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e wife of William Steel Stobo, ...

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Church, 15th inst., by Rev J. ... by Rev J. Schofield, John ... Consett, to Annie ... Eastgate.

TH:

Street, Tantobie Lane, 15th inst., ... nie Gibson, daughter of Thos. ...

32nd inst., aged 75, Edward ... died ... inst., aged 4 years and 9 ... of James and Catherine ...

aged 18, Isabella, daughter of ... Watson. ... 14th inst., aged 36, Sarah, ...

26th inst., aged 37, Isabella ...

in his 81st year, Robert Low- ... Derwenthaugh, ... 14th inst., at the house ... Mrs W. Simpson), Jane, the ... late William Bellerby Pigg, of ... interred at St. Thomas', ... today, 23rd inst. Friends, ... attend. ... 17th inst., aged 51, ... journalist, for many years ... Newcastle Daily Chronicle ...

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PRESENTATION TO MR THOS. WILLIAMS, OF CONSETT.

HISTORY OF THE LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES.

On Saturday evening, the workmen employed at the Consett Iron and Steel Works, assembled in the lodge room, in the Co-operative buildings, Consett, for the purpose of presenting Mr Thos. Williams, of Consett, vice-president of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the North of England Manufactured Iron and Steel Trades, with a very handsome illuminated address and a purse of gold, in

RECOGNITION OF HIS PAST SERVICES

to the trade and district generally. There was a fair attendance, and Mr J. A. Jack, a roller, of Blackhill, was elected to preside. The articles had been subscribed for by the members of the Consett Branch of the Associated Iron and Steelworkers of Great Britain, the members of the Consett Mechanics' Association, and the general body of workmen. The address consisted of the

EMBLEM OF THE ORDER,

which certified that Mr Williams became secretary of the Elseca (South-East Riding of Yorkshire) Lodge of the Ironworkers' Association in 1872; secretary of the Bishop Auckland Lodge in 1880; and a member of the Consett Lodge in 1883. There were also elegant designs of a puddling furnace, steam hammer, plate-mills, bar and angle rollers, a Bessemer circular pit for the manufacture of steel, portraits of Messrs Ed. Trow (the present secretary of the Ironworkers' Association) and J. Kane (the late general secretary), besides illustrations of a sitting of the Board of Arbitration and Conciliation, &c. The address was couched in the following terms:—

To Mr Thos. Williams, Consett.

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RESPECT AND ESTEEM

in which you are held, and as a small appreciation of your efforts to improve the condition of the working classes generally, especially those connected with the manufacture of iron and steel. Sir, by your

HONEST AND FEARLESS ADVOCACY

of the principles of conciliation, you have won the confidence of all the workmen. We do not forget your endeavours to assist the workmen of Consett during the trying period of the

TRANSITION OF IRON TO STEEL.

By your prudence and forethought you were enabled to advise, counsel, and direct the workmen in such a manner that experience has proved the value of your general knowledge of the trade. We have also seen the way you have

DISCHARGED THE VARIOUS OFFICES

the workmen of the trade have called upon you to fill, and have never had cause to regret that they placed their interests in your keeping, first as lodge secretary of the Consett Branch, elected in July, 1883; and also operatives' representative in 1885; and on the Standing Committee in 1888; and likewise duly elected vice-president of the Board of Arbitration and Conciliation for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trades in 1888; also chosen as auditor for the Associated Iron and Steelworkers in 1887, and elected auditor for the Board of Arbitration in 1888. In these offices of trust you have

RENDERED SERVICES OF THE GREATEST VALUE

to the workmen and the trade generally that we think should not be overlooked. In conclusion, we trust that your life may be spared for many years to come, to champion our cause, and that your efforts in the future may be as successful as in the past.—We are, yours, on behalf of the Consett workmen,

(Signed)
CHRISTOPHER WHITE, J. CHARLTON, J. BRADY, M. HOBDAY, PATRICK ROONEY — Members of the committee.
WM. MAUND, President.
J. WILDSMITH, Secretary.

The address was inscribed by Mr Charlton, and the magnificent Oxford frame surrounding it was the handiwork of Mr Brown, of the Consett Co-operative Society.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, said he was heartily in accord with the object of the night's gathering. (Applause). He had known Mr Williams for a great number of years, and a

MORE CAPABLE AND EFFICIENT MAN

to guard the interests of the working classes it would be impossible to find. (Applause). A better way of showing their appreciation of his past services could not very well be conceived. They ought, he argued, to be as ready to acknowledge a man's good qualities as to tell him of his faults. (Applause). Everything that had been entrusted to Mr Williams had been done to the best of his ability. (Applause). For a long period there had been no troubles or disputes in the mills at the Consett Works, and he (the chairman) was always pleased to see Mr Williams, as their late representative, on such excellent terms both with the masters and the men. (Applause). That was a great thing. If they had a delegate who was continually at variance both with the employers and the operatives, the course of affairs would never run smoothly. It was absolutely necessary to possess a representative in whom the masters could

PLACE IMPLICIT CONFIDENCE.

(Applause). If a representative honestly and fairly fought the battle of the workmen, he was sure to gain his own ends; but the masters would not give way to the individual who was always clamouring that he was in the right, and that they (the employers) were always wrong. The masters were ever ready to listen to

CALM REASONING, AND SOUND ARGUMENT.

(Applause). That was his (the chairman's) experience of Consett and its employers during the past 20 years. (Renewed applause). Mr Williams was honestly worth the presents he was about to receive—(applause)—for he had won the confidence of both masters and men. It behoved all men to be upright, and to act

JUSTLY AND FAIRLY TO EACH OTHER

—(applause)—as well as to deal straightforwardly and honestly with their employers. (More applause). He did not countenance men holding responsible positions trying to force unjust and unreasonable demands upon the masters. He believed in a "fair day's work for a fair day's pay." (Applause). Mr Williams

NEVER SHIRKED HIS DUTY,

however distasteful and disagreeable it might be at times, and he trusted that his noble example would incite other leaders to follow in his footsteps. (Applause).

Mr J. WILDSMITH, workmen's representative, explained that some months ago, a few of the workmen expressed to Mr W. Maund (president of the Consett Branch) and himself their desire that something should be done to recognise Mr Williams's past services. The idea was zealously entertained, and

ALL THE WORKMEN HAD RESPONDED LIBERALLY

to appeals for contributions. Since he (Mr Wildsmith) had been elected men's delegate, or successor to Mr Williams, there had been scarcely anything for him to do, simply because Mr Williams's heart and soul was in the cause, and he had succeeded in

SETTLING THE WAGES QUESTION

so favourably and satisfactorily that there had been no friction between the employers and employed. (Applause). All credit was due to Mr Williams for arranging such an equitable sliding-scale, and the returns just received showed that the workmen would get a further advance of 2½ per cent. in wages during the ensuing three months. (Loud cheers). Although they fully appreciated Mr Williams's manifold efforts, he was convinced that the workmen at Consett would

NEVER KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT

they were indebted to Mr Williams for the privileges they now enjoyed. (Applause). He then read the address, the sentiments thereon being frequently applauded.

Mr G. LOWES, president of the Consett Mechanics' Associations and also president of the Consett Industrial and Provident Society, was called upon to make the presentation, and was well received. He averred that the workmen were heartily in sympathy with the movement. He gave a slight retrospect of the iron trade in Consett. Some present, he said, would remember

25 OR 30 YEARS AGO,

when men were unable to find regular and settled employment, for they scarcely went down to the works a single day without a strike of some sort being in progress. This state of things existed till the great strike in 1866, which blighted many a home, not only in Consett, but throughout the North of England. However, the severe struggle culminated in the idea that the

BOARD OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION

should be established for the settlement of industrial disputes in the North of England. (Applause.) Up to that period, the working men had no opportunity of speaking face to face with the masters upon the same platform. Now, however, all grievances were

JUSTLY AND EQUITABLY DEALT WITH

by a Board composed equally of masters and men alike. They had a good deal to thank Mr Williams for, especially for his efficient and extensive knowledge of the details of their trade, and for so ably representing the Consett employes for so many years. (Applause.) He (the speaker) had a distinct remembrance of Mr Williams, just after he came to Consett, and from a conversation he had with that gentleman, he thought that Mr Williams, with his extensive knowledge, discretion, and forethought, was just the man to act in the capacity of representative. (Applause). Mr Williams was

TRIUMPHANTLY ELECTED THE MENS' DELEGATE

at the time when Consett was passing through one of its greatest crises—viz., the transition from iron to steel manufacture. In the transition of all trades there was a great amount of misery and suffering. Men, who had followed a certain trade all their lifetime, were suddenly thrown on the mercy of the world when his particular business collapsed, and if he was old or middle-aged, he might never get another trade which would prove remunerative to him. During this important crisis, Mr William's tact and energy were taxed to the utmost extent; but the transition had been

MOST COMPLETELY AND SUCCESSFULLY EFFECTED

and Consett had now become the foremost steel manufacturing place in Great Britain. (Cheers). In all matters appertaining to the steel trade, Consett now took the lead. (Applause). They knew that Mr Williams

INFUSED A GOOD DEAL OF SPIRIT AND ENERGY

in bringing about the transition from one process to another. The speaker afterwards referred to the valuable assistance rendered gratuitously by Mr Williams a few years ago in the establishment of the Consett Mechanics' Association, that gentleman being always ready and willing, even at a sacrifice to himself, to give them the benefit of his wisdom, experience, and counsel. (Applause). Through Mr Williams's instrumentality, this association had been a great power and an untold blessing to the mechanics working at Consett. (Applause). It had been a sort of lever that had

RAISED THE WORKMEN

to a very high position indeed—much greater than they could have obtained otherwise. (Applause). In every instance where disputes had been brought before the management of the Consett Iron Company, they had always been successfully settled, mainly through the endeavours of Mr Williams. (Cheers). The presentation was most opportune, for Mr Williams had, for the present, finished his career as men's representative, and had been chosen vice-president of the Board of Arbitration and Conciliation. The workpeople of Consett ought to feel exceedingly proud that Mr Williams had been elected to the

HIGHEST POSITION BUT ONE

on that important body. (Applause). Although he had ceased to act as their representative, Mr Williams was still assisting the workmen by his experience and counsel. He did not perform his duties in a bombastic and hasty manner like some representatives he could mention, but always acted shrewdly and judiciously. One of the main reasons why Mr Williams had been so successful in carrying on these works

WITHOUT A SINGLE STRIKE OR HITCH

in the mills department these past few years was that he always thoroughly grasped and mastered the details of the men's case before laying the matter in dispute before the employers, and was prepared by sound argument to convince the employers of the equity and justice of the workmen's demand. (Cheers) He always treated his subject in a

COMPREHENSIVE AND EXHAUSTIVE MANNER

and so gained for the men many victories. (Cheers). In conclusion, on behalf of the donors, he had much pleasure in presenting the

ADDRESS AND THE PURSE OF GOLD

to Mr Williams, as a tangible proof of their recognition of his invaluable services in the past, and as a mark of their high regard and esteem. The money might be serviceable, and the address would serve to remind him up to his closing days of the gratitude of the workmen at Consett, and could be handed down to his family as heirlooms, to show that their father had won the respect and admiration of his fellow-workmen. (Loud applause).

Mr WILLIAMS, who was deeply effected, was heartily greeted on rising to return thanks to the subscribers for their magnificent gift. After a few pathetic observations to the effect that he was so overpowered by their generosity, that he felt almost unable to address them, he stated that he had just been reviewing in his own mind his conduct during the six or seven years he had been at Consett. He asked himself

WHAT CLAIM HAD HE UPON THE PEOPLE

for these valuable gifts? He felt that a great deal more had been uttered of his services that he had rendered to the working men than was really necessary—(Cries of "No, no.")—because a single individual, without the aid, counsel, and combination of numbers of men was not able to successfully defend or battle for the working men's interests. Had they done anything to

IMPROVE THE WORKING MEN'S CONDITION,

not only their condition at work, but their homes and families? Glancing back a few years, he must admit that the working men of Consett of to-day had no cause to regret that the steps were taken which had been taken, for had they not come out at the end all right and successful? (Applause). Perhaps it was not generally known that the

GREAT INSPIRATION OF HIS LIFE

had been to elevate and improve men's condition—to raise the low and to protect the high—to keep every man in his own position, and to act justly and fairly between employer and employed. (Applause). Why did he do so? It was a personal matter, and he did not know whether the story of one's life might not do some good. (Hear). He had been

CONNECTED WITH THE IRON TRADE

since he was seven years of age. The conditions of labour were vastly different at that period to what they were at the present day. He worked in the mills when only seven years old, and wrought from five o'clock in the morning till six o'clock at night. He remembered distinctly that if it was a cold, rough winter's morning, with snow on the ground, he had

TO GET ON HIS FATHER'S BACK

and be carried to his work. It was brought prominently before his mind that it was a hard condition of life that before his physical frame was beginning to be developed, his body should be stunted by having to eke out a livelihood with the rest of his father's family at so early an age. Ever since then, his sole desire had been

TO REMOVE THESE GREAT HARDSHIPS,

to render labour more easy of accomplishment, to try and improve the condition of life, and to leave the world, if possible, better than he found it. (Applause). The

MISERY AND SUFFERING

that had been entailed by the exigencies of trade; by the various disputes—both distinct and general—they had little or no practical experience of at the present day. He recollected strikes both in North and South Staffordshire leaving many familes homeless. The men fought bravely and honestly—they fought hard and long—but the

WANT OF COMBINATION AND ORGANISATION

led them to suffer defeat. He likewise remembered the great strike of 1860, when no class of men, nor section of operatives connected with any particular trade, could have fought more manfully and boldly under adverse circumstances—even as some of the men in the North of England then did—and that led him to see if the

PERPETUAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOUR

could not be solved without resorting to these barbarous measures which involved so much misery and suffering. (Applause). When he came into the North of England, he felt the time had arrived when the

PRINCIPLES OF CONCILIATION

should be applied in adjusting disputes between employers and employed, and that the differences should be bridged over without appealing to these abitrary measures such as strikes and lock-outs. It was not long before the

WORKMEN AT CONSETT

gave him the opportunity of carrying out that idea, which from his childhood had been running through every stage of his life. He perceived at the outset that the necessary element of success towards cementing the relationship between the workman and the employer was

TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE

between the operatives' representatives and the firm generally. (Applause.) By means of this reciprocation of feeling between each party they were certain, he felt convinced, that they would have justice meted out to them. (Applause.) If the employers thought a delegate of the men was demanding concessions without authority or just cause, he would stoutly resist the claim; and if the masters believed that the men wished to exact the last cent out of him, he would certainly frustrate their efforts. Should an employer, however, feel that they were

FAIRLY AND HONESTLY

representing the views of the workmen, they would be better enabled to get concessions from him by reason and argument than by sheer brute force. Eventually, the Board of Arbitration and Conciliation was established, and it had proved

ONE OF THE GREATEST BLESSINGS

that could ever be conferred [illegible]. He then described the operations of the Board [illegible] and went on to observe that some six or seven years ago the time came when the transition from iron to steel manufacture took place at Consett, and the transformation was carried out by [illegible] his coadjutors and himself so satisfactorily that men employed at Consett

NEVER LOST AN HOUR

through the stoppage of work. (Applause). A far different state of things existed at some other works in the district he could mention, where the friction and strain in the relationship between capital and labour resulted in a great loss to both parties. Although the change of system at Consett entailed an outlay of

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS,

they never had a single strike or stoppage. (Applause). They had

FOUGHT EVERY INCH OF THE GROUND

in regard to the cases they had in hand, and every step that had been taken was decided by the results and applications of past experience, and with a prospective view in the end. They knew that, after starting the steel trade, how they suffered reductions, and the more work they had the more reductions were claimed. Therefore they carefully considered the question of improving the trade and getting better prices, and their deliberations culminated in the

ADOPTION OF THE SLIDING-SCALE.

(Applause.) As working men, without all the facilities for giving them an accurate commercial knowledge of the trade, he did not think the operation of the sliding-scale at Consett had been anything that they need be ashamed of. (Hear, hear.) They could only suffer a reduction when the diminution of market prices of the manufactories warranted it. After the lapse of two years, the scale had been renewed for another two years, and

ACCEPTED ON AN IMPROVED BASIS.

He was pleased to say that the ascertainment just received at Consett was on the right side again for the men. (Applause.) It was through the medium and power of combination that the working classes could expect to receive justice and fairplay in the future. (Applause.) He was an old trades' Unionist, and there was

A NEW DEPARTURE,

which they were told would greatly improve the working classes and their conditions of life. (Applause.) Let the new Unionists spring up, but he warned them that there was a danger of too many unions splitting up and

WEAKENING THE CAUSE AND INTERESTS

of the labouring classes. The principles of the old Unionists had been tried and proved. He did not think the new unions would do so much good as the old associations had achieved. (Hear.) The old Unionists had to begin at a point where there were not so many favourable advantages as there existed at present. They ought not to disregard the advice of the old Unionists, or act hastily or imprudently. Let them moreover contrast the four or five small works on the banks of the various rivers in the North of England with the

GIGANTIC ESTABLISHMENTS AT CONSETT

and elsewhere, built up by the wisdom and genius of enterprising capitalists and the common-sense conduct of the leaders of the workmen. These two interests had been brought together, and to-day they had the

LARGEST OUTPUT OF STEEL AND IRON PLATES,

and every other form of manufacture that we could possibly think about, in the north. Their resources had not yet been exhausted, for the geographical strata of the district showed by analytical comparison that there were still

MINES OF WEALTH UNDEVELOPED,

and that there is a bright and prosperous future in store. (Applause). Capitalists would have to be taught a lesson, that the working men had just as much interest as the employers themselves in the wealth they created, and must

RECEIVE THEIR JUST PROPORTION

for the value of their labours as the capitalist for his investment. (Cheers). He concluded by thanking the subscribers most sincerely for their handsome gifts, which he would greatly prize. (Loud applause).

Mr WM. MAUND, president of the Consett Branch of the Associated Iron and Steelworkers, offered a few remarks. During the 35 years he had been at Consett, he pointed out that he had been

ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEN

in various official capacities, and had especial opportunities of gauging and appreciating the numerous services rendered by Mr Williams. At one period they were in a critical position, and he (the speaker) introduced Mr Williams into the district, being convinced that he was just the person who was required to put things right. Mr Williams soon proved himself a trustworthy and efficient representative, and gained the confidence and goodwill of both masters and men. (Applause). They had

NO SERIOUS DISPUTES,

and everything worked very harmoniously and smoothly. During the trying period of the transition of iron to steel at Consett, Mr Williams, the speaker, and other two gentlemen, never slept for several weeks, but were busy making arrangements for the transference with as little friction as possible. (Applause).

Mr J. CHARLTON (Consett) also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr Williams's ability as a Union leader, and said he believed that Mr Williams had done so much for the working men as he would have done had they only

BEEN BETTER ORGANISED.

(Applause). He averred that there was a better time in store for the workmen.

Messrs J. RIPLEY (Castleside), T. WHITTAKER (Consett), and GRIFFITHS (Blackhill) likewise proffered a few observations.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and those who had assisted in promoting the testimonial, concluded the pleasant and interesting proceedings.

STEELWORKERS' WAGES AT CONSETT.

