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By Order of the Board.
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April 11th, 1889. 131a

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A letter from Rev F. Steggall, dated April 2nd, was read, asking to be allowed to erect flushing closets in connection with the National Schools, and the Building Committee recommended that his request be granted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr DAVISON, and seconded by Mr WADE, that Mr Aynsley's plan for extensions and Improvements in Nile Street be recommended to be passed.

Resolved, that Mr Wm Ridley's block plan be referred to the full Board for consideration.

(Signed) W. AYNSLEY.

The plans were passed as the Committee recommended; but the CHAIRMAN proposed, and Mr SIDDELL seconded, a motion that the Board did not assent to the request of Mr Ridley to diminish the width of Palmerston Terrace, and to this the Board agreed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, April 2nd. Present: Messrs George Ainsworth and J. Murray.

Accounts, to the amount of £34 5s, were recommended to be paid. The expenditure for the ensuing six months is £1,235, and as there will be a balance of £200 in the bank, a rate to produce £1,035 would be required. A rate of 10d in the pound would meet this.

(Signed) J. MURRAY.

TENDERS.

Several tenders had been received in answer to the Board's advertisement, and these were carefully considered, but no conclusion was come to, as several more tenders were yet expected.

NEW RATE.

The CHAIRMAN said that from the estimate of the Finance Committee they only wanted the sum of £1,035.

Mr SIDDELL proposed that the rate be 1s in the pound.

This was seconded by Mr WADE, and finally carried.

It was then proposed, seconded, and carried, that the Finance Committee's report be passed.

THE YEARLY MEETING.

This meeting was fixed to be held on the 15th April.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr DAVISON said that as this was the last meeting of the old Board he felt great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to their old chairman for the able and courteous manner in which he had presided over their meetings

This was seconded by Mr SIDDELL, and supported by Mr AYNSLEY.

In reply, the CHAIRMAN said he thanked them very much for their kind vote of thanks for the services he had been able to render. He had always done his best as far as lay in his power. (Applause.) They were coming to a very important time in the existence of the Board, for they were for the first time borrowing a large sum of money, but he felt sure that they would do it for the benefit of the district. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that they would have the same cordiality in the future as they had had in the past, and if it so happened that, if returned and selected chairman for another year—although he would prefer another to be appointed to that place—he hoped they would give him the same hearty co-operation in the future as they had done in the past. They all tried to assist their chairman, and they all carefully studied the interests of the ratepayers. So far, their rates had been kept down, and the town had greatly improved in all ways.—(applause)—and he hoped that they would always have the same desire to do their work economically and as well as they could. (Applause.)

This finished the business.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

I hear that the suggestion thrown out recently in this column to the promoters of the successful concerts at Catchgate as to the desirability of forming a Choral Society for that district, is receiving hearty acceptance. I only hope that my information, as I have little doubt, is from a well-informed source. There are the "elements" without a doubt in the locality, and as far as I can learn only the energy and "go" are wanted.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

MEDOMSLEY.—31st ult., the wife of James Taylor, of a daughter.

SHOTLEY FIELD—School-house, 28th ult, the wife of Mark Maddison, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT—Christ Church, 1st inst., by Rev F. Steggall, Chas. W. B. Walby, West Rainton, to Dorothy Ann Wade, Consett.

WEARDALE—Wesleyan Chapel, 23rd ult by Rev J. Mackintosh, Alfred Brown eldest son of Thos. Brown, Middleton-in-Teasdale, to Jane Eliz. Watson, of St. John's Chapel, late of South Shields.

ETHERLEY.—Parish Church, 31st ult., by Rev J. Atkinson, John, eldest son of Joshua Bagnall, Winlaton, to Lottie, daughter of John Lundy, Toft Hill.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—20, Nelson Street, on the 3rd inst. aged 26, Nathan, youngest son of the late William Close, innkeeper, and beloved husband of Ellen Close. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday afternoon, at Four o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

6, Mount Pleasant, 3rd inst, in her 73rd year, Jane, wife of James Kidd.

EBCHESTER.—Broad Oak, 30th ult., Ann, widow of Charles Phillips, of Carlisle.

Westwood Cottages, 25th ult. (at the house of his son), aged 70, Robert Jewitt. Was interred at St. Ives, Leadgate, on the 28th ult.

LANCHESTER—Broadwood Park, 3rd inst., aged 86, Edward Taylor Smith, J.P.

EAST STANLEY—30th ult, aged 29, Barbara, wife of John Waugh.

WINLATON.—27th ult, Jane Emily, widow of the late Thomas Atkinson.

North Street, 3rd inst. aged 2½ years, Margaret Olive, daughter of William Parker.

BLAYDON—14, James's Street, 26th inst., aged 84, George Bewick.

GREENSIDE—28th ult aged 58, Jane, wife of William Fellows.

STANHOPE—Phœnix Hotel, 2nd inst, aged 54, Sarah Parkin.

At the Workhouse, 30th ult., aged 67, Hannah Thompson, of Rookhope.

Same place, 1st inst, aged 76, Miss Ann Brown, of East Lane.

FROSTERLEY.—30th ult, aged 67, John Stout, for over 40 years an *employe* on the Wear Valley railway.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—31st ult., aged 36, William Anderson Wilkinson, butcher.

PRUDHOE STATION—27th ult., aged 76, Margaret, widow of the late Thomas White, of Alston.

PRUDHOE CASTLE—1st inst, in her 79th year, Margaret widow of John N. Milburne, Esq., and daughter of Thomas Dodd, Esq, of Woodhouse, near Ryton.

HALTWHISTLE—On the 29th ult., aged 74, Mary Hetherington, formerly of Sound Burn, Stanhope.

HEDWORTH LANE.—27th inst., aged 33, Mary, wife of A. Fittes.

BYER MOOR.—2nd inst., aged 8 years and 10 months, son of Thomas Fenwick.

DONCASTER—28th ult, aged 61, Rev W. Saul, Primitive Methodist Minister, formerly of Blaydon.

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FRIDAY, April 12th, 1889

THE Local Government Bill for Scotland may be defined as a gigantic bribe to the Scottish constituencies to allow the Government to continue their coercion policy in Ireland. It is as though Lord Salisbury said to the voters of Scotland: "See how liberal a Tory Government can be when it feels that its trust will not be abused. We do not fear to commit the management of their own affairs to the Scotch, because we know they will not betray the confidence we repose in them. Let Ireland prove herself equally worthy and we will mete out to her the same benefit. Meantime we must ask you to sanction our treating her as a conquered nation." The Conservatives are sanguine that such sentiments will reconcile Scotland to their Irish policy. They will, however, be doomed to disappointment. Nature did not make the head of the average Scotchman abnormally long for nothing. Such a conformation enables him to detect a fallacy with especial acuteness, and to mark a distinction with unusual clearness. He will at once see that the reason why the Lord Advocate is able to offer such a large measure of self-control to Scotland is that England has from the first allowed her practically to manage her own affairs. Since the days when that acute, if immoral Scotchman, James I., was crowned King of England, Scotland, though the smaller kingdom, has never been thwarted by England. The Scottish nature is different from the English; we have wisely recognised the fact. The Irish nature is also different; we have foolishly ignored the circumstance, and as we could not change the bent of the national genius we brutally tried to crush it. With this result, that to-day we are able to give an extended measure of local government to Scotland; while we can think of no better means of governing Ireland than that of quartering an army of thirty thousand soldiers and thirteen thousand policemen upon her. It might be thought that the Tories by this time would have seen the advantage of one system over the other. But there are none so blind as those who won't see; and we prefer to send an extra battalion or so of soldiers across the Irish Channel, rather than try the alternative of allowing Ireland to manage her own affairs. The Scotch will note the absurdity of these tactics, and while they will accept the Tory sop will not relinquish their efforts to secure justice for Ireland. It was a curious coincidence by which on the same night that the extension of Scottish independence was discussed the Irish Secretary was obliged to make the humiliating confession that the Government have been compelled to have recourse to the tactics of the Middle Ages in order to evict the unfortunate Irish peasantry. We will do Mr. Balfour the justice to admit that he was thoroughly ashamed of himself, perhaps for the first time on record, and only replied to Mr. J. Morley's question at the point, as it were, of the Parliamentary bayonet. But Mr. Morley was not to be denied. Was it true that the authorities in Dublin had "ordered or sanctioned the despatch to Letterkenny of an iron-hooped, spiked battering-ram, along with boat-hooks, chains, ropes, shod-poles, crowbars, picks, sledges, and scaling ladders?" Yes, Mr. Balfour was forced to allow it was true. A more painful comment on the failure of the policy of bludgeon it would be difficult to conceive. Perhaps, though, Mr. Balfour conceives that the patent battering-ram, with its ghastly equipment, holds the key of the situation, and that on its appearance contentment and tranquillity will reign over Ireland. Such a hope would be little more sanguine than the expectations he has entertained about the success of other moves in his game of coercion.

Although we are quite sure that Scotland will not be won over to Mr. Balfour's system of government by the new bill, we are by no means equally sure that she will be satisfied with the intrinsic value of the bribe. The Local Government Bill for Scotland is framed on Liberal lines, and contains many important reforms. In some respects it is an advance on the twin measure for England. For example, that monstrous anomaly in a scheme of popular government, the alderman, finds no place in its provisions. But it is, nevertheless, clear that the Government in forming it was possessed by a wholesome dread of trusting the people one inch further than was necessary. The unpaid magistrate, as known to England, does not exist in Scotland. But there is a certain body called the "commissioners of supply" who fulfil a portion of his functions. These "commissioners" belong exclusively to the landed aristocracy. One of their qualifications is that they shall either own land of the annual value of £100, or houses of the annual value of £200. This is not what could be characterised as a popular franchise. The duties of the commissioners have hitherto been very extensive; and, by the provision of the new measure, in conjunction with the County Council, they will retain two of the most important. In the first place they will have the casting vote in the management of the police; and, secondly, no money can be borrowed or expended without their sanction. The nature of the sturdy Scottish peasantry must have greatly changed if they submit complacently to these galling and humiliating restrictions. Then, again, what will the feeling in Scotland be when it is understood that the Lord Advocate proposes that money is to be taken from the State funds for the purpose of maintaining denominational schools? On this point we are not certain. It may be that the Scotch, in their eagerness to secure free education, will consent to this compromise. Mr. Parker, we inclined to think, was right when he said "he did not believe that the people of Scotland, who were for the most part Protestants, would view with favour any tendency to relieve, for example, the Roman Catholic schools." There are many features in the bill which must be opposed to the advanced liberalism of Scotland; on the other hand the principle laid down by the Lord Advocate in his opening remarks, that "a satisfactory measure of local government for Scotland must be distinctively Scottish in its acceptance and characteristic methods of administration, and in its development of them," practically concedes the right of Ireland to manage her own affairs.

THE HOME: USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

BLISTERED FEET.—The best remedy for this is to rub the feet, when going to bed, with spirits mixed with tallow, dropped from a lighted candle into the palm of the hand.

SYMPATHETIC INK.—An ordinary solution of gum camphor in whiskey forms a permanent and excellent sympathetic ink. The writing must be done very rapidly, as the first letters of a word have disappeared by the time the last are written. Dipping the paper in water brings it out distinctly, and it becomes invisible again when the paper is dried. It can be brought out repeatedly without affecting its vividness.

PICKLETS.—Picklets—or as they should be called, pikelates—are a kind of cake made in Lancashire as follows: Put one pound of flour into a basin, make a hole in the middle, put two heaped tablespoonfuls of bran, half a teaspoonful of sugar, and ditto of salt, and three-quarters of a pint of milk into it, cover the basin with a cloth, and set it in a warm place all night. Knead it up into a dough; a little more flour or milk may be necessary. Work it up well, and make into two or more flat round cakes. Bake in a quick oven on greased plates.

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.)

CO-OPERATIVE STORES v TRADESMEN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As a commercial of more than 20 years' on the road, would you kindly permit me a few words in reply to letters anent the above subject in your last issue? Somewhere about two years ago, a few of us at the dinner-table in an hotel in West Auckland, tried in a similar style to the account recorded in the *Grocers' Journal*, and with similar results. For "Co-operator the Second's" edification, kindly allow me to ask if he can get all 6d packeted or bottled articles at the Store for 4½d? If not, he kindly allows the Store the privilege of taking 5s in the pound out of his pocket. Fry's cocoa and nearly all proprietary goods are to be got at from 2s 6d to 6s 8d in the pound cheaper at a tradesman's place who knows his business. A few weeks ago, in this district, a private tradesman and a Co-operative Store almost adjoining each other, had a consignment from one house of an article which the tradesman sold at 6d over his counter, while the Store charged 8d for the same. As to the wholesale, I have by me their "private and confidential list," and find that instead of stores having advantages by dealing there, over tradesmen, the balance is about 2½ per cent in favour of tradesmen. If stores could sell cheaper than tradesmen, there is no fear but they would, but they cannot compete with anyone who knows his trade—that is, if he has fairplay; but, Mr Editor, boycotting is not practised only in Ireland, but in our factories, mines, &c. If a man won't be a member of the Store he is subjected to continual annoyance, hence many timid people are afraid to enter a tradesman's shop for fear of the trouble their husbands will have afterwards. As to keeping a better-class article, that is all moonshine. As to the boast of money, what do co-operators put their money there for? For nothing; no, but for to get five per cent, which has to come out of all goods sold, with the usual addition of 6s 8d in the pound to be repaid at the end of the quarter in the way of a 3s to 4s dividend, the rest lost in heavy working expenses and bad management.—Yours, &c.,

A KNIGHT OF THE ROAD.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE STORE AND ITS MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Thinking our mutual friend "Supposition" had gone the way of all flesh, and while trying to think of a suitable epitaph, lo! he once more appears. "But what a falling-off was there." Fully a quarter of his letter is taken up with profuse apologies and thanks to his royal highness the printer's devil (who, by the way, I hope feels duly flattered), and another considerable space is devoted to his pet phrases, such as "Dear old Anti," together with the explanation that his name is not "Supposition," but "Suppuration." Well, Mr Editor, if the shock does not prove too much for his royal highness the devil, I think we will pull through without any serious results. My remarks respecting the Educational Committee were based on the statement made in his first letter, in which he says: "The Educational Committee was formed to superintend the working of certain classes, but that the classes failed." I repeat the assertion I made most emphatically, that every student in the classes passed; but you will observe that he now quietly eats the leek by saying that the "certain class" he speaks of was never formed. "Good 'old logic." Well might it not pass. I notice that he has now dropped the question of the mysterious suppressed letter, and quotes the letter of "Reform," which appeared in the *Record* a few months ago, the foot-note to which he claims as a clear proof that the committee perused the letter before it was published. But he must not forget that the letter of "Reform" was an exceptional one, and exceptional cases may, to the Editor's mind, require special care and treatment, and as the letter made a series of charges against the Committee of Management, and suspicion of the *employes*, I think in this case the Editor is quite justified if he did first of all submit its perusal to the committee, which I still very much doubt. Our friend further says that he does not care whether "Reform" is put upon the committee or not. For shame, "Suppuration," after taking him under your wing and posing him as an "injured innocent," to desert him thus. "Save us from our friends." As a dying effort "the spasmodic individual" says he holds it is time the management was practising reform. Well, I am glad he "holds" something; I was beginning to think him a "riddle." I am still rather hazy about his last sentence, in which he says something about me "shaking his coat with my dress." The fact is, it is even more beautifully vague than the rest of his argument; but, if his coat is so very fine that my dress might soil it, I pledge my word not to ride him without a saddle.—Yours, &c.,

ANTI-SUPPOSITION.

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I beg to correct a misstatement that Mr Frosdick made to the electors at a meeting held at the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, and which was published in last week's *Guardian*, to the effect, if Mr J. H. Hudson's suggestion had been carried out some years ago, the sewerage would have been disposed of at a cost of not less than £4,000. What I told Mr Frosdick was the following statement, when the late Mr Elliott was the Clerk of Consett Local Board Messrs Annandale wrote to the Board asking them to pipe the sewerage into the Derwent, and leave the pure water in the Howdon Burn for the use of their factory, which I thought was a fair request, and the proper time for the Board to deal with the sewerage once for all, so I called a special meeting of the Board by requisition. A special meeting was held and I lost my proposition by either one or two votes, I cannot tell which. At a cost of from 12 to 14 hundred pounds the sewerage scheme would have been disposed of for ever, and I am sorry to say Mr Jenkins (then our chairman) was the leading feature of the opposition to my motion, while Mr Calvert and Mr Siddell were my strongest supporters. The Board minute book and Messrs Annandale's letters will still be in the custody of the Board, which will show the truthfulness of the above statement, and the above was what I said to Mr Frosdick.

Dear Mr Editor the Board had the Derwent water anylised by Mr Stock just below where the Consett sewerage empties itself into the Derwent, and scarcely any nuisance was found in the Derwent according to Mr Stock's report.

I hear that some of our old members of the Board are saying that they are compelled to adopt the present sewerage scheme. I say they are not nor never were, and had they not been dead to their duty the sewerage scheme would have been disposed of years ago, for a fifth of the cost of their present scheme of £17,000 which will tax all the property in the Consett Local Board district at 1s in the £, and that is the sweet returns they are going to give the electors for conferring the honour of membership for the Board to their names.—Yours, &c,

JOHN I. HUDSON.

Castle Dene House, near Consett.

"MODEL" v "STARR-BOWKETT" BUILDING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Perhaps you will kindly allow me to say a few things through your columns anent the "Model" and "Starr-Bowkett" Building Societies, which, of course, I could not say in Mr Conner's meeting on Tuesday night. I should like also to ask a few questions with the hope that answers will be given, not by personal attack and innuendo, but in straightforward honesty.

Now first as to ballot. In the Starr-Bowkett Society, every ballot belongs to the members, and the Society cannot interfere, if the successful member wishes to sell it, he can sell it in the open market, he can sell it by public auction if he likes; or he can keep it and use it himself. In the "Model" every alternative ballot is claimed by the society and sold to the highest bidder, so that if there are, as Mr Conner said, 300 ballots for 300 members, 150 of the members of each society never get a ballot at all, unless they purchase one.

Mr Conner never honestly answered my question on this point, and I ask him now, through the public press, to let us all know if every member in his societies gets a ballot without paying for it, as we do in the Starr-Bowkett.

Then as to transfer fees. Mr Conner stated that he charged none. No, I should think not! If a member of the Starr-Bowkett sells his shares at, say £12 each, he is charged £2 transfer fee; instead of this, the "Model" seizes every alternate ballot, sells the ballot, and pockets the whole of the £12 belonging to some unfortunate member. That is "transfer fee" enough, I should say. We make every individual share bear its own burden, and the rich have no advantage over the poor, but in the "Model" one-half of the members has to pay all the working expenses, all the transfer fees, and all the other fees of the other half. It is a good society *for the lucky half*.—Yours, &c.,

WM. ELLIOTT.

Original Poetry.

THE CALLER.

[A COLLIERY ODE.]

What's that that thunders at the door?
And shakes my dear heart to the core,
I never heard such thuds before—
Why, smash, its our awd caller!
Thou lies, he says, just like a block,
Does thou not hear the caller's knock?
The sound would rouse a metal rock,
And give a man a 'lectric shock,
And there thou's lyin' like a hog
That's happy snoakin' in a bog,
Or lurchin' like a lazy dog
That does not ken his caller.

Thou's lyin' like a stucken sheep,
Thou must be in a mortal sleep;
But get thy body on't the heap,
And dinna blame the caller.
The night is stormy, black and dark,
There's not a star in all the sky;
But rub thy eyes and get to wark,
The sun will shine out by-and-bye;
The moon is hidden o'er the hill,
And I have wakened Bob and Bill;
If they're not up they're lyin' still,
And they may sleep the caller.

Ho-way, ho-way! the buzzer's blawn,
Its time for yokin'—every man,
Then leave thy hammock, if thou can,
And dinna sleep the caller.
For three o'clock will soon be past,
And maybe four is very nigh;
But dinna thou come trailin' last,
When all thy mates are far in-bye.
Just waken up and come away,
And lie thou back another day,
Thy wife and bairns have time to play,
They dinna need a caller.

Now dinna twist and craik and cough,
But boldly hoy the bed claes off;
I warrant thou thinks there's time enough,
And does not heed the caller.
What's up, says one, and then he laughed,
Wey, is thou frightened o' thy craft?
Or has the pit fa'n down the shaft?
Man, dinna make thysel' so daft,
I never mind thy noisy tricks,
For if I lie till five or six
Then I'll be there as sure as bricks,
And never heed the caller.

A sleepy chap I once heard say,
How he slept in and lost a day,
And fell a shift short at the pay,
And how he blamed the caller.
And now, ye men of Durham pits,
Ye lick the Awd 'un into fits,
Ye vex a man beyond his wits,
And shake his temper all to bits.
The caller cannot raise the deed;
There's not a man from Wear to Reed,
Or not a man 'twixt Tyne and Tweed
Abused as is the caller.

JOHN ROWELL, CALLER.

Twizell Colliery, Durham.

