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CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION.—Trained NURSE WANTED.—The Guardians of this Union invite applications for the appointment of a Trained Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Chester-le-Street, to take day and night duty as required; salary £30 per annum with rations, apartments, washing, and £2 10s. in lieu of uniform. Candidates must be single women, or widows without encumbrance. The appointment will be made subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and to the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Acts, 1896-7. Applications must be made upon forms, which may be obtained at my Office, or will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, and to be returned not later than the 19th September next. Canvassing the Guardians will disqualify applicants.—By order, ROBT. DICKINSON, Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Chester-le-Street, August 31st, 1900. 698i

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION.—PORTER and PORTERESS WANTED. — The Guardians of this Union invite applications for the appointment of a Man and his Wife as Porter and Porteress at the Workhouse, Chester-le-Street; salary of Porter, £25 per annum, and Porteress, £15 per annum, with turnished apartments, rations, and washing. Candidates must be man and wife without encumbrance. The person appointed as Porter, will have to perform the duties of his office as prescribed by the orders of the Local Government Board, and, in addition, he will be required to superintend and (when necessary) assist in the labour of the male inmates and vagrants, for which a fair knowledge of gardening is desirable, also assist the master and act under his direction. The duties of the Porteress will be to superintend and manage the washing and laundry work, attend to the female vagrants, and generally to act under the direction of the matron. The salary and emoluments are subject to the deductions prescribed by the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Workhouse Master. Applications, stating age and previous occupation, accompanied by copies of not more than three recent testimonials, to be forwarded to me, the undersigned, not later than Wednesday, the 19th September next. Canvassing the Guardians will be held a disqualification. — By order, ROBERT DICKINSON, Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Chester-le-Street, August 31st, 1900. 697i

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## FOOTBALL MATCHES.

### WEST PELTON GREEN TREE ROVERS v. HOBSON UNITED.

Played at Hobson. Hobson won the toss, and choose to kick with the wind, which was blowing in terrific force. Play was in favour of the visitors for the first ten minutes, then the home team came down in good style, and the centre put in a good shot, but the visitors' goalkeeper saved. Midfield play followed until the visitors' centre ran the whole length of the field and scored, but the referee disallowed it because of another player charging the custodian. Half-time—Hobson, two goals; West Pelton, nil. The second half opened in an exciting fashion, the visitors rushing into the home goal and nearly scoring. Hobson indulged in a lot of kicking out, but the visitors were not to be denied, and hovered around the home goal until they scored. From the kick-off the Rovers went down to the home goal, and Hobson had all their work cut out to save their goal. They would do nothing but kick out, and the game ended as under—

Hobson United ......... Two goals
West Pelton ............ One goal

### BYER MOOR v. RUTHERFORD COLLEGE CASUALS.

The football season was opened at Byer Moor on Saturday last, when the "Moorites" encountered their old rivals, Rutherford College, in friendly combat, in the presence of a fair assemblage. Following the annual custom at Byer Moor, Miss Violet Saunders, eldest daughter of the worthy and respected president of the home club, kicked off when the teams had answered the roll call in the following order:—

Byer Moor—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, W. H. Liddle and S. Lamb; half-backs, J. Laton, H. Bennett, and M. Bell; forwards, G. E. Weedy, J. Welch, G. Nicholls, E. Leighton, and H. Lowe.

College—Goal, F. Findlay; backs, Pashley and Stokoe; half-backs, Bertram, Grant, and Chicken; forwards, Gibson, Weidner, Munro, Cusworth, and Burdon.

Weedy winning the toss set his men to play with old "boreas" at their backs (the latter gentleman blowing pretty strongly.) With the elements in their favour the home team at once pressed, but Grant and Stokoe defended well, and assisted by erratic shooting kept their goal intact for a while. Getting hold of the ball Cusworth passed to Munro, who gave to Gibson, the latter initiating a combined run, ending in the downfall of the home goal. Nettled at this the home men pressed, and ere five minutes had lapsed equalised, and keeping up the pressure quickly put on other two. Half-time—

Byer Moor ........... Three goals
College .................. One goal

Resuming, Welch started, and although Weedy took well up the effort came to nought, a goal kick resulting Gibson got hold, and with his colleagues went in the direction of Hodgson's timber-yard, but found stumbling-blocks in Liddle and Lamb, who kicked strongly in face of the wind. Not for half-an-hour were the College able to add to their score, and although Leighton and Lowe tried hard they could not get past Findlay, lack of practice and training telling its tale, and the College with a long shot in the last five minutes equalised, and the game ended—

Byer Moor ........... Three goals
Rutherford College...Three goals
Referee, Mr G. Reed.

## FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By "OFF-SIDE."

Although the season opened on Saturday last, there were very few matches of importance played, and many of the teams will not really get to work until this week-end. Stanley made a start with their Alliance fixtures, entertaining St. Peter's Albion, who made such a poor show last season. The Saints have evidently effected an improvement in their ranks, as they were only beaten by a goal. Both sides will probably do better with more practice.

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Those near neighbours, Leadgate Park and Consett Swifts, wisely decided to open with a friendly, as several of the players had never touched a ball from last season until Saturday. Both teams could have been strengthened, and probably will be before the next game. A very satisfactory attendance watched the game, which was a fairly good one under the circumstances. The home men undoubtedly had the balance of play, and eventually won by two goals to nil. A feature of the match was the extremely friendly manner in which it was contested, and I have rarely witnessed a more pleasant encounter. There were certainly a few fouls given, but they were in every case the outcome of very trivial breaches of the rules.

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The Stanley and District Junior League gives promise of being a strong body, and if it is properly conducted there is no reason why it should not flourish. A number of clubs have joined, and it is to be hoped that they will all honourably fulfil their fixtures. The great drawback in Junior Leagues is that if a club loses a few games at the outset, the members are apt to become disheartened and throw up the sponge. They should remember that there must be some losers, and their defeats should spur them on to try and improve their play. Mr. Shepherd has worked very hard on behalf of this new body, and he has most appropriately been elected the first secretary of the league.

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We are promised an exciting game at Pelton Fell on Saturday, when Birtley and Consett Swifts meet to play off their game for the gold medals of the North-West Durham Alliance. Only those players eligible last season will be able to take part in the match, and this will prevent any new men being specially engaged for the game. It it anticipated that there will be a large "gate," as Pelton Fell, I understand, are well supported, and there are certain to be big companies present from Consett and the Birtley district. The Alliance secretary (Mr E. Batey) has charge of the arrangements.

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The disbandment of the Tyneside League has caused our local clubs who were members of that body to look out for some other competition. Annfield Plain and Consett Swifts have joined the Chester-le-Street and District League, and Allendale Park (who intend to rely solely upon local talent) are, I believe, applying for admittance to the Derwent Valley League.

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Speaking of the Derwent Valley League reminds me that that body seems to be in a very backward position. Several of the clubs have not yet arranged their fixtures, the main reason for this being that the meeting for fixing up games was called for a Saturday night—a most inconvenient time for many of the representatives. I really don't see what reason there was to depart from the usual meeting night, viz., Tuesday, which suits almost everybody better than a Saturday. I suppose that the deciding games between Hamsterley, Byer Moor, and Annfield Plain will be played this month, but I have heard no particulars respecting them.

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Two new-comers to the Derwent Valley League are Malton Colliery and Stanley Rangers. Mr Storey (the Malton secretary) informed me recently that he expects to have a team that will justify his club's admission to the league, and I sincerely hope that this will be the case. They will play, I understand, at Lanchester, which will be much more convenient to visiting teams than Malton. I know nothing respecting Stanley, but presume that they will have a fairly decent team, or else they would not have put in an application for membership. I trust that they may do well.

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I don't intend to say much regarding Saturday's game at Leadgate, as many of the players were obviously short of practice. Consett tried new players in W. Pyle (of the Lintz) and Higgins, who, I was told, hails from the land of haggis. The Park had only one new hand, viz., Hymers, of Tow Law, who will probably assist Leadgate during the season. The weather was beautifully fine, and between £5 and £6 was taken at the gate. The Park won by two goals to nil, and I think that all who saw the game will admit that they deserved their victory. But for Graham's splendid goalkeeping the win would have been more decisive. The other parts of the defence also stuck in well, and Eustace on the left wing was very tricky. The new-comers did not do anything startling, but it is not fair to judge them on one game. They might improve as the season goes on. Atkinson deserves a word of praise, as he worked very hard.

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The veteran Dan Cartmell was in the home goal, but he had but little to do. Temple played a useful game at back, but Laidler was erratic—evidently the result of no practice. The halves did fairly and Grant was about the best of the forwards, but the less said respecting their shooting the better. That usually reliable shot, Ben Cook, could not locate the goal-posts at any price, and nearly all the front rank missed easy chances. Perhaps the best effort of the day was Bowes' goal, this being the result of a really fine shot that gave Graham no chance at all. The players on both sides are to be congratulated upon the sportsmanlike manner in which the game was contested. There was not a single unpleasant incident. This is at it should be.

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I should like to impress upon correspondents to let me have their communications as soon as ever they possibly can. This gives me a better chance of dealing with them, and ensures their publication. We cannot guarantee the insertion of reports of games received after Tuesday. Secretaries and others would do well to bear this in mind. We shall continue to insert teams for the following Saturday's matches free of charge, but these must reach us not later than Wednesday afternoon.

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Tommy Wilson, the well-known centre half of Leadgate Park, had a narrow escape last week. He was following his employment as a hewer when a stone fell from the roof and caught his leg. The stone fell with such force that it broke in two by contact with Wilson's leg. The latter naturally sustained rather a nasty injury by the blow, but seeing that the Park had some difficulty in raising a team on Saturday he pluckily turned out against the Swifts.

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It looks as if Tow Law are not going to figure very prominently this season. They have lost several of their players, and this was perhaps one of the reasons that caused them to sever their connection with the Northern League. Nattrass (the goalkeeper) has gone to Crook, and the same club have also secured Iley and Snowball. Hymers intends to play for Leadgate Park, for whom he was a signed Alliance player all last season, but never turned out. The old hill-top club thus seems likely to play only a moderate part in football during the present campaign. Their support has dropped off a lot, the club not being anything like so liberally supported as it used to be.

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I notice that the officials of the North-West Durham Alliance have decided to turn the competition into a Charity Cup affair. This, I think, is a wise decision, and will cause much more interest to be taken in the competition. It will serve as a nice wind-up to the season, and at the same time will do something for charitable purposes. I don't think that Mr Atherley-Jones (the generous donor of the handsome cup) will raise any objection to the proposal. It was agreed to invite the following eight clubs to take part:—Birtley, Consett Swifts, Allendale Park, Stanley, Leadgate Park, Bearpark, Annfield Plain, and Pelton Fell, with Ouston as reserve. If all the clubs accept the invitation this would make a very interesting competition, and produce some good games.

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Mat. Walton, the stalwart Allendale Park back, played a trial game for Sunderland A on Saturday week, and I understand that he has been "signed on," so that his display must have been satisfactory. Mat is both a good cricketer and footballer, and a very decent young fellow to boot. I wish him well, and feel sure that he will do credit to the district.

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I notice that Mr J. E. Taylor has resigned the secretaryship of the Hamsterley club, but has accepted a seat on the committee. I am glad of this latter fact, as few people are aware of how hard Mr Taylor has worked for the Hamsterley club, which owes most of its success to the late secretary. Mr T. A. Richardson succeeds Mr Taylor.

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I am informed that an effort is to be made to resuscitate the Consett United club, and with this object a meeting is called for Saturday night first, at Mr Murphy's, Stirling Castle Inn, Consett. It is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance of old players and friends of the club.

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On Monday last I received a visit from my esteemed friend, Mr Jas. Kelsey, the founder and first secretary of the Consett and District Junior League. Mr Kelsey has now been in London some fourteen months, and is on a visit to his friends. I am pleased to hear that he is doing well. Mr Kelsey was greatly disappointed at the collapse of the Junior League, in which naturally he took a deep interest. His many friends will wish him as much success as I do.

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Following his usual custom, the Byer Moor secretary arranged with Rutherford College Casuals to open the season at Byer Moor. The visitors last season headed the Newcastle and District League, being the recipients of gold medals for their performance, and this season, with a vastly stronger team, will figure in the Northern Combination. The position of Byer Moor in the Derwent Valley League last season, as the reader knows, was virtually champions, and it is pleasing to note that, like Tennyson's work, the players seem "to go on for ever." The loyalty of the Byer Moor members to their colours deserves the support they get, and although G. Bennett and Spoor were absent, they will appear in the league games, which, by the way, will be opened with Blackhill on Saturday. The home club are fortunate in its support, especially from the fair and gentle sex of the district, and keeping up the occasion, the Moor secretary led one of its best lady supporters in Miss Saunders to open the season by kicking off, and in doing so she was warmly welcomed, and expressed the hope that both Byer Moor and Rutherford College would top their respective leagues at the end of the season; and I feel sure the players on both sides will endeavour to fulfil her hopes.

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Coming to the game, one cannot expect too much from the opening game; but sufficient was seen to show that before long the Moorites will be as strong, if not stronger, than ever. A glance at such players' names as Liddle, John Layton, Leighton, Lamb, Weedy, Lowe, &c., will speak for itself. The Collegians, although lighter than the home lads, were very fast, and once set going took some pulling up, both the burly backs of the Moor being hard pressed at times. After the game tea was provided by Mrs McElduff (another warm lady supporter), and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, the Collegians returning to the "canny toon" well pleased with their outing.

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It is rather curious that whereas Tommy Wilson had a narrow escape from serious injury (as mentioned above) last week, his brother Joe (the Park captain) underwent a similar experience on Monday. A lot of loose coal came away from the roof where Joe was working, and he was very lucky to escape with bruises to his face and legs. It is a great wonder that none of his limbs were broken. The popular chairman of the Park committee (Dr Henley) hopes to have Wilson fit to play at Hebburn on Saturday in the opening Alliance game of the Park.

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### MEMS.

Byer Moor opened with a draw on Saturday.
Had they been fully represented the result might have been different.
G. Bennett and Spoor, otherwise engaged, were absent.
By the way, another Moor player has gone and done it.
In other words, Harry Lowe, the outside left, has during the close season led to the altar his blushing bride.
"For better or for worse"—the former, I hope.
Here's luck to thee and thine, Harry.
During the close season Byer Moor's fair kicker-off, Miss Saunders, has passed safely through a dangerous illness of 15 weeks' duration.
But, like the secretary last season, she is living in hopes of better days to come.
It is to be hoped that Byer Moor will have no more such mishaps this season.
As they declare they have had more than "nuff."
Graham kept a fine goal for the Swifts on Saturday.
It was expected that Callaghan would turn out for Consett.
The old Jarrow man could not have improved upon Graham's display.
The shooting of the Park was dead off.
And caused much ironical cheering from the Swifts' supporters.
Jimmy Grant had the honour of opening the scoring for the season.
But Bowes' goal was the best effort of the day.
The game was a real friendly in every sense of the word.
There being scarcely a wrong word throughout.
The Park Juniors opened in good style at the Plain.
Beating Cement Rangers in the Stanley Junior League by four goals to nil.
On Saturday first the junior championship of Leadgate will be decided.
When the United and Park Juniors meet on the latter's ground.
A big gathering of junior supporters is expected.
Stanley booked a couple of points at their first attempt.
However, the Saints gave them a good game.
The visit of Willington on Saturday first should excite some interest.
The Alliance champions are in good form.

## CRICKET

### NORTH DURHAM LEAGUE. JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. LEADGATE TEMPERANCE v. FELLING TEMPERANCE II.

VICTORY OF LEADGATE.

On Saturday, on the beautifully appointed ground of the Wearmouth Colliery club at Sunderland, Leadgate Temperance (winners of the West Division) and Felling Temperance II. (winners of the East Division) played off for the championship. Monaghan won the toss for Leadgate, and after mature consideration decided to put his opponents in, as the wicket was rather soft. Monaghan opened the bowling to Parkinson, who scored a four and a two off the first over. After this there was a dreadful collapse, Kennedy being irresistible, and none of the Felling men could do anything with his deliveries. The wickets fell as follows:—1 for 6, 2 for 8, 3 for 12, 4 for 13, 5 for 13, 6 for 13, 7 for 15, 8 for 15, 9 for 16, and 10 for 16. The bowling analysis worked out as under:—

| | O. | M.O. | R. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. Monaghan | 10 | 6 | 10 | 1 |
| J. Kennedy | 9 | 4 | 6 | 7 |

Of course the Leadgate men entered upon their task with the greatest confidence, and had the game won ere the third wicket fell. Little put together a useful 18, whilst Kennedy scored 16 in four hits (four fours), and other members of the team added useful contributions. A capital stand was made for the last wicket between Wilson and Monaghan, who increased the score by 22, the total amounting to 91. Wilson carried out his bat for an extremely well-played 24, whilst Monaghan only just missed double figures. It was a decisive win for Leadgate. At the conclusion of the game, Mrs. Parrington (wife of the manager of Wearmouth Colliery) presented massive silver medals (with gold centres) to the visitors, and complimented them upon their well-won success. Appended are the scores:—

FELLING.

| | |
|---|---|
| T. Parkinson run out | 7 |
| G. Huntley c Newton b Kennedy | 0 |
| T. Morris b Kennedy | 2 |
| J. Lowes c Snaith b Kennedy | 3 |
| G. Bruce b Monaghan | 1 |
| R. Armstrong lbw. b Kennedy | 0 |
| J. Duncan run out | 0 |
| E. Dodds lbw. b Kennedy | 1 |
| A. Jubb b Kennedy | 0 |
| A. Wise not out | 1 |
| J. Smith c Newton b Kennedy | 0 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total | 16 |

LEADGATE.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Snaith b Lowes | 6 |
| A. Little c and b Duncan | 18 |
| T. Greener c and b Lowes | 7 |
| J. Birtley c and b Lowes | 6 |
| J. Kennedy c Parkinson b Duncan | 16 |
| J. Newton b Duncan | 4 |
| G. Milburn c Wise b Duncan | 0 |
| J. Wilson not out | 24 |
| T. Atkinson b Duncan | 0 |
| W. Brown c and b Duncan | 0 |
| J. Monaghan c Wise b Morris | 9 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total | 91 |

### RYTON v. WINLATON.

Played at Ryton, and resulted in a victory for Winlaton. Scores:—

WINLATON.

| | |
|---|---|
| H. Tebb b Teasdale | 3 |
| J. H. Reed lbw. b Teasdale | 25 |
| S. Bowran b Teasdale | 0 |
| B. Tebb c Pearson b W. Clark | 0 |
| F. Laidler b Teasdale | 1 |
| G. Forster c Hindmarch b R. W. Clark | 4 |
| T. Armstrong c Hindmarch b R. W. Clark | 4 |
| G. Raisbeck b R. W. Clark | 15 |
| T. Turner b R. W. Clark | 0 |
| Rowe b R. W. Clark | 2 |
| J. Blenkinsop not out | 2 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 57 |

RYTON.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Pearson b Blenkinsop | 0 |
| S. Hindmarch b H. Tebb | 3 |
| R. W. Clark c Reed b Blenkinsop | 6 |
| A. Humble b H. Tebb | 3 |
| B. Cowings run out | 3 |
| W. Hudson b Blenkinsop | 1 |
| T. Graham b H. Tebb | 1 |
| J. Callender b Blenkinsop | 4 |
| Clark not out | 1 |
| Teasdale b H. Tebb | 1 |
| Extras | 2 |
| Total | 25 |

## THE WEARDALE LEAD COMPANY.

Mr. G. Richardson presided over the ordinary general meeting of this company, held in London. In moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the Chairman said that had it not been for the balance of £3,260 to the debit of the revenue account, the Board would have been able to pay a dividend. On the whole, the statement of accounts might be considered satisfactory. There had been a net profit on the year's working of £7,339. The motion for the adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. G. Hopkins, and carried unanimously.—An extraordinary general meeting was subsequently held for the purpose of passing resolutions to wind up the company, and to register a new company under the same name as before, having a nominal capital of £100,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £1 each, every shareholder to be entitled to receive two shares of £1 each in the new company, 15s being credited as paid-up thereon in respect of each share held by him in the original company. In proposing the resolutions, the Chairman said that by the new arrangement liability for future calls would be reduced from £1 15s to 10s per old share. The resolutions were duly seconded and carried unanimously.


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## LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

### KYO.

The Kyo and Annfield Plain Floral and Horticultural Society held its 32nd annual exhibition of plants, flowers, fruit, and vegetables, in the Co-operative Field, Annfield Plain, on Saturday afternoon, under very auspicious circumstances. The weather was remarkably fine, and people attended from far and near to see the magnificent display of garden, hothouse, and farm productions. The secretarial duties were again placed in the able hands of Messrs Geo. Bullerwell and Geo. Pace, who, as usual, discharged them in a most efficient manner. The difficult task of adjudication was entrusted to Messrs A. Trotter, Blackhill, and A. Watt, Snow's Green, Shotley Bridge, in the floral and vegetable department; and Messrs Geo. Hobson, Harperley, and D. Armstrong, Annfield Plain, in the farmers' class. It is satisfactory to note that they discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. In the open class some fine exhibits were on view, and amongst the flowers were some fine specimens of foliage plants. The prizes for dahlias, asters, and marigolds were fairly evenly divided amongst the members of the society, who all appeared to have been anxious to secure the highest honours. The fruit too was of a high order, and the huge bunches of grapes, plates of apples, pears, and gooseberries, were very tempting to the eye. But by far the most popular part of the show was the vegetable section. Here some really excellent productions might be seen, and it was pleasing to see the great amount of interest taken in the garden work to secure such excellent results. The farmers' class was not behindhand, for there were some good potatoes and turnips on the benches, and competition in that class was rather keen. Following up his usual custom, Mr. Geo. Hobson, the genial president of the society, gave several prizes for turnips amongst the farmers, and for the best bread as an encouragement to the ladies who take an interest in this important part of the household duties. The district class in all its parts was well filled, and competition was in consequence keen. The following is a list of awards:—

OPEN CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, dissimilar—J. Ball, Pontop Pike, 1; Robt. Charlton, Benfieldside, 2; E. Smailes, Leadgate, 3.
Foliage plants—E. Smailes, 1; G. Bullerwell, East Kyo, 2; G. Hobson, Harperley, 3.
Ferns, dissimilar—E. Smailes, 1; J. Robson, Syke View, 2; R. Charlton, 3.
Fuchsias—E. Smailes, 1; S. Coombe, Leadgate, 2.
Zonale geraniums, dissimilar—S. Coombe, 1; E. Smailes, 2; J. Robson, 3.
Begonias—R. Ball, 1; J. Robson, 2; Robt. Johnson, Lousia Cottages, 3.
Pot of liliums—R. Ball, 1; R. Charlton, 2.
Petunia, double—R. Ball, 1; J. Robson, 2.
Petunia, single—E. Smailes, 1; no name, 2; S. Coombe, 3.
Lilium auratum—R. Ball, 1; J. Bell, Dipton, 2.
Two coleus, dissimilar—J. Summerbell, Kyo Burn, 1; J. Robson, 2; R. Charlton, 3.
Plants in pots, in bloom, not to exceed six inches, dissimilar—R. Charlton, 1; J. Robson, 2.
Four stands of cut flowers—R. Charlton, 1; Sam Smith, South Pontop, 2; J. Summerbell, 3.
Six dahlias, dissimilar—G. Ledger, Dipton, 1; M. McGowan, Leadgate, 2; S. Coombe, 3.
Six blooms of roses, three dissimilar—Geo. Ledger, Dipton, 1; R. Charlton, 2; E. Smailes, 3.
Six French asters, three dissimilar—J. Summerbell, 1; Geo. Ledger, 2; S. Coombe, 3.
Six globe asters, three dissimilar—J. Summerbell, 1; R. Ball, 2; M. Armstrong, Leadgate, 3.
Six African marigolds—M. Armstrong, 1; G. Ledger, 2; W. McGowan, 3.
Six show pansies, three dissimilar—J. Summerbell, 1; M. Armstrong, 2.
Six fancy pansies—J. Ward, Moor Pit, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Six picotees, three dissimilar—G. Ledger, 1.
Six carnations, three dissimilar—R. Johnson, Load Cottages, 1; G. Ledger, 2; S. Coombe, 3.
Lady' spray—J. Summerbell, 1; R. Charlton, 2.
Button-hole—R. Charlton, 1; J. Bell, 2; R. Ball, 3.
Six trusses of geraniums, 3 dissimilar—J. Bell, 1; W. McGowan, 2; R. Charlton, 3.

FRUIT.

Basket of fruit—J. Summerbell, 1.
Bunch of grapes—J. Bell, 1; W. McGowan, 2; J. Summerbell, 3.
Six apples—G. Ledger, 1; Geo. Pace, Jubilee Terrace, 2; J. Gibson, South Pontop, 3.
Twelve heaviest gooseberries—J. Summerbell, 1; J. Robson, 2.
Pint of black currants—Geo. Hobson, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, white or coloured—J. Summerbell, 1; Wm. McGowan, 2; S. Boswell, Hare Law, 3.
Six round potatoes—Wm. McGowan, 1; R. Charlton, 2; J. Armstrong, 3.
Six onions—R. Charlton, 1; J. Summerbell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3.
Three carrots—J. Scott, Kyo, 1; R. Ball, 2; R. Charlton, 3.
Three parsnips—J. Ward, Moor Pit, 1; W. Stoker, Catchgate, 2; S. Smith, 3.
Two heads of celery, not to be cut—J. Armstrong, 1; Jas. Dunn, Kyo, 2; J. Bell, 3.
Three roots of beet, not to be cut—J. Ward, 1; S. Smith, 2; J. Summerbell, 3.
Three turnips—J. Gibson, 1; Robt. Charlton, 2; W. Stoker, 3.
Two cauliflowers—S. Smith, 1; Wm. McGowan, 2; R. Ball, 3.
Two cucumbers—Geo. Burton, Annfield Plain, 1; J. Summerbell, 2; Robt. Johnson, 3.
Twelve eschalots—J. Gibson, 1; S. Boswell, 2.
Early cabbage—Geo. Hobson, 1; R. Johnson, 2.
Six tomatoes—J. Armstrong, 1; R. Smith, 2; R. Charlton, 3.
Collection of vegetables, six varieties, two of a kind—S. Smith, 1; S. Boswell, 2; R. Charlton, 3; J. Armstrong, 4.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Six ears of white wheat—Jas. Watson, 1.
Six ears of red wheat—Geo. Garraway, 1; Mrs Murray, 2.
Six ears of early oats—J. Watson, 1; G. Garraway, 2.
Six ears of tartar oats—T. H. Smith, 1.
Three swede turnips—Geo. Garraway, 1; J. Hornsby, 2.
Three yellow turnips—J. Hornsby, 1; J. Watson, 2.
Three white turnips—J. Watson, 1; John Hornsby, 2.
Six red potatoes—Mrs. Murray, 1; John Lumley, 2.
Six white potatoes—John Lumley, 1; Geo. Garraway, 2.
Six hen eggs—Mrs. Murray, 1; Jas. McDougal, 2.
Pound of butter (salted)—Mrs. Murray, 1 (a tea pot, given by Mrs. Hobson, Harperley); Miss Peadon, 2 (5s given by Mrs. Jos. Irwin, Oxhill); Miss Mitchinson, 3 (5s, given by the Society).

Mr. GEO. HOBSON'S PRIZES.

Three purple top swedes, "Hobson's Choice"—J. Watson, 1, 5s; T. H. Smith, 2.
Green top swedes—J. Watson, 1, 5s; W. H. Maddison, 2.
Green top yellows—J. Hornsby, 1, 5s.
Three white, green, or grey stone—J. Hornsby, 1, 5s; T. H. Smith, 2.
Best white loaf made from Hobson's extra supers—J. G. Lawson, 1, 5s; Miss Peadon, 2.
Brown loaf made from Hobson's extra supers—Mrs. Murray, 1, 5s; Miss Peadon, 2.

DISTRICT CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, dissimilar—R. Johnson, 1; J. Summerbell, 2; Geo. Hobson, 3.
Light fuchsia—J. Robson, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Dark fuchsia—J. Robson, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Pot of liliums—R. Ball, 1.
Zonale in pot, single—J. Robson, 1.
Tricolour geranium—J. Robson, 1.
Two balsams, dissimilar—J. Summerbell, 1; J. Robson, 2.
Two coleus, dissimilar—R. Johnson, 1; J. Robson, 2; no number, 3.
Window plant—Miss Bullerwell, 1 (man's shirt given by Mr. J. Jobes, Annfield Plain; W. Stoker, 2; Jas. Stobbart, 3.
Four stands of hardy annuals—J. Summerbell, 1; R. Ball, 2; M. Ross, 3.
Three cut roses—R. Ball, 1; J. Summerbell, 2; Geo. Hobson, 3.
Three dahlias, dissimilar—R. Ball; J. Summerbell, 2; F. K. Armour, 3.
Six French asters—J. Summerbell 1; J. Bell, 2; M. Ross, 3.
Six globe asters—J. Summerbell, 1; R. Ball, 2.
Six French marigolds—J. Lawson, 1; R. Ball, 2; J. Summerbell, 3.
Six African marigolds—R. Ball, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Six show pansies—J. Ward, 1; J. Summerbell, 2.
Six fancy pansies—J. Ward, 1; S. Smith, 2; R. Ball, 3.
Six picotees—Geo. Ledger, 1; T. Bowes, 2.
Six carnations—Geo. Ledger, 1; Wm. Porter, Carrmyers, 2.
Four stands of cut flowers—S. Smith, 1 (dress piece given by Mr. R. Carmichael, Newcastle); R. Ball, 2 (5s given by Mr. Wright, Annfield Plain); Jas. Stobbart, South Pontop, 3.

FRUIT.

Six pears—Wm. Porter, Carrmyers, 1; Geo. Hobson, 2.
Six kitchen apples—Geo. Hobson, 1; Geo. Dorman, 2; Wm. Porter, Carrmyers, 3.
Pint of gooseberries—J. Summerbell, 1; Geo. Ledger, 2; Geo. Hobson, 3.
Pint of red currants—J. Summerbell, 1; Geo. Hobson, 2; G. Ledger, 3.
Pint of black currants—Geo. Hobson, 1.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, white—J. Armstrong, 1; S. Boswell, 2.
Six kidney potatoes, coloured—J. Summerbell, 1; R. Ball, 2; S. Boswell, 3.
Six round potatoes, white—J. Armstrong, 1; R. Ball, 2; J. Summerbell, 3.
Six round potatoes, coloured—J. Summerbell, 1; R. Ball, 2; S. Boswell, 3.
Two cucumbers—T. Bowes, 1; Geo. Burton, 2; S. Smith, 3.
Three early turnips—D. Ball, 1; J. Gibson, 2; M. Ross, 3.
Six onions, shown as grown—J. Armstrong, 1.
Three leeks—J. Gibson, 1 (12s given by the Society); J. G. Jackson, 2 (12s given by the Society); J. Armstrong, 3 (10s given by the Society); W. Stoker, 4 (7s 6d given by Mr. Geo. Bullerwell); S. Smith, 5 (5s given by Mr. Wm. Eltringham); Geo. Green, 6 (5s given by Mr. Jos. Irwin); R. Mitchell, 7 (2s 6d given by Mr. Jos. Lumley); Robt. Robson, 8 (5s given by Mr. Jos. Lumley); Jno. Bell, 9 (bottle of whiskey given by Mr. Jos. Lumley); T. Bowes, 10 (2s 6d given by Mr. Geo. Bullerwell); John Champney, 11 (5s given by the Society); M. Foster, 12 (5s given by the Society); Geo. Burton, 13 (5s given by the Society).
Three carrots—J. Scott, 1; J. Ward, 2; G. Burton, 3.
Three parsnips—J. Ward, 1 (2s 6d given by Mr. J. Lumley); W. Stoker, 2; R. Ball, 3.
Two heads of celery—J. Armstrong, 1 (boy's suit, value 5s, given by Mr C. F. Cooke, Annfield Plain); J. Bell, 2; W. Stoker, 3.
Two early cabbages—Geo. Hobson, 1; Geo. Burton, 2.
Red cabbage—J. Summerbell, 1 (table cloth given by Mr. J. Hyslop, Annfield House, Loud); no number, 2.
Savoy cabbage—J. Armstrong, 1; S. Boswell, 2.
One cauliflower—S. Boswell, 1; G. Ledger, 2; M. Ross, 3, 1st prize 1lb tea given by Messrs J. Hall and Partners, Annfield Plain.
Twelve pods of beans—Geo. Ledger, 1; J. Ward, 2; Geo. Hobson, 3, 1st prize briar pipe and case given by Mr. T. Wilson, hairdresser, Annfield Plain.
Twelve pods of peas—S. Boswell, 1; R. Ball, 2; Geo. Ledger, 3.
Four tomatoes—J. Armstrong, 1 (pair of women's slippers given by Mrs. Eltringham, Annfield Plain).
Twelve eschalots—Geo. Pace, 1; Wm. Stoker, 2; S. Boswell, 3.
Three stalks of rhubarb—M. Bafee, 1 (2s 6d given by Mr. J. Lumley, Annfield Plain); S. Boswell, 2; J. Lumley, 3.
Collection of vegetables, six varieties not named, none to be grown under glass—J. Armstrong, 1 (black and white photo, value 20s, 12 x 10 inches framed, of the person who wins the prize by Mr. J. Smith, Annfield Plain); M. Bates, 2 (10s 6d given by Mr. J. Storey, Catchgate); R. Ball, 3 (ham given by Mr. Walter Willson, Annfield Plain); W. Stoker, 4 (copper kettle given by Mr. Norman, Annfield Plain); S. Boswell, 5 (2 lbs. tea given by Messrs. J. Hall and Partners, Annfield Plain); J. Ward, 6 (two gladioli bulbs given by Mr. W. J. Watson, Newcastle).
Collection of vegetables, three varieties not named, none to be grown under glass—J. Gibson, 1 (gothic alarm clock given by Mr. W. Carmichael, Houghton-le-Spring); S. Smith, 2 (leg of mutton given by Mr. J. J. Robinson, Catchgate); J. Bell, 3 (table cloth given by Mr. J. Hyslop, Loud); J. Dunn, 4 (7 lbs. of beef given by Mr. T. Parker, Annfield Plain); G. Pace, 5 (garden spade given by Mr. A. Brown, Annfield Plain); R. Robson, 6 (kettle stand given by Mr. J. Ramsay, Dipton).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

OPEN TO DISTRICT CLASS.