ANOTHER 2½ PER CENT. ADVANCE.

The following official communication were received on Saturday morning:—

Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trade of the North of England.

Royal Exchange, Middlesbrough, September 19th, 1890.

To Messrs the Consett Iron Company (Limited) and the Consett Steel Millmen, per Mr J. Wildsmith, operatives' representative.

GENTLEMEN,—We have received from Mr Waterhouse the results of his ascertainment of the average net selling price of steel plates at Consett for the months of June, July, and August, 1890, and we hereby certify that, in accordance with the agreement entered into on the 4th day of April, 1890, the wages to be paid to the steel millmen during the months of October, November, and December, 1890, will be 17½ per cent. above the standard—or in other words, 2½ per cent. above the wages prevailing during the preceding three months.—We are, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

(Signed) J. R. WINPENNY, EDWARD TROW, Secretaries.

Considering the present aspect of trade and the reductions which have taken place in other branches of the industry, and the strike at Consett Steelworks in June last seriously affecting the millmen, the present increase of wages, is looked upon as being exceedingly satisfactory by the workpeople.

SERIOUS DISPUTE AT CONSETT STEEL WORKS.

ANOTHER STRIKE THREATENED.

As the result of a largely-attended meeting of the steelsmelters and gas-producers employed at the Consett Iron Company's Steel Works held at the headquarters of the Consett Lodge of the British Steelsmelters Amalgamated Association on Saturday night, at the Victoria Hotel, Consett, under the presidency of Mr W. Cockburn, a vote by ballot was taken on Tuesday as to whether or not the men in this department should come out on strike. The reason for this action was explained by Mr John Hodge, of Glasgow, general secretary to the Association, to be the fact that the management of the firm had given Mr Daniel Williams, the operatives' representative, fourteen days' notice because of alleged misconduct and neglect of work on his part. The notice expired on Saturday, and Mr Williams ceased to be an employe of the Consett Iron Company, with whom he has been connected a great number of years. The men passed a resolution strongly protesting against the action of the firm as being unjust and the punishment excessive.

At the same meeting the question was raised of appointing Mr Williams as agent for the Steelsmelters' Association for the North of England, under the supervision of Mr Hodge, the general secretary intimating that for some time past he had been overburdened with work throughout England, Scotland, and Wales. This subject was left over for future consideration.

With regard to the dispute which has arisen between the Consett Iron Company and the steelsmelters and gas-producing men a vote by ballot was taken on Tuesday taken amongst the hands affected, the proceedings being conducted at the Victoria Hotel, the headquarters of the Consett Branch of the British Steelsmelters' Amalgamated Association. The ballot was conducted by Mr Edward Harris, local secretary, and the officials. At 8.30 the same night Mr Benjamin Bayson, chairman of the lodge, declared the result as below:—

For a strike	94
Against	102
Majority against	8

Five papers were found to be neutral. Out of 275 members 201 polled. The decision created some surprise amongst the steelsmelters, &c., but has given general satisfaction to the other workmen. It appears that a majority of three-fourths of the men must be in favour before a strike can be undertaken.

THE ASSESSMENT OF COLLIERIES IN LANCHESTER UNION.

A special meeting of the Assessment Committee for the Lanchester Union, took place at Lanchester, on Thursday se'nnight—Mr W. Logan presiding—for the purpose of considering the assessment of the colliery vends.—The Chairman explained that in February, 1863, the colliery vends in that Union were rated at 6d. per chaldron. This figure remained till December 24th, 1868, when the assessment was increased to 1s. per chaldron. On September 25th, 1873, the price was again raised to 1s. 6d.; and on November 23rd, 1876, this sum was reduced to 1s. 3d. per chaldron, at which price it had continued up to the present.—Mr John Wilkinson urged that inasmuch as there was a great deal of prosperity in the coal trade, and the colliery owners were making more money, the time had certainly arrived when the vend should be advanced to 1s. 6d. per chaldron.—Messrs W. H. Hedley and Wm. Rutherford objected to this course, on the ground that the selling price of coal at the present time did not raise the rents of the collieries when first acquired by the owners.—Mr J. Collinson argued that as the price of coal increased, so was the value of the colliery enhanced. Mr J. Lax spoke in a similar strain.—After further discussion, the question of increasing the rating of the vends was eventually adjourned for six months, the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) meanwhile being instructed to obtain information as to the basis of rating coal vends at other collieries throughout the county of Durham.—Mr Wilkinson stated that he did not wish to be unduly severe in increasing the assessment of the collieries, because the values of other properties had been advanced, but he averred that the present position of affairs warranted an increase.

ARCHÆOLOGISTS IN THE DERWENT VALLEY.

On Friday, the members of the Archæological and Architectural Society of Durham and Northumberland held their fifth meeting of the year along the Derwent Valley. It was the concluding meeting of 1890, and fine weather favoured the visitors, who numbered about 20 gentlemen, principally from Wearside and Tyneside. Amongst the company were—Canon Greenwell (president), Mr C. C. Hodges (Hexham), Col. Monks (Durham), Rev E. Greatorex (Durham), Rev. G. R. and Miss Boulman (Shincliffe), Rev. E. H. Adamson (Windy Nook), Miss Adamson, Rev J. R. and Mrs Boyle, Rev A. L. Lambert (Easington, Yorkshire), Mr James I'Anson (Darlington), Mr R. D. and Mrs Cochrane (Heaton), Rev J. Barmby (Pittington), Mr J. M. Moore (South Shields), Misses Crawhall (Durham), Rev D. Fleming (Coxhoe), Mr J. B. Prichett (Darlington), Mr and Mrs Mackay (Newcastle), Mr W. Gray (Durham), Mr R. Weatherall (Durham), Mr F. Hadley (Durham), Miss E. Ridley (Durham), Mr J. Walton-Wilson (Shotley Bridge), Mr W. R. Ralston (agent to Lord Strathmore), Miss Waddington (Houghton), Mr and Mrs G. J. Gradon (Durham). The list of places to be visited enumerated in

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME

was a most liberal one. First there came Whickham Church, then Hollinside, an old family seat, and also Friarside, Ebchester, and Medomsley, also, should permission be obtained, the house and grounds of Gibside. So entertaining, however, were Whickham Church, Hollinside, and Gibside, that time was barely allowed for an inspection, a paper, and speeches at the well-preserved ruin of Friarside.

The company assembled at the Central Station, Newcastle, shortly after ten o'clock, and embarked in three conveyances supplied by Messrs Slater. Journeying over the bridge and through Bensham,

WHICKHAM

was reached in about an hour, where everybody, brightened up by the fresh air and commanding views from the top of the hill, alighted in right good humour.

The company at once proceeded to the church, where they had the privilege of listening to Canon Carr, rector, read a long cutting from a newspaper—preserved in the vestry book—giving a history of the church, written some ago by his relative, Rev Carr-Ellison, a noted archæologist. He said that the church was re-opened for divine service on Dec. 12th, 1862, after having been restored or practically reconstructed. The church has many very interesting features, not the least of which is an excellent specimen of a 14th century tower; but the most apparent characteristic is that it is a building which has enjoyed the advantage of having a succession of wealthy families to spend money upon it. There are several stained windows, one an Early English window in the west end being remarkably brilliant in colouring.—Mr Hodges supplemented the paper by the rector by pointing out several technical details of construction—all novel and very interesting to archæologists—and concluded by expressing pleasure at the fact that this church, unlike many others, had lost nothing during processes of restoration in the way of destruction.—Canon Carr then invited the visitors to look over his grounds, and pointed out a number of specialities in trees and shrubs, including a fine cedar from Lebanon, that had grown from a shoot imported and planted in the grounds. The lawn, with its immense flower beds, ablaze with brilliant colours, sloping down to an old-fashioned stone manse, led the company to linger in admiration beyond the appointed time for departure, appreciation which pleased the aged minister and Mrs Carr not a little. Light refreshment was also provided for the visitors on the lawn, and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr and Mrs Carr.

Journeying on, the visitors obtained entry through the lodge into Gibside Park, where at an elevated point along the drive, the energetic secretary (Mr Gradon) called a halt, and the company alighted—to learn that they must "foot it" down bill about half-a-mile to examine

HOLLINSIDE,

which proved to be the ruin of an old Peeltower, or fortified farmstead—a relic of the times of Border fights and cattle thieving. Hollinside is the old seat of the family of Hardinge, which Mr Hodges said was one of the very earliest specimens of the pele tower on the English side of the Border. With regard to the date, that was ascertainable to within ten years by the architecture alone. The best feature remaining was the window on the west side, indicating the date 1220 or 1230.—Mr Jos. Robinson, of Burnopfield, a local antiquarian, gave an interesting account of the Hardinge family, with whom he claimed blood relationship.

GIBSIDE PARK.

The return journey uphill proved twice as long as it was going down the other way, and bright sunshine had given place to considerable gloom owing to a thundery-looking cloud having gathered overhead, threatening to burst every minute. Happily it broke away, and the visitors enjoyed a slow drive through the woods and avenues of the park, eventually drawing up and disembarking in front of the deserted hall. They were here met by the agent of Lord Strathmore and invited in to inspect the building and its contents. It is a marvellous old place—the chief features of it being the spacious rooms, all square, the quaint fireplaces, the exceedingly grand views from the windows, and the meagre supply of furniture. Practically, of the latter, the place has almost denuded. Each room has just about one piece of furniture left—either a card table, old linen press, or Chippendale cabinet—giving one the idea that excessive visits of the sheriff and broker had left just enough to keep the ghost, which was reported to be in the building to stop at home and make himself or herself comfortable.

The company concluded their day's outing by walking through the lovely avenues of the park, and along beside the foliage-edged Derwent to the

FINE RUIN OF FRIARSIDE,

where much of the chapel and residence of the solitary individual who occupied it so long still remains in the shape of an excellently-preserved ruin, to use the words of such an excellent authority as Rev J. R. Boyle. He said that Mr W. H. D. Longstaffe's paper upon Friarside, which was written twenty-one years ago, was of the most valuable character, and so far as least as the earliest history of Friarside was concerned, afforded one amongst many instances of that extraordinary insight and genius which marked all Mr Longstaffe's inquiries. (Applause). After some remarks from other gentlemen the company drove home through Scotswood, expressions of pleasure at the day's outing which had been arranged being heard on all sides. The excursion both in regard to pleasure and architectural knowledge will bear favourably with any previous outing.

LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

TANFIELD.

On Saturday, the annual exhibition of the Tanfield Floral and Horticultural Society was held in the cricket field, kindly granted by Mr R. Johnson, Peacock Inn, of Tanfield. In the early morning, the weather was of a propitious character, but as the day advanced brighter hopes were realised for a good attendance, and shortly after mid-day the little village was quite animated. This year the committee had gone to considerable expense in trying to make the show attractive. In previous years the exhibition has been held indoors, and it is something like 10 years since the show was held in a marquee. On this occasion, the committee were determined to go back to the old lines again, and have the show in a field. It is encouraging to say that their efforts were crowned with success, and they were fully recompensed for their extra trouble. The show was quite up to the average, both in the quality and number of exhibits, every available space being occupied. The show, which was confined to amateurs and cottagers, within a radius of two miles, was an excellent one. The pot plants call for special comment, all being presented in perfect health and laden with bloom. The cut flowers and vegetables were in first-class condition, and were an excellent display. Indeed, these were the chief attraction of the show, especially the latter, as there existed a fresh amount of rivalry amongst the competitors. Mr J. Irwin, sen, joiner, of Tanfield, offered a useful prize in the shape of a mahogany cradle, for the best collection of vegetables, which was won by Mr M. Handcock, Burnopfield. There was an admirable display for the lady's hand bouquet, the taste and arrangement of the different exhibitors being the acme of perfection. Great interest was taken in the school competition, open to the children attending the Tanfield National School. In this department, Mr and Mrs Agar displayed a great amount of energy, and the committee are indebted to them for the manner in which they worked to bring the scheme to such a successful issue. The work shown was really creditable, and the successful competitors were worthy of the prizes gained. Great praise is due to Mr J. W. Anderson, East Tanfield, for so efficiently carrying out the duties of secretary, and Mr J. Allan, assistant-schoolmaster, Tanfield, for relieving the secretary of part of his work on the show day. The following gentleman acted as judges:—Flowers, fruit, and vegetables, Messrs Geggie, Harperley, and Scott, Dunston. Farmers' class—Mr G. Hobson, Harperley Mais. The chief feature of the day's proceedings was the announcement of a grand balloon ascent by Professor W. Shipley, of South Shields, and "drop from the clouds" in his parachute, when at a height of 18,000 feet. The gas for inflating the balloon was supplied from a small gasometer at East Tanfield Colliery (Messrs Joicey and Co.), and every arrangement had been made the night before in order to have a good force in readiness when required. The process of inflating the balloon progressed favourably until about 11 a.m., when a heavy gale rose which almost sent the balloon flat, and in spite of all efforts put forth by Mr Shipley and his assistants, the defect could not be remedied. The gas began to leak, and the idea of making an ascent had to be abandoned. Hundreds of people who came from the surrounding districts were disappointed as they witnessed the æronaut's method of packing up his balloon, and when the feat had been looked forward to for so long a time. The Tanfield Lea Prize Band enlivened the proceedings by playing choice selections of music. The band was dressed in its new uniform, presented by Major W. J. Joicey, at a cost of £175, the costumes being made by Mr Hutton, clothier, &c., Newcastle. The refreshments were supplied by Mr J. Irwin, Black Horse Inn. The festivities wound up by a ball in the marquee, which was filled to overflowing by a gay assembly, who seemed to enjoy themselves, the lads and lasses of Tanfield tripping it along on the light fantastic till the clock in the old parish church struck twelve. Appended is a full list of the

PRIZE TAKERS.

AMATEURS AND COTTAGERS.

PLANTS.

Two fuchsias—1, W Lake; 2, W Wailes.
Two geraniums—1, W Lake.
Two zonale geraniums—1, J Lown.
Two balsams—1, R Dodds.
Dark fuchsia—1, J W Anderson; 2, J Lown.
Light fuchsia—1, W Wailes; 2, W Lake.
Light geranium—1, R Dodds; 2, W Wailes.
Pot of liliums—1, R Dodds; 2, W Wailes.
Petunia—1, J Rowell; 2, R Dodds.
Two coleus—1, J Rowell; 2, J W Anderson.
Two ferns—1, J Rowell; 2, J Lown.

CUT FLOWERS.

Three gladioli—1, W Fawcett; 2, G Atkinson.
Three dahlias—1, J Summerbell; 2, J Dowson.
Three stocks—1, J Summerbell; 2, G Atkinson.
Three phloxes—1, J Dawson; 2, J Summerbell.
Three stands of antirrhinums—1, J Dawson; 2, M Handcock.
Three stands of penstemons—1, M Handcock; 2, J Rowell.
Six asters—1, M Handcock; 2, G Atkinson.
Six globe asters—1, J Summerbell; 2, M Handcock.
Six French marigolds—1, J Summerbell; 2, W Wailes; 3, J Dawson.
Six African marigolds (orange)—1, M Handcock; 2, J Dawson.
Six African marigolds (lemon)—1, M Handcock; 2, J Summerbell.
Six pansies—1, J Summerbell.
Six fancy pansies—1, J Summerbell.
Three roses—1, J Rowell; 2, J Summerbell.
Hand bouquet—1, Joseph Robson; 2, J Summerbell.
Button-hole—1, Joseph Robson.
Lady's spray—1, J Robson.

FRUIT.

Four kitchen apples—1, M Handcock; 2, J Rowell; 3, J Summerbell.
Four dessert apples—1, J Summerbell.
Pint of red currants—1, J Summerbell.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetable marrow—1, J Robson; 2, J Dawson.
Two cucumbers—1, Wm Wailes; 2, M Handcock; 3, J Dawson.
Six white kidney potatoes—1, M Handcock; 2, W Wailes; 3, J Summerbell.
Six white round potatoes—1, M Handcock; 2, T Swinburne; 3, W Wailes.
Six round potatoes (any colour)—1, M Handcock; 2, J Summerbell; 3, T Swinburne.
Early cabbage—1, W Fawcett; 2, J Summerbell; 3, T Irwin.
Red cabbage—1, J Dawson; 2, G Atkinson.
Three white turnips—1, T Irwin.
Yellow turnip—1, J Dawson; 2, Wm Armstrong; 3, B Mason.
Twelve pods of peas—1, J Rowell; 3, M Handcock; 3, J Robson.
Six pods of broad beans—1, J Robson; 2, W Armstrong; 3, J Summerbell.
Twelve pods of kidney beans—1, M Handcock; 2, J Dawson; 3, W Armstrong.
Three leeks—1, W Fawcett; 2, M Handcock; 3, J Anderson.
Best leek in the show—1, W Fawcett.
Two heads of celery—1, W Fawcett; 2, M Handcock; 3, R Dodds.
Cauliflower—1, James Wilson; 2, J Dawson; 3, G Gray.
Six spring onions—1, J Summerbell; 2, W Lake; 3, H Wilkinson.
Six winter onions—1, J Summerbell; 2, J Dawson.
Three roots of beet—1, Geo Todd; 2, J Anderson; 3, M Handcock.
Three carrots—1, W Fawcett; 2, B Mason; 3, G Gray.
Three parsnips—1, Jas Wilson; 2, J Summerbell; 3, T Swinburne.
Six eschalots—1, J Summerbell; 2, G Atkinson; 3, W Armstrong.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Six ears of wheat—1, W Atkinson; 2, Wm Smith.
Six ears of barley—1, Geo Atkinson; 2, W Smith.
Six ears of short oats—1, W Smith; 2, Wm Atkinson.
Six ears of tartar oats—1, W Smith; 2, W Atkinson.
Three white turnips—1, W Smith; 2, W Atkinson.
Three yellow turnips—1, W Smith; 2, W Atkinson.
Three soft turnips—1, W Atkinson; 2, W Smith.
Six hen eggs—1, W Smith.
Six field potatoes—1, Geo. Atkinson; 2, W Smith.
One pound of butter—1, Miss Greaves; 2, Wm Smith.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Three stove and greenhouse plants—1, Thos Simpson; 2, J Rowell; 3, W Wailes.
Best basket of flowers—1, W Fawcett; 2, J Summerbell; 3, R Johnson.
Hand bouquet—1, W Fawcett; 2, J Anderson.
Lady's spray—1, R Johnson; 2, W Wailes.
Three gladioli—1, W Fawcett; 2, J Anderson.
Six roses—1, J Anderson; 2, W Fawcett.
Collection of vegetables (confined to Messrs Joicey and Co.'s workmen)—1, W Fawcett; 2, J Summerbell; 3, W Gibson; 4, J Anderson.
Collection of red cabbage, savoy, &c.—1, M Handcock; 2, Luke Dodds; 3, Wm Fawcett; 4, C Scott.
Collection of vegetables (open)—1, M Handcock; 2, Luke Dodds; 3, R Johnson.
Two cauliflowers (open)—1, J Robson; 2, C Scott.
Two heads of celery—1, W Fawcett; 2, M Handcock.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

(Confined to children attending Tanfield School). Prizes for writing were gained by the following:—
Standard I.—J E Robson, N Swalwell, and G Bulmer.
Standard II.—W A Watson, T Swinburne, and J Carlyon.
Standard III.—R Elliott, J Armstrong, and W Logan.
Standard IV.—F Ridley, W Adamson, and W Ward.
Standard V.—R Holmes, Joseph Birkley, and E Arkless.
Standard VI.—James Ridley, John Long, and J R Smiles.