Trade Notes.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE SLIDING SCALE.

MEETING AT WINLATON.

A meeting of representatives of various lodges of the Durham Miners Association in the Western district was held at the Commercial Hotel, Winlaton, on Tuesday evening, when it was resolved to hold a mass meeting at Winlaton, on Easter Saturday. Mr Jos. Robson, will take the chair, and the following resolutions will be submitted at the meeting:—

1st. That we seek to abolish the sliding scale at once, seeing that it does not respond in equal advances according to the selling prices of coal.

2nd. That, trade having greatly improved, it is absolutely necessary, in order to provide for ourselves and families, to seek an advance. We therefore urge upon the miners of the county to demand an immediate advance of 20 per cent.

3rd. That we, the members of the different lodges of the Durham Miners' Association, henceforth use all our endeavours to strengthen our ranks, inducing all men and boys to join our union at once.

MEETING AT CROOK.

On Saturday a meeting took place at the Crown Inn, Crook, to take into consideration the present unsatisfactory condition of the miners' wages in the county of Durham. The collieries represented were:—Brancepeth 1 and 2, Howden, Woodifield, Rough Lea, Sunniside, Low Bitchburn, North Bitchburn, Stanley Drift, Roddymoor, Woolley, Oakenshaw, Bowdon Close, and Sunnybrow. Mr J. Ashbridge, Woolley, occupied the chair, and it was unanimously decided to hold a mass meeting on Crook Green on April 27th, to be addressed by Mr J. Wilson, Mr S. Galbraith, and other prominent men, when the resolutions are to be submitted in favour of the abolition of the present sliding scale, seeking an advance of 20 per cent as its basis of operation, and also regarding the question of now contract ngout of the Employers' Liability Act and the better organisation of the district.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr John S. Murray had again a fair supply of stock forward at this mart on Monday, 9 fat cattle, which sold at £10 15s to £19 15s, top, Messrs Anderson, Black Hedley; 6 cows to £16; 9 store cattle, £6 10s to £12 12s 6d; 5 brood sows, £4 2s 6d to £5; small pigs, 11s to 28s; 40 sheep, 40s to 55s. Horse, £7 10s; do. £3. Hay, £3 per ton. A quantity of poultry, potatoes, &c., sold at fair prices; poultry, 3s each. A fairly good company was present, but there was a slow, hanging trade.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 30 cows, calved and to calve, up to £18 17s 6d; 2 fat cattle, up to £17 15s; fat sheep, to 47s; 3 store cattle; 13 calves, up to 31s; 3 pork pigs, to 31s 6d. Good attendance of buyers.

CHESTER-LE STREET.—On Monday, Mr James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale, and had forward a very prime lot of stock in all classes. Trade was not quite so brisk as anticipated. Sheep were the shortest supply in this mart for 12 months. The numbers forward were: 75 fat cattle, 17 grazing cattle, 4 sows, 54 fat sheep, 1 bacon pig, 1 sow in pig, and 5 young pigs. A quantity of agricultural implements, harness, &c., were also sold. Fat cattle made £20 to £22 5s, for bullocks from the Birtley Iron Company; Mr T. Young, four, from £17 12s 6d to £20. Messrs Joicey and Co., four, to £19 for heifers; Mr G. Turnbull, three, to £18 7s 6d; Mr J. Howden, two, to £16s 10s; Mr J. Snowdon, four, to £13 5s; Mr L. Wood, two, to £18 10s; Mr R. Stothard, four, to £18 15s; Mr J. Lawson, two, to £14 5s; Mr W. J. Handcock, six, to £18 7s 6d; Mr J. Wilkinson, four, to £18 17s 8d; Mr G. Heppell, two, to £17 17s 6d; Mr J. Parkin, two, to £16 15s; Mr J. Brewis, two, to £18 5s; Mr A. Maynard, three, to £16 5s; Mr J. Hedley, two, to £15 5s; Mr J. F. B. Baker, two, to £16 17s 6d; Mr R. Darling, to £18 5s; Mr Fatherley, four, to £18 2s 6d. Grazing cattle made to £11 7s 6d for heifers, and £13 17s 6d for bullocks. There was a good show of keeping cattle as regards quality. Fat sheep: Hoggs, to 57s, top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme; ewes, to 47s. Bacon pigs, £6 5s; young pigs, to 22s each. Messrs the Birtley Iron Company were top for fat bullocks, Messrs Joicey and Co. for fat heifers, and Mr T. Young for fat cows.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The combined ill effects of overcrowding, sedentary occupations and monotony of life are only too well known to those who have to pass the best part of their lives labouring in factories and crowded workrooms. The compulsory confinement weakens the general health and induces chronic constipation, indigestion, and various forms of skin diseases. Holloway's remedies are of priceless value to persons of this class, for they can be used without entailing loss of work, being purely vegetable in their composition, and consequently act without harshness on the most delicate system. The experience of more than forty years proves that no means surpass Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, bad breasts, piles, and wounds of all kinds.

CONSETT AND DERWENT VALLEY UNITED DISTRICT OF THE A.O.F. FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The officers of the above district on Saturday se'nnight presented Bro. Jackson Crossley, P.D.C.R. of Court Lizzie, No 5112, Annfield Plain, in the Temperance Hall, Blackhill, with a beautiful neck ribbon. Bro. E. Whittaker, D.C.R., made the presentation and delivered an instructive speech. Bro. Crossley responded in a very affected manner, and several other brethern took part in the proceedings.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By WEARSIDER.]

The jokes have been abib again. One Sunday night a swell landlord went out for a drive, taking with him a couple of friends. All went well for some time, but the avenging angels were on the track. Boniface and his friends stayed by the way to visit a brother innkeeper, and while they were "boozing o'er the nappy," as Burns puts it, some lively sparks went off home with Bucephalus and the chariot. The jolly landlord and his two chum half perforce to walk home amid the laughter and the unmerciful chaffing of all those "in the known," and there were many.

Chester-le-Street is to be purged and purified. A busybody who eventually believes it is his mission to set the world to rights, has written to the Home Secretary to inform him that domino playing is allowed in the public-houses at Chester-le-Street. The Government cannot do less than offer this illustrious humbug a seat in the Cabinet after such valuable service has been rendered.

Ralph didn't win the silver cup, but he nearly lost his nose; an untamed savage tried to bite it off.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held at the Board Room, Stanhope, Dr Livingstone presiding.

VALUATION OF STEEL WORKS.

The Clerk (Mr Lee) reported that the Assessment Committee were anxious to have a valuation made of the Stanners Close Steel Works at Wolsingham, and asked permission of the Guardians to employ a competent valuer.

Mr H. MADDISON expressed a hope that the valuer would not unduly press his investigations as it might injure an industry which was a benefit to the district.

The Board granted the committee permission to employ a competent valuer.

VALUATION LISTS.

The Clerk also submitted a bill from the Assistant Overseer for making out the new valuation lists, but as the Board deemed it part of his duties they refused to pay the bill.

INMATES EASTER DINNER.

The Master (Mr Hodgson) stated that some of the inmates were expecting to get a dinner at Easter, out of the money left out of the Christmas donation of the unknown Bishop Auckland gentleman.

The CHAIRMAN: You must not feed them to much. (Laughter).

The Master: Well sir, they live in hope. (More laughter).

The CHAIRMAN: I notice some of the inmates have a bonny gloss on their face.

Mr CURRY asked how much money there was left.

The CHAIRMAN: Between £13 and £14.

Mr CURRY moved that the inmates have a special dinner at Easter.

The CHAIRMAN seconded the resolution, which was agreed to.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the above authority was held in the Board Room, Stanhope, on Friday—Dr Livingstone in the chair.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Egglestone) said he had invetigated the complaint about the alleged pollution of a stream at St John's Chapel by gas tar from the local gas works. He found tar oozing through the wall into the stream, and found what appeared to be a leakage from one of the tanks. He called attention to the owners to the same, and a promise was given that the matters should have due attention and any further pollution prevented. The Inspector reported that he had received a letter from Daddry Shields respecting a water supply to that village, and reminding the Board that in November last they agreed to favourably consider a scheme for the proper water supply to St John's Chapel, Daddry Shields and Westgate. As St John's Chapel had water now he thought a scheme for the two latter places would best meet the existing requirement.

A small committee was appointed to examine the villages with the Inspector and report to the next meeting.

HIGHWAY BOARD.

The Weardale district Board of Waywardens met at Stanhope, on Friday.—Mr Backhouse, J.P., in the chair.

CONTRACTOR'S WORK.

Mr SNOWBALL proposed, and Mr WOOLER seconded a motion, which was carried, that the Surveyor report monthly as to the manner in which the contractors are doing their work.

NEW RATE.

A threepenny rate was authorised.

PAYBILL.

The months paybill was £151 19s 5d.

APPLICATION FOR A TRAMWAY.

Leave was asked for a tramway to be laid down by the Weardale Iron Company at Middlehope, and also by Messrs Ord and Maddison over a road at Bishoply near Frosterley, subject in each case to cavements with respect to the terms of the County Council for main road maintenance.

The Clerk (Mr Thompson) will summon a special meeting if an expected communication from the Council calls for it.

It was pointed out however, that the average cost of the last three years was under the previous average cost, and this fact is to be put before the Council.

CONTRACTS.

The contracts for the repairing and maintenance of the Highways were let to the contractors, Messrs Fairless being the principle contractors.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in the Board Room, Stanhope, on Friday afternoon. All the eleven members were present, but Mr Peadon did not arrive in time to take part in the election of the chairman and vice-chairman.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr VALENTINE RIPPON, Rogerly Hall, Frosterley, proposed, and Mr JOSEPH HARRISON, Wearhead, seconded a resolution that Councillor Livingstone be chairman.

As an amendment, Mr O. MONKHOUSE moved, and Mr J. RODDAM seconded Mr G. R. Wooler, of Wolsingham, as chairman.

On the amendment being put to the meeting, Messrs O. Monkhouse and J. Roddam (Rookhope), and Captain Scott-Jervis voted in favour of it.

For the motion there voted—Messrs V. Rippon, J. Harrison, J. W. Roddam, C. Bainbridge, and J. Maddinson (working-men's candidate).

Dr LIVINGSTONE thanked them for the honour they had done him. He said he had had the honour—he esteemed it a great honour—of being elected chairman on four Boards and vice-chairman on another. He had been a member of the Board ever since it was established, and the one object he had always had in view was that the children of the dale should have an efficient education, and that education as economical as possible.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr BAINBRIDGE moved, and Mr RIPPON seconded Mr J. W. Roddam, New Town, Stanhope, as vice-chairman.

There being no amendment, it was put to the meeting, when six voted in favour of it.

Mr RODDAM returned thanks for the honour they had done him.

MANAGERS OF SCHOOLS.

The managers of the different schools were next appointed as follows:—Lanehead, Mr Monkhouse; St. John's Chapel, Mr Peadon; Wearhead, Mr Harrison; Westgate, Mr Jervis; Rookhope, Mr J. Roddam; Frosterley, Mr Rippon.

NEW RATE.

To meet current expenses, Mr MONKHOUSE proposed and Mr PEADON seconded a motion that a rate of 2d in the pound be levied.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOAN OF SCHOOLS.

Requests were made by the Primitive Methodists of Westgate and Lanehead, and the Wesleyans at Lanehead, for the use of the Board Schools. The Conservative Association also applied for the use of Weardale School.

All the applications were granted.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The attendance officer's report of the attendance and non-attendance of the children in the various schools in the dale—both Board schools and others—was next considered, and notices were ordered to be sent to the parents of several children whose attendance was unsatisfactory. In some cases, where the parents were known to be poor, the fees were remitted.

The CHAIRMAN addressing the attendance officer frequently as "John," one of the newly-elected members (Captain Scott-Jervis) asked the Chairman who "John" was, as he did not know whom he was addressing! He was informed that the "John" in question was the attendance officer.

CALLED TO "ORDER."

Mr MONKHOUSE, while making some remarks to the members, was called to order by the Chairman, and told to address the chair.

The question of the disposal of the £200 recently received from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners was adjourned for discussion at a future meeting of the Board.

WHICKHAM LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Whickham Urban Sanitary Authority was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Henry Wallace presiding. The following gentlemen were declared duly elected to serve as members of the Board for the next three years:—Mr Henry Wallace, Trench Hall; Mr William Garbutt, Dunston; Mr John Joseph Hunter, Whickham Grange, and Mr Edmund Carr, Dunstan Hill. Messrs Joseph Harbottle, Swalwell, and Joseph Clark Gardner were also nominated, but gave notice of withdrawal.—The Medical Officer (Dr A. W. Attwater) reported that several cases of measles had come under his notice at Swalwell, none of which, however, had proved fatal. With that exception the health of the district had been fairly good. The birth-rate was 20 per 1,000 per annum, and the death-rate 21·33 per 1,000 per annum.—On the motion of Mr Carr, seconded by Mr Daglish, it was agreed to oppose the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill at present before Parliament, and the clerk, Mr Lambert, was instructed to call a public meeting to petition against the bill.—The Finance Committee's report showed a balance in the hands of the treasurer, after payment of accounts, amounting to £379 0s 5d. There was a balance after payment of their accounts of £709 0s 5d in the hands of the treasurer.—The question of whether the Board should claim and maintain and repair the main roads in the district, or hand them over to the County Council, was considered. It was determined that the Board should continue to maintain and repair them, and the clerk was instucted to give the requisite notice to the County Council authorities.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

LANCHESTER UNION.

On Wednesday afternoon, the result of the election for the three Guardians to represent the townships of Lanchester and Satley for the Lanchester Union, was declared by the Returning Officer (Mr V. H. Ritson) at Lanchester, as follows:—

LANCHESTER.

ELECTED.

aJ. Wilkinson, New Acres, Chester-le-Street.	390
W. Gray, grocer, Burnhope.	353

NOT ELECTED.

aJ. Buckham, timber merchant, Lanchester.	283

SATLEY.

ELECTED.

aT. Nichols, farmer, Satley.	32

NOT ELECTED.

John Oliver, farmer, Burnhill.	26

There were no other elections in the other townships of the Union

The other vacancies have been filled up as follows—Esh (two required).—Rev C. D. F. Hodge (vicar), Esh, and aMr J. T. Todd, Quebec.
LANGLEY.—aMr W. Logan, Stobb House.
MUGGLESWICK.—Mr R. Robson.
CORNSAY.—aMgr C. Gillow, Ushaw College.
HEDLEYHOPE.—aMr Thomas Taylor Smith.
aThose are members of the old Board.

WEARDALE.

The election of Guardians for the Weardale Union came off on Tuesday. The votes were counted at the Board Room, Stanhope, on Wednesday, with the following result:—

STANHOPE RURAL WARD.

ELECTED.

aDr Livingstone, Stanhope	810
aWm. Watson, Short Thorn	801
aJ. Blenkiron, New House	742
W. Vickers, Howl John	710
aM. Reed, Ludwell,	685
G. Stephenson, Rose Hill	674
O. Monkhouse, Cows Hill	653
J. Maddison, Hill End	615

NOT ELECTED.

aJ. Roddam, Rookhope	602
aR. Gibson, Frosterley	525

STANHOPE URBAN WARD.

aH. Maddison, Darlington	uncontested
aWm. Rippon, Stanhope	

EDMONDBYERS.

aG. Heppell	Uncontested

HUNSTANWORTH WARD.

ELECTED.

J. Stephenson	49

NOT ELECTED.

Rev P. C. Jones	27

WOLSINGHAM RURAL WARD.

ELECTED.

aG. Curry, Bishop Oak	478
aW. Snowball, Wolsingham,	473
aG. R. Wooler, Wolsingham	415
aW. Love, Wolsinghom	415

NOT ELECTED.

T. E. Fenwick, Wolsingham	276
A. Walton, Landview	114

TOW LAW.

aW. Ridley	Unopposed
aJ. Ridley	
aW. R. Teesdale	

SCRAPS.

A gentleman who discovered that he was standing on a lady's train, had the presence of mind to remark:

"Though I may not have the power to draw a mortal from the skies I have pinned an angel to the earth."

The lady excused him.

A peasant, newly arrived at Paris, pointing to the Palais de Justice, asked an advocate, who was carrying a bag, what building it was.

"It is a mill," replied the lawyer, to quiz the peasant.

"I thought as much," replied the countryman, "for I see a good many asses at the door with sacks!"

"In a tramcar the other day a woman noticed an old man gazing at her very attentively. During a ride of a mile or more he kept his eyes fastened on her face, and he must at least have seen by her manner that she was annoyed. as he bent over her and said:

"Excuse me, madam, but I can't help looking at you. You put me in mind of my dead wife; her nose turned off sideways just exactly like yourn does."

"Will you pay me this bill, sir?" said a tailor in Regent Street to a gentle masher who owed him a pretty long bill.

"Do you owe anybody anything, sir," asked the youth.

"No, sir," said the tailor.

"Then you can afford to wait?" And off he walked.

A day or two afterwards, the tailor called again. The masher was not at his wit's end yet; so, turning to his creditor, he says:

"Are you in debt to anybody?".

"Yes, sir," said the tailor.

"Well, why don't you pay?"

"I've not the money."

"That's just my case, sir. I'm glad to see you can appreciate my condition; give us your hand.

As the volunteer corps of the metropolis and its neighbourhood were once passing in review before King George III. on Wimbledon Common, the officer who carried the colours of the Croydon corps was so taken up with gazing on his majesty that he forgot to pay the usual compliment of lowering the colours. Some time after, his majesty happened to be passing through a town in Kent where a corps of volunteers was on permanent duty, and the captain's guard having turned out in honour of his majest

"What corps—what corps?" asked his majesty.

The officer answered:

"The Croydon Volunteers, may it please your majesty."

"Ha, ha!" replied his majesty, smiling, "The Croydon Volunteers! I remember them well at Wimbledon. You came off with flying colours that day."

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NOTES FROM WEARDALE

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The motions of Messrs Snowball and Wooler at the Highway Board meeting on Friday were a step in the right direction. That the surveyor present a report monthy to the meeting as to how the contractors were getting on with their contracts. It is quite right that the Board should be kept well informed as to how the work is proceeding. Messrs Snowball and Wooler deserve the thanks of the public for their resolution.

The inmates of the Workhouse are to have another good "tuck out" at Easter, through the generosity of the annonymous donor from Bishop Auckland. It is well that some care for the poor. The Workhouse inmates at Stanhope have many a treat, and are better off than many a poor hard working's family. In Mr and Mrs Hodgson they have two good friends, who look well after their comfort and welfare. Dr Livingstone was not far wrong when he said some of the inmates had a bonny gloss on their skin. They do not sham their pasture. Devoid as they are of the luxuries and comforts of home and friends in a cold world like this, it is right that they should be well cared for, and the Stanhope Guardians are to be complimented on their regard for these homeless and friendless ones.

The new School Board has had its first meet, and contrary to expectations it was a quiet affair. The tussle for the chairmanship was short and sharp, and was over when Mr Peadon arrived, only ten minutes behind time. There were six of one party and four of the other. The working man candidate was expected to have gone with Jervis and Monkhouse, and when he voted against them, their surprise was not very small. He evidently had the key of the situation, and through him the clique party scored another victory. He will have to reckon with his supporters, many of whom voted for him expecting he would do different.

"Working-men are the least to be trusted of any." Said one of them to me the other day, "did you ever know a working-man who rose to be a gaffer that was a good one." I said I thought I did. He said "It very seldom happened. They made the worst gaffers there were, they would tyrannise and oppress the class from which they had risen far more than any other man, and if one of them happened to get a bit power, doesn't he soon show it. Most of them, with few exceptions, betray their fellow men and turn out regular duffers." I fear there is too much truth in his remarks. An old book of undoubted authority corroborates the fact when it speaks of "the one who forgot Joseph." There are many now-a-days who forget Joseph.

Commend me to the Wolsingham anglers for big hauls and for don fishing. A water flogger of the old town has eclipsed all the Frosterley, Stanhope, and Upper Weardale anglers, by catching himself. To read of such a thing seems more like romance than reality; but "fact is stronger than fiction." This angler caught the other day the queerest fish he ever caught when he hooked himself. Two disciples of old Isaac Walton repaired to the Wear, the other day, to try their science and piscatorial skill, in alluring from his hiding place in the river the spotted trout. In the peregrinations by the riverside they got separated. They both succeeded well, one killed into the teens, and the other a prodigious hairy gob, upwards 10oz weight. Only one Weardale fisher ever beat him, and that was old Gray, in Upper Teasdale, when he hooked a bull depasturing and browsing by the Teesside; but the bull broke the tackle and got off, not so with this Wolsingham angler, when his mote went to look for him and hear how he had done, to his utter astonishment he found he had hooked himself by the thumb, and so completed the most successful haul he had ever got. Before he could be extricated the professional services of a medical man were called to disengage from his thumb the hook which had pierced and buried itself in the flesh. Stand back, ye Weardale anglers. Eclipse is first and the rest nowhere. Moral: If you cannot catch trout, catch yourself; probably the biggest gudgeon you will ever catch.

