

THURSDAY, April 10th.—Before Rev J. P. 1
PLEDGE (chairman), Col. LEADBITTER-SMIT
W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, and WM. GREEN

A PUBLIC HOUSE DISTURBANCE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

John Edward Forster, miner, of Annfield Plain, was summoned for refusing to quit the license premises of Mr. Wm. Taylor, the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, on Saturday night, 5th inst.; at charged with causing willful damage to the amount of 8s., and with assaulting Elizabeth Taylor, wife of the landlord, on the same occasion.

Welford (Consett) prosecuted, while defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.—Mrs. Taylor.

deposed that on the night in question, Forster entered the public-house, while under the influence of drink—(Defendant: I was drunk.)—and asked for a glass of beer but the landlady refused to supply him. He next appealed to Mrs. Taylor who stated that he had had plenty of liquor. She offered to let him have a bottle of soda, and advised him to go home, as she did not want any further bother with him. Forster, however, would not have the bottle of soda, and Mrs. Taylor again advised him to leave, but he declined to do so. Defendant then went across the bar to where

Forster, who was sitting with a quart pot of beer on the bar, said to the woman, "If you want to get any more, you'd better get it before I get drunk off the liquor, and then I'll be returning to the landlady said, "Now, you better get a drink of liquor without you serving me." Afterward, defendant picked up a quart pot and made an attempt to throw it at her, but she managed to get the pot from him. While Maile and Taylor was behind the bar, Forster picked up a glass and aimed the tumbler at her head. She managed to stoop behind the counter, and the glass struck the fixtures at the back with such force that an inch deal board was split. Forster thereupon seized another glass and threw it at her.

He again evaded the aim, and the glass hit the spirit savor, and smashed it to pieces. Defendant tossed a third glass at the landlady, and again missed her, the glass striking a man named John Elliot. Defendant was then put out of the house. Damage was estimated at \$8.—Mr Welford stated that he and the tumbler had hit Mrs Taylor in the blouse and killed her.—The Magistrate regarded this as a very unprovoked assault upon a highly respectable woman. For refusing to quit the house, Defendant was fined 10s. or costs, or 14 days imprisonment; for committing the damage, he was ordered to pay 8s. and costs.

hour; and for the assault a fine of 40s and costs was imposed, in default a month in goal.—*THE*
penalties, amounting to nearly £5, were paid by
the defendant.

**ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES BY
CHILDREN:**
IMPORTANT CASE.

Thomas Baker, a travelling showman, was
summoned at the Haymarket, Newcastle, was
summoned at the instance of William Edwards, of
Durham and Cossett, an inspector of the National

Inspector Edwards attested that on the Saturday mentioned he visited defendant's show at West Stanley, and witnessed a performance there. The only question was laid upon his back, with his feet turned upwards, when he was afterwards

The Justices: Was the boy kicked?—Inspector: Towards: Well, he was pushed around with the stick. Before the close of the performance, the father announced that the child was privileged to remove the hat, and he collected a number of coppers. Prosecutor: Went to defendant and told him he was somewhat surprised that he was still performing with the child after he had previously warned him at Forest. Judge: Did you

The Inspector: Did the child seem to enjoy the performance?—The Inspector: Yes, apparently

Appar, stated that his client did not thoroughly appreciate the offence he was committing. He was nine years old, and the magistrate refused to grant a license for a child under 10 years to perform. Defendant's offence consisted of the fact that he had simply neglected to obtain the licence, rather than a breach of the Act. He could assure their Worship that the child would not be allowed to perform again without the licence stipulated by the Act. The lad was a healthy one. The speaker would have been at the Court, only he had been kicked upon the head by a horse on the previous day.

The Bench: Undoubtedly, he must have known something about the matter.

The Inspector: He admitted to me that he had committed an offence.

The Chairman: When the defendant was committed and fined 8s 6d at Stockton, the child was under seven years.

Mr Hedley: Well, it is nearly nine years of age.