GIRLS' NEEDLEWORK.

Standard I.—S Oxley, E Atkinson, and A Brown.
Standard II.—A McPherson, J Errington, and I Watson.
Standard III.—B Close, R Saunders, and E Kirk.
Standard IV.—E Swinburne, A Hall, and M Short.
Standards V. and VI.—E Thirlwell, M Clement.
Plain knitting—1, E Heslop.
Pearl knitting—1, Hilda Agar.
Best darn—1, Catherine Robinson.
Best quilting—1, M Clement; 2, M Eltringham.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO ALDERMAN JENKINS, CONSETT.

On Thursday se'nnight, a well-attended meeting of the executive committee for promoting a testimonial to Ald. Wm. Jenkins, J.P., of Consett Hall, on the occasion of the completion, in November next, of his twenty-one years' connection with the Consett district, as the general manager of the Consett Iron and Steel Works, was held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, under the presidency of Mr William Aynsley, chairman of the committee.—It was explained that a deputation waited upon Mr Jenkins at his residence on the previous Saturday evening, and laid before that gentleman several schemes for perpetuating his memory amongst the people of this important centre of industry, which he has striven so perseveringly to build up during the present decade. The deputation were anxious to know what form of testimonial should aspire to be mostly in accordance with the worthy alderman's wishes.—Mr Jenkins asked for time to consider the matter, as he wished to consult his wife and the members of the family there anent. A communication was now read by Ald. Jenkins intimating that a life-sized portrait in oils of himself would be most acceptable to him.—The committee agreed that the testimonial should consist of a life-sized portrait, to cost about £250.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

Rev. R. Marsh, of Norwich, has been appointed to Thornley Vicarage, vacant by the death of Rev. G. P. Wilkinson, J.P.C.C. The Bishop of Chester is patron.

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The Lord Bishop of Durham held an ordination on Sunday, in the Church of St. Andrews, Auckland. Amongst the gentlemen advanced, were: Rev. C. W. Bisley, B.A., Selwyn College, Cambridge, who was licensed to the curacy of Chester-le-Street; and Rev G. A. Glenclay, B.A., Pembroke College, Oxford, who was licensed to the curacy of Esh.

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The *Land Agents' Record* announces that Major Joicey, of Urpeth has purchased Sunningdale Park estate, especially to entertain his North country friends during Ascot Races. The price was £35,768.

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Mr George Slother, of Felling-on-Tyne, who died in his 64th year, at his residence, 30 Gosforth Street, on Monday the 15th inst., was for more than fifty years in the employment of Sir George Elliott, having by industry and perseverance won his way from hewer to colliery manager. He was interred on the following Thursday se'nnight, at Heworth cemetery in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There were forward at this mart on Monday, 9 fat cattle, which brought up to £17 each; 18 cows, top price £27 5s; 250 fat sheep and lambs—sheep to 52s, lambs to 38s; 8 calves, to 40s; pigs, to £5 17s 6d; small pigs to 16s 6d; store cattle, to £9 each. A large number of poultry &c., were disposed of at satisfactory prices. A large company was present, and fairly satisfactory prices realised, although sheep and lambs were a little easier than late weeks.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 89 cows (calved and to calve), 10 fat cattle, 4 store cattle, 15 calves, 260 fat sheep and lambs. Calved cows up to £26; cows to calve up to £29 2s 6d; fat cattle to £15; store cattle to £10; fat half-bred sheep to 47s—top Mr Walton, Thornley Hall; fat shearlings to 43s top, Messrs Bell Bros., (Limited), Lowfield; fat lambs to 36s 6d—top, Mr Keenleyside, Hamsteels. There was a large attendance of buyers.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull had forward on Monday, 23 fat cattle, 7 grazing cattle, 5 incalving cows and newly-calved cows, 110 fat sheep and lambs, 8 pork pigs, 80 young pigs, 90 geese, &c. There was a good attendance, and trade for beef and mutton was very steady, mutton being in stronger demand than last sale. Fat heifers from £14 10s to £19 17s 6d—Mr H. Potts, Harbour House. Fat bullocks from £10 5s to £18 7s 6d. Fat cows to £17 15s. Grazing cattle to £9. Cows calved and to calve to £15. Fat lambs to 34s 6d. Fat shearlings to 55s 6d. Fat ewes to 60s. Pork pigs to £3; young pigs to 33s.

REVISION COURT AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Tuesday, Mr H. Henegan Laurie, Revising-Barrister, commenced the revision of the lists of voters for Parliament and County Boards for the division of Chester-le-Street, holding his court at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street. The proceedings, which occupied the whole of the day, were little more than purely formal, all the lists being in a very good condition, and evidencing improved work on the part of the various assistant-overseers. Mr Wm. Swinburne, solicitor, Gateshead, represented the Liberal party, whilst Mr Tolson, of Gateshead, secretary to the Conservative Association, watched the proceedings on behalf of that party. He was also supported by Mr Turnbull, solicitor, Chester-le-Street. Assisting Mr Swinburne, in the Liberal interest, were Mr J. Jennings, registration agent, and Mr Thomas Storey, secretary of the Chester-le-Street Home Rule Association. The lists for the smaller districts having been disposed of, those for Chester-le-Street proper were reached late in the afternoon. There were 24 objections, 18 lodger claims, 24 ordinary claims, and 4 occupier claims, but no point of interest cropped up, save that when the lists of lodger claims were considered Mr Laurie animadverted strongly upon what he called an attempt to turn boys who lived with their fathers into voters by claiming for them on the ground that they occupied solely a bedroom and shared in a sitting-room. He should always strike such off the list. With this exception most of the claims were arranged to the mutual satisfaction of the contending parties.

BLAYDON.

Mr H. Henegan Laurie, barrister-at-law, held a revision court at Blaydon, for the districts of Chopwell, Crawcrook, Ryton, Ryton Wood, Stella, and Winlaton. The Liberal party was represented by Mr Wm. Swinburne, Gateshead, and Messrs Wm. Paxton and James Coates; Mr Joseph Tolson acted for the Unionists, and Mr M. Dempsey appeared for the Catholics and the Irish party.—The proceedings were of a very formal kind.

CROOK.

On Wednesday, Mr Yarborough Anderson held a court at Crook, for revising the lists for the townships of North and South Bedburn, Witton-le-Wear, Hamsterley, and Crook and Billy Row. Mr W. Rolley, Barnard Castle, looked after the Conservative interests; Mr T. T. Sidgwick, of Darlington, and Mr J. Young, Crook, the Gladstonians; and Mr McCabe, the Nationalists.

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Original Poetry.

THE SWEETEST HOUR.

My soul hath known Thy presence, Lord!
On Sabbath morning's peaceful hush,
When in the sunlight's first fair blush
I knelt before Thee and adored.

When lowly by the altar rail,
Among the faithful few I bent,
And in Thy sorrow of mercy sent
A burdened heart bespenant fain.

And when Thy gracious answer came,
To dry my tears and soothe my breast,
Oh, blessed Lord! what peace and rest,
To dwell upon Thy holy name.

To know I am quiet at Thy feet,
And kneel in silence with the lit,
And lose myself in love for Thee,
Dear Saviour, crucified for me.

And in the tired evening hour,
Again I meet Thy presence, Lord!
And feel Thee thrill the same sweet chord,
With all Thy peace bestowing power.

Dear Saviour! shower on me Thy grace,
And let me not from Thee depart,
But hold me to Thy loving heart,
Until in Heaven I see Thy face.

JOHN ROWELL WALLEN.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return them 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.

ONE OF THE DRAWBACKS OF SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I was much interested in your historical account of Shotley Bridge in last week's *Guardian*, and being a frequent visitor at that place, I have noticed some things with which the publication of the Derwent, smoke from the Flour Mills and Gas Works, and odours from the paper mills, but as those matters are according to medical opinion, are not injurious to health and have been with us for many years past. What strikes one as the most regrettable of all is the absence in Shotley of anything like a public promenade intellectual improvement, library, reading room, lecture hall, Mechanics' Institute, or any such means of debating or improvement classes, there are none.—Shotley Bridge lies in the best of health. There is wealth sufficient to establish a real good institute ten times over; from the Shotley Bridge Co-operative last year £1500 a year, and yet de-plorable to say, groups of men, young and old, visitors and residents can fall whether nowhere except the public houses or the cottage fireside with little or nothing to read. Surely the prospect for young men to grow up under! For the credit of Shotley Bridge I think the inhabitants themselves should It is the energy of the people in a place that makes it prosperous. Where are the employers of Shotley Bridge mostly employed? surely a few of them could combine and appoint a committee of their employees to be done to promote the intellectual welfare of the youth and people. There are the powerful co-operative mills and stores, with their committees meant to throw out suggestions about loyalty to each other. Why don't they look at both sides of the question? Why don't they get general intelligence and pecuniary competency of the people? Surely it would be a benefit to co-operation. They might have done something to establish a reading room before now at the Consett. Then there are the Shotley Grove Paper Mill owners with scores of young men employed who could spend money at their command. Nothing would be wasted that would promote an institute for the benefit of workmen, and by a small charge for membership almost all parents would be willing to subscribe. This principle has been carried out for years at Consett, Lanchester and several other places I could name where the employers consider the welfare of their workmen, intelligence and morality. Workmen are throwing out those few hints, but to prevent the decay or disappearance of Shotley Bridge, I think something should be done by those who can afford it.—Yours truly, VOX POPULI.

September 22nd, 1890.

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

GREENSIDE.

On Saturday afternoon, the sixth annual show was held at the house of Mr J. Snowdon, Greenside. The weather being fine, a large number of persons from the surrounding districts were present. The entries were large and exceeded those of previous years. Prizes to the value of £17 were offered and the competition was keen. The first prize for the best three leeks was awarded to Mr Thomas Dent, Stephen's Hall. Mr John Wilson, Stephen's Hall, took second prize and Mr Robert Wilson, Hall Hill Farm, Crawcrook. Twenty-two prizes were given. There was also a good display of potatoes and fruit. Mr Wheatley, Greenside, which were greatly admired. In all respects the show was a most successful one. Mr Wm. Henderson, gardener, Blaydon Burn, officiated as judge, and the secretary was Mr John Wilson, Stephen's Hall.

THE LATE MISSION AT DELTON FELL.

[BY A CORRESPONDENT]

While coming over the fell on this present week, I was pleased to see in the window of the Coach Inn, an "Illuminated Address" and when I read it, I found it was presented to Mr Jos. Parmerley of Stanhope, in commemoration of the mission she conducted at Delton Fell during the month of this year. As one of the great many in this county, who had the pleasure of listening to her soul teaching, I was exceedingly glad to find that in every Patton Fell some kind deed has been done. From inquiries made I find the address was found by many Christian funds of the different churches. As a work of art, it certainly is a credit to the designer, and is executed entirely by the hand, The sacrificing of her services at this time, owing to accounted ill-health, Mrs Parmerley is unable to visit Patton Fell at present, but we hope that her health will allow it, she will re-visit Patton Fell, which visit I feel is already looked forward to with some pleasure. The Rev. A. Walton, Wesleyan Primitive Methodist Brass Band which I heard practising in the chapel on the 22nd inst., as the outcome of the late mission conducted by Mrs Parmerley. On mentioning the matter I was informed their own instruments, they are going to work in order to purchase for the people of Patton Fell may accept something good in lieu of the money. The address will be exhibited at Stanhope this week-end.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY NEAR BIRTLEY.

On Monday afternoon, Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Plain Inn, Birtley, on the body of William Hall, aged 24, whose life was lost on the railway at that place. The head was cut, and the body had the appearance of having been dragged some distance. The man had light hair and moustache, and wore a pair of brown corduroy and a black jacket, thin black cap, and elastic-sided boots. The Rev. A. Walton said the deceased had been employed on the North-Eastern Railway. A jury were recognised the body as that of a man who was walking by the railway line at the time of the accident between Chester-le-Street and Birtley, on Saturday night. He saw deceased from the train, and from window where he and his wife were travelling. At Birtley Station he said a train was passing, and looking out of the window.—After a carriage, the witness found that "deceased was killed by falling off the footboard of a train on the Team Valley line, while improperly travelling thereon." Coroner Graham said that there was no doubt that of deceased was much more frequent than was generally known.

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CLOSING OF THE WEARDALE LEADMINES.

SINGULAR STATE OF AFFAIRS.

The following intelligence was crushed out of last week's *Guardian*:—

The employees of the Weardale Lead Company, have received their notice to quit, and have ceased work, owing to the action of the Durham miners' strike, prohibiting lead bars from being put into the West. The men held a meeting on Monday and on Tuesday night in the Town Hall, St. John's, to consider the best means to avert collapse.—Mr J. Wilson, voted to the chair, explained the

OBJECTS OF THE STOP-PAGE,

and invited discussion on the subject. A long debate ensued. It was decided to appoint a deputation to wait upon Mr Jopling and others, to ask him to come up to address them and give advice as to what they should do. A vote of confidence in further action being held in abeyance until they were in possession of the full facts existing on the crisis.—The customary votes closed a harmonious meeting.

MASS MEETING OF THE MEN.

Once more are dark clouds in the throes of despair anent the staple industry in the valley of the Lead; a new vicissitude, vis. with the *fiat* of the Company's Consul, establishing pollution of the Wear by the lead bush from the mines. On Wednesday evening, a meeting of delegates might be seen hieing to St. John's Town Hall with sombre thoughts of satisfaction and concomitant sequences to the closing of the mines indicated by their countenances. Albeit only a few hours' notice of the gathering had been given, the building was crowded to brar Dr Livingstone, who had yielded to the solicitations of the men to attend from Monday night's meeting, and driven up from Stanhope. The appearance of the County Councillor was greeted with loud cheering as he took the chair, platform accompanied by Mr Anthony Walton, Mr Jeppe Nattrass, *Mr J. Pendarvis*, and Mr J. C. Watson (St. John's), who presented, and who was received with cheers on taking the interest in the business, which, he said, was of much importance, and in which he joined.

PRESENT AND FUTURE OF WEARDALE.

Dr Livingstone, who had come at their (the miners') request to address them on the alleged cause of the present crisis, was an old friend and fellow-worker (cheers)—whose interest was theirs, and who had always manifested a kindly sympathy in all concerning them and the dale—(cheer)—and would clear away the present entrenchments. (Applause.)

Dr LIVINGSTONE, who was enthusiastically cheered, said his presence amongst them that night was

THE GREAT RESULT

hanging upon what he has received from the deputation who had that morning waited upon him, and which he could not understand how the County Council could have arrived at the figure of number—over 200—of men so far thrown out of employment.

A FACT WHICH ASTONISHED HIM

as it would every person in the district. (Cheers) He could well understand what this stoppage meant to the whole man, who at all times had enough to do in their honest way to make both ends meet; and they had done right in holding a mass meeting to ask for an explanation. (Cheers.) Noise

DESERVED THEIR CENSURE

more than the County Council, and himself in particular, if they had been the cause of the crisis; but they had not. (Cheers.) They would be aware that the River Pollution Act was framed and passed at a time when a great deal of lead-mining was thought of, and in due course it had been relegated to them for consideration. Now they would see that they had not been at all

HASTY OR PRECIPITATE

in their powers as the Council had existed for nearly two years, and it was necessary on behalf of his colleagues, for whom he entertained a high regard, to say that they should know the particulars. (Loud Cheers, and cries of "Vote.") "Let's have it," they divided into selections or committees for works, explosions,

RIVERS POLLUTION, &c.,

and he was on the latter. When they met for the first time pollution was mentioned, and the members of the inspectors were sent out to bring in reports, not only from Weardale, but all over the country; and these details came before them again, and about which everybody else knows to put anything into the river, the

WEARDALE MINERS

had got notice to cease. No one in that hall was more interested in the diminishing than he was, and no one understood better the dreadful effects which had had to contend with, for while every other kind of lead-mining had fallen off, Weardale had remained at £13 per ton—half of its former price. He had been a director, (cheers.)

TURNING ADRIFT THE MEN

and closing the mines, and he would have done what he could to have complied with the Council's request had it not been for the fact that they weren't satisfied he would be able to do it. (Cheers.) Now, did they think for one moment that had they acted in such their way that the Council would have pushed matters further, and caused the men out of Weardale and above here to be

THROWN OUT OF WORK.

(Cheers and "No.") Nobody he was as proud to be associated with such a business as ever there was, (cheers)—as he was to be the representative of Weardale, and for whom he was at all times ready to fight. (Applause). When this subject was mentioned at the Agricultural Show where he spoke to their chairman and manager, who (Dr L.) assured that "cutting of the nose to spite the face of the river;" and he cried that at Stanhope Stone Bridge it had

FILLED UP SEVERAL BEST.

Why did not these two gentlemen furnish him, as promised, with their objections to come with an order of the Council, instead of turning their sick-men off? (Cheers). Had they done so, or if they would do so, he was confident none would sympathise and support them.

INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS

in the council—(cheers)—the toothe strongest objection of any to the sewage pollution. (Cheers.)

Mr G. NATTRASS, in moving a vote of thanks to Dr Livingstone, referred to the poor outlook pect before them, which was not much improved upon that of the last ten years. (Applause). They had heard a

GREAT STATEMENT OF THE CRISIS

from the doctor, and it was a different light upon it. (Loud cheers). There was no doubt that the Lead Company were handling their own carriage out the asked-for remedies, owing to the position they were in, and they thanked Dr L. and his friends to know that they had a gentleman like Dr Livingstone, who

UNDERSTOOD THEIR NEEDS

which were more likely to increase, as they were out of work, which had a great prospect of increasing and their families. (Hear).

Mr J. WALTON seconded, and after complimenting Dr and Mrs Livingstone on their courtesy and kindness to the deputation, said they had been out of work eight weeks, and it was now a case of applying for relief of being re-started. It was owing to the action of the County Council that they were idle, (derisive laughter)—but they had heard what their County Councillor had said. (Cheers.)

GET AT THE ROOT OF THE MATTER,

and go in a body and ask for work. (Cheers). They couldn't hang about much longer, and there was a decisive answer, as they wanted to earn their bread. (Cheers.)

Mr J. ROBINSON, Wingate House, another miner, supported the vote, and said he could not help but wrought the stoppage was only a notice, and not a fact. (Cheers.)

The vote was accorded with enthusiasm.

Dr LIVINGSTONE, in replying, said that it looked to him like a farce, to be met in the manner they met with the blame. (Cheers). Was it likely that they as sensible men were going to threaten legal proceedings, or shake the company by the collar and say 'we'll do this or the other?' (Laughter). Not for one moment. Why, the Pollution Prevention would not stand against this year—("Oh, oh") if not satisfied next May—(laughter)—and then they would very likely have defaults action a year or two hence—(roars of laughter)—as that they would get their employment were apparently

A BATHEN STRIKE LOW

—(loud cheering)—and the notice had brought about the stoppage; but he very much doubted it. (Loud cheers).