Coming events cast their shadows before them. Frosterley is to be *en fete* with tulle falls and orange blossoms. The story is short, but very suggestive. A gallant Lothair met a village belle at a party, became entranced with the bewitching smiles of the fair one, and wrote her next morning the following lines:—

"Last night I left my heart with you,
A captive to your winning grace;
As you have one that's kind and true,
Pray send me yours to take its place.

The recipient was equal to the occasion—as most eligible young ladies generally are—and wrote him at once the following answer:—

"That you have left your heart with me,
I cannot say that I regret it;
And as for mine, well, let me see,
Call in yourself to-night and get it."

The young fellow called, and has kept on calling ever since, and intends calling shortly to carry off his prize, and finish the little romance so auspiciously begun.

Gambling is one of the crying evils of the lower part of Weardale. Pitch and toss and betting on horse-racing are carried on to an extent never dreamed of by respectable people. Few have any idea of the extent of this demoralising mania, or of the vast proportions it has reached in the enlightened dale of Weardale. There are lots of beardless youths, who are looked upon as respectable, who hold good situations, some of them positions of honour and trust, and whose parents are highly respectable. Yet they indulge in this baneful practice to such an extent, if their parents knew would cause them grief and distress, and if their employers knew would undoubtedly lose them their situations. Gambling eventually means ruin sooner or later. Young men are lured on by the syren voice of the charmer until they are in the gyrations of the malastian when either a foreign shore or a suicide's grave finishes up the sad chapter. The meet of the gambling fraternity, as each Sunday comes round in the lower part of Weardale, is no secret. Its victims are numerous, and men and youths never suspected of such a thing are among its principal adherents, and the Sabbath is their principal day for book-making with its cursed concomitants of all that's ill.

I hear there is a prospect of the Suffragan-Bishop, Canon Pulleine, taking the title of his see from Richmond. This will be an honour greatly appreciated by the people of Richmond. It seems strange that in the case of a suffragan-bishop, whose work principally is in North Yorkshire, that he should live in the Diocese of Durham, and take his title from Penrith, in the Diocese of Cumberland. I understand Bishop Pulleine would greatly prefer the title of the Bishop of Richmond, and there is a strong probability that he will do so eventually.

After flogging the water all day, one of the Weardale anglers sold the contents of his panier in the evening for the handsome sum of 2½d.

The Stanhope harriers had a splendid run on Sunday evening. The man in blue would do well to interfere with Sunday chasing.

Now that spring is dawning upon us, and people are busy tilling their gardens, we are reminded that Stanhope is to have another seedsman this spring. Mr J. Martindale, seedsman, Westgate, has sent to Mr S. Sanderson, New Bank, for sale, a large and varied stock of vegetables and flower seeds. From our experience of Mr Martindale's seeds, we can say that they are reliable, besides being much cheaper than that of other houses. Mr Martindale deserves encouragement in his endeavour to reduce the price of seeds of all kinds.

The Weardale hills were all covered over with snow to the depth of six or eight inches in the higher and more exposed moors, which lay on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week unbroken, and presented a very wintry appearance.

Stanhope has produced some expert swimmers who have made their mark, not only in this country, but likewise at the Antipodes. Their earliest *debut* as amateurs was in the Wear at Crookledy Hole, from which humble start they rose to professors of the watery art, and right well they have adorned thir profession.

All Stanhope amateur swimmers do not begin in the Wear, where there is sufficient water for good swim. One of them commenced on Saturday last in a small stream, where he could not drown, by dropping off a plank when "three sheets in the wind" and trying to swim on his back among water and mud. His cap proved a better swimmer than he; it went down the stream while he floundered and sunk. His mate rescued his hat, but left the gallant swimmer to his fate, fishing for eels in the old bog-hole.

DURHAM QUARTER SESSIONS.

The business of the Durham Lent Quarter Sessions was commenced on Monday at the Shire Hall, before Mr John Lloyd Wharton, M.P., foreman, Rev G. P. Wilkinson, and Mr H. Greenwell. The calendar contained the names of 26 prisoners, of whom 21 were charged with felony, and 5 with misdemeanour.

CHARGE OF SHEEP-STEALING AT WOLSINGHAM.

Hugh Graham, a member of the Howden-le-Wear School Board, surrendered to take his trial on a charge of stealing a sheep, value 38s, the property of Robert Herbert, at Wolsingham, on March 8th.—He was found not guilty, and was discharged.—Mr Strachan (Newcastle), instructed by Mr J. J. Devey, defended the accused.

SEQUEL TO A CONSERVATIVE CLUB DINNER AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A LICENSING APPEAL.

This was an appeal brought by Mr Harry Lamb, landlord of the King's Head Inn, Chester-le Street, against a conviction of the Chester-le-Street bench of magistrates. Mr Greenwell was for the respondents, and Mr John Strachan was for the appellant.

Mr Greenwell, in briefly opening the case, said the appellant, who was landlord of the King's Head, on the 30th of January last got an occasional license, enabling him to keep open his house until twelve o'clock for the purposes of a political dinner. When the dinner was over, and between one and two o'clock in the morning, two constables who were on duty found the house occupied by a considerable number of persons who were not residents there. They also saw drink sold and paid for, and eventually they entered the house, and the sale of drink was practically admitted by the housekeeper, the landlord being then in an upper room with a committee of persons connected with the dinner. He was convicted by the Chester le-Street magistrates, fined £2, and the conviction was ordered to be endorsed on the license, the justices no doubt thinking that as he had had an extension of time it was really a serious offence.

Mr Strachan admitted that they did sell drink, and were liable for that, but he suggested to the Bench that as this was the first case, and as the summonses were dismissed against all the other persons for being on the premises, the endorsement should be taken off. He contended it was not usual to endorse the conviction in a first offence.

Mr Greenwell said no doubt it was quite true that only one person was convicted, but he thought the evidence would satisfy them that there was more than one sale. He was not there to press for more punishment than their worships thought ought to be inflicted, and he was perfectly willing to leave the question of what the conviction ought to have been, or whether it ought to be altered, in the hands of the Bench.

Mr Strachan said he would certainly advise his client to submit to the conviction if the endorsement was taken off.

Mr Greenwell said he was informed that there had been nothing against the house before the present.

The Chairman: If the house has borne a good character, and this is the first offence—acting on the principle of first offences—we think the endorsement ought to be removed from the license. We will vary the sentence by removing the endorsement.

Mr Greenwell: Then the order of the court will be that the conviction be confirmed, with the variation of the removal of the endorsement from the license, and the costs allowed.

Mr Strachan: It is not usual to allow costs where an endorsement has been taken off.

The Chairman: It appears to me that there was a considerable violation of the Licensing Act, and that being the case, I think, under the circumstances, that you ought to be satisfied.

CONCERT AT FROSTERLEY.

A grand evening concert was held at Frosterley on Saturday, in the Old Wesleyan School-room, under the auspicies of the Frosterley Brass Band. Mr J. Devey, Wolsingham, presided. The large and commodious room was crowded. Mr Hughes, Tow Law, presided at the piano. It was one of best concerts, in point of numbers present, held at Frosterley for some time. The high-class performance of Mr Raine, Huddersfield, tutor to the band, elicited immense applause, as also did the humorous singing of Mr Hughes and Mr Hatton. Subjoined is the programme:—Selection, "Excelsior," the band; song, "Let me like a soldier fall," Mr Hughes; song, "The kissing bridge," Miss Longstaff; song, "Pass under the rod," Miss Stephenson; song, "The owl," Mr Hatton; cornet solo, "Arbucleenian," Mr Raine, for which he was *encored*; song, "Beyond the gates," Miss Brown; recitation, Miss Page, (*encored*); song "Maid of the mill," Mr J. Chapman; violin solo, Miss Ripon, Rogerly Hall; song, Mr Hughes, (*encored*). Part II.—Song, "Thaddy O'Flynn," Miss P. Stephenson; song, "The skipper," Mr Hatton; cornet solo, "Conquering hero," with variations, Mr Raine, (*encored*); song, "Kerry dance," Miss Longstaff; song, "Sailing," Mr J. Chapman; violin solo, Miss Rippon; song, Miss Brown, (*encored*); song, "I don't believe them," Miss Stephenson; song, "Rootity toot," Mr Hughes, (*encored*); "God Save the Queen." Misses Longstaff, Stephenson and Brown, are splendid singers, and took well, so did Mr Chapman. Miss Rippon pleased well with her violin solo and the concert on the whole was a splendid success for Frosterley.

DEATH OF MISS RONALDSON.—It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Miss Mary Ann Ronaldson. Deceased was the third daughter of Mr A. Ronaldson, of Woodland, and expired on Saturday, at the age of 26 years. She was interred at Lanchester on Wednesday, being followed to her last resting place by a large number of mourners and friends.

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THE FATAL COLLIERY EXPLOSION AT DIPTON.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Wednesday afternoon, the adjourned enquiry into the circumstances resulting in the death of Christopher Bates, aged 25, the son of Thos. Bates, miner, living at Dipton (who succumbed on Friday, 21st March, to the effects of injuries and burns received by an explosion of gas at the Delight Pit, Dipton, belonging to Messrs John Bowes and Partners, on Thursday, 21st ult.) was resumed at the Black Bull Inn, Dipton, before Mr John Graham, coroner, and a jury. Mr Jas. Willis, Government Inspector of Mines for the Newcastle district, was present, while Mr J. Mawson, solicitor, Durham, again watched the proceedings on behalf of the relatives of the deceased. The proprietors of the colliery were represented by Messrs Robert Mitchison, jun., mining engineer, and Christopher Holmes, under-manager.

Dr T. M. O'Brien, Catchgate, re-called, stated, in answer to Mr Willis, that Bates was suffering from

ACID GAS POISONING,

but the shock from the burns was the primary cause of death.

The Coroner produced a certificate from Dr Bain (assistant to Dr Benson) stating that Thos. Bowes overman, who was examined at the preceding enquiry, was laid up with rheumatic fever.

Mr Mawson: That's a pity. I should liked to have asked him one or two questions

The Coroner: Well, if they are important, we can go and see him at the house.

James Higgins, shifter at the Delight Pit, living at North Pit, near Pontop Pike, attested that on Thursday, 21st March he was working on the main coal seam He was at the landing at the furnace turn. He heard Bates shouting between one and two o'clock in the afternoon Witness was filling a tub of stones, and running towards the youth found him about 10 yards in bye. Bates was alone. Witness carried an open lamp; Bates had not a light. Witness

OBSERVED THAT HE HAD BEEN BURNT.

He asked him what had happened. His reply was, "She has fired with me" Witness enquired, "Whereabouts did she fire?" Bates did not tell him, however, where it happened, but merely said, "Where I should not have gone.

IT'S MY OWN FAULT."

The Coroner: Are you sure he said so?—Witness: Yes, sir.

Witness, continuing, said that Bates was talking about the lad that was along with him, and he (Higgins) asked "Who was it?" but witness did not altogether make out what he said. Bates replied, "I don't know who he was." Witness asked, "Do you know anything about him?" Bates rejoined, "I know nothing about him, only I heard him shouting." Witness left Bates with George Bulmer and others, and went away to the bank to

SEEK THE DOCTOR AND FETCH SOME RUGS

to wrap around the youth's body. He informed Mr Holmes, under-manager, of the occurrence, and he then went down the pit with a fire-sheet and it was put over deceased, the witness's jacket being lapped around his head. When he (Higgins) again met Bates down below, they were in the act of bringing him out, the body being carried out-bye upon a stretcher.

Cross-questioned by Mr Mawson: Witness ran the whole way to inform the manager. He would be away and back again in 30 minutes. Did not see the sheet put on him.

Thomas Bates (the father) said there was no sheet upon his son when he was brought to bank. He was

EXPOSED TO THE AIR AT BANK

for 20 minutes; some women saw him.

Witness, further questioned, stated that there was something white lapped around him. He got his jacket from underneath Bates's head.

The Coroner: It's only what somebody has told you about what he had on.

Witness: I saw that he was "lapped" up with clothing.

The Coroner: We will have to get this from someone who carried the stretcher.

By Mr Mawson: The man who was along with witness ran away. There was no one present when he had the conversation with the deceased. The latter wanted witness to look at his

HEAD, WHICH WAS ALL BLEEDING.

He could not make out what he was saying about the other lad. He could speak well enough, and knew witness quite well. An hour before he was burnt, Bates came out-bye for a tub, and witness asked him how he was getting on. He replied that he thought he was not getting on at all. He did not know what Bates had been sent in there for. Witness had not had any talk with the officials about this, but told some masons that Bates said that it was his own fault that he was in there. The officials had not told him what he was going to say that day.

By Mr Willis: When he came out for the tub, he

NEVER HAD ANY CONVERSATION WITH BATES

about the lad that was with him. There was another man with him. He never told witness that he had been through the "swallow." He came out for a tub, but what he wanted with it witness could not tell.

By the Jury: He did not tell witness where he had been sent to.

William Irwin, the other youth who was injured by the explosion, was well enough to attend the enquiry. He was well wrapped up, his arms being covered with cotton wool. His face was slightly scorched, but his arms were badly burnt. He said that he had been a farm servant, and had no experience of pit work till within seven or eight weeks prior to the unfortunate accident. He had been doing "off-handed" work. The date in question was the first time he had been at work with Bates, and had

NEVER BEEN IN THIS PART OF THE MINE

before. On the 21st March, about 12-30, Thomas Bowes, back overman, told him, while in the cabin in the shaft, to go to Bates at the cross-cut water levels, and he would find him pulling up plates. He gave him no other description of the place. Witness did not know how to find it. Bowes never said anything at all about the place being just round the turn in the water-levels.

The Coroner: If you did not know the place, had you to inquire of someone?

Witness: No, Bates was sitting at the furnace turn waiting for him. Witness

KNEW HIS WAY TO THE FURNACES,

and went there alone. Bates asked "If I was the lad who was going with him." Witness answered "Yes." Bates said "Let's away, then"—nothing more. They walked in-bye; Bates had a train and a back. Witness had nothing. He (Irwin) pulled the train, and Bates pushed. Before they came to the canch they changed ends. They

DID NOT PASS A PLACE THAT WAS FENCED OFF.

Witness did not notice where a deal or board was put across. Did not see anything of Higgins. Both went on into this water-level. Bates was pulling with a rope four or five yards long. Both were

CARRYING OPEN OIL-LAMPS.

When they reached the in-bye side of the canch, they found at the bottom water was standing. They proceeded five or six yards through the

WATER, WHICH WAS UP TO THEIR THIGHS.

There were two lots of water. They did not go very far on dry ground before they came to the water a second time. They passed through the water (which was up to their knees, and not so long as the first lot of water), and travelled a considerable distance along dry ground, but did not come to any more water. The

LAMPS WERE BURNING VERY BADLY

for about a quarter-of-an-hour after they were passing along the dry ground. He asked Bates "What was the reason the lamps were burning so badly?" He replied "For want of air." They had only gone two or three yards further on

WHEN THE PIT FIRED.

Witness was not much injured about the face, but his arms were badly burnt. He was stooping pushing the train, and that consequently saved his face. Fortunately he had a good deal of clothing on—the sleeves of the woollen shirt were turned up above his elbows, and so he got

BURNT ON BOTH ARMS AND HANDS AND HIS EARS.

He had his cap on Bates wore only a pair of little breeches. There was very little flame—just there and away again. The pit seemed to fire close up to the top, the colour being blue. He saw

BATES FALL BY THE GAS.

After that, witness fell. They seemed as if they could not breathe

The Coroner: It would be the after-damp, most likely.

Witness explained that his lamp was knocked out of his hands as he was falling. The

FIRE WAS FLICKERING BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

above them. Witness, however, kept his senses when he fell. Bates got away first, but witness did not notice Bates go past him. Witness made his way out-bye himself. Temple met him in the "twenty-fives"—just on the out-bye side of the furnace. He (Irwin) groped his way out in the dark.

Questioned by Mr Mawson: Bowes did not make any remark about there being danger, &c. He did not see a danger board of any description—nothing to warn them that there was any danger. It was a usual thing to travel through

WATER UP TO THE THIGHS.

The plates stopped just before they got to the canch, and then they began again at the top of the canch. Did not notice that their breathing was any shorter. Did not see any full tubs going in-bye. He did not encounter Higgins. In coming out, he said he met

"HAPPY" BATES UP IN THE BELL CABIN.

Bates made no remark at all as to where he had been sent.

By the jury: Bates did not say anything respecting it being a

NASTY PLACE TO REACH

the water-level.

By the Inspector: He did not see any caution board. He found no fence whatever near the furnace turning. There were no planks lying about.

By the jury: They were wrapping Bates with clothes, and they had poured some oil upon him. Did not see a white sheet. They were covering him up with anything they could lay hold of.

Samuel Rouse, miner, working at the Delight Pit, and living at the Cross Row, Dipton, averred that he was down the Delight Pit, on the 21st ult., when she fired. He was at the landing near the furnace.

BATES WAS HIS "MARROW,"

and he saw him about 10-20 on the morning referred to at the furnace landing. He told witness that he was going to pull plates at "our canch"—the canch that they had been driving at in the water-level headways. Witness informed Bates that there were six or seven tubs of coal in the turn by the furnace before he could get in, and Bates shifted them. The latter took a train and a "team" tub in before him, and afterwards shouted of witness to come and

HELP HIM OVER THE TURN

with them. Witness did so, and carried the train into the "canch" They shoved the full tub of stone at the "canch" end up back over to the turn before they could get the train to the "canch." He helped Bates to lift the train on the "canch." He left Bates alone at ten minutes past twelve o'clock. Witness did not see him again before he was burnt, nor did he see Irwin. Bates said that he was going to

START ON THE TOP OF THE "CANCH"

to pull off plates.

By the Inspector: It was not a workman-like manner to start at the front end of the "canch" to take up plates. Had witness received similar instructions as Bates, he would have done exactly the same as he had.

By Mr Mawson: If he had been sent in, he would have gone no further than the water's edge. The

CAUTION BOARD, AND ALSO THE DEAL FOR THE FENCE,

were taken down. They were up at 9·30 that morning, but were taken down before witness and Bates passed through. He saw the caution-board lying when he returned, but not the deal. Did not know who took them down. If he had been sent to the "canch," and the caution-board was down, he would not have proceeded further than the "canch" edge in-bye. If he had received the same directions, that is what he would have understood.

By the Inspector: In his opinion, he would have taken up the 30 or 40 plates at the bottom, and carried them on to the trains. He would have begun at the out-bye end of the rails, and carried the 30 or 40 lengths of plates and thrown them down to the trains at the bottom of the "canch."

By Mr Mawson: He would have assumed, when the danger and caution-boards were down, that the

WHOLE OF THE WORKINGS WERE SAFE.

The place had always been considered safe. He certainly would have gone no further than the water's edge. He "holed" the water into the Pontop workings some time ago. He had never been through 30 inches of water afterwards.

Bates (the father) declared that he had taken plates up, and gone through

FOUR FEET OF WATER.

Witness: If Bates says so, then he is

TELLING A DOWNRIGHT THUMPING LIE!

The Coroner: That won't do. We cannot allow you to argue in that way. The father must put his question through his counsel.

Witness declared that Bates's father was never in that particular seam.

Bates: I was in the other seam.

Further examined by Mr Mawson, witness stated that deceased and himself drove that seam, and it was never

SHUT UP ON ACCOUNT OF BEING DANGEROUS,

or in consequence of gas. It had never been stopped for four or five shifts together, nor was the place ever boarded up. Witness was laid off work for six weeks, and could not tell what happened in his absence. Glenwright was working there during that period. Could not say that the place was laid off four or five shifts in that time. Never saw Irwin going in-bye. Bates, however, was expecting a lad.

John Glenwright, coalminer, employed at East Pontop Colliery, and residing in Waterson's Building, deposed that he was employed at the Delight Pit for 18 months, upwards of six months ago, and helped to drive the water-course level in the main coal seam during the time the man Rouse was laid off with pains. Bates was his "marrow." They were once

LAID OFF IN CONSEQUENCE OF GAS.

This happened during the time Rouse was off—15 months ago. The gas was seen by witness during the fore shift. He observed the "blower"; his candle was on the bottom when it lit. Wm. Handcock, who filled the stones, was with him. The light went out by itself directly—a small blue flame. Witness

DID NOT THINK IT OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE

to cease work. He worked his shift out. He did not report the matter, but merely told his "marrow."

The Coroner: Why did you not report the matter?—Witness: Because I thought I had nothing to do with it. There were deputies going backwards and forwards to look after such matters.

The Coroner said it was somewhat extraordinary that a man should neglect to report the fact, but continues to work his shift, and never said a word about the matter till a fatal accident happened.

The Inspector (to witness): Do you remember any other occasion where you have discovered gas, and neglected to report the occurance?—Witness: No, I do not.

The Coroner: Probably he thought the affair was of so little consequence that he did not think it worth while to take any further notice of it.

