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FRIDAY, April 10th, 1885.

## AN EASTER-EGG SURPRISE.

Easter Eggs are the surprise of children when stuffed with comfits and other dainty morsels all out of the smooth round shell of what to outward appearance is the beginning of a bird with beak and claws. There is something like the same pleasant surprise in store for us, let us hope, this Easter. The story of the Trojan War need not go back to the laying of Leda's egg, according to the critic of the *Ars Poetica*, and yet we must go back to the Afghan Boundary Commission after Merv had been annexed to the Russian Empire in order to understand the nature of our Easter-Egg surprise of this year. We had prepared ourselves for the worst a fortnight ago. The Stock Exchange, with its habit of reckoning its chickens before they are hatched, and discounting, as the phrase goes, both peace and war, had made up its mind that it was to be war. The egg when hatched was to be a bird of prey with beak and claws. Our gloomy forebodings were prepared for the worst, and the public mind, not in the best of humours with the Ministry for their apparently playing fast and loose with their pledges in regard to a pacific foreign policy, had settled down into an unamiable mood all round. The Midlothian programme had turned out a mockery and a delusion. Instead of Peace, we had war, for Retrenchment we had an inflated Budget, and for Reform, we were to have an alarmist and repressive policy at home and abroad. When the wind blew dead East in this direction for more than a fortnight, and we had sunk down into a state of settled cynicism, Easter has come with its two pleasant surprises. We have learned—a little informally at first, still it has oozed out—that Russia *recule*, to use Gortschakoff's phrase after the Crimean War, *pour mieux sauter*. This may be the case or not, as the event is afterwards to prove, but in any case her policy is for the present one of a strategic movement to the rear. When the Boundary Commissioners on both sides have brought down their differences to the irreducible minimum, it will then be possible to take this minimum to Berlin and ask our honest broker to split the difference. This is the first surprise out of our Easter Egg, and the second is not less a surprise nor less agreeable. Taking things in the gross, we have the apparently gratifying surprise of an increase in revenue over the preceding year of £837,926. As we have paid, however, a million and a quarter of additional income-tax besides £620,000 more in Customs and £305,000 more in Stamps, it is clear that there must be a serious falling-off somewhere. This has been chiefly in Excise, where the falling-off as compared with the year preceding amounts to £352,000, showing that the spread of Temperance is beginning to tell on the Exchequer returns almost with leaps and bounds in a backward direction. The result on the whole, however, is that Mr Childers has swept into his financial net upwards of eighty-eight millions sterling, which would have given him a splendid surplus and a Prosperity Budget but for unfortunate expenditure in war and preparations for war in Egypt and India. This, however, has been so large that our actual deficit for the financial year which expired on Easter Monday already exceeds a million, and when all accounts are made up will probably exceed two or three.

## OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Villa Mottoet where the Queen is staying at Aix-les-Bains is nothing more than a *dependence* in the lower garden of the Hotel de l' Europe in that new fashionable watering place of Savoy. For some years past the sulphur baths of Aix have been growing in repute for certain rheumatic cases; but it is scarcely a delightful place at its best, and the season, such as it is, can be hardly said to begin till the middle of May. In the heart of Savoy and surrounded by lofty mountains, like the Dent du Chat and the Grand Chartreuse, the climate is cold and damp in April: but to the Queen, accustomed to Balmoral, this, I suppose, is scarcely an objection.

The Irish trip of the Prince of Wales is likely to be a complete success, and nothing has been omitted to bring the Prince and Princess of Wales right through the island and to all its show places. From Lord Kenmare's new house at Killarney to Baronscourt, the Duke of Abercorn's seat in Tyrone, is a far cry from South to North; but the Prince has flinched at nothing, and if he gets through it all without a hitch it will reflect no little credit on his entertainers. At Killarney the well-known guide, Spillane, is engaged to explain the lakes in the same entertaining way interspersed with songs as when the Queen was there, now many years ago.

The rumour is revived that the Marquis of Lorne is to succeed Lord Spencer as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

It is difficult to get at the real state of the case. For six days the Russian reply has been at the Foreign Office, and from the confident tone of certain journals of the Philo and Phobo-Russian school one would suppose that they had all looked over Lord Granville's shoulder, and taken counsel with him as to the prospects of peace or war. The amusing part of it is that the same journals make it out to be pacific or menacing according as they are Bears or Bulls on the market. It is, however, an ominous sign of the times that the Germans have been selling out Russian stock to an enormous amount during the past few days, and the panic continues, as if in the Fatherland there was no belief in the pacific intentions of their troublesome neighbour.

At last the French crisis is tided over for the present at least. M. Brisson has come down from his President's arm-chair and takes a portfolio as M. Ferry's nominal successor. But the fact is that though M. Ferry is deposed from power in name, his party, or the Opportunists of the Union Republicaine section, are in a majority in the Chamber, so that we may now expect no serious departure from this forward policy. We shall see.

The press was far too optimist in its first account of the summary of the year's income and expenditure. We were caught by the fact that there was an apparent increase of receipts this year upon last of something over eight hundred thousand pounds. But this was more than swallowed up by the vast war expenditure and the increase supply which goes on particularly in the Education Department at an accelerated ratio. We shall know next week, but at least two millions will be asked for, and if Mr Childers had all he wants, he would ask for nine millions. A loan, suspension of sinking fund, or more taxation—these are the three courses opening to Mr Childers.

The other day in Commissioner Kerr's Court a solicitor spoke of the whitewashing process of bankruptcy as "coming here to receive absolution." The Commissioner described the phrase as a happy one, and said he should adopt it. In the case in question he granted the absolution desired upon payment of eighteen pence in the pound, remarking in his gruff manner that it served tradesmen right: it all came of the absurd system of giving credit. The insolvent, it should be said, was a clerk earning £90 a year, and his total liabilities about £30. Men of this class are just finding out that they can get rid of their debts under the new Act quite as easily as unlucky speculators who fail for thousands. Whether retail tradesmen will learn the lesson which Mr Kerr is so anxious to impress upon them is doubtful. If they would, it would in the long run be a very happy thing for themselves as well as for their customers.

The British Museum Catalogue of Books in English anterior to the year 1640 will be of immense service to students. Bibliographists have dreamed indeed of complete index catalogues upon every subject, so that it should be possible to ascertain, for example, every book in existence upon architecture, or upon botany, and so forth. So stupendous a labour is hardly likely to be attempted. But it is something that the Museum authorities have been induced to catalogue their earlier volumes. The publication of this work will inevitably tend to increase its bulk, and that of the British Museum Library.

## Correspondence.

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

### SANITARY CONDITION OF THE SPEN, &c.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—I wish, if you will allow me, to ask a few questions of the Blaydon Local Board:—

*Is it true* that the Low Spen village is still without drainage, privies, or middens, and that the roofs of the houses are partially open, so that rain comes into all the bed-rooms?

*Is it true* that the Lilly Drift, belonging to Mr Cowen, is without water, and that the people living there have to get their water from the ditches and holes in the neighbourhood?

*Is it true* that at Blackhall Mill they have not good water, no drainage, no good roads, and some very dangerous places by the river side not fenced, and that they want a bridge over the Derwent?

*Is it true* that at The Spen and Victoria Garesfield the ratepayers are perfectly satisfied with their water supply, drainage, roads, recreation grounds, footpaths, paving, lighting, free libraries, &c.?

*Is it true* that the whole of the candidates for seats on the Board have attended public meetings at the above places, and stated that they intend to vote for all the requirements of the various villages? or,

*Is it true* that the candidates do not care for the sanitary condition of their constituent's villages, but do care a great deal for the honour of a seat on the Board, and the keeping of the rates as low as possible, independent of the sanitary condition of the Board's district?—Yours, &c., TOM OF COVENTRY.

April 1st, 1885.

[These questions arrived too late for insertion in our last impression.—Ed. C.G.]

### FOOTPATHS IN THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—I observe in your issue of the 3rd inst., a sharp discussion took place amongst the Roads Committee members at the last Councillor's meeting, concerning the footpath in Pasture Drift Road. The only thing throughout the controversy that has steadily operated in favour of the ratepayers was done by Messrs Collinson and Shell. It must not be expected, however, that all anxiety will be allayed at once; it is just probable that Mr Middleton will send another letter to the Local Board; but I hope, sir, the advocates of repairing the Pasture Drift path will withdraw from the position they so wrongfully assumed at the last Board meeting. The debate, sir, has reached a point where the strain is relaxed. It would be idle to ignore the fact that month after month the ratepayers are getting more disgusted concerning this asphalt question. It is to be hoped by this time that a few of the members of the Town Council will have seen into their mistake, and will yield to the firm demand of Mr Middleton. Through the whole of Mr Middleton's letter I failed to see the word asphalt; also, sir, how and with what materials he wanted the Medomsley Road footpath repaired with; but I hope Mr. Middleton will explain this point in his next issue, and will try to make the members of the Consett Local Board understand that we are quite prepared and quite resolved to defend ourselves from wrong and insult in any part of the district.—I am, sir, yours, &c., AN OLD RATEPAYER.

Consett, April 7th, 1885.

### METHODIST AND NONCONFORMIST.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—I have read with interest the correspondence that has appeared in the columns of your valuable paper from the pens of "Methodist" and "Nonconformist," and I had hoped to have sat quietly by, and enjoyed the breaking of the lances without being tempted to take any active part in it; but when I got your paper on Friday night, and read therein the bombastic effusion from the pen of a "Nonconformist," I could no longer resist the temptation to enter the lists—not as the champion of "Methodist," but simply to show "Nonconformist" the cause he espouses is not the ideal of perfection that he desires to show it to be. In doing so, I take it for granted that "Nonconformist" is sitting under his own vine and fig-tree in some corner of the Lord's vineyard; but from the way he writes about "Methodist" and others of his stamp, I am doubtful about the veracity of his *nom de plume*, but am rather inclined to think he is indebted to a State-paid ministry, and an Act of Parliament Creed for his religious training. In the first place, I would call attention to the remark "Nonconformist" rises to enlighten "Methodist" of how our blessed Lord would act if He was to visit this earth again, and meet these so-called enthusiastics. Now, Mr Editor, I would ask "Nonconformist" to turn this weapon inwardly and see if there is no thrust in it for himself. When our blessed Lord established His Church on earth, did He say it had to be supported by bazaars, lotteries, concerts, sacred operas, and such like? If our Lord was to visit some of our local places of worship when a bazaar is in full swing, and a lottery going on with all the elements of gambling in it, I ask you, "Nonconformist," could he spare the whip? I pause for a reply. Again, "Nonconformist" bewails the fate of his ministers with their well-prepared sermons, having to preach to empty pews. Whose fault is this? Surely not the Ladies. Nothing could be a greater punishment to me than to have to listen to a sermon, so well prepared that the beauty and simplicity of our salvation is covered over and wrapped around with the doctrines and dogmas of any particular creed, so that it utterly confuses and bewilders the simple minds that may be listening to it. Let our local clergymen try the Ladies' plan, let them tell out the old, old story in all its simplicity and grandeur—without any first, second, or third, finishing their peroration with the zeal of a heart running over with love towards his Maker, and see if he cannot command the same attention as the Ladies. If he can lay hold on the affections of his audience as the Ladies did, his success is sure. In conclusion, "Nonconformist" commends the words of wisdom uttered by "Incedo." Let us examine and compare them with holy writ. On the day of Penticost when that great multitude were gathered together by the Spirit, were they to be divided into different sects? No; but rather to be sealed by the Holy Ghost as one body, one Church. Is this in harmony with "Incedo's" wisdom? ON-LOOKER.

### THE TOWNSHIP MEETING AT BENFIELDSIDE.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—Referring to your report of the Vestry meeting held in the township of Benfieldside, and reported in your issue of the *Guardian* dated March 27th, 1885, you stated that the vestry refused to increase the salary of the Assistant-Overseer, because some years ago he received an addition of £10 per annum, and when Mr Hawdon undertook to collect the Queen's taxes the additional sum was not deducted. As no reporter was at the meeting, you have had to rely on the testimony of others. Permit me to give you a copy of the minute when the addition was made, which will explain the matter fully:—"Resolved that the salary of Henry Carss, Assistant-Overseer, shall be £60 per annum, and the duties to be by him executed and performed, shall be all such duties as appertain to, and are incident, to the office of an Overseer of the Poor; and in addition to the sum of £60 per annum, he shall be paid the sum of five shillings for each journey when required to attend to the ordinary duties of an Assistant-Overseer. Special journeys to be paid extra according to circumstances. He shall also collect the Income Tax and Inhabited House Duties." From your report, the ratepayers will naturally infer that the township is paying both Mr Hawdon and the Assistant-Overseer for collecting the said taxes. The fact is the £10 was given for an increase of duties, and the Income Tax was a second addition, as the Board of Inland Revenue pays for the collection of Income Tax. With the Income Tax the township has nothing to do as regards pay, so that Mr Hawdon collecting the tax is my loss. Permit me to add, since I received an addition of £10 five years ago, that the rateable value of the township has increased from £14,518 to £15,949; the number of hereditaments from 1,183 to 1,273. The Representation of the People Act, 1884, imposes on the Assistant-Overseer the keeping of two additional columns in the rate-book, the serving of notices on owners in the months of April or May for the return of occupiers of dwelling-houses, and to ascertain the removals of occupiers. It is quite common for a person to change his place of abode two or three times in the year, and quite common for two and three persons to have one name, so that it is very difficult to get to know the date of removal to show a consecutive occupation to ensure his vote. So far as the Act affects this township, the 'Occupiers' List now contains 134 names; the next list will contain 1,140 names, as there are that number of householders in this township. I think, sir, these facts justified me in applying for an increase of salary. I regret that the refusal or acceptance of the application was not decided on the merits of the case. It was more a political question than anything else, as seven-tenths of the meeting were Tories. I also regret that I went out of the meeting to give the vestry an opportunity of freely discussing the question of increase, as it afforded an opportunity of some foul-mouthed persons to abuse me when absent. One of the creatures, who said some of the filthiest things, could not find his way out of the building, he was so much under the power of strong drink. One sapient proposed to reduce the salary to £50 a-year, adding that a competent person could be got for that sum. I would respectfully test the competency of the gentleman by asking him to give me the rateable value of an engine of 180 horse-power. I hope none of your readers will tell him. If he does not plough with my heifer he cannot find out my riddle. In justice to the more intelligent Tories who were at the meeting, they refused to endorse the sage's motion, the Chairman, James Annandale, Esq., refusing to allow the motion to be put. I must further do justice to the Overseers, who are all Tories, by stating they were all in favour of a little increase being made to the Assistant-Overseer's salary, in consequence of additional work.—Yours respectfully, HENRY CARSS.

Benfieldside, April 2nd, 1885.

### A RADICAL'S VIEWS.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—As the question of a suitable Candidate will come before the Council meeting to be held at Consett, on April 20th, I opine that it is important in the choice of a Candidate for the Lanchester Division, that two facts should be kept before us: 1st—The Candidate should know the requirements of the Division; and 2nd—Be capable of grasping imperial questions. The names of two gentlemen have often been referred to, Mr David Dale and Mr Edward Trow; before either is accepted we ought to have their views on the leading reforms of the day which, I presume, are:—1st—Sunday closing; 2nd—Local option; 3rd—Abolition of the House of Lords; 4th—Disestablishment of the so-called Church of England; 5th—The amendment of the law of entail and primogeniture; 6th—The amendment of the Employers' Liability Act. 7th—The rescinding of all Acts requiring property qualifications to hold any office; 8th—County Boards with election to office by ballot; 9th—Payment of Parliamentary expenses out of rates; 10th—Elections of Guardians, Local Boards, School Boards, to be triennial and by ballot, the names of all candidates to be placed on the ballot papers, so that all would be chosen by one process, affecting an immense saving of rates; 11th—Abolish Overseers and substitute one Rating Authority, to whom all precepts would be sent. That would do away with so many rating authorities and affect a saving also. The said Rating Authority to be elected at the same time as Guardians, &c. I take the aforesaid reforms as likely to occupy the attention of a reformed House of Commons, although only a tithe of what is required. Permit me, sir, to intrude a little further on your space by entering somewhat into detail. 1st—Sunday closing of liquor shops. If a legitimate and beneficial establishment has to be closed, surely pauper and criminal manufactories ought to be. 2nd—Local option. The people who are cursed with liquor houses, ought to have the power to remove them; and no body of men ought to have the power to thrust them on the people, as the Magistrates at Lanchester did several years ago on the inhabitants of Ebchester, notwithstanding that a memorial against such a course was signed by almost every villager legally entitled to sign. 3rd—Abolition of the House of Lords. It is high time the majority of the frivolous persons who sit in that House were at some useful employment, instead of everlastingly seeking to over ride the House of Commons elected by the people. 4th—Separation of Church and State. We must adopt Teddy Finnigan's doctrine, "Shure, if I want bacon, I buy a pig, and feed 'im myself; and if you want a parson hire 'im, an' pay 'im yerself." We must sweep away a class of men who are a standing menace to liberty. We have some 20,000 parsons, who, like dives, fare sumptously every day, who render no service to the State, and who are everlastingly insulting Nonconformists and conspiring against the liberties of the people. They are Tory almost to a man, and, with the publicans, endeavour to retard or destroy all that is noble and grand in the temple of liberty. 5th—The annulment of all law relating to entail and primogeniture. These laws are constantly flooding the nation with paupers. If a man with an entailed estate dies and leaves six sons, the eldest gets the estate, the other five becomes dependent on this country. The most active goes into the army or navy, the dull-witted ones into the church, and become most costly paupers, quartered upon us by law. 6th—The amendment of the Employers' Liability Act. Employers ought not to be allowed to render the Act abortive by contracting out of it; so that killing may be made easy. 7th—If no property qualification is required for a member of Parliament, why should that principle not apply to every other office? 8th—County Boards. The ballot would prevent the screw being put on. 9th—Payment of Parliamentary election expenses. Why should not the rule apply here as in local elections? Nos. 10 and 11 are sufficiently explained as to need no further comment.—Yours, &c., RADICAL.

Lanchester Division, April 8th, 1885.

## FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The beautiful little village of Shotley Bridge was *en fête* on Wednesday on the occasion of the marriage of Eleanor Mary, the youngest daughter of one who was one of its most prominent inhabitants—the late Mr John Dickinson, formerly of the well-known firm of Messrs Robt. Dickinson and Co., colliery owners. The streets were gaily decorated with flags and bannerets. The bridegroom was Mr Robert Lamb Armstrong, land agent, of Newcastle (a member of the firm of the Messrs T. and R. Armstrong, who are agents to the Marquees of Bute, Messrs Hedley Bros., and the Misses Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, and other extensive landowners in the county of Durham. The pathway to the church porch, and from thence to the altar, was covered with red cloth. The interior of the sacred edifice was crowded with friends of the bride and bridegroom and the residents of the locality. The service was conducted by the Rev R. H. Williamson, of Whickham, late rector of Hurworth-on-Tees, assisted by the vicar of the parish, the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin. There was a full choral service, and Mr G. H. Erskine, the organist of the church, presided at the organ during the service, and at the close Mr W. Leggatt played the "Wedding March" in his usual masterly manner. The bride was attired in a silk dress of virgin whiteness, ornamented with orange blossoms, and a Brussels lace veil. Miss Caroline Lothian, of Carlisle, was bridesmaid, and Mr T. J. Armstrong, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Amongst those present were the Rev A. and Mrs Llewellyn and Master Llewellyn, Mr W. Hedley, Beech Grove, Chester-le-Street; Dr Luke Armstrong and Mrs Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, Mr Charles Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Archer, Mrs Armstrong Lamb, Mrs Dickinson, Mr and Mrs Good, Mr John Wood, Mr C. B. Ford, Mr John Pye, Mr W. Cooper, Mr John Hopper, and Mr J. C. Cooper. The service was very impressively rendered, and at the conclusion the party proceeded to the house of the mother of the bride, where they partook of the wedding breakfast, which was of a *recherche* character. During the afternoon the happy pair left amid a shower of rice for London, *en route* to the Isle of Wight, where they will spend the honeymoon. The presents were very numerous and handsome, chiefly valuable silver articles from the owners and tenantry of the property for which the bridegroom and his brother are the agents; and also from personal friends of the pair. During the day the church bells rang forth merry peals, and guns were fired at the various collieries with which Mr Armstrong and the family of the bride are connected. A number of friends partook of dinner at Mr Moffit's, Commercial Hotel, and drank the healths of the bride and bridegroom.

## Original Poetry.

### TO "A.P.E."

What a grand thing it is to be a scholar;
To have the classics at one's finger ends,
And vent your inexhaustible supply of choler
On all and sundry—enemies and friends—
In dreadful Latin sentences which strike
The illiterate multitude with abject fear,
And set them wondering what the A.P.E. is like
That in such learned guise doth now appear.

But see what a most terrific strain
Is put upon the place where you reside;
Such weight of learning earth cannot sustain,
It makes the earth give way—the very ground subsides!
The reckless, thoughtless men who went to clear
The strong supporting coal from out the pit,
Surely forgot the surface had to bear
Such solid learning and such heavy wit.

But why so anxious to proclaim yourself an ape?
Its truth can't be denied, but then you know,
Suppose that really is your natural shape,
You need not have told everybody so.
Why all this temper—why this angry state?
Why at the "Uncommons" House so rail?
Whence your antipathy to the debate?
Ah! I remember—"thereby hangs a tail!"

R. ROOM.

## Cricket.

LOCAL FIXTURES.

April 18.—Consett C.C. Captain v. Vice-captain's teams.
May 2.—Consett 1st team v. 18 of Club.

Berlin v. Derwent Valley.—Played at Gateshead on the ground of the former. Score:—Derwent Valley, 48; Berlin, 58 for four wickets.

## Football.

Swalwell School v. Derwent Rovers 1st.—Played on the ground of the former, and, after a well-contested game, resulted in a draw, neither sides scoring. It is only fair to state that Swalwell played several of their juniors.

Beamish and District v. Chester-le-Street Excelsior (A).—The return match between these clubs was played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by two goals to nil.

Ouston Wanderers v. Birtley Mixed Team (A).—Played at Ouston, and resulted in the Wanderers beating their opponents by two goals to nil. Carr, Henderson, and McDonald played well for the Wanderers, and Murray, Joyce, and Bell played well for Birtley.

Tanfield Lea 1st v. Hebburn Victoria 1st (A).—The former club concluded a very successful season on Monday by beating Hebburn by three goals to nil on the Tanfield Lea ground. The fixtures of Tanfield Lea Club numbered 23, of which they have won 17, drawn 4, and lost 2, scoring 51 goals against 10.

West End 2nd v. Tantobie 2nd (A).—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the West Enders by six goals to one. The goals were scored by the following for West End: J. Barker (3), E. Dixon (1), T. Minnikin (1), and A. Lish (1). The goal for Tantobie was scored by a scrimmage in front of West End goal. After the match was over the visitors were entertained to tea, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

West End 1st v. Tantobie 1st (A).—The West End journeyed to Tantobie on Monday, with first and second teams, to play Tantobie first and second teams. The first teams played first in two periods of 30 minutes, and the match resulted in a win for the West Enders by four goals to one. Hodgson, Watson, Snowdon, and Stokoe played best for the home team; while the West End forwards played a good passing game. Tantobie—H. Hodgson, goal; Watson and Hannant, backs; Snowdon, W. C. Hindmarch, and W. McCrumb, half-backs; Stokoe and Atthey, (right wing), W. Stokoe (centre), N. Atthey and G. Dixon (left wing), forwards; Mr W. D. Rowe, umpire.

## Sporting Items.

The members of the Langley Moor Bicycle Club had a run to Aycliff and back on Good Friday.

Winlaton New Quoit Ground.—A match at quoits came off on Saturday between P. Allen and Forster Crickett, both of Winlaton, for £5 a-side, 10 yards distance, 5lb quoits, clay ends. Allen won, after a most exciting game, by five points.

Wrestling near Prudhoe.—The wrestling for the silver kettle for all-weights was resumed at the Half-way House on Saturday evening. Final falls—W. Rutherford threw W. Dobson in the first and third falls, and won.—For the youths' wrestling, J. Bell, Low Prudhoe, was first, and A. Cameron, Low Prudhoe, second.

Pigeon Flying at Blackhill.—On Saturday, a pigeon flying handicap came off from Blackhill to Redwell Hills, distance about two miles. There were 10 entries, and the following are the results: Clark's Monarch, 1; Taylor's Boy in Blue, 2; Robinson's Who'd-a-Thought-it, 3. Timekeeper, M. Wigham.

Rabbit Coursing at Tow Law.—A rabbit coursing took place at the Miners Arms, Castle Bank, Tow Law. Results:—Second round—Brass Finisher beat Peep o' Day, Brass Finisher beat Welsh Lass, Boy in Blue beat Soft Soap, Welsh Lass beat Red Archer, Rose of Harrowgate a bye. The stakes were divided.

Trotting Competition at Stanhope.—At the spring cattle fair held at Stanhope on Thursday se'nnight, Mews' annual trotting competition was held. There were 16 entries. The following were the results:—1st, Mr Daglish, Consett, grey mare, £4; 2nd, Mr Thompson, Burnhope, "Weardale," brown horse, £1 10s; 3rd, Mr F. Vickers, Satley, bay horse, a bridle.

Dog Racing at Consett.—There was a numerous company at these grounds on Saturday afternoon to witness the trial heats of Mr Joseph Dodds' £5 200 yards dog handicap. There were nearly 70 entries, and 16 heats were run off. The final round resulted as under:—Green's Daisy, 62, 1, £4; Oates's St. Gaiten p., 58, 2, 15s; Robinson's Miss Glendyn, 61, 3, 5s; Rutherford's Jenny Dean, 65, 4. Won by six inches; a foot between 2nd and 3rd; and a similar distance between 3rd and 4th. Judge, J. Dodds; pistol-firer, N. Lamb.

Stanhope Easter Sports.—On Saturday, the annual Easter sports in connection with the Stanhope Football Club were held at the Batts, by the river side, at Stanhope, and there was a good attendance, the day being fine. The sports consisted of wrestling, football, quoits, handicap foot-race, &c. Results:—Wrestling, heavy weights: Final falls—Jos. Wearmouth, Stanhope, threw W. Forster, Weatherhill, twice in succession, and won. Ten and a half stone—Jos. Wearmouth threw C. Allison, of Crawleyside, and won. Handicap foot race, 120 yards:—Final heat—T. Williamson, Wolsingham, 6, 1; M. Tweddle, Stanhope, 12, 2; J. B. Metcalf, Darlington, 4, 3. Football—Stanhope won; 4 entries. Quoits—Wm. Slack, Crawleyside, 1 and 2.

Rabbit Coursing at Flint Hill.—The following are the results of the rabbit coursing promoted by Mr Thomas Gibson, from the house of Mr J. Bennett, Prince of Wales, Flint Hill:—Athey's Lumley Joe beat Brown's Little John, Thompson's Wild Tommy beat Tweddle's Wandering Nun, Tweddle's Wandering Nun beat Brown's Little John, Carr's Sweet Violet beat Coates's Jock, Carr's Sweet Violet beat Coates's Jock, Levey's Nelly at the Well beat Errington's Iron Man. Second round—Lumley Joe beat Wild Tommy, Sweet Violet beat Wandering Nun, Sweet Violet beat Nelly at the Well.—Third round—Sweet Violet beat Lumley Joe. Sweet Violet received first and second money, and Lumley Joe third. T. Brown judge, J. Turnbull pistol-firer.

SKINNY MEN.—"Wells' Health Renewer."—Greatest remedy on earth for dyspepsia, nervous weakness, indigestion impotence of mind, limb, or vital unctions, mental or physical decline. At Chemists.

Towle's Pennyroyal and Steel Pills for Females quickly correct all irregularities, and relieve the distressing symptoms [illegible] with the sex. Boxes 1s 1½d. and 2s. [illegible] ists. Sent anywhere on receipt of 15 or 34 stamps by the maker E. T. Towle, Chemist Nottingham.

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

## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

### THE RACE ON THE RINK.

They were gliding over the glare surface of the rink together, making graceful sweeps with the glittering blades of their "clubs."

"I'll dare you to make the fancy figures on the ice that I will," said Reginald.

"I'm quite sure, Regy, my boy, that you could beat me handsomely at that," replied Algernon. "The fancy figures I make on ice generally depend on the particular plaid pattern there is on my trousers." And he immediately illustrated.—*Hartford Post.*

### PRO PATRIA.

A group of lawyers were discussing the late war. "I was at Shiloh," said one, "and while standing under a smoky sky in a storm of leaden hail, beheld the noble Albert Sydney Johnston fight and fall upon the blood-red altar of his country."

"And I," said another, "was at the Wilderness when the very air was red with the fire of battle, and the myriad Minies sang their death-song in the ears of the brave, I, too, fought, bled, and died for my country."

"And I," said the third, "stood in the fire's front at Gettysburg, when the wild rebel yell mingled strangely with the shriek of the deadly shell that ploughed the patriot ranks. I, too, fought, bled, and died for my country."

