
Six pansies, three dissimilar—1, J Jobling; 2, H L Burgess.
Petunia—1, W Hall.
Coleus—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, W Hall.
Pot of liliums, dissimilar—1, W Hall.
Six dahlias, dissimilar—1, J Jobling; 2, W Hall.
Six single dahlias, three dissimilar—1, G Bewick; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Six cut roses, dissimilar—1, Master H Walton.
Six picotees—1, J Jobling; 2, H L Burgess.
Six carnations—1, J Jobling; 2, G Bewick.
Six French marigolds—1, J Jobling; 2, W Hall.
Six African marigolds—1, J Jobling; 2, W Hall.
Two varigated geraniums—1, W Hall.
Six asters—1, W Hall; 2, W Dickinson.
Three gladioli, dissimilar—1, Wm Hall; 2, Jos Jobling.
Four verbenas—1, J Jobling; 2, W Hall.
Four stocks—1, J Gibson; 2, H L Burgess.
Twelve cut flowers—1, W Dickinson; 2, W Hall.
Three phloxes, dissimilar—1, W Dickinson; 2, H L Burgess.
Eight hollyhock blooms—1, W Hall.
Six bunches of flowers—1, T Dixon, jun.
Lady's hand bouquet—1, W Dickinson.
Basket of flowers—1, Wm Dickinson; 2, T Dixon, jun.

FRUITS.

Plate of flavoured gooseberries—1, Wm Hall; 2, Master H Walton.
Plate of black currants—No awards.
Plate of red currants—1, W Hall; 2, Master H Walton.
Plate of raspberries—1, W Hall.
Plate of white currants—1, W Hall; 2, Master H Walton.
Six dessert apples—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, Master H Walton.
Six baking apples—1, Master H Walton; 2, Thos Dixon, jun.
Six pears—1, W Hall; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Six plums—1, Master H Walton; 2, W Hall.

VEGETABLES.

Six white early kidney potatoes—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, H L Burgess.
Six white early round potatoes—1, H L Burgess; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Six red kidney potatoes—1, W Hall; 2, H L Burgess.
Six red round potatoes—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, Wm Hall.
Two early cabbages—1, W Hall; 2, J Jobling.
Two cauliflowers—1, W Hall; 2, H L Burgess.
Two heads of celery—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, H L Burgess.
Three turnips—1, W Hall; 2, G Bewick.
Three carrots—1, H L Burgess; 2, W Hall.
Six onions—1, W Hall; 2, G Bewick.
Twelve pods of peas—1, W Dickinson; 2, H L Burgess.
Twelve pods of beans—1, T Dixon, jun.; 2, H L Burgess.
Three leeks—1, J Jobling; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Three parsnips—1, J Gibson; 2, W Hall.
Three roots of beet—1, W Hall; 2, G Bewick.
Collection of vegetables—1, W Hall.
Two cucumbers—1, W Hall; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Twelve pods of French beans—1, W Hall; 2, G Bewick.
Two red cabbages—1, W Hall; 2, T Dixon, jun.
Twelve pods of scarlet runners—1, W Hall.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, W Hall.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Window plant, not greenhouse grown—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W Dickinson.
Light fuchsia—1, W Dickinson.
Zonale geranium—1, W Dickinson; 2, R Snaith.
White geranium—1, R Snaith.
Two pot plants, dissimilar—1, W Dickinson; 2, R Snaith.
Hand bouquet of flowers—1, R Toward.
Three dahlias, dissimilar—1, Jos Jobling; 2, Wm. Dickinson.
Three single dahlias, dissimilar—1, R Snaith.
Six asters—1, R Toward; 2, J Jobling.
Three stocks—1, F Puller.
Three phloxes—1, R Toward.
Six pansies, dissimilar—1, J Jobling; 2, F Puller.
Six cut flowers—1, R Toward; 2, W Dickinson.
Six French marigolds—1, F Puller; 2, J Jobling.
Four African marigolds—1, Jos Jobling; 2, R Toward.
Six hollyhock blooms—1, W Dickinson.
Three spikes of gladioli—1, R Toward; 2, Jos Jobling.

FRUITS.

Plate of gooseberries—1, R Toward.
Plate of red currants—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Plate of white currants—1, R Snaith.
Plate of raspberries—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Six dessert apples—1, R Toward.
Six baking apples—1, R Toward.
Six pears—1, R Toward.
Six plums—1, R Toward.

VEGETABLES.