The Magistrates remarked that defendant had been fined at Stockton, and that was apparently sufficient to enable him to appreciate the gravity of the offence. He would not be fined again.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

ident. The North-East Durham Women's Liberal Association now sends a representative to the council of that influential body in London, which sits in London every May, and will have a voice directing its policy. As some readers of the *St. James's Gazette* may not know exactly the objects of this Women's Liberal Association, we may be well to explain that they are two-fold. The association aims at the diffusion of political knowledge. It is anxious that women, as well as men, should learn to take an intelligent interest in the way our national affairs are carried on, and

they should learn to feel their own responsibility in these matters. 2.—The association is to do what in it lies to uphold the principle men and women shall be equal before the law; women shall enjoy the same civil and political rights enjoyed by men. There have been laws past very unjust to women, and, even now, laws of England do not hold the balance true even between men and women. Experience shows that any part of the community which is unrepresented (as women are unrepresented) is in danger of getting something less than its just share of every good thing.

It is hoped that all men and women who are interested in political education, and in equal civil rights for women, will attend the meeting which is to be held on Wednesday, April 16th.

PROLIFIC GOOSE.—A goose belonging to Mr. Wood, of Newlandside, Stanope, has been laying 18 eggs per day of late.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.
TUESDAY, April 10th.—Before Rev. J. P. FLEDER (chairman), CLK. LEADHITTS, W. V. VAN HAANDEBROEK, and W. S. HOPE.

A PUBLIC HOUSE DISTURBANCE.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.
 John Edward Forster, miner, of Annfield Plain, was summoned for refusing to quit the premises of Mr. Wm. Taylor, the Railways Hotel, Annfield Plain, on Saturday night, 5th inst., for disturbing the peace. He was charged with causing wilful damage to the premises of the said Taylor, of £40, and with assaulting Elizabeth Taylor, the landlady, on the same occasion. John Forster (Gossett) prosecuted, while the defendant pleaded guilty to all three charges.

depended on the night in question to defend the public-house, while under the influence of the drink he was drunk—a fact for a glass of beer but the fact that he supplied him. He next appealed to Mr. Taylor, who stated that he had had plenty of liquor and that he had no more to give him. He then went home, as did most of the other men with him. Foster, however, was left with the bottle of soda, and Mrs. Taylor ordered him to get it. He then went to the bar and Defendant then went across the bar to the group of men were sitting with a quart pot and a glass of beer. He then returned to the bar and drank off the liquor. He then went to the bar and said, 'I've got a drink of beer without your consent.' Afterwards, Defendant snatched up a quart pot and a glass of beer and attempted to throw it at Mr. Taylor. He then managed to get the quart pot and a glass of beer. Taylor was behind the bar, Foster picked up the glass and aimed the tumbler at her head.

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CHILDREN:
IMPORTANT CASE.

Thomas Baker, a travelling showman, was arrested at the Newmarket police station at the instance of William Cresswell, Durham and Coates, an inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, having been charged with exhibiting Thomas Baker, being under the age of 10 years in a place of public amusement to wit, at the bathing on the beach, and exhibiting a public entertainment to wit, a circus, for profit. Mr. Hedley, of Newcastle, appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Cresswell deposed that on the Saturday mentioned he attended the show at the Stanley, and witnessed a performance there by a boy in question was laid upon his back, and was held there for a moment or two. The

The Justice: "Was he boy kicked?—In Edwards: "Was he pushed around before the close of the performance?—The father asked the boy to go round with the hat, and he collected a few coppers. Prosecutor went to defendant, and defendant surprised that he was still performing with the hat, and he still warned him at Consett, and had been in respect of the same boy at Stockton-on-Tees. Defendant said, "Yes, and he (the Inspector) would look over, and hoped he would make him a present if he did so."

The Chairman: Did the child seem to enjoy performance?—The Inspector: "Yes, apparently."

The Chairman: Was it a well-nourished, intelligent child, or, seemed to be fairly nourished; but not so well as the other defendant does not treat his children kindly in any way."