"And I, gentlemen," said a lank, seedy, solemn man, with a faded umbrella under his arm, "I was at Jones-boro' when shot and shell sped swiftly by in the waggon-train, and all seemed lost. But I, too, was a patriot, and, while I neither fought nor died, I bled for my country—I bled the army mules! Gentlemen, I am a horse doctor. Are there any jackasses in this crowd?"—*Atlanta Journal.*

### ALMOST A NATIVE.

"Are you a native of the State?" asked the judge of the United States court, addressing a fat man who had been summoned to testify in a case of illicit distilling.

"Mostly, Jedge."

"I mean were you born in this State?"

"I understand. I wa'n't born here, but I am mighty nigh a native."

"Came here when you were quite young, I suppose?"

"No, sir, ain't been here but about ten year."

"How old are you?"

"Fifty."

"Then how is it that you are very nearly a native of the State?"

"Well, when I come here I only weighed about a hundred pounds. Now I weigh two forty, so you see 140 pounds of me are native while only 100 pounds came from Missoury."—*Arkansaw Traveller.*

Whatever portion of time you take, Sunday is always the rest of the week.

"In union there is strength," as the man said when he mixed lard with the butter.

A naturalist has taken the ground that a lobster is a posthumous work, inasmuch as it is never red till after death.

A lawyer engaged in a case tormented a witness so much with questions that the poor fellow at last cried for water. "There," said the judge, "I thought you'd pump him dry."

"That is a very handsome picture," he observed politely to the artist. "What do you call it?" "That is a study from still life." "What is the name of it?" "A Tramp at Work."

"How did you come to fall out with your manager? You were so suited with him; he seemed to take so much interest——" "Exactly; he first took my interest, and then he ended by taking my capital as well."

An Irish gentleman was applied to by a crossing-sweeper for charity. The "gintleman" replied, "I will remember you when I return." "Please your honour," says the man, "I'm ruined by the credit I give in that way."

Friend: "Why on earth do you keep nine servants? What do they do?" Philanthropist: "Do? Why, rob me." Friend: "Then, why don't you discharge them all?" Philanthropist: "If I did, they would rob somebody else."

"Yes," remarked Fenderson, "I was pretty hard pressed for money for awhile, but I am now on my feet again." "Are you?" replied Fogg, glancing at Fenderson's No. 11's; "you are lucky. Nothing, I should say, could overthrow you."

"Oh, don't propose to me now," shrieked a Philadelphia girl as her lover dropped on his knees and seized her hand. "Don't pop the question now," she screamed; "don't, don't, don't. If I say yes you'll want to kiss me, and I've been eating onions."

"Hallo!" said the policeman, "what are you sitting out here in the cold for? Why don't you go in the house? Have you lost the key?" "No," responded the disconsolate citizen; "I—hic—haven't lost the key. I've—hic—lost the keyhole."

A butcher let a sailor have a shoulder of mutton on trust; but finding in a day or two after that he had gone to a foreign land, said, "My word! but if I had known he never intended paying, I would have charged him a penny a pound more for it."

An elderly maiden having had several teeth extracted, and being asked by a female companion if it hurt much, replied: "Well, I suppose it did, but I was so excited because he had his arm right around my neck that I didn't feel but very little pain."

Judge: "How old are you?" Witness (a lady): "Thirty." Judge: "Thirty! I have heard you give the same age in this court for the last three years!" Witness: "Yes. I am not one of those persons who say one thing to-day and another to-morrow?"

"Have you been doing any writing lately?" asked Briggs, of his friend Jones, the novelist. "Yes, I finished a work the other day." "What was it, history or fiction?" "Fiction." "What was the subject?" "My assignment for the benefit of my creditors."

A poor emaciated Irishman, having called in a physician as a forlorn hope, the latter spread a huge mustard plaster and clapped it on the poor fellow's breast. Pat, with a tearful eye, looking down upon it, said, "Dochter, dochter, dear, it strikes me that it is a dale of mustard for so little mate."

A young ensign of a regiment, residing in lodgings the sitting-room of which was very small, was visited by one of his fashionable friends, who, on taking leave, said, "Well, Charles, and how much longer do you mean to stop in this nutshell?" To which he wittily replied, "Until I become a kernel."

Mrs. O'Hollihan: "Did yer hear the news about the incraise in Mrs. M'Carty's family, Mrs. Mulchay?" Mrs. Mulchay: "Oi did not. Was it a bye or a guyrrull?" Mrs. O'Hollihan: "Twaz nayther." Mrs. Mulchay: "Nayther?" Mrs. O'Hollihan: "Nayther; 'twas twins!" Mrs. Mulchay: "Wull, wull, wull!"

"Will you have some of the dessert, Mr. Dumley?" inquired the landlady. Dumley politely allowed that he would. "Do you know," he remarked, as he gazed at the very narrow little piece of whortleberry pie which was sent him, "that I would hardly call this a dessert?" "No; what would you call it?" she demanded. "An oasis."

"You are an awful fool, John Smith," she said to her husband with emphasis. "I know I am," he humbly acknowledged. "And have been ever since the day I married you." "Longer than that, my dear; longer than that." "Quite likely." "Yes," he went on sadly, "I have been an awful fool ever since the day I asked you to marry me."

A man having built a large house was at a loss what to do with the rubbish. His Irish steward advised him to have a pit dug large enough to contain it. "And what," said he, smiling, "what shall I do with the earth that I dig up from it?" To which the steward, with great gravity, replied: "Have the pit made large enough to hould all."

"John, what is that peculiar smell?" The hour was late, and he had just returned from the lodge. "That is the incense we use in the lodge-room, my dear." "If that's all you go to the lodge for, I don't see why you can't buy a few bottles of it and keep it in the house in case of sickness." He merely remarked that he thought she was incensed enough already.

In a city school the other day the class in English grammar was discussing the difference between the words "like" and "love." "Now," said the teacher, "we can like a tomato; but it is not proper to say we can love a tomato." "No, it is not," said a fresh young miss. "One cannot love a tomato." "Why not?" inquired the teacher. "Because, you know, you cannot—you can't—well you can't very well kiss a tomato."

A tramp stopped at a house on Main-street the other day and asked for something to eat. "Which do you like best," asked the hired girl, "steak or chop?" The tramp meditated a moment and then replied "chop." "Step right this way," said the hired girl; "here's the axe and there's the wood-pile."

In one of our colonies a competitive examination was lately held for the purpose of appointing fit persons to some of the Government offices. One of the candidates inadvertently spelt the word Venice with two n's—thus Vennice. The examiner, a clever man, but not always a correct speaker, sternly inquired, "Do you not know, sir, that there is but one *hen* in Venice?" "Then eggs must be very scarce there," was the ready reply. The candidate passed.

## General News.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Old wounds, sores and ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over all opposition for forty years, viz., that no means are made equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all maladies where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure after every other means had failed in giving any relief. Desperate diseases best display its virtues.

Wesleyan Methodist Schools.—The Wesleyan General Committee of Education have issued their 45th annual report, containing full and authoritative information on all matters pertaining to Wesleyan Methodist education. At Stanhope £200 has been expended upon enlargement of premises. The present number of Wesleyan day school departments is 850; number of day scholars, 177,496; average attendance, 130,014. The total income of the school is reported as £228,683, an increase of £5,282; the total expenditure, 223,120, which shows an increase of £7,155 on the past year. The Sunday School departments number 6,601: officers and teachers, 125,113; scholars, 852,459. The Wesleyan day schools in the Newcastle district are as follows:—Newcastle (Brunswick), 1 school, 233 scholars, average attendance 173; Newcastle (Clarence Street), 1 school, 578 scholars, average attendance 379; Gateshead (High West Street), 4 schools, 980 scholars, average attendance 760; South Shields, 2 schools, 449 scholars, average attendance 340; Sunderland (Sans Street), 1 school, 182 scholars, average attendance 140; Sunderland (Fawcett Street), 766 scholars, 2 schools, average attendance 508; Houghton-le-Spring, 1 school, 247 scholars, average attendance 188; Durham, 1 school, 143 scholars, average attendance 118; Wolsingham, 2 schools, 578 scholars, average attendance 492; Weardale, 1 school, 181 scholars, average attendance 167; Shotley Bridge, 2 schools, 580 scholars, average attendance 470; Darlington, 4 schools, 900 scholars, average attendance 665; Stockton, 2 schools, 610 scholars, average attendance 417; Middlesbrough, 5 schools, 826 scholars, average attendance 634; Hartlepool, 1 school, 360 scholars, average attendance 290; West Hartlepool, 1 school, 480 scholars, average attendance 356; Barnard Castle, 2 schools, 314 scholars, average attendance 248; Bishop Auckland, 1 school, 313 scholars, average attendance 248; Spennymoor, 2 schools, 495 scholars, average attendance 400. The totals are as under:—Day school departments, 25, scholars, 5,229; Sunday schools, 307; officers and teachers, 5,770; scholars, 37,933. The totals for the Darlington district are:—23 day school departments, 4,850 scholars, 243 Sunday schools, 4,061 officers and teachers, and 25,826 scholars. Last year the Newcastle district contributed £218 to the General Education Fund.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, flies, bed-bugs, roaches, ants insects, ground moles, &c 7½d. and 1s. boxes.

Printing of every Description at the *lowest* possible prices by Robert Jackson "Guardian" Office, Consett. Estimates furnished.

Dr. Bardsley's Antibilious Pills.—For radiecating all impurities of the blood from the system they have no equal. They have never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.—Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggist, Manchester.

Throat Affections and Hoarseness.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by John I. Brown & Sons, Boston, U.S. European depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road London.

## Railway Time Table.

### CONSETT BRANCH.

| Stations. | Week Days. A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NWCASTLE Dep. | 6·10 | 9·40 | 11·0 | 12·20 | 2·30 | 5·30 | 7·30 |
| Scotswood „ | 6·17 | 9·47 | 11·7 | 12·27 | 2·37 | 5·37 | 7·37 |
| Swalwell „ | 6·24 | 9·54 | 11·14 | 12·34 | 2·43 | 5·44 | 7·44 |
| Rowlands Gill „ | 6·34 | 10·4 | 11·24 | 12·44 | 2·53 | 5·54 | 7·54 |
| Lintz Green „ | 6·40 | 10·10 | 11·30 | 12·50 | 2·59 | 6·0 | 8·0 |
| Ebchester „ | 6·53 | 10·20 | 11·40 | 1·0 | 3·12 | 6·10 | 8·13 |
| Shotley Bridge „ | 6·59 | 10·24 | 11·44 | 1·4 | 3·18 | 6·14 | 8·19 |
| CONSETT Arr. | 7·5 | 10·30 | 11·50 | 1·10 | 3·23 | 6·20 | 8·25 |
| CONSETT Dep. | 7·10 | 10·32 | | 1·12 | 3·25 | | 6·33 |
| Knitsley „ | 7·21 | 10·43 | | 1·23 | 3·36 | | 6·44 |
| Lanchester „ | 7·30 | 10·53 | | 1·32 | 3·45 | | 6·53 |
| Witton Gilbert „ | 7·38 | 11·1 | | 1·40 | 3·53 | | 7·1 |
| Aldin Grange „ | 7·45 | 11·9 | | 1·47 | 4·0 | | 7·9 |
| DURHAM Arr. | 7·50 | 11·15 | | 1·52 | 4·5 | | 7·15 |
| | A.M. | | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
| DURHAM Dep. | 7·25 | | 11·42 | 2·35 | | 5·10 | 8·10 |
| Aldin Grange „ | 7·32 | | 11·48 | 2·41 | | 5·17 | 8·17 |
| Witton Gilbert „ | 7·40 | | 11·55 | 2·48 | | 5·25 | 8·25 |
| Lanchester „ | 7·50 | | 12·5 | 2·58 | | 5·35 | 8·35 |
| Knitsley „ | 8·2 | | 12·15 | 3·8 | | 5·45 | 8·45 |
| CONSETT Arr. | 8·12 | | 12·25 | 3·18 | | 5·55 | 8·55 |
| CONSETT Dep. | 8·15 | 9·10 | 12·33 | 3·25 | | 5·56 | 9·2 |
| Shotley Bridge „ | 8·20 | 9·15 | 12·38 | 3·30 | | 6·0 | 9·7 |
| Ebchester „ | 8·24 | 9·19 | 12·42 | 3·34 | | 6·4 | 9·12 |
| Lintz Green „ | 8·34 | 9·29 | 12·50 | 3·44 | | 6·14 | 9·22 |
| Rowlands Gill „ | 8·39 | 9·34 | 12·55 | 3·50 | | 6·20 | 9·28 |
| Swalwell „ | 8·47 | 9·42 | 1·3 | 3·57 | | 6·27 | 9·36 |
| Scotswood „ | 8·54 | 9·49 | 1·9 | 4·4 | | 6·34 | 9·43 |
| NEWCASTLE Ar | 9·5 | 10·0 | 1·20 | 4·15 | | 6·45 | 9·53 |

### SUNDAYS.

| | A.M. | P.M. | | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE | 7·30 | 7·20 | CONSETT dep. | 8·35 | 8·20 |
| Scotswood | 7·37 | 7·27 | Shotley Bridge | 8·40 | 8·25 |
| Swalwell | 7·44 | 7·34 | Ebchester | 8·44 | 8·29 |
| Rowlands Gill | 7·54 | 7·44 | Lintz Green | 8·54 | 8·39 |
| Lintz Green | 8·0 | 7·50 | Rowlands Gill | 8·59 | 8·44 |
| Ebchester | 8·13 | 8·0 | Swalwell | 9·8 | 8·53 |
| Shotley Bridge | 8·19 | 8·4 | Scotswood | 9·14 | 8·59 |
| CONSETT arr. | 8·25 | 8·10 | NEWCASTLE ar. | 9·25 | 9·10 |

### MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

First second, and third class return tickets will be issued on Saturdays by the following trains:—

| | A.M. | P.M. | | A.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE | 7·10 | 4·15 | DURHAM dep. | 7·55 |
| Scotswood | 7·17 | 4·22 | Aldin Grange | 8·1 |
| Swalwell | 7·24 | 4·30 | Witton Gilbert | 8·9 |
| Rowlands Gill | 7·34 | 4·40 | Lanchester | 8·20 |
| Lintz Green | 7·40 | 4·46 | Knitsley | 8·32 |
| Ebchester | 7·53 | 4·59 | CONSETT late a | 8·45 |
| Shotley Bridge | 7·59 | 5·5 | Benfieldside d | 8·50 |
| CONSETT late a | 8·5 | 5·12 | Shotley Bridge | 8·55 |
| Benfieldside d | 9·20 | ... | Ebchester | 8·59 |
| Knitsley | 9·32 | ... | Lintz Green | 9·9 |
| Lanchester | 9·41 | ... | Rowlands Gill | 9·15 |
| Witton Gilbert | 9·50 | ... | Swalwell | 9·22 |
| Aldin Grange | 9·59 | ... | Scotswood | 9·29 |
| DURHAM arr | 10·5 | ... | NEWCASTLE dp | 9·40 |

### SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

| Stations. | Week Days. A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASLE dep. | ... | 6·10 | | ... | 12·20 | ... | 5·30 |
| CONSETT | ... | 8·20 | | ... | 2·0 | ... | 6·25 |
| Rowley | ... | 8·30 | | ... | 2·10 | ... | 6·34 |
| Burnhill | ... | 8·40 | | ... | 2·20 | ... | 6·43 |
| Tow Law | ... | 8·53 | | ... | 2·33 | ... | 6·56 |
| CROOK arr. | ... | 9·5 | | ... | 2·45 | ... | 7·8 |
| „ dep. | 7·35 | 9·7 | 11·23 | 1·5 | 2·52 | 5·30 | 7·15 |
| Bishop Auckland | 8·0 | 9·31 | 11·43 | 1·29 | 3·12 | 6·3 | 7·37 |
| Darlington | 8·30 | 10·0 | 12·10 | 2·0 | 3·45 | 6·45 | 8·10 |
| Stockton | 8·56 | 10·31 | 12·40 | 2·29 | 4·13 | 7·18 | 8·37 |
| Middlesbro' | 9·5 | 10·41 | 12·50 | 2·38 | 4·22 | 7·31 | 8·52 |
| SALTBURN | 10·10 | 11·15 | 1·25 | 3·12 | 4·57 | 8·5 | 9·24 |

| Stations. | Week Days. A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SALTBURN dp. | 5·50 | 8·5 | 9·52 | ... | 1·40 | 3·45 | 5·40 |
| Middlesbro' | 6·27 | 8·40 | 10·25 | 12·50 | 2·13 | 4·20 | 6·15 |
| Stockton | 6·37 | 8·48 | 10·32 | 12·57 | 2·21 | 4·28 | 6·22 |
| Darlington | 7·20 | 9·20 | 10·55 | 1·30 | 3·0 | 5·5 | 7·20 |
| Bishop Auckland | 7·49 | 9·46 | 11·21 | 1·56 | 3·26 | 5·33 | 7·48 |
| CROOK arr. | 8·10 | 10·6 | 11·42 | 2·16 | 3·47 | 5·55 | 8·10 |
| „ dep. | 8·13 | ... | 11·49 | 2·20 | ... | 6·5 | ... |
| Tow Law | 8·25 | ... | 12·1 | 2·32 | ... | 6·20 | ... |
| Burnhill | 8·40 | ... | ... | 2·45 | ... | 6·35 | ... |
| Rowley | 8·50 | ... | ... | 2·55 | ... | 6·45 | ... |
| CONSETT arr. | 9·0 | ... | ... | 3·5 | ... | 6·55 | ... |
| N'WCASTLE | 10·0 | ... | ... | 4·15 | ... | ... | ... |

Advice to Mothers!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

# Local Police Courts.

## LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 2nd.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), the Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE, GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq., Major E. LEADBITTER SMITH, and GEO. HEDLEY, Esq.

### DRUNKENNESS.

*Hugh McGuire*, of Shield Row, pleaded guilty to being drunk at Shield Row.—On Saturday night, 17th ult., P.C. Thompson found the man lying on the highway in a helpless state of drunkenness, and in great danger of being run over. With assistance, the officer carried the man home.—He was fined 5s and costs.

*Patrick Kelly, David McEvoy*, of Esh, and *William Lawler*, were severally charged by P.C. Wood with being drunk and very disorderly at Cornsay Colliery, on the 14th March.—In each instance a fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

*Samuel Haley* pleaded guilty to being drunk and causing a disturbance at Cornsay Colliery, on the 15th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

P.C. Robinson charged *Thomas Boyle* and *Patrick Martin* with being drunk and incapable on the highway between Esh Hall and Heugh Farm, on March 15th.—Each offender was likewise mulcted in 5s and expenses.

*William Close* was found guilty, upon the evidence of Sergt. Nicholson, of being drunk and creating an uproar at Quebec, on the 21st March, and was fined in 5s and costs.

*Thomas Gates, jun.*, was summoned by P.C. Crabb for being drunk and making a disturbance on the highroad between Jawblades and Burnhope, on the night of March 21st, and was similarly fined.

### A WARNING FROM THE BENCH.

The whole of the defendants in the foregoing cases asked the Bench to allow them a fortnight to pay their penalties, and as the practice has become almost universal, the Magistrates at length resolved to give expression to their feelings.—The Chairman said they could not allow the time of the police-officers to be almost exclusively occupied in collecting unpaid penalties. In future, all defendants in minor cases must come to the Court prepared to pay the fines imposed, otherwise they would have to go to gaol. The privilege hitherto granted in exceptional cases had been abused, and it was a system not adopted in other Petty Sessional Divisions; therefore the Bench felt it their duty to put a stop to it.

### BREACH OF THE PEACE.

*Samuel Martin* and *John Evans* pleaded guilty to committing a breach of the peace by fighting on the highway near Craghead, on the 27th ult.—P.C. Esson stated the facts, and the men were each bound over in the sum of £5 for three months, and pay the Court costs.

### A YOUNG RASCAL.

*Francis Foster*, aged 13 years, residing at Cornsay Colliery, was charged with trespassing in search of conies on land in the occupation of Mrs Jane Bond, of Esh, on the 23rd ult.—P.C. Raine deposed to seeing the defendant, accompanied by a dog, travel from the Railway Terrace and enter a pasture field on the Heugh Farm. The boy crept into the side of the fence, and after remaining a few minutes, he took a snare out of his pocket. The officer chased the youth as far as Hamsteels Colliery, and capturing him found another net in his possession.—Defendant denied that he entered the field for an unlawful purpose, but went there solely for to do a little business for himself.—The Chairman severely reprimanded the boy for his misconduct, and denounced his attempt to cover over his crime by telling a deliberate falsehood. He would be fined 2s 6d and costs.

### A REPREHENSIBLE PRACTICE.

*Charles Trelease* and *George Fisher*, boys, were summoned for wilfully damaging, to the extent of 3d each, a stone wall, the property of Mrs Mary Winship, at Shield Row.—On Sunday afternoon, the 15th ult., Sergt. Tranmer saw the defendants inside a field belonging the complainant, which is surrounded by a stone wall. The lads were poking out the lime between the coping stones with a stick, and then attempting to lift them off. A vast amount of damage had been done maliciously in this manner, and the police were constantly receiving complaints.—The Bench fined Trelease 10s 3d and Fisher 6s 9d, including costs and damage.

### WILFUL DAMAGE.

*Patrick Carey, Richard Houghton*, and *Frank McMann* were summoned by P.C. Raine for damaging a grass field to the amount of 3d each, in the occupation of Mr John Walker, and belonging to Major Smith, of Flass Hall, on the 14th, 15th, and 16th ult.—Defendants were mulcted in 5s 6d a-piece, inclusive of costs.

For doing wilful damage to a grass field at Shield Row, the property of the executors of the late Mr Robt. Dickinson, *John Thompson* was fined 10s, including costs, for non-appearance.

### ASSAULTING A BOY.

*John Wearmouth*, a fireman, employed at Cornsay Colliery, was fined 1s and 8s expenses for having assaulted a little boy, named John Williams, on the 26th ult. Complainant, whose head was bandaged up, had sustained a severe cut on his forehead, and as he did not understand the nature of an oath, the Magistrates decided not to swear him, the defendant admitting his guilt.—It appears that on the day referred to, Wearmouth was followed by a number of schoolboys, who are in the habit of annoying him, and calling him names. On the present occasion, the defendant became exceedingly angry, and running amongst his tormentors, he hit the complainant a blow upon the face, causing him to fall upon a heap of stones, and cutting his brow.—The Magistrates censured the boy's parents for not keeping him under better control.

### APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

The following are the appointments as certified by the Bench:—

*Benfieldside*.—Messrs Rd. Murray, Wm. Raw, and Wm. Wilson.

*Billingside*.—Messrs William Brown and Samuel Mann.

*Butsfield*.—Messrs Jon. Wall and Wm. Leybourne.

*Conside and Knitsley*.—Messrs C. P. Douglass, T. R. Dolphin, W. Aynsley, and T. Dunne.

*Collierley and Pontop*.—Messrs Emmerson Wilkinson and Emmanuel Maddison.

*Cornsay*.—Messrs George Ridley and William Gascoigne.

*Greencroft*.—Messrs Thos. Smith and Launcelot Hunter.

*Ebchester*.—Messrs Wm. Charlton, Wm. Edward Dixon, and Wm. Shell.

*Esh*.—Messrs Henry Hornsby and Michael Stephenson, jun.

*Holmside*.—Messrs J. Wall and W. Leybourne.

*Hedleyhope*.—Messrs Joseph Holdroyd and Jon. Hall.

*Iveston*.—Messrs T. Longstaff and J. Shearer.

*Lanchester*.—Messrs Jon. Wall and W. Leybourne.

*Healeyfield*.—Messrs Robert Robson and Elliott Leybourne.

*Medomsley*.—Messrs John Hugill and J. Smith.

*Kyo*.—Messrs W. Bell and A. Barras.

*Tanfield*.—Messrs Jos. Watson and Geo. Ridley.

*Langley Park*.—Messrs John Cumming and Wm. Logan.

*Muggleswick*.—Messrs Geo. Errington and John Sherlock.

*Satley*.—Messrs Welford Rippon and Robson Temperley.

## CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

SATURDAY, March 4th.—Before JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq.

### DRUNKENNESS.

*Joseph Dyson* (32), was brought up by Sergeant Tate for drunkenness at Consett on Good Friday afternoon.—He was fined 5s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

*Peter Keenan* (32), was similarly punished for being drunk and disorderly in Middle Street, Consett, at 11·15 p.m. on Good Friday.—The charge was preferred by P.C. Hurworth.

## FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, April 6th.—Before JONATHAN PRIESTMAN, Esq. (in the chair), and J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq.

### DRUNKENNESS.

*Thomas Donnelly*, of Consett, having been found by P.C. Stubbs lying drunk on the footpath in Court Street, Blackhill, on the 2nd inst., was fined 5s and 5s 10d expenses, or seven days' imprisonment.

*John Ward*, of Lintz Colliery, was charged by P.C. Sanderson with being drunk and wanting to fight at Medomsley, on the 28th March.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s and costs; in default, seven days.

*Robert Bewick, John Robinson, Thomas McDonald*, and *Patrick Ward*, of Allendale Cottages, were found guilty, upon the testimony of P.C. Sanderson, of being drunk and riotous at Medomsley, on the 21st ult.—Each offender was mulcted in 5s and costs; with the alternative of seven days' in gaol.

*George Wood* was summoned by Sergt. Thornton for being drunk and disorderly at Dipton, on the afternoon of the 28th ult. Defendant had been turned out of two public-houses, and when the officer saw him, he was creating a disturbance in the streets, and indulging in most abusive language.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 10s 6d, including costs; or seven days' hard labour.

### DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

*Michael Kelly*, of Leadgate, pleaded guilty to being drunk whilst in charge of a horse.—On Friday evening, 27th ult., Sergt. Norman observed the defendant driving a horse and cart along the Iveston road. The man was intoxicated, and in turning on to the footpath to enter his own yard he narrowly escaped running into a pedestrian.—Defendant was fined 10s and 8s 6d costs.

### KETCHUP OR DRINK?

*Henry Williams*, ironworker, of 78, Queen Street, Consett, was placed in the dock to answer a charge of drunkenness.—P.C. Nicol deposed that on the 29th ult., when on Medomsley Road, Consett, he noticed the defendant inebriated and staggering about the street. He came out of the back yard of Mrs Forster's beerhouse. When asked for his name and address he gave a fictitious name and a false address, asserting that he was called John Jones, and resided at 22 William Street. Witness, however, observed the defendant proceed home in an opposite direction, and on reaching the door of his lodgings the landlady admitted him into the house.—Defendant: Was I not carrying a bottle of ketchup—(laughter)—and did I not hand it to you when you asked for it?—Officer: Yes.—Defendant: And did you not taste it?—Officer: No I did not.—Defendant denied the charge, and alleged that he would never have been summoned if he had not been carrying a bottle of ketchup in his hands, which the police supposed to be liquor.—Sergt. Norman also attested that the man was intoxicated.—Defendant called John Thompson, labourer at the Consett Iron Works, who swore that the defendant left his house just before eleven o'clock on the night in question, and he was then perfectly sober. He was carrying a bottle half-full of ketchup, and this fact, he believed, was the reason why the police molested him.—The case was dismissed.

### ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

*Mary Ellensworth*, a hawker's wife residing at Stoney Heap, near Iveston, pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and assaulting the police.—P.C. Watson adduced that between five and six o'clock on Thursday afternoon the 2nd inst., the prisoner, along with her husband and a brother, were tumbling about the streets of Leadgate in a drunken state. They were travelling from one public-house to another, until they were ejected. Accompanied by P.C. Symon, witness ordered the trio out of the Bradley Arms. At first, they refused to move, but at length the woman concealed a glass, filled with beer, underneath her shawl, and on reaching the door she aimed the missile at the police. The contents were dashed in Symon's face, and the glass just shied past that officer's head, and if he (Watson) had not "dodged" to one side, the vessel would have struck him right on the cheek, and smashed his face. The woman was then arrested, and she dragged herself down on to her back, and kicked P.C. Watson severely on the legs.—By the defendant: She was drunk inside the house, and setting up her impudence. He did not take hold of her by the shawl to push her outside.—P.C. Symon corroborated, adding that the prisoner stigmatised Watson as a "black b——."—Prisoner asserted that the officers had roughly treated her husband.—The magistrates, considering this a serious offence, fined the woman £1 and 6s 8d costs for the assault; but dismissed the charge of drunkenness.

### ASSAULTS AT BLACKHILL: A FEMALE CANNIBAL.

*Mary Smith* was placed in the dock to answer a charge of assaulting Martha O'Leary, at Blackhill, on the 18th ult.; and *Martha O'Leary* was accused of having assaulted Catherine Crusson (sister of the last defendant), on the 21st of the same month.—Dr Carr appeared on behalf of Mrs O'Leary.—Mrs Smith attacked the complainant in her house on the night in question, striking her several blows with a quart can, and seriously injuring her hand. The woman was so badly hurt that she had been in the doctor's charge, and had undergone a surgical operation.—Bridget Flannagan, an old woman, spoke to separating the combatants, both of whom she declared to be as bad as each other.—Replying to Mrs Smith, witness could not say that she (defendant) ran into her father's house for protection.—Defendant was fined 5s and pay 17s 6d as Court costs.