Six white kidney potatoes—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Six white round potatoes—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Six red kidney potatoes—1, R Snaith; 2, F Puller.
Six red round potatoes—1, R Snaith; 2, R Toward.
Two cauliflowers—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Three turnips—1, R Snaith; 2, R Toward.
Three carrots—1, F Puller; 2, R Toward.
Three parsnips—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Six onions—1, J Jobling; 2, R Toward.
Three leeks—1, J Jobling; 2, F Puller.
Twelve pods of peas—1, R Toward; 2, F Puller.
Twelve pods of beans—1, R Toward; 2, F Puller.
Three roots of beet—1, R Snaith; 2, R Toward.
Two heads of celery—1, R Snaith; 2, R Toward.
Two red cabbages—1, R Toward; 2, J Jobling.
Two early cabbages—1, J Jobling; 2, R Snaith.
Twelve pods of French beans—1, R Toward; 2, R Snaith.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, R Toward.
Collection of vegetables—1, R Toward.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

For inhabitants of Lanchester and district. Given by Mr Francis Lockey, tea dealer, Durham. Best two pounds of plain butter—1, 2lbs of tea, Mrs Sisson, New Houses, Lanchester.
Six hen eggs—1, 2lbs of tea, Elizabeth Snaith; 2, 1lb of tea, W Dickinson.
Given by Mr John Hall, grocer, Annfield Plain. Best loaf of bread—1, 1½lbs of tea, Mrs Leybourne, Margery Flat; 2, 1lb of tea, Mrs R Toward; 3, ½lb of tea, Mrs Jos Buckham.
Given by the society—Writing for boys at school—1, 3s, Ernest Sadler; 2, 2s, Henry Walton; 3, 1s, John Hall.
Writing for girls—1, 3s, Ellen Ewens; 2, 2s, Dorothy Robson; 3, 1s, Jane Burdon.
Collection of wild fruits and wild flowers, open to children—1, 5s, H Walton; 2, 2s 6d, J Robinson, Greencroft Park.
Given by Mr T Dunn, Lanchester. Best hand bouquet of wild flowers—1, 5s, J Robinson; 2, 2s 6d, H Walton.
Given by Mr John Reed, grocer, Lanchester. Best two cauliflowers—1, ½lb of tobacco, W Hall; 2, ½lb of tobacco, R Toward; 3, ¼lb of tobacco, George Bewick.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

Fixtures for Saturday, Sept. 20th.

Consett Fell v Swalwell Young Men's Christian Association, at Consett.
West Stanley v Burnopfield, at Stanley.
Burnhope v Sacriston, at Sacriston.
Cornsay v Tudhoe, at Tudhoe.
Ushaw Moor v Littleburn, at Littleburn.
Ushaw Moor 2nd v Tudhoe 2nd, at Ushaw Moor.
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BIRTHS.

Stanhope—13th inst., the wife of Wm. Robinson, M.D., of a daughter.
Ryton—13th inst., the wife of William Steel Stobo, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Blackhill—15th inst., at St. Aidan's Church, by Rev I J Storey, vicar, Mr W. Harrison, son of Mr George Harrison, Consett, to Miss Frances Jane Johnson, eldest daughter of Mr T. Johnson, of Blackhill.
Eastgate—All Saints' Church, 15th inst., by Rev J. Eddowes, assisted by Rev J. Schofield, John Crawhall, The Square, Stanhope, to Annie Dixon Moore, of Eastgate.

DEATHS.

Consett—19, Buddle Street, Delves Lane, 15th inst., aged 11 weeks, Annie Gibson, daughter of Thos. Bone.
Rowley—Lyre Dean, 13th inst., aged 75, Edward Kirton; much respected. 42d
White-le-Head—13th inst., aged 4 years and 9 months, James, son of James and Charlotte Atthey.
Stanley—13th inst., aged 18, Isabella, daughter of Joseph and Annie Watson.
Stanhope—Pease Myers, 11th inst., aged 36, Sarah, wife of Wm. Vickers.
Chester-le-Street—16th inst., aged 37, Isabella Smiles.
Swalwell—13th inst., in his 81st year, Robert Lowson Lumley, late of Derwenthaugh.
West Shield Row Villa—18th inst., at the house of her daughter (Mrs W. Simpson), Jane, the beloved wife of the late William Ridley Pigg, of Catchgate. To be interred at St. Thomas's, Hare Law, on Sunday, 21st inst. Friends, please accept this intimation. 82d
Durham—13, Flass Street, 17th inst., aged 51, Thomas Walton, journalist, for many years representative of the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* in the City of Durham.
Cockerton, Darlington—7th inst., aged 45, Mr John Ashman, son of the late Mr J. Ashman, Castleside.

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