Six dahlia blooms, dissimilar—J. Summerbell, 1 (8 named chrysanthemum plants, 4 named chrysanthemum plants given by Mr. A. Trotter, Blackhill).
Bouquet of flowers—R. Johnson, 1, 5s; J. Summerbell, 2, 2s; F. Armour, 3, 1s 6d (given by Messrs J. Lumley and W. Cuthbert, Annfield Plain).
Three roots of beet—J. Ward, 1 (pipe given by Mr. G. Hobson, Harperley.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Three swedes, three yellow turnips, and six potatoes—T. H. Smith, 1 (steel gripe given by Mr. Greiley, Catchgate); John Hornsby, 2.
Three yellow turnips—Jos. Watson, 1 (bottle of rum given by Mr. M. Handy, Catchgate.)
Best white loaf—Geo. Johnson, 1, 5s; M. K. Irwin, 2 (2s 6d given by Mrs. J. Lumley, Annfield Plain).
Brown loaf—J. G. Lawson, 1; M. E. Bullerwell, 2 (given by Mrs. Aitchinson, Annfield Plain).
Six heaviest hen's eggs—W. J. Buckton, 1 (bottle of rum given by Mr. J. Lumley, Annfield Plain); J. Scott, 2.

EXTRA SPECIALS.

One petunia—R. Johnson, 1; J. Robson, 2.
One begonia—R. Johnson, 1.
Two parsnips, two carrots, and two leeks—M. Bates, 1; W. Stoker, 2; S. Smith, 3.

£20 FOOT HANDICAP (153 Entries).—1st Round—Heat 1—J. Maughan, Beamish, 22½. Heat 2—T. Forsyth, Consett, 23½. Heat 3—J. Watson, St. John's Chapel, 23½. Heat 4—J. Eggleston, Spennymoor, 20½. Heat 5—G. Pearson, Chester-le-Street, 22. Heat 6—J. Brown, Woodhouses, 23½. Heat 7—A. Gray, Byker, 20½. Heat 8—J. Johnson, Blackhill, 20. Heat 9—J. Lindsay, Ferryhill, 22. Heat 10—Declared void. Heat 11—M. Green, Spennymoor, 22½. Heat 12—J. Jennings, Blackhill, 23½. Heat 13—J. West, Dipton, 23½. Heat 14—S. Preick, Blackhill, 23½. Heat 15—W. Ord, Leadgate, 21. Heat 16—Declared void. Heat 17—A. Flynn, Annfield Plain, 23½. Heat 18—R. Jayes, Hare Law, 17½. Heat 19—R. Rogers, Leadgate, 23. Heat 20—T. Hood, Gateshead, 22. Heat 21—P. Alder, Elswick, 20½. Heat 22—H. Wood, Blackhill, 20. Heat 23—G. Gilbertson, Shotley Bridge, 23½. Heat 24—R. Armstrong, Stanley, 19½. Heat 25—J. Jones, Blackhill, 23½. Heat 26—T. Stephenson, Blackhill, 23½. The second round was postponed, owing to darkness, until Wednesday night. The handicapper and pistol-firer was Mr. P. Small, Leadgate, and Mr. J. Haggerston, Leadgate, acted as judge.

QUOIT HANDICAP—Green, Annfield Plain, 1; Rostron, South Moor, 2; Carry, Dipton, 3.

### WHICKHAM.

The picturesque and quiet little village of Whickham has already an enviable reputation for its garden produce; and that reputation will certainly be enhanced by the large and splendid display of flowers, fruit, and vegetables that was to be found on Saturday, at the annual show under the auspices of the Whickham Floral and Horticultural Society. Such a display afforded evidence of the skill and care that local horticulturists take in the cultivation of flowers and vegetables, the like of which are not seen in many villages. The village lends itself admirably to the pursuits of the gardener, being almost free from smoke and other injurious influences, which militate against the growth of flowers, etc. This alone does not ensure perfection; but while it is of valuable assistance to the horticulturist, we must give credit to the local garden enthusiasts for the high state of efficiency they are able to reach in the cultivation of garden produce. The name of Whickham must be associated with big gooseberries, chaste flowers, fine vegetables, and palatable fruit, for which the district has acquired fame near and far. Despite the fact that other flower shows were being held at Winlaton, Birtley, Scotswood, Throckley, and Kyo, all of which places are located within a radius of a few miles, an exceedingly large number of people visited the show. The morning was of a dull and threatening description, obnoxious-looking clouds covering the sky, and it was feared that the success of the show would be marred by unpropitious weather. Fortunately, as the day advanced the meteorological conditions became more favourable, and when the show was thrown open to the public beautiful weather prevailed. A better site upon which to hold such an exhibition could not have been obtained than the picturesque grounds of Whickham Park, and the society owe their deepest thanks to Miss Brown for having so generously placed the park at their disposal. This, however, is not to be wondered at when we take into consideration the keen interest that this lady takes in the society's welfare, whose objects are to encourage and improve the cultivation of fruit, flowers, and vegetables, and to diffuse a knowledge of horticulture generally. If we may take Saturday's display as a criterion, the aims of the society have been accomplished, for a better all-round collection never graced the benches of any local show. In each section the exhibits were of superlative excellence, and came in for much admiration. Pot plants were one of the features of the show, and constituted a grand display. In the section for cut flowers keen competition prevailed, consequently the exhibits were of a high order. The collections of fruit to be found fully maintained the district's reputation as a fruit-growing centre, some splendid samples being placed upon the tables. Gooseberries again upheld their notoriety for gigantic proportions, and considering the lateness of the season the sixⁱ berries that Mr. H. Harm secured the leading award with were a credit to the exhibitor and the district. Assuredly he must have exercised no small amount of care to save such splendid samples from the destruction of the recent heavy rains. Those shown by Mr. Ridley Batey and Mr. Spoor were also good, and likewise of massive proportions. A couple of bunches of grapes, for which Mr. L. Richardson was awarded first prize, came in for a fair share of admiration; while the brambles placed on view showed what a little garden cultivation can do. As was to be expected the department for vegetables was well represented, and contained many high-class exhibits, the most noteworthy being potatoes, which were of exceedingly large dimensions. Since the poultry section was first added to the exhibition a marked improvement is perceptible, and local fanciers are to be congratulated upon the exhibits which were to be found in this department. Taking everything into consideration the show can be described as one of the best held under the aegis of the society, who have every reason to be satisfied with the conditions under which Saturday's show was held. In addition to the show there were many supplementary attractions provided, including a programme of sport. The sports were decided as follows:—Pony leaping (open)—1, T. Hall's (Newburn), Omega; 2, N. Glass's Polly; 3, T. Easey's (Whickham), Dazzle. Pony leaping (confined)—1, N. Glass's Polly; 2, T. Easey's Dazzle; 3, T. Easey's Florence. Pony race—J. Brown, Houghton-le-Spring, 1; Stephen Freick, Dipton, 2; E. Taylor, Whickham, 3.

A programme of music was discoursed by the South Derwent Brass Band, which was much appreciated. The arrangements were in the hands of a strong committee, with Mr. E. Taylor as secretary. The day's proceedings were brought to a successful termination by a largely-attended ball.

Appended is a list of the prize winners:—

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Two fuchsias—1, F. Jackson.
One fuchsia, dissimilar—1, E. Taylor; 2, F. Jackson; 3, L. Richardson.
Two liliums—1, L. Richardson; 2, no name; 3, F. Jackson.
Three ferns, any sort.—1, F. Jackson; 2, L. Richardson.
Two adiantimus—1, F. Jackson; 2, L. Richardson.
Three miscellaneous—1, L. Richardson; 2, F. Jackson.
Two zonale pelargoniums dissimilar—1, L. Richardson; 2, F. Jackson.
Two petunias, dissimilar—1, L. Richardson; 2, F. Jackson.
Three begonias dissimilar—1, C. Slater; 2, F. Jackson; 3, L. Richardson.
Two coleus, dissimilar—1, E. Taylor; 2, L. Richardson; 3, F. Jackson.
Two coxcombs—1, L. Richardson; 2, J. Hare; 3, F. Jackson.
Six table plants—1, L. Richardson; 2, E. Taylor; 3, F. Jackson.
Pot rose—1, Ridley Batey; 2, H. Liddle.

CUT FLOWERS.

Six spikes of phloxes, three dissimilar—1, T. Battensby; 2, F. Jackson; 3, R. Batey.
Twelve dahlias (show), three dissimilar—1, T. Battensby; 2, J. Cawthorn.
Twelve dahlias (cactus), three dissimilar—1, T. Battensby; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, L. Richardson.
Twelve dahlias (pompone), three dissimilar—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, T. Battensby.
Twelve roses, four dissimilar—1, D. Scott; 2, J. Mowbray; 3, R. Batey.
Six gladioli—1, T. Battensby; 2, C. Slater.
Six bunches herbaceous flowers—1, T. Battensby; 2, L. Richardson.
Twelve globe asters, three dissimilar—1, J. Cawthorn.
Twelve feathered asters—1, L. Richardson; 2, J. Cawthorn; 3, R. Laybourn.
Six French marigolds—1, W. Scott; 2, F. Jackson; 3, S. Bulmer.
Twelve pansies (show), three dissimilar—1, J. Cawthorn.
Twelve pansies (fancy), three dissimilar—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, R. Cook.
Six bunches of carnations or picotees (three to the bunch), three dissimilar—1, J. Gardner, jun; 2, T. Battensby; 3, W. Scott.
Six trusses geraniums—1, L. Richardson; 2, C. Slater; 3, F. Jackson.
Six stocks in bottles, three dissimilar—1, R. Laybourn.
Epergne of flowers—1, L. Richardson; 2, E. Taylor; 3, D. Marshall.
Hand bouquet—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, F. Jackson.
One lady's spray—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, L. Richardson; 3, F. Jackson.
Three button-holes—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, L. Richardson; 3, R. Batey.
Six bunches hardy annuals (twelve to the bunch)—1, L. Richardson; 2, J. Hare.
Six bottles antirrhinums (three to the bottle), three dissimilar—1, T. B. Mowbray; 2, D. Scott.

FRUIT.

Six plums—1, S. Ismay; 2, E. Angus; 3, L. Richardson.
Two bunches grapes, any sort—1, L. Richardson.
Six peaches—1, L. Richardson; 2, T. Barras.
One dish cherries—1, L. Richardson; 2, J. Turnbull; 3, J. Hare.
Six kitchen apples—1, L. Richardson; 2, R. Angus; 3, A. Laybourn.
Six kitchen apples—1, F. Jackson; 2, R. Surtees; 3, S. Spoor.
Six pears—1, E. Taylor; 2, J. Turnbull; 3, E. Spencer.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1, H. Harm; 2, D. Batey; 3, J. D. Spoor.
One pint red currants—1, L. Richardson.
One pint black currants—1, J. Wright; 2, J. Hare; 3, L. Richardson.
One pint white currants—1, L. Richardson; 2, H. Harm; 3, J. Turnbull.
One pint rasps—1, J. Turnbull; 2, J. Hare; 3, L. Richardson.
One gill brambles—1, J. Mowbray; 2, T. Smiles; 3, E. Y. Spencer.
One pint of flavoured gooseberries—1, J. Turnbull; 2, J. Hare; 3, L. Richardson.

VEGETABLES.

Two tomatoes, plants in pots or boxes—1, no name; 2, J. Hare.
Two vegetable marrows—1, F. Starr; 2, J. Turnbull; 3, R. Ismay.
Twelve tomatoes—1, R. Ismay; 2, L. Richardson; 3, Mrs Glass.
Twelve pods of peas—1, E. Angus; 2, W. Harm; 3, H. Harm.
Six pods of beans (broad)—1, L. Richardson; 2, R. Ismay; 3, J. Harm.
Six pods of beans (kidney)—1, R. Ismay; 2, C. Slater; 3, R. Laybourn.
Three turnips—1, J. W. Spoor.
Three parsnips—1, R. Ismay; 2, F. Jackson.
Three roots of beet (to be cut)—1, J. Laybourn; 2, R. Hedley; 3, A. Thompson.
Three heads of celery—1, R. Hedley; 2, A. Thompson; 3, A. Laybourn.
Six onions—1, R. Hedley; 2, R. Cook.
Six kidney potatoes (red)—1, T. B. Mowbray; 2, L. Richardson; 3, F. Jackson.
Six kidney potatoes (white)—1, W. Scott; 2, T. B. Mowbray; 3, L. Richardson.
Two cucumbers—1, L. Richardson; 2, J. Turnbull; 3, F. Starr.
Six round potatoes (red)—1, R. Y. Spencer; 2, R. Hedley; 3, W. Fletcher.
Six round potatoes (white)—1, R. Hedley; 2, A. Laybourn; 3, F. Jackson.
Two cauliflowers—1, T. B. Mowbray; 2, A. Thompson; 3, T. Bulmer.
One early cabbage—1, W. Scott; 2, R. Hedley; 3, M. Burn.
One savoy cabbage—1, R. Ismay; 2, E. Angus; 3, J. Robinson.
One red cabbage—1, R. Hedley; 2, W. Harm; 3, J. Mowbray.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1 and 2, E. Y. Spencer; 3, J. W. Spoor.
Tray of vegetables, six varieties, three of a kind—1, F. Jackson; 2, L. Richardson; 3, R. Ismay.

AMATEUR CLASS.

CUT FLOWERS.

Six dahlias (cactus)—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, C. Slater; 3, R. Cook.
Six dahlias (pompone)—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, J. Mowbray.
Six roses, three dissimilar—1, M. Burn; 2, J. Laybourn.
Six feathered asters—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, R. Laybourn.
Six asters (globe)—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, T. B. Mowbray.
Six French marigolds—1, H. Scott; 2, C. Slater.
Six pansies (show)—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, R. Laybourn.
Six pansies (fancy)—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, R. Laybourn.
Six border carnations, three dissimilar—1, W. M. Scott; 2, R. Laybourn.
Six bunches cut flowers, by children under 12 years of age—1, R. Laybourn; 2, Miss Gardner.

VEGETABLES.

Two cucumbers—1, R. Laybourn.
Two vegetable marrows—1, A. Thompson; 2, R. Laybourn.
Six kidney beans, six broad beans, six pods of beans—1, A. Thompson; 2, J. Gardner.
Six each round and kidney potatoes (white)—1, J. Mowbray; 2, J. Laybourn.
Six kidney potatoes (red)—1, R. Laybourn.
Six round potatoes (red)—1, R. Laybourn.
Six onions—1, R. Batey; 2, J. Laybourn.
Two cauliflowers—1, A. Thompson; 2, J. Laybourn.
Three heads of celery—1, A. Thompson; 2, J. Laybourn.
Three carrots—1, J. Laybourn; 2, J. Cawthorn.
Three turnips—1, W. Harm; 2, H. Harm.
Three roots of beet (to be cut)—1, H. Harm; 2, J. Laybourn.
Three parsnips—1, A. Thompson; 2, H. Harm.
One red cabbage—1, no name; 2, R. Laybourn.
One summer cabbage—1, A. Thompson; 2, W. Scott.
One savoy cabbage—1, G. Heighton.
Three leeks—1, J. Newton; 2, A. Thompson; 3, R. Laybourn.
Three stalks of rhubarb—1, E. Y. Spencer; 2, J. Gardner.
Six eschalots—1, J. Cawthorn; 2, J. Mowbray.

FRUIT.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1, J. Laybourn; 2, H. Harm.
One pint red currants—1, R. Batey.
One pint white currants—1, H. Harm.
One pint rasps—1, T. B. Mowbray; 2, W. Scott.
One gill of brambles—1, T. Smiles; 2, T. B. Mowbray.
Six kitchen apples—1, T. B. Mowbray; 2, J. Gardner.

FARMERS' AND DAIRY CLASS.

Three bunches wheat, barley, oats (12 to the bunch)—1, L. Richardson.
Six turnips, three swedes three white—1, J. Gardner; 2, R. Batey; 3, M. Burn.
Six hen eggs (white)—1, J. Gardner, jun.; 2, E. Taylor; 3, L. Richardson.
Half-round sweet butter—1, J. Gardner, jun.
Honey—1, T. B. Mowbray; 2, L. Richardson.
Butter—1, Miss Bowman; 2, Miss A. Wright; 3, W. Robinson.
Brown bread—1, Mrs T. Newton; 2, Mrs Hindmarch; 3, [illegible] Laybourn.
White bread—1, Miss M. Gardner; 2, Mrs L. Richardson; 3, Mrs Collin.

POULTRY.

Those who took prizes in the poultry section were — Messrs W. Marshall, R. Shield, C. Slater, T. Harrison, W. Fletcher, G. H. Heighton, J. Henderson, G. C. Harrison, T. Wardle, J. E. Taylor, G. Cadwallader, T. Mitchelson, E. Elliott, Miss J. A. Sharpe, and Mrs M. Spoor.

### BIRTLEY.

On Saturday afternoon the fifth annual exhibition of live stock was held in a field near Birtley Station, when £170 were offered in prizes. The weather being fine, there was a large attendance, and Saturday's was said to be the best show ever held by the in prizes. The weather being fine, there also in advance of last year's. The refreshments were supplied by the members of the Birtley Primitive Methodist Society, who catered in an admirable style for the wants of the people. After the judges had finished their arduous task a dinner was provided at Mr. G. Lovett's, Station Hotel, Birtley, which was done full justice to. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr. Jas. H. Rippon, the Bank, Birtley, than whom a more obliging and capable official the committee could hardly find. In the evening a grand ball was held in the marquee on the show ground, at which the Pelton Fell String Band was in attendance. During the day the Abbot Memorial School Band was in attendance, and rendered a good programme under the leadership of Mr. Jas Robinson. All the classes were well filled, especially the dog section, amongst which were some excellent animals. The following is a list of awards:—

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

(OPEN TO ALL.)

Judges—Mrs. Stoker and Mrs. Dr. Wilson for Classes 13 to 26, and 31, 32, and 33; Messrs. Auton, Parish, and Milbank for Classes 1, 2, 4, and 5; Mr. Henry Walton for Class 3; Mr. Fitzjames White, Gateshead, for Classes 6 to 12 inclusive; Mr. W. Porter, Low Fell, for Classes 27, 28, 29 and 30.
Useful or ornamental article in steel, brass, or iron—1, Jas. Soulsby, Philadelphia; 2, Hugh Oliver, Darlington; 3, Messrs. G. H. Hutchinson and Archer Darlington.
Ornamental article, not classed—1, Jas. R. Todd, Darlington; 2, James Greaves, Birtley; 3, Miss A. Davidson, Newfield.
Fretwork, hand-made—1, J. Todner, Ryhope; 2, J. E. Weightman, Chester-le-Street; 3, B. Chilley, Newfield.
Painting in oils, figures—1, Mr. C. E. Hodgson, Middlesbrough; 2, James Greaves; 3, Mrs. Hayton, Durham.
Painting in oils, landscapes—1, James Greaves; 2, Mrs. Hayton; 3, Miss Jane Crighton, Chester-le-Street.
Painting in oils, other than figures or landscapes—1, C. E. Hodgson; 2, James Greaves; 3, Miss E. Humble, Fatfield.
Water colour painting—1, C. E. Hodgson; 2, John Morris, Lanchley Moor; 3, Mrs. Hayton.
Drawing, shaded with crayons—1, James Greaves; 2, William Richardson, Ouston; 3, C. E. Hodgson.
Specimen of photograph by amateur, ½-plate—1, Rupert W. Chapman, Darlington; 2, Thos. Kennedy, Eighton Banks; 3, R. Haigh, Birtley.
Specimen of photograph by amateur, ½-plate—1, and special, R. Wilson, jun., Birtley; 2, J. P. Ainslie; 3, Rupert W. Chapman.
Quilted quilt—1 and special, Mrs. J. Burrows, Hetton-le-Hole; 2, Mrs. J. Pigg, Leadgate.
Needlework or tapestry cushion—1 and special, Miss Carr, Sunderland; 2, Miss Dora Grey, Birtley; 3, Mrs. Forster, Oxhill.
Toilet mats, set of 5—1 and special, Mrs. Hayton; 2, Mrs. Robinson, Stanley; 3, Miss E. Humble, Fatfield.
Crewel work in silk or cotton—1, Miss Nancie Wilson, Birtley; 2, Mrs. Hayton; 3, Miss Carrie Waddell, Sunderland.
Six button-holes on calico—1, Mrs. G. Middleton, East Pontop; 2, Mrs. E. A. Rumney, Catchgate.
Sample of starched and ironed linen, must have been worn, collar and pair of cuffs—1 and 2, Mrs. Shipley, Chester-le-Street; 3, Mrs. Hayton.
Plain stockings—1, Miss H. Blacklock; 2, Mrs. G. H. Hutchinson, Darlington; 3, Mrs. A. Garbutt.
Fancy crochet edging, ½-yard—1, Miss New, Durham; 2, Miss Waddell; 3, Mrs. Robinson.
Loaf of white bread—1, Mrs. Hutchinson; 2, Miss New; 3, Mrs. Dixon, Kibblesworth.
Loaf of brown bread—1, Mrs. Hutchinson; 2, Mrs. J. G. Atkinson; 3, Mrs. Smith, Birtley.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Writing for scholars in Standards I and II.—1, Frank Tribble, Birtley; 2, Henry Potter, Birtley; 3, John J. Carr, Birtley.
Writing for scholars in Standards III. and IV.—1, T. Gillan, Birtley; 2, M. Jopling, Birtley; 3, Theresa Carr, Birtley.
Writing for scholars in Standards V., VI., and VII.—1, Emma Pringle, Birtley; 2, James Stables, Pelton School; 3, W. Young, Pelton School.
Freehand—1, Thomas Eddy; 2, Thomas Hall; 3, Thomas G. Little.

PIGEONS.

First Prize, 10s; Second Prize, 5s; Third Prize, 2s 6d. Judge—Mr. George Hall, Sunderland.
Dragon, cock or hen—1, Lishman and Anderson, Blaydon Bank; 2, W. Bell; 3, Master Charles Sharpe Magee.
Antwerp, cock or hen—1, John Sherrington, Kibblesworth; 2, R. Brewis, jun., Gateshead; 3, Master Charles Sharpe Magee.
Show homer, cock—1 and special, Thomas Foster, Fatfield; Bank Top; 2, H. Graves, Plumpton, Penrith; 3, James Boyd.
Show homer, hen—1, Thomas Foster; 2, Thos. Dunn, Fatfield; 3, Wm. Thompson.
Show homer, bred in 1900, to wear Conference ring—1, W. Woodhouse; 2, Thomas Foster; 3, H. Graves.
Likeliest bird for flying, cock—1 and 2, G. Humble, Birtley; 3, John Davison, Birtley.
Likeliest bird for flying, hen—1, W. Stephenson; 2, Joseph Stobbs; 3, Master Charles Sharpe Magee.
Likeliest bird for flying, cock, bred in 1900—1 and special, G. Cadwallader; 2, John Davison; 3, G. Bolam.
Tumbler, cock or hen (any variety)—1, special, and best in show, Master C. Sharpe Magee; 2, Rose and Webster, Ripon; 3, Master C. Sharpe Magee.
Turbit, cock or hen—1, George Cadwallador; 2, Thos. Newby, Durham; 3, F. and J. Siddle.
Any other variety, cock—1, 2, and 3, R. Sharpe Magee.
Any other variety, hen—1 and 3, R. Sharpe Magee; 2, W. Woodhouse, Kibblesworth.
Selling class, cock or hen, price not to exceed 7s 6d—1, R. Brewis, jun.; 2, William Bell; 3, Thomas Newby.
Gift class—1, Thomas Forster; 2, Master C. Sharpe Magee; 3, R. D. Marshall.

POULTRY.

First Prize, 10s; Second Prize 5s; Third Prize, 2s 6d. Judge—Mr. George Hall, Sunderland.
Cochin or Brahma, cock or cockerel—1, H. Westmoreland, Pickering, Yorks; 2 and 3, G. H. Proctor, Durham.
Cochin or Brahma, hen or pullet—1 and 2, G. H. Proctor; 3, H. and E. Eltringham, Blackhill.
Plymouth rock, hen or pullet—1 and 2, Rev. D. Hindle; 3, Robert Shield and Son, Swalwell.
Leghorn, cock or cockerel—1 and 2, James Stephenson, Easington Lane; 3, John Hardy, Birtley.
Leghorn, hen or pullet—1, George Springett; 2, John Hardy; 3, Robert Shield and Son.
Hamburgh, cock or cockerel—1, 2, and 3, Jas. Cleasby, Bewicke Main.
Hamburgh, hen or pullet—1, H. and E. Eltringham; 2, Thos. Milner, Castleside; 3, Jas. Cleasby.
Modern game, cock or cockerel—1, J. and T. Currah, Frosterley; 2, Percy Widdas, Beechburn Grange; 3, T. Short, Ouston.
Modern game, hen or pullet—1, J. and T. Currah; 2 and 3, T. Short.
Old English game, cock or cockerel—1, A. Hewitson, Kibblesworth; 2, Armstrong and Pault, Leadgate; 3, Mrs. Minnear, Easington Lane.
Old English game, hen or pullet—1, James Bird; 2, Armstrong and Paul; 3, R. Shield and Son.
Wyandotte, cock or cockerel—1 and 3, J. and R. Briggs, Browney; 2, William Stobbs, Leadgate.
Wyandotte, hen or pullet—1, M. Harrison, Langley-on-Tyne; 2, Jas. Boyd, Blaydon-on-Tyne; 3, R. Gray, Blaydon Burn.
Orpington, cock or cockerel—1, John Winter, North Biddick; 2, William Stobbs; 3, William Walker, East Rainton.
Orpington, hen or pullet—1, William Stobbs; 2, H. and E. Eltringham; 3, John Winter.
Any other variety, hen or pullet, not mentioned—1, J. and T. Currah; 2, W. Ellis; 3, G. H. Procter.
Minorca, Leghorn, Andalusian, cockerel, 1900—1, Thos. Dunn, Fatfield; 2, Geo. Springett; 3, John Marshall and Son.
Wyandotte, cock or cockrel—1, Chas. Parker; 2, W. Jeffries, Murton Waterworks; 3, William Stobbs.
Selling class, cock or hen, price not to exceed 15s—1, J. and T. Currah; 2, J. D. Howard; 3, T. Short.
Game bantam, black or brown red, cock—1, T. Cardy; 2, Percy Widdas; 3, Henry Gillis, Birth.
Game bantam, black or brown red, hen—1, 2, and 3, T. Cardy.
Game bantam, pile or duckwing, hen—1, T. Cardy; 2, J. and T. Currah; 3, T. Cardy.
Old English game bantam, cock or cockerel—1 and 2, J. and W. Nutt, Hetton Downs; 3, Charles Storey, Hetton Downs.
Old English game bantam, hen or pullet—1, Charles Storey; 2, Robert Shield; 3, H. Graves, Penrith.
Any other variety, cock—1, R. Sharpe Magee; 2, Clifford Gott, Horsforth; 3, Richard Preston.
Any other variety, hen—1, Richard Preston; 2 and 3, R. Sharpe Magee.
Selling class cock or hen, price not to exceed 10s—1, Charles Storey; 2, T. Cardy; 3, W. Alion, Penshaw.

RABBITS.

Belgian hare, buck or doe—1, T. W. Nicholson, Darlington; 2, Thomas Nicholson, Newcastle; 3, T. Wallace, Durham.
Belgian hare, buck or doe, under 6 months—1, George Fox, Hetton-le-Hole; 2, G. A. Townsend, Leeds; 3, Sharp and Brown, Low Fell.
Dutch, buck or doe, any colour—1, Gilbank and Tweddle, Northallerton; 2, J. Thompson, Leeds; 3, Ramsbottom and Son, Seaham Harbour.
Dutch, buck or doe, any colour, under 4 months—1, Gilbank and Tweddle; 2, Wilde and Little, Waldridge Fell; 3, T. Wallace.
Silver grey, any shade, buck or doe—1, W. Forster, Howdon-le-Wear; 2, John Lee, Gateshead; 3, F. W. Taylor, Consett.
English, black, buck or doe—1, Henry Wood; 2, H. Kirk, West Hartlepool; 3, Ratcliffe and Bagier.
English, any other colour, buck or doe—1, G. Wood, West Hartlepool; 2, T. F. Linley, West Hartlepool; 3, A. Robertson.
Any other variety, buck or doe—1, F. Herbert, jun., Birtley; 2, T. Wallace; 3, Miss Nellie Selkirk, Low Moorsley.
Selling class, price not to exceed 7s. 6d.—1, R. W. Morgan; 2, C. Stabler; 3, P. O. Ilsley, Monkwearmouth.

CAVIES.

Rough, boar or sow—1, Tom Blackburn, North Shields; 2 and 3, J. W. Morton, North Shields.
Smooth, boar or sow—1 and 2, Tom Blackburn; 3, R. G. Launders, Philadelphia.

DOGS.

Open, St. Bernard, dog or bitch—1, Miss G. A. Kerrich-Walker, Newker House, Chester-le-Street; 2, Jas. Forster, Heaton; 3, Joseph Thompson, North Biddick.
Open, Newfoundland, dog or bitch—1, Mary Hunter, The Grange, Whickham; 2, R. Greenwell, Birtley.
Open, Retriever, dog or bitch—1, J. Wright, Hollinside Cottage; 2, Thos. Scott, Lambton Kennels; 3, R. Errington, Haswell.
Open, Greyhound, dog or bitch—1, Robert Dixon, Monkwearmouth; 2, Robert Ord, Springwell; 3, Walter Lowden, New York, Co. Durham.
Open, Spaniels, dog or bitch—1, A. Watson, Sunderland; 2, J. Jameson, Durham; 3, T. Scott, Lambton Kennels.
Novice, Dog or bitch—1, C. Davison, Sunderland; 2, W. Adamson, Urpeth Cottage, Birtley; 3, Geo. Winn, Wrekenton.
Open, Setter or pointer, dog or bitch—1, George Potter, Carlisle; 2 and 3, John Graham, Middlesbro.
Open, Collie, rough or smooth dog—1, Thos. Wallace, Ryton-on-Tyne; 2, S. Gall, Walker-on-Tyne; 3, Cuthbert Whaley, Beaumont Street, Newcastle; 3, George Hall, Sunderland.
Open, Collie, rough or smooth bitch—1, W. T. Thompson, Hunwick; 2, George Hall; 3, W. G. Hodgson, Morpeth.
Open, Collie smooth, dog or bitch—1, Mrs. T. Marshall, Jarrow; 2, Messrs Shuttleworth and Thompson; 3, W. G. Hodgson.
Limit, Collie, smooth dog or bitch—1, W. G. Hodgson; 2, C. Vogtheri, Sunderland; 3, Wood and Atkinson.
Limit, Collie, rough, dog or bitch—1, Thos. Wallace; 2, Stephen Gall.
Novice, Collie, rough or smooth, dog or bitch—1, Thomas Wallace; 2, C. Vogtheri; 3, John G. Burns.
Puppy, Collie, rough or smooth dog or bitch—1, Thomas Wallace; 2, D. Squire and C. Vogtheri equal; 3, Wood and Atkinson and John G. Burns equal.
Novices, Fox terrier, rough or smooth, dog or bitch—1, R. R. Temple, Kip Hill; 2, William Fleet, Birtley; 3, R. B. Clark.
Open, Irish terrier dog or bitch—Stephen Wilkinson, Chester-le-Street; 2, Wm. Addison, Howdon-le-Wear; 3, J. H. Carter, Darlington.
Limit, Irish terrier dog or bitch—1, Stephen Wilkinson; 2, J. H. Carter; 3, Messrs Lowrie and Elliott, Newcastle.
Open, Bedlington, dog or bitch—1, John Cook, Newcastle; 2, Messrs Hunter and Bell, Chester-le-Street; 3, John Douglas, Blyth.
Bull, dog or bitch—1, Mrs. Violet Fenwick, Birtley; 2, Henry Spours, Gateshead; 3, R. P. Douglas, Crook.
Open, Black or white pomeranian, dog or bitch—1, F. J. Gilchrist, Burnmoor; Mrs. Day, Newcastle.
Limit, Black or white pomeranian, dog or bitch—1, Mrs. Day, Newcastle; 2, Wm. Henderson, Elswick.
Novice, Whippet, dog or bitch—1, G. Davison, Sunderland; 2, Messrs Henderson and Carr, Elswick; 3, W. Longley, Chester-le-Street.
Any variety not classified, over 25lbs. weight, Dog or bitch—1, J. J. Harris, Darlington; 2, T. W. Turnbull, New Lambton; 3, J. W. L. Laimmonby, Leadgate.
Any variety not classified, under 25 lbs. weight, Dog or bitch—Mrs. C. S. Brittain, Cleadon; 2, Mrs. Day, Newcastle; 3, John Hendry, Wrekenton.

### WINLATON.

In connection with the newly-formed Winlaton and District Floral and Horticultural Society a very successful show was held on Saturday in a field at the Low Town End. It is 17 years since an exhibition was held at Winlaton, but the gratifying results of Saturday's effort will doubtless embolden the promoters to make it an annual feature. The weather was fine, and there was a very large attendance of visitors, the gate receipts alone covering all expenses, and allowing of a substantial balance to be carried forward, to which is to be added a considerable sum that has been subscribed by the local tradesmen and other gentlemen resident in the district. As to the show itself, the display was in every department highly creditable, the exhibits being numerous and of good quality. Some lovely greenhouse plants were shown by Mr. David Smart, Mickley, and Mr. W. Hodgson, West Wylam. Mr. T. Battensby, of Hagg Hill, forwarded a beautiful bridal bouquet, which was much admired. Vegetables were most prominently staged, and in both the open and amateur classes competition was keen. In addition to the show a £15 120 yards handicap was decided, the winners of heats being—W. Newlands, Greenside, 23½; E. Miller, Blaydon, 23½; G. Cliff, Swalwell, 23½; W. Lawson, Crawcrook, 23½; J. Smith, Blackhill 23½; R. Dawson, Blaydon, 23; S. Little, Winlaton, 23½; E. Harper, Wallsend, 22; J. Lockwood, Greenside, 23; R. Ward, Wallsend, 18½; Murray, Blaydon 23½; J. Johnstone, Blackhill, 20; F. Johnstone, Winlaton, 19; J. Parker, Clara Vale, 23½; J. Wilson, Westwood, 23½; R. Ritson, Derwenthaugh, 21; T. Gregory, Swalwell, 23; T. Stephenson, Ryton, 14; T. Kirsopp, Newcastle, 17. Final—Ward 1, Newlands 2, Lockwood 3, Kirsopp 4. A foot divided first and second; others close up.