Respecting the second charge of Crusson *v.* O'Leary, the complainant (who is rather deaf) said that the defendant threw stones at her father and herself on the 21st ult. As she was subsequently going past Mrs O'Leary's house to acquaint the sergeant of the fact, the woman rushed out, and after struggling with her she bit her twice—once on the shoulder, and again on the "small" of the back.—In answer to Dr Carr, complainant denied that her father was brandishing a poker at the top of the stairs, and abusing the defendant. Complainant never threw stones into the defendant's house on that day. Did not pull Mrs O'Leary down, but in the scuffle they fell, and some of the defendant's hair was pulled out.—Mrs Smith gave corroborative testimony.—Sergt. Cruickshank attested to the complainant coming to him, shortly after the occurrence, in an excited and agitated state, and complained that the defendant had severely bitten her in two places on the back. Complainant exhibited a scar just below the left shoulder, and witness saw a superficial wound, evidently caused by the mouth of a strong woman. She also wished to let him see the other wound, but he demurred to allowing the girl to further expose herself. (Loud laughter.)—Dr Carr explained his version of the affair, showing that his client had been badly used, and called P.C. Phillipson, who asserted that old Crusson was standing at the top of the stairs on the day referred in a state of intoxication. If the man had only been in the street, he would most assuredly have summoned him for being drunk.—In this case, a fine of 5s and expenses was also inflicted.

## SECOND COURT.

Before JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq. (in the chair) and Lieut.-Col. A. B. WILBRAHAM.

### DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

*Peter McGurk*, of Front Street, Consett, was charged by P.C. Nicol with being drunk and disorderly in Middle Street, Consett, at ten o'clock on Good Friday night.—Fined 5s and costs.

*John Reed*, miner, 178, Bottle Bank, Leadgate, charged by P.C. McKenzie with drunkenness at Blackhill, on the previous Saturday evening, was fined in the same amount.

*Michael Tumilty*, of 15, John Street, Consett, for being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct in the streets of Consett, last Saturday night, was likewise mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs.—P.C. Hurworth stated the facts.

P.C. Jameson charged *John Moore*, of 23, Pit Street, Consett, with having been drunk and riotous on the preceding Saturday evening.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

*John Guinnity* was brought up by P.C. McKenzie for being guilty of the same offence at Blackhill, on the previous Saturday night, and was similarly fined.

*Mary Evens*, wife of Robson Evens, of Consett, was charged by Sergt. Tate with being drunk and disorderly in Raglan Street, on Sunday last, at two a.m.—The officer was on duty in Victoria Street, when he heard a crash of glass, and on proceeding to Raglan Street, he found Mrs Evens in the street. She was very drunk, using some filthy and obscene language towards some person in a house, and she threatened to smash every pane in the "b—— window," and the door into matchwood. To prevent her doing any more damage, the Sergeant took her into custody.—She was fined 2s 6d and 6s 4d costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

*William Pitman*, steelworker, of Blackhill, for being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on the preceding (Sunday) evening, was fined in the sum of 5s and costs.—P.C. Stubbs locked the man up.

### THE EDUCATION ACT.

*John Moore* and *William Doughty*, of Blackhill, were summoned by Mr Alex. McKean, attendance-officer to the Benfieldside School Board, for neglecting to cause their children to attend school.—In each case the usual penalty of 5s, including costs, was ordered to be paid.

*James Clarke, William Barker, Robert Lamb*, and *Hutton Little*, of Allendale Cottages and Westwood, were charged by Mr John Gibson, at the instance of the Medomsley School Board, for not sending their children regularly to school.—The charge against Barker was withdrawn; but the rest of the offenders were ordered to pay 5s each.

### WILFUL DAMAGE.

Five boys, named *Owen Collins, John Bell, Robert Berwick, James Burke*, and *Peter Murphy*, of Hamsterley Colliery, were summoned by P.C. Hudson for committing wilful damage to coals, to the amount of 1d each, the property of Dr Hy. W. Watson, of Burnopfield.—Defendants, it seems, were caught playing about the pit heap at Hamsterley Colliery, on March 16th, throwing the coals about in all directions.—The Bench imposed in each instance a fine of 6d, and ordered the lads to defray the amount of damage and costs.

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# Eastertide.

BALL AT CONSETT.—On Monday night, Mr P. McDonald held his annual ball in the New Town Hall, when there was a good company present. Mr A. Parker's string band was in attendance; Mr A. Coyle acted as M.C.

BALL AT TOW LAW.—On the evening of Easter Monday, Mr Ellison's quadrille party finished the season with a ball, given in the Mechanics' Hall. Over 60 persons were present.

EBCHESTER WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.—This anniversary was celebrated on Easter Saturday and Sunday, the services being conducted by Mr Thomas Donkin, of Sunderland. On Saturday nigh, Mr Donkin delivered his popular lecture, entitled "Christianity, the strength of nations," to only a small company, owing to other attractions Mr S. Leybourne, Shotley Bridge, ably presided.—On Sunday, two services were conducted by Mr Donkin, and were attended by good congregations, at night the building being packed. Mr Donkin kept his audience in rapt attention for upwards of an hour by his graphic description of the building of the ark by Noah, and the destruction of the old world by the flood. Everyone present appeared to be highly edified.

STANLEY CIRCUIT: ANNFIELD PLAIN.—On Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the annual chapel services were celebrated. On Good Friday afternoon a sermon was preached at 2·30 by the esteemed superintendent (Rev John Waite), from the words "Christ died for us." The service was unique and fitting for the occasion. At the close of the service, a public tea was provided, when a goodly number partook of the good things provided. The tea was prepared by Mrs J. Collpitts, Mrs H. Warrington, and Mrs A. Southron. The tables were presided over by Misses E. Purvis, Hannah Jane Reay, Janet Smith, and Harriet Iceton. After tea a public meeting was convened, presided over by Mr C. Graham, and able and interesting addresses were delivered by Messrs P. Reay, J. Sasbury, and the Rev John Waite. Votes of thanks to the ladies, the speakers, and chairman brought the meeting to a close.—On Easter Sunday three sermons were preached in the morning and evening by the Rev John Waite; and in the afternoon by Mr P. Reay. Collections were taken at the close of each service for the trust fund.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH, CATCHGATE.—On Saturday night, a concert and fruit banquet was held in the above place of worship by the Leadgate Primitive Methodist Choir. Programme: Part I.—Quartette, "Wending on to glory," anthem, "O come let us worship," trio, "Does your anchor hold?" duet, "Guardian angels;" anthem, "Teach me, O Lord;" anthem, seraphic choir." Part II.—Anthems, "Gratitude," "Thou wilt keep in perfect peace," and "Daughter of Zion;" trio, "Be kind to thy father;" anthem, "Now is Christ risen." Mr Jno. Jackson conductor, and Mr Ralph Daglish harmoniumist. Mr Thos. Collinson, of Catchgate, presided, and in a pleasing way conducted the service. The programme was very well rendered, many of the members of this choir being young in years, and as this was the first time to give a concert out of their town it can be truly said that they did well in the performance of their several parts, which were fully appreciated by the large company present. The proceeds were in aid of the building fund. The Church members are making a very earnest effort to raise the means to erect a chapel at Catchgate, having already secured building ground, and as soon as their arrangements are complete the chapel will be started with. The building will be a plain, substantial edifice. Altogether, a pleasant evening was spent, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the choir and to the Chairman, coupled with an invitation to visit the place again. The doxology was sung, and each returned home pleased with the entertainment.

## CONSETT AND DISTRICT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY.

### CLOSURE OF THE SESSION, 1884-5.

The first session of this society was brought to a successful termination on Tuesday evening last. In honour of the event, the honourable members comprising the mimic House of Legislature held a conversazione at their rendezvous—Consett National Schools. Over 200 persons responded to invitations issued, and in the company the *elite*, tradesmen, and artizans of the district were all represented. The West Victoria Street School-room was set apart for promenading and refreshments, and in which also was a miniature exhibition, comprising powerful microscopes, stereoscopes, relics, galvanic batteries, magnifying glasses, &c., provided for the edification of those present. The boys' school was used for occasional speeches and singing, while the room upstairs was utilised as lecture hall, the various class-rooms doing service as cloak repositories.

At seven o'clock the Speaker, Mr P. Teare, of Blackhill, took the chair, and he was accompanied on the platform by the following gentlemen:—Premier of the House (Mr W. A. Hoe); Leader of the Opposition (Rev F. Steggall); Leader of the Home Rule Party (Mr T. Dunne); Clerk of the House (Mr Samuel J. Brodie); Messrs W. Jenkins, J.P., Consett Hall; Jas. Annandale, J.P., The Briary, Shotley Bridge; Adam Brodie, Consett; J. S. Redmayne, B.A., Shotley Bridge; G. T. Hyden, G. Christopher, A. Jackson, J. Kelly, R. Fraser, Consett, &c., besides a glee party comprised of the following:—Misses Cairns, Smith, Harwood, J. Lumsden, and Messrs C. Stelling (leader), C. C. McColvin, P. Surtees, and A. Russell; Miss Sloane and Mr Fred W. Brodie being the accompanists.

A good programme had been arranged, and the Speaker opened the first part with a very neat speech, tracing history of the society from its commencement; paying tributes to the Consett Iron Company and various gentlemen for the assistance rendered; and complimenting the leaders of each party and the members on the successful conclusion of their first session.—The Clerk of the House followed with a lengthy *resume* of the business transacted in connection with the House, explaining that at the commencement there were but some 50 members, which had increased to 134, and of these 50 had taken part in the debates.—The Glee Party then sang, "Hark, the bells;" after which the Premier addressed the assembly; Mr Stelling subsequently singing "The death of Nelson."—After fifteen minutes promenading, Mr P. Surtees rendered the song, "The warrior bold," in good style; and this was followed by a speech from the Leader of the Opposition, in which he jocularly remarked that he thought he should have been set down on the programme as the Premier, inasmuch as their Party has defeated the Liberals at the last sitting. (Laughter and cheers.) Out of the 134 members of the Constitution, both parties were about equal in strength, although he was inclined to think that his party was the strongest.—Mr Stelling performed a selection of national airs on the ocarino with remarkable skill, and he was accorded a stormy *encore*.—The stirring dialogue, "Brutus and Cassius," was next executed by Messrs B. Ward and J. Kempson. The histrionic powers of these gentlemen were fully brought out in the piece, and they well deserved the applause that greeted their efforts.

After promenading fifteen minutes, part II was opened by a song from Miss Cairns, and on receiving an *encore*, she gave "Rippling waves."—The Leader of the Home Rule Party next gave an address, which was followed by the Glee Party rendering the part song, "Good night, beloved."—Mr Jenkins and Mr Annandale also tendered congratulatory and encouraging addresses.—After promenading for another fifteen minutes, the company repaired to the upstairs' school-room, where the Rev F. Steggall gave an instructive lecture upon Egypt, illustrated by dissolving views, which was much appreciated. Promenading was again indulged in, and after singing "Auld Lang Syne," the merry party broke up at a late hour, all being highly satisfied with the evening's enjoyment.

Mr Geo. Routledge, of the New Town Hall, was purveyor for the occasion. The viands were everything that could be desired.

## CASTLESIDE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

The Wesleyan Methodist Society at Castleside celebrated their Sabbath School anniversary this Easter.—On Good Friday, the usual tea party was held, and was, as usual, numerously patronised. A public meeting followed in the evening, presided over by Mr Samuel Leybourne, of Shotley Bridge. Stirring addresses were delivered by Messrs Thos. Harker (Bishop Auckland), R. Johnson (Blanchland), John Oliver (Burnhill), T. J. Muse (Castleside), and others. The scholars recited portions of scripture, dialogues, poetry, &c.; and with the assistance of the choir, sang a choice selection of beautiful melodies. The proceeds of the day were devoted to the school funds.—On Saturday night, Mr Harker delivered his popular lecture, entitled, "Timothy Hackworth, of Wylam," in the Wesleyan Chapel. About 200 people would be present. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Urwin, of Dipton, who briefly introduced the lecturer. Mr Harker was heartily received, and his lecture was both instructive and entertaining, a few anecdotes respecting the lives of some of the most notable characters who have arisen out of Wylam being introduced. Amongst these men was one John Watson, who made the discovery before Lucifer did of rubbing two flint papers together and igniting them. As Jackson was a poor man, and not able to take out a patent for his discovery, Lucifer adopted his plan and patented it, with the result that "Lucifer matches" are known to all. Jackson was a truly conscientious, religious man; and a local member of the Wesleyan body, and a great deal of good resulted from his ministering of the Word. He was dismissed from his employment because he refused to work on the Sabbath day, preferring rather to preach the Gospel.—The proceeds were interspersed with songs by Mr Harker and his son, the execution of which were much admired.—On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Muse, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr Harker, by acclamation, and the proceedings concluded with the singing of the doxology.—The sermons on Easter Sunday afternoon and evening were preached by Mr Harker to large congregations.

## MEDOMSLEY WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary services in connection with the Medomsley Wesleyan Methodist Sunday-school were commemorated on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On the first-named day, a tea for the scholars and public in general was provided in the chapel, and nearly 100 adults sat down to an excellent repast, the tables being gracefully presided over by Misses Phœbe Henderson, J. Hogg, E. Robinson, J. Dent, and J. A. Teasedale. At seven o'clock the same evening, a public meeting was held in the chapel, when the small but comfortable-looking structure was nicely filled. Mr Wm. Hogg, of Westwood, occupied the chair. After an opening hymn by the audience, a suitable prayer was offered by the Rev W. Hare, Consett. The Chairman next proceeded to speak of the growth of the Sunday-school movement. He said it was a good and noble work, and of great necessity. He had seen and heard of instances of many, who, by the impressions they received from their teachers while attending Sunday-school, were this day missionaries in foreign lands, and also noble workers in the Churches at home. Mr Thos. Moore, of Scotswood, and Rev W. Hare, followed with suitable and instructive addresses on Sunday-schools. Dialogues were also gone through during the evening by the scholars. The children (assisted by the choir) sang several hymns, which enlivened the proceedings. Mr James Henderson then moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, chairman, and the ladies who presided at the tables, which was seconded by Mr John Calvert, and carried by acclamation. After a few touching observations by the Chairman, the meeting closed with the pronounciation of the benediction.

On Sunday, the anniversary was continued, two eloquent sermons being preached—morning and evening—by Mr T. Moore to large congregations. In the afternoon, there was a public examination of the scholars, who recited in admirable style several dialogues, poetry, scripture catechism, &c.; and sang a number of hymns with the assistance of the choir. The afternoon and evening services were held in the Templars' Hall, which was crowded on both occasions. Mr T. Adamson most efficiently presided at the harmonium.

## CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The "coming of age" of this Sunday-school was celebrated on Easter Sunday and Monday last. On the former day three services were held in the New Town Hall, Consett. The attendance at each was good, especially so in the evening, the spacious room being literally crowded. Special hymns, dialogues, recitations, &c., were got up for the occasion, and all came off remarkably well, the singing being especially appreciated. Mr Richard Brown, of Dipton, conducted the services, and spoke at each with good effect. Collections were taken in aid of the school funds, when £7 17s 4½d was realised.

On Monday, about 260 of the scholars were regaled with tea in the school-room, after which the public to the number of 90 sat down to the viands provided. The following ladies presided at the tables:—Misses A. Brand, M. Cant, S. Nichol, I. Nichol, E. Sisterson, M. E. Grierson, E. Harrison, M. McPherson, M. Elliott, M. Telford, and M. Elliott.

After tea, a service of song, entitled "Nimble Nat," was given by the chapel choir. The chair was occupied by Mr Isaac Unsworth, sen., Blackhill, and he was accompanied on the platform by the venerable superintendent, Mr Wm. Robson, and Mr Robt. Brown, Consett. The place was packed to the door, and the service, as far as numbers and comfort are concerned, might with advantage have been held in the chapel.

The CHAIRMAN opened the proceedings with prayer, and briefly remarked that it gave him pleasure at seeing so many present. The service of song was a good one, and he hoped the rendering of the same, which he was sure would be well done, would be the means of bringing peace to many who were estranged from Christ. (Applause.)

The baton was wielded by the young and able conductor, Mr James Arnott; Mr Thomas Jones presided at the harmonium; while Mr J. L. Surtees acted as reader. The service was a temperance composition, "Nimble Nat" being the son of a besotted father and mother. The evil influence brought to bear upon an innocent mind was vividly portrayed; and with equal beauty was shown the good influence made upon the same mind by the words of a dying Christian child; the latter proving, with the assistance of a noble Sabbath-school teacher, to be the means of saving the soul of one who would otherwise have perished. The piece was throughout interesting, in turn being pathetic, inspiring, and building-up. The hymns were all adapted to the service, and, being well rendered, were much appreciated. Mr Arnott merits eulogy for the high standard of efficiency he has brought his choir to, which certainly did well for the time occupied by them in getting up the service.

To show the healthy state of the school, Mr Arnott, the secretary, presented the following statistics for the past year:—Teachers—36 males and 16 females, with an average attendance of 30, out of which number 50 are church members. Scholars—149 males and 141 females, total, 290. Out of this number 59 are above the age of 14; while 15 had become teachers during the year. In connection with the school a Band of Hope is held, of which there are 160 members. The income for the year had been £23 5s 11d, and the expenditure £22 7s 7d, leaving a balance in hand of 18s 4d.

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the Chairman, waiters, choir, and all who had taken part in the proceedings, the pronouncing of the benediction brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

We understand the services will be continued over Sunday next in the chapel.

## HIGHGATE BAPTIST CHAPEL.

The Sabbath school anniversary was held on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and proved as successful as on former occasions. The public tea in the school-room on Good Friday was partaken of by nearly 200 adults, in addition to the children being regaled with a substantial repast gratis. The Misses Turner (2), Armstrong, McLean, Thompson, Routledge, and Margaret (Meggie) Lankaster, presided over the various tables; whilst Mesdames Turner, Dowson, Armstrong, and Mackie superintended the preliminary arrangements. At the public meeting in the evening, the chapel was completely filled. Mr A. E. Turner occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings, animadverted upon the progress of the school, to which he is attached as superintendent.—The Rev R. W. Jenkins (pastor) followed with a lengthy address, containing good advice and counsel both to teachers, parents, and scholars.—The Rev E. P. Riley (Consett) favoured with a recitation, "Beautiful snow," and being re-demanded, he recited "The Sabbath bells of Consett" (printed in last week's *Guardian*).—Deacon Edwards, in his address, adversely criticised the recent eulogiums paid to General Gordon, both in the press and on the public platform, maintaining that he was the right man in the wrong place, and although he (the speaker) had read his testament through no less than 50 times, he never yet came across a single passage that sanctioned a Christian man taking up a sword to slay his fellow-creatures; but there were certain portions of the scripture which could be otherwise construed. He submitted that Gordon's life was not a proper pattern for young men to enunciate; but urged the boys to study the lives of missionaries for their example.—The Rev J. Charter (Middleton-in-Teesdale) next gave an interesting and instructive address on the subject of "Babies," which embodied a number of witty and amusing anecdotes, keeping the audience convulsed with laughter.—The children, under the direction of Mr J. Dowson, recited several pieces in an admirable manner; and the choir interspersed the speeches with sweet selections of music, being accompanied by Mr O. Heymer.—Votes of thanks to speakers, Chairman, choir, and ladies who assisted in the gatherings, terminated the meeting.

On Easter Sunday, Mr Charter preached in the morning and evening; and in the afternoon, the rev gentleman, along with Messrs Jenkins and Riley, addressed the parents and children. There were large congregations present. The scholars again sang and recited. Collections for school funds.

## LEADGATE PARISH CHURCH.

### GRAND BAZAAR.

Eighteen years ago the above sacred pile was consecrated by the late Bishop Baring, it having been erected at a cost of £2,000. Since that time it has been renovated, and the alterations, being extensive, cost £1,100. Through the exertions of the vicar of the parish (Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A.) and his numerous followers, this had been so far liquidated that only £35 was left to be cleared away. As usual, the ladies (who invariably bear the heaviest part of the burden) determined to set themselves busily to work, in order to make a final effort to render their neat edifice free from encumbrance, the result of their labours being a bazaar held in the Infant School-room, Church Square, Leadgate. The opening ceremony took place on Easter Monday, and was a complete success. The room was tastefully decorated with mottoes, bunting, &c., while the stalls were ladened with work that told of skill, energy, and tact, the whole combined giving the place a very cheerful aspect. The attendance was large, the company comprising the *elite* of the neighbourhood, amongst whom we noticed—Mr and Mrs W. Jenkins, Consett Hall; Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A. (vicar); Rev J. Mathwin, M.A., vicar of West Pelton; Rev T. J. Storey, B.A., vicar of Blackhill; Rev R. Tuson, vicar of Dipton; Rev P. Hughes, curate of Collierley; Rev J. Kirk, curate of Leadgate; Mr T. Foreman, Leadgate; Mr and Mrs Charles Balleny and family; Mr Ed. and Miss Balleny, Little Greencroft; Mr W. H. and Miss Hedley, Medomsley; Mr J. J. Hedley, Leadgate; Mr Kay, West Pelton; Mr Thomas Longstaff, Leadgate; Mr R. W. Shaw, Villa Real; Mr George Nicholson and Mr W. Todd, Leadgate; Mr and Mrs H. Nicholson, Consett; Mrs Aynsley and family, Consett, &c., &c.

The respected VICAR, in calling upon Mr Jenkins to open the bazaar, said that gentleman had always held a warm place in the hearts of the people of Leadgate, as he was ever ready and willing to promote anything appertaining to the good of the people. He knew Mr Jenkins had made a great sacrifice in being there that day, but this only proved the veracity of his statements, and he hoped they would give the great industrial chief a hearty welcome.

Mr JENKINS, on rising, was accorded a very warm reception. He thanked Mr Mitchell for his kind eulogies, remarking that he hardly deserved them. He was always glad when he could in any way give assistance to a good cause; and consequently it gave him pleasure to be there that day. (Applause.) Adverting to his youthful days, he well remembered a vicar of a parish in Wales who, because his church happened to be on a hill top, removed to more comfortable quarters, and left the work of the parish in the hands of a few poorly-paid curates. His stipend was large, and of course he lived on the best of the land, the occasion being very rare when he visited his flock. This was only one case out of many that were to be found throughout England and Wales at that time; in fact, he himself, when a boy, used to think that he was not of the same clay as the clergymen, as they held themselves so coldly aloof from their spiritual flock, and he now felt assured that at that time the Church of England was indeed at a very low ebb. However, through the infusion of the Spirit of God into the hearts of both the clergy and laity, this sort of thing had been greatly changed; and no place so much as their favoured county of Durham. (Applause.) Their present gathering was indeed a beautiful contrast—the harmony which he observed that existed between the clergy and laity present was indeed exhiliarating, and foretold of great things that would be accomplished through the blending unity. (Applause.) The county of Durham had at her head a Christian that the whole world admired—Bishop Lightfoot (hear, hear); he was supported by a very energetic and truly zealous body of clergymen; and if only these would bend a little more to and seek the support of the laity, mighty strides indeed would the noble Church of England make in her mission of Christianising the world. (Applause.) In Leadgate he knew the young people had a dear and valued friend in Mr Mitchell, and he hoped they would clutch at the opportunities they had of improving themselves through the teaching—both spiritual and temporal—of his learned and reverend friend. (Applause.) He trusted those present would show that they had the cause at heart by emptying their pockets in purchasing the articles so well got up by the ladies of Leadgate, who deserved every possible credit. He experienced great pleasure in declaring the bazaar open, and trusted that God would bless the undertaking. (Renewed applause.)

Mr R. W. SHAW, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Jenkins, said he was glad that gentleman had given the clergymen a lecture—(laughter)—but as for their parish, he could say that during the eighteen years he had been a Churchwarden, he never had had a wrong word with their vicar, Mr Mitchell. (Applause.) Mr Jenkins, he was sure, deserved their heartiest thanks, as he had always been ready to help them when called upon, and it was at a sacrifice that he was present that day.

On Mr G. NICHOLSON seconding the proposition, it was carried with much enthusiasm, and to which Mr JENKINS briefly replied.

Business then commenced pretty briskly, and was continued over Tuesday. The result of the sale, together with the names of the stall-holders we append:—No. 1.—Mrs Mitchell, the Vicarage, Leadgate, assisted by Misses Mitchell, Mrs C. Balleny, Ebchester, Miss Small, Newcastle. No. 2.—Mrs Foreman, East House, Leadgate, assisted by Miss F. P. Ord, Coatham, Miss Maggie Nicholson, West Pelton, Mr W. Dotchin, Newcastle. No. 3.—Mrs Nicholson, Leadgate, assisted by Miss Nicholson, Leadgate, Miss Patterson, Consett, Master Joe Nicholson, Leadgate. No. 4.—Mrs Todd, Leadgate, assisted by Miss Shaw, Miss Wharton, Miss Todd, Master Joe Todd, Leadgate, Dr Allen, Leadgate. No. 5.—Mrs Shaw, Villa Real, assisted by Mrs Imison, the Old Vicarage, Tynemouth, Miss Serle, Newcastle, Miss Smith, Villa Real, Misses Shaw. No. 6.—Refreshment stall, Mrs Armstrong, Leadgate, Mrs Wharton, Leadgate, assisted by Mrs Bell, Mrs Gardner, Mr T. Eledon. A donation of £2 was received from John Dunn, Esq., of Little Shelford, Cambridge, and the Brooms, Leadgate, towards the bazaar fund, and the total amount taken during the two days was £117 11s 9d. Dr Allen, of Leadgate, was the lucky recipient of the splendid screen presented by Mrs Foreman, of East House, Leadgate.

## PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT THE SPEN.

### OPENING OF A NEW CHAPEL.

The opening services of this chapel were commenced on Good Friday, and will be continued for several successive Saturdays and Sundays, when local and distant ministers will officiate. On the afternoon of the opening day, after a short religious service, tea was served in the adjoining school, followed by a lecture on "Dr Guthrie" by the circuit minister, Rev E. Phillipson (White-le-Head), the chair being occupied by Mr W. Green, viewer, of Thornley House. The Primitive Methodists have had a chapel and day school at Spen about 23 years, the schoolmaster being Mr Thomas Armstrong. The increase of population having necessitated either a new day school or the adding of the chapel to the school, the latter plan was adopted as the most convenient arrangement, the Marquess of Bute having subscribed the amount that would have been required to supply the requisite additional accommodation. The old chapel having been added to the school, the chapel is a distinct building, and large enough to hold three hundred hearers, and has cost about £800. The plans and specifications were supplied by Mr Thos. Southron, of South Shields; Mr Wells, of Spen, was the contractor for the mason and brickwork; and Messrs Maughan and Henderson, of Delaval-on-Tyne, the joiner department. The structure is well built and quite an ornament to the colliery. The ladies have greatly assisted with their needlework, and about three-fourths of the cost has been raised. Since the undertaking was commenced the society has lost its principal class leader and chapel trustee in the death of Mr Joseph Johnson, of Horse Gate Farm, who had been most usefully connected with the original school and chapel, he having resided near to Spen over twenty-five years. The above is the third Primitive Methodist Chapel opened recently in the district, the other two being Victoria Garesfield, and Rowland's Gill.

## LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS.

### CONSETT.

The votes were counted up on Saturday morning, at the Local Board offices, Parliament Street, Consett, and the result was declared by Mr Welford, the returning officer, the same afternoon, as follows:—

| ELECTED: | No. of Votes. |
|---|---|
| *Wm. Shell, builder | 654 |
| *Thos. Siddell, ironworks' agent | 636 |
| *John Calvert, gentleman | 597 |
| *Wm. Aynsley, provision merchant | 588 |
| NOT ELECTED. | |
| Michael McNally, licensed victualler | 264 |

The four old members are returned.

### BENFIELDSIDE.

The result of the voting was ascertained by the returning officer (Mr J. Booth) on Saturday afternoon, to be as under:—

| ELECTED: | No. of Votes. |
|---|---|
| Thos. Siddell, ironworks' agent | 561 |
| *Jacob Dowson, draper | 448 |
| *Wm. Telford, flour mill manager | 395 |
| *Hy. Carss, assistant-overseer | 383 |
| NOT ELECTED. | |
| Wm. Raw, auctioneer | 302 |
| Samuel Leybourne, agent | 294 |
| Geo. Eltringham, grocer | 289 |
| Wm. Robinson, paper merchant | 244 |
| J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., gentleman | 176 |
| Thos. Raine, joiner | 131 |
| Henry Rule, grocer | 95 |

It will be seen that Mr Siddell, who stands at the head of the poll, is thus elected to fill the seat vacant by the retirement of Mr John Smith, architect, of Shotley Bridge.

### LEADGATE.

The result of the election of four members was officially declared on Tuesday night by Mr George Nicholson, returning officer, as under:—

| ELECTED. | No. of Votes. |
|---|---|
| *R. W. Shaw, draper, Villa Real | 396 |
| *W. Keenleyside, coke agent, Crookhall | 356 |
| *Edwd. Todd, merchant, Leadgate | 353 |
| *Wm. Brown, agent, Prospect House | 347 |
| NOT ELECTED. | |
| Edwd. Kinleside, provision merchant, St. Ives Road | 325 |

The four old members were returned.