The Inspector: That may be. It is no excuse. He

CERTAINLY OUGHT TO HAVE REPORTED THE CIRCUMSTANCE

to the proper quarter. Big things were made out of little things.

By the Coroner: He thought the deputy (James Wilkinson) ought to have reported it. He had examined the place that morning, and he ought to have known that there was gas there.

The Coroner: How could the deputy know if you did not report the matter. That is all the more reason that you should have done so.

The Inspector: Could you not fix the precise date? We may then be enabled to discover whether the fact was reported.—Witness: I cannot. The place was laid off, however, during the back shift.

BATES KNEW ALL ABOUT IT.

I went in without meeting the deputy that morning. I did not actually know whether the deputy had been there or not that morning.

The Coroner: It is a very lame excuse to suppose that the deputy had seen the gas, because the blower was there when you first go in. Perhaps you were

WORKING ON PIECE

and the reason you did not report the circumstance was the possibility of having the place laid off Is that so?

Witness confessed that he was formerly employed on piece work; but there was a "hitch" at that particular time and they were then performing day's work.

The Inspector: Do you still act in the same way if you discover danger or traces of gas? Do you still think that

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY ENDS THERE?

—Witness: It was all I did then I can't say what I would do now. I do not act upon that at present

Having referred to the special rules, the Coroner pointed out that there was a clause requesting all workmen to report to the proper officials anything of an unusual nature.

The Inspector: There is a rule that forces you to report such matters.

Witness: I was not aware of it then.

The Coroner: If you continue to act upon that principle, there may be a heavy responsibility rest up on you some day.

Witness: Well, I should not consider the matter of sufficient importance to report it

The Coroner advised witness to act with caution in future, and not let such a thing happen again.

Witness promised to do so, and retired.

Christopher Holmes, under-manager, of Dipton, said he had known that particular place all the while. It was never laid off for gas, according to his knowledge. It was, he remembered, once stopped for a day or two because there was bad stone. It was

NEVER REPORTED THAT GAS HAD BEEN SEEN

there. He recollected passing through the six feet hitch, but never saw the shadow of gas. He did not believe there was any gas in the level, but was of opinion there was some gas in the seam on the 21st March. They had examined for gas. It was always necessary to examine with lamps under the general rules.

By Mr Mawson: He did not tell Inspector Oswald, when he examined the workings, that there were no lamps used. They had no safety lamps in use—just oil lamps. He gave orders to Thomas Bowes that Bates and a youth were to pull 30 or 40 plates up at the "canch"—either at the in-bye or out-bye side. He further gave instructions that the

PLACE WAS TO BE EXAMINED

—this was at nine o'clock in the morning—and see that all was safe. Witness was close to the water's edge the day before. It was sufficient to examine as far as that point. Bates and Irwin had no authority to go in as far as they did. He could not tell anything about the caution-board or the fence having been removed.

By the Coroner: The officials who examined the place before deceased and his "marrow" started work ought to have

TAKEN DOWN THE CAUTION-BOARD AND FENCE

the men had to pass in order to take up plates, and replaced the same on the in-bye side of the "canch," so as to stop the men going further in than they had any business to do.

The Coroner: We had it quite plain in evidence that the ventilation only went as far as the water's edge.

By the Inspector: Those examining for gas used safety lamps. There were caution boards in every seam, and if a deputy has examined the place, he writes his name upon the reversible board, intimating that all was safe. It was not a practice for men to go into any place without it being previously examined Glenwright had endeavoured to mislead them. It was quite usual amongst their men to

REPORT ANYTHING THEY FOUND DANGEROUS.

All are directed to be careful.

Archibald Allan, Dipton, a mason, lately employed at the Delight Pit, averred that on March 21st he was a yard or two away from James Higgins, breaking stones. He could not say whether

HIGGINS ASKED BATES ANY QUESTIONS

just after the accident. Did not hear Bates say anything to Higgins. Witness never said anything to Bates; the latter simply said that he had got hurt—nothing more. Witness went away there and then and sought help as fast as he could. He left Bates with Higgins.

By Mr Mawson: He heard Bates groaning. Did not wait to hear what was said. He had been working in that place for three weeks.

The books wherein the deputies who examined the workings reported the results, were scrutinised by Mr Mawson, who stated that on the date referred to everything was reported to be all right.

A discussion arose amongst the jury as to the neglect of anyone to examine the seam in accordance with the directions of Mr Holmes, but the Coroner read the depositions of the witnesses examined at the preceding enquiry, wherein Stobbs stated that he

EXAMINED THE WORKINGS THAT MORNING

as far as the water's edge. The Coroner said they must assume that the mine had been inspected in the usual course by the deputy.

No further evidence being forthcoming, the Coroner summed up at considerable length. He observed that this was an important enquiry.

ONE MAN HAD LOST HIS LIFE AND ANOTHER HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED

by an explosion of gas in the pit where it was generally believed that gas was not expected to be found. It was the duty of the jury, therefore, to ascertain, as far as they possibly could, whether proper precautions were taken in order to examine the place before the men were sent down to work, and, further, whether the

ORDERS GIVEN WERE SUFFICIENTLY EXPLICIT

for the men to understand where they had to go to, or whether, owing to some mistake on the part of deceased, he or his "marrow" went beyond the place they were intended to start work, or whether Bates, being a man of some experience, had exercised his own discretion, and disregarded the orders which were given him, considering that it would be easier or more convenient to get the plates further in than he was required to go. Then they must find out whether the

RULES HAD BEEN OBSERVED.

It was evident a great deal of confusion had arisen through the orders not being given direct, but passed from one official to another, and consequently varying in their precise terms. Having reviewed the evidence tendered, the Coroner went on to point out that the

FENCE AND CAUTION-BOARD WERE TAKEN DOWN

that morning, that the way was left perfectly clear to enable men to go to the "canch," and even beyond it. Then came the important question—whether the caution-board and fence ought not to have been erected in the in-bye side of the "canch" before coming to the waters edge.

A Juryman deemed it strange that a man should wade through such a depth of water, in order to get to the place to pull up the plates.

The jury, after deliberating for upwards of an hour, returned the following verdict:—"The cause of death is shock from the explosion and gas poisoning. We find from the evidence that the deceased man Bates was instructed to pull up places at the "canch," but are of opinion that the instructions were not explicit enough, or he would not have gone beyond the place, seeing that it required him to

PLUNGE THIGH DEEP IN THE WATER.

We have also unanimously agreed that the fence and caution board should have been fixed in the in-bye side of the "canch" to prevent the men from going any further in. This being the case, we do consider the

MANAGEMENT FAULTY AND IMPERFECT."

The Coroner (to the Foreman): Do you think the neglect is of a sufficiently culpable character to authorise you to proceed any further in the matter, or do you express that

SIMPLY AS A MATTER OF OPINION?

The Foreman (Mr Matthew Chapman): Simply as a matter of opinion.

The proceedings lasted over five hours, and came to a termination shortly before six o'clock.

IMPROVED RAILWAY FACILITIES ON THE CONSETT BRANCH.

On Thursday se'nnight, the Directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company held a meeting in the Central Station, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—A deputation attended the directors' meeting from the Consett Local Board, headed by Ald. Wm. Jenkins, J.P., to request that there should be improved accommodation and better facilities at Consett and Blackhill Railway Station. The deputation intimated that they wanted additional accommodation on the east side of the station, an improved booking-office, and a waiting-room, and the platforms to be covered in at Consett; also, that a later train be run to Durham.—The directors stated that the application would be duly considered

The first general quarterly meeting of the Newcastle Branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association was held on Saturday night at the Central Exchange Hotel, Grey Street, Newcastle—Mr John W. Lowe in the chair.—The hon sec. (Mr George A. Allan) read certain correspondence which had taken place between the general manager of the North-Eastern Railway Co. (Mr H. Tennant) and himself relative to the desirability of having an improved train service between Newcastle and Consett. Mr Tennant, in reply, said the directors were unable to see their way to authorise any alteration in the times of the existing trains from Newcastle to Consett.—It was resolved to petition the company again and bring before them the great necessity of a train being run at the time stated.

WOLSINGHAM COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY April 10th—Before His Honour E. J. Meynell (judge).

ALLEGED FORGERY OF INITIALS.

The Registrar (Mr Dolphin) called the judge's attention to a case in which his clerk's initials had been forged. It was stated that the initials had been written by a girl, but, it was believed, at the instigation of Brown, who could not write.—The Judge said he could not deal with the person in his absence, but the man could be indicted for forgery. The man's name was now called, but he did not answer, and it is understood he will have notice to enter an appearance before the Judge.

AN INSOLVENT AND THE JUDGE.

Re THOS. WALLACE, OF NEWHOUSE—Thomas Wallace, of Newhouse, represented by Mr R. G. Wooler, was an applicant for an administration order.—Messrs Kidd, J. Elliott, and George Proud, creditors, were in attendance, and from statements made by them it was learned that debtor had not scheduled all his debts. Mark Teasdale, for £1, was not named, and debtor acknowledged the omission.—Judge: Why is Teasdale's name not in?—Debtor: I don't think it necessary.—Judge: Why did you swear you had scheduled all your creditors?—Debtor: I think the debt would not be due then.—Judge: When did you get the stuff?—Debtor: I think the same week as the order.—A creditor said another unscheduled creditor was a man named Emerson.—His Honour said he should make no order, and the case would be struck out.

THE FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS AT CONSETT.

An inquest was held on Friday afternoon, before Mr Coroner Graham, at the house of Mr P. Coyle, Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, concerning the death of Jane Kidd, aged 73 years, the wife of Mr James Kidd, a retired foreman at the Consett Iron Works, and who resides at No 6, Mount Pleasant, Consett. Mr James Frosdick was chosen as foreman of the jury, and informed the Coroner that he was "a candidate for the Local Board."

John Kidd, draughtsman, deposed that his mother died on the 3rd inst at his house. She had the misfortune to have been totally blind for 20 years and upwards. Her room was on the upper floor of their house. On the 27th of March his mother was coming down the stairs, when she stumbled and fell on to the landing. She had been attended by Dr Richards. Her life was not insured.

Dr R. C. Richards attested that he was called in to see Mrs Kidd on Wednesday, 27th ult, about 6·30 p.m., and found her in bed. There was a superficial wound on the right side of the head, near the top. She was conscious, but paralysed at the left side of her body. This paralysis increased gradually, and at the time of her death, and before, she became completely unconscious, pressure of the brain indicated the cause of her decrease. On the preceding day, witness made a *post mortem* examination on her body, and found an effusion of blood on the left side of the brain, which had become clotted, and exactly corresponded with the injury sustained upon the head; such injury being accounted for by accidentally falling downstairs. Death resulted from compression on the brain, caused by the clotted blood.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict to this effect.

AN ABSENT JURYMAN

Mr Duffy was summoned on the jury, but failed to enter an appearance at the specified time (1·30 p.m.). After the rest of the jurymen had returned from viewing the body, and inspecting the staircase of the dwelling-house, the Coroner enquired if Duffy had turned up?

Sergt. Bain: Yes, we met him in the house as we were going to view the body. I told him it was no use him staying.

The Coroner: Had he any excuse to offer for being late?

The Sergeant: Not that I know of.

A Juryman: He told me that he had been quelling some disturbance at home.

The Coroner: That is a reasonable excuse, gentlemen. His services have probaby prevented proceedings in the Police Court.

AN UBIQUITOUS CANDIDATE.

During the course of the proceedings, Mr James Frosdick repeatedly informed the Coroner that he was a candidate at the Local Board election, he distributed his cards freely amongst those present, and desired to explain his views.

The Coroner at length jocularly observed. "No, no." We can't allow the Foreman to go like this. If he mentions anything about the Local Board here again, I shall fine him half-a-crown. (Laughter). Besides, it is unfair to the *Consett Guardian* people. If he wants to publish the fact that he is a candidate, let him advertise in the paper. He is also taking undue advantage of the other candidates.

A Juryman explained that another aspirant for Local Board honours (Mr Daley) was in attendance.

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57, Hawe Street, Newcastle, March 4, 1889.

Mr G. HANDYSIDE.

SIR,—I have been ill for five months, and been under two doctors, which did me no good. I had a dreadful cough, and suffered very much from indigestion and costiveness. My wife had often to poultice my chest to ease my breathing, the pain was so incessant. I have taken your medicine for three weeks. The pain in breathing has gone. My digestion is better. I have a better appetite, and the costiveness has also gone. G. CHARLTON.

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13, Hill Street, Newcastle, Jan. 10, 1889.

Mr G. HANDYSIDE,

I am glad to say I am a great deal better since I have taken your medicine. Before I took it I was ill two years-and-a-half. I was under one doctor and one physician. The physician is considered one of the ablest in the town. They treated me for consumption. I got a letter to go to Whitley, and the physicians would not let me go, as I was too far gone in consumption. I have been off work two years-and-a-half. I have taken four lots of your medicine, and I now feel much stronger. My dreadful night sweats are gone, my cough is nearly gone, and so is my spit. If anyone calls on me I will be glad to inform anyone what your medicine has done for me. J. JAMES.

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Kelmund Cottage, near Barnard Castle, February 20, 1889.

SIR,—I write to ask you to thank Mr Handyside from me for what his Consumption Cure has done for me. I have now taken two lots, and now feel quite strong—in fact, I am enjoying the best of health. My cough and shortness of breath are quite gone, and I can now go out without catching cold. I was 20 years old when I first felt my weakness, and will be 25 in April. I have been under three doctors during that time, but none did me any good. I hope your medicine will be widely made known, and many homes will be benefited by it. We are natives of Gateshead, and the first time I come down I will call, and you shall see for yourself what it has done.—I remain, yours sincerely, ISABELLA STOREY.

If every one desired to make the Consumption Cure as well-known as the above lady, there would not be so many too late to be cured. It is now beyond all doubt that the Consumptive Cure will heal up decayed lungs, but it will not put new ones in. The lady says she bears the cold well; this is the best sign of the constitution being restored. All the works of the Creator are self-acting and he has given the nerves of the erisoentic shutters the sensibility to open and close the pores of the skin as our needs require, and the lady being able to go out without catching cold is owing to the Consumption Cure purifying the blood and invigorating the nerves to properly perform their work. The Consumption Cure was originally brought out for the cure of consumption only, but it soon became known that, by purifying the blood it cured, not only consumption but weakness of the heart, general debility, bronchitis, asthma, costiveness, and indigestion, and everything that arises from poor blood. But it is now found to cure rheumatism of the worst form, and it is not surprising when we consider that rheumatism is an acid of the blood, which is formed through indigestion. Its effect for purifying the blood is most marvellous. I had a lady whose skin was all covered with ulcers through indigestion. The ulcers, the last time I saw them, were reduced down to a mild rush, and a cure will no doubt be effected. The Consumption Cure has frequently cured runnings that have baffled all other medicines, but I certainly despaired in the above case. Another lady came to me, in a consumption, who had had a flesh mark on her face since her birth. The Consumption Cure not only healed up the lady's lungs, but actually purified the blood so much that the flesh mark became much reduced in size, and will be entirely removed. But the most astonishing of all is a lady terribly reduced by taking ten and twelve fits per day. In fourteen days the fits disappeared through the strengthening of the body, and she has not had a single fit for a fortnight. The lady wishes it to be known. The lady's address is Mrs Spoores, 4, Victoria Street, Blaydon Haughs, Blaydon. But of all the wonders this medicine has done, the greatest good has been in Change of Life. People at that critical period bear their affliction without murmur, believing that nothing can be done to help them, and it generally ends with serious results, such as runnings in the legs, noise in the ears, deafness, costiveness, and indigestion; but the Consumption Cure, by purifying the blood, carries them through this critical period in safety and good health.

44, Handyside Street, Newcastle, Feb. 1889.

Mr G. HANDYSIDE,—

I am glad to say I am now quite well. Before I took your medicine I was ill for twenty years of rheumatics; the pains were in the shoulders and back. The pain was so severe. I have been off work a fortnight at a time. I have suffered so much, and I feel so glad of the change. I will be pleased if any sufferer calls, and I will be pleased to relate the wonderful cure your medicine has effected in the short space of eight or nine days. THOMAS BUSH.

[The above needs no comment. I was surprised to see the results.]

25, Tweed Street, Newcastle.

Mr G. HANDYSIDE,—

I am glad to say my wife is now restored to health. She has been a sufferer from Rheumatism and Consumption for eight years. I have tried six doctors. She was ordered to the Convalescent Home, and went for three weeks, but it did her no good. Previous to taking your medicine she had been confined in child-bed for three weeks, and could not turn over in bed. The doctor attending to her confinement was very anxious about the state of her health, but could do nothing for her; but after taking your medicine for two days she was able to get out of bed and walk about, and in about eight days she felt herself well. I recommended it to my wife's sister, and it did her a great deal of good. I think it my duty to communicate to you, so that it may be widely known, as they are completely restored.

JOHN McQUIN.

[I was asked to see this lady, it was a serious case. She was labouring under nearly all the diseases that the flesh is heir to, and, in addition, had recently been confined. I asked her husband to feel her pulse, and he was scarcely able. Her heart was nearly motionless. She had been a martyr to Sciatica, the worst form of Rheumatism, for years, and at the time I saw the lady she could not turn over in bed. She told me she had been treated for Consumption for eight years. The lady appears so delighted at the change, that I am sure if any one calls she will be glad, for the sake of other sufferers to relate to them the wonderful change.]

71, Tullock Street, Newcastle, December 16th, 1888.

Mr G. HANDYSIDE,—

DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in testifying to you, that since I have taken your remedy for my complaint—Rheumatism in my knees—it has entirely made a new man of me. Now I find the pains gone out of my knees, and they are going out of my toes, and I hope in another week I shall be able to work as well as ever. Of all remedies and medicines that I have taken, and the medical advice I have had, never appeared to do me any good, and I have had advice from some very old army doctors, but the prescriptions they gave me to try never moved pains from my knees, it still remained until I began with your remedy.

Believe me to be, yours faithfully,

CHARLES SARGEANT.

[I have known Mr C. Sargeant for three years. For eleven months he has been the victim of acute Reumatism in the knees and legs. He had put himself under several medical gentlemen, and applied their remedies without any beneficial result. Turkish Baths and hot salt and water baths proved equally fruitless in his case. Hearing of Mr Handyside's medicine and its wonderful effect upon other patients, he procured it, using it alone. After a regular course of it for two monhts the pains were driven from his knees, and finally they have almost left him entirely. At his request I make this declaration of Mr Handyside's medicine.]

March 1st, REV FATHER DUNN.

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Agent for Consett—Messrs. HUGHES & CO., Chemists, Front Street.

Public Notices.

RATEPAYERS kindly remember the MEETING in Iveston School, on the 15th inst., at 7.45 p.m. 98a

WILLIAM WHEATLEY, Veterinary Surgeon, South Shields, will CASTRATE COLTS. All applications to be sent to W. WHEATLEY, Shotley Bridge 116a

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COME and hear Rev. RICHARD ROBERTS, and Rev. G. TALULUN NEWTON, on Easter Tuesday Afternoon and Evening, in the New Town Hall, Consett.

REMEMBER the WEST STANLEY RACES, on Easter Monday, April 22nd, 1889. £22 for FLAT RACING & STEEPLECHASING. £5 for FOOTBALL COMPETITION. £1 10s. for FOOT HANDICAP. For full particulars see Bills.

JOHN NICHOLSON, Sec.,
East Stanley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

ANNFIELD PLAIN POULTRY, PIGEON, RABBIT, and CAT SOCIETY will hold their ANNUAL SHOW on April 13th, 1889.

FOOTBALL CONTEST (Open)—1st, £1; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s. WRESTLING, for Men not to exceed 11 stones—1st, £1; 2nd, 10s. LOCAL HOMERS, within a radius of 5 miles of Annfield Plain. Entrance, 2s.—1st Prize, 12s.; 2nd, 6s.; 3rd, Ornamental Card. Entries close April 5th, 1889. Entrance to field, 6d.

F. THOMPSON, Secretary, Annfield Plain.

DURHAM COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

A COURSE of Fourteen LECTURES on "Civil Engineering" will be delivered by Albert Nagel, Esq., B.Sc. (Lecturer on Civil Engineering at the Durham College of Science), in the Club-room, Co-operative Store, Consett, (entrance from Gibson Street), on Monday Evenings, at Seven o'clock, commencing on Monday, March 18th, 1889. Fee for the Course, One Guinea. 995

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Lot 1—From High Stoop to Satley, Limestone. 80 tons.
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,, 3—From Lanchester Union to Black House and Browney Bridge. 60 tons.
,, 4—From Lanchester Union to Cadger Bank and Black House. 50 tons.
,, 5—From Lanchester Union to Howdon Bank. 100 tons.
,, 6—From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank Top. Whinstone. 100 tons.
,, 7—From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 8—From Annfield Plain to Hare Law, Whinstone. 100 tons.
,, 9—From Annfield Plain to Hare Law, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 10—From Hare Law to Bounder House, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 11—From Tanfield Moor to Bounder House and Crook Bar, Limestone, 300 tons. Whinstone, 100.
,, 12—From Crook Bar to the Leazes Church, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 13—From Crook Bar to the Leazes and Pont Burn. 60 tons.
,, 14—From Medomsley Depot to Medomsley and Pont Burn, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 15—From Medomsley Depot to Medomsley and West to Boundary of Benfieldside Township. 100 tons.
,, 16—Annfield Plain to Hare Law, &c., Slag Screenings. 60 tons.