### LOCAL PATENTS

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### CHAPTER IV.

DUSK AND DARKNESS.

Mr. Myerscough rose, and opened the door to admit his visitor. Sir William Etherleigh was a big and burly man, with a loud, hearty voice. He wore long russet boots, scratched and rubbed through contact with many a thorn and bramble, for Sir William was no mock huntsman, but pursued the chase as though it was, as indeed it appeared to be, his principal business in life to hunt the red deer. At the heels of his great boots clanked a pair of silver spurs. A slashed doublet and hose of rich cord, through which the scarlet lining protruded, an embroidered cloak, and a great slouched hat and feather completed his costume.

"Aye, Mabel!" said the new arrival, when he had shaken hands with the Vicar, and given a stately bow in the direction of Susan Myerscough and Richard, "it is indeed your father come to seek you. What mischief is this you've been getting into?"

"None indeed, father," was the reply. "Sorrel got a fright as I was riding through Old Etherleigh, and ran off; but Master Richard very gallantly checked him, just at the edge of the big chalk pit, and you see I am no worse. But we sent you no word of this, father. How came you to know it? I hope my mother is not anxious?"

"Anxious!" vociferated Sir William. "Was there ever a mother that was not anxious? If there was, it was not Mistress Etherleigh. I'll swear; and small blame to her with such a madcap maiden as you for her daughter. Nay; you sent no word of this matter, but your mother managed to worm it out of little Kit Popham, that Sorrel had run away with you, and maybap thrown you, and I know not what all beside. So nothing would serve, though I had just come in from hunting not half an hour before: nothing would serve but I must come down to see about this madcap daughter of mine."

"Why then, indeed, Sir, you will be hungry," said the Vicar. "If you will fall to, there is that on the table and more in the larder. Nothing I am sure will more delight my daughter Sue, than that you should taste her dainties."

"Nay, I thank you, Vicar. I have supped I can assure you in some sort, if this daughter mine had not cut short my nuncheon: but, if it will please you, Mis Susan, I am sure it will please me greatly to take a glass of your gooseberry wine, and presently a pipe with you, Mr Myerscough."

The knight would inwardly have preferred his usual after supper potation of sack, but Miss Susan's gooseberry wine was a substitute that was not wholly to be despised.

The gooseberry wine being duly poured out into two goblets of Venetian glass, and the two pipes and the tobacco jar laid beside them on the table, Sir William resumed the conversation.

"So you are no worse, Mabel? But it is a dangerous piece to gallop over, from here to Old Etherleigh. It was well that Master Richard was about. But, tell me what set Sorrel off, for I'll be sworn the horse is not a one that will play tricks without a cause."

"It was a dog, father," Mabel Etherleigh replied, "An ugly bull pup. Richard says it belongs to Ned Mallinson. It came running out barking from behind a hedge, and whether there was anything else or no I don't know, but away went Sorrel, headlong, and it was all I could do to hold on, indeed I had to let go my bridle."

"Why that was cause enough, if an ugly bull dog came running at you. And you say it was Ned Mallinson's dog. Old Nick, the woodcutter's son? Confound the scoundrel. We will teach him to look better after his belongings. I'll send Johnny Armstrong over to-morrow to shoot the brute. Well, Mabel, so Sorrel got his head, and ran away with you, with the bridle hanging loose. A nice pickle—and what next pray?"

"Why the next thing," continued Mabel, looking with a blush and a smile at her preserver, "Master Richard stood beside the chalk pit, and checked Sorrel by the bridle. He was dragged off his feet and I was afraid he was hurt, but presently Sorrel stood still, and Master Richard was beside me, no worse."

"Why, indeed, Richard," said Sir William, "'twas gallantly done. I would I had seen it. I always tell your father he should make a soldier of you, or at any rate he should let me make a huntsman of you. The next time we are out you shall come with us; but now I have been missing the talk. What news did you bring from market to-day, for I know you have been there Richard?"

Richard repeated part of the conversation that he had heard at The Blue Bell.

"Yes, mark my word, Richard," said his father, "you must go there no more. I will not have you amongst treasonable company. I wonder Tom Puncheon allows such talk at his Inn. It was ever resorted to by good company."

"Why, indeed, Mr. Myerscough," said the Knight, "I think the world grows worse and not better. I doubt me there are few inns in the country but where they held similar talk. I was at the Crown and Mitre myself the last time I called to see Sir Marmaduke, and there a pestilent fellow with a long Scotch drawl on him like the drone of a bag pipe, was reading a news-letter concerning this business at Edinboro, and there they say the King's authority is like to be overthrown. In my time I can remember, there was none spoke of the king save with reverence, and a "God bless him"; but you should have marked how these knaves seemed to rejoice, as if it was the best news that could come to them. I could have drawn upon the canting Scotch fellow with all my heart, had he been a man of any quality. But he was not, so I e'en swore at them, for a set of traitors, and left my wine standing."

"Indeed, sir," said the Vicar, "I fear me there are too many would make themselves busy about the King's affairs. I like not altogether this ship money tax; but surely Mr Attorney-General hath given many good reasons for it. The King must have money, in that he hath the whole defence and governance of this state resting upon him, and although 'twere better he should get it through his Parliament, yet surely never was there so untoward and wilful and meddling a Parliament. They must either have all their own way or none. His majesty was rightly advised to pack them off and govern by his own royal prerogative. I will not set up king Parliament, and down with King Charles. It is a subject's duty to obey, and one may gladly and willingly obey so virtuous and Christian a Prince as our good King Charles, and I would say indeed of him. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

"Well spoken, vicar," said the Knight. "God save our good King Charles. But now, Richard, you have not told me half your news. What is the assessment of ship money for Etherleigh?"

"Ten shillings, sir," said Richard, "for the village, and for yourself £2."

"For myself, £2," repeated the Knight in stentorian tones. "Now, by my faith, I like not such an assessment; a whole village let off for two crowns, and a poor country knight like me must needs pay eight crowns. Indeed, I must see the Sheriff about this, or the Borough Reeve. Sir Marmaduke, I doubt not, will stand my friend," and then, as if conscious that his present position of remonstrance was a little inconsistent with the attitude of extreme loyalty which he had just professed, Sir William turned to the vicar, "I will pay the money indeed Mr Myerscough, all that is fair and honest, but sooth to say I grudge it, for it is an unlawful tax, and this ship money, even if it goes to build ships—and I would not doubt his majesty's good faith—what good do these ships? There is the disgrace at Cadiz, and the failure at Rhe, not to speak of my Lord Mansfield's sad business."

Thus the good knight continued, alternately grumbling at the threatened taxation, and declaring his loyalty. His position was by no means an exceptional one. Many another gentleman of undoubted loyalty felt the same objection to the levy of a new and direct tax. England had for generations been the most lightly taxed kingdom in Europe, and such taxation as was levied had affected rather the merchants and dwellers in towns than the farmers and country squires, so that now some of these seemed more chary to part with their money for the King's service, than they afterwards were to part with their lives.

Leaving Sir William Etherleigh and the Vicar to discuss politics, together with the more soothing concomitants of pipe and glass, Susan Myerscough now led the way into the front parlour, where Richard and Mabel Etherleigh settled themselves in the window seat to play at "Fox and geese," whilst Susan looked on over her knitting. The political discussion in the kitchen proved so interesting, that for a full hour Richard and Mabel sat uninterrupted over their game in the Oriel window, making the most of the dying light of day, until the golden glow of sunset died to a rich purple over the dark trees, and the purple faded into a darker hue that compelled them at last, and even the busy Susan also, to sit with folded hands, and talk quietly, as the light faded, and the stars one by one twinkled out. Then Richard rose and brought Sorrel round from the stable. When the good-byes had been spoken, and with a last wave of the hand Mabel had disappeared from view in the growing darkness, Richard retired to bed to meet his fair antagonist again in dreams.

In accordance with Sir William Etherleigh's promise, John Armstrong was sent over the next day to put an end to the ill mannered cur which had so nearly been the cause of harm to Mabel Etherleigh, and Sir William on the next occasion he passed that way called old Nick Mallinson out from his cottage, and gave him a severe scolding on his son's account, a scolding which the old man as we have seen by no means deserved.

If, however, his master's hard words were a grievance to Nick Mallinson, he had an abundant source of satisfaction in the destruction of his son's dog, a satisfaction which was shared by all his neighbours, for there was not one of them, but had been at one time or other molested by the savage brute. Ned Mallinson, however, though, the only one, was a genuine mourner for the departed cur. Ill-conditioned brute as it was, it had been the constant companion of his loafing for so long that he missed it greatly, and cherished a deep grudge against those who had deprived him of it, notably against sturdy John Armstrong.

John Armstrong, who besides his master's commission, had certain grudges of his own to pay on behalf of Emily Ingleton, had not only put an end to the dog, but also had put an end to Ned's consequent oaths and threatenings by giving him a sound thrashing. Nick Mallinson, as a matter of form, protested against this; but he was secretly delighted at his son's castigation; for he believed as much as ever in Solomon's maxim as to the use of the rod, though unable to practice it himself. Ned Mallinson could only groan for the present over his aching back and sides and vow vengeance for the future whensoever opportunity should come in his way. Seeking too prematurely to vent his spite, Ned Mallinson, on mischief bent, was making an entrance to Dame Ingleton's poultry run, only a few nights later, when he was again caught by John Armstrong, and this time more soundly flogged than before. He was now really in a pitiable condition, but his animosity was unabated, and a few evenings later circumstances suggested to him a new and a much more terrible and dangerous outlet for his spite and hatred.

Owd Roger had made his periodical appearance after some weeks' absence from Etherleigh, and on a certain Tuesday evening, he and the other company usually present on such occasions, gathered at Nick Mallinson's cottage for a "prophesying." Mr Myerscough had recently offended some of the more Puritan members of his congregation by conforming to Archbishop Neile's ordinances with regard to the position of the holy table and the wearing of a surplice.

This surplice, or "rag of Popery," or "bed-gown," as it was indifferently called by the Puritans, was a fruitful theme of discussion that night. Now, even if the postulate be admitted that a surplice is both a rag of Popery and a bed-gown, yet it does not seem obvious that it should therefore be necessarily connected with the devil. But to these Puritan critics the connection was most obvious. In Owd Roger's opinion the surplice was only one sign of many that the powers of darkness were being let loose, and in evidence he referred to the great increase of Satanic influence, or witchcraft, and the lukewarmness or positive refusal of the church and state in the matter of dealing with these evils, as they ought to be dealt with according to his views, namely by fire and faggot. To Edmund Mallinson this discussion which preceded the actual prayer meeting was far more interesting than the meeting itself. He heard with delight of the good old times in which King James of pious memory had checked Satan's evil workings by burning men and women at the stake. He knew something, of course by hearsay, about the Lancashire witches, and the witches of Pendleton Forest, and that these latter had been convicted principally on the evidence of a boy like himself. He was determined to possess himself of all the facts, and his evil heart rejoiced in the possibility that he might be able by a little well devised cunning and scheming to commit some of his enemies to fire and faggot.

After the brethren had each in turn poured forth their loud and fervent devotions, each taking the opportunity to abuse and defy the devil, and the Arminians, with their surplice-badge of Popery, and their altar, fit for heathen gods, they one by one withdrew, leaving Owd Roger alone with the Mallinson's. Then it was that Edmund Mallinson by a little finessing, and by the exercise of a good deal of hypocrisy, managed to draw out Owd Roger on the subject of witchcraft. Once started he was by no means reluctant to go on, and, far into the night, he continued, reading the old Testament passages relating to witchcraft with lengthy comments and expositions, and telling many a witch story, some as absurd and puerile as others were ghastly and terrible. At length by reason of many ghostly stories Owd Roger and his auditors were cowering around the dying embers reduced to such a state of nervous fear and apprehension, as magnified the slightest sound into the semblance of unseen diabolic footsteps approaching on the floor, or sable wings rustling in the smoky air of the hut, or superhuman whisperings, or cries, or groanings, proceeding from the vast darkness of the mid-night without. When at last Edmund in a hoarse whisper repeated the report as to Dame Ingleton being a witch, it was not surprising that the suggestion found ready acceptance with Owd Roger.

The stories he had to tell of her were indeed very trifling, and wholly inadequate for Edmund's purpose, but Edmund's mind was already made up, and the information he had received, supplemented by his own ingenuity and unflinching malice, would, he trusted, serve him, in wreaking such a revenge on his enemies as would infinitely outweigh the punishment his present aching back and sides and the loss of his dog inflicted upon him. Nick Mallinson and Owd Roger might well have been afraid of the shadows in that dark and smoky hut, if they could have realised what was going on in the mind of the ill-favoured lad beside them. That night, if ever a human being did so, Ned Mallinson sold himself to the devil. He was already revelling in the thought of the dying agonies of his victims. It was easy, so he promised himself, to procure a conviction against Dame Ingleton. Could he involve her niece in the same condemnation? As he gathered from some of Owd Roger's stories, youth and beauty were of very little account in averting an accusation of witchcraft. If he could procure her conviction also he felt that he would strike a harder blow at honest John Armstrong than ever that strong armed individual had struck at him, and if her, why not Mabel Etherleigh, who had been the cause of destroying his dog. To hurt her he fancied would be to hurt another enemy, Richard Myerscough, and then his evil fancy running riot, he went on to plan the death of his old antagonist, Betty Turnbull, and of others. With such thoughts and such dreams Ned Mallinson lulled himself to sleep that night, and slept soundly and well, but his two companions less hardened in sin, lay for many an hour tossing restlessly, and seeking to dispel the diabolical shades that fancy had gathered around them, with many a muttered prayer and ejaculation, and withal by feeding the fire from time to time with logs of wood, though the warmth of the September night made a fire quite unnecessary, except as a means to dispel the shadows. It was not unusual for Owd Roger to choose Nick Mallinson's cottage in preference to his own for his night's rest after the "prophesying." On this particular night, he would not for his life have ventured to open the cottage door, and to pass out into the dark forest, though his own hut lay but a few yards away. In those days, men had not learnt, in the majority of cases, to believe in one God, the Father Almighty. Their religion consisted very largely in a fear of the devil, which dominated their lives almost equally with the fear of God. The idea of a God who is indeed Almighty, who rules over all, and is served by all, even by Satan and the powers of darkness, was revealed only to the few; much less did men realise that this great all-ruling and all-providing God, is He who delights to be called 'Our Father, whose greatest and chiefest name is 'Love.'' Where such a belief truly is, the religion of supernaturalism and superstition cannot exist.

(To be continued.)

## LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, August 30th.—Before Col. Leadbitter-Smith (in the chair), and Mr. Wm. Aynsley.

BREACH OF PEACE.

Robertson Brown and John Hovells, miners, Burnhope, were charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Burnhope, on July 29th. After hearing the evidence of P.C. Hall, the defendants were bound over in the sum of £5, to keep the peace for three months, and ordered to pay the costs—7s 6d each.

LICENSING CASE FROM SATLEY.

Wm. Oliver, miner, residing at Hollingside Terrace, Lanchester, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Robert Hedley, innkeeper, Satley, and further with assaulting Robert Hedley. The defendant was represented by his wife.

The prosecutor stated that he requested the accused to leave his licensed premises, but he refused to comply with the request. A policeman was called in and the defendant was ejected. Whilst Oliver was being put out he turned around and struck prosecutor upon the eye, disfiguring it and he also put prosecutor's thumb out of joint. Prosecutor added that he did not wish to be hard upon the defendant, as he was a married man with a wife and five or six children.

The Bench, considering that the prosecutor did not wish to press the charge, fined accused 1s and costs for the assault; while for refusing to quit he would have to pay 5s and costs.

MINING PROSECUTION FROM TANFIELD.

Jonathan Walker, miner, East Kyo, was charged with illtreating a pony at South Tanfield Colliery, on the 7th ult., by beating it with a drag.

Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, who appeared to prosecute, informed the Bench that on the day in question the pony was observed to be much swollen about the hind quarters. When the accused was asked what had caused the injury, he admitted having struck the animal twice or thrice with a drag.

The Chairman: What is a drag?

Mr. Oliver: A thing that acts as a brake. (Mr. Oliver here produced a drag for the guidance of the Bench.)

Defendant: That is not the drag I hit the animal with.

Mr. Oliver: A similar thing.

Mr. Ledger, back-overman, said he interviewed the defendant as regards the injuries inflicted on the animal in question, and subsequently, saw the animal itself. Witness saw that the pony was swollen upon the rump, and consequently asked the defendant if he could explain why the pony was swollen, when he replied, "Yes, I hit it with a drag a time or two." Witness asked how many times, and Walker replied, "I only hit it twice." When asked the reason why he had struck the animal defendant said he had done so because the pony ran away. At the time witness put this question to the defendant a driver named Harris was present.

The defendant here remarked that no such drag as the one produced was to be found in the pit.

Mr. Oliver: This is a sample.

Defendant: There is not such a drag in the pit; nor one like that.

The Chairman: You admit that the pony was hit.

Defendant: I gave him a tap twice three days previous to the date that I was accused; and the pony worked during these last three weeks.

Richard Harris, driver, said he was present when the last witness asked the accused about the pony. Defendant then told the overman that he struck the pony a time or two with a drag.

John Walker, deputy-overman, said the drags used at the colliery were a little shorter than the one produced. Witness spoke to the accused about the injuries to the pony, when defendant said he had struck the pony twice with a drag, and also that he had thrown a piece of coal at the animal. Defendant told witness that the coal had struck the pony upon the rump.

Mr. Ryder, Veterinary Surgeon, who examined the animal upon the following day, said he found it bruised across the spine, just below the tail. The pony was frightfully sore, and would hardly allow witness to touch it. Witness added that there must have been some amount of force used to cause the injuries. In consequence of the injuries the animal could not be worked for about a week.

Accused, when asked if he had anything to say in his defence, remarked that he used only half a drag.

The Chairman said the defendant had no right to use any article. The result had been that the pony was prevented from working. Defendant must pay a fine of 7s 6d and costs.

A THREE MONTHS' TRIAL.

The adjourned case under the Married Woman's Maintenance Act, in which George Woodcock was the defendant, and his wife, Isabella Woodcock, complainant, was heard.

Mr. H. Ferens, Durham, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, said that there was a commitment order against his client, and which had been adjourned for two months. He had had a talk with the parties, and he was going to make a suggestion to the Bench, which, he hoped, they would see their way clear to agree to. His client had not yet paid anything, but he had given him £1, which he was prepared to hand over to a witness present in court; and the defendant was also prepared to pay 12s 6d per week for three months, if the Bench would adjourn the case for three months. If the accused conducted himself properly and paid the money the complainant was willing to eventually go back to him after three month's trial.

The Chairman: How is it that there has been no money paid since the adjournment?

Mr. Ferens: He has tried through Mr. Brownless to get some arrangement made, but as none has been made he has come to the court to-day.

The Chairman (to complainant): Are you willing to coincide with what Mr. Ferens says?

Complainant: Yes, I am willing to try him for three months.

Mr. Ferens: The terms will be carried out.

The Deputy-Clerk (Mr. Robinson) pointed out that the sum of £9 12s 6d had accumulated.

The Chairman (to complainant): Have you any family?

Complainant: Yes. I have three; and I have had nothing but £1 1s 6d since Feb. 27th.

Mr. Ferens: It is done with the hope that they may be brought together, and live together after this three months' trial.

The Chairman: You will have to pay the costs of this summons, and the case will be adjourned for three months.

A SMART CAPTURE.

Reginald Wear, a young man of smart appearance, was charged with being a deserter from the Royal Artillery.

Sergt. Gillespie stated that on Monday night, the 27th ult., he saw the defendant at Cornsay Colliery. From his smart appearance, and being a stranger to the place, witness suspected he was a deserter. The accused went into a public-house and witness followed. Witness found the defendant in a room, and when accused of being a deserter he gave the name of James Walker and denied the offence. Subsequently the defendant admitted that he was a deserter.

Inspector Waller said he had received a telegram stating that an escort would be sent to take charge of accused.

Defendant was then remanded to await an escort.

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## CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, September 3rd.—Before Mr. James Annandale (chairman), Mr. J. W. Walton-Wilson, Mr. W. Aynsley, Mr. W. Holmes, Mr. F. Priestman.

ASSAULT ON THE POLICE.

Hugh Kennedy, who failed to appear, was charged with having assaulted P.C.'s Richardson and Parkinson at Consett on August 18th.—P.C. Richardson said he was taking a man named Wilkinson into custody when Kennedy came on the scene, and seizing a poker, struck witness with it several times across the head and elbows.—P.C. Parkinson gave corroborative evidence.—Supt. Benzies informed the Bench that Kennedy had absconded.—Defendant was sentenced to a month's hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

MINES' REGULATION ACT.

John Henry Davison pleaded guilty to an offence under the Mines Regulation Act by appearing at Messrs Bowes and Partners Hobson Colliery in a state of intoxication.—Mr. T. W. Welford prosecuted, and called P.C. Thomas, who said that on Tuesday the 14th August, he was called to the pit heap, and saw defendant, who was drunk. He ordered him away, but he refused to go. Witness had to get assistance to have the man removed.—He was fined 10/- and costs.

John Geo. Race and Edward Nicholson, youths, were charged with contravening the special rules of the same colliery on August 17th. Mr. Welford called evidence to show that the defendants were seen riding ponies out-by. Both the ponies fell down with one of the lads underneath.—The offence was admitted and the defendants were each fined 5/- and costs.

ALLEGED DRUNK IN CHARGE.

Isaac Pinkney, an elderly man, was charged with being drunk while in charge of a horse at Tanfield on August 25th.—P.C. Rooks said he saw the defendant drunk and rolling about on the seat of the trap. Defendant said he was going to Burnopfield, and witness told him he would have to get someone to drive him home. Defendant made use of bad language, and got out of the trap. Witness had to get assistance to get him in again, and he then took him to Stanley and locked him up.—In reply to Mr. Aynsley, who defended, witness said it was Flower Show day at Tanfield.—P.C. Davidson said he was on duty at Stanley Police Station when defendant was brought in. He was drunk and excited. After being in custody he was allowed to go, and was driven away by his sons.—Mr. Aynsley said his client was driving passengers to and from Tanfield Show and had only had four glasses of beer.—The Bench said they would consider the time defendant had been in custody as sufficient punishment.

THEFT OF A SKIRT.

Mary Fletcher, hawker, was charged with the larceny of a skirt, the property of Elizabeth McGilligan, Benfieldside, on August 28th.—Prosecutrix said she placed the skirt, which she valued at 5/- outside, and shortly after she missed it. She reported the matter to P.C. Johnson, who afterwards showed the skirt to her.—P.C. Johnson gave evidence as to having arrested defendant, and finding the skirt in her basket. When he charged her with the theft she said, "a fair exchange is no robbery."—The Chairman said that as defendant had been in prison for some days she would be liberated on the rising of the Court.

THEFT OF A MARTINGALE.

Wm. Dunn was charged on remand with having stolen a martingale, the property of Dobinson Martin, Fell Farm, Consett.—Prosecutor's son said that early in July he missed the martingale (produced) from the stable. He saw Dunn in the yard, and after being there for about ten minutes he went away across the field.—Geo. Atkinson, Knitsley, employed by his father, said the defendant sold him the martingale for 2/-.—Sergt. Dryden said when he arrested Dunn he said he bought the martingale at Turnbull's lodging house for ninepence.—Defendant now said he bought and sold the martingale, but he did not steal it.—He was sent to Durham for 14 days.

AN ASSAULT CASE.

Joseph Bell was charged with having assaulted Wm. Robson at Shotley Bridge on August 11th.—Prosecutor said he was driving along Derwent Street, Blackhill, when defendant came to him and asked him to stand a drink. Complainant refused to do so, but defendant followed, and in the hope of getting rid of him he took him into a public house and called for half a rum for himself and a gill of beer for defendant. The landlord supplied the rum but refused to let defendant have any beer. Defendant then followed down to Shotley Bridge and there he knocked complainant down and kicked him, causing a wound on the face which had to be stitched.—Defendant denied the assault. He said Robson was drunk and injured his face by falling on the ground.—A fine of 5/- and costs was inflicted.

EDUCATION CASES.

George Coates was summoned by Mr. Seymour Meddick, attendance officer to Tanfield School Board, in respect of his boy's attendance at school.—Mr. Meddick said the case was an adjourned one, and as the boy had been attending better he asked to have the case withdrawn.—The Bench agreed.

John McKean was summoned for not sending his boy to school.—Mr. M. Hall, attendance officer to the Benfieldside Board said the boy had been present 12 times out of a possible 30. He was in Standard V. and would be 13 years of age in February.—A fine of 5/- was inflicted.

Ann Heslin was summoned for not sending her girl to school.—Mr. Meddick said that during ten weeks the girl only attended 29 times out of 91. She had never had a full week since October last year.—Mrs. Heslin was fined 5/-.

Adam Clark was also ordered to pay a fine of 5/- for not sending his boy regularly to School.—It was stated that the boy was constantly playing truant.

A BOGUS DIPTON CLUB.

A HEAVY FINE.

Wm. Southren, joiner and timber merchant, Flint Hill, Dipton, was charged that on August 12th "you did unlawfully sell by retail certain intoxicating liquor, to wit, beer which you were not then licensed to sell by retail."—Mr. J. M. Aynsley appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. T. W. Welford for the defence.

Mr. Aynsley said he was instructed to prosecute on behalf of the police. The defendant was the owner of a wooden erection at Hill Top, Dipton, which was formerly used as a joiner's shop, but which had since been used for the purpose of a club. The defendant was the owner and he was the person who had been selling the drink there. He took it that his friend would try to prove that it was a bona fide club. All the prosecution had to do was to prove the sale of the drink on that particular day, and to show that defendant had not a license. The onus of proving it was a bona fide club fell upon the defence, who would have to prove that the members had gone through a proper form of election, paid the required subscriptions, that exciseable articles were sold to members only, and that any profit made was divisible among the members. As far as the evidence was concerned the police would tell them that on Sunday, the 12th, of August, they were on duty, and saw people in the club. They went in and found eight or nine men, who were supplied with drink, for which they paid. These clubs were not under any police supervision at all, and had no license to take out, and he submitted that where clubs were growing in a neighbourhood they should be shown no leniency unless they were carried on in a bona fide manner, and conducted properly. If they were guilty of a breach of the Licensing Act they should be dealt with severely. He thought the Bench would have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that this particular club was not bona fide, and he would ask them to inflict such a penalty as would prevent clubs from being started in the way in which they seemed to be doing, and also as a warning to other clubs.

Sergt. Lawson said in company with P.C. Dobinson he visited the joiner's shop, and sawmill at Flint Hill, Dipton, at about 9.30 on the night of August 12th. The place was owned by the defendant, and was lit up with lamps, and there were some men in who appeared to be under the influence of drink. Witness went to the side window. The blinds were drawn, but he heard one man say, "Fill me a glass of bitter Mr. Southren." Witness then heard something put on the counter, and immediately after he heard the "chink" of money. About a quarter past ten he again visited the place and went into the sawmill, which was partitioned off from the joiner's shop. Through a crevice in the partition he saw Mr. Southren standing behind the bar next to the partition. At the other side of the counter there were several men standing, and he heard one, whose voice he took to be James Rooke, senior, say "I have got a shilling Mr. Southren, fill us five glasses of bitter. I am going to spend this shilling before I leave here to-night." Witness saw Mr. Southren go to a barrel at one end of the bar and fill five glasses of bitter and put them on the counter. Rooke said "I want my change, William; I gave you a shilling there." Southren refused to give him the change, but he said, "I will give you another glass of bitter," and he did so. During the time Mr. Southren was filling this beer witness saw three or four men at the other end of the bar reach under a flyleaf, and some of them took as far as four pint bottles of beer out and then slipped away. As soon as Southren got the beer filled the men stepped to one side. After that witness went into the shop, and he saw nine men standing at the bar, whose names he gave. All these men had drinks before them, and they were all intoxicated. Some had pint bottles of beer in their pockets, some had two, and some had three. He asked James McGee where he got his two pint bottles of beer, and he replied "I got them from Southren and paid for them." Mr. Southren said "That's all right." Peter Lamb said to McGee "Don't say you paid for them or you will give him away." Witness asked Mr. Southren if he had opened a club out yet, and he said "Yes, I have opened it out to-day." Mr. Southren then ordered the men out. After they went out witness found six pint bottles of beer standing on the floor beside the counter where the men had been standing. He showed them to Mr. Southren, who said "these men must have stolen them whilst I have been filling the drinks." Witness then looked behind the bar, and underneath there were several dozens of pint bottles of beer and stout, and also several dozen empty bottles. At the end of the bar there were two half barrels of beer, one mild and one bitter. They were both on tap. These were the barrels from which he saw Southren draw the beer. There was a whiskey bottle three parts full and several empty whiskey bottles. He took the labels produced from the barrels and cases. There were no seats in the place, but there was a joiner's bench. There were no newspapers or periodicals, just the drink.

Mr. Welford: Did you know this place before it was altered?—Yes.

What was it?—A joiner's shop.

Now it is fit up as a bar?—Yes.

There was no secrecy about the matter at all?—No.

They did not try to hide?—I could not say. When they knew I was there they shut the door.

Did they drink the stuff when you were in?—No.

What did they do?—Mr. Southren ordered them out after I had talked to them.

The only man you saw pay for anything was Rooke?—I did not see him pay. I heard him call.

You don't know of your own knowledge that there was anything sold at all?—No.

You only surmise it?—Just so.

If that is so it need not go any further. He says "I don't know if there was any sale, I only surmise it." We are charged with selling without a license.

Mr. Aynsley: We have other witnesses to prove the sale.

Mr. Welford: Very well, if you can prove the sale. (To witness): Did you see the end of the building?—Which end?

Either end. Did you see a notice stuck up?—I cannot say I did.

A notice that "a club is to be formed here?"—Oh, there has been several notices up.

Did you see them?—Yes.

The Chairman: Where was it?—At the end of the building.

Mr. Holmes: Facing the road?—Yes.

Mr. Welford: You say these men were intoxicated?—Yes.

Have you summoned them here to-day?—No.

Did you order them out?—Mr. Southren did.

They would get on the highway?—They went away quietly as far as I know.

Mr. Aynsley: As a matter of fact after you went in there was no more drink sold?—No.

P.C. Dobinson corroborated Sergt. Lawson's evidence.

Mr. Welford: You saw no money pass, or sale?—No.

You say Southren ordered these men out?—He did.

Mr. Aynsley: Did you hear any conversation about drink?—I heard Rooke say he had a shilling and would spend it. Rooke ordered five gills of beer. I heard him ask for his change.

Charles Henry Hemming, in reply to Mr. Aynsley, said he was a labourer at Hill Top. On Sunday morning the 12th of August he was passing the sawmill and he saw Mr. Southren through the window. Mr. Southren tapped at the window and beckoned him in. He went in and Mr. Southren said to him that if he wished to become a member he could be supplied with drink by paying half-a-crown. Witness paid a half-crown, and got a bottle of stout and two halves of whiskey. There were six or seven men in the place, and any number followed after. Witness did not sign anything, but simply paid his half-crown, and paid for his drinks.

Mr. Walton-Wilson: Did you pay the ordinary public-house price?

Witness replied that he did. Another man named Miller followed him in, and had a beer and paid for it. The other men had drinks and paid for them. Witness' name was put down on a piece of paper or a book. It was just an "artificial" book and would cost a penny or twopence.

Mr. Welford: Your name was put down in a book?—Yes.

The Chairman: We call for that book.

Mr. Welford: We have no notice.

The Chairman: We want the book that this man's name was put down in.

Mr Welford (to witness): Is this the book?—No.

Very likely it is not, but this is the book that the minutes are kept in.

Mr. Aynsley: But the Bench ask for the book in which Hemming's name was put in.

Mr. Welford: Then you should have given me notice.

Mr. Aynsley: You should not have cross-examined on it.

Mr. Welford: I only did so after Mr. Aynsley asked if the name was down. (To witness): Did you get a card?—Not until the following Sunday.

P.C. Curtis said he served a summons on the defendant on the 21st August, and read it over to him. He said "I have not sold any beer only to members of the club and to visitors that have come over two miles distant." He added "I can prove to you that the club is all right. I will show you the book." On the first page of the book was "William Southren, Ewehurst Head, Dipton, treasurer." Underneath that was "Samuel Bloomfield, secretary," and underneath that again were twelve names forming the Committee. Witness asked him where the members' names were, and he said, "I have not yet put them down as most of them have not paid their money." Mr. Southren was the owner of the club.

Mr. Welford: You say he is the owner?—I expect he is. He has been up to recently.

How do you know?—He claimed it.

Do you know if there was a notice outside saying that a club was being formed?—I did not see one.

Mr. Aynsley: Has Mr. Southren told you himself that he was the owner of this place?—He has on many occasions.

Was the book produced the one he showed you?—No, it was like an old ledger.

The Chairman: You said that Southren stated that he had not sold drink except to members and visitors who had come from two miles distant. Did he explain that?—No.

Mr. Welford: It means that no man has to be supplied with drink unless introduced by a member and a resident of more than two miles away.

Mr. Aynsley said that was the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Welford said he did not know whether they should go further into the case at present because he could see what was in their magistrates minds—they wanted the draft minute book produced. If that were so he would have to ask for an adjournment. He could prove that there was a meeting held on the 9th of August and another on the 11th, that the club was opened on the 11th, and that the steward's license was got from the post office, showing the date clear and distinct. Bloomfield, who was one of the officials, would tell them that the meeting was held on the 11th, and the club opened that day. Altogether there were 23 members who had paid their subscriptions, and there were the names of Bloomfield as president, Webster, secretary; Forster, treasurer; Southren, steward; and the committee, consisting of Thompson, Nolan, Johnson, McCann, Rooke, Brown, Charlton, and Miller. From the observations which fell from the Bench he thought they might require the draft minute book, and if so, it would be no use going on that day. He must ask for an adjournment to produce the book.