### TOW LAW.

There has been a great deal of party feeling introduced into the contest at Tow Law this year. The interest of the election was greatly enhanced by the issue of a circular from the pen of Mr Wherly, wherein he strongly criticised the attempt of three of the Weardale Iron Company's officials to run as candidates, when that company had already one of its agents on the Local Board. He also pointed out where the ratepayers might suffer in the event of the Weardale Iron Company obtaining a preponderance in the representatives. This circular was met by the issue of another, which endeavoured to show the fallacy of the arguments contained in the first effusion. The comic element also was a feature not lacking in the election. Some wags prepared a list, in sporting phraseology, of the probable starters in the "Tow Law Hunt Stakes," and the strong points, as well as the foibles, of the various runners were humorously set forth.

### WHICKHAM.

The counting of the votes in connection with the Whickham Local Board took place on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr Robt. Glass, the returning officer. The following is the result of the poll:—

| ELECTED: | No. of Votes. |
|---|---|
| Arthur D. Carr, Whickham | 927 |
| *Robt. Shield, Swalwell | 839 |
| *Cuthbert Berkley, Marley Hill | 830 |
| *William Stafford, Dunston | 752 |
| NOT ELECTED: | |
| Joseph Harbottle, Swalwell | 519 |
| J. S. Featherstone, Dunston | 379 |

*These were retiring members of the Board; Mr Arthur Carr being the only new member.—On the motion of Mr James Gilchrist, seconded by Mr R. Atkinson, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the returning officer for the satisfactory and impartial manner in which he had conducted the election.

### STANHOPE.

The voting papers for the election of four members were counted on Tuesday with the following result:—

| ELECTED. | No. of Votes. |
|---|---|
| *Dr. Arnison | 323 |
| *Geo. Pattison | 303 |
| *John Elliott | 266 |
| *Leonard Atkinson | 213 |
| NOT ELECTED. | |
| John Ward | 175 |
| Richardson Robinson | 136 |
| John Collingwood | 104 |

The four retiring members were returned.

### RYTON.

The votes for the Ryton Local Board were counted on Wednesday. There were four new candidates, viz.:—Messrs McAlleenan, Hurman, J. Glaister, and A. Watson—the retiring members being Messrs J. B. Simpson, W. Jobson, and C. Anderson. Mr James Scott was returning officer. Result of the poll:—

| ELECTED. | No. of Votes. |
|---|---|
| J. B. Simpson | 683 |
| W. J. Jobson | 510 |
| C. Anderson | 461 |
| NOT ELECTED. | |
| R. McAlleenan | 391 |
| J. Hurman | 157 |
| A. Watson | 150 |
| J. Glaister | 146 |

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## Public Notices.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

SEASON, 1885.

THE OPENING MATCH of the above Club will take place (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 18th. Captain v. Vice-Captain's Teams (to be chosen on ground). Wickets pitched at 1 30 p.m.

## Public Notices.

NOTICE.—THOMAS WILLIS, Saw Mill Yard, Blackhill, has a BRAWN, by which he is prepared to serve Sows. 329u

NOTICE.—All Persons having Claims against this Fund are requested to send the same in to

ADAM BRODIE, Secretary,
Town Hall, Consett.

300u

TEMPERANCE HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held in the above Hall, on Wednesday Evening, April 15th, 1885, when Addresses will be given on the Principles of True Temperance, by Mr. BECKWITH, Agent of the N. T. League, and others.

Doors open at Seven o'clock p.m.; the Chair to be taken at a Quarter-past Seven p.m.

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OF CONSERVATIVES,

Will be held in the

AGRICULTURAL HALL, BLACKHILL ON MONDAY, THE 13th APRIL,

At Half-past Six p m., for the purpose of Organizing the Formation of a Central Conservative Association for the Electoral Division of Lanchester, and Passing Resolutions on the subject.

All Conservatives within this Division of the County are earnestly requested to attend. 318u

## Contracts.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY DISTRICT.

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THE

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LOTS OF ROAD MATERIALS.

LOBLEY HILL MAIN ROAD.

LOT 1—From High Stoop to Satley. 40 tons.
„ 2 From High Stoop to Browney Bridge. 30 tons.
„ 3 From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Black House and Browney Bridge. 60 tons.
„ 4 From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Howdon Bank. 100 tons.
„ 5 From Annfield Plain to Hare Law. 200 tons of Slag Screenings.
„ 6 From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank Top 200 tons of Limestone.
„ 7 From Annfield Plain to Hare Law. 200 tons Whinstone.
„ 8 From Hare Law to Boundary House. 100 tons Whinstone.
„ 9 From Tanfield Moor to Boundary House and Crook Bar. 300 tons Limestone.
„ 10 From Crook Bar Depots to Pont Burn 250 tons.
„ 11 From Medomsley Depots to Pont Burn and Medomsley. 150 tons.
„ 12 From Medomsley Depots to Medomsley, West to Boundary of Benfieldside Township. 100 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

AUCKLAND MAIN ROAD.

LOT 1—From High Stoop to Drover House. 60 tons.
„ 2 From Salters Gate to Drover House and Butsfield Bank Foot. 50 tons.
„ 3 From Rowley Station to Butsfield Bank Foot. 100 tons.
„ 4 From Rowley Station to Castleside and Allansford Bridge. 80 tons

Also the BREAKING of the above Lots.

DURHAM AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROAD.

LOT 1—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Fen Hall and Esp Green. 100 tons.
„ 2 From Lanchester Union Workhouse to the Church and Kays Burn. 200 tons.
„ 3 From East Carrhouse Depot to Number One. 60 tons Whinstone.

Also the BREAKING of Lot 3.

EDMONDBYERS MAIN ROAD.

LOT 1—From Park Head Depots to Edmondbyers Bridge. 50 tons.
„ 2 From Park Head Depots to Edmondbyers Bridge and the River Derwent. 60 tons.

Also the BREAKING of the above Lots.

Tenders to be sent to the Surveyor's Office, on or before Tuesday, April 21st, 1885, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking."

The Board do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender."—By Order,

349u WILLIAM DIXON, District Surveyor.

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BENFIELDSIDE TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Slag from Consett to Consett Bank and Dean Burn Bridge. 20 c yds.

Also the BREAKING.

BILLINGSIDE TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Carrhouse Depot to Billingside and East Castle Road. 30 tons.
„ 2—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Billingside and East Castle Road. 10 c yds.

Also, the BREAKING of Lot 1.

TOWNSHIP OF BURNHOPE AND HAMSTEELS.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Lanchester Station to Bargate Bank. 30 tons
„ 2 „ Cornsay Colliery to Square House. 40 tons.
„ 3 „ Cornsay Colliery to Square House, west to Cornsay Road. 20 tons.
„ 4 „ Cornsay Colliery to Hamsteels Road. 20 tons.
„ 5 „ Cornsay Colliery to Wilks Hill and Click-him-in Road. 20 tons.
„ 6 „ High Stoop to Rag Peth and Green Well. 30 tons.
„ 7 „ Annfield Plain to Burnhope Road. 100 tons.
„ 8—Carting Broken Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Hamsteels and Biggen Road. 40 tons.
„ 9—Carting Broken Slag from Lanchester to Greenwell Road. 80 tons.

The BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

TOWNSHIP OF BUTSFIELD AND SATLEY.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Blackfield Depot to Pan Lane. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ Blackfield to West Shield Road. 10 tons.
„ 3 Carting White Whin from Butsfield Quarries, Broadwood to Auckland Main Road. 60 c yards.
„ 4 Carting Limestone, High Stoop to Coalford Lane. 10 tons.
„ 5 „ High Stoop to Fines Road. 10 tons.
„ 6 „ Rowley Station to Whitehall Road. 20 tons.
„ 7 „ Salters Gate to Lime Road. 10 tons
„ 8 Carting White Whinstone from Butsfield Quarry to Saw Mill Bank. 10 c yards.

WINNING and BREAKING of Lots 3 and 8. Also, the BREAKING 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

TOWNSHIP OF CORNSAY.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Blackfield to Cornsay. 100 tons.
„ 2 „ Blackfield to East of Cornsay. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ Blackfield to Cornsay and Hedleyhope Beck. 40 tons.
„ 4 „ Blackfield to Well Banks. 50 tons
„ 5 „ Blackfield to Cousley Lane. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ Blackfield to West Shield Road. 20 tons.
„ 7 „ Cornsay Colliery to Low Row Road. 80 tons.
„ 8 „ High Stoop to the Bents and Well Banks. 30 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

TOWNSHIP OF COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, South Medomsley Depot to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 200 tons.
„ 2 „ Hare Law and Delight Bank. 40 tons.
„ 3—Carting Broken Slag, Bradley Slag Heap to Pike Lane. 30 c yds.
„ 4 „ Dipton. 100 c yds.
„ 5—Carting Slag Screenings from South Medomsley Depot to Dipton and Flint Hill. 100 tons.

The BREAKING of Lots 1 and 2.

TOWNSHIP OF CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Rowley Station to Davids Town and Five-Lane-Ends. 40 tons.
„ 2 „ Rowley Station to Dyke Nook Road. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ Rowley Station to Long Edge. 20 tons.
„ 4 „ High Carrhouse to Knitsley and Knitsley Mill. 30 tons.
„ 5 „ High Carrhouse to Consett Old Station and Stanifordam. 20 tons.
„ 6 „ Rowley Station to Four-Lane-Ends and Stannifordam. 30 tons.
„ 7 „ High Carrhouse to Delves Lane. 30 tons.
„ 8 „ Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook. 50 tons.

The BREAKING of the whole of the above Lots.

TOWNSHIP OF EBCHESTER.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Ebchester Station to the Chare and Mill Lane. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ Ebchester Station to Watling Street. 60 tons.
„ 3—Carting Slag Bradley, Slag Heap to Shaw Lane. 20 c yds.

The BREAKING of Lots 1 and 2.

## Contracts.

ESH TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Whinstone from Aldin Grange to Ushaw and Hill Top. 60 tons.
„ 2 „ Ushaw Moor to East Flass and Flass Inn. 60 tons.
„ 3 „ Witton Gilbert Station to Hill Top and Esh Laud. 100 tons.
„ 4 „ Witton Gilbert Station to Wall Nook and East and West Bank Foot. 60 tons.
„ 5—Carting Broken Limestone from Waterhouses Station to Flass New Road. 40 tons.
„ 6—Carting Limestone from Hamsteels Colliery to Esh Laud and Cornsay Lodge. 100 tons.
„ 7 „ from Witton Gilbert Station to East and West Banks. 30 tons.
„ 8 „ from Witton Gilbert Station to Finnigs Road. 20 tons.
„ 9 „ from Ushaw Moor Colliery to Ushaw and Broadgate. 20 tons

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

EDMONDBYERS TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Hard Stone from Edmondbyers Mines to Edmondbyers Village 20 c yds.
„ 2 „ Edmondbyers Mines to Edmondbyers and Rougheside Road. 30 c yds.
„ 3 Carting Limestone from Slate Quarries to Dead Friars Road. 30 tons.
„ 4 Breaking Limestone. 30 tons.

Also BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

GREENCROFT TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Annfield Plain to Annfield Plain and East Castle Road. 100 tons.
„ 2 „ to Tower Lane. 40 tons.
„ 3 „ to Row's Cabin and Greencroft Cottages. 30 tons.
„ 4 „ to Gorcock and Esp Green. 30 tons.
„ 5 Carting Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Hanging Stone Bank. 40 c yds.
„ 6 „ to Stockerley and Lund's Lane. 24 c yds.
„ 7 Carting Slag Screening from Annfield Plain to near Bank foot Colliery. 50 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lot 1, 2, 3, and 4.

HEALEYFIELD TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Whitehall to Healeyfield Road. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ to Combridge's Road. 30 tons.
„ 3 „ to Whitehall Road. 20 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 40 c yds of White Whinstone.

HEDLEYHOPE TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone Cornsay Colliery to Hedley Hill Road. 80 tons.
„ 2—Carting Broken Slag, East Hedleyhope to Stanley Beck and Hedley Fell. 20 tons.
„ 3—Carting Whinstone to Ivesley Road. 12 tons.
„ 4—Carting Broken Slag from East Hedleyhope to West House. 20 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 3.

HOLMSIDE TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Broken Slag from Witton Gilbert to Bleach Green. 20 tons.
„ 2—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor and New Acres. 40 tons.
„ 3 „ from Annfield Plain to Holmside Lane. 80 tons.
„ 4 „ Craghead Colliery to Wagtail Lane. 60 tons.
„ 5 „ Annfield Plain to Burnhope. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ Salters Gate to Drover House. 10 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of the whole of the above Lots.

HUNSTANWORTH TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone Slate Quarries to Sandyford Bridges. 20 tons.
„ 2—Carting Hard Stone, Derwent Mines to Presser Bank and Sandyford. 60 c yds.
„ 3 „ Derwent Mines to Bay Bridge and White Heaps. 40 c yards.
„ 4 „ Shildon or the Common to Blanchland and Rougheside Road. 20 c yds.
„ 5 „ Derwent Mines to Alder Gate Road. 10 c yds.
„ 6—Winning, Carting, Breaking, and Laying on Freestone Packlets Pin Road. 20 c yds.
„ 7 „ Freestone Deep Road. 20 c yards.
„ 8 „ Allanshields Road. 20 c yds.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

TOWNSHIP OF IVESTON.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Rowley Station to Long Edge. 30 tons.

The BREAKING also.

TOWNSHIP OF KYO.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Tanfield Moor to White-le-Head Road. 60 tons.
„ 2 „ Annfield Plain to South Pit and Kyo Road. 80 tons of Limestone and 80 tons of Broken Slag.
„ 3 „ Annfield Plain to Kyo Heugh. 20 tons.
„ 4 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill Road. 80 tons.
„ 5 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill and Harperley Gate. 40 tons.
„ 6 „ Hare Law to Bushblades 20 tons.

The BREAKING of all the above Lots.

LANCHESTER TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Station to Peth Bank. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ to Ford and Bar Gate. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ to Upper Houses Lane. 20 tons.
„ 4 „ Lanchester Union to Newbiggen and Donleyford. 30 tons.
„ 5 „ Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook and Donleyford. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ Knitsley Station to White Gates and Donleyford. 20 tons.
„ 7 „ Annfield Plain to Maiden Law and Conns House. 20 tons.
„ 8 „ Rowley Station to Five-Lane-Ends and Browney Bank. 100 tons.
„ 9 „ Salter's Gate to Drover House. 10 tons.
„ 10 „ Salter's Gate to Spring Well. 10 tons.
„ 11 „ Rowley Station to Humber Hill Road. 20 tons.

Also, the BREAKAGE of the whole of the above Lots.

LANGLEY TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row Lane. 100 tons.
„ 2 „ Annfield Plain to Langley Edge. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ Salters Gate Station to Salters Gate Road. 20 tons.
„ 4 Carting Slag Witton Gilbert Station to Langley Edge. 20 tons.
„ 5 „ to Broom House. 10 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

TOWNSHIP OF MEDOMSLEY.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Medomsley Depot to Allendale Lane. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ Medomsley Depot to Barr House Lane. 40 tons.
„ 3 „ Medomsley Depot to Pont Lane. 20 tons.
„ 4 „ Medomsley Depot to Watling Street. 40 tons.
„ 5 „ Medomsley Depot to Fines Road. 20 tons.
„ 6 „ East Carrhouse Depot to Redwell Hills. 60 tons.
„ 7 „ High Carrhouse Depot to Carribees Lane. 30 tons.
„ 8 Carting Broken Slag to Bar House Lane. 20 c yds.
„ 9 „ Bradley Slag Heap to Allendale Lane. 30 c yds.
„ 10 „ Bradley Slag Heap to Byerside Road. 50 c yds.
„ 11 „ Bradley Slag Heap to Pit House Lane. 10 c yds.
„ 12—Carting Limestone, Rowley Station to Oliver Ford Road. 20 tons.

## Contracts.

„ 13—Winning and Breaking White Whin at Butsfield Quarry. 60 c yds.
„ 14—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Fines Lane. 20 c yds.
„ 15 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Watling Street. 20 c yds.
„ 16—Carting Limestone from Medomsley Depot to Long Close. 6 tons.
„ 17—Carting White Whin from Butsfield Quarries to Sheep Walks. 40 c yds.
„ 18 „ from Butsfield Quarries to Salters Gate Road. 10 c yards.
„ 19 „ from Butsfield Quarries to Stewartfield Lodge Road. 10 c yds.

The BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, and 10

MUGGLESWICK TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Waskerley to Horsleope Road. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ Waskerley to Waskerley and Gold Hill Road. 20 tons
„ 3 „ Park Head to Meadows Head 20 tons.
„ 4—Carting White Whinstone Gold Hill to Edmondbyers Bridge. 40 c yds.
„ 5 „ Cambridge Road. 20 c yds.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.
The WINNING and BREAKING of Lots 4 and 5.

ROUGHSIDE TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Hard Stone, Derwent Mine to Roughside Road. 30 c yds.
„ 2 „ Edmondbyers Mines to Roughside and Edmondbyers Road 40 c yds.
„ 3 „ The River to Cooperhaugh Bone. 20 c yds.

Also, the WINNING and BREAKING of the above Lots.

ROWLEY TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Rowley Station to Four Lane Ends and Smelt Mills 30 tons.
„ 2 „ Rowley Station to Rowley Bank. 10 tons.
„ 3 „ Rowley Station to Oliverford 10 tons.
„ 4—Carting Broken Slag, Consett Slag Heap to Hole House. 30 c yds.
„ 5—Winning and Carting White Whinstone to Wharney Burn Road. 10 c yds.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 5.

TANFIELD TOWNSHIP.

LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley, Shield Row, and Beamish Bridge. 200 tons.
„ 2 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Stanley Edge Road. 100 tons.
„ 3 „ Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor Lane. 20 tons
„ 4 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Tanfield Lea Lane. 40 tons.
„ 5 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row, South Lane. 10 tons.
„ 6—Carting Slag Screenings from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley and Shield Row. 60 tons.
„ 7—Carting Limestone from Tanfield Moor to Tantobie and Tanfield. 40 tons.
„ 8 „ Tanfield Moor to Clough Dene and Long Syke. 80 tons.
„ 9 „ Tanfield Moor to Lintz Lane. 20 tons.
„ 10 „ Tanfield Moor to Tanfield Lea Lane. 40 tons.
„ 11 „ Tanfield Moor to Wester Leigh Lane. 10 tons.
„ 12 „ Tanfield Lane, Tanfield to Kip Hills 30 tons.
„ 13 „ Tanfield Lane to Barcus Close. 60 tons.
„ 14 „ Tanfield Lane to Beckley Lane. 30 tons.
„ 15—Carting Slag Screenings from Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village. 30 tons.
„ 16—Carting Limestone from Marley Hill Colliery to West House and Beamish Bridge. 20 tons.
„ 17 „ Marlow Hill to Bob Gin Road. 20 tons.
„ 18 „ Rowlands Gill Station to Derwent Bridge Road. 30 tons.
„ 19—Carting Broken Slag from Crook Bar Depot to Sandy Path. 20 tons.
„ 20 „ Crook Bar Depot to Friarside Road. 20 tons.
„ 21 Carting Slag Screenings from Crook Bar Depot to Burnopfield and the Leazes Footpath. 40 tons.
„ 22 Carting Ashes from Tanfield Lane to Causey Arch Footpaths. 60 loads.
„ 23 „ Tanfield Lane to Middle Causey Footpaths. 20 loads.
„ 24 „ Hobson Colliery to Tanfield and Burnopfield Footpaths. 50 loads.
„ 25 „ Hobson Colliery to Long Syke Lane. 40 loads.
„ 26—Carting Limestone from Handon Hold to West Pelton and Eden Hill. 100 tons.
„ 27 „ from Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village. 30 tons.
„ 28—Carting Slag Screenings from Crook Bar Depot to New Footpath Brians Leap. 40 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 26, and 27.

Tenders must be sent to the Surveyor on or before Tuesday, April 21st, 1885, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking."

The Board do not pledge themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.—By Order,

WILLIAM DIXON, District Surveyor.
Surveyor's Office, The Lodge, Lanchester,
April 9th, 1885. 350u

## Public Notices.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

WHITSUNTIDE.

GREAT CHORAL CONTEST.

Particulars to follow. WILSON BROS. Lessees.

WHEREAS, some Person or Persons entered the Workshop of WILLIAM TODD, Leadgate, on or about Monday night, and took therefrom the following Articles:—5in. Centre-power Lathe Heads; Fly Wheel, Iron Hooped; Lathe Crank, about 3ft. long; T Rest; Face Chucks; Bolts, &c. Certain parts have been found secreted in a field near Iveston Road.—Any one finding the remaining parts, or giving such information to Superintendent OLIVER, Sergeant NORMAN, or W. TODD, Front Street, Leadgate, as will lead to recovery of the same, will be liberally rewarded. Any one detaining them after this notice will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law. 357u

## ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH,

BLACKHILL.

THE

## FOUNDATION STONE

OF THIS CHURCH WILL BE LAID BY

WM. JENKINS, ESQ., J.P.,

OF CONSETT HALL,

(Chairman of the Building Committee),

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16th, 1885,

AT

HALF-PAST ONE O'CLOCK.

AFTER THE CEREMONY,

A PUBLIC LUNCHEON

WILL BE HELD IN THE

AGRICULTURAL HALL, BLACKHILL.

TICKETS:—3s. 6d. EACH.

☞ Friends who are desirous of being present at the Luncheon will kindly apply for Tickets not later than Tuesday, 14th April, as the number will be limited.

TICKETS may be obtained from Mr. W. TILLEY, Bessemer Street, and Mr. MOON, Cemetery Road, Blackhill. 358u

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. John Crawford.

Waskerley Park.

MR. J. CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. MATTHEW CLARK, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, First, April 11th, 1885, the whole of the valuable Household FURNITURE, consisting of Birch Press; Chest of Drawers; Iron Tester Bedstead, with Hangings; Mattress; Sofa; Round Table; Kitchen Table; Six Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; Dressing Table; Swing Looking Glass; about 13 yds. Cocoa Matting; Poss Tub and Staff; Fireirons; Fender; Dishes; Plates; Pots, Pans, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 325u

Market Lane, Whickham Bankfoot, near Swalwell.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from Misses TAYLOR, who are declining Farming, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 15th, 1885, the whole of the FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, and part of the Household FURNITURE.

HORSES.—Black Mare, about 16·1 h.h.; Bay Mare, about 16·1 h.h.; Chestnut Colt, 4 years old. 1 2 years Colt, by "Topsman."

CATTLE.—3 Well-bred Cows, in Milk and close to profit; 6 well-bred Beasts, 1 to 2 years old, forward in condition; 1 Well-bred Bull, 6 months old.

IMPLEMENTS.—3 Coup Carts. Long Carts, no worse than new; Spring Cart; Horse Hayrake; Reaping Machine; Combined Grass Cutter; Swing Plough; 3 Iron Ploughs; 3 Sets of Harrows; Chain Harrows; Clod Crusher; Metal Roller, no worse than new; 3 Stackyard Ladders; Water Barrel; Rain Tubs; Hand Hay Cutter; Turnip Cutter; Hay Knife.

HARNESS.—2 Sets Cart Harness, no worse than new; 3 Sets Plough Gear; Set of Spring Cart Harness Neck Collars; Gentleman's Saddle; Side Saddle Riding Bridle.

BARN.—Thrashing Machine; Windering Machine; Sack Barrow; and a quantity of Sacks, &c.

STABLE.—Corn Bins; Night Collars; Shovels, Gripes, &c.; Hay Forks; Rakes; 18 Cow Chains; Cow Tubs; Pig Troughs, &c.

FURNITURE. — Consisting of Iron Bedstead; Mattress; 6 Chairs; 2 Kitchen Tables; Delf Rack and Drawers; 18 Pewter Plates; Centre Table; Longsettle; Corner Cupboard; Drawers; Sewing Machine, by Wheeler and Wilson, no worse than new.

DAIRY UTENSILS. — Butter Churn; Scales; Weights; Prints; Measures; Bowls; Butter Tubs, &c.

40 Young Hens and Cocks, &c.; Grindstone; a lot of Old Iron; and other Articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at Twelve for One o'clock prompt.

The Auctioneer has great pleasure in calling the attention of the public to the Horses, which are honest and good workers. The Cattle are good-haired and in splendid condition. The most of the Implements are little worse than new. The Hay that is left will be Sold. The Eatage will be Let up to May Term, at the end of Sale.

The Whickham Bankfoot Farm is about fifteen minutes' walk from Swalwell Station on the Market Lane, near Dunston.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 339u

JOHN CRAWFORD,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER AND FURNITURE AUCTIONEER,
25, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

Business done promptly and on reasonable terms.

### By Mr. J. Vickers.

J. VICKERS' PRESENT SALE ENGAGEMENTS.

Tow Law Auction Mart, April 13th.
Shittlehope Burn, Stanhope, Moor Sheep, April 15th.
Loft House, Lintz Green, Farming Stock, April 16th.
Wigdon Walls, near Bishop Auckland, Farming Stock, April 18th.
Tow Law Auction Mart, April 27th.
Rare Dean, Cornsay, Farming Stock, April 30th.

☞ For particulars see Advertisements; or apply to Auctioneer, Partridge Close, Tow Law. 333u

Rare Dean Farms, near Old Cornsay.

JOSEPH VICKERS, again favoured with the patronage of Messrs. FERENS & LOVE, who are relinquishing the above farms, will SELL BY AUCTION, without reserve, on Thursday, April 30th, 1885, the whole of the Superior and Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c. Particulars in due course.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 308u

Shittlehope Burn Farm, close to Stanhope Station.

JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from Mr. THOS. HEADS, who is leaving the above Farm and disposing of his valuable "Stanhope Moor" SHEEP STOCK, will SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises, on Wednesday, April 15th. 1885—

60 Young B.F. Ewes and Gimmers, in Lamb to B.F. Tups.
44 B.F. Wethers, 1, 2, and 3 years old.
54 B.F. Ewe and Wether Hogs.
1 B.F. Shearling Tup.
1 B.F. Tup Hog.

The above are a sound, healthy Sheep Stock, and demand the admiration and competition of those in quest of such.

Sale at One o'clock p.m.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 331u

Tow Law Auction Mart.

MONDAY FIRST, APRIL 13th, 1885.

PRESENT ENTRIES:—

25 Dairy Cows and Heifers.
5 Geld Cows.
20 Steers and Heifers, 1 to 2 years old.
8 Fat Cattle.
100 Fat Sheep.
Calves, Pigs, &c.
2 Tons New Land Hay.
1 Coup Cart, in good order.
A quantity of Sheep Dipping.
1 Brown Mare Pony, 7 years old, 14 h.h., warranted right.

ORDER OF SALE.—Fat Stock at 1 o'clock; Cows and Store Cattle at 2·30 p.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 330u

Loft House Farm, close to Lintz Green Station.

JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from Mr. R. PARMELLA, who is leaving the above farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Thursday, April 16th, 1885, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., comprising—

HORSES.

1 Bay Mare, 6 years old, in foal to "Pride of Derwent."
1 Brown Yearling Colt, by "Marquis of Lorne," Dam, Lot 1.
1 Brown Yearling Colt, by "Honest Tom."

CATTLE.

1 Red and White Cow, due in July.
1 White Cow, 1 month calven.
1 Red Cow, 6 weeks' calven.
1 Red Cow, geld.
3 Yearling Steers.
2 Yearling Heifers.
6 Heifer Stirks, 6 to 9 years old.
1 Roan S.H. Bull Stirk, 1 year old.
5 Finger Calves.

SHEEP.

12 Superior Young Leicester Ewes and Gimmers, and their followers, by "Leicester Tup."

IMPLEMENTS, &c

1 Long Cart; 2 Coup Carts; 1 Stone Roller; Wood Roller; 2 Swing Ploughs; Double-Mould Board Plough; 1 pair strong Iron Harrows; 2 Horse Drag Harrows; 1 pair Seed Harrows; pair Wood Harrows; pair Chain Harrows; pair Stitch Harrows; Corn Reaper, by Ord and Maddison; Scuffler; Clod Crusher; 2 Ribbing Ploughs; Turnip Slicer; 2 Sheep Racks; Cow Tubs; Corn Troughs; Cow Chains; Hand Tools; a few Bags of Potatoes, &c., &c.

Cart and Plough Gears for Three Horses. The Implements and Harness are all in good condition.

Also, a portion of the Household FURNITURE, and the EATAGE of about Twenty Acres of Meadow Land up to 13th May next.

Sale to commence at One o'clock p m.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 332u

### By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Hamsterley Grass Parks.

MR. J. OLEY has the honour to announce that the ANNUAL LETTING of the above Parks, by PUBLIC AUCTION, will be held on the Premises, on Thursday, April 23rd, 1885, in the following lots:—

| | A. | R. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lot 1.—High Park | 16 | 3 | 13 |
| „ 2.—Front Park | 38 | 0 | 0 |
| „ 3.—High Hamsterley | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| „ 4.—Low Crabtree Field | 13 | 2 | 23 |
| „ 5.—High Crabtree Field | 13 | 1 | 3 |
| „ 6.—Pond Field | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| „ 7.—Make Me Rich | 11 | 3 | 1 |
| „ 8.—Big Paddock | 9 | 2 | 0 |

Conditions at the time of Sale.