After questions had been invited, the Councillor thanked them for their attention, and urged them to at all times consider him their servant and adviser for his assistance, and give him the opportunity of meeting face to face with his employers. (Cheers). Go to your masters, ask for work, and if you don't get it come to me. (Prolonged cheering).

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought an enthusiastic meeting to a close.

INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTORS.

In accordance with a resolution arrived at the above meeting, the men out of employment at the above meeting, the men out of employment at the Greenfield Arms, and again consulted with the leaders from the County Council, which the men stated that they had learned were only as nothing notice, and not a summons, and saw no reason why it should not be withdrawn.

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The action of the County Council and the Lead Company has caused considerable excitement in Upper Weardale, where the lead trade is the staple industry.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN COUN. LIVINGSTONE AND THE MINERS.

On Monday, Mr George Hopkins, London, and his son, Mr Edward Hopkins, had a long interview with Dr Livingstone as to the men at Daddry Shield and Groves Lane Mines being laid off work. The directors and the company are at present joining the upper and lower levels, so that the latter may have an open cut as it does not pay to lower, where a horse can pull out the material, and the men in the upper levels where a horse cannot be used—from having to push the trucks 500 fathoms. Their action was not due to the County Council. Dr Livingstone urged that the employment should be found for the men out of work, and that they would do what they could be done as rapidly as possible. The latter gentleman also promised that in future, when possible, all "cuttings" would be kept out of the regular hours, so that the men out of work could be employed without great loss. The interview was very pleasant one, then closed with mutual good wishes.

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THE LATE SHEFFIELD ASYLUM AND TUDHOE HOME.

The chairman explained that the special committee consisting of Messrs J. Collinson, W. Lough, and himself had their annual visit to Sedgefield Asylum on the preceding Thursday, and the whole of the patients (excepting two) belonging to the Union were well and happy. The patients sent there by the Guardians were being properly attended to, and that everything was being done which could tend to their recovery. The report of the patients had improved very much, and would be able to be discharged in the course of a month. They were in a comfortable and happy state, and would be able to be discharged in their normal state of mind. The grounds were very extensive, and the institution was a credit to the county. They were clean, tidy, and well attended to. He had not been at the Tudhoe Home for some years, and was pleased to see that a great change had taken place in the institution, the premises having been greatly improved since he was there before, and now the home was as nice and comfortable a place as could be wished for.

Mr COLLINSON concurred with what the chairman had said.

CHARGE AGAINST THE LATE ASSISTANT OVERSEER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF MONEY.

The Clerk informed the board that Mr C. E. Parkin, late assistant overseer for the township, had in accordance with the Board's request, handed the books over to his successor, Mr Robert Hall, on the 10th inst. Wednesday, therefore it was unnecessary for him to attend the special meeting against Mr Parkin for the recovery of the same.

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NOTES FROM IVESTON.

[BY "IVESTONIAN."]

Holidays and harvesting being almost over, and the time coming on for entertainments, &c., the "Notes" can now be carried on as usual. There are a few wells in summer time that Mr Ritson's water company can be written concerning a country village. So with this weak apology, we hope that our readers in Iveston will excuse our procrastination.

It seems that the tenants of the New Inn contributed handsomely towards the amusement of the they children on the first or show day—but it is they must not interfere with other people's children's beauty! This was the very question asked a while ago by a native; and now the motto is "Let us be antagonistic." The secretaries of the show sent in a full account of all that was carried on in the fields, and the *Guardian* by publishing that account has, I think, justified the aforementioned enterprise.

In the account rendered concerning the flower show in the farmers' class, the eggs ought to read Harper, 1; Hudspy, 2; Parker, 3; and in open class flowers, ivy leaf geranium, J. Miller, 1; was not noticed. This was a mistake on the part of the judging. The committee could not enter with the consent of the *Guardian*, and hope to have a better exhibition next year. Also in sports, boys' race, ought to read Harper, 1; Thompson, 2; and

Two natives have unfortunately been hurt in the works of the Consett Iron Co., Sloth named W. Wilson, and Hall, although the younger one was badly crushed, we are glad to state that they are on a fair way of recovery.

The scholars of Iveston school have at last obtained the long desired for Reading, and certificates for second grade Geometry and Freehand have also been rewarded by the Science and Art Department.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

I left lonely Weardale on Saturday, for a peep into the smoke-begrimmed colliery districts of North-West Durham, where the cheer with dressed-loop into the bowels of the earth to dig and as I viewed the vari-ta-the sunshine of last week, and I thought it is not Christianly according to the Bible to call Sunday "a day of gloriously cold free;" the coal miners have had to work on Sunday, and on week days, England have been to day without, for such resources as the coal mines afford. Let us have a little less of the work done by machinery in these enlightened districts. Two instances of what is such here to advantage. I had not been long in the district when I saw at the work of a sturdy man, and this work of 60 years is recorded also so many years. The engine-driving is surprising. By his peculiar skill he has managed to keep a goose of silk called a balloon, which being inflated with air and gas, and a car attached thereto, attracted from coal, enables him to rise gear feet, and by gentle manipulation of the steam, and steadied loads down upon the gear a stretcher, and the lightness glows at the pit mouth, and from their mind can step out of the car and walk away. Another instance is on a par-ticular. This world is too small for his ambitious mind, and he has the star-bespangled firmament as his domain. After the day's work, and after wearing as on eagles' pinions, sweep the vast black ocean of heaven, with its planets, its fixed stars, and grasp and calculate its starts. He has laid down of his planet, and is content to rest to his majesty will by making it his messenger, and from the lightning glance of the electric telegraph, and orations relevant at midnight are sought at the hands of him on the star-ed sky, transmitted thousands of miles away over the continents of the globe, sank read in the papers next day in the form of news. All these wonderful developments of the past are but the prelude of still greater wonders that are in store for the future, but all of which attest the fact that to us is given the power to think, reason, and imagine, by which the great gracious God has endowed us.

"Go, round rous creatures, mount where science guides."

Go measure earth, weigh air, and state the tides;
Instruct the planets in what orbs to run;
Correct old time, and regulate the sun."

Shotley Bridge is a pretty place, and viewed from around the neighbourhood of Tanfield. Only after the people who reside about it can see. They avail in sunimes the dale-people. What canny old dames, homely, free, hospitable, and kind to the stranger. Their surroundings may be smoky and not so sweet to the lungs, but they are healthful for tracing air, its pure atmosphere, and its good water, but they possess the milk of human kindness all the same.

Stanhope fair seems to have influenced largely the public bodies in Weardale. Only two members of the School Board put in an appearance at the meeting on Monday last. The rest are there were not sufficient to form a quorum, so business was done. Only four horses are at the Cattle Market Board meeting, and for some lame at the Peel Inn Session, it was the "Great Unpaid" were all off holiday-making. There was a good show of sheep for a while, until at last another arrived from Stanhope, and then the fun was proceeded with.

Much amusement was created at the other night, at Stanhope fair, by a Weardale youth, named Thomas Robinson, who is well known as the "daring." Walking up to a confectioner's stall, he asked for a cake with a figure behind, which represented "Silly Slopar," and "Silly Slopar" he got, after some "chaff" between him and the confectioner, but "Silly" remained silent. Collapse of the youth, to the merriment of the bystanders.

Some people, because it is fashionable, like to appear late at chapel, especially if they have been attending to the latest bonnet, &c. Not so, however, with Mr Bachelor, after a week's holiday observed by bill there was to be a coffee supper and entertainment, and as a very strong inducement to attend the sales. On arriving at the right time she was surprised to find that she was the only person that had arrived to partake of the good things provided, but her feelings can be better imagined than described, when she was about a week too soon; and she must wait until the following Wednesday for an attack upon the loaves and fishes.

The other night, as three ladies were walking up Front Street, Stanhope, they were met by one of their own sex in an awful state of intoxication apparent from her question, she intended taking a walk by rail. Rushing by the sight and perspiration dropped from her brow, she cried: "Oh, my dear, I had no idea it was so far, I could train leave Stanhope Two of the party addressed her, and by-and-by, the train leaving whilst the third, with an air accompanied by laughter, "Oh, my dear, I thought it leaves at ten past five, but you'd better Stopper."

The "Hermit of Bachelor's Hall" had his peace of mind disturbed the other morning. On returning home from a very fashionable wedding, he was surprised to find that something wedding, and other articles strewed in front of the door, and stones from off an adjoining hall, were pretty much the worse for wear. Upon closer examination, he found that the door, and other articles strewed by some mighty places. The clothes pegs from the "Climbing Clematis" up his door way. Ah, Willie, "When the cat's away the mice will play."

That a Temperance Society in Stanhope would be a blessing to the inhabitants is without a doubt. At the meeting held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Monday night last, some very weighty arguments were used showing the evil effects of strong drink, also its hindrance to Christian progress. What is wanted to-day is more of the self-denying spirit that was so characteristic in our Saviour's life. It is to be hoped that the commencement of meeting may be the mine which will play.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—Estimates—Municipal, Mercantile, Domestic, all kidney and bladder complaints, and Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Nervousness, and Debility, are cured by Edward Street, London, E.C.

Advertisement of Mr. Holmes, Blacksmith, Consett.

SHOCKING FATALITY AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH.

About four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, a shocking fatality occurred at Shotley Bridge (29), living in Blanchland Street, Blackhill, met with a peculiar death at Shotley Bridge. It seems that Moss had been employed for the last few years by Mr Thomas for the North-Eastern Railway Company, having charge of the watering of the engines for Mr John Christopher, of Blackhill, a necessary to his employment. Moss, it appears, was attached, conveying a load of coals from Consett Iron Co. to Shotley Station for the Shotley Co-operative Flour Mills, Shotley Bridge. There is a rather awkward turn into the mill yard, and this, it appears, was the spot where the accident had hold of the reins, and was walking alongside of the horse, when the animal swerved, and Moss, who was squashed with the approach to the mill yard, turned rather sharply, the result being that Moss was thrown off his feet, and fell between the horse and the cart, standing at the head of the high wall. The wheels of the load of coals passed over his abdomen, and he was instantly killed. Strange to say, the driver of the waggon escaped unhurt, and the horse was stopped by the side of the horse's head, and the reins, and was walked along quietly by the driver. The man was at once released from his perilous position, and then he was conveyed to his home, where Dr Hall, of Shotley Bridge, was in attendance, and although life was not extinct, he pronounced that there was no hope, death coming about three-quarters of an hour after the accident. The doctor said the policeman had done all he could to render assistance, and he sympathised with the widow and family of several children. Strange to say, the deceased was insured upon the body, so the injuries must be internal.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest concerning the death of Moss was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the house of Mr Jno. Christopher, Blackhill, by Mr Cornor Graham. Mr Ed. Shaw was chosen foreman of the jury, and Mr J. W. Harker, stationmaster, represented the North-Eastern Railway Company.

Mary Ann Moss deposed that the body of her husband. She said there was a family of five children, the eldest being 10 years old.

Thos. Robinson, living in Durham Road, Blackhill, deposed that he

DROVE A ROLLEY

for the North Eastern Railway Company. On Tuesday last he was driving from Consett Iron to Co-operative Flour Mill. Moss was driving another rolley, and when they got safely through the gateway into the mill yard, they stopped to hoist when the accident happened. He observed

THE DECEASED JUMP

with his rolley and single horse. Moss was driving the double rolley, the reins, and walked by the side of his waggon, at the near horse's head. He came into the mill gateway was to the near side; it was

A SHARP TURN

but required the driver to make a good detour to get round. Deceased must have been at a standstill off from the rolley. Witness had driven for the North-Eastern Railway Company on the present line between Consett and Stanhope for

FIRST TRIP TO THE FLOUR MILL.

Their horses did not wear "winkers," but open bridles, and they were pretty well trained. The horse came too close to the corner, instead of taking the outside course. Moss

PULLING WITH ALL HIS MIGHT

at the reins—which way, however, witness could not tell. He got down from his rolley to see what the position he was in, and he (Thompson) shouted "There's a

MAN GOING TO BE KILLED."

Two men rushed to Moss's assistance, but as soon as the driver "gleaned" the rolley from the deceased right over upon him also at instantly, the horse not having moved from the near to the off side of the waggon. The rolley was piled up with coals, and he could not jump on from the side. There was

NO MEANS OF ESCAPE,

for as soon as he observed that the wheels caught the stone there was no stopping the animal. Moss was lying on his back, with his chest. When witness first went to him he asked for

A DRINK OF WATER,

and drank two quarts. The body was taken to the King's Head Inn, and witness were sent for, and he was seen by two medical gentlemen.

P.C. Thompson gave evidence that he found some immediately after the occurrence, and helped at Nook's Cottage to the Blackhill Inn. Deceased with Moss till his death. He was seen by Dr. Hall, and received attention, viz., Subcutaneous morphia. The members of that body knew the interests of the Company to understand more than the ratepayers, and as soon as the people lost confidence in their representatives, they would be removed of that Authority.

The motion was eventually carried without opposition.

DISPUTE BETWEEN THE INSPECTOR AND CONTRACTOR.

A dispute as to the payment of £2 due to Mr Armstrong, contractor, Durham, for alterations in the wells in the village of Lanchester two or three years ago, was laid before the meeting, and the matter was ultimately referred to the Chairman to arbitrate upon.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The following new buildings are completed, or are about to be completed, and building certificates required for the same, viz:—

Addition to property, at Blackhall Mill, for Thos. Armstrong.

Addition at South Moor for the South Moor Colliery Company, Limited.

Two houses at Tanhouse for Joseph Ramshaw.

Six houses at Low Westwood for the Consett Iron Company, Limited.

House at Stanley for John Heslop.

Two double tenemented houses at Annfield Plain for George Ayre.

Two houses at Malton Colliery for S. A. Sadler.

The old sanitary pipes and open middden against the gable of the college at Castle Eden, which Mr Wade's house, has been cleared away, and new outbuildings provided, but the college is still seemingly dirty, and the stable against the back wall remains.

Monthly inspection.

Nuisances notices served 6
Letters written with regard to nuisances, &c. 20

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CASTLESIDE DYE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL OPEN LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 1890. An Extra Prize will be given for the Three Best Cabbages. — For particulars see Small Bills. 1054

BLACK BULL LEEK SHOW, LEADGATE.

LOOK OUT for the Black Bull Leek Show to be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Mrs Hedley's, Leadgate. 1038

A GRAND OPEN LEEK SHOW.

A GRAND Open Leek Show will be held at Mr A. FARRER'S, Bee Hive Inn, Consett, on Saturday, October 11th, 1890. An Extra Prize will be given for the Three Best Cabbages. — For particulars see Small Bills. 1054

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See Bills. 994

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NOTICE.

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1.—Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
2.—Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
3.—Report and Balance Sheet.
4.—Election of Two Committee men.
5.—Consideration of Subscription to the "Jenkins Testimonial Fund."
6.—Rutherford Memorial Gallery.
7.—Continuation of Science Classes.
8.—Miscellaneous Business.

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Monday, Sept. 29th.—Royal Auction Mart.
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Saturday, Oct. 4th.—Mrs. Bell's Cows and Stock, Blanchland.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26TH, 1890.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "ISCARIOT."]

THE RATEPAYERS' MEETING AT BLACKHILL.—"Better some fun than all earnest," says the old proverb, and the doings at the meeting referred to prove very pointedly that a little fun, administered like doctor's prescriptions, with the proverbial measure of moderation, is not a bad thing. One of our local critics puts it thus:—

"There's many a shot at random sent,
Finds mark the archer little meant."

It is those very, or quite lightly given, that move the waters and bring to the surface those amusing bonches of fence and repartee which, slightly exposed, constitute what is probably known as a lively meeting. There was no lack of the element at the recent ratepayers' meeting at Blackhill. Local worthies drew their battle blades and slashed right and left without inflicting very much injury. The Bard of Avon said "To be, or not to be, that is the question;" but the stumbling block at the Blackhill ratepayers' meeting stopped very much short of that issue. Opinion was divided on a point of precedence, if not of order, as to whether it was right or wrong to vote by ballot, or by show of hands. The aim and the object of the meeting was obviously to bring the best men to the front in the capacity of public servants, and it is very questionable whether the old-fashioned show of hands or the more modern ballot box would in this instance have proved the better method of achieving the desideratum.

A CLOSE SHAVE.

The "ayes" and the "noes" in the recent ballot among the Consett Iron Company's steelworkers on the vexed question of whether a point of difference should be settled by virtue of wisdom, or by brute force—that is to say a strike—is to be open council—were much too evenly balanced to leave room for congratulation. I don't know how it comes, but the world, as a rule, seems to prefer to have a brief lease of its ups and downs, don't appear to grow a whit wiser as the moons and years come and go. It has been often said that force was no remedy, and it is much to be regretted that many seem to make comparatively no headway in grasping these great fundamental truths, which turned to good account, would serve to direct and guide the wayward steps of men. I was wont, some years ago, to indulge in the pleasant reflection that strikes and kindred animal methods of righting wrongs, banished from human sight all that was unjust and oppressive; but that day-dream has been rudely dispelled. The aim of the grand old trades union associations was to hold in check the special rights of man, and his right to combine in the strength manner the interests of each. Hence the meeting of delegates to represent the various branches in connection with the district, and the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

BLACKHILL, CONSETT AND DISTRICT "MODEL" BUILDING SOCIETY.—The seventh appropriation took place on Thursday evening, in the Good Templar Hall, Blackhill, Mr Wm. Robinson (chairman of the directorate), presiding.—Messrs J. Jack and R. Heymer were appointed scrutineers, and a fair number drawn by the ballot was 221, the holder of which was found to be in arrears. The second time resulted in No. 202, the holder of which was Mr W. Robinson, grocer, Medomsley, being the holder of two shares, and drawn on the books was entitled to an advance of £200 for 163 years. The usual votes of thanks made a few remarks, declaring that the progress of the society was unabatedly satisfactory, not a single book remaining on hand and there were more than a dozen applications for the list for the supply of books. He urged upon members who could transfer their shares—that is, in case of two or three books being held in a household, proceeding that the Board will do well to stamp out with a firm hand. To not one's initials on any substance capable of receiving the impression, from the sand on the sea-shore to the solid rock and the trees of the forest, is a weakness from which few men are altogether exempt. But the custom should, at the same time, be kept within something like reasonable bounds. Most men have, however, pleasing reminiscences of having sinned against the light in this respect. Not, however, on the backs of seats, which is a most reprehensible proceeding, but on out-of-the-way rocks and solitary trees. The beautiful lines—

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

DEATH OF A NOTED CRICKETER.—Cricketers in this district will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. A. Leadbitter, which took place at his residence at Dunston, shortly after nine o'clock Sunday night, after suffering from inflammation of the lungs, after an illness of only four days.—Deceased was a prominent player in the Consett and District Club, and was well known in West Durham.

TEMPERANCE TREAT.—Last Friday afternoon, and Sunday school scholars attending the Consett Wesleyan Sunday schools, had their annual treat. About 300 boys and girls walked in procession to a field in Consett Hall Rood, granted by the Consett Iron Company, and were entertained to games indulged in, the weather being of the most favourable description. The clergy (Revs F. Steggall and C. S. Wilson), besides the head teachers, were most assiduous in looking after the enjoyment of the young folks, and refreshments were partaken of before a hearty thunderstorm came on.