Mr. Aynsley said he must seriously object to an adjournment. The summons was served on the 21st of last month, and they had had any amount of time to get up their defence. They might find that these books were made up since the summons was served.

Mr. Welford said the prosecution should have given them notice. He was in a position to prove that the club was constituted on the 11th, and opened on that day, and that the proceeds were divided among the members, and that an account book was kept by the treasurer showing the takings from the day of the opening.

The Chairman: Have you that book to-day?

Mr. Welford: Yes, we have that book to-day.

Mr. Aynsley: The onus is not upon the prosecution. All we have to do is to prove the sale, and I submit we have proved the sale, and that we are entitled to a conviction subject to my friend proving that it is a bona fide club. I object to any adjournment because we don't know what concoction of the books there may be.

Mr. Welford: We have no wish to have any concoction.

Mr. Aynsley: I object to this book being put in as a copy we must have the original.

Mr. Welford: A draft minute book is never put in.

The Chairman intimated that there would be no adjournment.

Mr. Welford then said he proposed to call Mr. Southren, who would tell them that the club was formed on the 11th, that a subscription was paid by each member, and that a certain set of bye-laws were put to the meeting on the 11th, and adopted on a show of hands, subject to some slight alterations. He would also prove that books were kept in which the takings were put down, and that the money was divided among the members of the club. If he established these things then he said this was a bona fide club, and they were entitled to an acquittal.

Wm. Southren said he was a joiner and timber merchant. A meeting was held on the 9th of August, with reference to the formation of a club. He was present at that meeting, and rules were passed. He made a copy of the Dipton District Workmen's Social Club rules and with the exception of two clauses, were identically the same. In consequence of what was done he got a license for a male servant to enable them to carry on the club. There was another meeting on the 11th, when the rules were confirmed by a show of hands. Samuel Bloomfield was proposed as president, Webster as secretary, Forster as treasurer, and himself as steward. A committee was also appointed. Subscriptions were taken by himself and the secretary in the presence of the treasurer. The book produced contained a correct copy of what had been paid. The club was opened on the 11th, after the male servant's license was obtained. He did not know when the cards were ordered. They were ordered by Bloomfield. He most certainly told Sergt. Lawson that it was a club, and Sergt. Lawson knew perfectly well it was.

In reply to the Chairman, witness said that Forster declined the secretaryship and he (witness) was never treasurer. It was a mistake on the part of P.C. Curtis to say that witness' name appeared on the book as treasurer.

The Chairman asked who the male servant was?

Mr. Welford said it was the defendant.

The Chairman said the defendant had got a license out to employ himself. The license was issued to William Southren to employ a male servant.

Mr. Welford said Mr. Southren expected that if he was not there himself he would be able to employ a man.

Witness, in reply to Mr. Welford, said he as steward kept an account of goods coming in.

Mr. Aynsley: Are you the owner of this building?

Witness: Does that make any difference?

Mr. Welford: Don't fence, answer the question.

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Aynsley: You say you are the steward of the club?—Yes.

And you have been mentioned as treasurer?—I never was treasurer.

Do you remember showing the book to P.C. Curtis?—Yes.

Did you write in that book "William Southren, treasurer."?—I did not.

Are there any other appointments in connection with this club that you don't hold; you are sometimes steward and sometimes treasurer?—Not at all.

Is there any other appointment in connection with the club that you don't hold?—What sort of appointment do you mean?

You say Webster was appointed secretary?—Yes.

When?—On the 9th.

Was Bloomfield not appointed then?—He was pro. tem. before that.

What is Webster?—A miner.

Can he read or write?—He has done both in my presence.

Has the Committee been altered since the first one was appointed?—Yes, before the 9th.

Was there not a man named Turnbull, and another named Wilkinson on?—Yes.

Are they on now?—No.

They were appointed without their consent?—No they were not.

Did you call them to a committee meeting after you were served with the summons?—Not at all.

How many names were in the book that Hemming's name was entered into?—Twelve or thirteen.

You have that book?—Yes.

Why did you not bring it to-day?—Because that is an exact copy.

When did you make these entries in that book?—Before I got the summons.

How many days?—I could not say.

Was it ten days?—I could not say.

Was it two?—How do I know?

You ought to know?—I might write a portion one night and a portion another night.

Why did the Secretary not write them?—Perhaps because I could write better than he could. It was written up before I had any idea of getting a summons.

Did you write it up after prosecuting some youths for breaking into the club—was it written up after that Thursday?—Yes, after that Thursday.

Has the Secretary ever written up any of the minutes?—Yes.

Who orders the liquor?—The Committee. The traveller calls.

Who gives him the order?—He attends a full meeting or the Committee puts it in the hands of two or three members.

Who actually ordered the present stock?—Johnson and Thompson.

Who pays for it?—The treasurer, after being passed by the Committee.

Mr. Aynsley at this point quoted the rules of membership showing that anyone wishing to become a member must inform the steward or secretary, pay the subscription, and be approved of by the Committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Welford pointed out that a person paying his subscription would receive a ticket.

Mr. Ornsby (Clerk) said according to that it seemed unnecessary to submit to election at all.

Mr. Welford said Mr. Aynsley was not using the rule fairly. It said "any person desirous of becoming a member of the club shall inform the steward or secretary of such intention and shall pay a subscription, and the secretary shall submit the list of names to the committee at the next meeting."

Mr. Aynsley said the rule went on to say that a person "on paying his subscription shall receive a ticket which shall entitle the holder to the privileges of the Club."

Mr. Welford: And in accordance with the rules.

Mr. Aynsley: Quite so. Did Hemming get a ticket on that Sunday morning?

Witness: He did not because we hadn't one.

Mr. Aynsley: Then if he did not he was not a member.

Witness: I may tell you that previous to this Sunday morning Hemming asked me if he could become a member of the club. I said most certainly so if you pay your half-crown.

Mr. Aynsley: Why are these labels addressed to Mr. Southren, Sawmills?—That makes no difference.

Mr. Welford: Answer the question.

Witness: Well, because I took it on my own responsibility. I ordered the beer to have it in condition on the opening of the club.

Mr. Aynsley: What rent do you receive for it?—You know as well as I do without asking.

Mr. Welford: Don't fence.

Witness: £40 a year. That was stated at Lanchester.

Mr. Aynsley: Is it entered in your minutes?—Yes, but I have not got the rent yet.

Now on this particular Sunday were these men supplied with drink, and did they pay on that Sunday night?—I distinctly say it was double clouded inside and out, and I defy anyone to hear what is said.

That is not the point. There were nine or ten men in?—Yes.

Were they supplied with drink and did they pay for it?—Yes.

If it was a properly elected club why did you order them out?—I merely said it was better that they should go.

Did they have any more drink after the policeman went in?—No.

If these men had a right to be in as members why did they go out?—Because we generally shut up at 10 or 10.30, and sometimes at 9.30.

Was it not a quarter past eleven on this particular night?—It was not.

How long were you in after these men went out?—About five minutes.

At Lanchester you told me you locked these premises at a quarter past eleven—Very likely, I had to put the lights out.

In prosecuting these men for breaking into your club did you not allege that the bottles were your property?—Yes.

Were there three consignments of bottled stuff from Kershaw?—Two.

Mr. Welford: Who is paying for this?—The club for the latter. The first portion I paid for myself. That was before the opening of the club, and before any of the stuff was sold.

The Chairman: Do I understand that you have only paid for a portion of the stuff that was drunk?—That was after the 11th. There was a small consignment from Kershaw, but it was mostly lemonade.

Mr. Welford: Did you pay for it, or did the club?

The Chairman: He said the club has paid for part, and he paid for part. Did you pay for part after the club was formed?—The club has paid since.

The Chairman: Who drank the stuff you paid for?—There was a meeting previous to the 9th.

Did they pay for it?—Not at all.

You made them a present of it?—Yes.

What is your salary in connection with the club?—I have no salary; it is only in its infancy as yet. The salary is to be fixed yet. This case has kept it back.

When was this book written up?—After the 9th.

Have you had a committee meeting since?—We had one on Wednesday.

Why have these minutes not been confirmed?—It will be done at the next meeting.

Is there a minute book as well as this:—That is all the minute book except when it is roughly done.

Is this the minute book?—Yes.

The minutes are not signed, and you have had a meeting since.—There was a meeting to elect officials pro. tem. The next meeting is to elect them for good.

Samuel Bloomfield said he was treasurer of the club pro. tem.

The Chairman: He has held several offices. What is he now?

Mr. Welford: He says he is treasurer pro. tem.

Witness: I was never proposed as secretary. I was as president, and presided at one meeting.

The Chairman: What office does Mr. A. Wilkinson hold?—He is not a member, sir. He was proposed as treasurer, but he never turned up.

Mr. Welford: Was the set of rules put before the meeting on the 9th?—Yes, to be considered. The profits had to be divided amongst the members. I have taken an account of the monies received by the club since it was opened. The club was opened on the 11th.

Mr. Aynsley: Where do you bank your money?—I will have to get some to bank first. (Laughter.)

Have you ever actually had money paid over to you?—Yes, I have had small trifles paid to me.

What has become of the takings?—There is some expenditure.

Who have the takings been paid to?—To me.

What have you done with them?—I have kept them except what I have spent.

Have you any in hand now?—Yes, I have a trifle in hand.

Who gave the order for this liquor?—The Committee.

From whom have you bought?—Mr. Dover, and someone else, I don't remember the name.

Who ordered the liquor from Dover?—Johnson and Thompson.

When was that?—One day last week.

Is that the first you had from Dover?—No.

When did you have any, before that?—I am sure I don't know.

Who ordered it on that occasion?—Mr. Southren himself I believe.

Who paid for it?—I paid it as far as I know.

Have the whole of the members been supplied with drink after paying their half-crowns?—I am not always there.

Have you ever been in when a new member has come in; were you in when Hemming was brought in?—I did happen to be in that day.

Did he sign any book?—No, he asked to be a member, and I moved that Mr. Hemming be a member. He was then admitted and paid a half-crown.

Did you ever pay for your drinks?—Yes.

Who did you pay?—The steward.

The Chairman said according to the book before him the takings amounted to £3 1s 4½d. Was that all they had received?

Witness said that was all up to the present.

The Chairman said the figures on the expenditure side were much larger and he should like to know how they were able to pay the amount?

Witness said that in addition to the takings they had the subscriptions.

The Chairman: Did you receive the entrance fees?—Yes.

How much did you receive?—I really could not say.

And are you the treasurer?—Yes, I am.

Is that the only book you have?—That is the only book we have.

How do you know what you have received in entrance fees?

Mr. Welford: The names are in the book.

The Chairman: This is the treasurer; he puts down part but not the whole.

Mr. Welford: He is not an accountant.

The Chairman: That is quite evident.

Mr. Aynsley: This club has been going on since the 11th of August, and that is all you have received?—Yes.

How many barrels have you ordered?—Two half barrels.

How many bottles of whiskey and pint bottles of beer?—I could not say.

How many paid up members are there?—Nineteen or twenty.

The Chairman: There is an account of £5 apparently not paid. How do you expect to pay that?—It will have to be paid when the traveller calls.

Mr. Welford: All the members are liable.

The Chairman: The receipts only begin on Aug. 24th. What became of the money received before then?—There was nothing taken to hand over.

Mr. Welford: According to the steward's book the income was £3 9s 0½d.

The Chairman: Who pays for the stuff previous to this time, there had been paid up to now £3 19s 8d; has he paid that out of his own pocket?

Mr. Welford: There are the subscriptions that are not put down there at all.

The Chairman: He can give us no account of them.

Mr. Welford: He says he got them. (To witness): Have you got these subscriptions—there are 23?—Yes, all of them.

The Chairman: What do you pay the steward as a salary?—It is not settled yet. The thing has not got into working order.

What is the rent?—£40.

Have you any rent agreement?—No, I don't know of any.

The Bench then retired, and on returning into Court

The Chairman said: The magistrates have no doubt that this club is not a bona fide one, and William Southren is fined £10 and costs.

Supt. Benzies applied for the solicitor's fee of three guineas, and the Bench allowed two guineas.

### SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. F. Priestman and Mr. W. Holmes.

THE DRUNK LIST.

Ralph Johnson and John Urwin for being drunk were fined 5/- and 2/6 respectively. For being drunk and disorderly the following fines were inflicted:—John Butler 5/-, Frank Murphy 5/-, Charles Brodie 7/6, Michael Talbot 2/6, Patrick Murphy 5/-, Michael Quinn, 5/-, Wm. Scott 10/-, Samuel Ward 5/-, Richard Longstaff 2/6, Joseph Evans 5/-, and John Robson 5/-, with costs in each case. Mary Clare was ordered to pay the costs, and Margaret Keenan was discharged.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Thomas Donelly and John Robson were convicted on the evidence of Sergt. Dryden of a breach of the peace by fighting at Consett on Aug. 26th. They were bound over and ordered to pay the costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

James Hanson and Joseph Maddison, for doing wilful damage to turnips, at Middle Friarside, the property of the South Garesfield Coal Company, was fined sixpence damage and costs.—Christopher Holden was also charged, but was dismissed.

John McGeary and Wm. Ross, putters, Westwood, for doing wilful damage to turnips were each fined 1/- and ordered to pay 2d damage and the costs.

ASSAULT CASE.

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# THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, September 7th, 1900

## EDITORIAL CHAT.

**Mr. Atherley-Jones.** The member for North-West Durham has taken Cauldwell Shotley Bridge, for a period of two or three weeks. Among the guests whom Mr. and Mrs. Atherley-Jones will entertain are Sir William Nevill Geary, Bart., of Kent; Miss Weigall, Miss Andrew, and Miss Mackinnon, daughter of Colonel Mackinnon, of the Grenadier Guards, who is now in command of the C.I.V. in South Africa. It is the hon. member's intention to address the Liberal Council of the Division at an early date, when a strong muster of the leading Liberals is anticipated. Later on Mr. Atherley-Jones may probably address his constituents in various parts of the Division.

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**Curious Playmates.** Sergt. W. Bellam, of Consett, forwards us particulars of a very interesting incident as follows:—"Cats being so very fond of birds, but in a manner which the latter don't approve of, makes an instance of one of the former creatures preserving a member of the feathered tribe from the devouring intentions of another of the feline species very worthy of notice. Now, I have a jackdaw which, judging from his antics, seems to be a direct lineal descendant of the one which lived—and so notoriously—at Rheims many, many long years ago. Nay, in spite of the great lapse of time, I sometimes believe him to be the very identical fellow, for, besides his ancient appearance, it must be borne in mind that I have to support my conviction the fact that we have absolutely no direct historical evidence that the Rheims worthy ever actually became defunct. Leaving, however, that very knotty and important question for future discussion and decision, and granting for the present that our jackdaw is really of modern origin, I will proceed to narrate a most momentous incident in his life, and which, but for a timely and remarkable interposition from a most unexpected quarter, would, beyond all doubt, have had a fatal issue. "Jack" was exposed the other day to the danger—not of being cursed by a cardinal—but of being captured and carried off by a thieving and murderous grimalkin. He was hopping about the back-yard (his wings, I may be allowed to say, are very short), cawing and chattering in his usual noisy but merry fashion, when suddenly he was heard to give loud screams, and on looking out at the window we saw a neighbouring cat chasing him with evil intent. As we made for the yard our own cat ran out and rushed between the other cat and its intended victim, and, happily, just in time to prevent a great tragedy. Seeing that "Jack" was safe, we stood back a few moments within the door to observe the scene of action and the course of events. Well, there was the bird taking refuge in a corner, while our own cat, growling, back at high elevation, and tail lashing angrily, was driving back the assailant, and then at last with a wild rush made him beat a hasty retreat over the wall. The daw came hopping into the house looking terribly frightened, and was followed shortly after by his feline defender, which, as it passed him, gave him a look which seemed to mean:—'You may think yourself very lucky to be there, my friend.' Then turning away with saddened look and lowered head and tail, as if struck by remorse at the remembrance of the attempts which she herself used at one time to make upon 'Jack's' life, till she learned better, pussy went and laid herself slowly down by the fireside, while the daw came as if expressing his gratitude for his safe deliverance. These strange companions, I may add, often feed together, and sometimes also play with each other. If a piece of food is thrown down to them the cat now always—though not at one time—allows the bird the first chance of the morsel, but if, after inspection, he declines it as not to his taste, the cat then comes and makes an examination, and then takes possession, if desirable. In playing, they chase each other, taking turns in being chased and in chasing."

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**A Timely Warning.** It is wonderful what a number of publicans there are who are averse to supplying travellers with anything of a solid nature in the shape of refreshments. We are pleased to notice that at many of the recent Brewster Sessions the magistrates have spoken out in to uncertain manner upon this sort of conduct, and intimated pretty plainly that if license-holders do not keep up their character as licensed victuallers the consequences may be serious. Both at Lanchester and Chester-le-Street pertinent remarks to this effect were made from the Bench, and we may reasonably expect an improvement in the future. At Chester-le-Street last week, Mr. C. R. Barrett, one of the Licensing Justices, very appropriately observed that "licenses were not granted for the purpose of making a fortune for the license-holder, but for the convenience of the public." Unfortunately, many publicans take just a contrary view to Mr. Barrett. Colonel Humble (the chairman of the Guardians) told how he and other Guardians cannot be supplied with luncheon to their satisfaction at the Lambton Arms, which, after being tenanted for forty-five years by Mr. Tom Burns, has been let by the owner (Lord Durham) to a merchant at a large rental, and a manager placed there. The Guardians had also tried the High Crown Inn, but fared no better. In both cases the renewals were held over to see whether a better condition of affairs is instituted.

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**Philharmonic Society.** The members and friends of this popular body have every reason to feel highly gratified at the report presented, at the annual meeting, of the past season's doings of the society. The performances of "The Messiah" and "The Last Judgment" were very fine, and, whilst everything attempted by the society from a musical standpoint was more than creditable, financially the season has been a most satisfactory one. The gross proceeds of the "Messiah" concert, amounting to £33 11s, was handed over to the local branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, but this notwithstanding the deficit of £17 6s 4d has been reduced to less than £9, whilst there are nearly £4 of outstanding subscriptions to come in. This, as Mr. Brown truly remarks, "is an accomplishment to be proud of, and more than justifies the existence of the society." A very attractive programme has been drawn up for the ensuing season, and we trust that when the next annual report is submitted, the society will be found to have a balance on the right side. It is to be regretted that Mr. Brown has had to relinquish the post of joint secretary, as no one has worked harder for the success of the "Philharmonic" than this gentleman. However, he has accepted a seat on the committee, so that his services will, fortunately, not be entirely lost to the society.

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**Coroner Graham.** A man of many parts is Mr. John Graham, the highly-respected coroner for the Chester Ward of the County of Durham, but perhaps only few people were aware that he was president of the English Arboricultural Society. Mr. Graham has just resigned this honourable office, which he had held for two years, and at the annual meeting of the society, held recently in Manchester, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Graham for "his wise and energetic efforts on the society's behalf." Mention of Mr. Graham reminds us that we have often thought what intensely interesting details they would furnish for a book, could the worthy Coroner been persuaded to relate his reminiscences. He is a most entertaining companion, and can relate some thrilling experiences that have occurred during the course of his long career. Mr. Graham's successor as president of the Arboricultural Society is Professor Somerville, of Cambridge, who was formerly associated with the College of Science in Newcastle.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

Nothing was more strongly impressed on my mind at Lanchester last Thursday so much as the fact that so called Workmen's Clubs are springing up like mushrooms and that they are likely to be held out as a menace to the licensing justices in the consideration of applications for new licenses. It is a fact that where there is a lack of licensed accommodation and a club has been formed that club has become an enormous paying concern, and even in places where there is ample accommodation clubs have been started and have flourished. Subscriptions and billiards do not pay the expenses and the dividends; it is the unlicensed and unbridled sale of intoxicating liquors on days and hours arranged by the members and not by the law. They are baneful, and therefore they are another peg on which to hang a philanthropic argument in favour of new licenses. This is a sorry state of affairs and one which ought not to exist. The only absolute remedy is to abolish the right to sell intoxicating liquors in clubs altogether, and to do that the legislature would have to begin at home. They are not likely to do so. The next best thing to do is to make all clubs pay full excise duty and subject them to police supervision. That would materially help the revenue and at the same time cause many clubs to close their doors. Let the gentlemen who oppose the extension of new licenses also turn their attention in this direction, for here they have a formidable peg to pull out ere it gets too firmly wedged in.

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A GLARING CASE.

Those who wanted to see the very worst side of clubs had an illustration in the case heard by the Consett Magistrates on Monday. There wasn't a redeeming feature about the defence. It was a bold and glaring defiance of the law, and absolutely nude of anything in the shape of moral excuse. One can think favourably of a club like that at Burnhope, the principal attractions of which are not the drinking bar but the large and commodious reading room with its amply supplied tables and the well-stocked circulating library, a club in fact which fits in admirably with the remarks made last year by Mr. Atherley Jones, when he opened the Esh Winning Club. But here at Dipton under an elaborate, not to say cheeky, title was a shanty consisting of one mass of illegality, pandering to the lowest tastes, and encouraging some of the worst forms of depravity. The evidence disclosed as bad a case as could well have been produced, and the action taken by the police was worthy of the fullest commendation. It is sincerely to be trusted that beneficial effects may ensue and that not only promoters but would be members will think twice before they rush in to what may turn out to be an uncomfortably warm place for them. Let them think of this. Mr. Annandale, after showing from what books were forthcoming that this "club" was in financial difficulties, drew attention to a debt of £5. The treasurer said the account would have to be paid when the traveller called, and Mr. Welford, the defending solicitor, added the significant words, "all the members are liable." Of course where there is no club there can be no members and the defendant in this case is alone liable, but in clubs properly formed "all the members are liable" and at the rate they are growing some of them will come to grief.

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BLACKHILL ETHIOPIANS.

Remembering the many excellent performances given by the Blackhill Ethiopian Minstrel Troupe and the considerable sums they raised for charitable purposes, one cannot but feel a pleasure in the announcement that they are once more about to demonstrate their talent, and to give a helping hand to the Consett and District Cricket Club bazaar scheme. The troupe consists of local amateur talent and includes the pick of the soloists of the district with a repertoire sufficient to satisfy any audience. The nineteen gentlemen who will appear in the New Town Hall on Wednesday week in new and original costumes with a new and delightful programme are devoting their time in order to ensure a thoroughly high class entertainment, and bearing in mind that their only reward will be the applause of the audience and the pleasure of assisting a good cause their efforts should result in a bumper house.

## LEADGATE NOTES.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

CRICKET HONOURS.

Of late years Leadgate has not been able to boast of her cricketing prowess, although time was when the town could put a very strong team into the field. One of the most noted players that ever assisted Leadgate was Jack I'Anson, now a pro. at Leyland, in Lancashire, and who has on several occasions figured in the Lancashire county team. He is a fine all-round player. However, to return to my text, and to state what I wish to say, which is that on Saturday last the Leadgate Temperance team won the championship of the Junior Division of the North Durham League. After qualifying as leaders of the West group they had to antagonise the winners of the East Group (Felling Temperance 2nd), and the game came off on the Wearmouth Colliery ground on Saturday, when the Leadgate men gained a very substantial victory. The bowling of Kennedy, and the batting of Wilson, Little, and Kennedy did most to turn the tide in favour of the local men. The winners received medals, which they thoroughly deserved.

DITTO.

A correspondent writes me:—I think that Leadgate Temperance Cricket Club is fairly entitled to the honour of champions, seeing that they have secured premier place in their own division, and also vanquished the winners of the other division last Saturday. This is their first season in the combination, and they have done exceedingly well. I had the pleasure of seeing the medals which they won, which are very nice indeed. As I walked along the street last Saturday night, I met a number who have interested themselves in the team, and they were proud of the result. I also met the genial secretary, Mr. Winter, who was all smiles. I think the club is fairly entitled to recognition and support, and I trust that a great future lies before it. I might have said a great deal more, but will conclude by wishing the Temperance every success.

A BIG MUSHROOM.

On Thursday morning last an unusually large mushroom was found near Leadgate by a man named John Thirlway, who lives in Front Street. It measured eleven inches across and nearly a yard around it, and weighed just over a pound and-a-quarter. I notice that several big mushrooms have been found in other places, but up to the present Mr. Thirlway's find would appear to hold the record. I would like about a bushel of the same kind for ketchup.

P. C. DIXON.

Readers of the "Guardian" would observe that from a paragraph which appeared last week, P.C. Dixon is shortly going to remove to Seaham Harbour. This is a loss to the place, as the officer and his good lady have made themselves extremely popular during their stay in Leadgate. However, I understand that the change will improve the position of P.C. Dixon, therefore no one can blame him for accepting it. There have been two or three names mentioned as likely to succeed P.C. Dixon—including that of P.C. Hunter, of Medomsley—but at the time of writing I have been assured that nothing definite has been decided upon. All who know Mr. and Mrs. Dixon will wish them success in their new sphere.

DESECRATING THE SABBATH.

It does seem a curious thing that numbers of youths cannot spend the sabbath in a decent and orderly manner. On Sunday night last, for instance, several grown-up lads were engaged on the road near the old Bradley shaft in a game of leap-frog. One perhaps would not have minded this so much had it not been for their language, which was abominable, whilst the row they kicked up made the night hideous. I heard several people remark upon it, and it was certainly anything but pleasant for ladies and children, not to mention the male persuasion. If these youths must spend the Sunday in this way, surely they might use some unfrequented place, and not a road which is very much used on a Sabbath evening. The whole performance was most disgraceful. Talk about sending out missionaries to convert the heathen—we have plenty at home that want looking after.

WHAT I HEAR.

That Coun. Winter felt exactly six inches taller when he returned from Sunderland on Saturday.

That the Leadgate exhibitors were very successful at the Kyo Flower show on Saturday.

That "Splash" Day again annexed the first prize for the comical costume.

That "Splash" is unbeatable in this line of business.

That Mr. Jas. Brown, the popular landlord of the Commercial Hotel, will shortly start a billiard handicap.

That "Geordie" is not expected to win it

That my remarks respecting the Flower Show were not altogether palatable to certain ones.

That a lamp is badly needed at the approach to Park Terrace from St Ives Road

That someone will probably break their neck here some night.

That Mr. Milburn, of the Golden Lion, has a dragon fly in a chrysalis state.

That all is peace again in the asphalt camp.

That the Saxhorn Band were at Hunstanworth Flower Show on Saturday.

That their efforts in the musical line were much appreciated.

## WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Rowley."]

A DAY OF MOURNING.

During the last few days the hand of death has been busy throughout the parish. On Sunday afternoon the grave closed over no less than five persons in Whickham churchyard—a number unsurpassed in one day. Sunday was a day of mourning to many. To the visitor Whickham churchyard presented a sorrowful spectacle; and touching evidences of mourning were only too numerous. The eye perchance fell upon some gaping grave ready to receive its dead, or maybe the ear was arrested by some half-stifled sob; and, indeed, he or she must have been a callous person whose heart's sympathy did not go out to the bereaved ones. In many a memory there awoke sad recollections of a bygone day; for each grassy mound marked the resting-place of some dear one.

THE LATE MR. JOHN THOMPSON.

Amongst the number to be committed to their last resting-place was the mortal remains of the late Mr. John Thompson, of Whickham, who passed away on Friday morning at the age of 51 years. He was a man who, by his kind and generous disposition, made many friends. His death removes a well-known resident, and one who was held in the highest respect and regard. He was perhaps best known amongst local sportsmen associated with aquatic affairs, for, in Mr. Thompson was to be found an ardent supporter and capable exponent of this pastime. It's many years since such a large number of Tyneside sportsmen assembled in Whickham churchyard to pay the last tribute of respect to one of their number, as was to be found honouring the memory of the deceased gentleman. Never since the funeral of the famous Harry Clasper, the renowned oarsman and boat-builder, has such a gathering been witnessed. There was not a true sportsman present who did not pay a visit to the west side of the churchyard to once more gaze upon and admire the handsome monument erected to Clasper's memory.

THE CULTIVATION OF FLOWERS.

Whickham is pre-eminently a horticultural district, as was amply evidenced by a glance around the well-stocked benches which were to be found at the annual show held under the auspices of the Whickham Floral and Horticultural Society, on Saturday. The district has long enjoyed a golden reputation for its floral, fruit, and vegetable productions, and nowhere, within a radius of many miles, is the pleasant pursuit carried out with such skill and care. It would seem as though almost every artisan had acquired a taste for the sweetest and purest pleasure of life—gardening. There are indeed few toilers who do not hold an allotment either small or large; for the passionate love of flower culture has secured a strong hold upon the people. With many the love of gardening is an inherited instinct; and no more beautiful form of recreation can be found. These enthusiasts delight in their well-kept cottage garden, which can be truly described as veritable workmen's paradises. Rich and poor alike avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them of cultivating the most healing of all God's good gifts to the hard workers of every class and every description; and the workers of Whickham and district take full advantage of the privilege. Saturday's display of flowers, fruit, and vegetables afforded some idea of the high state of perfection that local gardeners are able to attain in the horticultural world. In every department the exhibits were of a high order, and the objects of admiration. Those who visited the show, and there were many, could not fail to be pleased with the creditable display, and seldom, if ever, has a better collection been placed under canvas at Whickham. Apart from the horticultural department, there was a high-class section of poultry, etc., which came in for an equal share of admiration.

## STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

SCHOOLS QUESTION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A few days ago a meeting was held at Chester-le-Street to promote a School Board in the town to which there was strong opposition. The promoters, I hear, made a very poor case out in favour of the innovation, and the opposition element completely carried the meeting against them. Mr. Burrell, the Conservative agent, made a clever speech against the scheme. A very neat pleasantry was also provided for the hearers by the Rev. Father Holmes, Roman Catholic Priest, who, in speaking of the possibility of establishing a Board School, said—and laid special emphasis upon his remark—that he for one would certainly not attend such a school, nor would he allow any of his children to attend.

KYO FLOWER SHOW.

This annual exhibition is still growing in popularity in and around the district, and on Saturday one of its most successful anniversaries was held under very favourable conditions. The weather was fine on the whole, and the extra attractions in the way of "hobby-horses" and similar affairs brought many people together who seldom see each other during the year. The show itself was good, especially the vegetable section. I learn that the gate-money exceeded last year's takings by some £22, while last year's were some £13 in advance of the previous year. So it will be seen that the Society is on a pretty firm footing, and we may expect to find further attractions in the shape of more valuable prizes for the exhibitors in the floral section next year.

DIPTON NATURALISTS.

The members of the Dipton and District Naturalists' Field Club closed the list of their field meetings for the season with a visit to the historic and picturesque Lambton Castle. The club is still maintaining its popularity among its members, thanks to the enterprise of its able President, Mr. W. McQuillen, and its genial secretary, Mr. R. T. Batey, both of whom have been most assiduous in their duties to make the meetings both pleasant and profitable. The winter meetings will soon be upon us, and I should like to impress upon the members the necessity and desirability of preparing themselves to undertake a share of the work of the approaching session. Interesting papers could be prepared between now and the first winter gathering, and would be the means of developing the latent talent of the members, in addition to creating a taste for literary work, which in many cases must be acquired.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

The members of the Stanley Primitive Methodist Choir treated their hearers to a grand cantata, entitled "Under the palms," on Wednesday evening. It is pleasing to note that the church generally is developing, although in a quiet, unostentatious way. And on that account it stands a much better chance of succeeding than it would do by making too much show and empty profession. It has a very prosperous Christian Endeavour Society connected with it, most of whose members are young men and women whose desires are to become useful and respected citizens. Speaking of church work reminds me that the Annfield Plain Primitives opened their new organ, which has been specially built by that popular firm of organ builders, Messrs H. J. Nelson and Co., Durham, on Wednesday evening. Judging from the appearance and tone of the instrument it seems unlikely that the friends will want another one in their time, as with care the instrument just acquired should serve them for very many years. Mr. J. M. Preston, of Newcastle, a popular musician of northernopolis, showed up its many excellent qualities in the organ recital which he rendered on Wednesday evening, and the society are to be congratulated on having secured such a serviceable organ.

ANOTHER TREAT IN STORE.

Mr. Tom Holland is always arranging some musical treat for the people of the district. His latest scheme is to render the "Messiah" with about one hundred voices in the Co-operative Hall, Stanley, some time in November. He is anxious to give it in first class style, and is busily engaged in the work of preparation. Mr. Holland is now well enough known in the district as an efficient musician, and anything he takes in hand is bound to succeed if he can make it do so. He has tackled, as most lovers of music know, a somewhat stiffish work, but I feel sure if he receives anything like the help he deserves the concert in November will be one of the treats of the season.

## STANLEY EVENING CLASSES

The result of examinations held in connection with the classes conducted by the Local Committee under the County Council and Science and Art Department during the past session, at Stanley, are now to hand, and are as under:—

Building Construction—Advanced: Thos. Laverick, Peter Heel, Thomas Mitchell, and Christopher Wilson (2nd class.) Elementary: Geo. E. Craven, Matthew Wilson (2nd class.)

Magnetism and Electricity—Elementary: John T. Stocks (1st class), Henry Kelley, Joseph Thompson, Thos. Brass, Robert Dodd, and Robert W. Bell (2nd class.)

Mining—Advanced: Thos. I. Fletcher (1st class), Jas. Armstrong, Patrick Gallagher, Thos. Hume, Philip S. Blunden, Alf. J. Wright, Wm. Hermeston, Geo. H. H. Rowell, and Michael Simpson (2nd class.) Elementary: Joseph Carr, Frederick Benson, Matthew Famcett, John R. Goodrum, Andrew Stephenson, John Simpson, Patrick Carroll, Fred. A. Woodley, and Thos. Carr (1st class); Thos. Bell, John R. Ferguson, Wm. Barnes, and John N. Humble (2nd class.)

French—Elementary: Pass with credit—Joe. Adamson, Wm. T. Berkeley, Sarah E. Brown, Wm. Herdman, Wm. Herron, and Eleanor Simpson. Pass: Robt. Armstrong, Emma Beck, Wm. Clish, Isabella Hunter, Ellen Mudd, Elizabeth Ritson, Jane Trewick, and Edith Watkins.