☞ Luncheon at the Hall at One o'clock; the Letting to commence immediately after.

Hamsterley Hall is One Mile from Lintz Green Station on the Consett Branch of the North-Eastern Railway. 334u

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

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. A. Brodie.

Monday, April 13th, 1885.—Sportsman's Arms, Dipton.—Sale of Excellent Household Furniture. Good Domestic Sewing Machine, Feather and Down Beds, and Miscellaneous Effects.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr DAVID REID, who is about to emigrate to Queensland, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Sportsman's Arms, Dipton, on Monday, April 13th, 1885, the whole of the Superior Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, removed from his private residence for convenience of sale.

Front Street, West Stanley.—Sale of Valuable and Well-situate Freehold Dwelling-House, Shop, and Building Ground.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. JOHN CLARKSON, Commercial Inn, West Stanley, on Wednesday, April 15th, 1885, at Seven o'clock in the Evening prompt, subject to Conditions to be then read, all those Valuable and Well-situate

FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES

in Front Street West Stanley, comprising good Front Shop, with Six Dwelling Rooms, and all Out-offices attached thereto, and good Stabling behind, at present in the occupation of Mr. Benjamin Armstrong, Newsagent; Mr Swinburn, Butcher; and another; the whole producing an annual Rental of £37 per annum. Also, will be included in the same Lot, a large Piece of Building Ground immediately contiguous to the said Property, containing 1,200 square yards or thereabouts. The attention of Capitalists and others is directed to this Sale, as the Premises are in the best position in this thriving mining district. Further particulars may be had on application to Mr. JOHN CRAYTOR, Grocer, West Stanley; of the AUCTIONEER, Town Hall, Consett; or from—

EDWARD WOOLER,
Solicitor,
245u 36, Priestgate, Darlington.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Valuer, and Estate Agent, Consett, undertakes the Sale by Public Auction or otherwise, of Houses and Land, Farming Stocks, Household Furniture, Merchandise, or other Effects, on reasonable terms. Valuations for Probate, Dissolution of Partnership, and Settlement of Claims under Fire Insurances, or in Disputes. Fire, Life, and Accident Assurances arranged without delay. Shares of every description Bought and Sold on Commission. The Victoria Sale-Rooms are always open for the reception of Goods for absolute Sale.

Postal Address—ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett.

### By Mr. A. Phillipson.

29, Double Row, Byer Moor.—Monday, April 13th, 1885

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mrs. BRABHAM, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, a great part of her Household FURNITURE and other EFFECTS. See Posters.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 337u

South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton.—Monday, April 20th, 1885.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. J. WILKINSON (who is Emigrating), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his Household FURNITURE and other APPOINTMENTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 337u

Valuable Freehold Property for Sale.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, favoured with instructions from Mr. GEORGE FORSTER will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr. MILES HANDY'S, Catchgate, on Wednesday Evening, April 22nd, 1885, at Seven o'clock, all that

SPECIAL FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

Viz:—Cottage of 3 Rooms, and Convenience; also 300 Square Yards of Land, or thereabouts, with a quantity of Building Material thereon, and situated at West Kyo, and occupied by Mr Matthew Pyle, who will show the Premises.

☞ For further particulars apply to Mr. GEORGE FORSTER, Stanley; or to the AUCTIONEER, Dipton.

☞ CHEAP EMIGRATION.

GREAT REDUCTION IN FARES TO AMERICA, QUEENSLAND, &c.

Liverpool to America, £2 16s. and £3, by the best Lines.

To Australian Colonies at the Lowest Rates.

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269u A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Dipton.

### By Mr. William Nicholson

Dean House, near Satley.

MR. W. NICHOLSON, instructed by Mr. GEORGE DIXON who is declining Farming, will OFFER BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 15th, 1885, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, EATAGE, TURNIPS, HAY, &c., comprising:—

HORSES.

Lot 1—Brown Draught Mare, 7 years, 15·3 h., in Foal to "Brown George."
„ 2.—Black Horse, 4 years, 15·3 h.
„ 3.—Brown Cob, 4 years.
„ 4.—Bay Mare, 5 years, 15·3 h.
„ 5.—Chestnut Yearling Colt, by "Brown George."
„ 6.—Bay Filly 2 years, by "Brown George."
„ 7.—Black Entire Pony, 12h.

CATTLE.

Black Polled Cow, recently calving.
H. B. Red Heifer, new calving.
S. H. Red and White Cow, due June 24th.
S. H. Roan Cow, close to profit.
S.H. Roan Cow, due June 25th.
Red and White Cow, close to profit.
H. B. Red Heifer, new calving.
Ayrshire Heifer, due in May.
S. H. Roan Heifer, due June 4th
H. B. Brindled Heifer, due April 7th.
H. B. Roan Heifer, due May 12th.
S. H. Steer, 2 years old.
4 S. H Steers, 1½ years old.
3 S. H. Heifers, 15 months old.
2 S. H. Steers, 15 months old.
2 S. H. Steers, 6 months old
3 Finger Calves.
S. H. Roan Bull, 1½ years old.

SHEEP, PIGS, POULTRY.

45 Young B.F. Ewes, in Lamb to Leicester Tup.
20 B.F. Wether Hoggs.
4 H.B. Gimmer Hoggs.
2 Leicester Tup Hoggs.
1 Sow, in Pig.
30 Hens and 5 Ducks.
2 Geese, Gander, and Goslings.

IMPLEMENTS.

2 Coup Carts and Shelvings; Long Cart; Spring Cart Horse Hay Rake; Combined Reaping Machine, by Kearsley; Iron Wheel Plough; Pair of Four-bull Harrows; Clod Crusher; Grubber; Turnip Drill; Roller; Scuffler; Chaff Cutter, nearly new, by Ord and Maddison, with horse-power for driving the same; Cake Crusher, by Ord and Maddison; Turnip Cutter; Sheep Heck; 2 Sheep Troughs; Corn Bin; 10 Hurdles; Wheelbarrow; 3 Ladders; 2 Hay Spades; Hay Knife; Grindstone; Cow Bands; Cow Tubs; Swills; Rakes; Forks; Spades; Shovels; Hoes; Draining Tools; Sacks; Bags; Cart Ropes; Cart and Plough Harness for three horses. BLACKSMITHS' SHOP.—Bellows; Anvil; Blacksmiths' Tools and Iron.

DAIRY UTENSILS.

Large Barrel Churn, by Tinkler; smaller Do.; 2 Lead Bowls; a large quantity of Earthenware Bowls; Butter Scales and Weights.

EATAGE AND HAY.

150 Acres of Pasture and Meadow Land, and 6 Acres of Seeds to be eaten up to the 12th of May, 1885; about 10 tons of Yellow Bullock Turnips, in lots to suit purchasers; 2 Stamps of Old-land Hay, to be taken off the Premises.

Sale to commence at Half-past Twelve o'clock p.m.

☞ The Horses are all young and honest good workers; the Cows are a very superior class; the young Cattle are a good class, and very forward in condition; the Black-faced Ewes are full of wool, and likely for having a big crop of Lambs.

Stowe House, Cornsay, 1885. 343u

### Mr. H. Brown.

Leadgate.—Quarry Street.

MR. HENRY BROWN, instructed by Mr. J. W. THWAITES, who is Emigrating to Queensland, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the above place, on Saturday, April 18th, 1885, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE. For particulars see Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 335u

Peel's Great Northern Horse Repository, Haymarket
The Oldest Established in the City.

SALES BY AUCTION of HORSES, CARRIAGES and SADDDLERY, EVERY TUESDAY, Two o'clock.

Entries respectfully solicited.

A. T. CROW, Auctioneer.
JOHN PEEL, Proprietor

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

## Sales by Auction.

### By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY FIRST, APRIL 13TH, 1885.

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## EDITORIAL NOTICES.

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.—Received too late for insertion this week.

W.R.G., HEBBURN.—You seem to imagine that newspapers are issued for the insertion of *free* advertisements. A previous communication from you of an advertising character was also withheld.

☞ In consequence of the enormous influx of advertisements, we are compelled to curtail several reports and with-hold many items of news.

# The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1885.

## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

The lessees of the Shotley Spa Grounds have done well to reduce the charge for admission to this famous holiday resort. There is a class of visitors to whom the advertised attractions are in reality no attraction—a class of people who love to spend an afternoon or evening under the greenwood tree, or listen to the mystic song of the ever-flowing river. To such, and to working men in the habit of giving their children an occasional treat, the reduced rate of admission will be especially welcome. The employment of our local crack musicians is another commendable feature in the new *regime* at the Spa. Let us hope that the same broad spirit will continue to be manifested throughout the recurring holidays of the season, then will the lessees deserve not only the support but that which next to riches themselves is much to be prized—the best wishes of the people.

The Consett and District Cricket Club have determined to take the field betimes. Saturday week is the date announced for the opening rendezvous; and on that auspicious day, captain Mr S. Templeton and vice-captain Mr P. Gibson will marshall their respective favourites. The public have always taken a kindly interest in the doings of our local athletes; and the opening day will this year be exceptionally attractive. Fresh from the benches of our local House of Commons, from the desk, and from the studio, it is not to be supposed that the votaries of the willow will be in what could be termed expellent form; but men's shortcomings are quite as diverting as their excellencies, and frequently more so. The club gave a fairly good account of itself last year. Twenty-five matches were played with the following result—twelve victories, nine defeats, and four drawn matches. It will thus be seen that they held their own against all comers—a creditable state of things indeed, when it is remembered that they were matched against some of the best teams in the North. Should the Club continue to progress and prosper as it has done in the past, one would not be surprised to find its members in the same delightful position as the monarch who is said to have wept, because he had no more kingdoms to conquer. Exercise with bat and ball is one of the most popular of our national pastimes, and as the quarterly subscription is only nominal, young men will do well to associate themselves with this crack band of athletes. The roll shows a goodly membership already; but the motto seems to be—the more the merrier.

The late holiday season dawned most auspiciously. Nothing could be more delightful than the golden sunshine of Friday; but succeeding days brought cold, biting winds, like hidden foes, that seemed to war against mankind. Four live-long days luckily fell to my share and, wiser than I used to be, I made them holidays proper by turning them to account by rail, road, and water. I have less fancy for boating than some people; and the two fine gentlemen who hired a boat at Tynemouth on Friday will, I should fancy, think twice before they go to sea again. Like other fools, they hired a pleasure (*sic*) boat, and knowing nothing whatever about the craft they turned it broadside to the rolling waves, and in a twinkling it was upside down and the would-be sailors floundering in the water. One was a tall man, the other a very short one; and happily for the short one they were not far out when they parted company with the boat. The tall one held the head of his diminutive companion above water till a treacherous wave sent both sprawling. It was a close shave with both of them; and if they are wise they will seek in future a less hazardous outlet to pleasure-seeking. Later in the day other two boats shared the same fate. Every season brings its share of boating and bathing casualities; and the above is a fair illustration of how they are brought about.

An incident of a much more painful character came under my notice on Monday. I was walking along New Bridge Street, Newcastle, and observing an excited crowd on the other side, I crossed over the way and was even more surprised still to see men scrambling frantically one over the other like terrified sheep in a pen. This was in a broad archway, inside of which was a massive door bearing the following inscription:—"City relief fund, branch office." The door was partly ajar, and it was through this aperture that the men were striving headlong to enter. The crush near the door was terrific—so great indeed that I observed several men fall backward and roll in the dust, and on regaining their feet blows were exchanged freely. Strong arms must have guarded the passage within, for it was forcibly closed, and those who sought to enter sent staggering in the archway beyond. The scene is to me a mystery even now. It seemed to be the rule to open the door for a given time, and then to forcibly close it irrespective of the number of supplicants without. The whole was, I suppose, a phase of city life, but not one, certainly, that was calculated to elevate or refine.

Poor baby! it is pitiful to think of the pretty dear being saddled with a pair of breeches before its little life had extended to nine full moons. But so it was, for this is such an age of progress and improvement, people cannot afford to wait for the ordinary old-fashioned method of development. So at least it seemed to be with the happy couple who went a-shopping on the morning of Easter Monday. They would have breeches to the baby; and although the little gentleman had a voice—and a strong one too—in the matter, neither scream nor gestulation availed him. I was quite as interested in the fitting process as either the bland shopman or the proud parents. I laughed outright, and everybody laughed, bar the baby, who shrieked and kicked till he nearly leapt out of his breeches. It was in vain that the shopman suggested that a tunic would be more appropriate than a suit. The mother had set her heart upon breeches, and breeches she meant to have. A knowing smile passed over the face of the man of business as he half audibly observed—"Well, he is certainly the smallest man I ever breeched, but I'll do it." And do it he did to the satisfaction of everybody—bar the baby. It's all very well for the shopkeeper, but not quite so charming for the nurse.

A ride to Durham on Tuesday was the most delightful of my four days' outing. The deep, mellow tones of the organ in the grand old Cathedral seemed to whisper a sweet amen to pleasure-seeking for a season; and I bade adieu to the ancient city as the sable curtains of the night were slowly falling on the valley of the winding Wear.

## Local and District News.

### CONSETT.

In consequence of the breaking of the shaft and crank of one of the engines at No. 2 puddling-mill at Consett Iron Works, on Wednesday, about 400 hands will be thrown out of employment for some time. A stoppage has also occurred in the old puddling mills.

THE RATING OF BLAST FURNACES.—In our report of the proceedings of the Consett Local Board, last week, we attributed to Mr J. Collinson the expression that "blast furnaces were liable to be rated whether they were lit up or damped out." What Mr Collinson words intended to imply was that if blast furnaces were only lit up at the time the rates were levied, although they might be damped down shortly afterwards, they could be rated.

THEATRE ROYAL.—This week, Mr H Loraine's renowned dramatic company, which embraces Miss Edith Kingsley and other favourites, has been performing each night, to pretty good audiences. The pieces represented are capitally reproduced, and the several actors secure rounds of applause. This powerful combination company is well worthy of the patronage and support of the public, and their engagement at Consett terminates to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

QUEENSLAND.—In the present glutted state of the labour market, it is pleasing to note in the *St. Stephen's Review* that the Agent-General for this prosperous and rising colony offers free passages by steam and other vessels to domestic servants and single agricultural labourers, and assisted passages to miners, general labourers, and artisans. He has also renewed the appointments of the old government agents for this purpose, and we understand that Mr Adam Brodie, of the Town Hall, Consett, is now sending a great number of these classes out to this flourishing field of industry.

### BLACKHILL.

It will be seen from our advertising columns that the foundation stone of the new church of St. Aidan, Blackhill, will be laid on Thursday next by Mr W. Jenkins, J.P.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—On Easter Sunday, the ringers of the above church rang their first peal of grandsire doubles, consisting of 120 changes. It is exactly twelve months since the above ringers commenced the art of ringing, and it speaks very highly indeed of their steady and persevering progress. Great credit is due to their well-worthy tutors, Mr Whinney, Blackhill, who has spared no labour in assisting them with their arduous tasks, and also Mr Wallis, of St Stephen's, Newcastle, under whose leadership they are at present. The names who rang the above peal are:—Mr J. Kempson, treble bell; Mr J. S. Dobson, 2nd do.; Mr J. Moore, 3rd do.; Mr E. J. Sloane, 4th do.; Mr A. Nichol, 5th do.; and Mr R. Moore, tenor bell.

B.S.S.—"Sanctification, incipient and complete," formed the subject of Mr Mackay's paper on Saturday evening. In a careful and (we may add) beautifully constructed essay, Mr Mackay gave a rapid *resume* of the varied theological teachings upon the question. With Mr Mackay "Sanctification" was a progressive work; its full evolution not having completion on earth but culminating in heaven. In the after interchange, the question was keenly discussed, most of the students taking quite a personal interest, theoretical and experimental, in the topic. To us it appeared that most of the students took Mr Mackay's view of the matter, that is, full and perfect sanctification not being an earthly accomplishment. The discussion, of sanctification, involving many issues, those issues themselves became occasional standards of thoughtful (and bloodless) contention. Conversation then became general upon Biblical, historical, and literary subjects, until the time of closure when, with quiet good-night, a shake of the hand and good wishes for the next meeting, silence reigned supreme in the Areopagus. The topic to-morrow (Saturday) night is "The Deluge; was it Universal?"

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

At the Hexham Stallion Show on Tuesday, the following local horses were shown:—Bannerman, the property of Messrs J. H. and W. Wood, Field Head, Shotley Bridge; and Young Derwent Lad, the property of Mr Edwd. Dixon, Ebchester Mill.

TONIC SOL-FA ASSOCIATION.—The members of the above association held their first annual supper, on March 30th, in the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school schoolroom, kindly granted for the occasion. After supper a handsome time-piece was presented by the secretary of the association to Mr Joseph Mackay, of Highgate, for his able services, as teacher, during the past six months. Mr W. Wardhaugh, jun., acting as Chairman, said that Mr Mackay's services could not be over estimated, seeing that by his indefatigable perseverance a great amount of good had already been accomplished, and he advised those who were not members of the association to join at once, and benefit under Mr Mackay's tuition.—Mr Mackay, in reply, said he was very much moved by such an exhibition of kindness on the part of his friends, and would treasure their gift as a rich memento of one of the happiest periods of his existence. He had been told by some friends at Blackhill, that in Shotley Bridge there was sufficient material to form a very powerful choir, second to none in the neighbourhood, and that by strict attention on his part, and also of every individual member of the association to their lessons, he hoped the day was not distant when such a desirable attainment would be reached.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET.

THE WATER QUESTION.—We are informed that the water question was again before the Guardians on Thursday se'nnight, and that they have agreed to the terms asked for by the Consett Company for the supply to Chester-le-Street and Chester Moor; also with the Shildon Company for the supply to Sacriston, Daisy Hill, &c., subject to the sanction of the London Local Board. We might add that there is great credit due to the present Guardians, who have brought this grievance to such a successful issue.—*Chester-le-Street Times.*

### LANCHESTER.

LECTURE.—On Wednesday se'nnight, a lecture under the auspices of the Durham and Northumberland Peace Society, was delivered in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Lanchester, by Mr D. Reed, Leadgate, local agent to the Peace Society. Mr Pickering occupied the chair.

THE VICARAGE.—The Rev Canon M. N. Kearney, who has been for the past two years curate-in-charge of the village of Stranton, West Hartlepool, has been temporarily engaged to officiate as clergyman of the parish until a successor to the late Rev J. Dingle has been nominated by the Lord Chancellor. The rev. gentleman entered upon his duties on Easter Saturday.

### WEARDALE.

LEADMINING.—The quarterly "bargains" were let on Tuesday at New House Offices, and the placing of the men showed considerable extension, all, with few exceptions, being employed.

LOCAL MEN IN AUSTRALIA.—It will be of interest to the inhabitants of Upper Weardale to learn that at the last annual exhibition of the Schools of Art in connection with the National Gallery of Melbourne, Mr John Longstaff, belonging an old Weardale family, had the distinction of carrying off first prize for the best picture of the season. His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, in the course of his remarks after distributing the prizes, said: "From what they had seen that day they could rest satisfied with the future prospects of art in the colony. One of Mr Longstaff's drawings, the subject being a study of a lady in a light dress, was, he believed, quite equal to some of the efforts of famous French masters." The young artist was originally destined for mercantile pursuits, and was placed with a firm in Melbourne; but some three or four years ago his father was induced to get his engagement cancelled, and he was put under the best colonial tuition in the vocation of his choice. Mr Ralph Longstaff, father of the young gentleman, was one of the first of the hundreds who left Weardale to seek their fortunes when the fame of the gold discoveries stirred up the enterprising spirit of the leadmining community of Weardale.

### ANNFIELD PLAIN.

LECTURE ON GENERAL GORDON.—A very instructive lecture was given in the Co-operative Hall, on Monday night, by Mr Alfred Phillipson, of Dipton. The subject was handled in a very masterly way by the lecturer, and the faithful delineation of the character and history of this splendid modern hero was greatly appreciated and elicited hearty applause. The chair was ably filled Mr H. Greener, South Pontop Colliery, and we understand the proceeds of this effort will be devoted to further improving the Wesleyan Chapel at Dipton, which has recently been in considerable debt.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday night, the 59th quarterly meeting was held, Mr P. Reay (president) in the chair. Mr W. Bell (secretary) read the minutes, which were adopted. The balance sheet showed the aggregate sales in all departments for quarter ending Mar. 9th to be £17,937 12s 4½d, making a gross profit of £4,252 19s 0d, which the committee distributed as follows:—Wages, £463 6s; current expenses, £220 3s 11d; interest on share capital, £166 2s 9d; and £1 8s on savings' bank interest; and the nett profit appropriated as follows:—Dividend on members checks at 3s 6d in the pound, £3,115; depreciation of buildings, £150; reserve fund, £50; and balance of £86 18s 3d carried forward. Members have increased 36, making a total of 1,956. Goods sold: Grocery department, £8,208 8s; drapery, £1,453 18s 10½d; Dipton branch: £2,533 4s 4d; Langley Park branch: grocery, £4,760 2s 8½d; drapery, £982 3s 9½d; reserve fund, £950; average nett profit per pound sales: grocery, 3s 10d; drapery, 3s 6½d; Dipton, 4s 2½d; Langley Park: grocery, 3s 5d; drapery, 4s; average working expenses per pound sales, 6¾d grocery; drapery, 6½d; Dipton: 5¾d; Langley Park: grocery, 6d; drapery, 4½d; the average per cent. gross profit, grocery, 23; drapery, 21; Dipton: 24⅔; Langley Park: grocery, 21; drapery, 23.—The question of opening a branch store in Westwood and Allendale Cottages district was urgently propounded on behalf of the members in the west. Mr I. Newton, Clavering Place, was appointed check clerk at central stores.

### WEST STANLEY.

C.E.T.S.—(*Beamish Branch.*)—On Monday evening, 30th ult., an interesting and entertaining meeting was held in the Stanley National Schools. The chair was occupied by the Rev. L. M. Chesters (vice-president), who fully discharged his duty by the witty remarks he made. After the meeting had been suitably opened, the choir sang the chorus "The old black cat," fully sustaining their well-credited reputation. This was followed by Mr E. W. Robson, who again kept the audience in roars of laughter by reading "Betty at a public dinner," after which Messrs E. W. Robson (treble), W. Anderson (alto), J. W. Kelly (tenor), and R. D. Grundy (bass), rendered the part-song "The village blacksmith," which received loud applause. The solos were sung in good style, and the brilliant accompaniment of Mr G. Anderson (harmoniumist) added greatly to the effect. Master Drummond recited "Change of style," after which Mr Johnson sang "The anchor's weighed," receiving an *encore*. Mr Johnson again appeared in the song "Peaceful stars," followed by the recitation "The little soldier," executed in a capital manner by Master J. Masterman. The next was an address by Mr G. Bruce, who kept the audience in incessant merriment throughout by his amusing remarks on "Temperance," and especially did he please the younger members of the society. The quartette "My little wife and I," was so well rendered by Messrs E. W. Robson, J. W. Kelly (tenors), J. Robson, and R. D. Grundy (bass), that it received an *encore*, and the quartette party were obliged to appear again. The programme was closed by Mr Johnson singing "Sailing" in an excellent manner. One member joined the society after the meeting.

OPENING OF A NEW ORGAN.—On Good Friday, the Wesleyan Methodists of West Stanley opened a new organ. Mr Foster (Consett) preached in the afternoon, after which a public tea was provided in the chapel, which was principally given by the members of the society, and of which a large number of people partook. The ladies presiding over the tables were: Misses Proudlock, Read, Anderson, and Mrs Severs.—In the evening an enjoyable entertainment was given, some good pieces being rendered by the Wesleyan choir of Consett, under the leadership of Mr Lumley. Two solos were sung by Misses H. Smith and J. Harwood, the latter receiving an *encore* for the piece "The better land."—Mr Oliver, in an appropriate address, said he was glad to see so many faces from Consett that he knew, and when he looked round it carried him right away back over forty years. He trusted they would altogether make the evening as comfortable as possible.—Mr Foster also gave an address, remarking that he thought that when opening a new organ, the principal part of the proceedings would be comprised of singing. They believed in sacred music, as allied to the words in their hymn books, and they held the singing of those sacred words exercised a powerful influence over the people. Methodists ought to be thankful that Charles Wesley had given them such inspirational taste for the cultivation and selection of such hymns. In former times their singing was no doubt aided by the Spirit. However, he was afraid at present they do not recognise this fact. They must sing with the Spirit and with the understanding, and get their hearts tuned with the love of God.—The financial statement was given by Mr Morland, who said they commenced the year with a balance of £7 0s 1d; seat rents, £9 3s 6d; anniversary services, £3 16s 6d; subscriptions, &c., £13 3s 0½d; total, £33 3s 1½d. Expenditure, lighting, cleaning, &c., £6 18s 6d; repairs, £9 3s 10½d; insurance, £8 5s 0d; total, £24 7s 4½: leaving a balance of £8 15s 9d. That day's proceedings were: Income, £9 19s 11½d; expenditure, 18s 8½d; leaving a balance of £9 1s 3d.—The usual votes of thanks to singers, speakers, and ladies, terminated the meeting.—A public supper was afterwards held.

### STANHOPE.

ACCIDENT TO AN ENGINEMAN.—A sad accident occurred on Easter Monday at Parsonbyres Quarry, Stanhope. Whilst the engineman, a son of Mr John Dodds, Stanhope, was following his employment, he appears to have fallen on to the rails, and the engine ran over one of his legs, crushing it horribly. Dr Livingstone was in attendance; but the man died the same night.

### WOLSINGHAM.

The Wolsingham Steelworks are at present well supplied with orders in all departments, a portion of the railway plant for Suakim and Berber being there actively pushed forward.

LAND VALUE.—Mr R. Calvert, Bishop Auckland, sold at the Black Bull Inn, Wolsingham, on Tuesday, three fields belonging to Mrs Mainprize. Lot 1, consisting of two fields, containing 4½ acres, was bought by the Stanners Closes Steel Company for £505; Lot 2, containing 4 acres, was knocked down to Mr T. Robson for £450.

### BLAYDON.

LOCAL BOARD.—The monthly meeting of the Blaydon Local Board was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Green presiding.—The Medical Officer reported that the number of deaths for the quarter just ended had been 75, being at the rate of 24·5 per 1,000 per annum, or, deducting 20 deaths of persons upwards of 60 years of age, at the rate of 17·6. The births for the quarter numbered 127, being at the rate of 43 per 1,000 per annum.—The Clerk presented a comparative statement of the cost of repairs of roads in the districts of the Blaydon, Ryton, and Benwell and Fenham Local Boards for one year. The Blaydon roads, which are 40 miles in length, cost £1,481 16s 6d, or an average of £35 per mile; the Ryton roads, 40 miles, cost £727 17s 10d, or £18 per mile; and the Benwell and Fenham roads, 13 miles, cost £663, or £51 per mile.—The Surveyor said the cost of the repairs of roads depended very much on the amount of traffic over them and the nature of the roads. Heavy inclines were expensive to maintain.

THE MORTALITY OF PIT VILLAGES.—The report of Dr Brown, the Medical Officer of Health of the Winlaton Rural District and of the Blaydon and Ryton Union Districts, has been kindly forwarded to us. It should be widely circulated in the district of Newcastle, as throwing much light on the causes of death that obtain still in villages and small communities in the very heart of the district which is associated with all that is effective in engineering and mechanics. If a little of the genius that been so lavishly spent on the means of locomotion could only be spared for increasing the means of life, or rather abating the causes of death, what great results would accrue. How much healthier the children would be, and how much happier the parents. Life itself would be ever so much more worth living if the diseases by which it is blighted and impoverished from infancy upwards could be curtailed or abolished. If untainted water could be supplied and the house space increased, infantile diarrhœa and typhoid would largely disappear, and the insidiously introduced infection might have some chance of isolation. If the Blaydon Sanitary Authority is disposed to effect these beneficial changes, it need do no more than read Dr Brown's report and act upon its suggestions. The significance of much of the disease of which he speaks is unmistakable. Twenty-one deaths in a population of 11,800 from summer diarrhœa; 45 deaths, in the third quarter of the year, under five years of age, in a total 77 deaths; 14 deaths from enteric fever at Blackhall Mill; 68 victims to lung disease, being nearly one-fourth of the whole number of deaths, and 60 deaths of infants—from thrush 8; tabes 10; meningitis, 12; convulsions, 18; and premature birth, 12—convey to the medical mind conditions of existence which not only kill, but which debilitate and impoverish those who survive. The mortality of the whole district is that of a crowded city rather than that of rural villages. We will not here reproduce Dr Brown's account of the water-supply and its intimate relation with wells and ashpits and privies. His language is not that of a sensational alarmist, but of an earnest and kindly physician; and we cannot but hope that it will have the attention of his sanitary authority; and let us hope, also, of beneficial ladies of the district, who, with a little pains, might diffuse among the people intelligent ideas of food, fresh air, house-keeping, &c., pending the arrival of that period described by Dr Brown when the School Board authorities will think it a fundamental part of their duty to instil into the juvenile minds under their care elementary ideas of health and its conditions.—*Lancet.*

### TOW LAW.

Nine emigrants left Tow Law for the United States on Tuesday.