LIBERAL MEETINGS.—It will be seen from our advertising columns that Mr. Thomas Burt, M.P., will address meetings of his constituents throughout six divisions in the first and second weeks in October, the concluding one at the Co-operative Hall, Medomsley, being under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Association. The presence of a general election is not far distant, we have no doubt our liberal friends will be fully alive to all matters political by attending in large numbers, thus expressing their approval of the worthy member.

ROYAL HANDBELL RINGERS.—We invite our readers' attention to the advertisement of the famous Polish Street London Royal Handbell Ringers and give men with their bells in the Town Hall, Consett, on Friday next. There will be two entertainments, one for children in the afternoon. The programme will include full concerted music of every class, and selections from the best masters. The Consett entertainment has been repeatedly given by Mr Duncan S. Miller and company before Her Majesty the Queen. At each performance Mr Miller will explain and explain Edison's phonograph or speaking machine. Those who are desirous of listening to these marvellous musical combinations should secure their seats early, as there is sure to be a large audience.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Messrs Vaughan and Emmerson's Co. are producing *A Man in a Thousand* at the above theatre this week, and are having good business the piece being filled on Monday night last with a large and appreciative audience. Mr Clarence Bennette, the author of and is part manager of the piece appears as the hero, "Owen Penrose," and is most successful. Mr Charles as "Gregor Chison" has a most thankless part, nevertheless he acquits himself with great credit. Mr Clark Nicholson is very funny as "Darby Quilp," and as "Mr and Mrs Jim Barkins." Mr and Mrs Harding respectively are highly appreciated. Mr Clark and Mr G. Washington, both give a good account of themselves as "Mr Oscar Brown" and "Mr Hester Perrose" Miss Ellen Cranston is a regular hot shot. Identification of the wrong mother being most perfect, and as "Adam Penrose" Little Daisy Hadlip is very good. The piece itself is well written, and we do not doubt that it will prove a great success. To-morrow (Saturday) night is the last night of this company's stay. *For Lily's Peril* is announced. It is written by Mr Joseph Price, author of *In the Counties*, &c., and on its last appearance here over 13 months since was received with acclamation.

BLACKHILL.

On Sunday, a sermon from Headingley College —Rev F. E. Rust—preached two capital services in the Blackhill Wesleyan Chapel to good congregations.

At the close of the inquest on the body of Wm. Moore, at Blackhill, on Monday, Mr Edward Sloane, foreman, handed over the fees received by the jury to Mrs Moore, the deceased.

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION.—Our readers will see by reference to our advertising columns that Rev W. M. Hudson will (D.V.) preside over a Baptist Schools, Castleside, on Sunday next at 10:30 a.m., and at the Baptist Chapel, Blackhill, at 6 p.m., on behalf of the foreign missions. Addresses will be given by Rev. Mr Hudson, of Blackhill, on Friday evening, deputation—Rev J. Fuller, colonial missionary from the Congo.

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EAST CASTLE.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.—In connection with the re-opening of this chapel, on Sunday last, two sermons were preached on Sunday, by Mr. J. Ashby, of Newcastle, (late of Allendale Cottages). Large congregations attended, and a collection was made at the close of each service in aid of the re-duction fund.

WOLSINGHAM.

On Sunday, two sermons were preached in connection with Wolsingham Baptist Foreign Missions by Rev J. W. Yeaxlee, late Hartlepool. The annual public meeting was held on Monday evening, Rev J.-J. Fuller, coloured missionary from the Congo, being the deputation.

In connection with the North of England Temperance League Conference a very successful meeting was delivered on Thursday se'nnight, in the Wesleyan schoolroom, Wolsingham, by Rev James M'Nab—Mr J. Parker, chairman—a good number supported the remarks of the reverend gentleman.—On Monday evening the meetings were continued, when addresses were delivered in the Baptist chapel by Mr R. Chapman (Consett), and Mr Lapsley, of Marske.—Mr W. Steels occupied the chair. A collection was taken in aid of printing expenses.

TANTOBIE.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday, two sermons by Rev J. Harrop-Taylor, newly-appointed minister to the Stotley Bridge and Consett Circuit. Large congregations were present. Collections were taken in aid of the new chapel building fund.

TEAM COLLIERY.

JUVENILE TEMPLE.—The members and friends of the Juvenile Temple, Team Colliery, met on Monday night to present Miss Jane Carr (late superintendent of the Temple) a testimonial. Sister Jane Carr, Hamsterley, is leaving Blackhill, on Friday evening, deputation—Bro J. Fuller, colonial missionary from the Congo.

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CASTLESIDE

A terrific gale, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, passed over the village about one o'clock on Saturday last.

CASTLESIDE FLOWER SHOW.—The total or gross takings at the Floral and Horticultural Society's show amounted to upwards of £63. The committee have decided to pay 5s a part for each prize, the monies will be paid on Saturday night first.

PARTRIDGE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.—The excellent sermons were preached in the Partridge Memorial Chapel, Castleside, by Mr W. Pears, Ramshaw, on Sunday last, his subject in the morning being "Elijah the Tishbite, or the Prophet Habakuk, "O Lord, revive Thy work"; his evening subject being "Waste and want of the nineteenth century," and who, after reading the lesson, gave out a hymn, his substance on fast living, began to be in want. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the trust fund.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERMONS.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were celebrated in St. John's Church, Castleside, on Sunday last. The services were conducted by Rev. Canon Tate, M.A., vicar of Lanchester, at 10:30, by Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A., vicar of Leadgate, and in the evening, at 6:30, by Rev. J. H. C. Espin, M.A., vicar of Tow Law. In the evening the Church was crowded to excess. The Church was neatly decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables, and plants, kindly supplied by the villagers and others living in the district, for which kindness the Rev C. J. Walker, vicar, and Mrs J. Carruthers, churchwarden, desire to return their thanks. Liberal collections were taken at each service in aid of the church funds.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday, the pulpit of the Wesleyan Chapel, was ably filled by Mr R. C. Foster, Consett, who delivered in his usual pointed manner against Sabbath desecration in the afternoon.

A CONSETTONIAN AT STANHOPE FAIR.—It is said that a member of the Consett "Tom and Jerry" Band came to harm at Stanhope fair. After playing a number of both national and local airs, such as "The girl I left behind me," "Rule Britannia," "Tommy" or Brown's "Highflyer," he gave his instrument a rest for the space, and was suddenly pitched on his back and lay sprawling in the mud, where he cried out to his friends to help and stop his horse.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

CONCERT.—On Monday night, a very successful concert was given in the Congregational School room, Ryton, the object being the raising of the funds towards a mission room. Mr Alexander Watson, Ryton, presided, and the school was crowded. Songs, duets, recitations, dialogues, &c., were rendered by several Ryton friends and others.

STANHOPE.

A STEAM NAVVY.—Bell Bros. are putting up at a cost of over £1,000, a steam navvy for boring at their Parson Byers Quarry.

Temperance sermons were preached at the various chapels and churches at intervals on Sunday.

Out of eleven members of Stanhope Parish Council Board, only Councillor Dr. Livingstone and Mr G. R. Wooler were in attendance at Friday's monthly meeting, and no business was done or can now be done for a month.

Friday's meeting of the Stanhope and Eastgate Temperance Band of Hope was a most successful one. Messrs Eccles and party of Horsley Hall, have also had some good sport this week, on the Bollitops and Pikestone moors, planting the temperance question.

PUBLIC MEETING.—A public meeting on temperance was held at Stanhope on Monday evening, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Mr T. Phillipson presiding. The speakers were Rev Mr Dickinson, Wesleyan minister, Rev Mr Dean, Primitive minister, and Mr Miles, deputation. Mr G. Waller was also on the platform, and occupied the chairman's seat. Dickinson, in an able speech, spoke of temperance as a social question, and temperance as a sin, and from these two salient points spoke in a most telling manner, placing the temperance question before the Stanhope parish in a new light.—Mr Dean, in his usually eloquent manner, addressed the audience, and Mr Miles, in a telling speech, spoke in an interesting manner, and occasionally threw a little humour into it, and a very interesting and enjoyable meeting was held.

WEARDALE.

The Guardians met at Stanhope on Friday.—Present: Stanhope parish, 8 and 6d for Weardale.

Friday's Meeting.—Mr Wooler presided at Friday's meeting, and there were also present Messrs Eccles and party, of Horsley Hall, have also had some good sport this week, on the Bollitops and Pikestone moors, planting the temperance question.

PUBLIC MEETING.—A public meeting on temperance was held at Stanhope on Monday evening, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Mr T. Phillipson presiding. The speakers were Rev Mr Dickinson, Wesleyan minister, Rev Mr Dean, Primitive minister, and Mr Miles, deputation. Mr G. Waller was also on the platform, and occupied the chairman's seat. Dickinson, in an able speech, spoke of temperance as a social question, and temperance as a sin, and from these two salient points spoke in a most telling manner, placing the temperance question before the Stanhope parish in a new light.—Mr Dean, in his usually eloquent manner, addressed the audience, and Mr Miles, in a telling speech, spoke in an interesting manner, and occasionally threw a little humour into it, and a very interesting and enjoyable meeting was held.

WEARDALE.

The Guardians met at Stanhope on Friday.—Present: Stanhope parish, 8½d

Cricket.

STANHOPE v CROOK.—Played at Crook, resulting in a win for the visitors. For the winners, J. J. Pulleine scored 53; G. Waller, 43; J. W. Roddam, 18; and R. Pulleine, 15. J. W. Roddam took seven wickets for 18 runs. For Crook, Harding and Scales scored 13 and 10 respectively. Score:—Stanhope, 157; Crook, 46.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

MR A. S. GODFREY'S XI. v MR W. RAMSAY'S XI.

This club closed their season on Saturday last with a somewhat amusing match between teams chosen by Mr A. S. Godfrey and Mr Wm. Ramsay. The spin of the coin resulted in favour of the latter, and as it had been mutually agreed that the non-players should commence the batting and bowling, Messrs J. Dixon and T. Gibson were sent to the wickets, to oppose the bowling of Messrs R. Dawes and F. Walker. After a couple of overs Dixon was run out by a piece of smart fielding on the part of Dawes; and Jos. Eltringham filled the vacancy. He continued at the wickets for some time, but though he tried frequently, his efforts to score were ineffectual, and he was at length run out for the unenviable "duck." From this point the game assumed a more cricket-like appearance; but the only batsmen able to offer any serious resistance to the bowling of Messrs W. Wilson and Walker was T. D. Dales, who carried out his bat for 18, the innings eventually closing for 48. After a brief interval, the innings of Mr Godfrey's eleven began with Messrs R. Dawes and J. Kidd, who faced the bowling of Messrs Jos. Eltringham and T. Gibson. The former bowled with great effect, and quickly disposed of two of his opponents; but on Messrs Godfrey and W. Wilson becoming partners, a double change was tried, J. R. Richards and Dales taking up the attack. This had the desired effect, and the wickets fell in quick succession, the whole side being out for 62 runs, of which number Mr Godfrey made 34, not out, in his usual brilliant style. After the match an adjournment was made to the Station Hotel, where tea was partaken of by the majority of the players and the members of the club, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a harmonious manner, Messrs J. Lax and J. Eltringham occupying the chair and vice-chair respectively. The toast of the evening, "The Consett and District C.C.," was received with great enthusiasm; and in his response the captain (Mr Godfrey) reviewed the performances of the club for the past season, and expressed the hope that next year would see the Durham County Challenge Cup in the safe keeping of the club's worthy president, Dr George Renton. Score:—

MR RAMSAY'S XI.		MR GODFREY'S XI.	
T Gibson b Walker ...	4	R Dawes c McTaggart b Eltringham	4
J Dixon run out	2	J Kidd c Gray b Eltringham	3
J Eltringham run out	0	W Wilson b Richards	0
T D Dales not out......	18	A S Godfrey not out	34
P Gibson b Walker ...	2	J Siddell lbw b Dales	7
J R Richards b Wils'n	1	M Williamson lbw b Dales........	1
M Hobday b Wilson	3	F Walker c Dales b Gray	4
J Askew b Walker ...	0	J Raw b Gray.........	1
T T Gray b Walker ...	3	J Askew b Gray	1
J Fiddes b Wilson ...	3	T Watson c Richards b Dales........	0
W Ramsay b Wilson	2	T Jones not out........	0
Extras	10	Extras	7
Total	48	Total	62

CHESTER-LE-STREET v SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Played at Chester-le-Street. The home team declared their innings closed with the score at 101 for two wickets. Bewicke played a grand innings of 73 not out, and won the bat given by the club for the highest average score for the season of 1890. The match ended in a draw. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		SEAHAM HARBOUR.	
J Bewicke not out......	73	G Forster c T Middleton	12
G Halliday b Copeland	1	J Gowland b W Middleton	4
J Witherspoon b Copeland........	17	G Hall not out	7
S Shepherd not out ...	7	J Summerbell run out	2
D Shepherd, T Middleton, G K Walker, W Middleton, J Shaw, L Gray, T R Hall — To bat.		W Copeland not out	12
		J Fenwick, C Kitching, C Elliott, G Hardy, W Burt, Wilkinson — To bat.	
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total........	101	Total........	39

KYO v OXHILL JUNIORS.

Played at Kyo, and resulted in a win for the home team. Selway batted and bowled well for the winners. Score:—

OXHILL.		KYO.	
G Shield b Selway ...	2	J Wilson b Thorne ...	3
P Shield b Wilson ...	2	F Selway b Thorne ...	12
M Dawson b Selway...	2	J Palmer b G Shield	7
M Smith b Selway ...	3	J Milburn lbw	0
J Richardson run out	1	J Rodham b G Shield	2
L Smith b Selway......	0	W Hunter b P Shield	3
G Clark b Selway......	0	Wm Lonsdale b P Shield........	0
J Paxton b Selway ...	0	J Secombe b Dawson	1
J Mumford b Selway	0	J Hardy b G Shield...	1
T Thorne b Wilson ...	3	N Clark b G Shield ...	4
G Armstrong not out	3	T Settrey not out	4
Extras	6	Extras	8
Total	22	Total	45

ANNFIELD PLAIN JUNIORS v OXHILL NAVVIES.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors by 28 runs. Score:—

ANNFIELD PLAIN.		OXHILL.	
Wm Rutherford b Dixon	8	T Dixon b Cowey......	3
W Starford c Solway b Dixon	5	F Solway b Martin ...	7
J Vickers b Wilson ...	1	W Wilson b Cowey ...	0
J Martin b Dixon......	5	J Wilson c Gibson ...	2
T Cowey st	0	J Rodham b Martin...	0
W Herdman c Rodham b Wilson........	1	J Lonsdale b Martin	0
J Foster b Dixon	7	A McVitie b Martin	1
R Gibson c Solway b Dixon	1	J Milburn b Cowey ...	1
W Carr b Dixon	0	J Palmer b Cowey ...	0
J Taylor st	4	R Dixon c Herdman	0
W Vickers not out ...	3	R Foster not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	0
Total	42	Total	14

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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.

Hedley Harriers beat Stanley Lilywhites by two goals to nil.

Langley Park Excelsiors Juniors and Waterhouses Juniors played a draw of one goal each, at Langley Park.

LEADGATE ST. IVES v DIPTON WANDERERS.—These teams met on the ground of the latter. A fast and exciting game resulted in a draw of three goals each.

LEADGATE PARK v PORTLAND (NEWCASTLE).—These teams met at Newcastle, and played a draw of two goals each.

WHICKHAM v NEWBURN.—Played at Newburn, and after a very fast game resulted in a draw of one goal each.

STRAWBERRY CABINET WORKS v HOBSON RANGERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and after an enjoyable game resulted in a win for the home team by six goals to four.

PELTON FELL BLUES v CHESTER-LE-STREET EXCELSIORS.—Played at Pelton Fell, and resulted in a win for the Blues by one goal to nil.

PELTON FELL BLUES v GATESHEAD ST. CUTHBERT'S.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a pleasant game resulted in an easy victory for Pelton by eight goals to one.

LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE v CONSETT LEAGUE OF THE CROSS 1ST.—Played on the ground of the former in two 30's. The home captain won the toss, and elected to play with the wind in their favour. Swan started for the visitors, and the game at once became very fast, but the Exiles had all the best of matters in the first half, and put on six goals to their opponents' nil. On crossing over, the visitors showed to advantage, and registered three goals in quick succession. The home team now wakened up, and all further attempts to score were frustrated by the backs. At the call of time the Exiles were victorious, after a fast and pleasant game, by six goals to three. The following were the teams:—Leadgate Exiles—Goal, T. McGraham; backs, B. Rogers and J. Hagan; half-backs, Matthews, Peter Hughes, and J. Costello; forwards, J. Quinn, Connolly (capt.), Murphy, O'Neale, and McMahon. Umpire, Mr J. Toner. Consett League—Goal, J. Mellon; backs, J. McCarthy and W. Finnigan; half-backs, McCluskey, Campbell, and Fullerton; forwards, J. Swan (capt.) and P. Rafferty, right wing; Callaghan, centre; Griffin and Carroll, left wing. Umpire, Mr P. Coyle. Referee, Mr W. Costello.

LEADGATE EXILES JUNIORS v CONSETT LEAGUE JUNIORS.—After the conclusion of the above game, the junior teams entered the field. The Exiles commenced with the wind in their favour, and notched two goals in the first half, while the League failed to score. Only twenty minutes of the second period was played. The visitors were unable to score, whilst the Exiles added one more. The point was disputed, but allowed by the referee. The game terminated with the score standing:—Exiles, three goals; Consett, nil.

LANGLEY PARK ROVERS v CORNSAY.—Played at Langley Park, in two 30's. The home team won the toss. Play was of an even character for a while, when the home team put in some fine passing, and Iveson scored the first goal after seven minutes' play, amid loud cheering. On the ball being re-started, play continued in the visitors' quarters, and several corners were awarded the home team, but proved fruitless. Three minutes from half-time Jackson scored a second goal for Langley Park, and the teams crossed over with the score standing—

Langley Park .... Two goals
Cornsay .... Nil

On commencing the second half, the ball was soon put through the visitors' posts by Gott. The home team kept the play in the Cornsay territory, and from a throw in from touch Foster nicely put on the fourth goal, and the visitors appeared to be thoroughly outmatched. On kicking off again, a corner was gained by Langley, which Pickering placed well, and Iveson scored No. 5. From now to the close the Cornsay goal was bombarded, and the home team had hard lines on several occasions. On time being called a one-sided game ended as follows—

Langley Park .... Five goals
Cornsay .... Nil

The following composed the 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; H. Monsey and C. Jackson, right wing; G. Foster, centre.

LANGLEY PARK ROVERS 2ND v BURNHOPE.—Played at Langley Park. In the first half the home team scored three goals to Burnhope's nil. Play was more even in the second portion, each goal being visited in turn. Near the finish the visitors scored twice, and a good game ended with the following score:—Langley, three goals; Burnhope, two goals. The home team was—Goal, G. Dunn; backs, Jos. Vickers and J. Plews; half-backs, E. Shorten, J. Rutherford, and J. Abbs; forwards, J. C. Elliott and J. Shorten, right wing; W. Potter, centre; W. Thompson and J. Lowes, left wing.