Mr. Hedley, on behalf of the defendant (who was a young man), said that his client did not sufficiently appreciate the effect of the Act. The boy was nine years old, and the magistrate had power to grant a license for a child under 10 years of age. He contended that it was not the fact that he had simply neglected to give the license, rather than a breach of the Act. He said that his Worship said that the child would be allowed to go to the school, and that the license issued by the Act. The lad was a healthy, lively boy, and would have been at the Court, only for the accident, and upon the head by a horse on the previous day.

The Bench: Undoubtedly, he must have something about the matter.

The boy's father: He admitted to me that he committed an offence.

The Chairman: When the defendant was visited and fined 8s 6d at Stockton, the child was aged 10 years.

Mr. Hedley: Well, it is nearly nine years

The Magistrate remarked that defendant being fined in Stockton, and that was not sufficient for him to appreciate the gravity of the offence. He would now be fined 40s to enable him to undergo one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

**NORTH-WEST DURHAM WOMEN'S
LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.**

This association, which was founded in December, has now reached the respectable number of 73 members, and has therefore been invited to the Federation of Women's Liberal Associations, of which Mrs Gladstone is President. The North-West Durham Women's Liberal Association now sends a representative to the council of the Durham Association of Women's Liberal Societies, which meets in London every May, and will have a

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ORTH-WEST Durham Women's Liberal Association intends to do what it can, through its representatives at the London Federation, and in other ways towards claiming the Parliamentary vote for women who are householders, and who already vote for Guardians, Local Boards, and School Boards.

It is hoped that all men and women who are interested in political education, and in extending political rights for women, will attend the meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, at half-past seven, in the *Sons of Temperance Hall*.

A PROLIFIC GOOSE.—A goose belonging to a friend of *Newlandside*, Stanope, has been laying 10 to 12 eggs per day of late.

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BIRTHS.
TANFIELD Lea—6th inst., the wife of Thos. Ainley,
of a daughter.
LISTE GAREY—Lough Horse, 7th inst., the wife
John Andrews, of a son.

MARRIAGES.
CONSETT—Christ Church, 7th inst., by the Rev F.
Steggall, J. P. Morris, Jarrow, to Nellie Tager,
Lancaster.

LUNCEFORD—Register Office, 6th inst., J. Hunter to
E. Brown, both of Greencroft.—Same day, J. Hunter to
Clark to E. E. Franks, both of Cornsby Colliery.
—Same day, Thos. T. Hester to A. E. Varry,
both of Tanfield Lea.—Same day, T. Hester to L.
H. Mason, both of Dilton.—Same day, Robert
Wright to M. A. H. Hester, both of Tanfield Lea.

WAT KYO—6th inst, aged 75, Eleanor, wife of Robt. Thomas.
WEST STANLEY—2nd inst, aged 9 years, Thomas, son of Joseph Simm.
HUGHES—6th inst, aged 67, after a long and painful illness, Alexander, husband of Mary Spears.
SREY—3rd inst, aged 5th inst, after a long illness, John Wilson, and daughter of, aged 36, wife of Earl Bell, Barrow.
WINTERS—4th inst, aged 66, Mary, widow of the late John Wright, Addison Colliery.
7th inst, aged 68, John Buckton.
WERNY—4th inst, aged 67, Margaret, wife of Thomas James.
1st inst, aged 46, William Chanton, late of Addison Colliery.
7th inst, aged 18, Deborah, daughter of Thomas Ripley.
WYLLIE—2nd inst, aged 34, Thomas, husband of Dorothy Liddell.
BRETHERL—Mount Pleasant, 2nd inst, aged 49, Clement Stephenson, husband of Dorothy Lawson.

HESTER STREET—2nd inst., aged 57, Hannah,
 widow of the late Thos. Wardrop, carrier,
 Heston—Cuthberts, 7th inst., aged 60, Joseph
 Marley.
 MENDHAM—Worcesters, Mass., 10th ult., wife of
 an McGuinn (formerly Ann Rudy), aged 54,
 of John McGuinn, still recently of Conn.

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