The young man named Parker, whose extraordinary escape at Tow Law was recorded a fortnight ago, has almost recovered from the severe shock he received.

WEARDALE UNION.—The voting papers for the election of Guardians were distributed on Wednesday. For Tow Law parish, five candidates are nominated, including the three old Guardians.

CHILD BURNT TO DEATH.—An inquest was held by Deputy-Coroner Proud, at the Inkermann Inn, on Tuesday, on the body of Mary Ann Hewitson, aged 9 years, who was shockingly burnt on Good Friday afternoon. A number of children were amusing themselves by setting fire to the furze at the outskirts of Tow Law, when the deceased's clothes got ignited, and in a few minutes the dress was completely burnt. The girl lingered till 2 a.m. on Saturday, when she expired from the effects of burns.—Verdict, "Accidental death."

### HAMSTEELS.

LIBERAL MEETING.—A largely-attended meeting of Liberal electors of Cornsay Polling District, convened by Messrs W. Logan and Lovell, took place in Hamsteels British Schools, Mr Charles Davison (colliery manager) presiding. The following were elected members of the Lanchester Divisional Committee:—Messrs C. Davison chairman; J. C. Raine vice-chairman; E. Handy secretary (all of Cornsay); Rev J. P. De Pledge (Satley), Messrs J. G. Wild (Hedleyhope), and A. Browell and H. Scott (Cornsay) representatives.

### MEDOMSLEY.

MINING FATALITY.—On Wednesday night, a hewer named Joseph Cawthorne, aged 61, living at Medomsley, was accidentally killed by a fall of stone in the Derwent Pit, the property of the Consett Iron Company. Deceased leaves a wife and large family.

### LEADGATE.

In the report of the Iveston township meeting, the proposal to grant Mr Robson (assistant-overser) an increase of salary was seconded by Mr Blanch, of Low Brooms, not Mr *Bland*, of Iveston, as already stated.

### DIPTON.

LARCENY.—At the Durham Assizes, on Monday, *Caroline Davis* (23), servant, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a quantity of goods, the property of Robt. Clarke, of the Sportsman's Arms, Dipton, on the 20th July last.—She was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

## LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

At the monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon—Mr R. W. Shaw (chairman) presiding—the Building Committee reported that they had approved of Mr C. Cleggs' plan for the erection of an eight-roomed cottage at the east end of the village, and the same was stamped. The same committee recommended the Board to consider the advisability of providing a sufficient sewer for water-closets, to correspond with the block plan sent in by Mr Foreman; Mr G. Nicholson explaining that it would be necessary to lay the sewer into the back street, inasmuch as Mr Clegg intended to use a water-closet.—No reply was forthcome from the Consett Iron Company relative to the condition of the Blue and Red Rows at Crookhall, and as the Surveyor pressed for the work to be accomplished this summer, it was determined to keep the subject on the minutes.—Complaint having been made regarding the bad illuminating power of the street lamps of Leadgate, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings, it was resolved so draw the attention of the Shotley Bridge authorities to the scarcity and quality of the gas.—Mr Hudson suggested that the Board should test the gas either monthly or quarterly, but the idea was not entertained.—A communication was read from the Whickham Local Board (identical to the letter sent to the Consett Local Board, and published in last week's issue) asking the Leadgate Board to co-operate with them in inducing the N.E.R. Company to run a late train from Newcastle two nights per week. The Board, after some discussion, resolved to petition for a train to depart from the City every night, leaving at 10 or 10·30.—The Chairman and Mr W. H. Hedley were appointed as a deputation to await upon the Directors on the question; and the Clerk (Mr Coupland) will communicate this decision to the Consett and Whickham Local Boards.—Mr M. Robson gave notice to move next month that the hours of the Board's meetings should be altered.—The bill of costs from Mr Daglish, solicitor, incurred the action of The Board *v.* Bland, and also taking counsel's advice upon other matters, was laid before the Board. The account, which dated back as far as 1877, and extended until March 1881, originally amounted to £95, but had been reduced to £52 8s 5d, the Clerk mentioning that Mr Daglish had already paid £21 14s out of his own pocket.—The Chairman and other members having complained of the delay in forwarding the account, it was at length agreed that the Clerk should refer the same to Mr Radford (auditor), who will be asked to give an opinion as to whether the Board can legally pay the money.—The balance in hand was reported to be £306 7s 0d.—Mr Hudson urged the Board to undertake the repairing of the public watering trough at the bottom of Boggle Hole Bank, and it was decided that the Roads' Committee should examine the place at their forthcoming inspection.—The Surveyor (Mr Longstaff) reported that he had constructed another settling tank near to the old ponds, which was answering satisfactorily, and Mr Brown remarked that a great improvement had been effected.—The Clerk presented the subjoined list of attendances of the members at the thirteen Board meetings for the year ending 25th March, 1885, which it was agreed should be published:—

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| R. W. Shaw | 12 | L. Nicholson | 10 | J. J. Hedley | 9 |
| T. Lammonby | 12 | G. Nicholson | 9 | M. Robson | 9 |
| W. H. Hedley | 11 | J. H. Hudson | 9 | W. Keenlyside | 8 |
| W. Brown | 11 | J. Davison | 8 | E. Todd | 8 |

—It was explained that Mr Davison, who had hitherto been a regular attender, had been incapacitated from being present owing to an accident; and one or two of the members affirmed that they had attended on more occasions than enumerated by the Clerk.—On the motion of Mr Hedley, seconded by Mr Brown, a hearty and enthusiastic vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for so ably and impartially presiding over their deliberations during the past twelve months.

"BUCHU FABIA."—Complete cure of all kidney and kindred complaints, stinging, irritation, inflammation. At Chemists. F. Newbery and Sons, Agents, 1 King Edward Street, London.

WITH pardonable pride, a lady displayed a very ancient piece of house-linen to her servant, saying as she held it up for inspection, "Look, Bridget, at this table-cloth; it has been in our family for over two hundred years." Bridget eyed the article in question carefully, and then, stepping close up to her mistress, remarked, in a most confidential tone, "Shure, never mind, Mrs. Arthur dear. If you just kape quiet about it, and don't let on to anybody, who would know but what it was bought bran'-new out of the shop?"

AN old minister in the Cheviots used, when excited in the pulpit, to raise his voice to a loud half whimper, half whine. One day a shepherd had brought with him a young collie, who became so thrilled by the high note of the preacher that he also broke out into a quaver so like the other that the minister stopped short. "Put out that collie!" he said angrily. The shepherd, equally angry, seized the animal by the neck, and, as he dragged him down the aisle, sent back the growling retort at the pulpit, "It was yersel' begoud it!"

EXAMINATION blunders—The *Journal of Education* prints the following samples of examination blunders—"What are the mineral products of Australia?" "Tinned meats." "What is the feminine of cock-robin? Give similar instances of gender in English." "Jenny Wren; mare, mares, church, chapel." A boy of eleven, on entering a middle-class school, was told to write out the Lord's Prayer. He began, "Our Father witch art in even, Harold be thy name," and, turning to the master, who was looking over his shoulder, remarked, with a self-satisfied air, "That's my name too!" "Francis Bacon was a Black Friar who invented gunpowder and the new orgon: He was imprisoned in Jame's reign for the gunpowder plot, where he wrote his celebrated essays. He was a very learned man, and wrote a book about Greek augments."

## A LETTER FOR LADIES.

Seldom has Westminster Abbey seen such an enormous crowd as on the occasion of the marriage of Sir Edward Malet with the Lady Ermyntrude Russell. The rumours about the splendour of the bridal dress, the report that the Prince and Princess of Wales might possibly be present, combined with the unusual hour at which the wedding was fixed, drew an immense tribe of sight-seers to the venerable fane, which was crowded inside and out. The arrangements of the authorities were far from being perfect, and the wedding guests had some trouble to make their way through the crowd. Worse than this the bridesmaids after leaving the Abbey at the conclusion of the ceremony were obliged to come back again to search for a different exit, finding it impossible to make their way to their carriages by the same way that they had come in.

There was a goodly company of distinguished guests, and the array of carriages outside the Abbey suggested a drawing-room day more than a wedding. A dark handsome woman wore a striking costume of crimson velvet with a French gable bonnet of crimson and gold lace. Two sisters looked particularly pretty in white cashmere dresses trimmed with white fur, brown and gold bonnets tied with short brown strings, and bouquets of red and yellow tulips. The Duchess of Mecklenburg Strelitz looked very magnificent in olive and orange brocade, and the Duchess of Bedford (the bride's mother) wore a handsome toilette of bronze green. Mrs. Gladstone's dress was far from pretty—bright blue satin and velvet trimmed with a quantity of thick-looking white lace. The bridal trousseau exceeded anything that has been seen in this country except in the outfit of some richly-dowered Princess. One of the dresses was made of pink brocaded satin, copied from an old design of the Louis Quinze period, the upper part was made like a *redingote* and fastened with diamond buttons. Another dress had a trellis work of real gold on the skirt, and a plastron of the same on the bodice; violets were pulled through the trellis as if growing, and the foundation of the dress was apple-green silk. The golden trellis was a piece of Italian manufacture of ancient date, one of the numerous presents given to the bride by her mother. The ladies of Berlin must be looking forward greatly to the advent of their Ambassadress, to look upon whom will be an education in taste. Plenty of sunshine fell upon the bride—though really it is a question whether a woman with a hundred pairs of boots and shoes required any additional thing to make her happy.

Canvas will certainly be the leading material this season, and green will probably be the fashionable colour. Canvases with raised velvet stripes are greatly in request; indeed, it is one of the cases in which the demand may be said to exceed the supply, for they are difficult goods to manufacture and are caught up quicker than they can be made. Some plain material is always sold along with the stripes, so as to give plenty of variety to the costume. The French have all kinds of fanciful names to express these stripes by; for example, broad velvet stripes on a canvas ground are denominated by the alluring title of "Crœsus," whilst stripes of different widths and colours are called "Aladdin" for some reason unknown. I saw a beautiful dress made of this material the other day. The bodice and tablier were made of plain mouse-colour, whilst the petticoat had alternate stripes of moss green, peacock blue, and old gold raised on a mouse-coloured ground. The stripes were of different widths, and toned most beautifully with the colour of the back-ground. Another pretty canvas dress was made of Crœsus stripes. The ground was a dull fawn-colour, whilst the stripes were in moss green velvet. The bodice was of plain material. The skirt was also plain with the exception of two broad stripes of velvet near the edge of the kilts, the drapery was formed of two twisted scarves of the striped material, placed rather high in front, and forming a deep pouf at the back. A moss-green velvet Olivia bonnet completed the costume, with gold lace frills inside the brim.

"Nemesis" has been revived with some success at the Comedy Theatre, and it is undoubtedly one of the very few comedy-bouffes with a really good plot. The situations are most comic, and keep the audience in a state of laughter from beginning to end. The struggles of the unfortunate Benedict, who is engaged to two young ladies at once, are highly entertaining. Two expectant fathers-in-law (one of them a regular fire-eater) are too much for any man, and the scene where they both invite him to lunch at the same hour is only equalled by the finale, when the two weddings are fixed at the same hour, and the unhappy man flies from the clutches of one father-in-law only to fall into the arms of another. Much of the humour of the situation is lost, however, through the selection of Mr. Arthur Roberts as the hero. No doubt he is funny in his own way, but he is clearly out of his element in the part of Calino. The wretched Benedict, with a fatal propensity for flirting, even at the cannon's mouth, so to speak (I mean the very day before his wedding), requires to be played with a certain amount of grace and lightness; in Mr. Roberts' hands the part becomes broadly comic, and thereby loses half its humour. The interpolated songs, too, have nothing whatever to do with the piece. It is only fair to add that the audience enjoy them very much. Marius, in the fire-eating colonel, has a part which suits him exactly; he is intensely funny from beginning to end, though his first scene with Miss Lottie Venne is the best thing he does. Miss Venne plays very nicely, but it is a pity that she wears such an unbecoming travelling dress in the first act.

A large and distinguished audience gathered at the Olympic on Tuesday last to witness the first performance of a new drama by Mr. E. A. Elton, adapted from Mr. Charles Gibbon's novel, "For the King." "In Life or Death," is the title chosen for the new piece, which abounds in stirring incidents and strong situations. Mr. Elton has done his work of adaptation particularly well, and all the fine dialogue belonging to the novel has been skilfully transferred to the play. The action of the piece takes place at the end of the 17th century, and deals with some of the intrigues and imbroglios which arose from the attempts at insurrection by the followers of the ill-fated Chevalier. Lady Eleanor, the heroine of the piece, is in the unfortunate position of being wife to a Hanoverian, and daughter to a rebel, and the situations which arise from this are naturally strong and stirring. The audience seemed deeply interested on the occasion of the *matinée*, and the piece was an undoubted success. Miss Bella Pateman played the *rôle* of the heroine with great force and refinement. It seems strange that this talented actress should not oftener play first parts. She was ably supported by Mr. Charles Glenney as the hero, whose performance was marked by a good deal of grace in the lighter scenes and of energy in the fine speeches of the finale. As an instance of a thoroughly satisfactory rendering of a character part I may name Mr. A. Wood's performance of Dr. Brodie. I noticed a number of celebrities in the house—Mr. Charles Gibbon, the author of the novel, amongst them—Mr. Edgar Bruce in the stalls, with his arm in a sling, Mr. Kyrle Bellew, and many others. Miss Pateman's dresses were extremely artistic, and will well bear description. The first was of white brocaded satin, slashed with the palest pink, the hair being worn in long ringlets over the shoulders. The second was of black silk with a pink brocaded flower, worn over a petticoat of rich black satin. The last dress of all was extremely tasteful—a bodice and train of golden brown brocade on a pale blue ground, and a petticoat of quilted blue satin. Miss Pateman looked exactly as if she had stepped out of an old picture, and all her dresses were much prettier than those that she wears at the Lyceum in the part of Helen in the "Hunchback."

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There are no little facts in humanity. The feature of the months and years make up the face of the century.

Most men love the conflicting sex, and all men love to be told they do.

We should be careful to deserve a good reputation by doing well; and when that care is once taken, not to be over-anxious about the success.

Whoever is learned will most probably be liberal. This is one of the great benefits of science and philosophy. Knowledge elevates the mind, and a man of extensive and elevated views will not be a bigot.

## SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

### CUSTOMS OF EASTER-TIME.

From the earliest period of Christianity the festival of Easter has been celebrated with great joy, but the customs connected with that celebration have not always been so sensible and beautiful as might be wished, and some of them are very peculiar.

A very ridiculous custom called "lifting" or "heaving," prevailed for many years in the counties of Cheshire, Lancashire, Shropshire and Warwickshire, and though it is not carried on to the extent it used to be, it is still practised in some parts. On Easter Monday the men would lift the women, and on Easter Tuesday the women would lift or heave the men. The process was generally performed by two strong men or women joining their hands across each other's wrists; then, making the person to be heaved sit down on their arms, they lifted him or her, as the case might be, two or three times from the ground and sometimes carried their living burden several yards along the streets.

In the ancient city of Chester, where especially all the old customs and games used to be well kept up, the lifting was performed with a little more ceremony. If we can imagine ourselves taking a walk through the streets of the city one Easter Monday, about the middle of the seventeenth century, we shall probably see a crowd of gaily dressed young men carrying about a chair, lined with rich white silk, and hung with garlands of flowers and streamers of ribbons. As they meet each fair damsel, she is asked to seat herself in the chair. She may not like to do so, but she had better consent with as good a grace as she can, for they will not take "no" for an answer. When she has complied with their request, the chair is lifted as high as the young men can poise it in the air, and on its descent a kiss is demanded by each, and a fee must also be paid.

No rank, not even royalty, was, it seems, exempt from this strange fashion, for we find mention made in the records of the Tower of London of a payment to certain ladies and maids of honour for lifting King Edward the First. Probably the ladies regarded this as good fun, but 'twas rather dear fun for the king, seeing that he paid them for it a sum which would be equal in the present day to about £400!

Occasionally it has happened that a stranger, staying at Easter-time in one of the counties before mentioned, and being unacquainted with the customs of the people, has experienced a somewhat unpleasant surprise. One Easter Tuesday a grave clergyman, on his way through a town in Lancashire, put up at an inn for a few hours. While sitting at ease in his room, he was much astonished by three or four women suddenly rushing into his room, exclaiming that they had come "to lift him." "To lift me!" repeated the amazed minister; "what can you mean?" "Why, your reverence, we're come to lift you, 'cause it's Easter Tuesday." "Lift me because it's Easter Tuesday? I don't understand. Is there any such custom here?" "Yes, to be sure; why, don't you know? All of us women was lifted yesterday; and us lifts the men to-day in turn. And in course it's our reights and duties to lift 'em." But the reverend traveller did not at all relish the idea, and so, after a little further parley, he compromised with his visitors for half-a-crown, and thus escaped the dreaded compliment.

Young readers will open their eyes very wide when they are told that this "lifting" is done in memory of the Resurrection! Still, that is so; and the practice is only one of many vulgar and childish absurdities into which ancient religious ceremonies have degenerated.

It is an old custom in Shropshire and Herefordshire to make during Lent and Easter and also at Christmas a sort of rich and expensive cakes called simnel cakes. The crust is made of fine flour and water with sufficient saffron to give it a deep yellow colour, and the inside is filled with the materials of a very rich plum cake, with plenty of candied lemon peel and other good things. After being boiled for several hours the cakes are brushed over with white of egg and then baked. When ready for sale the crust is as hard as a piece of wood, and it is said that a lady to whom a large simnel was once sent, and who had never seen one before, mistook it for a footstool. In olden times it was usual to mark the simnels with a figure of Christ or of the Virgin Mary, which would seem to shew that they had a religious significance. It was the custom among our forefathers both in Christian and heathen times to eat consecrated cakes at their religious festivals, and our hot cross buns at Easter are only the cakes which the heathen Saxons ate in honour of their Goddess Easter, and from which the Christian clergy, who were unable to prevent the people from eating, sought to expel the paganism by marking them with a cross.

Many people may never have heard of "tansy cakes" and "tansy puddings," though these are still made and eaten in many parts of the country at Easter. The tansy is a plant of a bitter aromatic flavour, and the puddings and cakes made with it are emblematical of the bitter herbs commanded at the Paschal feast of the Jews. The custom of distributing Easter or "Paschal" eggs is also still observed by children, and among the peasantry of Lancashire. In the olden time, these eggs used to be in such demand at Easter, that they always rose considerably in price; they were boiled very hard in water coloured with red, blue, or violet dyes, with inscriptions or landscapes traced upon them; these were offered as presents among the "valentines" of the year, but more frequently played with by the boys as balls, for ball-playing on Easter Monday was universal in every rank of society. Even clergymen could not forego its delights. Strange to say, they used to play at ball in the churches for tansy cakes. It was a regular part of the service, in which even bishops and deans took a hand, and was accompanied by a kind of dance. The clergy tossed the ball to the choristers, who in turn passed it on from one to another. The service over all, retired for refreshment; a gammon of bacon, eaten in abhorrence of the Jews, was the standard dish; with a tansy pudding in memory of the bitter herbs of the Paschal feast.

Altogether, the boys and girls of the present day will agree that we do not need to regret the "good old days" when it was thought that the wonderful event which Christians celebrate at Easter could be honoured by such strange practices as these.

### SCHOOLBOY HONOUR.

A writer in "Little Folks" Magazine tells a story about two boys who were at school at Eton, and who were both very brave, though they did not either fight an enemy or seize a mad dog. This is what they did.

They both went out shooting one day, and were seen by a master. One boy managed to run away and hide in a ditch till all danger was past, but the other was caught and flogged severely. And not only did this happen, but the latter was told that unless he would give the name of the boy who was with him, he should be flogged again until he did. The boy refused, and bore the punishment rather than the other should have to suffer; but presently his companion rushed into the room with his throat bandaged up, and confessed that he had been shooting too. As he was ill in bed with a sore throat, brought on by hiding in the ditch, the masters forgave them both. I think you will agree with me that it required a great deal of moral courage to make a boy get out of bed, and run the chance of a flogging, to save his friend from suffering any more; and it is hard to say which was the braver of the two.

### NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—My *first* is an animal; my *second* is an animal; my *whole* is an animal.

2.—In canal my *first* may be seen,
And part of a gun I also mean;
My *second* you will easily trace,
It is a portion of your face;
My *whole* an accident will mean,
In which death oft does supervene.

3.—ENGLISH TOWNS ENIGMATICALLY NAMED.

Part of the body and a deep pond. Part of a ship. A small nail and a stream. Bright and a public place. A fabric and aside.

4.—My *first* means first, and tho' 'tis Greek,
For it you'll not have far to seek;
My *next's* a wager, and you'll own,
On every race-course it is known;
My *whole* of language forms a part,
Which you, no doubt, have learnt by heart.

5.—I am a word of ten letters. My 5, 3, 6, 1 is mature condition; my 7, 6, 2 is to mingle; my 9, 10, is used by fishermen; my 3, 8, 10 is a lit favourite: and my *whole* is a trial.

[illegible] saw it planned and [illegible]
[illegible] sums on his nob, [illegible]
[illegible] out.

[illegible] my *first* some like to stay
And squander precious hours away,
The loss there is no telling;
In buying [illegible] you get my *whole*,
[illegible] let my *second* be your rôle
In buying or in selling.

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LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

[illegible] 2. Sunderland. 3. Spark. 4. [illegible] carp. 5. Hum-drum.

(7) (8)

[illegible] SWIM FACE
[illegible] WADE [illegible]
[illegible] IDEA [illegible]
[illegible] HEAL [illegible]

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## THE BLACK SHAFT;

### OR, THE MINER'S DAUGHTER—A MYSTERY.

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### CHAPTER XVII.

A STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.—A NEW START.

The man Paul advanced stealthily, and so quietly that, had not the emigrant been awakened by an imaginary voice, in all probability he would have been robbed, and perhaps murdered, before he was more than half awake to his danger. But the voice, or the dream of the voice, had effectually aroused him; and when Paul reached the pallet and began to search for the money, the emigrant seized him by the throat.

"Ye treacherous villain!" he hissed out; "so I've caught you, have I?"

With a strength for which Paul was quite unprepared, the man suddenly rose and seized the left hand of his would-be robber in which the glistening blade was held.

A quick tussle ensued. The "Kurnul" advanced ostensibly to make peace, but really to assist his friend.

"Fight fair!" called out the emigrant. "You Yankee cowards—two to one! Stand back!"

This was addressed to the "Kurnul," who at the same moment received a blow full in the face from the horny hand of the Britisher, which drew a tremendous oath and a revolver at the same moment from the warrior.

"I'll let daylight through ye for that," was the man's angry rejoinder. The revolver was already raised, when a man who had darted out from a pallet hard by—a ragged scamp, tall and powerful, shock-headed and dirty—threw up the "Kurnul's" arm and shouted—

"Blame me if I see it done. Don't draw a bead on a defenceless man, you skunk, or I'll denounce you as a rebel!"

The "Kurnul" turned, and perceiving his lodger was determined, put up his "shooting iron" and tried to defend himself, verbally.

"No shootin'," continued the gigantic lodger. "Fair's fair; let them alone. Your pard began it, but, by thunder, he won't end it so easy!"

The struggle between the Englishman and his quondam acquaintance had already assumed a serious character. The Britisher had seized the wrist of his antagonist with his right hand, and the Yankee had caught his foe's left hand in his dexter grasp. So a wrestling bout began, greatly to the entertainment of the occupants of the cellar, who, relieved from all fear of stray bullets flying around, sat up and enjoyed themselves freely, and without risk.

"By dash, he'll make Paul stab himself!" shouted the colonel, as he watched the encounter with some alarm. "Pity he ain't got his shootin' iron handy," he muttered; "the Britisher will go for him."

The emigrant had "gone" for him already. Disgusted and exasperated by the treachery of the native, the Englishman had rallied all his strength, and the issue of the combat was feared. Both men seemed fighting *à outrance* now, and though the colonel would gladly have helped he was prevented.

All chance of shooting now suspended, the people arose and came to look on. Women and children cowered down upon the floor, but all others who were not of tender years watched the struggle between the stranger and the terrible Paul, whose fame, as a thief and bully, had already become well established.

The contest was more of a wrestling match than a fight. The combatants rocked and struggled, hand and wrist pushing against each other. But the deadly look in Paul's eyes convinced all the spectators that the "bully" meant mischief, and that one victim at least was, in his mind, devoted to slaughter. Could he only free his right hand to grasp a friendly revolver some miscellaneous shooting might be expected.

No one had credited the new arrival with such strength and pluck. He had appeared so dazed and troubled when he came in, that the "Colonel," as well as Paul, had put him down as an easy prey. But his resolution and courage suprised them now.

With set teeth and firm grip he resisted all efforts of his American antagonist. The bully, infuriated by the steady opposition he encountered, even tried to bite his foe, and at one time nearly succeeded in seizing the nose of his antagonist. But a sudden movement defeated this brutal form of retaliation, and the attempt only made the Englishman more angry.

Up to this time he had been acting fairly on the defensive, but the cowardly tactics of his enemy roused his spirit of revenge.

"You brute!" he gasped, "I will pay you for that scratch, you beast!"

Then the Yankee experienced what the Englishman was capable of. The spectators were fascinated—the struggle continued, but by degrees the strong right hand of the Britisher was pushing the keen blade of the bowie knife nearer and nearer the American's throat.

The man himself was aware of his danger and struggled; but the stern and angry foe held both hands in his as in a vice. A sudden spring upwards, the Yankee's right hand was almost free to draw his revolver. In another moment the deadly tube might discharge its contents. The spectators cowered and tried to evade the expected line of fire as the men swayed. But that spring was never repeated—the pistol was never discharged.

As the Yankee regained his feet the Englishman rose on his tip-toes, and, with a quick turn and wrench of his pliant wrist, drove the cruel knife gradually, but surely, just beneath the bare throat of the American bully and robber.

A jet of blood succeeded. Still the men struggled and swayed; lower, lower still, the deadly knife penetrated until at least half the blade was buried in the brawny chest of the victim. His hold relaxed. With a glassy stare, and without uttering a sound, he fell back unsupported. The knife withdrawn from the wound in the fall, remained in the Englishman's red hand—the crimson stream dyed the floor of the cellar. Paul was dead ere he reached the ground.

The victor threw the ensanguined knife from him, and before anyone could interpose, or prevent him, he snatched the revolver from the "Kurnul" darted up the cellar steps into the darkness, and disappeared.

"After him, lads," cried the colonel. "Ten dollars to the man who catches him."

But not a man stirred. The burly tramp only remarked—

"Sarve the skunk right! He was killed fair; but I don't think this place will agree with me now. The police might be too inquisitive. So'long!"

With this form of adieu he quitted the cellar, and was followed by one or two others, whose antecedents were not open to strict investigation.

The colonel, with the assistance of some of those present, raised the dead man, and disposed the body as neatly as the circumstances permitted, pending the investigation which must be made.

Meanwhile the fugitive wandered in utter ignorance of the locality. The night was still young, and the bustle of marching men had by no means ceased. Guided by some unknown instinct, the "Britisher" found himself at the toll house of the ferry which divided him from Jersey City. He paid his fare, and was soon out of reach of any pursuit from the distant Bowery.

Yes, safe enough at present; but how for the future? He had some money, but the evidences of his struggle would be apparent by daylight, and he did not dare enter any hotel or place of public entertainment. What was he to do? A perfect stranger in the country, he must first endeavour to [illegible] shelter for the night, and decide on his plans before daybreak.

The stranger was standing thus irresolutely at a [illegible] corner under the not very brilliant lamp[illegible], when a tall and bulky individual almost ran [illegible]

[illegible] I say! Why, thunder, here you air. [illegible]

[illegible] burly tramp who had [illegible] for fear of [illegible]

[illegible] he [illegible] [illegible]ing [illegible] [illegible]ted

"Dash! rubbed out, certainly! Never saw it done neater; never. Didn't give you credit for so much science neither."

His companion was silent. The man was dead then, and he was a murderer!

"What shall I do?" he exclaimed. "I shall be arrested—imprisoned—perhaps, hanged! What shall I do? Tell me, sir; you are a fair and square man, I believe. What can I do?"

"Do!" exclaimed the tramp. "Do! Why 'git' to be sure. You're in no danger of hanging; but git to the plains—right away!" chap 17

"I have not much money, but I will gladly pay you half I possess if you will put me on the right track. Come now, do save me. I am a stranger——" chap 17

"O' course, that's plain enough. Well I don't care if I do, pard. I'm not partic'lar. I'm dead broke and am on the tramp. I'll go your way as well as another. Can ye ride a draw-head?"

"What is that?" inquired the other, who for a moment was puzzled. "It isn't a draw-bar is it—a railway coupling?"

"Just so. You're spry enough, I can see. Took ye for a green-horn at first, I swear. Well, so ye kin ride draw-heads?"

"No, I'm afraid I cannot—at least never tried. But we can pay for our tickets."