LANGLEY PARK ROVERS 3RD v CORNSAY (MIXED).—Played at Langley Park, in two 20's. The visitors kicked off, and the home team scored after two minutes' play. Play was then in mid-field for a time, until Cornsay scored. In the second half, Langley scored within a minute of the kick-off, and continued to press, but could not add to their score, the game resulting in a victory for the Rovers by two goals to one.

DIPTON WANDERERS v ASHINGTON.—Played on the ground of the latter. The Wanderers had to make an early start to play their first fixture with this club, which a few years back held a prominent position in the contests for the Northumberland Cup. At three o'clock the visitors kicked off against hill and sun on a very sticky ground. The Wanderers, contrary to their usual custom, forced the game from the commencement, and at once gained a corner, but this proved futile. During the whole of the first half the home team had to act constantly on the defensive, and at half-time the score stood—

Ashington .... Nil
Wanderers .... Nil

Soon after re-commencing the heavy state of the ground told on the visitors, while the home team retaining their freshness, had the best of the play, and in the end won as stated below—

Ashington .... Three goals
Wanderers .... Nil

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE v GAINSBOROUGH.—This return fixture was played in the Leazes Park, Newcastle, and resulted in another victory for Gainsborough by four goals to three—a result which might have been more adverse to the visitors but for the play of Brewis (full back) and J. Leadbitter (right wing).

PELTON FELL HARRIERS v BURNMOOR.—Played at Pelton Fell, in two 35's, and a hard and fast game was watched by 400 spectators. The visitors kicked off with the wind at their backs, and soon began to press, but they found the home defence was good, and the leather was carried to the other end, where, scoring from a scrimmage, the Harriers registered the only goal in the first half. On re-starting, the home team went off with a rush, and after five minutes' play scored No. 2. The visitors made a sally, but were again repulsed. The Harriers added two more, and the game ended—Pelton Fell, four goals; Burnmoor, nil.

SHANKHOUSE v TANFIELD LEA.—The season was inaugurated at Shankhouse by a match between these teams. Tanfield played down hill in the first half, and registered the first goal within three minutes from the start. From this point, however, Shankhouse had all the best of the play, and goals followed in rapid succession, the total score at the call of time being—Shankhouse, eight goals; Tanfield Lea, one goal. The following composed the respective teams:—Tanfield Lea—Goal, M. Keever; backs, Wm. Milburn and J. Smith (capt.); half-backs, J. Gailes, W. Gardiner, and J. McDonald; forwards, Jos. Gailes and T. Robson, right wing; R. Hayes, centre; C. Smith and J. Milburn, left wing. Shankhouse—Goal, W. Hicks; backs, W. Todd and R. Robson; half-backs, J. Reilly, R. Dick, and Geo. Matthews; forwards, M. Scott, W. Willis, M. Gibson, J. Hamilton, and W. Matthews.

TOW LAW v SUNDERLAND ALBION RESERVE.—Tow Law commenced the season by playing the Albion at Tow Law. The visitors having won the toss, decided to play with the wind, sun, and slope in their favour. For the first few minutes the ball was kept in midfield, but the Albion forwards then broke away, and were well stopped by Potts. After some give-and-take play, the Tow Law forwards took the ball to the other end of the field, but the shot was fisted out by Jackson, the visitors' custodian. The home team were now showing some capital combination, and after a brilliant run by Blair, the first goal for Tow Law was scored amidst tremendous excitement. This reverse seemed to put the visitors on their mettle, and after a pretty piece of passing they put one out of the reach of Brown, and equalised the score. The spectators loudly applauded the Albion, who seemed to be very pleased with their reception. The play after this was pretty even, but the home forwards again broke away, and scored No. 2. Half-time was shortly afterwards called, the score standing—

Tow Law .... Two goals
Albion .... One goal

After a brief interval, the game was re-started, and the visitors soon scored with a beauty, thus bringing the score once more level. The Tow Law men then seemed determined to have their revenge, and after the prettiest piece of combination seen on the Tow Law ground for many a day, Conroy sent in a stinger and placed the home club in the ascendant. The Albion, however, were not to be denied, and a swift low shot got past Brown and had the desired effect. The scores were now three all, and each team strove hard to score the winning point. After a few minutes' desultory play in mid-field, Wilson gained possession, and passing his opponents in rare style he finished up a brilliant effort with a grand high shot. Jackson tried hard to save, but the ball went through, and amidst indescribable excitement Tow Law again took the lead. There was only a few more minutes to play, and the visitors tried hard to retrieve their fallen laurels, but the grand play of Potts and Temperley, the home backs, kept them at bay, and when the whistle sounded they had to retire beaten, the score being—

Tow Law .... Four goals
Albion .... Three goals

The following team represented Tow Law:—Goal, Brown; backs, Temperley and Potts; half-backs, Charlton, Ward, and Beckwith; forwards, Blair and Pears, right wing; Conroy, centre; Keogan and Wilson, left wing. Umpire, Mr C. M. Rawes. Mr E. Milburn, solicitor, Crook, discharged the duties of referee in a fair and impartial manner.

LEADGATE EXILES v NEWCASTLE WEDNESDAY.—The Wednesday season of football in Newcastle was inaugurated on Wednesday, when a fair company of spectators assembled to witness the opening game between the newly-formed Wednesday team and the Leadgate Exiles. The ball was started by Dr Nesham, president of the club, and the home team immediately commenced to press, and after about ten minutes' play, from a splendidly placed corner by Newton, the first goal was scored by Penny. The game continued even, and at half-time nothing further had been scored. On changing ends, Leadgate played well, and from a free kick the visitors equalised; but soon after Burns scored again for the Wednesday, and the game ended:—Newcastle Wednesday, two goals; Leadgate Exiles, one goal. Teams:—Wednesday—Goal, Malaghan; backs, Green and Bewley; half-backs, Duffy, Atteridge, and Finlay; forwards, Newton, Penny, Burns, Beattie, and Robson. Umpire, Mr Graham. Exiles—Goal, Callaghan; backs, W. McGee and Monaghan; half-backs, W. Costello, Thompson, and Hughes; forwards, Walton, Campbell, C. Quinn, P. Quinn, and McMahon. Umpire, Mr J. Costello. Referee, Mr F. Knott.

WESTERN COMPETITION.

MICKLEY v WARDEN.—This tie was played at Warden. Mickley were greatly superior to the home team, and had matters all their own way. At the finish the score stood—Mickley, 18 goals; Warden, none.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

TANFIELD LEA BADLY BEATEN.

The above club visited Shankhouse on Saturday to antagonise the once-famous "Black Watch," the Northumberland Cup-holders of 1886. Of course, the visitors could not expect to be victorious, as, although Shankhouse have dropped considerably from their pride of place since the introduction of professionalism, they can still play football, and are a match for all except the best clubs.

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In the contest on Saturday, Tanfield rather surprised the natives by scoring the first goal, J. Milburn doing the needful. After this, however, the home club woke up, and had all the best of the play, notwithstanding that the visitors strove hard to keep down the scoring. Shankhouse notched eight goals, before time, and as Tanfield could not get another through, the "Black Watch" won somewhat easily. In justice to the losers, I may state that they arrived without four of their first team.

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LEADGATE PARK AND PORTLAND DRAW.

The Park journeyed to Newcastle on Saturday to play Portland, who are a very fair team. Unfortunately, I am informed that the game was of a rough and unpleasant character almost throughout. The home team exhibited very objectionable tactics, and the match came to an abrupt conclusion ten minutes before time, the score then standing at two goals each. It is "hard lines" for a team who travels to Newcastle to be treated in this manner, and I expect Portland will hardly figure on the Park fixture card next season.

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TOW LAW START THE SEASON BRILLIANTLY.

The Tow Law club opened their season on Saturday, being opposed by the famous Sunderland Albion Reserve, who are considered by some to be the best reserve team in the two counties. There was therefore a great amount of interest manifested in the game, and a large number of spectators assembled. The match all through was a most exciting one. The home team were the first to score, but the Albion soon drew level. Tow Law again secured the lead, and maintained it till half-time. In the second half the visitors once more placed themselves on equal terms. Shortly after, Conroy put on a third goal for Tow Law, only to see the Albion do likewise. Now came the struggle for victory, which eventually rested with the home club, Wilson finishing up a splendid run by scoring the fourth and winning goal.

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Tow Law are to be heartily congratulated on obtaining a thoroughly meritorious victory. To beat the Albion is a feat of which they may well feel proud. They played a brilliant game from beginning to end. The forwards were an exceptionally fine lot, the splendid sprints of Blair being a treat to witness. Ward and Beckwith, as usual, played a very safe game, and fully maintained their reputation, but Charlton, the other half-back, was decidedly off-colour. Potts was as safe as a house at full-back, and he was ably supported by Temperley, who is quite a recent acquisition, and who fully justified his selection. Brown played well in goal, and saved some very difficult shots in fine style. The team appeared in their new colours, red and black, striped vertically, and looked very neat. At the conclusion of the match, the visitors were entertained to a sumptuous tea at the club-room.

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ASHINGTON DEFEAT THE WANDERERS.

The Wanderers had an extremely pleasant outing to Ashington on Saturday, and were hospitably entertained at the close of the game by their opponents. Their defeat of three goals to nil was the first they have experienced since last October, when Sunderland Albion Reserve proved too much for them on their own ground.

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The game could not be played on the usual ground, owing to heavy rains, and the field used was like a duck pond, rendering the ground heavy and sloppy. This told on the light weights of the Wanderers, who were evidently tired out towards the end of the game. Ashington have secured two good forwards in Letsome and Williams, who last season assisted the now defunct Gateshead club.

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THE DURHAM CUP QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

No doubt those of my readers who are interested in the above competition will long ere this be fully aware of the result of the draw for the first round. In the Leadgate Division, Medomsley and Dipton Wanderers, who meet on the ground of the former, should provide a capital struggle. The Wanderers will have a slight advantage, inasmuch as they have already played three matches, while Medomsley have not played one. Nevertheless, this is somewhat balanced by the latter having the benefit of playing the tie on their own ground. Both teams will doubtless do their utmost to get into good condition for the important event on the eleventh of this month, and each will probably have plenty of supporters.

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Leadgate Park have fallen against a team in Durham City of whom very little is known in this locality. Durham is a real hot-bed of Rugbyism, and when the Association club was first started, many predicted that it would not last out the first season. However, it seems to have prospered very fairly, so much so as to feel emboldened to enter for the Durham Cup. The Park expect to have a very strong team for the Cup ties, and as they had the good fortune to come out of the hat first, and will consequently have the advantage of playing at home, I shall rather confidently expect to see them pull the tie off.

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The Exiles have to travel from home to meet Tanfield Lea, on the ground of the latter. I understand that Tanfield are a very formidable team at home, whatever they may be away, and I anticipate the Exiles will have all their work cut out to dispose of them. If the match had been at Leadgate, I should unhesitatingly have plumped for the "green-and-white;" but playing on foreign soil sometimes effects marvellous contradictions of form.

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A REPREHENSIBLE PRACTICE.

In the report of the match between Hobson Rangers and Langley Park Rovers, played on the ground of the former, on the 13th inst., I noticed that the home team adopted the much too common and childish practice of walking off the field before the game was finished, because forsooth a claim for "hands" made by them was not upheld by the umpires. If there is any palliation for the visiting team acting in this manner, there is not the slightest shadow of excuse for a team playing on their own ground to adopt such measures, and this course of conduct cannot be too severely condemned. The umpires are the arbitrators of the game, and if a club refuse to accept their decisions and leave the field, they should give up playing football, and devote their energies to something more congenial to their natures.

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I have written rather more lengthily on the above incident than I intended; but the importance of the subject must be my excuse. As it is yet early in the season, I hope our local clubs will take warning, and let their better nature prevail, instead of adopting such a contemptible mode of showing their disagreement with an umpire's decisions. The latter position is a thankless one at the best, and it is a poor return to make to an official who is trying to act fairly, to walk off the field. Such occurrences as this tend to bring our national winter pastime into disrepute, and places a weapon in the hands of those who are ever ready to deride our popular game.

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With reference to the foregoing, Mr J. T. Bell, hon. sec. of the Hobson Rangers, writes as follows:—"Observing that the result of the match between Hobson Rangers and Langley Park Rovers, at Hobson, was reported as a win for the Rovers by three goals to one, you will much oblige by contradicting it, and stating that the game ended in a draw of one goal each. Langley Park wanted all their own way, and would not give the Rangers' umpire a hearing; and as for their umpire, well——

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A WEDNESDAY CLUB FOR CONSETT.

It is with much pleasure that I learn that the shop assistants of Consett have determined at last not be behind other towns, but are going in for a little recreation and pastime on their Wednesday half-holidays. The formation of such a club has long been talked about, and will supply a much-needed want. It is principally owing to the efforts of that enthusiastic footballer, Mr W. Knaggs (who is acting as secretary *pro. tem.*), that the proposed club promises to become an accomplished fact. A suitable field has been secured, and several members have joined the club. A meeting will be held on Wednesday for the election of officers and to enroll members, particulars of which may be obtained by applying to Mr Knaggs. The team is to be a district one, open to all who can conveniently get away from business on Wednesday afternoons. I hope the scheme will be heartily taken up by those whom it is intended to benefit—viz., the shop assistants, and that they will turn up in large numbers at the meeting at the Freemasons' Arms. I have received a hearty invitation to be present, and will try to attend, and I shall be pleased to help the club in any way I can. I may mention that the team will play under Association rules.

MATCHES WANTED.

Lintzford (A) have all dates vacant, and the secretary will be pleased to communicate with secretaries of moderate 1st and 2nd teams. Address: Wm. Smith, 2, Chopwell Cottages, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green.

Medomsley Juniors (A) would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Age, 14 to 17. All dates vacant. Apply to John Pearson, 9, Fines Cottages, Medomsley, Lintz Green, R.S.O.

Lintz Merry Rovers (A) would like to arrange matches with teams whose members' ages are from 16 to 18. Nearly all dates vacant. Apply to William Gilfellon, Lintz Colliery, Lintz Green.

Volunteer Intelligence.

The Wolsingham Rifle Volunteers, headed by the village brass band, attended St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday. The sermon was preached by Rev Chancellor Espin, D.D.

Sporting Items.

STAG'S HEAD RECREATION GROUNDS, WATERHOUSES.—A large number of spectators assembled to witness the first of home-and-home games at quoits, for £10 a-side, between Robert Robinson, Waterhouses, and Jos. Pybus, Brandon. Scores:—Pybus, 41; Robinson, 33. The second game is to be decided at Brandon. C. Bell, Sleetburn, is stakeholder and referee.

QUOITING AT GREENSIDE.—On Saturday afternoon, a large number of spectators assembled in a field close to Rose and Crown Inn, to witness a match for £5 a-side between J. Hands, Stargate, and J. G. Best, Spen. Scores:—Best, 42; Hands, 38. J. Dowson, Greenside, acted as referee and stake-holder.

DEARNESS VALLEY BALL ALLEY.—A match for £5 a-side was decided at East Hedleyhope on Saturday between the brothers D. and H. Burdess on the one side, and M. Walker and J. Stevens on the other, all of East Hedleyhope. There was a good attendance. A good game resulted in favour of Walker and Stevens, the score being 33 and 29. Mr Jno. Carrol, East Hedleyhope, was stakeholder and referee.

RABBIT COURSING AT BLACKHILL.—Highgate Park, which is acknowledged to be one of the best coursing fields in the North, has been taken by Mr Geo. Covel, landlord of the Miners' Arms, Highgate, for the season, and on Saturday afternoon a rabbit sweep for eight dogs was decided in the presence of a fairly good company. Results:—First round — Liddle's The Imp beat Routledge's Rejected; Liddle's Red Hollow beat Rejected, 2nd lot; Routledge's Steam Navvy beat Red Hollow, 2nd lot; The Imp, 2nd lot, beat Red Hollow, 3rd lot. Second round—The Imp beat Red Hollow, The Imp beat Steam Navvy and took the first and second moneys.—This event was followed by a greyhound coursing sweepstake. Details:—Hall's Highgate Lad beat Beattie's Never Return, Atkinson's Bob-at-the-Gate beat Johnson's Little Fan. Second round—Bob-at-the-Gate beat Highgate Lad and won. Judge, Mr Chas. Graham Consett; slipper, pistol-firer, and score-keeper, Mr Geo. Covell.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

A special meeting of this Board was held in the Board Room, on Monday night. Present: Messrs T. J. Muse (chairman), R. Walton, M. Lee, E. Leybourne, W. Pattinson, and the clerk (J. Proud). The principal business before the meeting being (1)—The appointment of an attendance officer in the place of Mr A. McKean, retired. (2)—The vacancy in the teaching staff, caused by Mr H. Potts's, assistant master, retirement from that post. (3)—The completion of Miss I. Raine's apprenticeship.—For the attendance officer there was no less than nine candidates. Mr Carrruthers, who received the unanimous vote of the Board, was appointed to that office.—Master E. Duckworth was appointed monitor in the place of Mr Potts, who has been successful in securing the appointment of shorthand writer in the office of Messrs Rieth, architects, Eldon Square, Newcastle.—It was decided to ask Miss Raine to remain at her post until after the examination, which will be in October.—Cheques were signed for £20 9s 0d, and a precept was ordered to be served on the overseers, for a rate of fivepence in the £, for the half-year.—It was decided that drawing should be one of the subjects for next year, in the higher standards, in keeping with the new code.—The Master's (Mr T. Duckworth) report showed the number of children on role to be 112 boys, 129 girls—Total 241. Average present, 208; average absent, 33; percentage, 86; average increase, 7. Cash to hand for school fees, £11 19s 4d; books sold, 16s 2d; total, £12 15s 6d; fees remitted, 3s 9d; arrears, £6 11s 5d.

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IONIE, THE PRIDE OF THE MILL.

A THRILLING LOVE STORY.

BY LAURA JEAN LIBBEY.

CHAPTER XXIII.

"Ah! leave me not! I love but thee;
Blessing or curse, whiche'er thou be."

"She has no heart," repeated Elaine. "They tell me she is betrothed to Mr. Lyons, who used to be a chum of yours at one time, Arthur, and I marvel at it, wondering how he could ever have broached the subject of love to a girl like that."

Arthur Rochester turned away, his face flushing, then paling strangely. "She has no heart!" How oddly the words struck him. He knew differently. He remembered that scene by the fountain—how they had watched the rippling waters kissed by the golden light of the stars—and standing there in the white, bright moonlight, with the perfume of the roses round them, how he had told Ionie the story of his love; how the colour had flamed into those dimpled cheeks as her eyes drooped from his as she admitted, with sweet, girlish hesitancy, that she loved him as dearly as he loved her.

That girl and *this* seemed two wholly different persons. That one, radiant with the light of love; this one, as Elaine had truly said, like a marble statue. What had so changed Ionie? It was a great puzzle to him. Was she happy with Lyons? He watched them narrowly, anxiously.

He had always believed that he could meet her calmly, should they ever by chance be thrown into society together. He found now that it had been a false delusion.

As he watched her gliding through the waltz with Lyons a frenzy of jealousy seemed to take possession of him. He felt like going up to them and tearing her from Lyons's clasp.

"I cannot bear it," said Ionie, coming up to Miss Carriscourt at last; "the lights and the music tire me."

"Come into the music room and rest quietly a few moments," suggested Miss Carriscourt; "the excitement has unnerved you."