## ORGAN OPENING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The Primitive Methodist friends at Annfield Plain have treated themselves to a new organ, which they have had built at a cost of something like £250, by Messrs H. J. Nelson and Co., Durham, who have gained a wide reputation as organ-builders in this and other districts in the county. The old organ, which has served the needs of the church up to the present, has now been removed to the school-room, where it will be used chiefly for Sunday School work. The organ, which is encased in pitch-pine, is of a very suitable design to the church, and is artistically decorated in golden colours. It is placed to the right of the rostrum in the most suitable place in the church and is quite an ornament to the sacred edifice. It has a fine tone, and the members are to be congratulated on the acquisition of so suitable an instrument, which very materially assists when skilfully handled in the services of the church. The organ is a two manual organ, and consists of a great swell and pedal organ; great organ, CC to A, 58 notes, open diapason, 8 feet; dulciama, 8 feet; rohr flute, 8 feet; principal, 4 feet; wald flute, 4 feet; clarionette, 8 feet; swell organ, CC to A, 58 notes; oboe with bassoon base, 8 feet; conopion, 8 feet; piccolo, 2 feet; gemshron, 4 feet; lievlich GD Act; viol D orchestra, 8 feet; vox celeste, 8 feet; open diapason, 8 feet; pedal bourdon, CCC to F, 30 notes, 16 feet; tremolo, swell to great coupler, and swell to pedal coupler, and great to pedal coupler. The organ is fitted with sliding glass doors, an improvement on the old-fashioned folding doors, which are always in the way, and more especially when the space organs are crowded into is very limited.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. J. M. Preston opened the new organ by rendering a grand organ recital. The performance was quite a treat, and was listened to by a packed house. During the evening Miss Walton, of Newcastle, sang two pieces, and in her last solo, "The Lost Chord," she was encored. The following programme of instrumental music was given:—Chorus, "Hallelujah" (from the Messiah); overture and march, "To the ode on St. Cecilias' Day"; Allegretto in B Minor; Offertorie in C Minor; pastorale; air, with variations in A; triumphal march, "Alfred"; Savoyard chant; overture in C.

Mr. J. Bainbridge in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, organist, and Miss Walton, said he was very pleased to see such a large assembly to help them in their work, and as that would not be the last recital they would have he trusted that they would favour the friends with their presence, when Mr. D. Clegg would give another recital in October.

Mr. C. Graham seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

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Subscriptions towards the Relief of the Sufferers will be thankfully received by the EDITOR, "GUARDIAN" OFFICE, CONSETT.

Messrs J. R. Parkington and Co. state that the shipments of port for August amount to 6,066 pipes (Great Britain, 2,119 pipes), making 63,091 pipes for eight months against 66,672 pipes in 1899. The sherry shipments were 3,396 butts, making 30,438 butts for eight months, as compared with 29,318 butts for the corresponding period of last year.

## Late Advertisements


TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

THE Consett Iron Company Limited are prepared to receive TENDERS for the erection of 8 COTTAGES at Consett; 20 COTTAGES at Langley Park; and 2 COTTAGES at Coalburns.

Plans and specifications may be seen and Quantities obtained upon application to the Company's Architect (Mr. C. E. Oliver) at their General Offices, Consett.

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## Local and District News.

### Consett.

Fire.—On Wednesday afternoon a tarred erection used as a pig-cree in the gardens facing Sherburn Terrace, Consett, by some means caught fire, and the inflammable material, aided by a strong breeze, soon burst into a blaze. There were two pigs in at the time, but they were got out in safety, and the erection was rapidly burned to the ground without further damage being done.

P.C. Pringle a Prisoner.—The Sergt.-Major Pringle mentioned in Lord Robert's despatch, published in Monday's newspapers, as having been taken prisoner by the Boers and set to Barberton was a member of the Durham County Constabulary, and was stationed for some years at Chester-le-Street and Consett. He left the last-named place on the 24th January last, and joined the C Company of the Northumberland contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry at Newcastle. Pringle served in the Life Guards before joining the police force, and is a big, strapping fellow.

### Burnopfield

An Interesting Event.—There was solemnized at St. James's Church, Burnopfield on Thursday afternoon week, the marriage of Mr. John Kennedy, of Westwood, and Miss Rutherford, of Park View, Burnopfield. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Madill. A number of beautiful and costly presents were received.

### Catchgate

Greencroft School Board.—At a special meeting of the Greencroft School Board, held in the Greencroft Board Schools on Thursday evening, the Chairman moved, and Mr. Hall seconded, the motion, that the sum of £380 be borrowed from the Education Department for the alterations to the schools in the erection of additional class-rooms. The motion was carried. The resignation of Miss Purvis, assistant-mistress, was also tendered and accepted, and the clerk authorised to advertise for a successor.

### Chester-le-Street

The Block Tests.—The results of the block tests at the recent show held in Lambton Park have just been made known. Messrs Chas. Robson and Sons, Chester-le-Street and Birtley, have slaughtered and weighed the beast and the three sheep, and the results are as under:—One beast, actual weight, 47 st. 12lb Estimates: Wm. Chrystal, auctioneer, Houghton-le-Spring, 47 st. 10 lb; J. Armstrong, South Ford, 47st. 10lb; and J. E. Willey, Holmside, 48st, equal; W. Wilson and an unnumbered ticket, 47st. 8lb., equal seconds. There was a range of over 20st. in the 125 competitors. Three sheep, actual weight, 17st. 3¼lb.; 1, Master Geo. Thompson, Hetton 17st. 3lb.; 2, Thos. Swinney, Chester-le-Street, 17st. 5lb.; 3, Robt. Rutter, White House Farm, 17st. 4, Wright Ryles, High Flats, 17st. 8lb. The range was from 15st. 3¼lb. to 19st. 4lb.

### East Castle

The Bantling Castle Inn.—When it became known that Mr. Thos. Pearson, owner and landlord of the Bantling Castle Inn, had secured a full license at the Lanchester Brewster Sessions on Thursday, there was a general rejoicing amongst the villagers. Mr. J. M. Aynsley, a promising young solicitor of Consett, was the solicitor for Mr. Pearson, and instructed Mr. Meynell, barrister, to plead the case of his client. Indeed the only applications granted were those which were made by Mr. Aynsley.

### Swalwell.

M. N. C. Chapel.—On Saturday a successful tea and entertainment was held in the Swalwell M. N. C. Chapel, the proceeds being in aid of the building fund.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday evening the choir connected with this place of worship rendered an excellent service of song entitled "True as Steel," before a large audience. The members sung with precision and ability, their efforts being much appreciated.

### Whickham

Sale of Corn Crops.—On Tuesday evening, at the Crown Hotel, Whickham, Messrs R. March and Son offered for sale, upon the instructions of Mr. John Henry, High Glebe Farm, Whickham, twenty acres of corn, in three lots. Lot 1, comprising seven acres of short oats, was secured by Mr. George Robson, Swalwell, at the figure of £4 17s 6d per acre. Lot 2, being three acres of wheat, was obtained by Mr. Jonathan Atkinson, Whickham, at £4 5s per acre. Lot 3 was knocked down to Mr. Rutherford, Kibblesworth Grange, at £4 7s 6d per acre.

### Stanley.

Presbyterian Church.—At a meeting of the Newcastle Presbytery, held at the Blackett Street Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday afternoon, the clerk announced a grant from the Home Mission Board of £50 to the West Stanley Presbyterian Church.

Flower Show.—On Saturday afternoon the members of the Oxhill, Stanley, West Shield Row, and District Flower, Horticultural, Industrial, Poultry, and Rabbit Society held their nineteenth annual exhibition in the Albert Hall, Stanley, by the kind permission of Capt. Crossling, of Stanley. There were only a few exhibits of plants, cut flowers, vegetables, and an industrial class. The following were the principal winners:—J. Robson, J. Holland, J. Harkness, R. Cockburn, W. Cockburn, T. Harrison, C. Scott, J. Dawson, G. Nelson, W. Irwin, W. Proudlock, C. Little, R. Light, J. Williamson, W. Hunter, M. Clough, W. Crosby, W. Scott, J. Hall, J. Wrangham, J. Russell, M. Robinson, J. Wilson, Mrs. Thompson. The Lindon Challenge Cup, given by Mr. M. H. Lindon, lessee of the Victoria Theatre, Stanley, for the best three leeks, was again won by Mr. C. Scott, who now claims the cup. A stand of fine butter was shown by Mrs. Elsom, of Ebchester. The judge was Mr. Thos. Clark, of Shotley Hall, and the secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr. Robt. Scott, who was ably assisted by the chairman, Mr. W. Proudlock, and Mr. R. Cockburn, the treasurer.

Property in The Market.—On Wednesday week, at the Queen's Hotel, Stanley, Mr. T. D. Dryden, of Consett, offered for sale some valuable tenement property, being Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16, Delacour Street, Stanley. There was a good company present, and after the bidding had reached £280 each, the property was withdrawn, Mr. A. Swinburn, Stanley, being the highest bidder.

Funeral of Mr. Lowson.—On Wednesday afternoon the remains of Mr. Wm. Lowson, a report of whose death appears in another column, were interred at St. James' Church, Stanley, in the presence of a large company of friends and mourners. On account of the sad death the workmen employed at South Tanfield Colliery marched "en masse" in front of the hearse, the colliery having started two hours sooner than usual to allow the workmen to attend the funeral.

Funeral of Mr. J. W. Robson.—The remains of Mr. John W. Robson, late master-shifter of Beamish Air Pit, were laid to rest in St. Joseph's Churchyard, Stanley, on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a fairly large company. Mr. Robson was only 35 years of age, and was well liked by the workmen under his charge.

Wesleyan New Organist.—On Sunday morning, Mr. R. A. Aitkin, of Dipton, the newly-appointed organist of the Stanley Wesleyan Church, commenced duties. The Stanley friends are proud of their new acquisition, and rightly so, for if we are not greatly mistaken he will become a greater favourite the longer he retains the position.

East Stanley Primitive Chapel.—On Sunday, Miss Peart, evangelist, Sunderland, began an eight day's mission in the East Stanley Primitive Methodist Chapel. There were large congregations present at Sunday's services, and the weeknight services are being fairly well attended.

Police Court.—On Wednesday morning before Mr. J. Green, a labourer named John Gardner was fined 1/- and costs, or seven days, for drunkenness, and Elizabeth Bolam, against whom a similar charge was preferred, was dismissed.

Cantata.—On Wednesday evening the Stanley Primitive Methodist Choir and Sunday School children, under the leadership of Mr. Batey, rendered the sacred cantata, entitled, "Under the Palms." The soprano parts were taken by Miss Jennie Brown, Newcastle; the contralto parts by Miss Doubleday, Amble; the tenor parts by Mr. Tom Holland Stanley; and the bass parts by Mr. Macintosh, of Newcastle. Mr. J. A. Ramsay, Harperley Hall, occupied the chair, and presided over a large company. The piece is one of Mr. George Frederick Root's compositions, which have attained a world-wide reputation. The arrangements of the piece are by Mr. Hezekiah Butterworth, another prominent musician. The composer's aim is to illustrate the fidelity to the Church of God, and not only to present to singers and hearers a beautiful incident in the history of the Jewish Church, but to impress upon all the Christian truths therein contained, viz., the delivery from the captivity of Sin and the way of salvation by Jesus Christ. Having those qualities the work is well adapted for the religious exercises of the Sunday School and Church. The cantata is intended to illustrate the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, or Harvest Festival, and to present a view of the teachings of the prophet Ezra. The ocasion presented in the piece was the Feast of Tabernacles that took place after the return from the Captivity in Babylon, the scene of which with its characters and accessories, is described in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Part one illustrates the deliverance, and opens with a rousing introduction and chorus, "Wake, captives, awake." The second part illustrates the rejoicing consequent upon the deliverance from bondage, and concludes with a suitable application. There were attractive decorations, which rendered the piece much more interesting and added pleasantly to the interest of its musical performers. The proceeds were in aid of the Stanley Primitive Methodist Church.

## TANFIELD URBAN COUNCIL.

On Wednesday evening the monthly meeting of the members of the Tanfield Council was held in the Tanfield Board Room, Coun. W. Holmes, J.P. (chairman) presiding. There were also present —Couns. W. G. Turnbull, J. Gilliland, W. Harrison, J. Rodham, A. Davis, H. C. Wood, Rev. T. H. Archdale, W. Bulmer; Mr T. Armstrong (Clerk), and Mr R. Heslop (Surveyor and Inspector.)

PLANS AND SEWERAGE COMMITTEE.

This committee recommended that the plan of stable for Mr. George Cawthorn, Hobson, and plan of cottage and two tenements for Mr. Moyle, Tantobie, be passed subject to the steps shown in the latter plan into the back street being put in to the surveyor's satisfaction; that the plan of game-larder, for Beamish Hall, be passed subject to its being built of stone or brick; that the plan of wooden stable at Busty Bank be adjourned, and that the surveyor report to the Council meeting, at which it was resolved that a proper plan be submitted; that the shop sweepings and refuse be taken away by the scavengers of the Council, but that a proper receptacle be provided by the owners of the shops; that the recommendations of the surveyor be approved respecting the Esther Pit Cottages, and that six weeks' notice be given to the owners to put them into a proper state of repair, and make them habitable; that the tender of Mr. John Nevin, Lintz Colliery, for the continuance of the Lintz severage, be accepted, at £17 17s 6d; that the surveyor prepare plans, etc., for a sewer to take the Clough Dene sewage to the outfall works, Tanfield Leith, and submit it to the committee; that Mr. Thos. Scott be appointed the manager of the outfall works; that habitation certificates be granted to Mr. Thomas Williamson and J. Lown, for cottages at South View, Tantobie.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that the charges for conveyance of the land for new road be paid by the Council; that the repairing of Busty Bank road be proceeded with at once; that the surveyor see the Stanley surveyor with respect to the Houghal Burn Bridge, and that the matter lie over until the spring; that a committee, consisting of Councillors Turnbull and Gilliland, examine the footpath near Lintz Farm and report; that the plan be approved of the road between Syke Lane and Lintz; that the consideration of the plan of road between Middle and Low Friarside be adjourned; that the surveyor be instructed to examine the foot-road leading from Barcus Close to Crook Bank Old Pit, and report. The Lighting Committee recommended that the time-table for lighting during the season be approved. The Special Committee recommended that the report on the lighting read by the surveyor be accepted.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

The inspector reported that the lamps at Burnopfield were lighted for the first time on August 4th; at Hobson on August 18th, and were, with a few exceptions, satisfactory. The committee met on August 27th, and inspected the lights, in the presence of Mr. Berkley and representative of the Corlett Company, and found the lamps on the Hobson and Tantobie circuit very satisfactory; but those in the Tanfield and Tanfield Lea circuit were unsatisfactory, most of them being little more than a piece of hot wire.

Coun. Turnbull moved that a self-recording vault meter be purchased.

Coun. Wood seconded the motion, which was carried, and the report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. Benson reported that after a short period of apparently complete cessation, scarlatina re-appeared, and the number of cases reported to him during the past month was five. The localities where they severally occurred were White-le-Head, Tanfield, Tanfield Lea, and Causey Farm. All, with one exception, could have been infected by the preceding outbreak. The case excepted caught the infection in the adjoining district. Those suffering from the disease at the present time were as well isolated as could possibly be in a private house, and precautionary measures were being carefully carried out. A few cases of whooping cough had come under notice, but the outbreak was certainly not active. The month's mortality was below the county average. Twelve deaths were registered, giving a death-rate equal to 16 per 1,000 per annum. Four deaths were under the age of one year, and four old people aged 70, 77, 80, and 84 years respectively. Only one death (scarlatina) was due to infectious disease.

HOUSING QUESTION.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain a copy of the circular and a digest of the various Acts relating to the housing of the working classes for each member of the Council.

COUN. BULMER AND THE RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

In accordance with notice given Coun. Bulmer moved—(1) That we as a Council make complaint to the Board of Trade in reference to over-crowding on the Annfield Plain Branch of the North-Eastern Railway Company's railway, and ask that steps be taken to have redress; (2) that we also inform the said Board that it frequently occurs that passengers have to travel in the guard's van; (3) that the class of carriages is very inferior as compared with carriages on other branches.

Coun. Wood seconded the motion, and said it was a matter they should attend to in all seriousness. It was a scandalous state of things.

Coun. Bulmer said a short time ago 21 passengers were pushed into a compartment. It was a disgraceful state of things and had been continuing for months, and was not of a healthy nature. The Council, he thought, should stir themselves and try to put a stop to that business.

Coun. Wood thought the state of things merited all the condemnation it had received at that meeting.

The moion was carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the footpath to Lintz Green Station had again been considerably damaged during the recent heavy rains. A considerable quantity of water flowed down the Lintz incline and found its way on to the path. He wished to lay a plan showing the new road to Lintz Colliery through Mr. Nevin's field, commencing off the Syke Lane, near the Board School. It was shown 30 feet in width with 6 feet footpath on the north side. He wished to lay a plan before them showing the road from Middle Friarside to Low Friarside. The width of the present road was 24 feet, including a 6 feet path from the Council's road to Middle Friarside Farm. The width of the Council's road varied from 21 feet to 24 feet. He suggested that the road be made uniform with a width of 24 feet.

The report was adopted; and the Council rose.

## LECTURE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Rev. J. Dawson, of Ilkley, and brother of Mr. Wm. Dawson, back-overman at East Pontop Colliery, preached a special sermon in the Annfield Plain Wesleyan New Church in aid of the building fund. In the evening the rev. gentleman delivered a lecture from the subject of "Rudyard Kipling, the man with five talents." The chair was occupied by Mr. J. G. Robinson, circuit steward, Blackhill, who presided over a fair audience. The lecturer told the story of the life of this great man in an attractive manner. He characterised Kipling as the most successful man of the age. In the world of letters he shone, and equally well in that of prose as poetry. According to ability he was the Poet Laureate of the British Empire, though the emoluments and honour of that distinguished position were given to another. Despite his great name, many had not been privileged to hear or see him. His motive for writing was to edify and educate his readers. Though his works commanded such enormous prices they were widely read. Kipling had been able to attain to such success partly on account of his birth, and education, which alone, however, had not secured him his success. There were five talents or forces at least by which Kipling had manifested his power and influence, and the speaker concluded by dealing at considerable length with those forces. Votes of thanks to the lecturer and chairman concluded the meeting.

## STANLEY.

Presentation to Mr. Alfred Routledge.—On Monday evening, at Mr. J. Watson's Shield Row House, Mr. Alfred Routledge, the genial secretary of the North-West Durham Master Builders' Association, was made the recipient of a handsome sideboard by the members of that association on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. W. Johnson, White-le-Head, was chairman, and made the presentation. In the course of a few eulogistic remarks about Mr. Routledge he said it was not so much the intrinsic value of the present as the manifestation of the goodwill which existed amongst the master builders towards their secretary and fellow-builder. (Applause).—After Mr. Routledge had briefly reponded, the remainder of the evening was spent in an harmonious manner.

## FOOTBALL.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The following games were played on Saturday with the undermentioned results:—Leadgate Park Juniors, 4 goals; Cement Rovers, nil. Hobson United, 2 goals; West Pelton Green Tree Rovers, 1 goal. Craghead Juniors, 3 goals; Leadgate United, 3 goals. Tanfield Lea Juniors, 2 goals; Catchgate Lilywhites, 1 goal. The following games are set for Saturday:—Leadgate Park Juniors v. Leadgate United; Catchgate Lilywhites v. Hobson United; Cement Rovers v. South Moor United; West Pelton v. Tanfield Lea Juniors. Will the referees please note that the committee ask them to do them a favour by getting the names of the two teams and sending result of the game to the secretary, T. Shepherd, 9, Sand Street, Stanley, R.S.O.

STANLEY'S OPENING MATCH.

Stanley opened their list of fixtures on Saturday afternoon in an encounter with St. Peter's Albion. Play had raged for about thirty minutes when Layton opened the score for the homesters after a fine piece of passing. Amongst the visitors Wilson, the centre half, appeared to be the pick, and now and then showed some good work against the wind. For the most part, however, the visiting goal was subjected to severe attacks, and it was only by miracles that it escaped disaster. Armstrong's screw shot had hard lines, and owing to a mistake on the part of that dashing player, Bell, late of the Hobson Wanderers, the Albions invaded their enemy's territory, where Douthwaite just caught the post. The homesters were then aroused, and made a smart run, and saw Armstrong force Knox to fist out. Howe, who was lying near, met the rebounding orb, and outwitting three of his opponents, registered the second goal, half-time arriving shortly after.

On the restart Stanley pushed up the incline and Proudlock nearly proved too much for the visitors' custodian. St. Peter's then broke away in a body, and Shiel, after eluding Devine, had a clear opening, but Robson prevented disaster. The visitors, who continued to press, scored a goal through Johnson's instrumentality. The Novocastrians endeavoured to equalise, but Stanley strongly objected, and sustained their objection in a very practical way till the end of the game, which resulted in their favour by two goals to one.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

LEADGATE PARK v. HEBBURN ARGYLE

These teams open their Alliance fixtures at Hebburn on Saturday.

Leadgate Park.—Goal, M. Hadley; backs, J. Laidler and G. Temple; half-backs, T. Catmell R. Wilson, and A. N. Other; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, J. W. Hymers, J. Wilson, and G. Forster.

Leave Leadgate Station by 1.45 train.

STANLEY v. WILLINGTON

At Stanley.

Stanley.—Goal, Spinks; backs, Saunders and Devine; half-backs, Bell, Ellis, and Allison; forwards, Robson, Armstrong, Howe Proudlock, and C. Crute.

Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LINTZ ROVERS v. MALTON.

Lintz Team chosen from the following:—J. Dews, T. Turpin, A. Dews, W. Humble, W. Hanrattie, G. Nevin, A. Kay, M. Hughes, J. Sinclair, R. Pyle (capt.), O. McGinn, J. Humble, T. Heslin, A. Henderson, and M. Watson.

HAMSTERLEY v. ANNFIELD PLAIN.

At Annfield Plain.

Hamsterley.—Goal, C. Rudd; backs, J. Carr and T. Ferry; half-backs, G. Dodds, J. Swinburn, and J. Fenwick; forwards, G. Parker, T. Seath, J. Andrews, F. Johnson, and D. Seath.

Brake leaves at 1.30 p.m.

Annfield Plain.—Goal, D. Pendleton; backs, J. Forster and A. Bell; half-backs, G. Watchman, P. Bell, and Thos. Reay; forwards, J. Muse, W. Herdman, T. Bell, Geo. Smith, and G. Neasham. Reserves, W. Bell and T. McNeale.

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

Referee, Mr. T. Reed, Leadgate.

BYER MOOR v. BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

To be played at Byer Moor.

Blackhill.—Goal, S. Johnson; backs, A. Aitken, and J. G. Robinson; half-backs, J. Wilkinson, I. Richards, and T. Redshaw; forwards, McCone, McCarty, W. Robson, M. Robinson and G. Smith. Reserves, A. Overall, E. Kelsey, and C. Lumley.

Brake to leave the Rose and Crown at 1.30 p.m.

Byer Moor.—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, W. H. Liddle, and S. Lamb; half-backs, R. McDermott, T. Snoor, and J. Layton; forwards, M. Bell, G. Bennett, G. E. Weedy, E. Leighton, and H. Lowe. Reserves, J. Reed and G. Nicholls.

Referee, Mr. J. Gray, Tantobie.

Kick-off at 3.15 p.m.

STANLEY ATHLETIC v. CRAGHEAD JUNIORS.

The above teams meet at Craghead, on Saturday in a friendly, when the following team is chosen to represent

Stanley—Goal, R. Smith; backs, R. Lamb and M. Pattinson; half-backs, L. Ashburn, C. Parnell, and J. Arthur; forwards, J. Wardle, R. Stephenson, A. Embleton, J. Pattinson, and H. Morgan.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

SOUTH MOOR UNITED v. CEMENT ROVERS.

The following team will do duty for South Moor:—Goal C. Perryman (capt.); backs, Johnson and Mason; half-backs, Foster, Nicholson, and McKie; forwards, Smailes, Hills, Armin, Steward, and T. Perryman. Reserve, Jas. Smith and Boggan. Linesman, J. Jobson.

Referee, Mr. Joe Carr, West Pelton.

Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

LEADGATE PARK JUNIORS v. LEADGATE UNITED.

To be played on the Park ground, when the following will do duty for the

Park—Goal, J. Johns; backs, J. Thompson and D. Overall; half-backs, J. Lumley, A. Overall, and W. Graham; forwards, C. Walton, L. Davison, E. Birtley, J. Kelly, and T. Walker.

Referee, Mr. W. Bell, Annfield Plain.

BLACKHILL ATHLETIC v. TEMPLETOWN.

To be played at Shotley Spa, when the following will do duty for the

Athletic—Goal, D. Davies; backs, Richards and Greenwood; half-backs, Ellison, Davies, and Jacks; forwards Simpson, M. Tyndall, Porteus, Carlill, and Oliver. Reserves, Brown, Tyndall, and Sheldon.

RE-PLAYED NORTH-WEST DURHAM CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v. BIRTLEY.

The above match will be decided at Pelton Fell on Saturday, when the following will represent

Consett Swifts—Goal W. Graham; backs, R. Patterson and Jas. Dempsey; half-backs, P. McNally, John Rafferty, and W. Atkinson; forwards, B. Rafferty, Joe. Turley, Jas. Finnigan, M. Eustace, and T. Boyle. Linesman, J. McArdle.

Referee, Mr. A. Jane, Crook.

Kick-off at 3.15 p.m.

MATCHES WANTED.

Blackhill Athletic have a few vacant dates and would like them filled up with good junior teams.—Apply to F. Simpson, 32, Cort Street, Blackhill.

Medomsley Juniors have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible, average age 16.—Apply, J. Wilson, 3, Fines Cottages, Medomsley, R.S.O.

Lintz True Blues have a few vacant dates. Ages nine to thirteen.—Apply to R. Nevin, Albion House, Lintz Colliery, R.S.O.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF MISS MACKAY

Of Catchgate.

The death of Miss Annie Mackay, eldest daughter of Mr. W. I. Mackay, head master of Greencroft Board Schools, took place at North Shields with painful suddenness on Monday morning. Miss Mackay, who had served her apprenticeship as a pupil teacher under her father, had only passed the Queen's Scholarship examination at Christmas, and was then engaged as an ex-pupil teacher in the Greencroft Board Schools. She was 19 years of age and resided with her parents at the School House, Catchgate.—On Monday evening an inquest was held at the Town Hall Buildings, North Shields, before Mr. Rutherford, deputy-coroner. The first witness called was Mr. William Innes Mackay, of Catchgate, who said the deceased was his eldest daughter, and an Ex-P.T. in his school. On Friday afternoon she went to North Shields on a visit to her cousin. She had always been considered a healthy girl, although about two years ago she was treated for ansemia. There was nothing, however, in her condition to lead him to anticipate her sudden death.—Dr. Mears, on giving evidence, said he had examined the body, but had found no marks of violence upon it. From what he had heard he was satisfied that the ansemia had continued, and that death had resulted from perforating ulcer of the stomach.—The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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## CHESTER-LE-STREET BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The annual Brewster Sessions were held on Wednesday week, before Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker, Capt. Humble, and Mr. F. Barrett.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Supt. Rutherford submitted his annual report as follows:—Gentlemen,—I most respectfully beg to submit to you the annual return of premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessional Division, for the year ending the 29th Aug., 1900. The total number of these is 84, of which 69 are fully licensed houses, 5 beer-houses, 1 beer off, 2 beer, wines, and spirits off, 3 wines and spirits off, and 4 wines off. The estimated population in the Petty Sessional Division is 41,513, which gives an average of about 561 to each full license and beer-house, and about 494 to each license in the division. During the year two innkeepers have been proceeded against—one for selling intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours, and one for supplying liquor to a police constable when on duty, both of whom were fined 40s and costs. The total number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness during the year ending July 31st, 1900, was 363, being an increase of 9 on the corresponding year.

NEW APPLICATIONS.

The following was a list of new applications:—

Edward Ferguson, beer-house keeper, Traveller's Rest, Birtley; owners, Messrs J. Powell and Sons, Gateshead; for full license.

Margaret F. Grey, innkeeper, Lamesley; owner, the Earl of Ravensworth; application for provisional grant of a removal of license.

Ann Argyle, Grange Villa, Pelton; application for beer off.

Thos. Wears, greengrocer, High Hold, Pelton; for beer off.

Wm. Jackson Hall, ale and porter merchant, Foundry Lane, Chester-le-Street; for wines and spirits off.

Frederick Lawson, grocer, Front Street, Chester-le-Street; for wines and spirits off.

BLACK LIST.

The names of publicans on the black list were:—Geo. Armstrong, Coach and Horses, Eighton Banks, for selling intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours, on March 22th, 1909; T. Smith Potts, Moor Inn, North Side, Birtley, for supplying liquor to police-constable when on duty on May 23rd.

The Chairman said the Bench considered the Superintendent's report was very satisfactory. There were only two referred to as having been fined during the year for offences against the Licensing Act, and all licenses excepting those two would be renewed.

The cases on the "black list" were next dealt with, and, after a caution to the license-holders had been given they were renewed.

The Chairman said with respect to the Lambton Arms and High Crown Inn, Chester-le-Street, there had been complaints against the license-holders for having failed to supply the Guardians with refreshments. They could not even get a biscuit or a sandwich.

Mr. Foster, for the license-holder of the Lambton Arms, said he would convey the remarks of the Bench to his client and see that the refreshments were provided.

Mr. Barrett: The licenses are not granted for the purpose of the license-holders to make their fortunes, but for the convenience of the general public.

The case was left over to the adjourned meeting in September.

Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, for Mr. Harrison, also promised to supply refreshments both for the Guardians and for anybody else.

The case was adjourned.

A BIRTLEY APPLICATION.

Mr. Ed. Clark, of Newcastle, on behalf of Mr. Ed. Ferguson, of the Travellers Rest, Birtley, applied for a full licence. Last year he applied for the license, when they expected no opposition to it, and virtually went with very little preparation, thinking that the house itself would be a sufficient argument for the granting of the license; but they were opposed by what was assumed to be a meeting held in the village of Birtley, which seemed to express a want of desire for a full license. Since then the house had been altered, and was now in every way the most suitable house in Birtley. It provided food for anybody who required it, besides sleeping and stabling accommodation. A meeting which had been held was attended by over 300 hundred persons, all of whom excepting five, voted in favour of the license. A petition had also been signed by some 323 persons who favoured the application.

Mr. Carpenter, Birtley, opposed the license on behalf of Mr. John Anthony Storey, of Chester-le-Street, on the ground that it was unnecessary. The enlargement spoken of, he said, was prior to last year's licensing day, and since then no further enlargements had taken place. The application should be refused because the opposers thought it would not be for the benefit of the neighbourhood, as there were already sufficient licenses of all descriptions.

Mr. John Anthony Storey corroborated Mr. Carpenter's statements; and the Bench, after a short consultation, decided to grant the license.

A LAMESLEY APPLICATION.

Mr. Thos. Lambert, of Gateshead, applied on behalf of Mrs. Grey, of the Plough Inn, Lamesley, for permission to remove the license to a new building about 40 yards along the main road, owing to colliery subsidences. The house belonged to the Earl of Ravensworth, and plans had been prepared showing four bedrooms and stable accommodation.

The application was unopposed and the removal of the license granted.

Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, applied on behalf of Mrs. Argyle, provision dealer, Grange Villa, for a license to sell beer off. Mr. Harle stated that his client was the owner of the property, and had lived in it for 14 years. There was no opposition to the application.

John Edward Wears, son-in-law of the applicant, stated that he had served notices on the authorities. There was a great need for dinner and supper beer, which could only now be obtained at a considerable distance.—The license was granted.

Mr. Carpenter, of Birtley, applied on behalf of Thos. Wears, green-grocer, High Hold, Pelton, for a beer off-license. Mr. Carpenter said in that district there was need for a place for the supply of dinner and supper beer, and if it was necessary he submitted that his client was a suitable person to hold it.

Mr. Wears having given evidence as to the distance of his place from that of fully-licensed houses, the application was refused.

Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street applied on behalf of Wm. Jackson Hall, ale and porter merchant, Foundry Lane, Chester-le-Street, for wines and spirits off.—The license was granted.

Mr. Harle also applied on behalf of Mr. Frederick Lawson, grocer, Front Street, Chester-le-Street, for a license to sell wines and spirits off. Mr. Harle said his client's predecessor had held a similar license.—There was no opposition, and the license was granted.


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## LANCHESTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The annual Brewster Sessions for the West Division of Chester Ward were commenced at Lanchester on Thursday last, when the following magistrates were on the Bench:—Mr. James Annandale (chairman), His Honour Judge Greenwell, Mr. W. Holmes, Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, Dr. Wilson, Mr. W. Aynsley, Mr. J. T. Potts, Mr. J. W. Taylor, and Mr. Jonathan Green.

THE OLD LICENSES.

The Chairman said he had to ask if there was any objections to old licenses being renewed.

Judge Greenwell said: There is a case brought to the attention of the Bench in which, I am told, Mr. Lambert is concerned. That is the case of Mark Coates (Royal Hotel, Stanley.) We understand that it is now in the hands of brewers or spirit merchants and to that extent it is a tied house. It was granted two years ago on the express condition that it was to be kept free and untied, and the Bench, or the majority, hold that there has been a breach of faith. Therefore, subject to any alteration we propose that it should be adjourned so that the matter can be fully considered and, if necessary, notice of objection given to the present holder.

Mr. T. Lambert (Gateshead) on behalf of Messrs. Davison and Wood, spirit merchants, Gateshead, who were stated to be the new lessees, said it was not for him to argue as to what a tied house was. There had been several decisions given.

Judge Greenwell said they were seeking for information.

Mr. Lambert said this house could not in any sense of the word be considered a tied house. What was well-known in the trade as a tied house was where the tenant was bound to buy certain liquors from a brewer—usually brewers. He had never known a tied house referred to in any other form or shape. The lessees of this house were a respectable firm of wine and spirit merchants, and it was true that they had this and perhaps another house or two, but that was the foundation of their trade. They were not tied to sell any particular beer or spirit, but were in the open market.