AUCKLAND MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—From High Stoop to Dover House, Limestone. 40 tons.
,, 2—From Salters' Gate to Dover House and Butsfield Bank Foot, Limestone. 30 tons.
,, 3—From Rowley Station to Eliza Road End, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 4—From Rowley Station to Eliza Road End and Butsfield Bank Foot. 20 tons.
,, 5—From Rowley Station to Castleside, Limestone. 60 tons.
,, 6—From Rowley Station to Castleside and Allansford. 50 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

DURHAM AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROADS.

Lot 1—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Fen Hall and Esp Green, Limestone. 50 tons.
,, 2—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Esp Green and Woodside Bank, Limestone. 50 tons.
,, 3—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to the Church and Park House. 100 tons.
,, 4—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Park House and Kays Burn. 100 tons.
,, 5—From East Carrhouse Depot to Number One, Whinstone. 40 tons.

EDMONDBYERS MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—From Park Head Depots to the East Cabin, Limestone. 80 tons.
,, 2—From Park Head Depots to the East Cabin and Edmondbyers Bridge, Limestone. 60 tons.
,, 3—From Park Head Depots to Edmondbyers Bridge and the River Derwent. 30 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

DERWENT AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—Ebchester Station to the village of Ebchester and boundary with Benfieldside Local Board, Limestone. 60 tons.
,, 2—Ebchester Station to the village of Ebchester and boundary with Benfieldside Local Board, Whinstone. 30 tons.
,, 3—Ebchester Station to Ebchester and Westwood Plantation, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 4—Bradley Slag Heap to Ebchester and Westwood Plantation, Slag. 100 c yards.
,, 5—Ebchester Station to Westwood Plantation and the Cement Houses, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 6—Ebchester Station to Westwood Plantation and the Cement Houses, Whinstone. 60 tons.
,, 7—Medomsley Depots to the Cement Houses and Long Close Toll Bar, Limestone. 130 tons.
,, 8—Bradley Slag Heap to the Cement Houses and Long Close Toll Bar, Slag. 80 c yards.
,, 9—Medomsley Depots to Long Close Toll Bar and Derwent Bridge, Limestone. 100 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Tenders to be sent to the Surveyor's Office, on or before Tuesday, April 16th, 1889, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking."

The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order,

WM. DIXON, District Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office, The Lodge, Lanchester,
April 4th, 1889.

Public Notices.

56. 539, 45, 361, 200, 518, 392, 205, 79, 46, 12, 107, 505, 55, 297, 51, 318, 516, 470, and 264 are the WINNING NUMBERS for the DRAWING at Consett, this month.

NOTICE.—BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING ROOM SPORTS will be held on Saturday, May 25th, 1889.—GEO. LAWSON, Secretary. 124a

OXHILL, STANLEY, BEAMISH, AND DISTRICT FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 1889.—GEO. PACE, Secretary, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O.

WEST STANLEY WHIT-MONDAY SPORTS AND GRAND BRASS BAND CONTEST. £50 given for Contest and Sports, particulars of which will appear shortly. Programmes for Band Contest now ready.—J. TOSE, Secretary, Stanley, R.S.O. 117a

NOTICE to Members of the FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT 570TH STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY. No Subscriptions will be received on the 23rd inst., being Easter Tuesday. No Fines if paid on the 30th inst. —By Order. 128a

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, BLACKHILL.

A SALE OF WORK will be held on EASTER MONDAY, to be OPENED AT TWO P.M.

PUBLIC TEA AT FOUR P.M.

See Bills.]

CONSETT FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW will be held on Saturday, August 24th, 1889.

Schedules, &c., may be had on application to

W. S. SHELL } Hon.
G. T. HYDEN } Secs.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT at 2·30 p.m. (with Bookings from the intermediate Stations up to Swalwell inclusive) for NEWCASTLE Returning at 9·5 p.m.

See Bills. 14a

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

A COURSE OF LECTURES on "First Aid to the Injured," for LADIES ONLY, will be commenced in the Wesleyan School-room, Blackhill, on Friday, April 26th, at 7·30, by Dr. G. RENTON.

All Ladies desirous of joining these Classes are requested to give in their names not later than Thursday, 25th inst., to the Hon. Secs., Mrs. BAILLIE, The Manse, Blackhill, or to Mrs. GEORGE RENTON, from whom all information may be obtained.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF CONSETT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the honour you have done me, in electing me as one of your Representatives on the Consett Local Board, and it shall be my endeavour to promote your interests and the welfare of Consett.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN THURLOW POTTS.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD ELECTION, 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the favour you have conferred upon me, by electing me a Member of the Local Board. I shall always have the best interests of the District at heart, and shall aim at securing efficiency with economy.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

JAMES DALY.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CONSETT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank you for the unexpected and very encouraging support given me in the recent Contest and to assure you that I fully appreciate the kindness of those who desire me to represent them.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. T. HYDEN.

MUSICAL TUITION.

GEORGE DRYDEN (late pupil of Mr. Henry), Organist of Medomsley Church, having obtained First-class Honours in Pianoforte Playing, also Certificates in Theory and Harmony, at the Examinations (before Dr. E. M. Lott) in connection with the Musical International College, London, is prepared to give LESSONS on the ORGAN, PIANOFORTE, HARMONIUM, and in THEORY.

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ADMISSION: SIXPENCE. 124a

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Thomas Wetherell.

The Ford Grass Parks, near Lanchester.

MR. THOMAS WETHERELL begs to announce that he has received instructions from MATTHEW KEARNEY, Esq., to LET the above PARKS BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 17th of April next. The Parks comprise 214 Acres, in 15 different lots.

Full particulars to be had of the Auctioneer.

Sale Offices, 45, Saddler Street, Durham.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Property for Sale in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge

MR JOSEPH OLEY is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday the 17th day of April, 1889, at Mr Moffatt's, Commercial Inn, Cross Swords, Shotley Bridge, all the valuable

FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

No 61, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, comprising, DWELLING-HOUSE, containing 8 Rooms, Three Stalled Stable, a self-contained Yard with all the necessary Out-offices, and now occupied by Mr THOS. GLENDINNING as tenant, who on application will kindly show the property. Conditions at the time of sale.

Sale to commence at 6 o'clock p.m. prompt.

For further particulars apply to Messrs Davies and Bailkwill, solicitors, St. John Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer, 68, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

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Auction Sales of every description undertaken on the most reasonable terms. Prompt settlement.

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Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie

Monday, April 15th, 1889.—Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.

Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, comprising:—Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Mahogany Centre Table, Bed-room Chest of Drawers, Sofa, in Hair, Couch, in Leather, Easy chair, 2 Kitchen Tables, Mantel Mirror, Clocks, 7 Chairs, Water Filter, Corner Cupboard, Oilcloth and Cocoa Matting, and Sundries. Also a Double-barrelled Breech-loading Rifle, in first-class condition.

MESSRS A. AND R. J. BRODIE are intructed by a GENTLEMAN leaving the country, to remove and SELL BY AUCTION the Household FURNITURE &c., enumerated above, within their Sale rooms, Victoria Street, Consett, on Monday, First, April 15th.

Sale to commence at 1·30 p.m. prompt.

Absolutely no Reserve.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ADAM BRODIE and ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors, and of the Institute of Estate Agents, are prepared to execute all Orders for the SALE of FARMING STOCKS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCKS-IN-TRADE, and other Property, in the Best Style, and on Reasonable Terms. Being professionally associated with the above-named Institutions, they are unable to tout for commissions as many others do, but they will be glad to execute those with which they may be favoured on Reasonable Terms. Distress for Rent, under the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1883, and also under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888, duly carried out.

NOTE THE ADDRESS:—A. and R. J. BRODIE, Certificated Auctioneers, Town Hall, Consett.

By Mr. John Crawford.

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

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Brown and Mr. John Garvey, who are emigrating, to SELL the whole of their Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, and a lot of DRAPERY GOODS and READY-MADE CLOTHING, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday First, April 13th, 1889, brought to the above Rooms for convenience of Sale, consisting of Mahogany Drawers; large Press Iron Beds; Mattresses; Centre Tables; together with the whole of their Household Goods. Full particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock prompt.

No. 9, Eltringham Terrace, Blackhill.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr John McMahon, who is about to Emigrate, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, April 15th, 1889, the whole of his beautiful Mahogany FURNITURE, comprising—Mahogany Drawers; Mahogany, Walnut, and Centre Tables; Desk Bed, with Cheffioneer; 6 Mahogany Chairs; 12 Beautiful Chairs, in Hair-seating; Large Mirror; Swing Glass and Washhand Stand and Dressing Table; High Tester Beds and Mattresses, together with the whole of the useful goods.

Full particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock as the lots are large.

The Auctioneer has great pleasure in drawing the attention of the public to the above goods, as they are a first-class lot

No. 5, Church Street, Consett.

Wednesday, April 17th, 1889.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the late Mrs. Barrow's Valuable FURNITURE and FIXTURES, at the above place, consisting of Sitting Room Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Centre Tables; 6 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; Iron Chair; Carpet; 3 Mirrors; 36 Pictures; Ornaments; Fender and Fire Irons; Shades and Cornice Poles; Drugget; Oil Cloth; Mats; Iron Bedsteads; Press Beds; Mattresses; Bed Quilts; Blankets; Towel Rails; Chairs; Kitchen Tables; Sofa; Chairs; Clock. Shop Fixtures—2 Counters; Sewing Machine; together with the whole Shop Fixtures; China, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Full particulars see Posters.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

PEOPLE that are leaving the District can have their FURNITURE TURNED into CASH, at once, by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 891u

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Business done promptly, and on reasonable terms.

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Broadwood Parks, near Lanchester.

MR THOMAS BLANDFORD will LET BY AUCTION, on Thursday, April 18th, 1889, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, on the Ground, the above Good GRAZING PASTURES—

No.	Acres.
1.—West Fields	23·950
2.—Calf Close and Back Croft	19·997
3—Broad Meadow and North Bank	17·773
4.—South Bank	8·502
5.—Long Edge	43·203
6.—West Weather Hill	10·107
7.—White Field and East Weather Hill	38·671
8.—High Springs	6·016
9.—Low Springs	9·855
10.—Front Park	19·160
11.—Black Banks	42·473
12.—Triangle	16·545
13.—Haugh and New Laid Field	21·579
14.—Clover Hill	6·405
Acres	283·626

By Mr. William Nicholson

PRESENT SALE APPOINTMENTS OF MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON.

This Day (Friday)—Mr Thompson's FARM STOCK, &c., at Greenwell Hill, Wolsingham.

Monday, April 15th—TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

Saturday, April 24th—LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Dates not fixed:—

Mrs Elsdon's Farm Stock, Sunniside, near Iveston.

Messrs. Haughan's Farm Stock, Humber Hill, Lanchester.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

TOWN HALL SALE ROOM, CATCHGATE.

Saturday, April 13th, 1889.

THE Usual FORTNIGHTLY SALE will be held as above. Large quantity of Excellent Household FURNITURE and MISCELLANEOUS LOTS to offer.

Sale to commence at 6 p.m.

GEO. R. HOBSON, AUCTIONEER.

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Business Announcements.

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From ALFRED BOAG,
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I was perfectly astonished to see his Stock of New and Second-hand Carriages and Harness, and more so when I heard his prices. Thanks for his address. I want my carriage repaired and painted. Good morning. 718z

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TO CORRESPONDEN

A RODNEY.—We have no reason to find f our Correspondent, but if you wish any additional information we shall b receive it.

A LOVER OF LAW.—Acquaint the police o

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Public Notices.

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MR. J. VICKERS' PRESENT SA APPOINTMENTS.

April 13th—The remaining STOCK, C IMPLEMENTS, UTENSILS, at Ridden Stanhope.

,, 15—SPECIAL SALE OF STORE C and SHEEP, Tow Law conjunction with usual wee

,, 23rd—FARMING STOCK, SHEE late Ralph Hall, Shiple Harperley Station.

,, 25th—SALE OF SHEPHERD'S FARM, near Eastgate, We

,, 27—FARM STOCK, IMPLEMEN Household FURNITURE, side, Mr. John Proud.

May 2nd—FARMING STOCK, CROPS, I MENTS, &c., Low Row Cornsay.

In May—SALE OF FREEHOLD FA Westgate, Weardale.

Others indefinate.

TOW LAW MART EVERY MONDA

Grove Villa, Tow Law.

Ridden House Farm, midway between Fr and Stanhope.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured structions from the Executors of the Frances Atkinson, will SELL BY AUCT above, on Saturday, April 13th, 1889, the r FARM STOCK, HORSES, IMPLEM BLACKSMITHS' and JOINERS' TO POULTRY, DAIRY UTENSILS, and part hold FURNITURE. See Bills.

Sale at One o'clock.

Mart Office, Tow Law.

Colpike Grass Parks, near Lancheste

JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with inst from Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., LET the above PARKS, (consisting of 82 four separate lots,) by AUCTION on We April 17th, 1889, at 3·30 p.m.

Grove Villa, Tow Law.

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MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, instructed West Auckland Brewery Company, will Sell by Auction, without reserve, on T and Saturday, April 18th and 20th the whol VALUABLE FURNITURE, Feather Be ding, Pictures, Silver Plate, Cutlery, Glass and Utensils contained in the 17 rooms of th commodious hotel.

Sale each day at 12 noon.

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12 Fat Cattle, including a consignment grand Heavy Weight Bullocks, up

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Further particulars next week.

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By Mr. John Crawford.

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

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Brown and Mr. John Garvey, who are emigrating, to SELL the whole of their Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, and a lot of DRAPERY GOODS and READY-MADE CLOTHING, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday First, April 13th, 1889, brought to the above Rooms for convenience of Sale, consisting of Mahogany Drawers; large Press Iron Beds; Mattresses; Centre Tables; together with the whole of their Household Goods. Full particulars see Posters.

—Sale to commence at Two o'clock prompt.

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MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. John McMahon, who is about to Emigrate, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, April 15th, 1889, the whole of his beautiful Mahogany FURNITURE, comprising—Mahogany Drawers; Mahogany, Walnut, and Centre Tables; Desk Bed, with Cheffioneer; 6 Mahogany Chairs; 12 Beautiful Chairs, in Hair-seating; Large Mirror; Swing Glass and Washhand Stand and Dressing Table; High Tester Beds and Mattresses, together with the whole of the useful goods.

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Wednesday, April 17th, 1889.

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MR THOMAS BLANDFORD will LET BY AUCTION, on Thursday, April 18th, 1889, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, on the Ground, the above Good GRAZING PASTURES—

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4.	—South Bank	8·502
5.	—Long Edge	43·203
6.	—West Weather Hill	10·107
7.	—White Field and East Weather Hill	38·871
8.	—High Springs	6·016
9.	—Low Springs	9·855
10.	—Front Park	19·160
11.	—Black Banks	42·473
12.	—Triangle	16·545
13.	—Haugh and New Laid Field	21·579
14.	—Clover Hill	6·405
	Acres	283·626

By Mr. William Nicholson

PRESENT SALE APPOINTMENTS OF MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON.

This Day (Friday)—Mr Thompson's FARM STOCK, &c., at Greenwell Hill, Wolsingham.

Monday, April 15th—TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

Saturday, April 24th—LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Dates not fixed:—

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Messrs. Haughan's Farm Stock, Humber Hill, Lanchester.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

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Saturday, April 13th, 1889.

THE Usual FORTNIGHTLY SALE will be held as above. Large quantity of Excellent Household FURNITURE and MISCELLANEOUS LOTS to offer.

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Business Announcements.

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SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY.

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Where did you get it?
From ALFRED BOAG,
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I was perfectly astonished to see his Stock of New and Second-hand Carriages and Harness, and more so when I heard his prices. Thanks for his address. I want my carriage repaired and painted. Good morning. 716z

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A RODNEY.—We have no reason to find fault with our Correspondent, but if you wish to supply any additional information we shall be glad to receive it.

A LOVER OF LAW.—Acquaint the police officer.

TO ADVERTISERS.

ALL Orders for Advertisements for insertion in the *Consett Guardian* must be WRITTEN, and sent in not later than EIGHT o'clock on Friday mornings to ensure publication.

WE use great care to secure the correct printing of advertisements; but we cannot be responsible for inaccuracies nor from any consequences arising therefrom.

PARTIES making inquiries by letter respecting advertisements must enclose an addressed stamped envelope.

IT is contrary to Post-office Regulations for letters to be addressed to initials or fictitious names at any Post-office. Advertisers are desired to bear this in mind.

APPLICANTS for situations and others who reply to advertisements are recommended to forward copies of their testimonials, and not the original documents.

Late Advertisements.

Public Notices.

265 is the WINNING NUMBER of the Knitting Machine raffled for, belonging to Mrs. Dunweede, Annfield Plain.

WANTED, for May 2nd, a Strong GENERAL SERVANT, not under 17.—Apply by letter, with character, to "P" *Guardian* Office, Consett.

J. THOMPSON, Burnopfield, begs to announce to the Farmers of the District, that he has PURCHASED a PURE BRED ROAN SHORTHORN BULL. Sire 1—"Ingram Fitz Ingram" (51422). Dam—by "Captain Moonlight" (47551). 2 Dam—by "Prince Imperial" (42186). 3 Dam—by "Allen's Chief." Fee 4s. 160a

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MR. J. VICKERS' PRESENT SALE APPOINTMENTS.

- April 13th—The remaining STOCK, CROPS, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, at Ridden House, Stanhope.
- „ 15—SPECIAL SALE OF STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, Tow Law Mart, in conjunction with usual weekly.
- „ 23rd—FARMING STOCK, SHEEP, &c., late Ralph Hall, Shipley, near Harperley Station.
- „ 25th—SALE OF SHEPHERD'S HOUSE FARM, near Eastgate, Weardale.
- „ 27—FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, and Household FURNITURE, Castleside, Mr. John Proud.
- May 2nd—FARMING STOCK, CROPS, IMPLEMENTS, &c., Low Row Farm, Cornsay.
- In May—SALE OF FREEHOLD FARM, at Westgate, Weardale.

Others indefinite.

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Grove Villa, Tow Law. 22a

Ridden House Farm, midway between Frosterley and Stanhope.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. Frances Atkinson, will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, on Saturday, April 13th, 1889, the remaining FARM STOCK, HORSES, IMPLEMENTS, BLACKSMITHS' and JOINERS' TOOLS, POULTRY, DAIRY UTENSILS, and part Household FURNITURE. See Bills.

Sale at One o'clock.

Mart Office, Tow Law. 93a

Colpike Grass Parks, near Lanchester.

JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with instructions from Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. will LET the above PARKS, (consisting of 82 Acres in four separate lots,) by AUCTION on Wednesday, April 17th, 1889, at 3·30 p.m.

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MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, instructed by the West Auckland Brewery Company, Limited, will Sell by Auction, without reserve, on Thursday and Saturday, April 18th and 20th the whole of the VALUABLE FURNITURE, Feather Beds, Bedding, Pictures, Silver Plate, Cutlery, Glass, China, and Utensils contained in the 17 rooms of the above commodious hotel.

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JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.

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Further particulars next week.

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„ ... A. R. FLEET, Wine Merchant Birtley.
„ ... Messrs. ROBINSON & Co., Chemists and Druggists, Chester-le-Street.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 1889.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

WISE OR FOOLISH—WHICH?

The letter under this heading in the last issue of the *Guardian* was a sorry attempt to justify by precedent a case between which and St. Paul there is not a shadow of relationship. St. Paul preached repentance it is true; but this was after he himself was converted—not so the spiritual guide to whom reference was made, who, according to his own confession, had preached for years before the change came about. My readers will please note that there is a clear and well-defined difference between St. Paul and the local rev. gentleman who claims affinity with him in this respect. For an unconverted man to exhort others to repentance is a most undesirable state of things, to say the least of it; but such a charge cannot with truth be laid at door of St. Paul, because with him conversion was the first step—the preaching followed as as matter of course. Consistency is an admirable trait of character, irrespective of whether it is practised by pastor or by the more obscure members of a flock. Hence, I maintain that the confession referred to is calculated to do more evil than good; but as the subject is not one for newspaper controversy, I have said my say.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE STATION.

The directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company seem to regard with complacent indifference the commendable steps taken by the members of the Conset Local Board, from time to time, to secure for the joint towns of Consett and Blackhill accommodation commensurate with the requirements of the commercial standing of the metropolis of North-Western Durham. The most easy-going and contented must be sensible of the fact that the present Railway Station and its surroundings are altogether out of touch with the trade and importance of the place. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made in recent years to bring a change about, and if the latest effort fails to bear fruit then will the inhabitants of the district require to prove to the Railway Company that further delay will not be tolerated. At a place like Consett and Blackhill there ought most assuredly to be a booking office both on the north and on the south platforms, and the whole spanned by a lofty arch of trellis-work and glass, together with the usual complement of waiting rooms and other offices. It is easily understood that the directors regard the matter from a purely £ s d standpoint, and it is to their common interest to defer the carrying out of the details as long as they can conveniently place obstacles in the way. But their patrons, the people, happen to see the proposed change in another light. It must be admitted that this agitation has been gone about with a spirit of patience that would have done credit to the venerable Job himself.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

Another series of contests have been decided, and to-day the victors are rejoicing, and the vanquished lamenting their hard lot. Dear me! what a lively age we live in! There is really no end to the struggles for place and power. It was said in the olden time, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," but some of our local public men must have realised to their sorrow that much less weighty honours than crowns brought in their train the proverbial burden of trouble. Changes will come, however, and it is sometimes quite amusing to trace the devious paths by which they do come. Mark, for example, the contrast between the appointment of the members of the Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards. Low down in the valley, undisturbed by the currents which sweep around the serriated summits of the Blue Mountains, the inhabitants, true to the historical dictum of the sages, continue to prove all things; and believing that it is "better to put up with the ills they have than fly to those they know not of," the electors have clung to the old love and put off the new. No so, be it noted, the vastly more unstable and speculative folks of Consett. They, progressive souls, have set their faces against the old order of things, and if they have not worshipped strange gods, they have, at any rate, chosen new guides to control their mundane concerns.

THE CONSETT SEWERAGE SCHEME.

There is nothing very attractive about the Consett sewerage scheme, and by those upon whom the cost will devolve it will doubtless be looked upon as a necessary evil. But even to such it must be a source of consolation that it is by giving strict attention to details of that order that health is maintained and life sweetened and prolonged. It no secret now-a-days that the appalling scourges which in earlier times depopulated cities and spread death and desolation in their train were, in the majority of instances, the result of the twin evils—filth and poverty. Happily, however, we live in more enlightened days, and Consett, like other places, must keep pace with the times in sanitary matters as well as in these improvements which, although more attractive to the eye, are not one whi more desirable than the more prosaic duty involved in the sewerage scheme.

THE LATE MR EDWARD TAYLOR SMITH, J.P.

I am almost of opinion that the recording of men's generous actions should not be deferred until they have passed from the earth. To honour the memory of the just and the generous is but the natural result of a natural law which needs no impulses from without, but gentlemen of the temperament of the late Mr Edward Taylor Smith, J.P., of Lanchester, who in his day did much to dispel the unwelcome shadows of penury from the hearts and hearths of the needy, deserve a nobler tribute than the mere impulsive prompting of thought and speech at a period when his own heart gives back no responsive vibrations. But things are perhaps better as they are, for were it known broadcast that public gentlemen of means were exceptionally charitably disposed, there can be no doubt but their goodness would be taxed by the undeserving beyond endurance. The death of Mr Taylor Smith is much to be regretted, because few have the disposition, and fewer still the means, to assist those whose opportunities of helping themselves are for ever past. The North-Western Durham district has during the past few months lost not a few gentlemen whose memories will long be held in affectionate remembrance, and among such the late Mr Taylor Smith is certainly not the least.

ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

[BY "RAMBLER."]

Many readers will be pleased to learn that Sergeant Walter Green, now stationed at Leadgate, who was one of the victims of the murderous Swaddle at Dunston last summer, has somewhat recovered from the effects of the gunshot wound in his side, and has obtained from the Chief-Constable a three-months leave of absence from duty. He has just gone to visit his parents at Esh, which is, I understand, preparatory to a sojourn at Bradford for the benefit of his health.

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Was it a joke? A Primitive Methodist Minister's plan was turned out of the boxes containing the voting papers at the Consett Local Board election! No wonder, then, that the publicans and sinners were defeated!! The owner can have the plan by applying at the *Guardian Office*.

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The newest educational code—just issued—places teachers more under the whims and fads of an inspector than ever they were before. The merit grant is abolished in name, but really lives under the 12s, 14s or 15s 6d grant, in a much more intensified form than ever, and until inspectors can be turned out of a machine, warranted never to go wrong, no man should have unlimited and irresponsible power as Her Majesty's Inspectors now possess. Certainly it will be un-English for teachers to have to work under such conditions without having the means of appeal against arbitrary or unfair dealing on the part of inspectors. To show that the Educational Department are apt to rely more on the advice of its office clerks than the matured opinions of practical teachers, I may instance the work of standard four as now appears in the new code. Poor standard four, which has so long bent under its heavy burden, and in which the greatest number of failures universally occur, has got civil service tots piled on to its load, while the easy work of standard seven is still further lightened. This is past all understanding, and I can only say to the department with Weller, "I didn't think you'd ha' done Sammy; I didn't think you'd ha' done it." A periodical meeting of the Vale of Derwent Teachers' Association was held in the British Schools, Consett, on Friday night. The chair was occupied by Mr F. Lane, Leadgate, president of the association. There was a fair attendance. After purely formal business had been transacted, the provisions of the new educational code were discussed by the teachers present. The code was considered to be a step in the right direction, but the probality of its success depended mainly upon the interpretation given to it by Her Majesty's Inspectors in carrying out its provisions. Among its chief alterations are:—(1).—"Managers are no longer to be held reponsible for the health of the children,"—which is a very sensible alteration. (2)—"Boys in Infant's Schools may now take drawing instead of needle work." (3)—Better provisions is to be made for the instruction of pupil teachers, who are not allowed to continue in the service if they fail to pass satisfactorily the examinations at the end of the first and second year of their apprenticeship, and at the end of apprenticeship they are also disqualified to continue teaching if they fail to pass the scholarship examination. (4)—All acting pupil teachers will be required to pass in the papers of the first and second years to obtain their full certificate. (5)—Only those who pass the certificate examination in the first and second division are to be permitted to instruct pupil teachers. (6)—Day Training Colleges will be established for the efficient training of ex-pupil teachers. These measures will conduce to the better seletion of candidates for the office of teachers, and their better training for the work. In the course of time the improvements in the schools will be considered, so that in these respects the code of 1889 is a distinct advance on its predecessors. However the non-publication of the instruction to Inspectors applicable to this code leaves in doubt the manner of the application of many articles, the spirit of which is right, but which may be abused by an improper interpretation. Teachers regret that so little has been done in the direction of the abolition of payment by results; and that the merit grant has been retained in a disguised and intensified from. They fear that the new code in its present form will prove unsatisfactory in its working, as it does not prevent the subordination of educational to pecuniary consideration; and believe that nothing short of the abolition of payment by results wil entirely remove the evils of the present system. Teachers ask, as a matter of right, for complete liberty of classification, and the means of appeal against the arbitrary or unfair reports of inspectors, and they are also of opinion that age as an element of classification should be abolished. The requirements of the needle-work schedule are considered to be excessive. Teachers do not think that the old system reducing the grant for inefficiency, and so making an efficient school more inefficient than before, is wise; for how is an increased and more efficient staff of teachers to be obtained and supported out of decreased income. Owing to the lengthy discussion and the lateness of the hour, further consideration of the code was proposed to a special meeting to be held shortly.

MODEL BUILDING SOCIETY.

A lecture on "Britains' Homes: Past and Present" was delivered by Mr Arthur Conner (inventor of the Model Society), in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Tuesday evening. The chair was occupied by Councillor R. Murray, who was supported on the platform by Messrs P. Teare, J. Eltringham, J. S. Murray, J. G. Murray, T. D. Dryden, and the secretary (Mr W. Ramsay).

In his opening remarks, the CHAIRMAN said that they had met there that night to hear an address by Mr Arthur Conner on "Britain's Homes: Past and Present." Mr Conner was the promoter of a new Model Building Society. It was a society of which the lecturer would give them full information. Building societies had been very useful institutions in this country, and many industrious people had obtained homes of their own and houses of their own through being members of a Building Society, which, if it had not been for building societies, they would not have been able to buy. It was a great credit to every man and every woman who buys a house by exercising a little judicious economy, for they thus provide themselves with a home of their own. If they can get one house it is useful, if more, they are still more useful, and will help to keep them in their old age. (Applause.) The first piece of property he (the speaker) had, ever possessed was got through a building society, and when he commenced to build the first house he had not as much money as bought the land, but he got an advance from the society, and the rents of his houses paid the building society. So these houses really cost him nothing, and not long ago he had sold them to a gentleman in this neighbourhood for £500. And what he had done, any other person could do under the same circumstances, for all it required was perseverance and energy—(applause)—and there could be no doubt but that those who wished to possess houses of their own could do so, and thus live in their own house. (Applause.) He then called upon the lecturer to deliver his address.

THE LECTURE.

The lecturer, on rising, said he did not want those present to consider the Model Society had been commenced in opposition to the societies that already existed. That was not so; but he thought that there would be room for it as well as those that did exist, and as it was an improvement on other societies, he thought that if it were given a fair trial, it would soon be preferred by the people to any other. These societies were not new institutions, for they read that they had them in ancient Greece, while they were to be found in Great Britain at the time of Cæsar's invasion, and they were well established before the reign of William the Conquerer. But perhaps the foundation of the present system was laid in 1809, when a gentleman named Peter Bruce formed a society for Greenwich, which was registered and known as the Greenwich Union Building Society. Then in 1815 the Earl of Selkirk formed, or assisted to form, a society which seemed to have gone on and prospered and spread until the present. So they would see that it was no new institution that he was bringing before them. If they considered the subject for a few minutes, they would find that it was the industrious poorer class who took advantage of these societies in order to get a home of their own, and as he (the lecturer) had been connected with Building Societies for many years, he had given the matter great thought in order to form a society from which these honest industrious people would receive most benefit, and he thought he had succeeded. This society combined the principle both of a permanent and a Starr-Bowkett one, as its members could receive either advances or ballots. This system of ballotting was introduced by Dr Balfe, and he (the lecturer) freely acknowledged from what source he had gained it, but the other features of the society had all originated with himself. The methods of advancing money were three—By a ballot, a sale, and an appropriation. The lecturer then spoke of the principles upon which the societies were founded and worked, and said that such advantages were possessed by no single society.

At the end of the first part of the lecture, questions were invited.

Mr ELLIOTT rose and said: I understand that there are 300 members in these Model Societies, and that 150 ballots go to the members and 150 are claimed by the Society. Therefore 150 members will have to buy their ballots. Is this true?

Mr BERRY said there had been nothing said about the cost of the deeds. Who was going to pay for them?

The CHAIRMAN: That is a very fair question.

In answering these questions the LECTURER said that the gentleman who was secretary to the Starr-Bowkett Building Society evidently did not understand him, for he had not said that half went to the members and half to the society.

Mr ELLIOTT: You have not answered my question, sir. 150 of your members will have to pay for their ballots or go without.

The LECTURER: Nothing of the kind. Those who did not care to wait for their ballot could buy one for a small premium, but if they choose to wait they would not have to pay anything at all.

In answer to the second question he said that the members had to pay for the drawing up of the deeds. He then explained that his success in forming building societies had evidently caused Mr Starr to be jealous of him and caused him to circulate lithographed copies of statements which were utterly false. If people wanted to be advised about anything they generally went to some one who had been successful in that particular subject. If asked, he could prove that the building society he had formed had been successful and he had never been a bankrupt, and had to compound with his creditors. The lecturer then illustrated the different kinds of buildings by means of a magic lantern.

Votes of thanks to the Lecturer and Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

After the lecture a considerable number of members were enrolled.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, April 10th.—Before Col. F. SHEPPEE (chairman), and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

ASSAULT.

Thomas Clark was charged with assaulting his wife Jane, at Andrew's House, on the 26th ult. Mr Fred Harle (Chester-le-Street and Newcastle) appeared for the complainant, Mr C. M. Dix (Newcastle) defending.—Mr Harle said that besides asking for a conviction for the assault, he should also ask for a separation order on the ground of the continued ill-usage of complainant by her husband.—Complainant said that on the 26th March her husband went out; when he came in again she was sitting in the house. Defendant sat down on the bed, and then got up and struck at her. He kicked her on the back, and burst her mouth; she went home to her mother.—Cross-examined by Mr Dix: She followed him when he left the house at nine in the morning; she followed him about a mile, but did not call him any names, or say anything to him. She did not accuse him, when he came back, of being to see his "fancy wife"; she did not strike at him with the poker, nor throw a basin at him. She went back the next day to get her clothes, but did not take any money out of the house. She showed her mother the marks upon her back, and anyone who saw her could see the marks upon her mouth.—Mrs Slater, mother of complainant, said that her daughter came to her house on the 26th ult., on account of her husband ill-treating her. Witness saw the mark upon her back where defendant had kicked her; a neighbour was in the house at the time, and saw the mark.—Cross-examined by Mr Dix: The neighbour was not in Court. Witness could not say exactly how far complainant's back was blackened, but was sure it was blackened more than a foot; it was more than two feet, but she could not say that it was three feet, but would swear that it was between two and three feet. Witness never went near her daughter's house; did not interfere with them in any way.—Mr Harle said that he would proceed to show the continued ill-usage, when Mr Dix interposed and said that he would like to show that there was no evidence to prove that there had been an assault at all. He then addressed the Bench at some length for the defence, urging that complainant had aggravated defendant by her conduct, and that the evidence of complainant was not corroborated by that of her mother, who was a biassed witness.—The Bench were of opinion that an assault had been committed, and fined defendant 20s and costs, and ordered him to be bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of £10 and a surety in the same amount.—Defendant: I object to be bound over.—The Magistrates' Clerk: Then you can go to jail for six months.—Defendant was then bound over.

THE "BURNSIDES" AGAIN.

Thomas Burnside was charged with threatening to "cut the eyes" out of Ann Burnside, at Chester-le-Street, on the 30th ult. Mr John Brownless (Durham) appeared for complainant.—Ann Burnside said she was the wife of William Burnside, brother of defendant. On the night of the 30th she heard her husband and defendant talking in the yard; she went towards them and defendant said he would "cut her eyes" out. He used expressions which she could not repeat in the Court, and ran at her with the whip which he had in his hand. She was afraid of her life, and was sure that if she had not run away he would have tried to do what he said he would do. Several people saw what took place, but the principal witness had since met with a serious accident which prevented him being at the Court.—Mary Jane Jones, a young girl, said she saw what happened, and corroborated the statement made by complainant.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of £10 and to pay the costs.

BREACH OF THE MINES REGULATION ACT.

Joseph Harrison and *Richard Muffard* were each separately charged with a breach of the Mines Regulation Act, by violating a special rule at Ouston Colliery, on the 25th ult. Harrison did not appear. Mr Wilson, certificated manager of the colliery, put in a copy of the rules, and explained that defendants came "out-by" and ascended the pit before their proper time, and against the orders of the onsetter. John Robson, onsetter, said that Muffard came out-by and got into the cage. Witness ordered him to get out, but he refused, and witness was obliged to "rap" the cage away with him in. Defendant said he was much the same "out-by" because he could not work. Mr Wilson said the offence was committed the day after the "cavils." Defendant had got a bad "cavil" and would not stop when he saw it. He came "out-by," and after being repeatedly told by the onsetter that he could not ride there, insisted in ascending. The onsetter would not refuse to allow any one who was ill from ascending at any time. But there was a proper time for the men on the various shifts to ascend, and he wished on behalf of the owners to say that the present case was only brought there in order that the management might be strengthened in having their rules enforced and carried out.—Muffard was ordered to pay a fine of 10s, and Harrison 12s 6d including costs.

A DIRTY FELLOW.

Alexander Reed, a tramp, was charged with indecently exposing himself at Lamesley, on the 30th of March. Mary Ann Warden said that she and her sister were walking along the turnpike towards Gateshead and saw the defendant coming in the opposite direction. When within two feet of them he stopped and committed the assault complained of. They had to go off the footpath in order to get past him.—He was sent to prison for one month.

THE DRUNKEN LIST.

The following persons were fined for drunkenness:—*Margaret Alice Barnfather*, Chester-le-Street, 2s 6d and costs; *William Naylor*, Chester-le-Street, 2s 6d and costs; *William Bambra*, Chester-le-Street, 2s 6d; *Barbara Mallam*, Sunniside, 5s; *Robert Hall*, Sunniside, 2s 6d; *Henry Armstrong*, Nettlesworth, 7s 6d.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 11th.—Before Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE (chairman), GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq., Col. E. LEADBITTER SMITH, and W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq.

THE MINERS' DEMONSTRATION AT TANTOBIE.

Mr W. Elliott, on behalf of his mother, applied for permission to have the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, kept open on Good Friday, on the occasion of the monstre open-air demonstration of miners to be held near that village, from 2·30 to six o'clock at night. Some of the miners' officials, he stated, had ordered refreshments, and it was expected that some thousands of miners would be present.—The Chairman considered it a rather strange application.—The Clerk (Mr Granger) said he did not think the magistrates had power to accede to the request. After reference to "Stones Manual," however, the Clerk said that an exception was made in such cases. He enquired how far the men would come?—Mr Elliott: Some of them will travel over 10 miles.—The Clerk: Then you can give bonafide travellers refreshments without permission.—Mr Elliott: But how long will such persons be allowed to stay for refreshments?—The Clerk: As long as they like. There can be no harm.—The Chairman: Then you want the public-house continually open from 12·30 till ten at night?—Mr Elliott: Yes. The meeting will begin at 2·30, and will be over about four o'clock, and dinner is ordered for five.—The Chairman (after conferring with his colleagues): Yes, we will grant you permission to keep open from 2·30 till six o'clock. But, mind, you must exercise the greatest precaution, and allow no person to drink to excess.—Mr Elliott: Very well, your worships—Supt. Oliver: You will, of course, be responsible the same as any other day if you permit drunkenness on your premises.

REVOLTING CRUELTY TO A HORSE AT ESH.

PAINFUL SCENE IN COURT.

John Lawson and *Robert Aitchinson*, two young men, belonging to Gateshead, were charged with unlawfully and cruelly ill-treating a horse by violently beating it. Lawson did not appear, and it was said that he was now undergoing 14 days' imprisonment for larceny of a rabbit at Gateshead.

Inspector George William Aplin, R.S.P.C.A., of Newcastle, stated that the circumstances were of a

MOST SHOCKING AND REVOLTING CHARACTER.

On the 16th ult., defendants left Gateshead at seven in the morning to go to Cornsay Colliery with a load of furniture, the horse being attached to a rolley. When they reached Esh in the evening, the animal was totally exhausted with travelling so far (a distance of 30 miles), and was unable to proceed further on. Defendants began to

BEAT THE ANIMAL VIOLENTLY

with sticks and whip stocks, and when these weapons were broken, and of no further use, they commenced to strike the poor horse with a spade or shovel, besides kicking it. This state of things continued for about two hours, and eventually the

ANIMAL DIED FROM SHEER EXHAUSTION

and inhuman treatment. He would prove that the horse's body was badly wounded and covered with whales and sores.

Richard Bainbridge, of Esh, stated that about four o'clock in the afternoon, while coming from Ushaw College, he observed the defendants

FLOGGING THE HORSE FOR THE SPACE OF HALF-AN-HOUR

with a whip or stick. One of the men kicked the horse several times upon the side, while the other used both hands in belabouring the animal, one of them striking it on the sheath under the stomach. Witness was in a hurry, or he would have called the police to the scene.

The Chairman: Did the cart appear to be overloaded?—Witness: No, it was just an ordinary load. The horse might have taken the load away, only it was quite exhausted. They had been coming up the bank from Durham.

Replying to defendant, witness stated that he was too far away to see whether he (Aitchinson)

USED A WHIP-STOCK OR A STICK.

He could not tell who was using both hands, or who kicked the horse.

Jonathan Forster, of Esh, attested that on the date in question he observed the horse standing at the corner end of his house at Esh. Lawson was beating the animal with a long whip-stock, and Aitchinson was also using it badly. There were two horses drawing loads of furniture. Lawson, however, went away with the first load, and Aitchinson

TRIED TO PROCURE ANOTHER HORSE.

They waited from five till about 7·30 p.m., when Lawson returned and put a rope around the animal's neck. Both men

TUGGED AWAY AT THE ROPE

some time to get the poor beast to move, and after the lapse of 20 minutes they loosed the rope from round the horse's neck, and attached it to the limmer ends. Aitchinson got hold of a spade and beat the animal upon the back; he even mounted the limmers in order to

WIELD HEAVIER BLOWS WITH THE SPADE.

Lawson was meantime kicking the horse upon the buttock. Both men continued to maltreat the animal till a quarter-past eight o'clock, and when they reached the bank top, the

HORSE FELL DOWN DEAD ON THE ROAD.

The Bench: How did it happen?

Witness: They ran into a conduit with the rolley, and the shock from the weight of the furniture caused the horse to fall down. Defendants essayed to get the animal up, but it had lost the use of its legs and could not stand. The men endeavoured to turn the animal on to the other side, and it was found to be dead. Witness should think that the animal was

BEATEN 20 TIMES WITH THE SPADE.