"Oh, yes, likely—and get taken up, for complicity, at the office. Not much. No stranger—it's a bargain. We'll go halves. That's fair; and I'll pilot you out on the Central road. We'll make Philadelphia first, and then strike westward on a freight train to Atchison. There's plenty of emigrant trains or supply waggons wantin' 'Bullwhackers,' and I've 'been there afore.' Come along, stranger, we'll strike the track here below."

The tramp, who seemed fully acquainted with the locality, turned away, and accompanied, or rather followed by the "Britisher," struck out of the streets and into the open country beyond them.

"We won't try a jump too near," said the Yankee. "We may be looked for. Let us make a few miles along the track, and jump the boxes at the first tank."

"Just as you like," replied the stranger, in a resigned tone. "It's dangerous though, isn't it?"

"Not very. You may drop under, and then you're show is over! No chance on the express, unless you ride the 'pilot'—the 'cow-catcher'—you know. But a freight train will leave soon, no doubt. There's a sight of notions going west with the emigrants. The Rockies is the place for you. In the foot hills you'll find dust, I tell you."

"We might find a good spot," muttered the stranger.

"Yes, ye might. The place is lively. Colorado is the spot for a dig. I've a mind to go."

"Come—yes—come. Let us get away. We may make our fortunes."

"Die, more like. Here's the tank. Now lie down. The 'freight' will slacken here, and then we'll rush in, choose a waggon, and there we are. Lie close."

The men crouched down. It was cold, and they shivered, while they smoked their pipes. At length the head light of a locomotive became visible.

"Now, look out, pard," said the Yankee. "Here she is."

### CHAPTER XVIII.

THE ATTACK ON THE TRAIN.—"STAND BACK."

Here "she" was, as a matter of fact, supposing the locomotive, like the old stage-coach, to be of the feminine gender. "She" was dragging a long tail of wagons and "flats," and into one of the latter our travellers succeeded in leaping unperceived.

In this manner they passed over many miles, and were fortunate enough to travel unperceived till morning. Then they lad hidden and went to sleep, begged some food, and after sundown tracked again, this time on a fast train, hanging on the "Express" car. These tactics, repeated for three nights, succeeded in carrying them some hundreds of miles and into a sparsely-populated district, where they were "bounced" and forced to fly.

"What's to be done now?" asked the Britisher.

"Wait for another, or tramp the track to the next station. Let's git to Elizabeth, say?"

"Who is she?" asked his companion. "Elizabeth—Elizabeth," he continued, in a mournful tone. "Ah, there was a time. I can't remember clearly. She——"

"*She*? Why, old hoss, you're dreaming. Elizabeth, *she's* a place where we can get aboard a train bound west. Come, trot."

The men proceeded along the line, looking behind them carefully to avoid any approaching trains; but before they had gone far the weary Britisher stopped.

"I can't go farther," he said. "I'm dead beat. Let me lie down here beside the track."

"Why, partner, what's come over you. Are you played out?"

"Nearly. I'm tired to death, and that's a fact. There's a house or some shanty yonder. Let us go there."

"It's a lumber pile, I reckon. Well, we might do worse than hang up there, partner. There's clean boards, and we can rest quiet, I expect. To-morrow we can go on better."

The other man gladly acquiesced. The partners advanced slowly, and on the one part with difficulty, towards the welcome shelter which would serve them for the remainder of the night and next day.

They found the timber stack was the adjunct of a saw mill, which was situated on the bank of a stream at a little distance. The railway was carried over the stream on a light wooden viaduct—an airy structure which looked too frail to withstand the heavy pressure of the traffic above or the floods—if ever there were floods—beneath. But there was the rail, and there was the river, and the bridge remained a witness to the engineering enterprise of the contractor, or road-maker.

By the simple process of pulling out a few planks, the travellers crawled into an open space amid the deals, and lay luxuriously at full length on the sweet-smelling boards. Dawn had already begun to brighten the eastern sky when the strangely-assorted partners slept.

The sun was high, on the fourth day out, when they awoke, warm enough, but very hungry.

"Say, partner, I'm nigh starvin', and we can't travel on empty interiors. You remain here, stranger, and I'll go up to the house yonder and give 'em a racket."

"Give them a what?" exclaimed the Britisher, in sleepy wonderment.

"A racket—a yarn you'd call it. Tell 'em a few bouncers concernin' me and my poor brother, who are beatin' their way penniless to anywhere—nowhere—Baltimore or Denver City—as I find time and 'hand outs' run."

"What's a 'hand out,' then?" again enquired the stranger.

"Well, you are just soft! It ain't a square meal, bet your boots."

The Britisher seemed hopelessly bewildered. "Rackets," "square meals," and "hand-outs" were all new terms to him, and his already confused faculties seemed to be on the point of departing altogether.

He pressed his forehead between his hands. The dazed, melancholy expression of a man endeavouring

"What time's she due?" inquired the other voice. chap 18

"Ten thirty-five. Dempsey will be on the look-out. We'll 'jump' the emigrant's train, and get in in time. The specie comes next. The emigrants due here about nine."

"We must go by that train," whispered the Yankee to the Britisher in the woodstack.

"What are they talking about?" asked the Englishman.

"Wrecking the express for the mail bags. They've notion they'll make their fortunes; but they won't. Not inside. See, here—you and me will have a show here. We'll go a-better."

"I don't quite understand," remarked the other; "Are we to prevent the robbery?"

"Why, certainly. Don't ye see we will then come in, get a reward maybe—get a ride free, anyway into St. Louis, and perhaps a goodish few miles beyond. We'll take the pool this game."

"But how? It seems to me——"

"Very like—that's how I see it. dark is the word. Now come along. When the emigrants pass we'll jump the train; that will carry us on to Barnardsville, where the lightning express stops to water. These coons will wreck her at the bridge I [illegible] on the side track. I know it well!"

"You seem to know everything," remarked the Britisher.

"[illegible] didn't cut my eye teeth yesterday," was the [illegible] "and I keep them sharpened with a file."

"Suppose they turn us off?"

"Bounce us, you mean."

"[illegible]"

Then the express must take its chance. But lie [illegible] I'll take a look at these 'Injuns.'"

The man stole quietly out, and, himself unseen, managed to get a view of the unsuspecting plotters.

"I could have had them both, pretty, with the revolver," remarked the tramp, in a whisper, when he returned as noiselessly as he had departed. "I know them. One is 'Long Jim'—or Jim Long—a pretty considerable loafer, who'd shoot his own father for the gold in his false teeth. The other is Nathan—the 'Injun,' they call him—a white 'Injun,' who'd scalp ye as soon as wink. *I* know them."

"Rather ticklish customers to meddle with," remarked his companion.

"Ticklish! Some! By ginger! you'll have to sharpen your claws to tackle Nathan. He's a dead shot, and never waits for you to draw on *him*. If he sees your hand goin' to your pocket, you're as good as dead—plugged to a certainty. Quiet now!"

The Britisher was by no means deficient in courage, as we have seen, but this adventure by no means pleased him. However, he made up his mind for the worst, and did not much care what eventuated. He set no value on his life. It was a blank in the past, an unopened book in the future, and all interest in it was destroyed.

Nothing more was said. The formidable "Injuns," as the tall tramp called them, were perhaps asleep. But in an hour or so the rattle and rumbling of the approaching train was heard in the stillness.

"Mind the track when you go out," whispered the tramp. "Run alongside the cars, and the minute they stop jump on the couplings. Mind when they draw you ain't jerked off. Let the 'Injuns' go first, partner."

The train came in slowly, grinding—breaks all down. The engine pulled up by the tank, and then with a rush the two men darted out in advance of our friends, and in a second after were absorbed in the train.

"Here, this way!" whispered the tramp. "Here's an empty truck. In with you, pard!"

The "pard" needed no second bidding. He climbed in quickly, followed by the Yankee. The locomotive bell rang, and the journey commenced.

"We're safe now for a good many miles," said the tramp. "But we must be cautious at Barnardsville. The train will side-track there for the express. If we're found out, up we go!"

After running for an hour or so the train slackened and finally pulled up. Our travellers had prepared themselves to jump out at once, but the presence of an official on the line detained them. Meanwhile the two men dismounted. The "Injuns"—"filibusters" would be a more appropriate term—had leaped off the couplings and hidden themselves behind some empty trucks in the yard.

The tramp in the waggon lost sight of them, and whispered to his companion:

"Let us tell the boss what's up. We may be believed, we may not. But if he detains us, you may be tracked. What will you do?"

"Tell him," replied the Britisher. "But how will you manage?"

"Leave that to me. If the points are altered they will easily find out the truth."

The fugitives waited, and as soon as the official had turned away, they leaped from the wagon and asked to see the superintendent.

"What do you want?" inquired the clerk.

"We want the boss," replied the tramp.

"Then ye may want him. He's busy. The mail's just due."

to recall something from the past, while in a state of utter bewilderment in the present, was gradually overspreading the stranger's countenance.

"What in thunder's the matter? I say, pard, are you going to raise a ticket for a lunatic asylum?"

The "pard" shook his head slowly.

"He's off," muttered the tramp, half aloud. "He's turnin' silly; a nice travelling companion I shall have. Here, mister, I say!"

"What is the matter?" inquired the stranger, rousing himself. chap 18

"Oh, thought ye was fallin' into the middle of next week, or had a black knot in your conscience somewhere. Well, I'm off. If I can give 'em a good 'racket' I'll bring back the hand-out"

So saying, the tall tramp pulled aside the boards, wriggled out, and disappeared.

Left to himself, the stranger, feeling stranger than ever, began feeling mechanically in his pockets, and, with his briar pipe and a paper of tobacco, he pulled out an envelope containing a letter, and began to study it. How came it into his possession? He turned it over, read it, laid it down, then took all the other contents of his pockets, and endeavoured to piece the past together, in the utter absence of any guide to his memory. In vain.

"Now what's this—a note to Mr. Mervyn Duncomb. How did I get it? What does it mean?"

"Can't read this, not a bit," muttered the man; "as that fellow says, I'm fit for a lunatic asylum! That's it! I must be mad."

He made this last remark aloud, and as he looked up he perceived his associate.

"Mad, you say. Guess you've hit it. But, see here, I've got something better'n lunacy to discuss. Yer not such a fool as not to know what this is, eh, pard?"

"Food of some description. Is that what you call a 'hand-out' then, or is it a 'racket'?"

"My, you are simple and no mistake! Why, I told my tale; 'gave them the racket' we call it and here's what I got in exchange. Here's meat and bread and a soft puddin'. That will last us all; day. We'll eat, we'll drink—water, worse luck. We'll smoke a bit and sleep till the evenin'; and then we'll travel cheap."

So it was arranged. They ate, they drank, and carried out the remainder of the programme in due order, till sunset, when, lying quite still, they heard voices.

"Lie close!" whispered the tramp. "Keep snug, or we'll be 'treed'!"

The voices came nearer, and at length the speakers sat down apparently quite close, for every word was audible to both the listeners, though fully intelligible to one only.

"Tell you she will. We've got Dempster in it. He'll pull up when he sees the lamp on. We and the rest will run the job. There's thousands in it."

"Thousands! ay, but suppose he don't check?"

"Tell ye he will. As soon as it's dark enough we'll fix the rails. She's bound to run into the side-track then, and we'll have the bags out in a flash. Trust me and Dempsey"

"We know that; it's the very reason we want him, to warn him," replied the Englishman.

"Hollo! who are you?" asked the clerk.

"I'm a traveller. We overheard a plan to rob your specie. Do you know a man named Dempsey?"

"The mail agent? Yes, I do."

"Well, he's in it," said the tramp. "He's in the swim with the rest. The train will run off the track by the bridge. The mail will be robbed and the train wrecked, if you don't take care."

"Is that so?" enquired the clerk. "Then we'll get the passengers out and have a turn up for it. Wait a minute."

The clerk returned in a few minutes with the station superintendent, who, after putting a few searching questions, said to the clerk

"We've a quarter of an hour. Go to the train on the side track, quiet, and pick out a dozen boys who will fight for the road. Now you men," he added, addressing our travellers, "come with me. I'll keep you quiet. Tell me the truth mind, or——"

The menace was plain enough in the significant side nod of the head.

They told him. Then he said:

"Where's those two men, eh?"

"Hidden about," replied the tramp.

"Come and find the skunks," said the superintendent.

They followed him around. In and out of the yard and sidings the men searched, but found no one.

Just then the head light of the express was discovered by the practiced eye of the stationmaster a long distance away.

"We'll soon prove this now," he remarked. "If you're plantin' this on us, woe betide you!"

The train approached and drew up slowly. The clerk had not been idle. He had gathered a dozen stout travellers, all armed, and posted them quietly out of sight. Then the superintendent went up to the mail car and called the mail agent.

Dempsey came out, and, at the invitation of the superintendent, went into the office for a specie consignment. The clerk then hurried in four of his men, and, putting two more on the engine, got up with the engineer himself, and told him the facts.

"Will you go on?" he said.

"Go, o' course," replied the driver. "[illegible] have made the points all right, I suppose; we [illegible] have a fight for it."

Our two travellers had been placed in the baggage car with a brakesman, so the train was well defended.

The clerk had also managed to induce all the women and children to leave the express cars. So when the train arrived at the appointed spot, about a mile and a half from the station, the cars were only occupied by men.

There was not much time left for doubt. The train approached slowly, but before it got to the bridge, the "pilot" met with obstruction which, had the speed been greater, might have thrown the train off the line.

The engineer pulled up at once.

Immediately several revolvers were discharged at the engine and baggage cars. A rush was made for the mails by three determined "filibusters." The whole band was quickly engaged with the passengers and their defenders. Shots were rapidly exchanged. The officials picked off the [illegible]ants, and when the reinforcement sent from the station arrived, the robbers—or as many as remained unwounded—bolted. Four bodies lay on the track; three men were desperately wounded. Five of the defenders were also hit, and the Britisher, "Mervyn," who was in the baggage-car, was badly hurt.

He was carried back, escorted by the officials, bearing lamps. They reached the station in the full glare, and many of the female relatives of the victorious band of emigrants, who had been led by the clerk, came out to welcome them.

As the almost inanimate form of the Britisher—bleeding from a bullet wound in the neck—was carried past, murmurs of sympathy were heard on all sides. But the silence was suddenly broken by a wild shriek! A young woman forced her way through the circle, and pushing back her hair from her forehead with both hands, stared blankly and with starting eyes into the face of the wounded man.

Another terrible cry, and then, with a sudden impulse, she threw herself upon the rude bier and cried—ungrammatically, poor girl, but with unmistakable anguish:

"Oh, it is him—it is him. Let me alone. I *must* go to him. Stand back—stand back!" chap 18

### CHAPTER XIX.

MR. MORDAUNT'S MISSION.—THE VICAR TAKES ANOTHER WALK.

We must now carry our readers back to England for a moment and take up our narrative at the place and time where we left Mr. Mordaunt with his host, the vicar.

It will be remembered that Mr. Mordaunt had wandered on a certain morning down to the railway station, and had noticed Elizabeth Calton in the train, proceeding with emigrants for New York. In her he had recognised the girl whom he had united some time before to his unscrupulous friend, Simon Duncomb. Many a day since that he had regretted the act, and now that he had actually seen the poor girl in company with emigrants, sad, careworn, and listless, he judged that the worst had happened; that Simon Duncomb had managed to cast off his fetters—and his wife.

Full of such thoughts, he had hurried back and told the vicar, as we have already related.

"So he has deserted her already, I presume," he concluded; "and the girl, in despair, has gone to the States. What a disgrace to all concerned! I am most to blame."

The vicar was silent for a while. He scarcely knew whether he ought to interfere. The young man had behaved badly. His bride had left him for some good reason, doubtless. Simon Duncomb did not bear the best of characters. What could the vicar do?

He was puzzling over the matter, while Mordaunt (or Reilly) remained silent. A servant entered with a note, which the vicar took and opened mechanically.

"Dear me," he exclaimed, "here is a pretty kettle of fish! The squire informs me that his sister and his daughter Kate have returned. More than that—listen, Mordaunt—more than that, he says the Duncombs are coming here, and Simon is a suitor for his daughter's hand!"

"How infamous!" exclaimed Mordaunt, excitedly. "I will disclose the whole matter."

"No, no," replied the vicar; "we must have no scandal. This must be managed quietly. Suppose you *did* reveal all the circumstances, where are your proofs? Besides, the marriage being illegal has no binding force. *You* cannot prevent young Duncomb marrying Miss Askenhurst. We must prevent it somehow, but not your way."

"No proofs! Why, I can declare the facts: the girl herself——"

"Is on the way to America," interrupted the vicar. "You may depend upon it he has pensioned her off—cast her off to be free to marry this heiress who once captivated you. Mr. Simon has played a very bold game indeed."

"He is a scoundrel! And this poor girl must be sacrificed—another girl made miserable, perhaps. Never. I will confront the man myself," exclaimed Mordaunt.

"And have a county scandal? You would do more harm than good. Remember, I do not wish to pain you; but remember the squire and Duncomb may recognise you, and then your power of righting this Elizabeth Calton will be lost."

"I see, I see," replied the unhappy Mordaunt. "I will leave here. I could not bear to meet these people again. You must account for my absence. I will go abroad—beg——"

"No necessity to beg. Look here, I will save Miss Askenhurst, for whom I have a great regard. That the man wants to marry her is pretty evident. He may perhaps legally marry, but such a position for Kate would be intolerable. Now I have a plan which will suit all parties. You go to America——"

"To America!" exclaimed Mordaunt.

"Yes, and find Miss Calton, or Mrs. Simon Duncomb," said Mr. Winter.

"A very small needle in a very large bundle of hay," remarked Mordaunt. "As well look for one as the other!"

"Pardon me," replied the vicar, with some little accession of dignity, "there are means of finding needles even in bundles of hay. This girl has not gone alone; you saw her in company with a man and another woman; his wife, probably."

"Yes, the three were sitting together, evidently travelling companions."

"Very well. I will write to an acquaintance, Ashton, a doctor in the neighbourhood of the Wolds. These doctors find out everything. I will ask him to telegraph the names of the married couple with whom the girl quitted the village. Meanwhile, you can proceed to Liverpool, see the company's agents, and ascertain what vessel sailed to-day. I will furnish you by telegram with the names and destination."

"Yes, that promises well, vicar; but what then?" asked Mordaunt.

"Then go across. It certainly will not do for you to remain here now, if these people are coming. I will tell the squire, who, I daresay, has heard of your arrival, that you have been called away on business. So you are. You cannot alter the consequences of your crime, but may prevent a greater evil still."

"You are right. I am a miserable outcast. I deserve transportation, or penal servitude. I will go and endeavour to repair in some degree the injury I have done. The money——"

"I will find the money, and Master Simon shall repay me or you—if necessary. I cannot have Katie sacrificed. I have known her for years, and love her well. Poor child! Oh, why are such men as this Duncomb created! However, all is arranged. I will telegraph to Ashton, and write after to explain."

The vicar sent his telegram, and as Mr. Mordaunt was preparing for his departure by the 1.40 train for Liverpool, the answer was received:

"Bessie C. left with the Bunetts to-day for Omaha, Nebraska. They sail in the Erin."

"There! I wonder how he found out all that so soon. Clever fellow Ashton."

The vicar would not have been so surprised had he been aware that the doctor's servant was Mrs. Bunett's sister, and Susan naturally knew all the particulars. chap 19

"You see," continued the vicar, "your work is simplified. If you find a fast ship you will probably reach New York before them, or at any rate not much later. You will find plenty of places in Liverpool, where you can purchase what you require. Go to the Bank of Liverpool; see Smith; send in my card. He will put you through. Now, God speed you. Avoid drink, Mordaunt. Be strong and of good courage, come back safely, and you will find things pleasanter, I am sure. I am not without interest or friends."

"God bless you," replied Mordaunt, fervently. "You have made a man of me again. I will take the pledge. I will undertake——"

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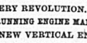

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# SECOND EDITION.

# THIS DAY'S NEWS.

"GUARDIAN" OFFICE, FRIDAY, 4 P.M.

## THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN CRISIS.

### LATEST DESPATCHES.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

ST. PETERSBURG, FRIDAY MORNING.

General Komaroff had no orders from his Government to advance or to occupy Penj-deh. After chastising the Afghans he retired without occupying the territory in dispute, being unwilling to impede the progress of negotiations. M. De Giers is all for peace, but the war party and the press are very aggressive. Lord Dufferin and Sir Peter Lumsden are accused of provoking war.

ST. PETERSBURG, FRIDAY.

The *St. Petersburg Journal* of to-day says that the fact of General Komaroff having returned to his lines after haven driven off the Afghans shows that the movement of the Russians must have been caused by hostile acts of the Afghans. On this supposition the affair can only be regarded as an accidental conflict, difficult to be avoided. The journal hopes therefore that the negociation for a settlement may still be carried on between England and Russia.

## WAR PREPARATIONS IN ENGLAND.

War preparations are being actively pushed forward all over the country. At Aldershot the Queen's Bays and Seventh Hussars commenced to sharpen their swords in obedience to orders. All the troops in camp are ready for active service on the shortest notice.

## EXCITEMENT IN THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM.]

A private telegram from New York represents the grain and produce markets in America this (Friday) morning as so eager and excited that a quotation of rates is almost impossible; but all prices show a sharp advance. There was, at the moment of despatch, more desire to do business and secure profits before more peaceful news caused a rebound in rates.

## RICE AS A CONTRABAND OF WAR.

In further correspondence issued to-day (Friday) Earl Granville informed the French Ambassador that Her Majesty's Government maintain their protest against rice being treated generally as a contraband of war during the hostilities with China.

## A "SIGNIFICANT" REQUEST.

CAIRO, THURSDAY NIGHT.

A deputation of French residents waited on their Consul this morning, requesting permission to carry arms, as their abode had been violated by the authorities. The Consul has wired for instructions.

## ACCIDENT IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

Lady Theodore Guest, sister of the Duke of Westminister, broke her leg while hunting yesterday (Thursday).

## ADVANCE IN INSURANCE RATES.

The Underwriters in Glasgow are asking largely increased rates for insurance.

## TO-DAY'S MARKETS.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE, Friday.—Consols are one-half better. The pig iron market opened with a fall of sixpence. Wheat is four shillings dearer than on Wednesday.

NEWCASTLE FISH, Friday.—Four barrels of plaice averaged 10s per score; seven barrels of herrings (left from previous day), 14s per barrel; and quantity of dry fish brought fair prices.

NEWCASTLE POTATO, Friday.—Arrivals this morning are rather lighter, and prices advanced a little:—East Lothian champions, 50s to 64s; Fife champions, 40s to 48s; magnum bonums, 40s to 45s.

## CHARITY AT LUMLEY CASTLE.

The committee of "The Countess of Scarborough Working Guild" met to-day (Friday) to distribute the work for the half-year, which has been sent to Lumley Castle.

## SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

As usual, a large number of holiday-seekers flocked to the Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge on Easter Monday (which are opened this season under the management of Messrs Wilson Brothers), and in addition to the games and other amusements provided, an exciting football contest between Consett 1st and Northern 2nd was played off, resulting in a victory for Consett by three tries to nil.—On Easter Tuesday, the weather being somewhat more favourable, a large number of people attended the Spa Grounds, when a football match between Consett and Bishop Auckland was to have been played, but the visitors failed to put in an appearance. Each day, the Consett Iron Company's famous brass band attended the Spa, and performed choice selections. At night, there was a brilliant display of fireworks. The proceedings were successful and gratifying.

## EASTER AT TOW LAW.

On Good Friday, the annual tea meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church. In the evening there was a public meeting, presided over by the pastor, Rev H. P. Slade. In addition to speeches, several selections were given by the choir from the sacred cantata, "The Lion of Judah," as well as other pieces.

The teachers and friends of the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school held their annual tea the same day.—On Easter Monday a tea, followed by a sale of work, was held in the chapel. In the evening there was a public meeting, an interesting part of which was the presentation of handsome and valuable marble and gold timepieces to Messrs T. Raine and J. Hobson, who for years have gratuitously given their services as harmoniumists. Mr R. Dixon made the presentations.

A social tea meeting, followed by an entertainment, consisting of readings, recitations, &c., was held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night.

The Rev T. Guttery (Sunderland) preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Wednesday afternoon, and at night delivered his eloquent oration, entitled "An evening with John B. Gough." The American temperance advocate's life was dealt with in a masterly way from his boyhood upwards. Mr G. Bell occupied the chair.

## TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The final meeting of the old Board took place at the High Street Offices, Tow Law, on Tuesday night—Mr Joseph Ridley presiding. Present: Dr Geo. Johnstone, Messrs Bond, L. P. Wherly, J. W. Schofield, Charles Kitchen, Wm. Ridley, W. Atkinson, and the clerk (Mr E. Milburn).

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Appended is the quarterly report presented by the medical officer (Dr George Hood):—

To the Chairman and Members of Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The deaths which have occurred during the last quarter amount to 10, the births to 60.

The death-rate per thousand is 8·04. This rate is very low for our district, and somewhat singular to say that I have had to go back to the corresponding quarter of 1880 before I could find such a low death rate, the number of deaths then was exactly the same as now, viz., 10; but owing to a somewhat larger population the death-rate was only 7·6.

In January, we had two deaths recorded, one from liver disease, the other from consumption. In February, four deaths were registered, one each from convulsions, bronchitis, heart disease, and consumption. In March, four deaths, one each from debility, tabes mesenteries, heart disease, and chronic bronchitis. From the above you will see that we have had no deaths from zymotic diseases, and therefore they call for no comments from me.

However, although we have had no fatal cases of a zymotic nature, typhoid fever cases have been reported to me. One in Campbell street, and another in Thornley Lane Ends.

A case of scarlatina at Inkermann, as well as some others of a doubtful character. Congratulating your Board on the low mortality of the quarter, I remain, yours truly,

Tow Law, April 1st, 1885. GEORGE HOOD, M.D.

The report was accepted as being highly satisfactory, and Dr JOHNSTONE jocularly remarked that there ought to be some public recognition of the valuable services of Dr Hood.

POPULATION OF THE LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you not estimating the population of Tow Law rather lower than you did formerly, doctor?

Dr Hood: Not lower than I think it really is.

Dr JOHNSTONE: What do you calculate the population to be now?

Dr Hood: I estimate it to be 4,972. We have to take into consideration the number of empty houses.

The CHAIRMAN: There were more empty cottages in 1881 than there will be vacant at present.

Dr Hood said not, and explained that he estimated the population in 1880 to be 5,280; and according to the Imperial Census of 1881 it was reduced to 5,005.

Dr JOHNSTONE: I think we have a larger population than that.

THE WEARDALE COMPANY'S DEFECTIVE PROPERTY.

Mr Henry White, as representing the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, submitted amended plans for the improvement of their properties—the Mechanics' Cottages and Baring Street—repeatedly complained of by the Medical Officer and the Local Government Board, in consequence of privies and ashpits being situate too near the back doors of the cottages. After some consideration the plans, having been somewhat modified and altered, were approved of, on the motion of Mr BOND, seconded by Dr JOHNSTONE, subject to a channel being put in at the back of the conveniences to carry off slop and surface water, and the floors of the privies being cemented.

The CHAIRMAN enquired of Mr White at what period the work would be accomplished, as the Board would have to forward a definite reply to the pressing demands of the Local Government Board.

Mr White promised that the improvements should be effected as speedily as possible.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the subject had been before the Board for about two years, and it would be necessary to specify a certain period for carrying out the work.

Mr BOND moved that notice be given to the Weardale Company to complete the work in six weeks.

Mr White said it was impossible to do the work in that time. He assured the Board that the improvements would be attended to as early as possible, but he could not guarantee the work being done in the stated period.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh yes. The labour will not cost more than £20, and the whole work can be executed for about £50.

Mr White: If you will do the work for that sum, I will speak to you after this meeting.

Mr BOND: You can surely do the work in six weeks. The Company have sufficient men and plenty of money, and, moreover, Mr Ridley says the scheme will not cost much.

Mr White urged the Board to allow them three months; but eventually it was decided to give the Company two months grace to perform the work.

Mr BOND reminded Mr White that if the work was not done in two months, the Board would have to prosecute the Company.

Mr White: Well, if you prosecute that might do us good. (Laughter).

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the Clerk, amid the protests of Mr White, wrote the Board's instructions upon the plans, before being signed by the Chairman, Mr White remarking that the Board were acting in an arbitrary manner in thus specifying such particulars, and he considered the whole business quite an unnecessary and needless expenditure.

Dr JOHNSTONE proved that the Board had power to give any directions they thought desirable.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—For the month ending March 31st I beg to report that the principal part of nuisances already reported to your Board have been properly attended to.

The stagnant nuisance behind the Milestone Inn, which was calculated to be satisfactorily remedied, when the adjacent owner put up the spouting, was not abated until a branch drain had been inserted, and a proper connection made to drain the said nuisance from the ashpit, &c.

The whole of the Inkermann Cottages, so frequently complained of for defective and general want of spouting by your Medical Officer, are nearly completed.

There are several notices pending, such as the Old Barracks, &c., which will require proceedings to be instituted against the offenders by the Board before any steps will be taken to remedy the nuisances so often reported to your Board.

The ashpits and privies have been well cleaned out during the month.