Judge Greenwell said that was a question that would take some time to discuss, and it would be better to take it at the adjourned meeting.

Mr. Lambert asked if the objection was from the Bench?

Judge Greenwell said it was.

Mr. Potts asked if Messrs. Davison and Wood were not a firm of brewers or connected with brewers?

Mr. Lambert replied that they were not.

Further consideration of the license was then adjourned until September 27th.

The Chairman said the rest of the old licenses not on the black list would be renewed.

The Clerk (Mr. Ornsby) then read Supt. Benzies report which appeared in last week's issue of the "Consett Guardian" together with the names of those on the black list.

The Chairman said there were nine cases on the black list, some of which seemed to be rather of a serious nature. They would be adjourned until September 27th.

### IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

The Chairman then said: Before considering the somewhat numerous applications for new licenses there are one or two observations which the Bench think it is desirable should be made. Attempts have been made in more than one instance to have licenses transferred to a sort of travelling manager employed by a Brewery Company in respect of their houses situate at considerable distances apart and not necessarily in the same licensing division, the manager himself in some cases being resident out of the county. Such an arrangement seems to the Bench to be a breach of the spirit of the Licensing Acts—if not of the letter—inasmuch as the person responsible for the conduct of the house is in a great measure absent from it and certainly not in a position to exercise such supervision as the law implies and expects. When such applications have been made the Bench has taken this view and required that the license should be in the name of the bona-fide resident manager. The Standing Joint Committee of the County has drawn attention to the practice of supplying liquor to persons entering the public-houses by back entrances. This is a matter over which the present state of the law does not appear to give magistrates so efficient control as is desirable. The practice is objectionable on many grounds and one which the Bench would appeal to license holders to discontinue and stop as far as practicable. The Bench has on more than one occasion drawn the attention of publicans to their obligation to supply reasonable non-alcoholic refreshments to bicyclists and others when such is desired. Such requests should be readily and cheerfully complied with, and we again remind publicans that this is required of them. We regret to observe that the Superintendent reports that there are still licensed holders, happily few in number, who continue to disregard the frequent cautions given as to the supply of intoxicating liquor to children under the age of 13 years. It is to be hoped that any alteration of the licensing laws will include provisions enabling magistrates to inflict punishment for such pernicious practices.

DEPUTATIONS.

The Chairman then said they would hear any deputation who wished to offer a general objection, but they must not confine themselves to any particular license.

The Rev. T. Durant presented a petition from the Consett United Temperance Association signed by himself and Mr. G. T. Egglestone, respectfully appealing to the Bench not to grant any further licenses in the district as, in their opinion, there were already far too many. They further requested the magistrates to urge upon licensed holders the great desirability of not serving drink to children under 13 years of age. They would remind the Bench that last year attention was drawn to this matter, and was severely commented on.

The Rev. J. S. Nightingale said he rejoiced to hear the remarks from the Bench respecting the supplying of liquor to young children. He should like to inform the Bench that the Consett and District Temperance Association had endeavoured to assist the licensed victuallers on that point. They got printed a large number of cards and waited upon the licensed victuallers of Consett and Blackhill—especially Blackhill, and with very few exceptions they were prepared to receive them. The cards in most instances were placed in the windows and for a short time they might have been seen there. Unfortunately they had mysteriously disappeared. He did not know whether it was indifference on the part of the licensed victuallers or whether they had received orders from some other quarter to remove them. That was very distressing to the Temperance Association and he wished again to bring the matter before the notice of the Bench. At the same time he wished to thank the Bench for the remarks they had already made on the subject of serving young children.

The Rev. A. Crago said he represented the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour in the Consett district. He thanked the magistrates for their timely words and also for the special notice they had taken of the question of supplying intoxicating liquor to children under 13 years of age. They observed with a great deal of concern that a very large number of young men—very young men—were in the habit of frequenting public houses and they were sorry to see many of them leaving these houses in an advanced state of intoxication. They felt that this state of affairs was very deplorable as regarded the present position of these young men, and the well-being of the homes from which they came. They realised that this thing must be very detrimental to the higher development of the manhood of the future. They therefore thought that an increase of public houses in the neighbourhood would not only mean an increase of facilities for drinking but also an increase of drunkenness. For the sake of these young people they would respectfully urge the magistrates not to grant any further licenses in the district.

The Rev. J. Taylor said he represented the Free Church Council and expressed the hope and belief that they would be heard against the granting of any more licenses. Their purpose, in common with that of the magistrates, was the maintenance of order, social well-being domestic comfort, and intelligence and his own moral sense dictated to him that these things could not be maintained by a multiplicity of licensed houses. He thought it would be unwise and detrimental to the interests of the locality if any further licenses were granted.

The Chairman said the remarks made had their sympathy and would have their attention.

### NEW APPLICATIONS. THREE NEW LICENSES GRANTED.

The Chairman said before they went into the matter of new applications he had to intimate that the Bench had decided that it was unnecessary for plans to be considered while the applications were being made. They would consider the plans later on. They had always found them up to the mark and if not parties getting a new license would be glad to make them so.

Nathan Elsdon, spirit merchant, applied for a provisional grant of a full license (on and off) for premises in course of construction at Number One, Benfieldside.

Mr. J. M. Aynsley, for the applicant, said the application had been made before and probably most of them were acquainted with it. The house was situate at Number One about half-a-mile from the centre of Consett and occupied one corner of four lane ends leading from Blackhill to Leadgate and from Consett to Medomsley. At this particular point there was a great deal of traffic. The nearest licensed house was the Fountain Hotel, at Consett, and that was about 600 or 700 yards away. On the other side the nearest was the Station Hotel, and on the Medomsley and Consett Road, the Hat and Feather. Some years ago there was a license at Number One belonging to the Sherburn Hospital. Since then about 400 or 500 houses had been built. The applicant himself held another license and was in every way capable of conducting the house. The house would be a very great convenience to the town of Consett which was not catered for in a proper way at present. Since the road had been opened out the road past Aynsley Terrace had become quite a promenade and every day hundreds of people used it as such. At the same time that the old license lapsed another lapsed at Ebchester, but there the magistrates made provision by granting a full license to the Chelmsford Arms. If there was need at Ebchester he submitted there was need at Number One where the whole of the adjoining estates had been laid out for building purposes.

Mr. Elsdon then proved the serving of the notices and advertising in the "Consett Guardian." He was the applicant and the holder of an off license. The house proposed to be erected at Number One would cost £4,000 and he was the owner of the premises. Upwards of 400 houses had been built in the vicinity and since he made his application last year 20 more had been added.

Mr. R. W. Shaw, Villa Real, Consett, said he remembered the public house at Number One. Since then there had been any number of houses built and towards Consett the road was almost closed up with buildings.

Henry Whitworth, Villa Real, said he considered there was a necessity for a house at Number One. The place had developed very much.

Joseph Barron, Medomsley Road, said he had lived close to the proposed house for 15 years. He considered there was a necessity and requirement for a license there because there was a great amount of traffic. His father held the old license.

The Rev. J. S. Nightingale objected to the application. He wished, if it was in keeping with the procedure of the Court, to ask whether it was legal for a person applying for a license to pay the expenses of those giving testimony in favour of the application?

Mr. Aynsley: Of course it is.

Mr. Nightingale then said he objected as an occupier, living at 19, Belle Vue Terrace, about three minutes' walk from the proposed house. He also objected on behalf of the Primitive Methodist Circuit authorities who were the owners of the property, and he objected as a minister and a temperance worker. He opposed it because he believed there was no genuine demand for it. He wished to say that morning that the great mass of the people were opposed definitely and deliberately to this proposed license. He also opposed it on behalf of the members of his church and adherents, some of whom had gone to live in that part of Consett in order, for one reason, to be out of the way of public houses. He opposed it in the interests of men who had intemperate wives.

Mr. Aynsley submitted that this was not anything like opposition to the license. It was a general opposition and was covering ground already gone over. He submitted there must be some specific facts and Mr. Nightingale had no right to come there, and oppose it on behalf of a congregation.

Mr. Nightingale said he was giving evidence on oath and if the statements were incorrect or untrue he would be called upon to give account. He represented the members of his church. He opposed the license in the interests of labour. There was a large stocking factory in the neighbourhood where a large number of young women were employed. These young women had opposed the license through a form of objection which the magistrates did not receive. Some years ago some of the young women were molested.

The Chairman said they must stop Mr. Nightingale there. If these young women wished to oppose the license they could have appeared. The witness must say what he knew of his own knowledge.

Mr. Nightingale said he opposed the license in the interests of recreation. They had a large number of young men who played at football in an adjoining field, and the granting of the license would be to them a temptation to drink and probably would lead to drunkenness. Then the past history of the former license was a strong objection. It was common report among people who had lived any length of time in Consett. He also opposed it in the interests of Mr. Elsdon himself—(a laugh)—and of his family, for whom he had great regard.

Cross-examined, he said he had lived in Belle Vue for three years and three months, and during that residence he might have gained more information than Mr. Shaw had done during his 33 years' experience. He was prepared to admit that Belle Vue was about 400 yards from the proposed house, but even at 600 yards he was prepared to say that the license would depreciate the property very much. He was a teetotaller, but considered each case on its merits. He could not say definitely that he had ever found one license as necessary.

Mr. E. Huntley said he was secretary to the Consett Co-operative Society. He objected to the license on behalf of the members of the Society numbering 1,850, and the committee had sent him there as their representative to object. They objected as owners of land and property on the ground of the harm a license would do in the district. On the other side of the road the Society were the owners of the Bunker Hill estate of 200 acres of land. They were selling the frontage of this estate for building sites and they thought the proposed license, if granted, would lower the value of the sites and of the property. He thought they would not be able to sell some of the sites.

Cross-examined he said none of the purchasers had asked whether there was any probability of this house depreciating the land. He had been instructed by the Committee of the Society to oppose the application, not by the members.

Mr. Robert Dixon said he was an owner and tenant at Number One and he went to reside there with his family from another part of Consett in order to get away from public houses. He did not think the proposed license was necessary. He had lived at Number One for ten or eleven months.

The Rev. A. Crago objected as a resident within a few minutes' walk on the Benfieldside portion of the district. Between where he lived and Number One there was a fully licensed house and a beer license. It seemed to him there were ample facilities in the district.

Cross-examined: He resided at No. 1, Cemetery Road, which, he was sorry to say, was the Station Hotel end. He was a teetotaller and objected to cases on their merits. He objected on personal conviction.

The application was refused.

LICENSE GRANTED AT EAST CASTLE.

Thomas Pearson, beerhouse keeper, applied for a provisional grant of a full license to premises about to be constructed at East Castle Colliery.

Mr. Meynell, barrister, instructed by Mr. J. M. Aynsley, said he appeared for the applicant. He was told that at East Castle there was within a distance of 500 yards a population of 800 persons and the nearest public houses were two miles away. One was the Jolly Drovers at Leadgate, and the other was the Railway Hotel at Annfield Plain. Between these there was only an off beer license held by the present applicant. This application was refused last year, but at that time it was opposed by the Colliery Company, who were the persons mainly interested in the district. Since then their views had changed and that day instead of opposing it they were rather anxious to help it. To some extent their motive was that they felt a full license was necessary in the district and they knew that an attempt was being made by certain persons to get up a club. The Colliery people had come to the conclusion that they would rather have this license granted and have a place under proper control. Mr. Pearson had undertaken with the Colliery Company to ask for a six days' license only. He would close on Sundays, and also at ten o'clock each night.

Mr. Thomas Pearson then gave evidence in support of the opening statement and said there had been two movements towards establishing a club. An offer was made to him for a portion of his premises, but he refused. They had travellers every day asking for refreshments which they could not supply.

Dr. Bernard Storey, Catchgate, said he was a medical practitioner in the neighbourhood of East Castle. He thought a license was necessary. In one case a stimulant was required and having to be obtained from Annfield Plain a long time was occupied in getting it. This year he thought the license was still more necessary. There was no place to put up a horse. A number of men had told him that they were going to start a club, and he thought a public-house would be preferable. He lived beside a club, and there was no peace.

Wm. Thirlaway, miner, said he had lived at East Castle for ten years, and he thought a license was needed badly.

Geo. Wilkinson, miner, said he thought a license was necessary because men got drinking about the corners, and that was bad for the children who were about.

Joseph Steel said he had been 33 years at East Castle. If they had a license it would prevent gatherings at the corners.

Mr W. Brotherhood said he had known Mr Pearson for 20 years, and considered him a very suitable man to hold a license.

Mr Labron, representing the Colliery Company, said objection was taken last year because the plans showed that there would be a trespass. The new plans kept quite clear, and therefore that objection fell to the ground. The Colliery Company now thought that the license ought to be granted.

There was no opposition and the license was granted.

THE BLACK HORSE, CONSETT.

Wm. Liddell, licensee of the Black Horse beerhouse, Front Street, Consett, applied for a full license.

Mr E. Clark, Newcastle, said he appeared for Mr Liddell, whose application was a very modest one. He did not know whether he was to be opposed by a long string of gentlemen who had conscientious objections to licenses, but he hoped when they heard what he had to say that they would have little grounds for opposition. He was in a position of having a house which did not require any alterations. It was satisfactory to themselves, to the police, and to Consett. They had already a license for the sale of beer and wine on and off, and also for billiards, so that the only license they had not was one for spirits. The house was situated very near the station, and was the home of most of the professional people who came to Consett. They were lodged and boarded there. They could have beer and wine, but a great many preferred spirits, and they could not supply them unless they did something the teetotallers objected to, that was they had to send out. They had every accommodation for a hotel and they came there virtually at the request of the people. He could not conceive any opposition on principle or otherwise to a license of that sort. They were not adding to the number of licenses, because a license existed. It appeared to him that there could only be opposition on the assumption that any man who got a license would do something to demoralise the people in the neighbourhood. That was an insult to the Bench, to the police, and to the people who managed the house. Mr Liddell had been in the house for two years without complaint, and it was an old established house against which no compaint had been made.

Mr Liddell said he was the tenant of the Black Horse, and had served the notices and advertised in the "Consett Guardian." He had been in the house for over two years, and accommodated professionals who performed at the theatre. He had daily demands for spirits.

The Rev. J. S. Nightingale objected to the license as a resident in Consett. In his opinion it was absolutely unnecessary. It was not a question of teetotallers and anti-teetotallers, but whether additional facilities were necessary. With the little knowledge he had of the street he was persuaded they had already sufficient accommodation. They had quite a number of fully licensed houses in that street. There were six, and all these were within at least 150 yards of the Black Horse. They had also a wholesale wine and spirit license and also Mr Elsdon's wine and spirit license near the station. Mr Clark had said that when spirits had been applied for the licensee had sent out. He (Mr Nightingale) could see that if this license were granted it would be a greater temptation to demoralisation than if they had to send out.

Mr Clark: Is it true that you have theatricals coming to Consett?—Yes.

Is it true this house is used chiefly by them for lodging and board?—I can only say I know of theatricals who have sought lodgings at private houses.

Is this house mainly used by theatricals to board there?—I have no information there.

Very well, you said your knowledge was little so I wont press that. Have the other houses means of putting up people?—I should suppose they have.

Have you been in them?—No.

I thought not; then how do you know?—From definite information.

Show me how you can get definite information without knowledge?—I have been here before when certain applications have been made.

Can you tell me of any hotel in Front Street that has accommodation for people who desire to stay there?—I cannot say that.

Is the theatre near to this place?—Yes, and there is a license at the theatre.

Naturally, but they don't sleep there?—No, there is a license.

Do they sleep there?—I have never been in the theatre.

You have never been in the theatre; your knowledge is very little. (Laughter.) Would you rather that spirits were sent for than that they should be supplied on the premises?—If there was a necessity I would most decidedly have them sent for rather than have them on the premises for the use of anyone.

How do you suggest that there is a temptation: is there more temptation by young people seeing or not seeing?—My position is that the greater the facilities the greater the temptation.

You have admitted that you think things that are seen are more likely to be conducive to detriment than things unseen?—Yes.

What is the corollary of that?—Do you admit there is less likelihood of contamination if things are consumed inside where they are not seen than if they are sent for where they are seen?—The point is—

Never mind the point, answer the question, yes or no.—You have your own way of putting it.

That is the law, and that is what you are bound by.—This is my answer; if young people—

Yes or no, please. Do you agree with my proposition?—I admit that.

Would it not be likely to do less harm if they do not see what is going on?—I say no.

The Rev. T. Durant also objected on the ground that there were plenty of licenses.

Mr Clark: If you had a guarantee that this house was to be well conducted, and that the people who went to live there only wanted their whiskey in moderate quantities you would not object?—I am a total abstainer and I would serve nobody.

You would not serve anyone. Suppose you were in my position and had bad bronchitis and other ailments, and your medical man ordered it you would let them have it?—That would be a medicine then.

Would you take it then?—I would.

Some people take medicine very frequently. (Laughter.)—It is no longer a medicine then, it is a beverage.

The application was refused.

A GROCER'S LICENSE GRANTED.

Michael Mackenzie, grocer, 25, Newmarket Street, Consett, applied for a license to sell beer off the premises.

Mr J. M. Aynsley, for the applicant, said his client held a wholesale beer license and they now asked for a license to sell beer in bottles.

Mr Mackenzie having given evidence, the Rev J. S. Nightingale objected on the ground that it was absolutely unnecessary. Close to they had the Mount Pleasant Hotel, the Park Hotel, and a Club, and not far away were the Victoria and Burton Inns.

Mr E. Huntley also opposed on behalf of the Co-operative Society, who owned adjoining premises which they had erected at a cost of about £8,000. They had also five dwelling-houses opposite, of which he was one of the tenants. The committee had sent him to say there were sufficient licensed premises in Newmarket Street.

Cross-examined, he said if the license were granted it would not make any difference in the appearance of Mr Mackenzie's premises, unless alterations were made. Mr Mackenzie might put a sign out. In his opinion the license would depreciate the value of the Co-operative Society's property.

The license was granted.

A TECHNICAL OBJECTION.

William Leadbitter-Smith, land agent, applied for a provisional grant of a full license to premises proposed to be erected near to the road from Durham to Waterhouses and near to Flass. Mr McCartan appeared for applicant; Mr Mawson objected on behalf of Messrs Pease and Partners, and Mr H. Ferens on behalf of Sir Walter Smythe, owner of the adjoining land.

Mr McCartan said the premises were situated about half-a-mile south west of the village of Esh Winning, and there were about 600 houses within a mile, while within a radius of two miles the only public house was the Stags Head at Waterhouses. Mr French, landlord of the Stag's Head, had failed to satisfy the requirements of the district, inasmuch as two clubs—one a very huge affair—had been floated, one being near his own door and the other some little distance away.

Mr Shaw, checkweighman, said he had lived in the district about 20 years, and there had been no increase of licensed accommodation during that time, although the population had doubled. There were two clubs, one with a membership of 800 and the other with 300. These clubs were started through want of accommodation.

In the course of examination, Mr Mawson elicited the fact that there was an agreement for the transfer of the land to applicant by his father, Col. Leadbitter-Smith, but the agreement did not show the applicant to have an interest. There was no consideration expressed. It was a voluntary agreement without consideration, and applicant could not go to the Chancery Court and enforce its performance.

Mr McCartan said his friend did not know that there was no consideration.

Mr Mawson said the agreement did not show any on the face.

Mr McCartan said that was the first time ever a question of that kind had been raised, but Mr W. Leadbitter-Smith having been at the trouble to make the application he held that to be sufficient consideration to require his father to convey the land.

The Chairman said the Bench considered the objection a fatal one. The applicant could apply again at the adjourned Court with a proper agreement if he thought fit.

A LANGLEY PARK CASE.

Nicholas Nattrass, retailer of beer, Quebec Street, Langley Park, applied through Mr W. H. Oliver, Durham, for a full license in respect of premises belonging to Mr Wm. Coates and others, Cornsay.

Mr Oliver said the house was already in existence, and was situated at Langley Park. There was only one public-house. The colliery at Langley Park was a large and increasing one. Mr Oliver believed that the original application was made 20 years ago, but during the last couple of years it had not been before the Bench. As he had already pointed out there was one fully licensed house, and two "off" licensed houses. If another license was granted to applicant there would be some competition in the trade, and probably better liquor supplied. He believed within the last two years there had been something like fifty new houses built, and there were at least seventy-five more in the course of erection. Since application was made there had been 120 new houses built, which must mean an increase in the population. There could not be accommodation for the people resident in the place; and on that ground he asked the Bench to favourably consider the application. As far as they could hear there was some talk about a club being formed, which, in the opinion of many people, was far more detrimental than any licensed houses. He was inclined to think that they had far better have a superfluity of public-houses, than a scarcity of such; because, if they had a scarcity of them there would be little accommodation; while if there was a superfluity the landlord was more able to control and look after the house. For the sake of peace and order it would be better to have two public-houses in the place, instead of one. There were many reasons why there should be two licensed houses in a colliery place like Langley Park.

Mr Nattrass supported the application. He had, he said, already the beer "off" license. The annual value of his house was over £30. The nearest public-house, except the one in the place, was situate at Witton Gilbert Station. The existing public-house at Langley Park was tied to the Newcastle Breweries Company. In his opinion another license was necessary.

A resident, named Coates, who knew the place well, said that there was a necessity for another licensed house in Langley Park.

There was no opposition, but the Magistrates declined to grant the application.

BEER "OFF" APPLICATION.

Mr Oliver applied on behalf of John Surtees Burdon, general dealer, 1, Woodbine Terrace, Annfield Plain, for beer "off."

In this case, remarked Mr Oliver, the place was in existence, and had been shown to the Bench before upon the same plan. Since the last application was made—last year—there had been thirty new houses erected in the immediate district. The houses at present in existence numbered 287, and these were let to 386 tenants. There was a population of something like 1,500 to 2,000 people. The nearest licensed house was the Ox Inn, which was located 920 yards north; while the next nearest was the Railway Hotel, at a distance of 1,100 yards. He might safely say there was no provision for supplying liquor of any description in the place. The applicant's premises were centrally situated, and located upon the main road at the very front, and adapted for an "off" license. His client asked to be enabled to supply the people with drink that they might require for their dinner. To show the necessity of such, there came into the place regularly four traveller's carts with bottled beer and stout. All the applicant wanted was to be in a position to supply beer "off" for the requirements of the neighbourhood. If a man wanted a pint of beer, continued Mr Oliver, the nearest place he could send to was 760 yards distant. The place being isolated from all kinds of drinking facilities made his client's application necessary.

Mr Burdon informed the Justices that in his opinion a beer "off" license was necessary. He resided upon the property, the annual value of which was something like £30 per year.

James Rutherford, a resident in the district, thought that an "off" license was required very much. He knew the applicant very well, and he was a proper man to conduct an "off" license.

Thomas Thorne, who resided in the district, also thought that such a license was required. The people had to send too far for anything that they might require.

There was no opposition. The Bench refused the license.

Joseph Harrison, builder, 1, Croft Terrace, Annfield Plain, applied for a beer (off) license.

Mr J. McCartan, Consett, who represented the applicant, said that the premises in respect to which the license was required, were situated in the front street, and almost opposite the dwelling of the local policeman. (Laughter.) There had been an increase in the population, over forty houses being built. He estimated the population between the Sand Hill, Oxhill, and the railway arch at Annfield Plain, at over 2,000. There were no licensed premises of any kind for a distance of about a mile and three quarters.

John George Weatherell, coke-drawer, residing in Prospect Terrace, Annfield Plain, gave evidence in support of the application. There was a large population, he said, between Oxhill and Annfield plain. There was a demand for a place where they could procure dinner or supper beer—a big demand. He had spoken to a large number of working-men, and had heard a great deal said as to the need of a license being granted as applied for.

John Kinleyside said there was no place from which they could get their dinner beer—which created a want. He knew that applicant's premises were suited to to the trade, and also that the applicant was a builder and owner of property.

There was no opposition. The application was refused.

John Palmer, builder and contractor, 156, Meldon Terrace, New Kyo, near Annfield Plain, made application through Mr A. T. Shepherd (Graham and Shepherd), Sunderland, for beer (off.)

Mr Shepherd said the application was from the same district as the last two; and therefore he need not go into the facts as regards the position of the property at much length. It seemed to him that the other two applications having been made showed conclusively that there was a demand for a beer "off" license. Mr Palmer was an applicant two years ago for a license at this spot, and he understood it was refused upon the grounds that the Magistrates, at that time, thought the population did not justify such a license. He was told that since the previous application was made the population in the district had about doubled. Therefore, having regard to the distance upon one hand, and the population upon the other, it was quite obvious that more accommodation was needed.

Mr Palmer, in supporting his application, said if the license was granted he intended to occupy the property himself. The distance from his property and Oxhill was 760 yards; and upon the other side 1,120 yards from Annfield Plain. There were 416 tenants between Oxhill and Annfield Plain, while the population was something over 2,000.

Mr Shepherd here read a letter from Mr Fairley to the applicant, which stated that in the writer's opinion such a license was necessary and that the applicant was a suitable person.

George Stokoe (miner), residing at Cawthorn Terrace, and who keeps a shop, thought Mr Palmer was a suitable person for such a license. With regard to the necessity he thought the license was very much needed. He was a shopkeeper, and had had people who came to his shop several times asked for bottles of beer.

There was no opposition. The Bench refused the application.

APPLICATION FROM SOUTH MOOR.

Richard Lumley, beerhouse keeper, South Moor, applied for a full license (on and off) for premises at South Moor, owned by John George Lumley, of Birtley, and the applicant.

Mr J. McCartan, Consett, who appeared on behalf of the applicant, said his client had already a bar and billiard license. The people came to his house and asked for spirit. There was a large increase in the population, and the applicant asked to be in a postion to meet their wants.

Mr Lumley said he and his brother were the owners of the property. He had been landlord of the house over ten years, and during that time he had not had a complaint against him. He had a beer and wine "on," and a billiard license. There was a population at South Moor of about 3,800 people. There were two fully licensed houses and two beer-houses with his own. Immediately in front of his premises were a large number of houses—twenty—in course of erection by the South Moor Colliery Company. Since last year there had been a large increase in the number of houses. There were 635, as against 392; while there were 45 in course of erection. He was daily asked to supply spirits. He had not a very large house, but one which he could manage efficiently.

In the opinion of Andrew Reavey, miner, residing at South Moor, a further full license was required. The applicant conducted his house very well, and he thought it was desirable that the applicant should have a full license.

Wm. Rutter, who has resided at South Moor for over twelve years, said the population was increasing yearly, and there was a demand for further accommodation.

There was no opposition, but the Magistrates declined to grant the license asked for.

ANOTHER SOUTH MOOR CASE.

Michael Martin, general dealer, South Moor, applied through Mr W. H. Oliver, Durham, for a full license (on and off) in respect of premises occupied by himself at South Moor.

Mr Oliver, in support of the application, said that the premises were situate at New South Moor. At this place there was already one public house; while his client held on "off" license. The district in respect to which the license was required was a newly formed one, increasing every day and getting very large. There were already houses occupied to the number of 481, and in course of erection 41. This did not take into account any of the property at South Moor proper, which was old South Moor. There was only one licensed house, and this was 675 yards from Mr Martin's place. His premises were in a perfectly central position, and in the best position it could be for supplying the requirements of the immediate neighbourhood. To show the importance of the place the Co-operative Society had built a large co-operative store — a big place indeed, which must have cost some thousands of pounds to put it up. The co-operative people thought it worth their while to erect a store there, which showed the increase of the neighbourhood, and the likelihood of a further increase. If the license was granted one of the clubs at the place would be done away with, and he did not think he could express anything better about these clubs than what Mr Fairley said when the new co-operative store was opened. In the course of his speech he said, "I have yet another reference to make in connection with the sale of intoxicants—"

The Chairman (interrupting): I think we have read that.

Mr Oliver then called evidence in support of the application.

Mr Martin's son said that his father owned the property in which a club was held. The rent paid last year for the club was £100.

The applicant appeared personally to support his request. He thought a full license was necessary. There were 484 houses in new South Moor, and 41 new houses were in course of erection.

Mr Palmer, a resident in Stanley, thought that Mr Martin was a proper man to hold a license.

Mr J. McKay also thought another license was requisite at new South Moor, as the existing house was very much crowded at the week ends.

Mr Thomas Davidson supported the last witness' statement.

There was no opposition. The application was refused.

NEW LICENSE FOR LINTZ COLLIERY

John Nevin, ale and spirit mechant, Lintz Colliery, sought for a full license (on and off) to premises belonging to him at Lintz Colliery.

Mr J. M. Aynsley, Consett, who represented the applicant, said his client was the owner of the premises. At the present time applicant held an "off" license for the sale of beer, and he was prepared to re-construct his premises at a cost of £2,000. There were 228 houses at Lintz Colliery, with a population of 1,584. The nearest house was the Traveller's Rest Inn, and situated 1,200 yards distant. The locality was a mining one, and subject to accidents to miners. When accidents occurred there was frequently required small quantites of spirits, which could not be procured without going to the Traveller's Rest. The applicant had been asked several times to apply for a full license, and the applicant had for something like 20 years applied for such a license. Mr Aynsley submitted that a full license ought to be granted at Lintz Colliery. During the past year the colliery had established a new shaft, and also erected new coke ovens, and repaired old ones. The place had been working night and day, not only during the past year, but for some considerable number of years previously. There was no accommodation either for refreshments, travellers, or horses. If the license was granted to the applicant he would be able to meet all the requirements of the district; and everything would be done to carry out the requirements of the district.

Mr Nevin said that altogether there would be 228 houses at the place, and a population of 1,560. He was frequently asked at his premises for small quantities of spirits, and he had been requested by the people strongly to apply for a full license.

Mr J. McCartan, Consett, opposed the granting of the license on behalf of the owners of Lintz Colliery.

Mr Wm. Guthrie, a commercial traveller, residing in Newcastle, said he had been in the habit of going to Lintz Colliery for about 29 years. He could not find accommodation at Lintz Colliery for himself or his horse. He considered that a license was essential.

A young man who appeared in support of the application, said on one occasion he took ill and was ordered a brandy and soda—(laughter)—but he had to get a bottle, which cost him 5s 3d, as he could not get the prescribed stuff near at hand. If he had sent for the small quantity he would have had to send to the Traveller's Rest Inn.

Mr McCartan: Were you taken suddenly ill?

Witness: Yes.

Mr McCartan: You had not time to travel to the Traveller's Rest?

Witness: I had not time to travel as far as the Traveller's Rest. (Laughter.)

Mr Wm. Braidford, sen., manager at Lintz Colliery, said he appeared on behalf of the owners to oppose the license. The whole of the houses at the place were owned by the colliery proprietors, except eleven. They had done well enough so far without a license.

The license was granted.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman said the whole of the Stanley applications would be heard at the adjourned Sessions on the 27th of September.


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## CHESTER-LE-STREET GUARDIANS.

On Thursday afternoon the monthly meeting of the Chester-le-Street Guardians was held in the Union Buildings, Col. Humble, J.P., presiding. There were present Messrs C. J. Banks, vice-chairman, H. W. Kerrich-Walker, J.P., P. Oswald, M. H. Douglas, J. T. Richardson, J. W. Bolam, G. Middlemas, T. C. Renwick, J. Dawson, T. Arnell, J. Mitchell, R. H. Lonsdale, W. Varman, E. E. Purves, J. W. Patterson, T. Green, E. Watson, C. W. Blackett, Mr. R. Dickinson (Clerk), and Mr. R. V. Dickinson (Deputy Clerk).

RELIEF CASES.

Mr. Kay, relieving officer for the Harraton District, directed the attention of the Guardians to 105 cases, the largest number, the chairman said, he had ever had anything to do with since his becoming a Guardian.

VACCINATORS AND THEIR FEES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board asking if the public vaccinators and vaccination officers of this union agreed to the proposed reduction of their fees.

A letter was also read from the public vaccinators and vaccination officers respecting the proposed reduction of their fees, in which it was stated that though the fees had been increased considerably they wished to point out that the duties had also augmented to a very large extent, and that they considered the extra remuneration was not out of proportion to the increase of the duties, and hoped the Guardians would reconsider their proposal, and that a meeting might be arranged to settle the matter.

It was resolved that the question be referred to the committee appointed to deal with the question.

NURSE BROWN'S RESIGNATION.

Nurse Brown tendered her resignation, and it was resolved that the Clerk advertise for a successor.

RESIGNATION OF PORTER AND PORTRESS.

The resignations of Mr. David and Mrs. Jessie Stark, porter and portress of the union were tendered, as they had accepted an appointment elsewhere. It was resolved that the resignations be accepted, and the clerk advertise for successors.

WORKHOUSE PROVISIONS.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for next half-year's provisions.

VACCINATION OFFICER'S RETURN.

Mr. J. McKay, vaccination officer for the Harraton district, reported the number in the birth list sheets as registered from July 1st, to December 31st, 1899, was 187; successfully vaccinated 357; unsusceptible of vaccination, 4; certificates granted to conscientious objectors, 2; dead unvaccinated 27; postponement by medical certificate, 2; removal to districts the vaccination officer of which had been apprised, 11; removal to places unknown, 15; unaccounted for, 3.

CLASSIFICATION OF INMATES.

Mr. P. Oswald said with respect to the classification of inmates the Guardians had received a letter from the Local Government Board which contained an extract from the report of their own committee, which had been sitting on the subject, and which recommended that an intermediate place be provided for imbeciles and epileptics. It was argued that if the Workhouse was cleared of those two classes, aged paupers would have more comfort and [illegible] the Guardians for admission to the House. Under the present arrangement the aged people did not care to be mixed up with imbeciles and epileptics as it interfered with their comfort and entirely upset them. Besides, it was stated that the new arrangement could be done more cheaply than by sending them to the Lunatic Asylum. It was suggested that the new institution could be established by the County Council and contributed to by the Guardians, and it was held that the number of officials needed would not be more than at present in the case in the Lunatic Asylum. It was also assumed that the case of imbeciles and epileptics who were of incurable nature, as far as expense would be incurred in trying to effect cure, [illegible] moved that the Guardians support the Local Government Board's recommendation, and when the proper time arrived they should take such steps as would facilitate the passing of a Bill to bring about the establishment of an intermediate institution. It was one of the best institutions that had ever come before them, and would be a good means of classifying the inmates.

The Chairman said that the letter from the Local Government Board was the best news of the meeting.