It was an ordinary garden spade.

Defendant: No; it was a square horse spade. (Laughter).

P.C. Chambers, of Esh, deposed that on the following day (Sunday) he examined the animal, and found on each hip a wound about the size of his hands; also wound between the ears the size of half-a-crown. These had evidently been caused by kicks. The body was

COVERED WITH WHALES AND SORES,

and was in a terrible state.

Defendant said that the fact of putting the rope round the horse's neck caused its death. He asserted that he did not beat the animal, but merely threw sods at it to get it to move on. Rutter, who had charge of the other horse, instead of getting his assistance, went on to Quebec. It was Lawson who

PUT THE ROPE ROUND THE ANIMAL

and broke its neck. They were trying to pull the animal out of the gutter on to the turnpike.

Mr Winter, of Gateshead, who removes furniture, spoke to the horse being perfectly sound when it left the *Felling* that morning. The horse would

WORK PROPERLY WITHOUT BEING THRASHED.

There were two small loads of furniture, the horses being in charge of Rutter and Lawson, his servants, Aitchinson merely going with them for pleasure.

Defendant: I went to show these other men th road.

Mr Winter said that Aitchinson was occasionally employed by him. He valued the animal at £7.

After a brief deliberation, the Magistrates characterised this as a most horrible and shocking case, the defendants having attacked the horse in a very

CRUEL AND BRUTAL MANNER.

The case had been very properly taken up by the R.S.P.C.A. They could not do less than inflict the extreme penalty the law allowed them. Defendant would be

COMMITTED TO PRISON FOR THREE MONTHS

with hard labour. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Lawson.

Defendant: Not a fine, sir?

The Chairman: We send you to prison without the option of a fine.

Defendant began to cry "Oh, mother," and several females in the Court sobbed very loudly, the scene being a most affecting one when he was removed to the cells.

HARE LAW.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.—Last (Thursday) night, a missionary meeting was held in connection with St. Thomas', Collierley, when an eloquent address was listened to by a highly respectable audience, from the Rev J. W. Balfing, returned missionary from Ceylon.

Rossini had a favourite provision merchant. One day the latter rather bashfully said to Rossini:

"I have for a long time wanted to ask a favour of you."

"Name it," said the maestro.

"It is," replied the merchant, "that you will give me your photograph with a few words under it."

"Willingly," responded Rossini, and he took a photograph from his pocket-book and wrote under it:

"To the friend of my stomach."

Lord Clare, who was much opposed to Curran, one day brought a Newfoundland-dog upon the bench, and during Curran's speech turned aside and caressed the animal. Curran stopped.

"Go on, go on, Mr. Curran," said Lord Clare.

"Oh, I beg a thousand pardons," was the rejoinder; "I thought your lordship was in consultation."

The late Lord Ravensworth, or "the Baron" as he was familiarly known, besides being a first-class chess-player and scholar, was a man of no personal vanity. One cold day in winter some years back, it is related, having wrapped himself in a fur-coat, he went to call on some neighbours in Northumberland. He was ushered into the drawing-room and left, as he thought, alone. No sooner was the door closed than he seated on a chair in front of the mirror over the fireplace, and, after surveying himself with intense satisfaction, gave vent to the ejaculation:

"Well, a man in fur is a noble animal."

Unfortunately for the baron a lady was seated in the recess of a screen in a corner of the room all the time, and not only witnessed the exhibition, but overheard the soliloquy.

Rowland Hill, when at college, was remarkable for his wit. In a conversation on the powers of the letter H, in which it was contended that it was no letter, but a simple aspiration of breathing, Rowland took the opposite side of the question, insisted on its being to all intents and purposes a letter, and concluded by observing that if it were not, it was a very serious affair to him, as it would occasion his being "ill" all the days of his life.

"Do not forget me, or cease to love me," he murmured; and he fondly clasped her hand as the train moved out of the station.

"Never, never!" sobbed the wife; and she pulled out her handkerchief and tied a knot in it that she might not forget.

"Call these fine cattle?" said a big countryman at an agricultural show, where for some time he had been annoying the exhibitors by depreciating their stock. "They ain't nothin' to what our folks raise. Why, my father raised the biggest calf of any farmer round our part."

"Ah," said a bystander, looking at him, "we can quite believe that."

There lived once at Launceston, in Cornwall, a miller, who had a lovely daughter (how is it all millers have lovely daughters?) She was the most beautiful girl in the country, but, alas! she, with all her beauty, was so cruel that the sighs of her rejected lovers were sufficient to turn her father's mill.

Mr. Boulton, of Birmingham, soon after he was connected with Mr. Watt, who was making such wonderful improvements in the steam-engine, appeared at St. James's on a levée day.

"Well, Mr. Boulton," said George III., "I am glad to see you. What new project have you got now?"

"I am," said Mr. Boulton, "manufacturing a new article that kings are very fond of."

"Ay, Ay, Mr. Boulton; what's that?"

"It is power, an' please your majesty."

"Power, Mr. Boulton? We like power—that's true; but what do you mean?"

"Why, sire, I mean the power of steam to move machines."

His majesty appeared pleased, and, laughing, said:

"Very good! Go on—go on!"

Bishop Bathurst of Norwich was fond of posing candidates for orders by asking them what they would do in a parish where there were a great many Dissenters. Of course the young men each gave their elaborate method of treatment, at the end of which the Bishop would quickly observe with a chuckle:

"Shall I give you my plan? Let them alone.

It is possible to tell the age of a cow by the wrinkles on her horns, but nature has provided no outward signs by which the age of an egg can be computed. Break it gentle.

An old judge is credited with the remark: "I don't know which does the most harm, enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best."

"Ah!" moaned a widow recently bereaved, "what a misfortune! I know what kind of a husband I have lost, but how can I tell what kind of a husband his successor will be!"

Leisure is a very pleasant garment to look at, but it is a very bad one to wear. The ruin of millions may be traced to it.

CULINARY SAWS.

It is good to be merry at meat.
A hungry man is an angry man.
An empty stomach listens to nobody.
The taste of the kitchen is better than the smell.
Better go to bed supperless than to get up in debt.
There is no cake but there is the like of the same make.

REFRESHING BEVERAGE.—Take three pounds of loaf-sugar, two ounces of citric acid, and the juice of four lemons. Pour two gallons of boiling water on them, and when well melted and quite cold, stir a few drops of essence of lemon. Bottle and cork, and, when wanted, mix two tablespoonfuls with a tumbler of water.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castleside."]

Referring in my last to the children's entertainment, I omitted the names of Miss A. Lewis and Miss Nellie Jackson, both of whom claim special attention for the excellent manner in which they performed their parts, the former in reciting "The May Queen"; the latter in her song "I'll not go to school any more."

The other Saturday afternoon, a numb[illegible] young men, members of the Government [illegible] of Science and Art Classes in the County of Durh[illegible], after visiting the Consett Iron and Steel Company's Works (blastfurnaces, smelting shop[illegible] and rolling mills), paid a visit to Castleside, th[illegible] to Healeyfield lead mine. Now that our village and neighbourhood is becoming a resort for the pleasure-seeker, the tourist, and scie[illegible] I trust our way-wardens and sanitary reform[illegible] will lose no time in getting the much-needed improvements carried into effect.

A juvenile missionary meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Saturday night, the chair being occupied by Mr F. B. Raine. Recitations, dialogues, and addresses were given by Masters J. R [illegible], T. Ripley, T. Poice, W. Jewitt, R. Jewitt, and Misses M. Harker, A. Jewitt, and Nellie R[illegible]ey. The proceeds were in aid of the New Mission opened in Central Africa.

After the above meeting, a coffee-supper was held in the Schoolroom. A goodly number sat down, and did ample justice to the good things provided. The hostess (Mrs Jewitt) at the close handed over to the coffers of the trust fund £1 8s 8d—rather a novel way of building a chapel, or rather paying for it—"eating it out of debt."

It may be there are still some "busybodies" amongst us yet, or perhaps an inspector passed this way and noticed one "solitary bill" belonging to the juvenile missionary meeting, and perhaps one or two belonging to the children's entertainment, posted on the telegraph-post in the village, a report of which has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Telegraphs in Newcastle. Messrs T. J. Muse and F. B. Raine, chairmen of the above meetings, have received letters informing them that, according to the Post Office (Protection) Act, 1884, "the practice of bill-posting on the telegraph posts is illegal, and that any person committing the offence is liable to a penalty of forty shillings." I hope that our school managers and societies will take the hint.

The remarkable adventure of a horse and conveyance is a general topic of conversation in the village. One night last week, a traveller for a Newcastle firm, having called for an order at a grocery establishment at Castleside, left the village with the object of travelling to Tow Law with his pony and conveyance. Owing probably to the darkness of the night, the trap went into a quarry by the roadside, the result being that its occupant was thrown out and stunned. When the man recovered, he found that his horse and conveyance had disappeared. He returned to Castleside, but could learn no tidings of the missing animal and vehicle. He also telegraphed to Tow Law, with no better result. Meantime, the horse, with remarkable sagacity, journeyed round by Butsfield, Satley, and Knitsley, arriving at Consett early the next morning, and proceeding direct to the hotel stables, where it had been accustomed to stop. Upon examination, it was ascertained that neither the horse nor vehicle had suffered the slightest damage; but some alarm was occasioned at the absence of its driver. However, he turned up during the day, and resumed his journey.

LECTURE ON "GLADSTONE" AT LEADGATE.

On Monday night, a lecture was delivered by Councillor J. Wilson, miners' agent, Durham, in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, on "The life of W. E. Gladstone." Councillor Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate, occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting stated that he noticed a great change in the inhabitants of Leadgate during the past few years, and believed that this improvement was in a great measure due to the efforts of the lecturer. (Applause). He also feelingly referred to the death of the Right Hon. John Bright.

The **Lecturer**, in the course of his remarks, said that the life of Mr Gladstone had been a long one, of which he (the lecturer) was about to give a short review. Mr Gladstone entered Parliament at the request of his father, although he had a preference for the pulpit. His first Parliamentary speech was given in the Newark division. In 1841 he was President of the Board of Works. Mr Gladstone, together with Sir Robert Peel, was one of the chief promoters of the agitation for the Repeal of the Corn Laws. His next great work was to redress the heavy punishment of the political prisoners of Naples. In 1842 he published his first Budget, the like of which has never been surpassed. In 1859-60 he took his first office on the Liberal side of the House. (Applause). Mr Gladstone next introduced the Parliamentary or third-class passenger trains. In 1860 he again introduced his Reform Bill, which he afterwards carried. (Applause). His defeat at Oxford was the result of this Bill. In 1868 he struck the first blow towards the Disestablishment of the Irish Church. During his life he has been instrumental in working many and various changes. Mr Wilson touched upon the Education Act, the Home Rule Bill, &c. He added that Mr Gladstone had ever been the friend of the working man. He has been the working man's champion when others stood aloof. The lecturer considered that Mr Gladstone was still a young man in the minds of the people. When he had passed away he would long be remembered by the nation. (Applause). In his closing remarks Mr Wilson said that the place of Mr Gladstone would be very difficult to fill.

The **Chairman** said that a greater amount of progress has been seen in the last fifty years than had been seen in the previous 100 years. (Applause). He proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily accorded.

The **Lecturer** having responded, moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was heartily given.

There was a moderate audience, only about 50 persons being present.

CONCERT AT STANHOPE.

A grand evening concert was held in the High Street Mission Chapel, Stanhope, on Saturday evening—Mr W. M. Egglestone presiding. The artistes were from Tanfield Lea and neighbourhood. Mr G. Pringle, of that place, presided at the piano. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity. Programme:—Part I—Glee, "In God is our trust," by the company; duet, "David and Goliath," Messrs Hall and Fawcett; solo, "The gates of the west," Miss Pringle; trio, "Bright in heaven," Misses Brown, Donald, and Bulmer; solo, "Bid me discourse," Mr H. Fawcett; trio, "Softly roam," Misses Pringle, Donald and Bulmer; quartette, "Solemnly, silently, falling asleep," Misses Brown and Donald and Messrs Hall and Fawcett; solo, "The model church," Miss Bulmer; violin solo, "The harp that once thro' Tara's hall," Mr L. Hall. Part II—Glee, "Let the hills resound," the company; solo and distant chorus, "Children's voices," Miss Brown; trio, "Speed the little boat," Misses Bulmer, Pringle, and Donald; solo, "The owl," Mr W. Hall; duet, "Resignation," Misses Pringle and Donald; solo, "The better land," Mr Fawcett; violin solo, Mr L. Hall; solo, "Tired," Miss Brown; solo, "For you and for me," Miss Bulmer; reading, "Sambo's opinion of drink," Miss Bulmer; quartette, "Parting song," by four of the company. The proceeds were on behalf of Miss Bulmer's Stanhope mission. At the close, votes of thanks were accorded to Miss Hampden for the use of the pianoforte, and to the artistes from Tanfield Lea, also the chairman. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

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LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS.

CONSETT.

The counting up of the votes recorded in this important local contest, which is said to be the heaviest and most exciting ever known since the formation of the Board, commenced on Tuesday morning, at the Public Buildings, Parliament Street, Consett. Mr T. W. Welford (solicitor and clerk to the Board) acting as Returning Officer, being assisted by Messrs J. G. Willey and H. Foggon. During the past few weeks, a deal of dissatisfaction has been expressed by certain sections of the ratepayers anent the conduct of the Board with regard to the Public Park question, the town sewerage scheme, the proposed covered-in market, and other matters, and especially was the action of a portion of the Board in their *modus operandi* of electing Mr J. T. Potts to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr T. Dunne in October last. The result of the election, however, has apparently justified the selection of the Board, inasmuch as Mr Potts has been chosen by the ratepayers—by a narrow majority, it is true—as Mr Dunne's successor. Of the 21 candidates originally nominated, 17 went to the poll—three ladies and a gentleman having retired. Some of the candidates have addressed meetings in furtherance of their claims, while a systematic canvas, either personally or by means of cards, has been made by most of the aspirants for local honours. In addition to electing four members to take the places of those gentlemen retiring from the Board according to rotation, the Local Government Board directed that a fifth member should be picked out by the ratepayers to fill the casual vacancy occasioned by Mr Dunne's resignation. The result of the poll was proclaimed about 3·30 the same afternoon, as follows:—

Elected.	
aAld. Wm. Jenkins, J.P., Consett Hall, general manager of iron works	695
aJohn W. Davison, Consett, ironmonger, &c.	442
aG. Ainsworth, West Bank, manager of blastfurnaces and steel works	425
James Daly, Consett, grocer	421
John T. Potts, Consett, draper	394
Not Elected.	
aCouncillor Rd. Murray, Benfieldside House, wine and spirit merchant	381
R. C. Foster, Consett, draper	352
T. E. Shotton, Blackhill, N.E.R. traffic agent	299
Geo. T. Hyden, East Parade, schoolmaster	251
C. P. Douglas, Consett, engineer	227
Nathan Elsdon, Consett, ale and porter merchant	144
George D. Powell, Rose Mount, bacon factor	106
James Frosdick, Consett, bill-poster	98
Simon Rowe, Consett, confectioner	62
Thomas D. Dryden, Consett, grocer	53
Edward Wylam, Consett, hotel-keeper	35
Robert Willey, Mount Pleasant, grocer	21

a These denote the members who have retired this year. The declaration has afforded a vast amount of satisfaction, and was greeted with loud cheering. The defeat of Mr R. Murray, however, was a matter of surprise and regret, he having proved himself a useful and efficient member during his three years' term of office. Mr Potts has been elected for 12 months, while the other four hold office for three years. There are between 1,200 and 1,300 names on the register, consequently the poll is a strong one—probably the heaviest ever known. There were very few spoilt papers, and no one had to be disqualified by reason of voting for more than five candidates. The first meeting of the newly-elected Board takes place on Monday evening.

BENFIELDSIDE.

The result of the voting for four members was on Friday declared by the returning officer (Mr John Booth, solicitor, and Clerk to the Board, Shotley Bridge), as under:—

J. Lax, ironmonger, Shotley Bridge	749
W. Wheatley, butcher, Shotley Bridge	714
Councillor Jas. Annandale, J.P., paper manufacturer, The Briary	701
J. Eltringham, builder and contractor, Blackhill	676
H. Carss, mason, Cutlers Hall	435

The first four, being retiring members, are again elected. Mr Carss, who was formerly a member of the Board, struggled hard to regain his seat.

LEADGATE.

The result of this election was proclaimed at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon by the returning officer (Councillor George Nicholson) as follows:—

Elected.	
L. Nicholson, draper, Leadgate	480
Jas. J. Hedley, mining engineer, Grove Cottage	400
J. H. Hudson, farmer, Castle Dene	355
M. Robson, builder, Watling Street	305
Not Elected.	
M. D. Greener, butcher, Leadgate	218
H. White, farmer, The Brooms	158
J. Smith, hosier, Villa Real	156
G. Hawdon, agent, Consett	82

The four members retiring from the old Board have consequently been re-elected. The election was almost void of public interest.

BLAYDON.

The counting of the votes in this election was completed on Friday by Colonel John A. Cowen, chairman of the Board, with the following result;—

Elected for Blaydon Ward.	
James Jenkins	873
James Douglas	835
George Bullerwell	690
Jared Nixon	649
Not Elected.	
Rutter Carr	596
Robert S. Holmes	565
Humphrey Atkinson	556
John Howdon	425
Thomas Renwick	386
William Jones	378
Joseph Hall	212
Alexander Watson	196
Thomas Urwin	99

The four gentlemen elected were all retiring members. Mr William Green was elected for Chopwell Ward without a contest.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

The counting of the votes in the election of three members of this Board took place on Monday, the three retiring members, Mr O. C. Wallis, Bradley Hall; Dr J. Wilkie Smith, Ryton; and Mr W. R. Lamb, Ryton, being re-elected. Mr Edwd. Forrest, farmer, Ryton, was also nominated. The figures were:—

Dr Smith	870
W. R. Lamb	644
O. C. Wallis	570
E. Forrest	545

Mr J. B. Simpson was the returning officer.

STANHOPE.

In the above election four members retired, and six candidates were nominated. Mr D. McCallum, an old member, did not seek re-election. The votes were counted on Tuesday, when Dr Arnison, J.P., returning officer, published the following result. The first three are old members:—

Elected.	
Councillor Livingstone	272
William Rippon	264
Charles Emerson	237
Richard Mews	182
Not Elected.	
Joseph Curry	153
Captain Scott-Jervis	114

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Chapter VI.—Found.

For a moment George Wave was fascinated by the beauty of Lydia Wild: then a sudden feeling of revulsion seized him. For a reason which he could not fathom—by one of those curious mental changes no one has yet been able to analyse or explain—he instinctively felt that she would prove no friend to him.

"I am not Mr Dunlop," he said, "though I am associated with him in business. He is inside but engaged just now."

She looked full at him, then a shade of disappointment crossed her face.

"I am powerless to sway this man," was her thought. "Drink raises a barrier between us."

Aloud, she said very softly—

"I must see him, but perhaps you can give me some help?"

"I shall be very glad."

"Do you know if Mr Basil Thorncliffe is staying with him?"

"Hang Mr Thorncliffe" very nearly came from him. As it was he could not help showing some irritability as he somewhat curtly answered—

"He was there last night, I believe. Mr Basil Thorncliffe appears to be in great demand."

"Indeed? Has anyone else enquired for him?"

"Yes. There's an old fellow in the office now who wants him. Law, I think, is his name."

"I am so much obliged to you. I want to see Mr Law."

"Are you a stranger here?" he asked abruptly.

"Yes, quite. We only arrived in the North this week. I am Dr. Dread's house-keeper. You may have seen his name in the papers. He has made some very curious discoveries in medicine."

"That's the fellow Dick O'Neil was talking about," thought George. "Yes," he said, "I have heard of him."

She bowed and passed on into the office. George stood in his old position for a little gnawing his moustache.

"It's getting confoundedly hot," he muttered. "It might be wiser to go right straight away. No, I'll be hanged if I do. It's a pretty deep hole I'm in, but I may climb out yet."

He walked away, and then suddenly stopped and turned.

"It is better for me to know what is going on," he was thinking—thinking deeply. "I wonder if they will ever look in the right place for Basil Thorncliffe."

Again in the office, he found Mr Law and Lydia Wild both in Mr Dunlop's room.

"Come in, Wave," said the last-named. "We are talking about Mr Basil Thorncliffe. It seems to me that both this lady and Mr Law are showing a needless anxiety about their friend's safety."

"I don't suppose anybody would bother much about me because I didn't happen to return home one night," answered George, with a cynical laugh.

"You were at Mr Dunlop's house, too, last night?" said Lydia gently.

"Yes."

"And didn't you meet him?"

"No. I never saw the man in my life."

"Thorncliffe was always a naturally reserved man. Last night he was most anxious not to meet strangers." It was Mr Dunlop who spoke. "I'm afraid we drove George out of the smoking-room."

"I enjoyed a cigar in the garden," said Wave.