Two cases of fever have been reported to me during the month by Dr Johnstone—viz., one at Thornley Lane Ends, and the other in Wolsingham Road. Immediate steps were at once taken to disinfect the premises, and other precautions were enforced to stamp out the epidemic.—Remaining your obedient servant,

WM. GARRAWAY, Nuisance Inspector.

Tow Law, April 7th, 1885.

The Inspector was authorised to procure a quantity of carbolic acid.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Surveyor's (Mr Hillary) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Respecting your main roads, I have nothing particular to report. The road metal is well-driven in, and I hope to present the highways in good order at the next inspection. Nothing has been done to the crossing from North Street to the main road. I trust that you will consent to putting in a larger trap, and make the level crossing similar to those besides the Goods' Warehouse, which are a great improvement. Referring to the recent trial at South Stockton, I think it advisable to remove the large stones in the middle of the road at the Castle Bank, and substitute proper wooden benches. I produce a plan for proposed washhouse for the Presbyterian Manse.

I have paid your Board's treasurer £25 16s for coke, tar, &c., for which I produce receipt.

*Monthly Wages Bill.*

(Three pays in the month.)

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main Roads: | Manual labour | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | Team labour | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| Other Roads: | Manual labour | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| | Team labour | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Gas Works: | Foreman's wages | 10 | 4 | 0 |
| | Labourer's wages | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Streets: | Lamp-lighting | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| | Water | 0 | 4 | 11 |
| Office cleaning | | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| | Total | £26 | 18 | 8 |
| Leaving balance in Surveyor's hands of | | 3 | 7 | 5 |

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN HILLARY, Surveyor.

Tow Law, April 7th, 1885.

The Surveyor stated that not having received instructions from the Board as to the extra 5s per week ordered to be paid to the gasman for additional work during the winter months, he should like to know if he was still to continue paying this money?

The CHAIRMAN said it was usual to continue the payment for twelve weeks.

THE STONES ON THE CASTLE BANK.

Mr W. RIDLEY observed that it was highly necessary for the large stones to be removed, as they were extremely dangerous where they now stood, and might be the means of an accident. Last week he saw some big stones which it would be impossible for one man to carry.

Mr BOND concurred, and the Surveyor promised to have these obstacles removed.

PLAN.

The plan for the washhouse at the Manse, Tow Law, was approved of and stamped.

THE TRAIN SERVICE.

The Board determined not to take further action in regard to additional passenger trains being run between Tow Law and Consett, pending the publication of the railway time-tables for May, as it was anticipated that an improved service would be provided.

FINANCE.

Cheques amounting to £261 17s 8d were ordered to be paid, reducing the balance in hand to £198 15s 3d.

THE RECENT CONTEST: VOTING BY BALLOT.

Mr W. RIDLEY, as the Returning Officer, reported the result of the late election, and declared Messrs Hy. White (new member), Jos. Ridley, and L. P. Wherly were duly elected.

Mr BOND remarked that it was a great pity that any person should be allowed to examine the voting papers after the election. It showed a shameful and rotten state of things that ought to be remedied.

Mr WHERLY entertained a similar opinion, and intended to move another year that the election should be conducted by ballot.

Mr SCHOFIELD did not think the Board were empowered to do this.

Mr WHERLY understood that it was optional for the Board to adopt this course if a resolution to that effect were carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members. In these hard times working men, knowing that the papers would subsequently be scrutinised by any interested individuals, might be afraid to vote for whom they desired.

The Clerk said the old system obtained in almost every place.

THE CEMETERY QUESTION.

Respecting the burials scheme it was decided that the Chairman should sign a memorial on behalf of the Board to the Home Secretary asking for a reply to their petition respecting the proposed new cemetery, and also reminding the proper authorities that an order in Council having been made declaring the existing burial grounds to be closed in June next. It would be desirable, unless immediate action was taken, that an extension of time would be granted to them.

This was all the business.

## LANCHESTER ELECTORAL DIVISION.

### LIBERAL MEETING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Thursday se'nnight, arrangements were made for holding a public meeting of the Liberals of Annfield Plain and district in the Co-operative Hall. A large number of electors were present. Mr P. Reay was voted to the chair.

A letter was read from Mr George Humble, apologising for his absence from the meeting, as he was confined to his room through indisposition. He much regretted that he could not be present that night.

The CHAIRMAN proceeded to explain the business for which the meeting was called, viz.:—To elect a president, vice-president, secretary, and eight representatives, together with a large working committee, to promote the Liberal cause in the district, discuss the representation, and take such steps as may be desirable to bring out a Liberal candidate to represent the Division in the House of Commons at the general election; also to make all further necessary arrangements required in the several polling districts, as there will be considerable alterations, more polling stations being required under the new arrangements for the next general election.

After the Chairman had stated the business, it was considered that the meeting was not a fair representative meeting, owing no doubt to Good Friday and pay week at the same time. The several collieries had the workmen's wages to pay on the Thursday, and the tradesmen could not possibly attend this political meeting. Therefore a vote of the meeting was taken for an adjournment of this gathering, so as to allow of a larger representative meeting being held at an early date; the same to be advertised in the *Consett Guardian* and by handbills to be distributed throughout the whole of the adjacent villages, viz.: Annfield Plain, Oxhill, Kyo, Catchgate, East Pontop, Dipton, Annfield Place, South Pontop, Greencroft Cottages, Clavering Place, Loud Cottages, Hedley's Cement Houses, &c., so that every class can be fully represented, and have the pleasure of sharing the work of bringing forth a candidate, and voting the same into Parliament.

LANCHESTER ELECTORAL DIVISION.—The Conservatives of this division are apparently preparing for the struggle, and announce a meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Blackhill, on Monday next, to organise their forces.

## LOCAL VESTRY MEETINGS.

ST. AIDAN'S, BLACKHILL.—The first vestry meeting in connection with this new parish was held in the Mission Room on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Rev Thos. Storey, vicar, and was well attended. The following were elected to serve during the year: Mr Thompson Siddell, vicar's warden; Mr Wm. Tilley, people's warden; and Messrs Hy. Lamb, J. Moon, D. Hodkin, and J. Lovett sidesmen. The churchwardens' accounts showed the receipts from all sources to have been £101, and the expenditure £86 6d, leaving a balance of £14 14s.

LANCHESTER.—The vestry meeting for this parish was held on Tuesday, Mr W. Logan presiding. The following were elected churchwardens: Messrs W. Logan (Langley Park), George Hedley, J.P. (Burnhopeside), J. Cummins (Langley West House), and G. Leybourne (Lanchester).—The statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of over £11, was passed as satisfactory.—A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs Dingle in her grief.

ST. JOHN'S-IN-WEARDALE.—A meeting was held on Monday in St. John's vestry, the vicar (Rev R. Shepherd, M.A.) presiding. Messrs Thos. Vickers and John Potts were appointed churchwardens, and Messrs John Maddison and John Coulthard sidesmen.—It was stated by the Vicar that nearly £3,000 had been expended during the past four years on the various buildings belonging to the benefice.

LOCAL CRICKET.—Cornsay Colliery Ragged Lads, 47; Brandon I.O.G.T., 28.—Esh Winning, 90; Ushaw Moor (for 9 wickets), 91.

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WHY ought slander to be made chief of detectives? Because it gets the most foldling.

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## CONCERT AT BLACKHILL.

A concert was held in the Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside, on Easter Monday night, in aid of the choir funds of the proposed St. Aidan's new church, Blackhill, on which occasion there was a large and fashionable attendance. The programme submitted to the audience opened with the band playing the waltz, "Nearest and dearest," in excellent style. The choir of St. Aidan's sang the glee, "On yonder rock," remarkably well. Mr C. Davison then gave "Ehren on the Rhine," and his splendid efforts secured an *encore*. Miss Tilly Johnson sang "Killarney" creditably, the only exception being that she exhibited slight nervousness. The trio, "Don't tickle me," was sung by Messrs C. Stelling, P. Surtees, and B. Holliday, which was highly amusing to all present. Mr P. Surtees gave "The clang of the hammer" in good style Mr Holliday appeared in the comic song, "Moods and tenses." In part II. the band rendered "Gems of Ireland," and the choir sang "We rock away," glee. Miss Lumsden sang "Some day" very nicely, considering it is a very difficult song. "The little hero," sung by Mr B. Holliday, was *encored*. The Misses Johnson gave a duet "What are the wild waves saying?" in splendid style. Mr C. Davison followed with his second song, "A dream of peace," and received a well-deserved re-call. A reading was given by Dr Geo. Renton from "Innocent's Abroad," which quite delighted the audience; and being enthusiastically re demanded, he contributed, "My blood relations." "The warrior bold" was sung in a most effective manner by Mr P. Surtees. A selection was the next item played by the band, and the programme was brought to a close with the "National Anthem." The orchestra was apportioned as below:—Violinists, Mr A. Parker (leader), Mr F. Eltringham, Mr W. Hardcastle; violincello, Mr J. Stephenson; flute and piccolo, Mr Jos. Stephenson; cornet-a-piston, Mr Wm. Ruddock, Mr E. Williams; euphonium, Mr M. Hobday; trombone, Mr Jas. Ridley. Mr Jonathan Stephenson efficiently discharged the duties of conductor, whilst Mr C. Stelling acted as pianist. The concert, on the whole, was a success.

## CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, April 8th.—Before HIS HONOUR E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

A "SCENE" IN COURT.

GILLESPIE *v.* DALEY.—Peter Gillespie, labourer at the Consett Ironworks, sued Patrick Daley, a metal-wheeler, for 15s for attending at Durham Assizes three days to give evidence.—Daley, along with other two men, was committed for trial for participating in a street riot at Consett in October, 1883, and the plaintiff was summoned at the Assizes to give evidence on his behalf.—Daley alleged that the plaintiff was subpœnaed by the other two prisoners concerned in the affray, although he admitted that Gillespie gave testimony in his favour.—His Honour found for the plaintiff for full amount, to be repaid in 5s instalments monthly, but the defendant declared that he would not pay.—Plaintiff (warmly, to, the defendant): You are a b—— rogue (sensation).—His Honour: What's that you say? Did you call him a rogue? —Plaintiff (hesitating): No.—The officials of the Court said the plaintiff had used the words "b—— rogue," and His Honour subsequently reduced the instalments to 2s per month.—Plaintiff thereupon became most unruly and had to be escorted out of Court by the police.

A WITNESS FINED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

GUTHRIE *v.* DORAN.—In this action, which was a claim by Alex. Guthrie, for £1 1s 6d for a dress supplied to Eliza Doran, a young woman, of Blackhill, the defendant alleged that the article was for his sister, and a letter was read, signed by Patrick Clark (brother-in-law of the defendant), which stated that he was instucted to admit the debt, although the defendant stoutly denied this assertion.—Plaintiff asserted that the dress was ordered by the defendant, and said he had subpœnaed two of her sisters—Mary Ann Clark and Sarah Doran—but they had failed to attend Court.—His Honour fined Mrs Clark 2s for contempt of Court, in the other case the summons having been served on the aunt. The case was adjourned, and the Judge advised the plaintiff to summons the witnesses again, and informed the defendant that she had better tell her sisters that if they did not obey, they would be severely punished.—Defendant replied that she was not residing with her sisters, and had not spoken to them for a long time.

## WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, April 7th.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), and Rev R. H. GRAY.

DRUNKENNESS.

*Patrick Kilbride*, labourer, drunk at Wolsingham, 13th ult.—Fined 12s 6d and costs.

*John Williams*, blacksmith, drunk at Wolsingham, 14th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

*William Moore*, labourer, drunk at Wolsingham, 28th ult.—Fined 13s, including costs.

*Lawrence McNarry*, labourer, drunk at Tow Law, 5th ult., 7s 6d and costs.

*Richard Barker*, labourer, drunk at Tow Law, 21st ult., 5s and costs.

*Robert Price*, miner, drunk at Tow Law, 28th ult., 5s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

*Matthew Lumley* and *Thomas Greggs*, miners, for committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Tow Law, 21st ult., were bound over for three months in £5 each, and pay costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

*Archibald Scott*, labourer, for allowing a horse to stray on the highway near High Stoop, on 24th Feb., was fined 1s and costs.—The charge was proved by P.C. Higginson.

ADULTERATION ACT.

*Matthew Snowdon*, Tow Law, innkeeper, was charged by Supt. Liddell with selling him one pint of rum and one pint of whiskey as pure and unadulterated, and which was then in fact adulterated and not pure.—He was fined £1 and costs in each case.

*Jackson Slater*, Tow Law, innkeeper, was charged with selling Supt. Liddell one pint of rum as pure and unadulterated.—Fined 10s and costs.

POACHING.

*John Alderson*, *Robert Calvert*, and *John Allison*, all of Crook, miners, were charged by William Pearson, Elm Park, gamekeeper to Mr Walton, Frosterley, with poaching.—Pearson said he saw defendants ferreting in some holes. When they saw him they ran away, and he took possession of the ferret and some nets.—Alderson was fined 10s; and the other two, who had been previously convicted, were fined, Calvert 20s; and Allison, 30s, including costs.

ASSAULT AT WOLSINGHAM.

*John Thompson* was fined £2 and costs for assaulting Mary Westgarth on the night of March 7th, at Wolsingham. Complainant was going home, when she was attacked by the defendant. She screamed, and on some friends coming up, the prisoner ran away.

ALLEGED BANK NOTE FRAUD AT TOW LAW.

*Margaret Dixon*, wife of a miner at Tow Law, was charged on remand with false pretences. The accused had obtained from Mr Learoyd, grocer and draper, goods to the value of £2 7s 6d, for which she tendered in payment a £5 note on the Durham Bank of Mowbray, Holdsworth, and Co., who suspended payment in 1816. Mr Learoyd gave the change due, and the note was afterwards questioned. About 80 years ago a man named Richardson, mining agent for the Derwent and Arkengarthdale Company, was robbed, near Shull, of about £1,500 in bank notes, and it is alleged, on good testimony, that the one presented by Mrs Dixon is one of them. She now says her husband found the note on the road.—Mr Milburn, of Crook, who prosecuted, called Sergeant Christison to prove that defendant had guilty knowledge of the note being a bad one.—The Bench, however, thought defendant had no thought of defrauding, and dismissed the case.—Mr J. T. Proud, of Bishop Auckland, appeared in defence.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation, inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, 1, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

## HINTS FOR THE HOME.

LIFE.—Life is but a moment, a brief reflex from the great ocean of eternity. Take heed how you make use of it, and from the great consequences involved in its short duration learn the importance of little things.

WHAT TO LEAVE OUT.—It is quite impossible to read everything, to go everywhere, to see everybody, for all of which opportunities offer, without losing in this rush of life the power to take a distinct impression. Now to hold one's self susceptible to impressions; to keep one's self *en rapport* with select and sympathetic currents, to be responsive to the finer and subtler influences, is to hold the key of the situation. It is often the book we do not read, the entertainment at which we do not assist, the individual we do not see, that does the most real good. Life becomes deteriorated and miscellaneous if it is not subjected to the severe scrutiny of selection, a matter of which it is easier to preach than to practise. Over possession is the fatal endowment of modern life.—*Lilian Whiting.*

A GOOD REASON FOR MARRYING.—A great many interesting and amusing stories are told about Hans Makart, the great Vienna painter, since his death. He was an eccentric genius, and so very popular with fashionable ladies that every one was surprised when he married an ordinary-looking woman. It seems that somebody was once inquisitive enough to ask him why he did so; whereupon he replied, "To have a good-tempered sensible woman to trust in when all the butterflies, who, after all, are only caterpillars dressed, forsake me." To men of genius a good-tempered sensible woman often proves more attractive and desirable for a wife than the most beautiful butterflies of fashion; and in choosing wives, men who do not possess genius might often profitably follow their example.

THE WELL-DRESSED MAN.—The golden rule in dress is to keep clear of extremes. The well-dressed man never wears anything striking or peculiar, and his garments are always of the best material, one suit that cost 50dol. being preferable to two suits that cost 25dol. each—and the tailor's risk, it will be observed, is just the same in both cases. We are bound to add, however, that the gentleman who has but one suit instead of two cannot escape embarrassment when it comes to sending his trousers to the shop for the purpose of having the wrinkles pressed out of them. The proper cut for coat and vest is that which makes them fit snug around the waist and loose over the chest, as the polite citizen is thus astonished at every turn that he will not only look better, but also feel better, if he stand straight.

TRANQUILITY.—Probably nothing tires one so much as feeling hurried. When in the early morning, the day's affairs press on one's attention beforehand, and there comes the wonder how in the world everything is to be accomplished—when every interruption is received impatiently and the clock is watched in distress as its moments flit past—then the mind tires the body. We are wrong to drive ourselves with whip and spur in this way. Each of us is promised strength for the day, and we must not wear ourselves out. If only we can keep cool and calm we shall be less wearied when we have reached the eventide. The children may be fractious, the servants trying, the friend we love may fail to visit us, the letter we expect may not arrive; but if we can preserve our tranquility of soul and demeanour we shall get through everything creditably.

FRETFUL SPIRITS.—It is an undignified but not unusual spectacle to see people who have attained middle-age fretting and fuming over what should be unconsidered trifles. Strange it is that they have not yet learned the impossibility of arranging the universe after one's own little pattern. The people who worry are not always those who suffer from some physical weakness or mental anxiety; these not unfrequently are silent, for their troubles lie too deep for complaining words. The more fretful spirits are those who burst into irritability over the countless little things which are not done to their satisfaction, and who bridle over fancied slights. A close examination shows that it is the crumpled rose-leaves—no doubt uncomfortable—but not the thorns, which excite fretfulness and anger. Worrying is a disagreeable habit of mind which can be remedied by a resolve to cease complaining about "what can't be cured."

IVY LAWNS.—Ivy lawns are known to but few among the many who are interested in gardening economy. They consist, as the name implies, of ivy only, and they offer some peculiar advantages in cases where grass lawns are apt to occasion more trouble than they are worth. According to the *Farmers' Gazette* (Dublin) an [illegible] made in one season, and, if the [illegible] of planting be properly performed, the lawn [illegible] itself; it will want no cutting, no sweeping, [illegible] no protection from the [illegible] day, and to moreover [illegible] up the [illegible], as though it were their [illegible] to make [illegible] impossible. And, when made, being, as it were, self-made, an ivy lawn will take care of itself for any number of years; but, if in need of repair or trimming, the knife, the shears, or the spade may be used with unskilful hands, and with the least imaginable cost of time, for it is not an easy thing to kill, or even to injure seriously, a lawn consisting of ivy solely. Such lawns are unfit for games, and indeed should not be trodden on. They will not therefore supersede grass in a country garden, which perhaps is a matter for gratulation; but they will give the most delightful breadth of verdure in thousands of places where grass is more plague than profit, and, at the very best, tends rather to disgrace than adorn the position.

THE WILD GIRL.—The girl of 16 who will neither sew nor do housework has no business to be decked out in finery and rambling about in search of fun and frolic unless her parents are rich, and in that event she needs the watchful direction of a good mother none the less. There is no objection to fun, but it should be well chosen and well timed. No girl or woman who will not work has a right to share the wages of a poor man's toil. If she does work, if she makes the clothes she wears, and assists in the household duties, the chances are she will have enough self-respect to behave when play-time comes, but if she should still be a little "wild," the honest toil she has done will confer upon her some degree of right to have her own way, ill-judged though it may be. The wild girl usually aspires to prominence in some social circle or other, and her manners and conduct are in greater or less degree designed to attract the following of men. She should remember that followers are not always admirers, and that the most sincere admiration a man ever feels for a woman in a drawing-room is when he looks upon her and says in his own consciousness, "She is a perfect lady." That is a reflection that never occurs to him as his eyes fall upon the wild girl.—*Detroit Free Press.*

WHAT TO TEACH GIRLS.—Give your daughters a good education. Teach them to cook and prepare the food of the household. Teach them to wash, to iron, to darn stockings, to sew on buttons, to make their own dresses. Teach them to make bread, and that a good kitchen lessens the doctor's account. Teach them that he only lays up money whose expenses are less than his income, and that all grow poor who have to spend more than they receive. Teach them that a calico dress paid for fits better than a silken one unpaid for. Teach them that a full, healthy face displays greater lustre than fifty consumptive beauties. Teach them to purchase, and to see that the account corresponds with the purchase. Teach them good common-sense, self-trust, self-help, and industry. Teach them that an honest mechanic in his working dress is a better object of esteem than a dozen haughty, finely dressed idlers. Teach them gardening and the pleasures of nature. Teach them that a walk is more salutary than a ride in a carriage. Teach them to reject with disdain all appearances, and to use only "yes" or "no" in good earnest.—*Monsignor Capel.*

WINTER WEATHER WISDOM.

How we shall warm our houses is not more important than how warm they shall be kept. This is readily told. In the apartment used as a sitting-room see that the mercury remains about 70 degrees, rather below than above this. In the sleeping apartment 60 degrees is a very comfortable temperature. A higher degree of heat than this would be quite admissible where there are young children.

The ventilation of rooms in which human beings must remain hours at a time is a very important matter. Separate rooms can only be kept any where near reasonably ventilated by raising the window sash one inch from the bottom and lowering it a like distance from the top. By this means the air in the room is constantly renewed and drafts are avoided.

The effect of muscular activity on the production of body heat is well known, and this makes it appear that an active habit is the best for the winter season, which is a fact for more reasons than the one just given.

For winter wear woollen fabrics are best, because of their pliability and of their lightness as compared with the weight of cotton fabrics that would afford the same protection against the cold.

The substances to be eaten and drunk in winter should be used hot as possible and should contain a maximum amount of fat. Hot milk, beef tea, chocolate and soups are especially well adapted as foods for winter use, and now fat fries of oysters, sausage, &c., are admissible to a greater extent than at other times. At this season liver oils, such as that of the cod, are very useful to those who can stomach such matters.

## DEATH OF MR JOHN EDEN, J.P., OF BEAMISH PARK.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr John Eden, of Beamish Park, which occurred at his town residence, 15, Wilton Crescent, London, at 10 a.m. on Saturday. It is now 11 years since Mr Eden was last in this district. He had been unwell for about six weeks, the cause of death being natural decay. Deceased, who was 91 years of age, seems to have cultivated a taste for military life at an early age, for we find that he embarked at Hythe to join Sir John Moore in the Peninsula, in which campaign he served with the 71st Highland Light Infantry, under the Duke of Wellington. He was present at the battle of Victoria as an ensign, where in 1813, it will be remembered, a complete victory was obtained by the allied forces under Lord Wellington over the French army under Jerome Bonaparte and Marshall Jourdon. In that battle the captain and lieutenant of Mr Eden's company were killed, and he would have shared a similar fate had it not been for a daring feat performed by a sergeant of his regiment, which was the means of saving Mr Eden's life. It is worth of note that at the time of his death Mr Eden was one of the six survivors of the Peninsular war. He was also present after the battle of Waterloo at the entry into Paris in 1815. Deceased, who was never married, succeeded to the Beamish estates on the death of Sir R. Johnson Eden in 1844, the latter having held the estates from 1841, in which year deceased's uncle, Morton John Davison, died. The proper name of deceased was John Methold, but, in accordance with the terms of his uncle's will, he assumed, by royal license, the surname of Eden when he succeeded to the Beamish estates of Sir Robert Johnson Eden. Deceased's residences were Beamish Park, and 15, Wilton Crescent, London. The Beamish estates brought in the handsome income of £14,000 per annum. Mr Eden was a magistrate and deputy-lieutenant of this county, and perhaps the best trait in his character was his quiet and unostentatious benevolence. He founded some alms-houses at Beamish called Methold Houses, and we believe in his will he has made ample provision for the support of that institution. We understand Mr Eden has left a number of munificent bequests to local and other charities, besides handsome legacies to relations, friends, and servants. It will be remembered that a few months ago the deceased gentleman gave a sum of £2,000 to the Durham County Hospital towards building a new wing, and we understand that amongst his bequests is one of £10,000 to the same institution. Mr T. D. Shafto, Chedeney, Hunton, Maidstone, succeeds to the Beamish estates. The remains of the deceased gentleman were consigned to their last resting place in a vault in Tanfield churchyard, yesterday (Thursday). The funeral *cortege* left Beamish at noon, and proceeded to the church. Amongst the mourners present were Mr T. D. Shafto, Capt. and Mrs Borton, Eaton Place, London; the Rev E. A. Wilkinson, Mr C. D. Shafto (representing his father, the Rev A. D. Shafto), and Mr E. F. Boyd. The obsequies were also attended by the officials from Messrs Joicey's collieries, and a large concourse of the tenantry were likewise present to show their deep and sincere respect for the deceased gentleman. We further noticed amongst those present Messrs Marshall and Heavisides, of Durham, solicitors for the estate. The private carriages of Mr E. F. Boyd, Major Joicey, Mr G. Humble, and Dr Benson, deceased's local medical attendant, were also present at the funeral.

At Bishopton vestry meeting, on Tuesday, the death of Mr J. Eden, Beamish Park, the principal landowner in the parish, was announced, and great sorrow was evinced. His great liberality had been shown to this place for the past forty years.

HYMNS for Sunday School Anniversaries, &c., printed on the shortest notice, and at the *cheapest* rate, by ROBERT JACKSON, Consett.

This Eastertide, the Wesleyan Methodists of Consett, Leadgate, Lanchester, and Burnhope, and the Primitive Methodists of Leadgate and other places, have had suitable public gatherings, but the pressure upon our advertising columns at the last moment compels us to withhold reports.

"I don't believe in this learning German, Spanish, French, or any foreign language," said a Michigan man the other day. "Why, I lived among a lot of Germans, and got along with them just as well as if I had known their language; but I didn't—not a word of it." "How did you contrive it?" "Why, you see, they understood mine."

Boggs says that the times are so dull that it is difficult for him to collect even his ideas.

"My dear," said an overheated citizen to his wife at dinner to-day after he had swallowed a piece of meat whose temperature was at the boiling point, "my dear this food is so hot it will take the coat off my stomach." "Well, what do you want of a coat on your stomach this weather?" was the gentle response.

"I wish you would let me give you a shampoo," said a barber to the victim in his chair, "you need it badly." "Yes, I know I do; but of all the barbers who have told me that I needed it, you are the first one generous enough to do it for nothing!" Silence unbroken, save by the clip, clip of the scissors immediately ensued.

Voter: "So you seem pretty certain of your election, Mr. Smiler?" Candidate: "Pretty certain? Why, my dear sir, I'm sure of it." Voter: "Glad to hear you say so Mr. Smiler; glad to hear you say so. By the way, I pledged myself to support you, I believe; but as you don't seem to need my help, I think I'll give it to the other fellow.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### MARRIAGES.

ARMSTRONG—DICKINSON.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, county of Durham, on the 8th inst., by the Rev R. H. Williamson, of Whickham, late Rector of Hurworth-on-Tees, Robert Lamb Armstrong, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Eleanor Mary, youngest daughter of the late John Dickinson, of Belle Vue House, Shotley Bridge. 342n

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, 4th inst., Henry Payne to Elizabeth Notts, both of Stanley.—Same day, Geo. Welsh to Mary Collinson, both of New Cornsay.—Same day, Henry Stobbs, of Westwood, to Jane Cowens, of Burnhope.—Same day, Fred Blatchford, of Annfield Plain, to Sarah Ann Turnbull, of Framwellgate, Durham.—Same day, Samuel Smith, South Pontop, to Jessie Blatchford, of Annfield Plain.—Same day, Wm. Whitfield, of Leadgate, to Sarah Simpson, of Medomsley.—Same day, Cuthbert Peart to Jane Jones, both of New Cornsay.—Same day, John Brown to Thomasina Fairlamb, of Dipton.—6th inst., John Todd to Ann Todd, both of Dipton.—Same day, Robert Chambers to Sarah Ann Mills, both of Consett.

PELTON.—Parish Church, 6th inst., by the Rev H. R. Savage, Matthew Edward Forster, of West Ryton, to Lizzie, daughter of Benjamin Grice, Teams, Gateshead.

### DEATHS.

CONSETT.—Delves Terrace, 7th inst., aged 60, Sylvester Forster, cartwright.

BLACKHILL.—Durham Road, 4th inst., aged 39, after a week's illness, Joseph Ruther.

LANCHESTER.—Colepike Farm, 2nd inst., aged 62, Jane, wife of John Elliott Simpson.

ROWLEY, Elisa Farm.—5th inst., aged 77, Mrs Dorothy Hogg.

MEDOMSLEY.—8th inst., Mr Joseph Cawthorn, aged 61 years, killed by a fall of stone in the Derwent Colliery. To be interred at Medomsley, on Sunday, 12th inst. Friends, please accept this intimation.

CATCHGATE.—1st inst., Harperley Hall Farm, aged 52, Elizabeth, wife of John Humphrey.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.—6th inst., aged 9½ years, Miles Handy, son of Edward and Frances Handy.

WHICKHAM.—Three Tuns Hotel, 4th inst., Fred. W. Gardner, youngest son of the late Cuthbert Gardner.

BLAYDON.—11, Tyne Street, in his 83rd year, William Liddell 70 years in the employ of the Stella Coal Company.

WINLATON.—6th inst., aged 62, Sarah, wife of John Kendal.

Prospect Place, 8th inst., aged 34, Thomas Parker.

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