It was resolved that the letter be taken as read and relegated to the Visiting Committee.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

John Strange Winter has just completed her seventieth book—"A Self-Made Countess; or, The Justification of a Husband." The volume is dedicated to Mr. Alberley-Jones, Q.C., M.P.

WEARDALE.

BENTS AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—The sixteenth annual exhibition of the Bents Agricultural Society was held in the field known as Tentor's Close, Cowshill, on Saturday. Though the day was somewhat cold the attendance was very good. Three excursions arrived at Wearhead during the afternoon but unfortunately the last to arrive being such a late hour as to be of comparatively little service to the show. The number of entries were well in advance of previous years, and there was no falling off in the quality of the exhibits [illegible] especially meritorious [illegible] dogs, [illegible] Joseph English, [illegible] J. T. Carr, the secretary, and the usual staff of stewards. The lunch was provided by Mr. O. Monkhouse, of Cowshill Hotel.


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## SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A WHICKHAM MAN.

Thomas Lord, alias Collins, 27 years of age, who resides at Sunniside, near Whickham, was charged at Newcastle Police Court on Wednesday week, with having on August 11, being a servant of Albert Howard Higginbottom, stolen the sum of £44 11s 8d, the money of his master.

Mr. Hoyle, who appeared for the prosecution, said the prosecutor owned the Post Office Bar, where the prisoner was employed as manager, he having sole control, and being entirely responsible for all the takings.

Mr. Higginbottom stated that from what he was told, the premises were examined. The safe was found to be unlocked, and the cash box emptied. The cash books showed that, up to Friday, the usual entries had been made, but the Saturday's takings had not been entered. The actual total deficiency was £44 11s 8d. Witness gave information to the police. Witness, in reply to Mr. W. J. Ward, who appeared for the accused, said he had no reason to complain of the prisoner's conduct since he engaged him in February last, up till the present. He had had a good character, and had been a good servant to him, and he did not wish to press the case against him. He thought the offence had risen through a drunken spree, and possibly through the influence of some evil-disposed person.

Mr. Ward: I may say the accused has refunded most of the money, and has undertaken to refund the rest.

Detective Sergt. Gibson said he arrested the prisoner on Sunday afternoon whilst he was leaving the boat that had just come into the Tyne from London. When charged, he replied, "I know; it's a bad job."

Mr. Ward said the charge was a serious one, but he asked for leniency to be shown. Accused's explanation was that he had lent a friend £10 of his master's money, but he had failed to find him again, and had taken to drink. In desperation, he took the lot of his master's money, and decamped. He went to London. He had only £8 10s in his possession, so that somebody must have got the rest. The prosecution were of opinion that another man had led him away. Accused then wrote to his wife, who wrote back stating that the best thing he could do was to give himself up. She went to London herself, and the police at Newcastle were telegraphed to, and this was how he was arrested by the detective on leaving the boat.

Mr. Goolden said the charge was a very serious one, but the accused's employer had acted most generously in not pressing the case. They did not want to send him to prison, but would bind him over for 12 months, himself in £20 and two sureties of £10 each, to come up for judgment when called upon.


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## INTERESTING SHOOTING MATCH AT BEAMISH.

At Beamish, on Saturday week, an interesting match took place between teams representing the local and the Tyne and Derwent Rifle Clubs. The conditions were the same as those in the Queen's, 1899, viz., seven rounds and a sighting shot at 200 yards kneeling, at 500 yards prone, and at 600 yards in any military position, the highest possible score being 105. The teams were to have consisted of twelve men each, the ten best scores to count, but the visitors arrived with only eleven men, and were not quite fully represented, two of their crack shots in Colour-Sergeant T. Vallance and Corporal J. Dixon being absent. A very tricky front wind prevailed, but the weather conditions were otherwise favourable, and some good shooting was witnessed, a close and exciting match ending in favour of the Tyne and Derwent. The issue was in doubt until the last shot was fired. At 200 yards, where shooting was commenced, Beamish led by four points, and at 500 yards they increased their lead to twelve, but at the remaining distance the Tyne and Derwent managed to beat their opponents by fifteen, and thus won the match by the narrow margin of three points. The winners' average individual score was 86. Scores:—

Tyne and Derwent.—Cyclist-Sergeant J. Chilton, 28, 33, 33—94; Colour-Sergeant W. V. Shotton, 31, 31, 31—93; Private R. Chilton, 29, 33, 29—91; Corporal W. March, 29, 28, 30—87; Sergeant T. Bates, 31, 28, 27—87; Sergeant J. Marley, 30, 31, 25—86; Private E. Adams, 26, 31, 24—83; Sergeant J. Parkin, 29, 28, 23—82; Sergeant G. W. Stephenson, 28, 27, 27—82; Corporal W. Brown, 27, 28, 23—78. Totals, 287, 299, 274: grand total, 860. Counted out, Lance-Corporal R. Battensby, 73.

Beamish.—Corporal Clough, 29, 31, 31—91; Lance-Corporal Lockie, 31, 32, 28—91; Private Wilby, 29, 30, 28—87; Corporal Earle, 28, 30, 28—86; Private Laidler, 26, 34, 25—85; Sergeant Grundy, 30, 27, 28—85; Corporal Mewes, 25, 34, 26—85; Private Stephenson, 26, 28, 29—83; Private Metcalf, 21, 30, 31—82; Private Eland, 27, 27, 27—81. Totals, 272, 303, and 272; grand total, 857. Counted out: Corporal Kerr, 54; Private Campbell, 51.


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## BURNOPFIELD.

QUOIT MATCH.—On Saturday week a large company assembled at the quoit grounds attached to the Queen's Head Inn, Burnopfield, to witness the decision of a quoit match between H. Parks and J. Evans for £20 a-side, 41 points up. After an exciting game Parks ran out the winner by four points.

CHOIR TRIPS.—On Saturday week a number of choirs connected with various denominations in Burnopfield and district held their annual excursion. The members of the Wesleyan Methodist Choir journeyed to South Shields in brakes where a most enjoyable day was spent, the outing being much appreciated. The choirs connected with Byer Moor Mission and Marley Hill Church also held their annual outing, when Roker was visited, the members travelling by brakes. The outing was greatly enjoyed.

## CONSETT WORKS BAND.

### Again to the Front.

The above band attended Butterknowle contest on Saturday last, and were awarded two firsts and medal for trombone.

This makes a total of eleven firsts and two seconds.

"Consett Works Band to Wingate proceeded
And won two first prizes, which they thought they needed.
The accompaniments were grand (very neat and sublime)
And the soloists, therefore, had a grand chance to shine.
They made no mistake, and it's needless to tell,
They were awarded both firsts and four four medals as well.
There's genial Mick Hobday, the pioneer of the band,
He's another Santley on the euphonium, I tell you he's grand.
Whilst Jimmy Roberts on the cornet is the "cock o' the north."
Charlie Raine on the trombone plays for all he is worth.
If you read judge's notes, whether on own choice or test,
You'll find De Wray on the soprano is one of the best.
There's Ted Harrison on the flugle with a tone so mellow,
Reminds me of Coward-Klee when he plays on the 'cello.
Jack Hobday comes next with his big double B,
He's as fine as an organ, when he gets pedal C.
The rest are as good, so you'll understand,
Why I take such a pride in the Consett Works Band.

SPOKESHAVE (poet.)

## CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, August 29th.—Before Mr. W. H. Kerrich-Walker, Capt. Humble and Mr. D. Barrett.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

John Clark for this offence was fined 5s John Maddison, 5s and costs; David Campbell, 5s and costs; Andrew Ridley, 2s 6d and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

John Matthews, for refusing to quit the Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, was fined 5s and costs.

ASSAULT CASE.

Beatrice Burns and Catherine Hanley were charged by Mary Ann Holmes with having assaulted her at Birtley, on August 4th. There was also a cross-summons against Holmes.—Complainant said on the day in question Mrs. Hanley, who was drunk, struck her with a beer-can, while she had the child in her arms, and was black and blue yet, and if it had not been for a neighbour (Mrs. Burns) and her sisters, would have killed her.—Mrs. Davison said she saw Mrs. Hanley strike Mrs. Holmes.—Mrs. Burns also corroborated.—The parties changed places, and Mrs. Lister said Mrs. Holmes threatened to strike her sister with the brick produced.—The Bench considered there were faults on both sides, and would bind all the parties over to keep the peace for three months, the Chairman recommending them not to go there again or they would lose £5.


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TRESPASSING UPON THE RAILWAY.

Jos. Darwen and John Alderson were charged by John Donaldson, North-Eastern Railway policeman, with having trespassed on the Pontop branch railway at Waldridge Fell.—The officer said when he charged the defendants they said they had as much right to walk on the railway as anybody else.—Defendants, who pleaded guilty, were each fined 5s and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Flora Wailes and Edith Batey were fined 1s, 3d damage, and costs, for damaging turnips, the property of Mr. Coxon, of Picktree, Chester-le-Street.

Messrs Chas. Perkins and Co. summoned Jos. Smith, Geo. Dankin, Thos. Cardy, and John Stothard for a similar offence on July 27th.—A fine of 6d and costs, and 6d damage was imposed.

Thos. Pigford and David Lewis were also charged by Messrs Chas. Perkins and Partners, Birtley, with having done wilful damage to turnips on August 10th.—Defendants were fined 6d and costs, and the damage of 3d.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Benjamin Vickers was fined 1s and costs for having played at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street, on August 20th.

## TOW LAW.

PRESENTATION.—On Sunday afternoon, at St. Joseph's (R.C.) Schools, Tow Law, the Rev. M. Cully, incumbent of the parish, was presented with a set of vestments, an illuminated address, a pocket Sacrament service, and a gold-mounted umbrella. The rev. gentleman is leaving Tow Law for the Metropolis. His successor is the Rev. Father Dix of Gainford, and brother of Mr. Dix, of Newcastle, the well-known north-country solicitor. The Rev. M. Cully is a member of a well-known Northumbrian family, and during his three years' stay in Tow Law has gained the respect and esteem of the townspeople in general.


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## MARRIAGE OF THE REV. JAMES WATERHOUSE BROWN

### Of Shotley Bridge.

On Tuesday, August 21st, the marriage of Miss Catherine Susan Bendyshe Crowther, daughter of the Rev. W. Crowther, Rector of Norton (Kent), with the Rev. James Waterhouse Brown, Curate of Shotley Bridge, son of the Rev. A. Brown, Vicar of Denholme Gate, York, was solemnised at the parish church, and in the presence of a large number of relations, friends, and parishioners. The church being so small, a large crowd of parishioners and others from the neighbourhood, many of whom having known the bride since her childhood, had grouped themselves in the churchyard and Park. At the entrance of the churchyard a splendid arch, ten feet high, decorated with evergreens and flowers, by the gardener at Norton Court and others, had been erected by Mr. Rogers, the inscription "God bless the Bride and Bridegroom," being hung in the centre. The bride was attired in a white silk dress and train, with soft tucked vest, trimmed with lace. The bodice was festooned with orange blossoms, fastened with diamond brooches, the gift of her mother. She also wore a spray of white heather, which was brought from Scotland for her. A feature of the dress was the lovely veil of old Irish lace, a family heirloom, which fell in folds reaching to the bottom of her skirt at the back. She carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies and choice ferns, the gift of the bridegroom. Leaning on the arm of her father, who subsequently gave her away, she was met at the arch at the entrance of the churchyard, by five bridesmaids, viz., her sister, Miss M. Crowther, and four nieces, the Misses Muriel, Violet, Edna, and Majorie Crowther, and escorted to the church. Miss M. Crowther, as chief bridesmaid, wore a white China silk dress trimmed with lace and embroidery; the vest and undersleeves were of pink chiffon, and she wore a pink toque to match, trimmed with lace. She carried a bouquet of pink roses, the gift of the bridegroom. The four little bridesmaids wore dresses of white China silk trimmed with lace, the two elder having lilies of the valley in their large picture hats, and the two younger ostrich feathers. All carried quaint baskets of choice white flowers, all gifts of the bridegroom. The officiating clergy,—the Rev. F. Nelson Crowther, Senior Chaplain on the Madras establishment, India, and Rev. A. Brown, father of the bridegroom, together with the choir, received the bridal party at the porch, and the wedding hymn, "O welcome was the call," was sung as the procession entered. The bridegroom, who was attended by Mr. H. Snowdon as "best man," met the bride at the chancel steps, where they were married by the Rev. F. N. Crowther. The 67th Psalm was sung as they proceeded to the altar, where the Rev. A. Brown took the remaining portion of the service. The Rev. F. N. Crowther read a most impressive address. The concluding hymn, "O perfect love," was then sung to the nocturne "Norton," composed by the Rev. F. M. Coates. Miss Norton presided at the organ and played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the church. At the door Mrs. Allchin, Mrs. Drury, and P. Burton preceded the bride and her husband to the carriage, strewing the path with rose leaves. It should be mentioned that the church was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the parish and Miss Mabel Lake, of Newlands. The seating arrangements were admirably carried out by Major E. S. D. Crowther.

The Rev. W. and Mrs. Crowther afterwards held a reception at the Rectory, to which the following guests were invited:—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. B. Crowther, Rev. F. N. and Mrs. Crowther, Major and Mrs. R. T. Crowther, Major and Mrs. E. S. D. Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Crowther, Captain and Mrs. J. E. Crowther, Rev. A. and Mrs. Brown, Miss Brown, the Misses Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, Rev. W. and Mrs. Almack, Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Apperly, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. and Miss Borgstrom, Baroness Aminoff, Mr. F. Gorell Barnes, M.P., and Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Bramah, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Burness, Captain and Mrs. Bendyshe, Dr. Baldwin, Mr. and the Misses Barling, Mrs. and Miss Baker, Miss Bridges Mrs. and the Misses Charrington, Rev. J. E., Mrs., and Miss Corbould, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Crookes, Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Curtis, Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Crapper, Captain and Mrs. Carlisle Crowe, Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Coates, Rev. W. and Mrs. Carus-Wilson, Miss Crowdy, Sir John and Lady Croft, the Misses Croft, Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Donne, Mr. and Miss Nelson Davies, Dr A. Faunce de Laune, Mr. Davis, Rev. G. J. and Mrs. Everest, General Sir T. and Lady Fraser, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. and Miss Gascoyne, Mr and Mrs. E. Gascoyne, Mr F. Gascoyne, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Miss Gibbes, Miss Glen, Miss Godfrey, Mr. H. L. Grimston, Captain and Mrs. Howard the Misses Howard, Mrs. T. Foord Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Rev. J. V. and Mrs. Horan, Rev. S. H. W. and Mrs. Hughes-Games, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Honeyball, Miss Harker, Lord and Lady Harris, Mrs. Jull, Rev. W. K. and Mrs. Kefford, Mrs. Knowles, Rev. P. Kingsford, Mr. G. Lushington, Mr. and Miss Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh-Pemberton, Mr. Mrs., and Miss Lushington, Captain and Mrs. Macdonagh, Mr. Marshall, the Misses Morgan, General Sir A. and Lady Montgomery Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Madden, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, Rev. B. S. and Miss Malden, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Norton, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Neame, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Rev. F. Newham, General Sir Hugh and Lady Rowlands, Mr. W. E. Rigden, the Misses Rigden, Mrs. Ryle, Rev. T. J. and Mrs. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stunt, Dr. and Mrs. Selby, Mrs. and the Misses Sucking, Colonel Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Tankard, Mrs. Tweddell, Captain and Mrs. Vallance, Miss Osborne, Rev. E. and Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Whitworth, Dr. and Mrs. Walter, Mrs. and the Misses Ward, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Waldy.

The dress worn by the bride's mother was of black satin, trimmed with old Greek lace. Her bonnet was of black and silver crinoline with black and white plumes. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Gibson, aunt of the bride, wore a handsome dress of black poult-de-soie, diamond ornaments, black lace bonnet, and white plumes.

Later in the afternoon the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Brown drove to Teynham station en route to Tunbridge Wells, where the honeymoon will be spent. At Teynham station a number of people collected to see them off, and they eventually left amid showers of rice and hearty cheers.

The bride's going away dress was a tailor-made coat and skirt of blue cloth. The revers of the coat were faced with white panne velvet, edged with white braid. She wore a large white crinoline hat, trimmed with white feathers and knots of black velvet.

The wedding presents, many of which were handsome and costly numbered about 150. We submit a list of them.

Rev. W. Crowther and Mrs. Crowther—cheque, worked cushion, Indian Phulkaries, sofa blanket, and old lace.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. B. Crowther, Chest of tea and Turkish necklace.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Crowther, Carved cedar table.

Major and Mrs. R. T. Crowther, Indian table, toasting forks, table centre, and silver salt cellars.

Major and Mrs. E. S. D. Crowther, Tortoise shell clock in case.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Crowther, silver shoe horn, and button hook.

Captain and Mrs. J. E. Crowther, marmalade jar.

Miss M. Crowther, silver brushes and tortoise shell comb.

Miss Muriel Crowther, sideboard cloth.

Master Guy Crowther, worked table cloth.

Miss Phyllis Crowther, embroidered work bag.

Miss M. and Master C. Crowther, silver butter dish.

Miss E. and Masters F. and A. Crowther, silver salt cellars.

Mrs. Brown, case of silver tea-spoons and sugar tongs.

The Rev. A. Brown, cheque.

Miss Brown, silver flower-pot.

Miss E. Brown, silver bread fork.

Mrs. Gibson, bank notes and gold purse.

Mrs. Whitworth, silver tea-set.

Rev. R. Bendyshe, cheque.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter, case of silver dessert knives and forks.

Mrs. Knowles, carved oak tray.

Miss Crowther, pair of silver fern pots.

Dr. and Mrs. Hall, silver tea caddy.

Dr. Baldwin, silver egg-stand.

Captain and Mrs. Carlisle-Crowe, silver card-case.

Mr. and Mrs. Tankard, case o silver salt cellars, mustard and pepper pots and spoons.

Mrs. and Miss Nelson Davies, Indian table cloth.

The Misses Waldy, silver salt cellars.

Mrs. Ward, silver cream jug.

The Misses Ward, silver pepper pots.

The Misses Suckling, pair of silver photograph frames.

Sir A. and Lady Montgomery-Moore, brass coffee tray.

Mrs. Jull, lace handkerchief.

Miss Godfrey, silver muffineer.

Miss Brown, cheque.

Miss Crowdy, silver butter dish.

The Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Donne, stationery cabinet.

Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Curtis, silver sugar basin.

Miss Harker, silver bread fork.

Miss Gascoyne, night-dress case.

Mrs. Gascoyne, tea-cloth.

Mr. R. Lake, case of silver apostle spoons and sugar tongs.

Mrs. Barnett, tea cloth and fancy work.

Mrs. Charrington, china tea-set.

The Misses Charrington, china flower-stands.

Mrs. Foord Hilton, Belleek china tea-set and tray.

Rev. E. J. and Mrs. Corbould, work table.

Mrs. Tweddell, brass cake stand.

Mrs. Arnold, reading lamp.

Mrs. Bramah, silver hot water jug.

Mrs. Baker, silver cream jug.

Miss Baker, brass inkstand.

Mrs. Baker's maid, brass pen-wiper.

Mrs. Davenport, gilded glass vase.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, silver scissors and button hook

Rev. W. K. and Mrs. Kefford, picture.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Webb, case of silver bon-bon dishes

Rev. E. and Mrs. Wootton, bronze cup-stand.

Miss Norton, dessert dish.

Miss Corbould, silver miniature frame.

Mrs. Borgstrom, gold curb bracelet set with torquoises and pearls.

Miss Borgstrom, travelling clock.

Rev. S. and Mrs. Hughes-Games, rose bowl.

Mrs Macdonagh, silver biscuit, butter, and cheese stand.

Rev. W. and Mrs. Almack, silver mounted scent bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, (Woodstreet), marmalade dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Stunt, pair of flower-stands.

Mrs. Vallance, salts bottle.

Miss Osborne, case of silver buttons.

Mrs. Percy B. Neame, gold hat pin set with turquoises.

Rev. J. M. Apperly, silver mounted preserve jar.

Mr. and Mrs. Burness, pair of silver candlesticks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, silver salver.

Rev F. M. and Mrs. Crapper, case of silver tea spoons.

Mr. William Lake, silver cake basket.

Rev. H. Lake, silver preserve spoon and butter knife.

Mrs Lake, worked centre piece.

Miss L. Lake, hand-bag.

The Misses Morgan, gold curb bracelet with pearls.

Mr. G. Wildman Lushington, cheque.

Miss Mabel Lake, silver button hook and shoe horn.

Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Coates, silver serviette rings.

Mr. Gloster Marshall, three Japan-se vases.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman, case of silver fish slice and fork.

Mr A. Barling, silver butter shell and knife.

Miss Barling and Miss V. Barling, silver hand mirror.

Mr. and Mrs. Honeyball, salad bowl and servers.

Miss Malden, silver mounted horn.

Dr. and Mrs. Selby, old silver tea caddy.

Rev. T. J. and Mrs. Sewell, silver mounted scent bottle.

The Misses Rigden, china vase.

Lady and the Misses Croft, pair of pictures.

Captain and Mrs. Howard, china tea service.

Messrs and the Misses Howard, Japanese tea tray.

Mr. Gorell Barnes, M.P., and Mrs. Barnes, silver pin tray.

Miss Phillipi Bridges, gold Norwegian spoons.

Mrs. Lushington, carved silver spoon.

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Miss Whaley, photograph.

Mr. H. Snowdon, private communion set.

Messrs E. and G. Margerison, silver pickle fork.

Dr. and Mrs. Morrogh, pair of Belleek shells.

Mrs. Foster, silver tea service.

Mr. and Mrs. Boardman, silver sugar basin.

Colonel Tyler, silver chatelaine.

Rev. R. F. Moody, writing-pad.

Mr. and Mrs Elliott, house linen.

Mr. and Mrs Philpots, marmalade jar.

The Misses Paul, tea cloth and splasher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Peene, bronze gong.

Nurse Deeley, set of tray cloths.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Peene, pair of vases.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, cake stand and sideboard cloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, silver tray.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Rogers, glass cucumber dishes.

Mrs. J. Barton, tea cosy.

Mrs. Gombell, lace tea cloth.

Miss Butler, antimacassars.

Mrs. Neaves, photograph.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, china bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Hambrook, silver butter knife and bread fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Town, silver mounted glass butter dish.

Mr. Ridley, cushion.

Misses Barling, shawls.

Mrs. Foord, pair china flower pots.

Mrs. Kemp, pair of vases.

Mrs. Jarratt, glass salt cellars.

Mrs. Court, pair of china candlesticks.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, silver butter knife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tumber, glass butter dish.

Mr. Brenchley, china dessert dish.

Messrs W. and E. Wilkins, pair of silver serviette rings.

Mrs. Brunger, salt cellars 100 years old.

Mrs. Kirby, pair china candlesticks.

Mrs. Clarke, nightdress case.

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July 17th 1900.

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## A SERIES OF FATAL ACCIDENTS.

### Fatal Fall at Dipton.

On Friday afternoon an inquest was held at Mr. R. M. Rutherford's, Fox Inn, Dipton, by Coroner John Graham, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of Patrick Halpin, colliery screener, who met his death on Monday, Aug. 27th, by falling over a wall at Whitney's lodging-house, Dipton. Mr. Geo. Murray was appointed foreman of the jury.

The only witness was Matthew Corbett, cousin of the deceased, who said that Halpin had lodged at Whitney's lodging-house for six years, and was about 50 years of age. On Aug. 27th deceased went into the backyard of the lodging-house, when witness saw the deceased fall over a low wall which was nearly level with the yard on one side, but having a drop of about six feet on the other side. He fell on to some old bricks and stones, part of the remains of the wall, and against the gable-end of a house near by. Deceased fell on the back of his head and a quantity of blood flowed from the wound after he had been put to bed. Halpin expired on Aug. 28th, about twenty-four hours after his fall. During the time Halpin lived after the fall he could talk, but never told witness how it happened.

The Coroner: Was he the worse for drink?

Witness: He carried a parcel from Catchgate, and a drunken man could not have done that.

The Coroner: Oh! yes, they can. Drunken people can do most extraordinary things. It is pretty well known that Halpin was in a drunken state when he fell. I should like to know who is the owner of the lodging-house?

Mr. Swalwell: A Mr. W. Aitken, who is abroad.

The Coroner: Why doesn't he have the wall built to a safe height?

Sergt. Lawson: The tenants have deposited their ashes against the wall instead of putting them into the ashpit, and part of the wall has fallen down.

The Coroner: I should say the proper thing would be for the owner to raise the wall. It is not safe in its present condition, even if it is caused by ashes being accumulated there. It would be as well for a message to be sent to the owner to raise the wall.

Mr. Coulthard (a juryman): Halpin has been over the wall four times.

Mr. Murray: I would suggest that a message be sent to the tenants not to deposit their ashes there, as I believe the accident would not have happened if the ashes had not been deposited beside the wall.

The Coroner: This is not the first case of this kind I have had before me, and the remedy in all cases is to build the wall to such a height that a similar thing will not happen again. There is plenty of material lying about.

Mr. Rutherford: There should be a proper urinal built there.

Mr. Coulthard: I should think it will have been used for all things.

The Coroner: But the deposit of ashes is a nuisance and should not be allowed.

Mr. Murray: I have no doubt the inspector of nuisances will attend to the matter when he gets to know about it.

The Jury returned a verdict that Halpin had met his death by falling over a wall.

### Fatal Accident at Tanfield Moor Colliery.

On Monday afternoon, an inquest was held at the Prince of Wales Inn, Flint Hill, touching the death of Cuthbert Henry Pace, who was injured at Tanfield Moor Colliery on Saturday, and died on Sunday morning. Mr Hedley, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, watched the case, and Mr W. A. Swallow, manager of the colliery, attended on behalf of Messrs Joicey and Co., colliery owners, and explained the plan of the place at which the deceased was injured. Mr G. Murray was appointed foreman of the jury. The first witness called was

Robert Pace, father of the deceased, living at Flint Hill, who is employed as token-man at Tanfield Moor. He said his son's name was Cuthbert Henry Pace, who was a waggonman, and was 23 years of age. He was injured on Saturday whilst at work at the screens.

Joseph Rodham, keeker at Tanfield Moor Colliery, and residing at White-le-Head, said the deceased had worked under him for about twelve days, but had been putting in tubs for a number of years. He had had experience of running trucks under the screens. About 11.50 a.m. he took a ten-ton North-Eastern truck. The brake of the truck was at the wall side. He did not see the waggon start, but was standing beside the truck with deceased when he drew the attention of deceased to the truck having the brake on the wrong side. The truck had only one brake on it.

Mr Coulthard: It would be better if they all had brakes on both sides.

The Coroner: That is a matter you have no control of; they are North-Eastern trucks. The new ones have two brakes on, but this seems to have been an old one.

Witness (continuing) said deceased eased the brake on the catch so that he could knock it off with his finger before the truck started. Witness did not see him start it. The next thing he knew of it was that the deceased was fast between the wall and the truck, about two feet down the length of the wall. His head and shoulders had been caught between the brake and the wall. The brake was not down when the truck stopped. The gradient was so little that the trucks had to be pulled out with a horse.

Mr Hedley: What condition was the brake in; was it in its usual state or had it been bent?

Witness: It was all right as far as I could see.

Mr Hedley: Was there anything in the wall he could have caught against?

Witness: No; it was a smooth faced wall right through.

Mr Young: How many feet was he in further than usual?

Witness: Not above two feet further. He was fast two feet from the end of the truck.

Mr Bulmer: Is it customary or necessary for men to go round that side of the truck?

Witness: No, they never did.

Mr Young: Not when the brake was on that side?

The Coroner: He should have blocked the brake down before the truck got so far down.

The Foreman: Had you no "spouts" in the wall?

Witness: No.

The Foreman: Could the rails not be shifted a little to make the place safer?

Witness: No; you would have to shift the whole of the plant.

The Foreman: It is the easiest thing I know of. Had there been a sufficiency of room that accident would not have occurred, and to my way of thinking it is the easiest thing in the world to make the place safe. A few shillings would do it.

Mr Hedley: I think that is a matter for the management.

The Coroner: Look here, Mr Swallow, in order to give the room Mr Murray asks for here, would you have to shift all the rails?

Mr Swallow: Yes, but nobody has any business there.

The Coroner: As far as I understand the case the lad went round the fore-end of the truck.

Mr Coulthard: He had been flurried.

Witness: Yes; he seemed to get confused.

The Coroner: I don't quite agree with the foreman's suggestion. In the mines they only have sufficient room to clear. The travelling way is different. Nobody is expected to go between the trucks and the wall.

A Juryman: It is a case where they cannot do any other than get to the brake at the wrong side.

The Coroner: But they could not do anything down there; the brake should have been put down before getting to that place.

Mr Coulthard: It would make it safer if the rails were removed a little—six inches would do it.

Mr Hedley: If they shifted the rails they would have to shift the whole plant. The only reason I mention that is because one jurman said it was a question of a few shillings, but the question was that of re-organising the whole place, and when you have done that you are running exactly the same risk on the other side. It does not matter to me about the cost of altering the rails, but it is not necessary to alter them if men would attend to the rules.

The Foreman: We don't insist upon it; it is simply an idea that I have myself that a little curve would fling it sufficiently out of the way.

The Coroner: We may hope that the North-Eastern trucks will have two brakes instead of one before long. This seems to have been a rather unusual occurrence; the brake was only on one side instead of on both sides, as is the case with the new ones. Then you must not forget that the keeker drew the man's attention to the fact that there was only one brake, a distinct warning that he should attend to his business.

The Foreman: If there can be anything done to prevent an accident in the future I hope they will do it. I don't think any blame can be attached to any person.

The Coroner: I know that colliery owners and managers are as ready as any employers of labour to listen to the suggestions juries offer, and put them into force, and make alterations, but I don't think you should press the alterations that are suggested here.

Leighton Hunter, night-watcher and caller, White-le-Head, said on Saturday he happened to be crossing the line below the screens from his house, about 11.50 a.m., when he saw one full truck running down the line next the wall on the small coal road. It was eight or ten yards from the screens, and was just moving. Pace was walking quickly down by the outside of the waggon, between the best coal and small coal road, and went to the front side of the waggon. He saw him go round the end of the truck and click the brake on the side next to the wall, when apparently the waggon turned him round about and then stopped. He went up to him and found him fast between the truck and the wall, about two feet from the fore-end of the truck. He was "jammed" about the head and shoulders between the brake and the wall. If he had left the truck alone it would not have gone two yards further, as the gradient was so slight that the trucks had to be pulled down with horses.

Mr Hedley: Had he any right between the wall and the truck?

Witness: No; he had no right there.

Mr Hedley: Have you ever seen him there before?

Witness: No, sir.

Mr Hedley: What clothing had he on?

Witness: I don't know, but I think he had a blue cotton jacket on.

The Coroner: Was there anything loose about his clothes?

Witness: No; I think he was flurried a bit.

In anwser to further enquiries, witness said the waggon turned him round; he (witness) had to pinch the waggon back to get him out. The brake was not down.

The Coroner: I think you understand now how this unfortunate matter has happened. The last witness's evidence is definite and plain on the matter.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

### Fatal Result of an Accident at Oxhill Colliery.

On Monday afternoon, an inquest was held at Mr J. Errington's, Ox Inn, Oxhill, by Coroner John Graham, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of William Lowson, miner, aged 43 years, who died at Oxhill on Saturday from injuries received on July 16th, while following his employment at Oxhill Colliery. Mr David Ledger, under-manager of Oxhill Colliery, and Mr Hedley, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, Newcastle, watched the case. Mr Bates was appointed foreman of the jury. The first witness called was

Thomas Lowson, engineman, living at Joicey Terrace, Oxhill, who said the deceased was his brother, and was a coal-hewer, employed in the Busty Seam at South Tanfield. He was injured on July 16th, and died on Saturday evening at the Sandhole Row, Oxhill. He was injured in the back and was paralysed. He was quite satisfied that it had been a pure accident.

Mr Ledger explained the plan, which showed the kind of stone which had fallen away and caused the accident. The stone fell from the fast side of the "jud."

Wm. Tallintyre, coal-hewer, living at 96, Pine Street, South Moor, said he was working "double" in the Bottom Busty seam at South Tanfield in the back-shift in the right nook, and deceased in the left. The place was properly timbered, and there was also plenty of spare timber left. Lowson had just finished setting a prop and middle plank next the face when a little stone fell from between "jacks" in the barrow-way, which caused him to set the prop and plank. Deceased resumed hewing, and after having struck two or three "bats" a large stone fell away, and caught him on the back and knocked him down. Witness tried to lift it up with a prop, but could not manage. He sent the putter for help, when the deputy and another coal-hewer arrived immediately, and rendered help.

Mr Hedley: Was there any other timber under the stone beside that which deceased had set?

Witness: Yes, there was a prop and head-tree next to the fast side.

Mr Hedley: Had the deputy been in there?

Witness: Yes, but he had not finished; he was going back again.

Mr Hedley: Had he set timber?

Witness: He was on with the chock.

Mr Hedley: The deputy was close to you at the time?

Witness: Yes; I knew he was in back-bye.

The Foreman: What time previous to the accident was the deputy in?

Witness: Just a few minutes before it; he had the chock ready for setting.

John Trueman, deputy, living at 69, Joicey's Square, Oxhill, said on July 16th he was in charge of the district in which the deceased was hurt. He was building a chock at the time when the accident happened. He was working at the left side of the barrow-way where the deceased was hurt. He did not hear the fall, as he was about 15 yards back. The putter told him of the accident, when witness went immediately and sent him for other help, which arrived as soon as possible. Witness went out-bye with deceased on a tram to the shaft, and sent him to bank, witness following up in the next cage. Deceased was conveyed home on an ambulance stretcher. The same day witness returned to the pit and examined the place, and found a stone seven feet long, two feet six inches wide, and 12 inches thick, which weighed about two tons. It was all in a piece. Witness found a slip at the edge of the coal next the face, and on the other side it was slippery on the top. When the coal was taken out deceased had eased the slip. The stone canted out the prop and head-tree, and twisted the plank around that was middle propped.

The Coroner said in addition to the men's inspection, Mr Bell, Her Majesty's Inspector, made an examination of the place. The report stated that the place seemed to have been well and closely timbered, and there was plenty of spare timber lying near.