"Shall I accompany you?" asked Lyons, eagerly.

"Only as far as the door," responded Ionie, coldly.

He offered her his arm, the other to her chaperon, and they left the glittering ball-room.

"There is no chance for quiet even here," exclaimed Ionie, disappointedly, observing a group at the further end of the room clustered about the piano.

As she turned away, some of the young girls came hurriedly forward.

"Don't go back just yet, Ionie," they cried. "Mr. Rochester is going to sing. Come up to the piano and hear him."

And glancing in that direction, in the midst of a group of young gentlemen and pretty girls, she saw Arthur.

"No, no!" panted Ionie. "I cannot. Let me go."

"Not until you have heard at least one song. You do not know what a musical treat it will be," they declared. "Mr. Rochester sings divinely. Then you shall go back to the ball-room if you like."

Very reluctantly Ionie allowed herself to be drawn toward the group surrounding Arthur. He had been declaring that he could not sing—he had too bad a cold; but when he saw Ionie approaching, with a strange expression on his handsome face, he changed his mind at once.

"Your persuasions have conquered me, young ladies," he said, in a low voice, seating himself at the instrument. "Now, what shall it be?"

"Your favourite song," chorused all the young girls in a breath.

He bowed.

"My favourite it shall be, then," he said.

A dead silence fell over the occupants of the music-room as Arthur ran his white, shapely fingers over the keys. Like the fluttering moth, that seems to insensibly feel the danger of the flame around which it hovers, yet unable to break away, Ionie drew nearer still to her old lover. The wind stirred among the crimson roses that tossed their fragrant treasures against the open window near where Ionie stood, and even the brilliant pendants of the chandeliers seemed to tremble as Arthur's deep, melodious voice thrilled through the room.

As the first lines fell from his impassioned lips, he could not resist the impulse to raise his eyes to Ionie's face; then, seeing she was pale as death, he lowered the white lids over his searching eyes, and never raised them again until he had finished, and these were the words he sang:

"I think of all thou art to me;
I dream of what thou canst not be;
My life is cursed with thoughts of thee,
For ever and for ever.

"My heart is full of grief and woe;
I see thy face where'er I go;
I would, alas! it were not so,
For ever and for ever.

"Perchance, if we had never met,
I had been spared this vain regret
This endless striving to forget,
For ever and for ever.

"Perchance if thou wert far away
Did I not see thee day by day
I might again be blithe and gay
For ever and for ever.

"Ah, no, I could not bear the pain
Of never seeing thee again!
I cling to thee with might and main,
For ever and for ever.

"Ah, leave me not! I love but thee.
Blessing or curse, whiche'er you be,
Oh, be as thou hast been to me,
For ever and for ever!"

"Delightful! Charming!" chorused the bevy of young girls, as the last note of the passionate refrain died away. "Won't you favour us with one more song, Mr. Rochester? Only one more," they persisted.

Ionie could not have uttered one word to have saved her life. Those thrilling words seemed to have dazed her senses, paralyzed her heart.

Like one in a dream, she stood leaning against the piano, even after he had finished. She dared not raise her eyes, for she felt, intuitively, that he was gazing straight into her face; and she knew, too, that every word had been intended for her.

"Was it meant in deep feeling, or—or sarcasm?" was the thought that whirled madly through her brain. If he had cared so much about her, and mourned losing her, he could never have consoled himself with another love.

Ah, it was cruel of him to awaken those old, bitter-sweet memories, now that all was over between them.

She must not listen to his songs. She must fly from the spell while the strength was hers to do it—fly to the protection of the man to whom she was betrothed, and whom she was to wed without love.

Ionie took one step forward, turning her white face away as she attempted to pass him with a haughty, careless, indifferent step. Then the room seemed to whirl around her, the chandelier and the floor to meet. She threw up her little white hands with a gasp, and would have fallen to the floor if Arthur Rochester had not sprang forward just in time to catch her in his arms.

"Oh, she has fainted," cried one of the young ladies, in alarm. "She said she did not feel well enough to come in, but I insisted. It's all my fault. I will go for Miss Carriscourt and Mr. Lyons at once."

Frank Lyons was near at hand. A few words briefly explained the sitation.

"Miss Lawrence has fainted!" he ejaculated, hurrying into the music room, and up to the startled group.

His face grew dark as night as he saw Arthur Rochester supporting her.

"Thank you for the assistance you have rendered her. I will relieve you of your care now, if you please," he said, ungraciously.

Insensibly Arthur Rochester's arm tightened around the slim figure, lying so still and white against his throbbing breast.

"I will relieve you of your burden," Frank Lyons repeated. "The young lady is my betrothed," he added, maliciously, advancing a step nearer.

Slowly Arthur unwound his arms from about her, and the pang that it cost him to resign her to another, only Heaven knew. He turned abruptly away, and Frank Lyons bore her quickly from the room, summoning Miss Carriscourt. They took her into the conservatory adjacent, where the clear, cool water from the splashing fountain, with which they laved her face, soon revived her.

They were discussing the advisability of returning home at once, when the lovely dark eyes flashed open wide, with a dazed, startled expression in them.

"Was it a dream?" she murmured.

"You fainted in the music-room, my dear," said Miss Carriscourt, anxiously. "What caused it, Ionie?"

"Oh, I—I—remember," she whispered, with a shuddering sob. "The room was too warm."

"You cannot deceive me," cried Lyons, bending down and fairly hissing the word in her ear. "It was the sight of your old lover's face. You would make me the laughing stock of New York society if this scene was repeated every time you and Rochester met."

Bitter tears sprang to the dark velvety eyes, and Miss Carriscourt discreetly turned away and walked to the further end of the conservatory.

"We were to have been married and you parted us," she sobbed. "Perhaps God can forgive you for it; I never can."

"I would not take it so much to heart if I were you," sneered Lyons. "It does not seem to have affected Rochester unhappily, for, if report speaks truly, he was scarcely

'Off with the old love before he was on with the new.'

He is soon to be married to the little beauty he brought here to-night."

How *dare* he taunt her with that. Even Frank Lyons had discovered, then, how little he had loved her, after all. The fact was galling to her pride.

"I decline to discuss the matter further," she answered, spiritedly. "Take me back to the ball-room, please."

At this moment Miss Carriscourt came up to them.

"You are quite sure you do not wish to go home, my dear?" she said, anxiously.

"What! leave the ball that was given in my honour?" she said. "It is not to be thought of."

Even Lyons was a little surprised at her sudden determination to remain. Frank Lyons escorted her back to the ball-room, and the first person they encountered near the door was Arthur Rochester.

With all the pride she could summon Ionie swept past him, and as he watched her in the dance, her cheeks flushed, her eyes sparkling, the crimson lips smiling, apparently the gayest of the gay, he turned away with a heavy sigh.

"Mad fool that I was!" he muttered to himself. "I believe that it was old memories that overcame her as she listened to my song. I see my folly now; it was but the closeness, the heat of the room, that caused her to faint."

His drive home with Elaine was rather constrained.

"Have you enjoyed the ball, Arthur?" she asked eagerly, laying a little white, jewelled hand timidly on his arm.

"No," he answered abruptly. "I wished you had not persuaded me into going. I hope I shall not be inveigled into going to any more."

"Not if you do not like them," returned Elaine, wistfully.

"I detest society," he declared, bitterly; "it is a sham and a delusion; it would turn the head of the best woman living, I believe, for the most part of it is composed of women as false as they are fair."

"What a sweeping assertion," laughed Elaine, good-naturedly; but in her own heart she was wondering why he spoke so bitterly of what heretofore he had always held up to highest praise.

"You shall go to no more balls with me if you do not care for them," she said, considerately; "but you must not take a dislike to garden parties. I have a plan in my head, Arthur. What do you say to giving a garden party in honour of Miss Lawrence?"

(*To be continued.*)

FUNERAL SERMON AT CONSETT.

On Sunday evening, in the Baptist Chapel, Consett, the Rev T. Durant (pastor) preached from I. Cor. xv. 26—"Death an enemy, death the last enemy, death doomed to destruction"—endeavouring to improve the decease of Mr C. Knifton, which had recently occurred. He was the second son of William Alfred and Mary A. Knifton, was born at Stannifordam, near Consett, and his life was spent in this neighbourhood. His schooldays were in the British Schools, the principal part under Mr G. T. Hyden, the present master. When about fourteen years of age, he entered, under Mr Geo. Ainsworth, the laboratory of the Consett Iron Company. He applied himself to studying those subjects the knowledge of which would or might be useful with such industry and success as to pass examinations with honours, securing certificates and gaining the medal of the Science and Art Department. These will be fondly and pardonably treasured. He purposed attending other examinations, but was prevented by failing strength, consequent upon the feeble action of the heart, and notwithstanding the means used, the heart became less able to perform those functions which are essential to life, until failing altogether he passed away. "We shall go to him, but he will not return to us." He was averse to unpleasantness and differences, preferring peaceableness and peace. He disliked evil-speaking. If he could not say good of others, he preferred saying nothing. He also disliked unreality and sham, desiring and aiming to be thorough and real. He avoided obtrusiveness and self-opinionativeness, willingly expressing, but there leaving an opinion, never parading any knowledge acquired. He could not endure disrespect for religion, accounting that too important and sacred. He was in the choir, and was never absent for any trivial reason, occupying his usual place when last present. Indeed if able and allowed to help in the service of praise that should be accounted an honour not to be treated lightly but praised. He was in the pastor's bible class, which is open to all who are willing to join. Although he made no public profession of religion, yet he never retired without in prayer acknowledging God and his dependence upon Him. Impressions of some time before seem never to have been effaced from his mind, and there is good ground for believing that he trusted in the only Saviour. His mind could not be better than thus expressed—"Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentence."

"All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of Him."

He was delivered from all misgiving, willing either to remain or depart, clinging to the all-sufficient Christ. Mr Durant earnestly pressed upon all, especially upon the young, the need of present faith in Jesus, even taking Him at and trusting Him to be as good as His word. The solemn service closed with singing the last hymn asked for by the deceased—"Lead, kindly light"—and the benediction.

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Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, September 22nd.—Before Councillor JAS. ANNANDALE.

NOT SO MUCH AS HE EXPECTED.

James Kirkwood, an elderly tramp, was charged by P.C. Banks with being drunk and creating a disturbance in Medomsley Road, Consett, at 11·15, on Saturday night.—Defendant denied the charge, and stated that he had walked from Haltwhistle through the wet. On reaching Consett he was not able to find lodgings.—Inspector Bennies attested that Kirkwood was tipsy when fetched into the police station.—Defendant, who feigned to be deaf, was told that he was fined 5s and costs.—Kirkwood: Or seven days? (Laughter).—The magistrate: Yes, with hard labour. (Laughter).—On being removed to the cells, defendant said he thought he would have got 14 days.

THE ALLEGED ROBBERY AT CONSETT.

Thomas McNally (28), a labourer, of Consett, was again brought up charged with stealing about 9s, mostly in copper, from a till of a beerhouse, in John Street, Consett, the property of Daniel Donnolly, on the 15th inst.—Margaret Salmon, a servant girl, deposed that about 10·30, on Monday morning, a gentleman came into the bar and called for two pints of beer. Afterwards, accused entered, and the man paid for another pint, tendering 2s in payment, and receiving 1s 9d "change." Witness had occasion to go into another room for a few minutes, and on returning she observed McNally marching out of the door carrying the bowl containing the money belonging to her master.—Sergeant Tones spoke to apprehending prisoner at the lodging-house on the following day, but he had not been able to recover the basin or the money.—Supt. Oliver asked for a remand till Thursday next, which was granted.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, Sept. 19th.—Before Dr C. ARNISON (chairman) and Rev Chancellor ESPIN.

DRUNKENNESS.

John Raw was charged by P.C. Buckle with being drunk at Stanhope, on the 8th inst., and was fined 7s 6d.

John Featherstone was accused by P.C. Parker of being drunk at St. John's Chapel, on the 8th inst.—Fined 7s 6d.

John Wall was summoned by P.C. Simpson for being inebriated at St. John's, on the 30th ult.—Fined 7s 6d.

John Greggs was charged by Sergt. Hardcastle with being drunk at St. John's, on the 30th ult.—Fined 7s 6d.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

William Thompson, of Middleton-in-Teesdale, was charged by P.C. Sedgewick with being drunk whilst in charge of a horse at the fair at St. John's Chapel, on the 30th ult.—Defendant did not appear, and was fined 20s and costs.

ASSAULT.

George Tanner, of Frosterley, was proceeded against by George Wearmouth, Stanhope, for assaulting him at Brown's House quarry, Frosterley, on the 30th ult.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

George Smith, chimney sweep, was charged by Miss Annie Cruddace with assaulting her in her own house at East Lane, Stanhope, on the evening of the 15th inst.—Fined 10s.

VAGRANCY.

John McArthur was charged by P.C. Parker with begging at Wearhead, on the 18th inst.—Fined 5s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

BREAKING INTO DWELLING-HOUSES.

William Peart was charged with breaking into the houses of William Featherstone and Jane Hewitson, of Stonedress, Weardale, during their absence while at St. John's Chapel fair, on the 30th August, and stealing the sum of £1 from each house. Defendant is not very sharp in intellect, and hardly responsible for his actions.—P.C. Parker deposed to finding 25s of it buried in a henhouse, and 9½d hid in the wall. He had purchased tobacco and paid off some debts he had contracted with the remainder of the money. Fined 20s and costs in each case.—His brother paid the penalties.

RINGING THE CHANGES.

Arthur Foreman, who travels with a waggon with potato chips at fairs, &c., was charged by John Edward Chapman, of Frosterley, with ringing the changes at Stanhope fair, on the 15th September.—Chapman deposed to purchasing a pennyworth of potato chips at defendant's stand under the Lime Tree Walk, on the evening in question, and gave him a two shilling piece, which he put in his pocket, and declined to give him any "change." Chapman asked him for his "change," when Foreman began to curse and swear at him, and threatened to strike him.—Robert Makepeace, cartman, of Sunderland, gave corroborative evidence, he being standing by at the time.—P.C. Johnson attested to being on duty, and happened to be standing near, and saw the transaction. He went up and told Foreman to give the young man his "change." He denied having received a two shilling piece, and said it was only a penny. He threatened to take him to the lock-up. Still he denied having the money, whereupon the officer took him to the police station, where he was searched, and the florin found upon him. He then offered to pay the 1s 11d due to Chapman.—The magistrates thought it a bad case, and committed defendant to gaol for a month without the option of a fine.—Foreman asked to be fined, as he had his horse and waggon to look after; but the Bench would not alter their decision.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE OCCASIONAL COURT.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.—Before Councillor JAMES ANNANDALE.

A ROW IN A LODGING-HOUSE.

Thomas McGuire, labourer, of Consett, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Green Street, Consett, on Monday night. He was further accused of wilfully breaking the windows of Michael Matthew's lodging-house at the same time, the damage being assessed at 5s.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs for drunkenness, the other charge being dismissed.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A YOUNG SPORTSMAN.

A well-dressed young fellow, named *Robert Press*, a miner, well-known in sporting circles at Dipton, was charged by John Stewart, also of Dipton, with larceny as baillie.—The evidence addressed showed that on the 16th August, prosecutor stripped himself to fight another man, and he handed his watch to defendant to hold for him. The battle, however, did not come off, and when Stewart began to look for Press he had disappeared. Prosecutor subsequently ascertained that defendant had disposed of the watch, which was valued at £2. He was apprehended on a warrant on Monday night.—Accused was remanded for a week, and was admitted to bail.

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LANCHESTER AND CONSETT.

The adjourned licensing meeting for the West Division of Chester Ward of the county of Durham was held yesterday (Thursday), at the Police-court, Lanchester, before Rev J. F. De Pledge (in the chair), Messrs Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, W. Trent, J. W. Walton-Wilson, W. B. Wan Mannington, and Frank Priestman. The business before the meeting was of a rather heavy nature, there being eight applications for fresh licenses.

APPLICATIONS FOR A FULL LICENSE.

Thomas Armstrong, innkeeper, Blackhall Mill, near Consett, applied for a full license in respect of a beer-house in his occupation, and owned by himself. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) supported the application.

Mr Armstrong said the population of the district was about 1,000. There was a licensed house at Blackhall Mill, but it was situated in the Hamsterley division. He had been frequently asked to supply refreshments, &c., and he produced a petition, signed by about 350 of the principal residents. There was the requisite stable and sleeping accommodation.

Mr Rowlinson (Newcastle) appeared on behalf of Mr Charlton Ward, as extensive property owner, to oppose the application. There was, he said, a fully-licensed house within 250 yards of *Mr Armstrong's* house, and a beer-house also but a short distance from his premises.

Replying to Mr Robinson, applicant said the petition was signed by managers of the colliery, farmers, and householders. He could verily that the signatures were genuine. There were no instances where the petition was signed by wives in the absence of their husbands. One man who owned a beer-house signed the memorial, and afterwards sent word for his name to be struck out, because it might do him harm. He had been convicted for seizing drink during prohibited hours, four or five years ago.

Mr Rowlinson also presented a memorial, signed by 206 inhabitants, against granting the proposed license. In addition thereto, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the district, held on the 10th inst., a resolution was passed to the effect that the meeting was unanimously of opinion that there were sufficient licensed houses for the sale of intoxicating drinks, and asking the magistrates at the adjourned sessions not to grant any further licenses for the sale of liquor.

Mr Charlton Ward said that he had been one of the principal movers in getting up the petition against the license.

Answering Mr Welford, Mr Ward said that at the public meeting, which was extensively advertised on the church doors, &c., there would only be about 30 or 40 persons present. He (Mr Ward) wanted to take Armstrong's house into custody, but that gentleman refused to let him have the place.

By Mr Robinson: He was a bootmaker, and did not want the premises for a beer-house. He understood the premises were either to let or sell.

OBJECTING APPLICATIONS.

Thomas Douglas Dryden, grocer and provision merchant, Front Street, Consett, applied for an "off" beer licenses for his shop in Front Street. Mr Wm. Ridley, Tow Law. Mr Wellford was for applicant, who said he had had a beer-house license, and now desired to supply beer for his extensive country trade. He produced a petition on behalf of Mr John Davison, property owner, and the Consett and District United Temperance Organisation.

In reply to Mr Robinson, Mr Dryden said that he did not reside on the premises where the place was so arranged that either himself or his brother could sleep in the house, where his manager now resided.

Mr Robinson said that he presented a petition signed by a large number of householders against the granting of the license. There were a great number of full licensed houses and beer-houses in the immediate vicinity, and there was no necessity for this license. Besides, his objection was that the applicant did not live on the premises was fatal.

Mr Granger (Magistrates' clerk) said No. 1 is not necessary.

Mr Robinson: Well, at other courts and in Newcastle, it has been laid down that it was fatal to the applicant if he did not reside upon the premises.

The Clerk: It is not legal.

Mr Welford observed that if it was necessary Mr Dryden could live on the premises.

Mr Robinson said that the township would be fully alive to the fact of the evils accruing from the granting of additional licenses.

John Chayter, grocer, West Stanley, asked the court for a similar license, Mr Welford supporting and Mr H. H. Oliver (Durham) opposing against the application.