Dr W. A. Benson, Stanley, said on July 16 he examined Lowson, and found a large contusion on the middle of his back, with a complete separation of the two vertebrae and a complete paralysis below the seat of the injury. The case was hopeless from the first; the cause of death was disorganisation of the bladder and kidneys, due to laceration of the spinal cord.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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### THE LANCHESTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your widely-circulated paper. I am sure some of the temperance party will be far from being satisfied with the doings of Thursday last—with the manner in which the multiplying of the licenses in the Consett district was advocated and defended.

One pleader for his clients for more public-houses seemed very anxious to put down by main force all objections; to serve applications for "additional accommodations," by asking trifling and useless questions, in a sophistical kind of way, and raising most illogical arguments. Sound sense is most certainly better than sound merely, with no sense. Now, in a place like Consett, or Blackhill, there is no really intelligent man, or well-wisher for his fellow-man but will on a visit to the towns named conclude that there is already far too many public-houses; but when four respectable ministers, who reside on the spot, and the vast number of sober and well-meaning people, whom they represent, conclude by evidence which cannot be denied, and facts which cannot be contradicted, that they are not needed, I think in all fairness and justice, the magistrates on the Bench should take note and pay some heed to their statements, their evidence and reasonable requests, and that of the great body of intelligent people whom they represent.

Surely these four ministers, and others with them, are better able to judge of the social and moral conditions of Consett and Blackhill, and the direct pernicious effects of drink than the three solicitors and a barrister, paying a flying visit to Lanchester Court, from Newcastle, for an hour or two, and who are so well remunerated for their time, eloquence, and pleading for "more public-houses and additional accommodation." And it is sometimes rather wonderful that those sort of gentlemen "take either side of the question"—if their clients engage them, "first there, first served." I am sure no man who is in the habit of attending courts can deny this, and very often the whole thing called "a case" is a got-up affair, and there seems no conscience, no sincerity, and no conviction at all in the matter, only I must win my case, if possible, for my client and his pocket.

One minister, in answer to what I think was a foolish and boyish question put by the barrister—"Have you been inside of that public-house, have you been inside of a theatre; what is the name of the hotel you refer to in Middle Street?" The minister answered "No," to these outside and silly questions by the Bar. This was looked upon as a triumph and almost sufficient to settle the question in hand. Well, this is a kind of forensic logic that may satisfy some men, but in in its broader application, it will, I am sure, satisfy nobody. Apply this method of reasoning to any other thing you like, and you will soon be told to go back to school, and begin with the first standard.

My contention is this, that the four good ministers, who have the courage of their convictions, and the vast number of good people whom they represent, who live on the spot, in the towns in question, must know the requirements of these places much better than the three or four solicitors from Newcastle. So the whole fabric of their pleading and defence for more public-houses falls to the ground. Those ministers so much bantered and under-rated, live amongst the masses, visit their homes, see their daily life, and know their conditions; see it with their own eyes—the sad and disastrous effects of public-houses and intemperance; and to multiply public-houses means to multiply the temptations for drunkenness, and most certainly increases the cases of "drunk and disorderly," and "five shillings and costs," or to be sent to gaol with hard labour, besides the untold misery and poverty created in their homes. Yet magistrates, solicitors, barristers, publicans, and brewers ask and allow more of these doorways to a worse life to be planted about, in every village and town wherever there is a few houses erected, or a little increase of the same! Well! what shall become of poor England in the next ten or twenty years if we go on at this rate? As a drunken nation we shall go down to the bottom of nations! And who is to blame? And who will bear the guilt?

I am no stickler for fads, farces, and mere shams; but I mean to say, to all who are concerned in these questions, it is a suicidal policy to build up with one hand and pull down with the other, and the life, the character, and the happiness and good citizenship of the children in our schools are at stake in this question. Have we not already plenty of public-houses? Yes, far too many! Then, have we not the ruinous grocers' business to contend with, and those numerous travelling beer-shops, or waggons, which are never off the road? Is man to be a mere animal, and, made to eat and drink? Do let us show a little wisdom and compassion, and cease this madness and folly for drinkdens and dram-shops!—Yours truly (on behalf of temperance and goodness),

HUGH ROSEBURY.

September 3rd, 1900

### ANNFIELD PLAIN.

THE NEW MINISTER.—On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. R. Nicholson, newly-appointed Wesleyan minister, preached his first sermons in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit to large audiences.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN THOMPSON,

### Of Whickham.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Thompson, of Woodstock Villa, Whickham, which took place at half-past eight o'clock on Friday morning. The deceased, who was born in 1849, was a Novocastrian by birth, first seeing the light in what was then known as the Coach and Horses Yard, in the Bigg Market, but the site is now occupied by Messrs Bainbridge and Co., for their house furnishing department. When 19 years of age his mother and he removed to Gateshead, and Thompson was sent to work in the wherries belonging to the father of the late Robert Watson Boyd, the celebrated sculler. It need occasion no surprise, therefore, to learn that the late Mr. Thompson soon began to take an interest in aquatic affairs; and, as a matter of fact, he rowed three races on the Tyne, two of which he won; but in the third he was very decisively beaten by Wm. Robson, of Newcastle, the course being from the High Level to the Meadows House. The last named race was in best-and-best boats, and was decided in 1871. On reaching man's estate Thompson removed to the west end of Necastle, and found employment in the Elswick Works. Shortly after entering the married state he commenced business as a licensed victualler at the foot of Hawes Street, where he remained for two years and a half, and then he removed to the Bridge End Inn, Scotswood Road, which property he subsequently purchased. After being in the occupancy and possession of the premises for eleven years he sold it for a sum sufficient to enable him to retire upon a competency. With increased means at his disposal, Mr. Thompson was enabled to encourage his favourite sport—aquatics—and one of the first he took in hand was William Givens (commonly called Gibbons), of Blyth, for whom he found the whole of the stake money when the Blyth man rowed and defeated the late John Bewick of Old Hartley, in a race on the Tyne for £60, which took place on July 31st 1886.

Among the men introduced by the ex-host of the Bridge End Inn were Sam Emmett and William Haines. Mr. Thompson also supported Harding in his match against Norvell, and he was pecuniarily interested in the matches between G. J. Perkins and Norvell. Mr. Thompson was also closely interested in the Easter Handicap of 1886, won by Norvell. Mr. Thompson after his retirement re-entered business, having become possessor of the Coburg Hotel. He remained in harness for a short time only, however, and again returned to Whickham. Mr. Thompson for some time past suffered from paralysed hands, although up to a few months ago he was able to be driven about.

Mr. Thompson was generous to a fault; and it will be remembered that at the early part of the present year, he and a gentleman who had had a business transaction, and neither of whom were certain as to which were in the right, very generously gave the sum in dispute—£50—in aid of the Reservists' Fund. Mr. Thompson, who was 51 years of age, leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters to mourn his loss.

### THE FUNERAL.

On Sunday afternoon, amid many manifestations of regret, the remains of the late Mr. John Thompson were interred in Whickham churchyard, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The deceased gentleman was widely known throughout the district, and amongst local sportsmen in particular, an exceedingly large number of whom assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of one who did much to encourage and popularise the art of boat pulling and all aquatic sports. He took a keen interest in this branch of sport, and may be said to have been fairly successful as a competitor in several races. The funeral was one of the largest that has been seen in the district, and on all hands evidences of mourning were perceptible. The funeral service, which was of an impressive character, was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Allwork, Rector of Whickham. A large number of floral tributes were placed upon the grave. The chief mouners were Mrs. Thompson (wife of the deceased), Mr. Thomas Thompson, Mr. Edward Thompson (sons of the deceased), Miss A. Thompson, Miss M. A. Thompson, and Miss J. Thompson (daughters of the deceased.) At the graveside there was a large assembly of well-known Tyneside sportsmen and the general public, amongst whom were:—Mr. James Percy, Mr. James Parker, Professor Lowery, Mr. George Perkins, Mr. Henry Baxter, Mr. Ralph Hepplewight, Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. Ralph Lockwood, Mr. Wm. Shaw, Mr. E. Swift, Mr. H. W. Oxford, Mr. E. Temperley, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. T. Brett, Mr. William Davidson, Mr. Thomas Bennett, Mr. Richard Bennett, Mr. John Aitchieson, Mr. Wm. White, Mr. Ben Hunter, Mr. W. Dinsdale, Mr. Joseph Cotton, Mr. John Flackerty, Mr. Alex. Noble, Mr. Thomas Purvis, Mr. John Davidson, jun., Mr. George Norvell, Mr. Charles Carr, Mr. George Johnston (Spennymoor), Mr. Thomas Butler, Mr. John Wright (Felling), Mr. Thomas Watson, Coun. R. Dowson, Mr. T. Hutchinson, Mr. W. Veitch, Mr. John Wood, Mr. J. W. Dodd, Mr. James Moore, Mr. J. McGilligan (Byker), Mr. M. Massey, Mr. Richard Railton, Mr. Frederick Calyer, Mr. Andrew Glasgow, Mr. J. Alexandra, Mr. N. Noble, Mr. J. Noble, Mr. W. Noble, Mr. M. Nicholson, Mr. Edward Forster, Mr. R. Newton, Mr. Alfred Robson, Mr. R. Archibold, Mr. T. H. Howe, Mr. Joseph Oliver (Winlaton), Mr. Wm. Donnelly, Mr. James McCarrick, Mr. R. Mayor, Mr. J. A. Noble, Mr. W. B. Collin (Whickham), Coun. R. T. Swinburn (Whickham), Mr. R. Ghee, Mr. J. Irving, Mr. E. Liddell, Mr. H. Carr, Mr. J. Atkinson, Mr. B. Arkless, Mr. Joseph Hogg, Mr. J. Greener (Gateshead), Mr. Edward Watson, Mr. Thomas Collings, Mr. John Armstrong, Mr. J. Thompson (Dunston), Mr. A. Snowdon, Mr. Wm. Bell, Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Joseph Mavis, Mr. J. Hardy, Mr. J. Elders, Mr. D. Blaylock, Mr. Wm. Pearson, Mrs. Isabella Danby (Swalwell), Mrs. D. McElduff (Crookgate), Mr. J. Buckhurst, and others.

## DIPTON CYCLING CLUB CYMKHANA.

On Wednesday week the programme arranged for the 22nd of August was commenced with. So large were the entries that only three events could be decided, the others being held over for decision on September 4th. The results were as follows:—

Club Handicap—Heat 1—T. R. Rutherford, scratch, 1; W. Raine, 20 yards, 2. Heat 2—A. Murray, 85, 1. Heat 3—M. Raine, 85, 1; R. Aitken, 40, 2; F. Thompson, 54, 3. Heat 4—J. Thompson, 35, 1; J. Hodge, 60, 2; B. Daglish, 100, 3. Heat 5—R. Maude, 33, 1; J. Urwin, 115, 2. Semi-final—Heat 1—R. Maude, 1; Rutherford 2; M. Raine 3. Heat 2—A. Murray, 1; R. Aitken, 2. Final—R. Maude, 1; A. Murray, 2; R. Aitken, 3. Maude's time was 3 minutes 10 seconds. There were 13 entries.

Slow race (gents)—Heat 1—R. Maude, 1. Heat 2—J. Hodge, 1; J. Nevin, 2. Heat 3—Rutherford, 1; R. Murray, 2. Final—Rutherford, 1; Maude, 2. There were 17 entries.

Thread-needle race (ladies), 4 entries—Heat 1—Miss M. Gladders, 1; Miss M. Raine, 2. Heat 2—Miss E. Coulthard, 1; Miss D. Aitken, 2. Final—Miss M. Gladders, 1; Miss E. Coulthard, 2.

Thread-needle race (gents)—Heat 1—B. Thornton, 1. Heat 2—J. Hardy, 1. Heat 3—R. Aitken, 1. Heat 4—Todd, 1. Final—J. Hardy, 1; Todd 2.

The concluding items of the Dipton Cycling Club Gymkhana were run off on Wednesday evening. The weather was very suitable, and a large gate was attracted, and good sport witnessed. The following are the results:—

Ladies Quarter-mile Race—Miss H. Anderson, 1; Miss C. Coulthard, 2.

Tandem Ribbon Race (Ladies)—Miss Dora Aitken and E. Coulthard, 1.

Tandem Ribbon Race (Gents)—Final—R. Maude and R. Murray, 1.

Half-mile (open) handicap—Heat 1—J. Mason, 1; D. Davies, 2. Heat 2—J. E. Davis, 1; John Bowes, 2. Heat 3—W. Gilliard, 1; R. Metcalfe, 2. Heat 4—R. Aitkin, 1; A. Hutchin, 2. Heat 5—W. Thompson, 1; G. T. Robson, 2. Heat 6—J. Urwin, 1; R. Thornton, 2; won by six inches.

Semi-finals—Heat 1—J. E. Davis, 1; W. Thompson, 2. Heat 2—R. Aitken, 1; J. Mason, 2. Heat 3—J. Urwin, 1; W. Gilliard, Gilliard, 1; J. Sisterson, 2. Heat 2—R. Aitken, 3. Scarcely a foot separated first and second and second and third.

Consolation Scratch Race—Heat 1—W. Gilliard, 1; J. Sisterson, 2. Heat 2—R. Urwin, 1; John Bowes, 2. Heat 3—A. Hutchinson, 1; H. Rumsam, 2. Final—A. Hutchinson, 1; W. Gilliard, 2.

### WOLSINGHAM.

PROPOSED STEEPLECHASES.—A preliminary meeting will we understand, be shortly held for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing an annual steeplechase meeting at Wolsingham. Mr. A. Wooler, the originator of the proposal, is acting as secretary pro tem. Several influential gentlemen in the district have given promises of their active support. Mr. J. H. Athinton, of Greenwell Hill, has, it is understood, offered a suitable course. The meetings will probably be held either in the autumn or spring of the year.

## A SCARBOROUGH POSTMAN'S FINE RECORD.

"By Jove! but you are late, postman," is a remark which is often heard as the letter-carrier trudges along, and delivers his anxiously-awaited missives. But in fact, is it not surprising that the all-important officer is not more often belated? Even under the most favourable circumstances he walks many miles every day. But some postmen are finer pedestrians than others, and when he was a postman in Scarborough, William Henry Fletcher was as fine a walker as ever wore the uniform of the G.P.O. When he worked a lengthy round he invariably did it as quickly as any man in the district. But sad troubles overtook him. He had not been in very good health, and when on his annual holiday in Ireland, he caught a chill, and resumed his duties to find his health still more broken. He was suddenly stricken with acute rheumatism. At the end of three weeks he was compelled to give in, and for nineteen weeks he was "off." He then returned, worked for sixteen weeks, and broke down again. He agian tried to esume work after resting for a few weeks at a Cottage Hospital, but in June last year the final crash came. He was being wheeled in a bath chair along the street one afternoon when a friend met him. "How are you now, Fletcher?" was the question addressed to him. With a sad emphasis he replied: "I shall never work again; I am done." Acting on advice, he went into the country for five weeks, but he returned home only to go to bed. He remained there for fifteen weeks, a wreck such that a medical man said he had never seen before, in the case of a man so young. "I could not have lifted one of my legs if you had offered me a kingdom for doing so," was the remark Mr. Fletcher made in the course of a conversation the other day to a representative of the "Scarborough Evening News." But he can not only lift his legs now; he can walk about without the crutches. The change has been brought about in this manner. Early in November last his sister said, "Do try Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people." It was in a spirit of scepticism that he began taking the pills, but after the second box was finished, a change took place. "I felt as if something had got hold of me," he said; "I wanted to get up." And on Christmas Eve he got up, and up he has been every day since then. He has continued taking the pills, and now his strength has returned to a marvellous extent, and compared with his condition six months ago, he is a new man. In the course of a conversation at his home, 36, Murchison Street, Scarborough, he said: "I was told that blood was my great need. Without it I should go into a consumption. But I have regained blood now, and the credit must be due to Dr. Williams' pink pills; for I have taken no other medicine since November."

Mr. Fletcher's present appearance is an eloquent testimony to the efficacy of Dr. Williams' pink pills, and he is ever ready to admit this to be the case. Had it not been for the happy thought of his sister, he would now have been a confirmed invalid, or perchance one of the great majority. This is another case in which, by their great value as a tonic and blood builder, Dr. Williams' pink pills have cured a case which ordinary medicine failed entirely to benefit. It must be distinctly borne in mind that they are not ordinary medicine and that the substitutes too often offered in place of them are useless. Among the disorders which have been cured by the genuine pills may be mentioned anæmia, "decline," consumption, rheumatism, paralysis, St. Vitus dance, indigestion, palpitation, and all forms of female weakness. They are sold at two shillings and ninepence a box, or six boxes for thirteen and nine, by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, and by all chemists.

## DEATH OF A LOCAL GENTLEMAN IN IRELAND.

### Mr. Daniel Bulmer.

The death of Mr. Daniel Bulmer, late of Consett, but latterly of Belfast, Ireland, took place at his residence a short time ago, after a painful illness of seventeen weeks' duration. Mr. Bulmer, who was for many years a superintendent for the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., was born at Kyo on Jan. 13th, 1844, and brought up at Annfield Plain, from which place he removed to Beamish, and served part of his apprenticeship as a blacksmith with a Mr. Arkle. On the death of Mr. Arkle, Mr. Bulmer removed to Consett, and worked at Consett Iron Works as a shingler, under Mr. Wm. Scott. On the outbreak of the ironworkers' strike a number of years ago, Mr. Bulmer accepted an agency under the Prudential Assurance Company at West Hartlepool. After a short but successful career at this place, he was removed to Newcastle, where he was promoted to assistant-superintendent under Mr. (now Sir) Riley Lord, by whom he was held in high respect. After the sojourn of a few years at Newcastle, Mr. Bulmer received a further promotion, and was made superintendent for Durham City, and later to Belfast, where for some seventeen years he had a most successful career, during which he doubled the business of the Company. At the last-mentioned place he had 84 agents, 7 assistant-superintendents, and 2 clerks under him, and had an annual turnover of £40,000 a year. He was married to a Miss Hetherington, of Iveston, who, with one daughter, is still living. In religion he was a churchman, but on his removal to Ireland he connected himself with the Unitarian Connection, and was an old and honoured member for many years of the Second Congregation, Rosemary Street, but more lately of the First Congregation. In his business capacity he had won for himself the goodwill of all the members of his large staff, as well as of the Directors of the Company, and when he resigned his office about three years ago, proofs abounded of the high esteem in which he was held. He and his family constituted a small group of quiet and devout worshippers, who were always in their places and always among the most reverent members of the congregation. Very soon his unaffected modesty and simplicity of character won for him the respect and esteem of the minister—the Rev. J. C. Street—and he was invited to take his part in the active work of the church. For many years he acted as a superintendent of the Sunday School, as a member of the committee of the church, as a useful worker in connection with the choir, as an active member of the Unitarian Society—a true worker and helper in all the church activities. While resident at Consett, Mr. Bulmer was for some time a member of the Consett Church of England choir. A long and sad procession followed his remains to the grave, where Mr. Dunkerley and Mr. Street officiated. Mr. Bulmer, who was well known in the district, was the brother of Mr. Geo. Bulmer, of Delight Cottages, Dipton, who is the eldest and only surviving brother of the family.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN FORMAN.

The members of the Durham Miners' Association have suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. John Forman, their aged and respected president, whose demise, on Sunday morning, at his home, Mowbray Street, Durham, we sincerely regret to record. Mr. Forman for more than a quarter-of-a-century had rendered great and useful services to the Durham miners. Born at Allerton Burn, near Ancroft, he passed his early years at Cramlington and Seaton Delaval, and while still a young man came into the county of Durham. He was one of the founders of the Durham Miners' Association, and from the very beginning was one of its principal agents. Indeed, we believe that with the exception of Mr. W. H. Lambton, Secretary of the Durham Enginemen's Association, Mr. Forman was the oldest Trade Union official in the county of Durham. In those early days the famous "Tommy Ramsay," another of the forerunners of Trade Union effort amongst the Durham pitmen, was president of the Association, and soon after his death Mr. John Forman, in 1871, succeeded him in that important position, which he had ever since occupied. Mr. Forman, who was 77 years of age, was a widower, and leaves a grown-up family. The funeral took place on Wednesday at St. Margaret's, Durham, and was very largely attended.

### DIPTON.

PROPOSED CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.—The Catholics of Dipton have secured the football pavilion for an institute, through the kindness of the Marquis of Bute, who has promised an annual donation of £10, and in addition promised to fit up the place with a billiard table.

## MARRIAGE OF MISS DAVISON,

### Of Consett.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a large gathering in the Wesleyan Church, Consett, to witness the marriage of Miss Polly C. Davison, second daughter of Councillor and Mrs. John Davison, of East Parade, Consett, to Mr. John H. Hamblin, also of Consett. The bride was handsomely dressed in luxeuil lace robe, with Brussels net veil, and a wreath of orange blossoms. She wore a gold brooch and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and stephanotis the gifts of the bridegroom. Her bridesmaids were Miss Lizzie Davison, sister; Miss Bertha Davison, cousin; Miss Fanny Siddle, and Miss Rosina Yager. Miss Lizzie Davison and Miss Siddle were dressed in white embroidered muslin robes over reine pink and wore Merveilleux satin picture hats trimmed with ostrich tips and handsome silver and brilliant buckles. Miss Bertha Davison and Miss Yager wore white embroidered muslin robes over pale blue and white, drawn chiffon hats with ostrich tips and buckles. They all wore gold brooches and carried shower bouquets of pink sweet peas, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mrs. Davison, mother of the bride, wore a dress of black brocade satin, and black and white bonnet with crimson roses. The bridegroom was attended by his nephew, Mr. George Ward, of Hull, as best man, and Mr. John E. Davison, brother of the bride, officiated as groomsman. As the bridal party were arriving Mr. C. Stelling, organist, played the selections La Carita (Rossini), Grand Chœur (Dubois), and Wagner's Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin. The ceremony was conducted throughout by the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, the bride being given away by her father. While the register was being signed and the party were leaving the church amidst a shower of confetti Mr. Stelling played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. A reception was afterwards held in the Masonic Hall when in addition to the bride and bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Davison and the members of their family, there were present Mr. J. W. Davison, grandfather of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. C. Davison, uncle and aunt; Mr. and Mrs. H. Davison (uncle and aunt) and family; the Rev. G. E. and Mrs. Polkinghorne, Mr and Mrs Dawson (cousins) Lanchester; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Jarrow, (brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom); Mr. and Mrs. Jubb, Pelaw (brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom); Mr. and Mrs. Halliday, Hebburn, (brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom); Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, Stanley; Mrs. Yager and family, Mrs. Morris, Howdon; Miss A. Lowes, Mr. J. E. Colling, Mr. J. Hull, Mr. C. and Miss Allison, and many others. Mr. and Mrs. Hamblin subsequently left for Scotland for the honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being of blue Biarritz cloth, trimmed with white satin and lace and drawn silk hat to match. Another reception was held in the evening in the Masonic Hall when the young people were entertained. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many valuable presents.

## FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT WHICKHAM.

### Mr. H. Storey—Miss M. E. Turbitt.

On Wednesday afternoon a large and fashionable company assembled at the ancient parish church at Whickham, to witness the marriage of Mr. Heslop Storey, of Earsdon House, Deckham Place, Gateshead, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Turbitt, youngest daughter of Mr. William Turpitt, South Farm, Swalwell. Both parties are well known and greatly respected throughout the parish, and long before the appointed time for the ceremony—two o'clock—a large crowd assembled outside the church. The liveliest interest was manifested in the happy event, and when the bridal party arrived at the church they were liberally besprinkled with showers of confetti and rice from a number of well-wishers. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked exceedingly pretty in a lovely dress of cream broche silk, trimmed with silk chiffon, lace, and passementerie, and wore a long exquisite bridal vale, attached to a beautiful wreath of orange blossom. She also carried a handsome shower bouquet, and wore a gold pendant, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Storey (sister of the bridegroom), Miss N. Tomlinson niece of the bride), Miss I. Spencer Swalwell, and Miss Florrie Dunn, Blyth. Miss Storey and Miss Spencer were each attired in beautiful embroidered muslin robes, and were beautiful black picture hats, done with feathers and chiffon. They both carried lovely bouquets of flowers, and wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Dunn and Miss Tomlinson both wore cream silk liberties, and silk hats to match; while they also carried beautiful baskets of flowers. The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. Hindmarch, of Fourstones, near Hexham, while Mr. John Turbitt (brother of the bride) acted as groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Arthur Allwork (rector of Whickham), assisted by the Rev. Edward Rust (curate-in-charge), Swalwell. As the happy couple left the sacred edifice at the conclusion of the ceremony they were again most liberally besprinkled with showers of confetti and rice. The bridal party subsequently drove to the residence of the bride's father, where a reception was held, attended by a large number of invited guests. Later in the day the happy couple left for Middleton-in-Teesdale, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling dress was a neat navy blue costume, while she wore a large black hat trimmed with feathers, chiffon, and cream roses. The bride was the recipient of a very large number of beautiful and costly presents, including gifts from the teachers and scholars at the Swalwell Board Schools, where she was formerly a teacher; and also the Sunday School teachers connected with Swalwell Church, and a class of young men who were under the care of the bride for the honourable period of eight years. The happy occasion was recognised by general rejoicing in the villages of Swalwell and Whickham, and Mr. and Mrs. Storey carry with them the best wishes for their future well-being.

## FUNERAL OF MR. CUTHBERT PACE

### Of Flint Hill.

On Tuesday afternoon the remains of Mr. Cuthbert Henry Pace, of Flint Hill who died from injuries, received at Tanfield Moor Colliery on Saturday morning, were laid to rest in the Churchyard at Dipton. Mr. Pace, though only 23 years of age, had been of a delicate constitution, and had frequently been obliged to seek changes of air for his health. On the last occasion he had just returned after a long spell of illness to work, but had been obliged with a lighter job, as he considered his own work, that of putting in tubs, was detrimental to his health. He had only been working at his last job for a few days when he was fatally injured. He was a bright and promising young man, though of a quiet, retiring nature. He was heartily attached to the Dipton Primitive Methodist Society, in which he had been brought up from childhood. He was an aspirant to the Primitive Methodist Preachers' Plan, but owing to his [illegible] had been reluctantly compelled to relinquish that work. He was an active and consistent member of the society, a devoted worker in the Sunday School and Christian Endeavour movements, and was well-respected by all who knew him. The funeral service was conducted in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Dipton, by the Rev. J. Strong and Mr. Geo. Harris, of Burnopfield. The chapel choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. Herdman, were present, and sang, along with the congregation, "For ever with the Lord." After prayers had been offered the procession formed up and wended its way to the churchyard where the burial service was conducted in an impressive manner by the Rev. J. Strong before a large company of mourners and friends. After the burial service the choir sang "Rock of ages." Beautiful wreaths were sent from the teachers of the Dipton Primitive Methodist Sunday School, the family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Batey, Stanley, Miss Maggie Skipper, and Miss Crosby, while Mr. George Lawson and others placed bunches of pretty flowers upon the grave. The young women who preceded the hearse were Miss Elizabeth Williams and Miss Elizabeth Mason; the bidders were Mr. P. Trewick and Geo. Jolly; and the underbearers, Mr. Thos. Lawson, South Medomsley; Mr. Thos. Williams, Mr. Thos. Urwin, and Mr. Wm. Lawson. The chief mourners were Mr. Robt. Pace, father; Mr. Jos. Pace, uncle; the Misses Pace, aunts, Flint Hill; Mr. Robt. Pace, jun., brother; Mr. John Pace, brother; Mr. and Mrs. John Batey, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, brother-in-law and sister, Kyo; Mrs. Wm. Pace, sister-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Peare, brother-in-law and sister, Consett. Amongst the general public were Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Barnes, Dipton; Mr. Joseph Rodham, White-le-Head; Mr. Thos. Armstrong, White-le-Head House; Mr. J. G. Taylor, Dipton; Mr. Jos. Johnson, Wood House; Mr. E. Williams, Mr. Jon. Nicholson, White-le-Head; Mr. J. Turnbull, Hill Top; Mr. and Mrs. M. Southern, Flint Hill; Mr. Heslop, Dipton; Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mrs. Freick, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wells, Mr. Thos. Lawson, Dipton; Mr. J. Crawford, Mr. W. Hardy, Allendale Cottages; Mr. Thos. Arkless, White-le-Head; Mr. B. Gedling, White-le-Head; Mr. Geo. Bulmer, Dipton; Mr. S. Cook, White-le-Head; Mrs. D. Williams, Delight Bank; and many others.


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### STANLEY.

POLICE COURT.—On Monday morning, before Mr. Jonathan Green, Pat. McCarthy and Michael Joyce were charged by Sergt. Leadbitter with having been drunk at Stanley on Saturday, about noon.—Defendants pleaded guilty and were ordered to pay 2s. and costs each, or seven days.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Local Educational Committee for the district of Stanley was held in the offices of the Urban District Council, on Tuesday evening last, under the presidency of Mr. Anthony Kuhlman. There were also present—Messrs T. W. W. Ritson, Wm. Severs, John Anderson, Matt. G. Armstrong, A. H. Swinburn, and John Geo. Ridley (secretary). After considering the list of intending students submitted by the secretary, it was arranged that the following subjects be taken during the ensuing session:—Principles of mining (elementary and advanced), commencing on Monday, the 24th inst.; mathematics (1st stage), commencing on Tuesday, the 25th; surveying, commencing on Saturday, the 29th inst.; and French probably commencing on Monday, the 24th. Owing to the insufficiency of students the meeting were compelled to pass over the following subjects which had been advertised:—Machine construction, magnetism and electricity, sound, light, heat, mineralogy, steam, chemistry, shorthand, and geology.


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### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

**Marriages.**

FOGGIN—SOUTHERN.—At St. Mary's Abbey, Blanchland, on the 22th ult., by the Rev. J. C. Dunn, M.A., Charles L. Foggin, youngest son of the late Thomas Foggin, Newcastle, to Annie, eldest daughter of Wm. Southern, Blanchland.

ROBSON—BIRTLEY.—At the Primitive Methodist Church, Chester-le-Street, on the 1st inst., Andrew, son of the late George Robson, of South Pelaw and Chester-le-Street, to Ethel, eldest daughter of Mr George Birtley, of New Lambton, late of West Rainton and Murton Collieries.

**Deaths.**

ALLAN.—White-le-Head, 30th ult., aged 8 years, John, husband of Barbara Allan.

ASKEW.—Sunniside, August 29th, aged 1 years 9 months, William, son of William and Elizabeth Askew.

ANNAND.—At 56, Grove Road, Clapham Park, S.W., on Sunday, the 2nd Sept., Mina, wife of James Annand, and daughter of Thos. Burt, M.P.

BOYD.—Rectory Lane, Winlaton, James Boyd, aged 60 years, died at the Durham County Asylum on Sept. 2nd, 1900.

COOK.—Swalwell, August 29th, aged 5 months, Thomasina, daughter of John and Maggie Cook, Whorlton Street, Swalwell.

DODDS.—Pelton Fell, 9, Club Row, Sept. 2nd, aged 19, Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Richard and Isabella Dodds.

EMBLETON.—August 31st, aged 32 years, Agnes Eleanor, wife of Robert Embleton, of Sacriston.

FORMAN.—Durham, 16, Mowbray Street, 2nd inst., aged 77, John Forman, president of the Durham Miners' Association.

GRAHAM.—Dunston, 27, Athol Street, on the 30th ult., Jane Ann, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Best.

GARDNER.—On September 1st, in his 69th year, W. Gardner, husband of Mary Gardner, and Trustee of the Durham County Colliery Enginemen's Association.

HAILS.—Swalwell, 30th ult., aged 71, Jane, wife of Joseph Hails.

HILL.—1, Seargate, on the 30th ult., aged 2 years, William Hill, husband of Margaret Hill, late of Weardale.

IRVING.—Blackhall Mill, on the 2nd inst., aged 38 years, Mary Jane, wife of Richard Irving, and youngest daughter of Margaret (Peggy) Bell, of Allendale Cottages, and the late John Robson, of Rose Castle.

JOBLING.—High House, Swalwell, 30th ult., aged 42 years, Margaret, wife of Robert Jobling.

JOHNSON.—17, Front Street, East Stanley, 1st inst., aged 36 years, John William, husband of Annie Johnson, late master shifter of Beamish Air Pit.

LOWSON.—Oxhill, Sandhole, 1st inst., aged 43 years, William, husband of Alice Lowson.

MACKAY.—At 7, Fenwick Terrace, South Shields, 3rd inst., suddenly, Edith Annie, daughter of William and Annie Mackay, Catchgate.

PACE.—Dipton, Flint Hill, Sept. 2nd, aged 23, Cuthbert Henry, son of Robert and Mary Pace.

PENMAN.—37, Clavering Avenue, Dunston, on the 1st inst., aged 72 years, Ann, widow of the late Matthew Penman.

STOKELEY.—Whickham, on the 30th of Aug., Mary, widow of the late George Stokeley, gardener, Elswick Park.

STOKER.—Dunston, Donnison Street, 29th ult., aged 14 weeks, William, son of George and Georgina Stoker, and grandson of William and Martha Stoker.

THOMPSON.—Whickham, Woodstock Villa, August 31st, aged 51 years, John, husband of Mary Thompson.

TENCH.—Winlaton, 4th inst., aged 21 years, Emma, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Grace Tench.

WRIGHT.—At 12, West Row, Blackhill, on the 28th ult., aged 14 years, Samuel, the beloved son of James and Mary Ann Wright.

WILKINSON-SCOTT.—Blackhill, 63, Brookside Road, Sept. 3rd, aged 14 years and 6 months, Eva Wilkinson-Scott, daughter of George and Louisa Wilkinson-Scott.

In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Jane Huggins, who died at Hobson, on September 7th, 1899.

A loving mother, true and kind,
She proved to be in heart and mind;
A tender parent too as well,
When she on earth with us did dwell.

Ever remembered by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Maria and John Storey.

In loving memory of Mary Jane, the beloved wife of Edward Huggins, who died at Hobson Colliery, on Sept. 6th, 1899.

A loving wife and mother kind,
She proved to us in heart and mind;
She has gone but one short step before
To welcome us on Zion's shore.

Ever remembered
By her husband, son, and daughter.


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