The grounds of the objection were that there was an "off" beer license within 20 yards of Mr Chayter's shop; a full-licensed house within sixty yards, and also another full-licensed inn 200 yards away, besides a full-licensed club 250 yards away from the shop; moreover, there was an "off" licensed grocer's shop within 400 yards distance. There were also public houses within a radius of one-and-a-half mile and-a-half away.

Mr Oliver said that he represented the Beamish Branch of the Church Temperance Society, the West Stanley Primitive Methodist Workpeople Society, &c.

Mr Walter Sugg, retained for the public-house interest, also crowded at the week-ends that it was impossible to procure a glass of beer comfortably therein.

Mr Chayter said he had been in the trade seven years ago.

MORE "OFF" LICENSES.

Thomas Milner, chemist, Shakespeare Street, Consett, applied for a wine (off) license for his house, belonging to Mary Wilson, and Nathan Eladon, his agent. Mr Gunstone, Durham, supported. Mr Rowlinson, solicitor, Newcastle, opposed. Mr Welford appeared, and Mr Robinson represented the opponents of the application. It was stated that Mr Eladon held the licenses some four or five years ago, but when the name of the firm was changed, the taking out of the necessary license was overlooked.

It was argued, in opposition, that there were sufficient drinking facilities in the immediate vicinity.

FESTIVAL WINE COMPANIES.

Robert Boddie, landlord of the Britannia beer-house in Victoria Street, Consett, made application for a wine (on and off) license for premises belonging to Richard Murray, Benfieldside, spirit merchant.

Mr J. G. Murray, solicitor (Consett and Newcastle), spoke in favour of the application, and stated that dinners and luncheons were held in Boddie's house, and these were attended by temperate people, who did not wish to have any partook of port wine.

Mr Ruddick stated that he previously held a full license at Crook for two years without any complaint having preferred against him.

By Mr Robinson: The notice was posted inside his house on the 1st September.

Elizabeth Teasdale, beerhouse-keeper, Red Or Ins, Dipton, submitted a similar application to the Bench. Mr Murray appeared for the applicant, the house also belonging to Mr R. Murray.

Mrs Teasdale stated that her family had lived in that particular house for 30 years, and no charge was ever made against them. There were two clubs held at Teasdale's house, one numbering 142 members and the other 30. The bulk of these persons were temperate people, and after the business was transacted once a month, they had to adjourn elsewhere to procure a glass of wine, as the house was only licensed to sell beer.

Mr Robinson: Are Independent Order of Mechanics' gave evidence in support of the application before the Court.

Mr Murray declared that they were acting in the best interests of temperance in improving the present standard of licensed premises, and getting a better class of licensed houses.

Mr Robinson averred that it was most unfair of Mr Murray to say that the teetotallers wanted facilities for drinking wine. As a matter of fact the teetotallers did not drink wines or spirits whatever. The temperance party were quite capable of looking after their own interests, without the interference of Mr Murray.

Mr Murray retorted that there were different degrees of temperance and letal abstinence.

The Bench said it was not worth while arguing on the point.

THE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT.

Supt. Oliver said he wished to show the present state of the division in regard to beer licensed and beerhouses compared to what it was in 1870. During the past 12 years no new licenses for public-houses had been granted. During the past 12 years four new Houses had been granted, and in the same period three of these licenses had been discontinued, consequently there was only one more public-house at the present time than there was in 1870.

THE COURT'S DECISION.

The magistrates retired for a private consultation. On their return, the Chairman announced that they had given the various applications their careful consideration for a full license in the case of Thomas Armstrong, the justices refused to grant the full license, because there was a fully-licensed house and also a beer-house in the same village. Both these were quite sufficient for the population. In the case of Mrs Teasdale's application, they were thought that in the face of the present state of the liquor traffic, it would not be prudent to accept the application. The same remark applied to J. Chayter's case. As regards the applications of Thomas Milner and Nathan Eladon, these parties had complied with the necessary conditions, and the Bench had no objection to grant the wine (off) licenses. The applications of Robert Boddie and Elizabeth Appleton were also granted.

This concluded the business of the Licensing Session.

COLLIERY FATALITY AT BURNHOPE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24th—Before H. W. Ecroyd (Chairman), Esq., in the chair, and CHARLES E. HUNTER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

William Dawson, Pauperwith, 5s and costs; *William Appleby*, Harraton, 5s and costs; *Fred. Dent*, Chester-le-Street, 5s and costs; *Nathaniel Hall*, Burnopfield, 5s and costs; *James* and *Alfred Morpon*, Waldridge, 5s each; *Henry Brown*, Felton, 5s and costs; *Joseph Hutchinson*, Felton, 7s 6d and costs; *Thomas Felton*, 10s and costs; *George Appleby*, Felton, 7s 6d and costs; *Henry Chayter*, Chester-le-Street, 12s 6d and costs.

DRUNKENNESS AT COLLIERY BUILDS.

John Anderson pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking the special rules at Beamish Colliery, on the 10th inst.—Mr. D. W. Robson, manager of the colliery, said that defendant went past the caution board with a naked light. The lamp was not sealed or locked by the deputy, as required by the rules. They did not have any gas, but they had dangerous dust, but simply wished to vindicate the rules.—David Bates, the deputy, corroborated Mr Robson's statement, and added that defendant's lamp was locked.—Defendant said that he had locked the lamp himself.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

William Coulson was charged with a breach of the rules at the same colliery, and on the same date.—Mr Robson said that defendant had only worked for his present employers for three days, and when he was given a new lamp; that lamp had not been used by any other person since it left the shop, and the lampman found that one of the locking pins had removed, and a wooden peg put in its place. This rendered the lamp useless, and dangerous to everybody in the mine.—The Bench considered the offence a most serious one, and fined him 20s and costs.

Samuel Corbett was brought up on two charges of breaking the rules at Edmondsley Colliery, on the 10th inst.—Mr Jons D. Green, Sunderland, appeared for the owners of the colliery, and explained that the overman had, on the day named, occasion to reprove a lad in the mine. The lad told the overman that he would let him see that he could not learn him anything. Immediately afterwards defendant left the place where he was at work, and came up to the lad, using most abusive language to him, and obstructing him in his duty. This constituted a breach of rules 91 and 127.—Evidence in support of the charge was given, and defendant having pleaded guilty, the Bench imposed a fine of 5s 6d and costs in each case.

A DOG PANCIER.

Thomas Hart, pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing a full-licensed dog, the property of Stoker, at Eighton Banks, on the 10th inst.—Complainant said that defendant took the dog away from her house. She saw the dog in defendant's house next day. She would not take thirty shillings for the dog.—Geo. Stoker, husband of complainant, said he saw defendant with the dog, and told him he had stolen it. Defendant then struck complainant, and threw him over the wall.—John Thos. Scott, butcher, Birtley, corroborated.—Mr Hutchinson the dog was a house in Shield Row, where defendant told him it was to be found.—Fined 20s and costs.

AN ANTI-VACCINATOR.

Thomas Bartley, of Chester-le-Street, was charged with neglecting to have his child vaccinated.—Mr Joseph Armstrong, vaccination officer appointed by the Guardians, prosecuted in the case.—Defendant had declared he would not have the child vaccinated, and evidently carefully prepared address stated that he was opposed to vaccination, and would not have the child vaccinated.—Fined 10s and costs.

AN UNRULY STRANGER.

Frederick Mitchell, a stranger without any fixed abode, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Chester-le-Street, on the 20th inst., and also with assaulting P.C. Lindsay in the same street and place.—Fined 5s and costs for being drunk, and 10s and costs for assault, or 14 days.

A PUBLICAN'S CUSTOMER.

William Appleby, of Annfield Plain, was charged with refusing to quit the premises of John Middleton, at Claremont Bridge, on the 17th inst.—P.C. McKay, and Middleton himself, after hearing the evidence, defendants were fined 5s each and costs.

A SCHOLAR AND HIS WIFE.

Joseph Cuddy, was charged with threatening his wife Martha, at Brown's Buildings near Chester-le-Street, on the 21st inst.—Mr J. D. Green, Chester-le-Street, and Newcastle, appeared for complainant.—Fined 40s and costs; Crook Street and Durham defended.—Complainant stated that her husband did not work any, but stayed at home and made bowls which he sold occasionally.—Mr Hutchinson, on the day named, that he would throw a bowl at complainant's head, if she tended to be suffering from rheumatic pains, but she believed he was only joking. That was after a fight. She was afraid to live with him, and afraid of her life. After a number of witnesses had been heard, the Bench dismissed the case.

DAMAGE TO FARMERS' CROPS.

Thomas Mortimer and *Joseph Stewart*, boys, were fined 5s each and costs, for doing damage to Messrs Hedley's turnip crop.

Richard Aldern, *George Ripley*, *Albert Fenwick*, and *Thomas Mortimer*, were fined 5s each for doing damage to Ambrose Tiplady's wheat, at Flass-house Farm.

Fenwick Harrison pleaded guilty to a charge of damaging a door, the property of Messrs Hunter and Elliott, at Pelton, on the 20th inst.—Damage was assessed at 2s 6d.—Ordered to pay the damage, 5s fine, and the costs.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Thomas Rowan was charged with being drunk in the Black Bull, at Nettlesworth, on the 15th inst.—P.C. Johnson proved the charge, and defendant was fined 5s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Albert Davis did not appear to answer to a charge of fighting at Chester-le-Street, on the 9th August. He had been in custody, but was liberated upon his own recognisance on promising to appear.—A warrant for his arrest was ordered.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

CONSETT BRANCH.

On Wednesday evening, the annual meeting of the Consett branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the smaller hall of the Temperance Hall, Consett. There was a fair attendance of the leading friends and gentlemen of the district. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Jenkins, Consett Hall, who was supported by Rev R. George (secretary to the Metropolitan and District deputation from the parent society); A. Baillie (Tantyherbert), Benfieldside; Thos. Morgan (Baptist), Consett; Mr C. P. Douglas (secretary of the branch); and others. The meeting opened with the hymn, "The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord," after which Rev A. Baillie read a portion of God's Word, followed by prayer from Rev T. Morgan.

The CHAIRMAN apologised for the absence of Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, owing to having a service at the church, and said there would doubtless be reasons for the absence of several of the other influential members of the different denominations in the district.

Mr C. P. DOUGLAS next presented his report, which was as follows:—

Your committee have to report that the amount received as free contributions during the past year is £18 2s 3d, against £20 0s 6d received during the previous year, and £21 4s 1d in the last year before. The committee have to regret their loss by death of Mr Robert Forster, which had acted as their depositary for many years. The vacancy caused by his decease has been transferred to trade depots, kindly kept by Mr J. Cockburn at Consett, and by Mr J. G. Cookes at Blackhill. The committee have been in the habit of issuing boxes by deals of the Broadsheet. Though the free contributions for the past year are somewhat less than in previous years, it is hoped that this is only temporary, and that the deficiency will be more than made up in succeeding years. The thanks of the committee are due to the lady collectors for their active services on behalf of the society.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr J. L. GLENDINNE, the report was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN said he felt it a privilege to be present at that meeting in furtherance of the object they had in view. There was not much new he could say about the Bible Society. They were aware that it was through the instrumentality of a Welshman, ninety years ago, that the society was established. (Applause). As far back as he could remember, he had always been connected with the British and Foreign Bible Society. The efforts made on behalf of the society were not in vain. There was never a time when facilities were so great for distributing the Scriptures, &c. Those who diligently perused foreign telegrams would find a very marked change compared to 50 years ago. The opportunities offered to them at the present time were not known to the people then. The English bible had done a great deal in enlightening and evangelising the world. (Applause.) It was remarkable to see the number of volunteers from the different churches during the last few months, who had sacrificed their lives in order to take the glad tidings to the heathen nations. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to see the different denominations represented that evening. The Bible Society's aim was to send a single copy of the bible all over the world. (Laughter.)—Laughter, and when that had become so well acquainted with the Scriptures as that was the time when there were no day schools. Sunday-schools were placed in such a state, that the children were given instruction through their teachers. (Applause.) He was pleased to hear that there was gone a law to said that every child ought to go to school. (Laughter.)

Benfieldside, moved the re-appointment of the officers and committee for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Mr CHAIRMAN, and carried unanimously.

Rev R. GEORGE next addressed the meeting, and said he was very much indebted to them for the welcome they had given him. It was a great pleasure to meet a few bible Christian gentlemen. Reference had been made to the history of the society. They were indebted to the Welsh for the founding of the society which he represented, whose object was to send the Word of God throughout the length and breadth of the world. (Applause.) Since the society was established, it had been making good progress in the way of translating the scriptures, and sending out millions of copies of the Word of God into the various people had the notion that the work of translating the scriptures was worked out, but they would find that it was not the case, and it would take them a few centuries before they would even be able to compete with the supplying of the scriptures. Africa, owing to the services of the late Dr Livingstone and Mr H. M. Stanley—(Laughter)—had become a new sphere for them, and yet this country, with its millions of people, spoke many languages than they had ever been able to translate. (Applause.) The great difficulty there is the translation of the Word of God into which people had very little conception of. It took a book before him which was the gospel of St Luke in the language of Nupe, which was in West Africa. It was interesting to him because he could not read a word through, but yet there were some things in it which he could understand. For instance, he knew the figures did not believe in stories, and when the translator came across the word parable, he could not find a word to that effect in their language, and could only get it by describing it in English. There was not a section of the work of God but what was indebted to the Bible Society for taking the work of God into the different parts of the world. They had a Bible society in connection with the Wesleyans, and he could say with pleasure that they were doing a good work in connection with the society, and the Bible Society supplied him with the necessary bibles and books for the word of God. The call of the nations had been heard by the society, and they were trying to fulfil that call as far as it was in their power. (Applause.) They had a Bengalee version of colportage, and in different parts of the world they had glad tidings from door to door, and thousands of copies were being distributed in that way by the colportage. In closing, he (the speaker) said that the Bible Society claimed the credit of having practical sympathy of all Christian people, and he was pleased to see the idea that the society was wealthy. He could say this that they never spent sufficient money in order to carry out what they would like. They were willing to circulate the scriptures at cost price. In Russia, they were supplying the people with a book at 4d, which cost the society 8d. They had yearly losses on all bibles for Sunday-schools. They could sell them at 10d, but yet it cost the society far more. He hoped they would pray for the men who were engaged in this work, and that God's Word might be carried to every nation, and glorified. It was his prayer that God would help them to love His Word more, and feel more troubled them with many statistics, but he could say that the society was increasing and not making progress. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of thanks to Rev R. George for his able address.

This was seconded by Rev D. BAILLIE, and carried by acclamation.

Rev R. GEORGE acknowledged the compliment.

The CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of thanks to the treasurer, lady collectors, and secretary for their services.

Rev T. DURANT seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The collection having been taken, the proceedings terminated.

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TIT-BITS.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES OF RURAL.

The story is told of a certain Yorkshireman who had been a great smoker all his life, but who had discarded that vile atmosphere should be purchased with a fiery penny publication entitled "Tit-Bits and Scientific Feelings." His body was to be wrapped in tanned pig-skin and buried in the garden, the exact position upon a pile of charcoal. Laural branches were also to be planted, "because," said on returning from the church they were to throw open the windows and doors, and have a smoke all together, and all comers were welcome to help themselves as they pleased to the contents. It was a sore disappointment to the deceased to find that even before they were admitted, the servants of the establishment had decamped with everything that was portable.

These echoes of a curious character, who was named Hilkington, better known as Squire Hawley, were fully sorted out a few years ago at a place near Doncaster. He was befriended his own garden, and the grave of the dead cadet, which had been stricken down by rinderpest, was covered with a full tanning costume, including eyes and whip. He was also placed in a stone coffin specially designed of a ton, which had to be lowered into the grave by means of a crane. The coffin was filled with bricks, and has a "consumption of a Silver" placed upon it, and his head were laid the bodies of his favourite dog and cat. All the property he left to his groom, on condition that these funeral arrangements were duly carried out. Needless to say, the groom, however, did not suffer the bequest to himself.

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The committee are endeavouring to erect additional lamps as soon as the funds will allow. They find no difficulty in getting the people to persist the payment of a much higher wage at present. The lamplighter was elected at the corner of his establishment a new lamp, which gives a brilliant illumination.

The workmen of Conway are apparently also in favour of the lighting scheme, and it is suggested to contribute 1½ per month towards carrying the proposals of Murphy and Grey into effect. Already the sum of £8 is in hand, while £2 2s has been given by the tradesmen of the place. Further subscriptions are likely to be forthcoming from various influential gentlemen.

Additional water taps have been added i then rows for the workmen's accommodation, and the Front Street, which was in a most dilapidated condition, has been repaired. At that parishioners remains to complete the improvements but the committee are hopeful of the pleasure and convenience of the inhabitants.

The necessary railway accommodation is required for the transit of travellers coming to and from the old city of Durham. It would be a great boon. However sanguine it may appear to the eyes of the public, it is certain that the present prospect of it taking place at present. The company apparently are not enamoured with the addition of additional trains will give sufficient return, without which they are undertaking any more liberal project than to pay railway facilities, and the people do not care to travel from home on business except they can return at leisure. Passengers are frequently taken by rail and compelled to remain there the night under churchyard. His reason for desiring to be entombed in stone above ground was his unwillingness to be eaten by his relatives—a process he considered inevitable if buried in the earth. He was buried in the manner described, and, as he feared, the dunks would eat the worms, and my lord's body would eat the dunks.

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"Now, Mr Kelly," continued my examiner, "you must—"

"I must," said I, "I am free to confess, I have erred in not having put down my income at double the sum I settle once of my tithe. I have returned myself as having £500 from having the honour of singing, in fact, I have not five hundred pence of certain income."

"Pray, sir," said the commissioner, "what is your occupation?—the Opera House?"

"Yes, sir," said I, "but there is not even a nominal salary attached to that office. I perform for love, not profit."

"I tell you, Mr. Kelly," continued my examiner, "you must—"

"I advertise to teach," answered I, "but I have no pupils."

"I think," observed another gentleman, who had not spoken before, "you are an oratorio and concert singer?"

"Sometimes I am quite right, sir," said I, to my new antagonist; "and I have an engagement."

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SERIOUS FIRE FATALITY AT CONSETT.

On Tuesday, a fire caused by the breaking of a bottle of nitric acid occurred at the works of Swan's, Morley Street, Newcastle. The attendants, after trying to put the fire out, had to send for the fire brigade, when the firemen descended into the cellar. It is supposed there was an explosion and they retreated, but missed Engineer Murphy, who was found again and dragged him out, and he was taken to the barracks in an unconscious condition. He died about three hours afterwards. He had been in the Consett Temple Brigade eight years, and formerly was in London. He leaves a wife and family. Several other firemen are still ill. It will be remembered that about ten years ago Murphy was instrumental in rescuing at this same place through the accidental breaking of a boiler. A fund accountabhe that Superintendent Matthews and Fireman Bowey, although still suffering from inhaling the fumes, are making progress towards recovery. The rest of the unfortunate men are coming round. The inquest was opened on Wednesday night, before Cuthbert Hoyle, and was adjourned for a fortnight. The deceased was buried on Saturday. Already the yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Whitegate Cemetery in the presence of an enormous attendance, the funeral being attended by full brigade honours. A fund has been opened for the relief of the widow and families of the deceased. The Mayor (Mr T. Bell) has promised to call a town's meeting.

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