"In the garden," repeated Lydia, "in the garden."

"What the deuce can it matter to her where I smoked it?" thought Wave angrily. "Perhaps she thinks I ought to have done it on the roof or in the coal-cellar."

Turning to the lawyer, Lydia said—

"So, Mr Law, notwithstanding that I tell you I am a friend of Mr Thorncliffe's and am exceedingly anxious about his safety, you decline to tell me the nature of the business he entrusted to your experience."

"Madam, if I took any other course I should not be worthy of the name of Law, nor justified in practising that highly essential but much maligned profession. I trust for your sake, Mr Dunlop, that we may find our friend safe and well."

"Why for Mr Dunlop's sake?" asked George.

"If anything has occurred to Mr Thorncliffe," Lydia said, "Mr Dunlop would naturally blame himself for not having accompanied his friend all the way, instead of a part."

The merchant started.

"I never looked at it in that light," he said.

"It is evident that nothing further can be done here," said Mr Law rising. "I shall return to the Imperial, pursue the enquiries there, and, if they are still unsatisfactory, I shall consult the police."

"I will go with you to the police office," said Mr Dunlop. "I am well known in Newcastle and may be of service to you. Will you accompany us, madam? We may get good news of your friend."

"No," answered Lydia, "I am content to wait. You have Dr. Dread's address. Perhaps you will be so good as to let him hear any information you may obtain."

"With pleasure. Harry!" he cried, and Freshton came from his desk, "this lady will explain to you the position of the house to which I may want you to take a letter to night."

And, accompanied by the lawyer, Mr Dunlop hurried off.

"Extraordinary woman," remarked the former as they walked up Dean Street. "Great beauty. Remarkable talents. But her mental process is entirely devoid of logic. Now, if she was so anxious about Mr Thorncliffe, why didn't she come with us to see whether he has been heard of or not?"

Mr Dunlop's mind was busy with his own anxieties, and he made no answer.

Lydia Wyld's face lighted up with joy as she gazed on Harry Freshton, and her eyes seemed to fascinate him and render him powerless. Very briefly she gave him his instructions, but in tones that thrilled him to the very marrow of his bones.

She rose abruptly, and without saying one word to George Wave, left the office with quick steps, her heart bursting with exultation.

"Found! found at last!" she said to herself in a joyous mood, as she hurried along Grainger Street West. "We did well to come to Newcastle at this time."

When she had moved away Harry roused himself as from a dream or a deep reverie. He went back to his work feeling a little irritable and discontented. The sense of having lost something was strong on him.

George had noticed Lydia's quick departure.

"That's a dangerous woman," he reflected "I'm sorry for the poor devil, whoever marries her. I suppose some people like that type of beauty. I don't."

He sat for a little, tapping the floor with his boot.

"Yes," he muttered, "Thorncliffe was last seen in the company of Dunlop, and Dunlop is now in difficulties. Umph."

He glanced around the room. On the knee-hole table, with circular shutter, was his partner's private cash-box, which he, in his hurry, had inadvertently left open; the keys were in the lock.

"I'll do it," said George, at last, "the hanged thing for which I risked so much is worthless to me. For it be found in my possession would be fatal. A charge of embezzlement very good men have got over; but not the other."

He lifted out the tray of the cash-box. Among the memoranda under it he placed a piece of paper resembling a bank draft he had taken from his own pocket book. The tray was replaced. He locked the box and dropped the keys into Mr Dunlop's office coat, which was hanging on a peg behind his door. It had not been used that morning.

"The old idiot will not remember whether he locked his cashbox or not," thought George Wave. "And if his extremities tempt him to use that pleasant looking bit of paper, Heaven help him. Anyhow I've done with it. I wish I had sufficient power over myself to settle down to-day, but my anxiety is too great."

He passed through the outer office. "If any one wants me," he said to Harry. "I shall be back in half an hour." In his thoughtful, nervous, aimless ramble he fell in with one of his betting friends.

"I say, George," exclaimed this worthy, panting with excitement, "I've just got this straight from the stable and no blooming error." He read a telegram—"'Maximilian. Monday. A certainty.' That's from the same chap who gave us that big thing two years back. Shall I put you on a pony; it's at fifties?"

"Are you backing it yourself?"

"Backing it? I'm putting my blooming shirt on it."

"I'll go a hundred," said George quietly.

"A hundred!"

"Yes. Don't you think I'm good enough for it?"

"Rather. You never missed a settling day in your life."

"Perhaps you fancy old Dan is not firm?"

"He? Dear help your wit. He's as fly as the knocker of Newgate, and as safe as the bank. You won't get fifties from him, though. He'll give you forties, put a bit less on in London at fifties and win anyhow. Trust a bookmaker."

"Is that right, George? I'm going up there now."

"Yes, I'll try a hundred," said George.

His friend scuttered away.

"I don't suppose," thought George, "it will matter much to me on Monday whether Maximilian wins or not. May as well be in for a sheep as a lamb is O'Neill's philosophy. I fancy the sheep bulks pretty heavily just now."

Chapter VII.—The Whip Hand.

Dimity Dunlop was very fond of Sunday. It was her day of days. She loved the companionship of her father, and the sweet calmness of the Sabbath had a great charm for her. Not that her ordinary time were boisterous or unduly ruffled. But somehow it seemed that on these magic mornings the very air was more restful, and had a sweeter savour. Her rooms looked brighter to her and there was complete serenity about her thoughts. The faint murmur of the distant bells came as soothing music. Though she often walked the same road, it assumed quite another aspect when she journeyed to Church. And she always left her devotions refreshed and strengthened. Quite unconsciously, Dimity blessed every Sabbath that came, and without quite knowing it, she realized that it was one of God's best gifts to hungering man.

Though her costume was not rich, it was easy to see that she had been at some pains to make it look tasteful. Light and graceful in form, she had a beautiful face, with large, eager-looking grey eyes, which at times became soft and translucent in expression. Her chin was prettily rounded, her mouth well formed and tender, her cheeks clear and faintly coloured. A lovely wealth of light golden hair seemed anxious to break from the bonds that held it. A dainty, delicate, airy creature indeed.

"A feather blown
From peahen's neck at pairing time."

Men as they passed threw admiring glances at her, but she appeared to be unconscious of the homage. She sat there thinking, her head slightly inclined to the ground, on which she was tracing haphazard devices with the point of her umbrella. Whatever were her reflections. But who, if he could, would lay bare a maiden's dreams, hopes, and fears?

We do not wish it to be inferred that Dimity was any better than the majority of young ladies brought up in Christian homes. Had you asked her why she always felt so supremely contented on this one day I doubt whether she could have told you. The sense was there, however, as it is with most well constituted persons, except ministers and journalists.

It was very pleasant for her after the cheerful dinner, and in the summer-time, to sit in the garden with her father, and to read to him from one of his favourite authors while he smoked languidly a cigar, and too often, I'm afraid, dozed while he pretended to listen. Some times in the evening a friend would call in, and then, as Dimity felt, the ordinary day returned.

Few girls were happier than she. Mistress in her father's house, unfettered as yet by matrimony, naturally of a joyous disposition, blessed with a parent who loved her with his own and a mother's devotion, loving herself, and loved by the man she had given her whole heart to, those who had to toil ceaselessly and in sorrow might well envy Dimity Dunlop.

But at this period of our story there came a Sunday when the sky, though bright, looked gloomy; when the bells were discord, and the house seemed to wear a mourning and reproachful look. Mr Dunlop had returned home on the Saturday, taciturn and when he did speak, irritable. He went early to his own room, and left her without his usual cheery "Good night." At breakfast he was glum, absorbed in his own reflections at church, and gloomy at dinner time. The change in his manner was so complete that it frightened Dimity, and for some time she could not make up her mind to woo him back to his old self.

"You look ill, papa," she ventured to say at last. "What can I do for you?"

"Nothing dear," he answered, in a softened voice. "I am very well indeed."

His tone gave her courage.

"I am sure something is wrong with you. Perhaps something bad has happened. I am sure you ought to tell me; you know, papa, you and I should be the best friends possible. We ought to tell everything to one another."

Ere she had finished speaking the thought of Harry Freshton rushed on her, and she wondered whether she was anything like as candid as she should be.

She was sitting on the footstool at his side now, and he was stroking her deep black hair.

"What would you think Dim, if we had to leave this house?"

"If you wished it, I should be quite happy."

"But," he went on, lowering his voice, and the moisture growing in his eyes, "supposing I had to leave it in disgrace?"

"Disgrace," the girl echoed, incredulously. "Oh no, papa, that is not possible. Oh, don't talk like that. I am sure you are ill—very, very ill. I will get Dr Marsden to see you to-night.

"No, Dim. Dr Marsden would be of no use to me." There was a pause; then he added with an obvious effort: "During the last few days I have had an extraordinary series of reverses. Those I thought firm, and depended upon have failed me. From being a rich and honoured man, I am likely to become a poor and disgraced one."

"Why disgraced, papa?"

"As far as I can see, I shall be made a bankrupt next week."

The girl broke out into a hearty laugh, kissed him and gave him a playful shake.

"Is that all!" she cried, "when a lot of the best people we know have gone through that ordeal, and seem all the better for it."

"It is far more serious that you imagine, Dimity. Would it not break your heart to see the house cleared of all the household goods you have been so fond of, and so used to since you were a child? The horse, 'Bob,' your old friend, will go too. It is of you I am thinking. How would you bear the sneers of your friends?"

"My dear papa," said Dimity, emphatically, "my *friends* would not sneer, and to notice those who do not care for us would be mere talking tithe of mint and cumin, as some one says. You don't know, papa, what a philosopher I am. You must not trouble about me. Even if we have to live in two rooms, I shall be as happy as now—perhaps happier."

She spoke clearly, and without any show of emotion, and her bravery acted as a tonic on her father.

"Things will scarcely be as bad as that," he said smiling faintly; but there must of necessity be a great change in our life. When the first blow came—the failure of Baysil and Brown—I had hopes we could pull through, but now that Wills Brothers have gone too we must succumb. George was to run through our books yesterday. I shall be glad to hear how we exactly stand."

"Do you think," said Dimity, cautiously, "that it was wise of you to make Mr Wave your partner?"

"Why, yes. He is energetic and gets on well with a lot of people. He is headstrong and erratic, it is true, and a good fellow at heart. Oh yes, I acted wisely in doing that. If anyone can pull us through it will be Wave. He is fertile in resource."

Dimity sighed.

"Of course you know best, papa."

The latter end of the afternoon dragged horribly. The old, old, pleasant Sunday talk seemed to be dead and buried. So dull did Dimity feel that she experienced a mild feeling of relief when Mr George Wave made his appearance, much as she disliked him. Mr Dunlop, too, showed more life.

"Well, George," said he, after the usual commonplace talk which follows the ordinary salutation of modern civilisation, "did you go into that matter yesterday?"

"To tell you the truth," answered George, and it was the truth for a wonder, "I hadn't the heart to. But to-morrow I will go through the books carefully—devote the whole day to it, and the next if necessary, and give you a clear statement as to how we stand. It's a pity this happened just now," he added, a little pathetically.

"But at any time," said Mr Dunlop.

"Of course. But every one is talking about Basil Thorncliffe's disappearance. I don't suppose there's anything in it. You know how people gossip in Newcastle. I have heard some suggestions I would be sorry to repeat here. I hope we will hear something of him on Monday."

"Mr Thorncliffe," broke in Dimity; "that was the gentleman you had with you, papa, when Harry and I drove over to Swalwell. What has happened to him?"

"Nothing I hope. But he has not been seen since, and, as he had a large sum of money about him, some of his friends are anxious as to his safety."

"Oh," said George. "You knew he had a large sum about him?"

"Yes. He showed me the draft representing it."

"Ah," from George. "Well, what's done can't be undone. We must put the best face we can on a bad business. I hope things will turn out all right. I am sure, Mr Dunlop, I will leave no stone unturned to save our credit."

"I know that," said the merchant heartily. "You have always been faithful."

A little later it chanced that Dimity and George Wave were left alone together for a little, and George in his recklessness, managed to say what he had burned to say for a long time, but it brought him his reward.

"I can't say I am altogether sorry we are so poor," he remarked flippantly, as Dimity thought. She only looked at him and made no comment.

"I think," he added, "it brings me nearer to you—to you, whom I love better than myself."

A little laugh escaped her.

"That must be love indeed," she said. "Such complete devotion would be too much for me. Keep to your first idol, Mr Wave. If I accepted your homage I should have a jealous rival in a minute—yourself."

If a man had struck him he could not have looked more evil. George could not stand banter from a woman.

"I am glad to see," he said, "that notwithstanding your father's troubles you can keep a merry tongue for his best friends. I was going to tell you, Miss Dunlop, what I did not dare to say when you were accounted wealthy. I love you, and that it is for yourself alone my words prove now."

Mr Wave's dictatorial line was not calculated to win even a ready listener. It made Dimity dislike him more than ever. And yet he could woo when he liked, as his wife, hidden away in Leeds, knew to her cost.

"You forget, Mr Wave," she said, "that a girl's heart is the same, be she poor or rich. Don't you know," she exclaimed with sudden and unusual asperity, "it's the disposition, and not the purse, that makes a woman."

Luckily Mr Dunlop rejoined them just then, and the evening passed in an unaccustomed dull way. On Monday, George Wave seemed to be intent on bookkeeping, calling for vouchers and old bank books every minute. When he left the office, haggard and worn, the boys were shouting the *Northern Express* all over the leading streets. It contained the result of that day's racing, and, of course, he bought it. "Maximilian first!" he gasped, as his eye caught the list, "why, I'm in luck once more. I've the whip-hand of Dunlop now. The game's my own!"

Chapter VIII.—A Strange Discovery.

There are two quite opposite things which make some men uneasy and too excited to pursue either business or pleasure with any sort of reasonableness. And these are the lack of money and the possession of too much. To such natures poverty and wealth are both equal misfortunes, a feverish state of excitement takes the place of calm deliberation.

Now, George Wave was one of these unsatisfactory men. He had left the office fagged and anxious, hesitating what course to take next to save his precious self. One glance at that paper—at that *Express*—had revolutionised his thoughts, had set his brain fizzing and whirling. "Maximillian" was the saline powder to set into effervescence the acidity of his disposition. He has won four thousand pounds. His pecuniary troubles, so far as Mr Dunlop was concerned, were at an end. More than that, he was in a position to extricate Mr Dunlop from his difficulties, and, if he chose, to exact some favours from the gentleman who had been so kind to him. To be sure, from a commercial point of view, four thousand pounds was not a magic sum, but in the position of the firm then, the half of it meant the difference between immediate failure and the probability of ultimate prosperity. It seemed to him, too, that the chance of punishing Dimity for having the audacity to ridicule him was nearer than he had ever expected it to be. This side of the picture was pleasant to dwell on. George loved to picture himself in power, and with his heel on men's necks. But bitters mingled with the sweets, and often they had the best of it. There was a woman in Leeds who fettered his actions, and gave him no peace. He had cursed her openly, and secretly, he had told her that he wished her dead. But she lived on to mock and threaten him in a continual fever of anxiety, and to drain his purse. Then there was a more recent, and a darker terror, which neither drink, excitement, nor work could keep away.

Yes, there were some things which not four thousand, nor forty thousand, pounds could put from him, and more than once he bitterly realised, even in his mad philosophy, that money does not, after all, go so very far towards making men happy. George's present difficulty was to know what to do with himself that evening. At first he had thought of going to Mr Dunlop and telling him of his good fortune, but that might lead to a quiet evening in the house, and anything bordering on the humdrum, which was always distasteful to him, was unendurable that night. He was equally disinclined to go to his own home. The final resolution was to fall in with some congenial spirit, have a good dinner, and make a night of it. Now, it is a curious thing, but one within the limit of every one's experience, that though you may have a number of friends always ready to accept a good dinner, it is very difficult to find them when you chance to be in the mood for giving it to them.

George found it so. He searched the favourite haunts of his associates, but could not fall in with any one. So he took his partridge, his Heidsieck, and other good things, in solitary grandeur, not enjoying one thing he tasted, except the champagne, which has the secret of tickling the palate of the just and unjust alike.

After this he smoked, and as the blue wreaths rose upwards he laid out divers plans for the future. He next tried the billiard-board, but found that slow. The theatre did not interest him, because his his own thoughts held him more than the progress of the drama. Finally, he landed in a cosy little concert hall, the bar of which Newcastle merchants are careful to enter by the side door in daylight. George appeared to be known here. The buxom hostess received him with a gracious nod. He settled himself at the bar for a little, and here he could discourse on weighty matters with more or less beauty, and listen to music or songs of more or less excellence. The place was crowded, and though there was nothing violently brain exciting, everyone seemed to be enjoying himself. Perhaps the fact that smoking was allowed, and it was possible to take a moderate glass of beer, may account for the general serenity.

"Hullo, George," cried a voice which George knew, and in a minute he picked Richard O'Neill out of the throng." Haven't seen you here lately. Isn't Lottie a oner, eh?"

"Confound her idiotic song," said George, "I want to talk to you."

"Always at your disposal, dear boy—that's a moral. But that's one of the best songs I've heard for some time. I'd like to hear her finish it——"

"First we wiped——"

"I'm in luck at last, Dick," Mr Wave broke in.

"I'm glad to hear it. Awfully hard up myself. You might lend a fellow half a sovereign."

"I'd like to have a quiet talk with you," said George, ignoring the request. "Where shall we go?"

"Come to my diggings, if you like. But it's a little rough on a fellow," O'Neill added ruefully. "I have only just come out to enjoy myself."

"Too far off," said George.

"Ah, but, my boy, I've moved. My old place was too expensive."

"You mean," George laughed, "that the landlady expected payment."

"Well, yes, perhaps you're right. I've got into a little place at Byker. The woman is a widow and has a bit of money. I always like them with money. She's got a son, quite a comical character. He's as good as gold, though he's only a joiner. Then, there's a wintry Highlander who comes courting the widow—and her purse. It will be old Harry's own lark up there, I tell you. And, then, what do you think I found out just after I'd engaged the place? You might try for a month of Sundays and never hit on it."

"I think I can guess it the first time. That your old landlady had discovered your new landlady's address."

"To Hexham with you. Sure that's an old tale. No, George. I found out that Kittie Bloomfield is to lodge there too. Holy fly! what a time I'll have of it. I'm clean in luck's way, that's a moral."

"I'll never be able to get that girl out of my head," said Wave, musingly.

"George, my boy, the girls will be the ruin of you—that's a moral."

"By jingo, I believe you're right. Well, where shall we go?" He hurried towards the door.

"Why not stay here? We can talk here as well as anywhere. Don't you know what someone says about solitude in a crowd, and all that? But touching that half-sovereign? I just lent my final bob to a man. That's a moral."

They found a seat in one corner of the bar-room.

"I dare say you're right," said Wave; "we can talk here as well as anywhere, but sometimes these confounded comic songs irritate me."

"Don't see why they should. If you get a few men together the evening drags awfully without a good rousing chorus."

"Could you go to Leeds for me?" George asked abruptly.

"Glad of the chance. The college can wait. I've given it a few lessons in that way, and it can stand a few more. What do you want done?"

"That confounded woman is bothering me again."

"Your wife?"

"Don't say that. She is, I suppose, in a way my wife—hang her—but I don't want to realise that fact. I can't endure her extortions any longer. I shall be in a position in a few days to give her a couple of hundred pounds if she will undertake never to molest me again."

"What's wrong with you to-night, George?" asked Dick with sudden seriousness. "You're generally a long-headed man of the world, and you're talking like a baby. Whatever money you gave her would not make her less your wife. When the money was spent she would only come down on you again."

(To be continued).

Sporting Items

Shooting at Annfield Plain.—On Saturday, at the house of Mr Greener, Queen's Head Inn, Annfield Plain, a match was made between John Forster, of Annfield Plain, and Joseph James, of Langley Park, to shoot at pigeons, 11 birds each, for £10 a-side.

Wrestling at Prudhoe.—Another competition for the silver cup given by Mr Tulip, of Half-way House, for all-weights, resulted as follows:—Foulds-Smith, West Wylam, threw Little, Prudhoe, twice in succession, and won. Mr W. Tiffin was referee.

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"Come to my diggings, if you like. But it's a little rough on a fellow," O'Neill added ruefully, "I have only just come out to enjoy myself."

"Too far off," said George.

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"You mean," George laughed, "that the landlady expected payment."

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The Chairman: It will be shortly.

THE DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ORDER.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board drawing the attention of the Authority to the provisions of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act of 1886, especially with reference to the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, the operations of which was transferred from the police to the public authorities some time ago.

The Clerk stated that the Authority had taken no action whatever with regard to the matter. Wherever bye-laws had been adopted throughout the country, the Act seemed to be virtually a "dead letter." He supposed they must follow the example of the other public bodies, and have bye-laws published.

The Chairman: It is simply a case of laying out money to publish bye-laws, &c.

THE CAUSEY ROW WATER SUPPLY.

A sub-committee having been appointed to inquire into the supply of water at Causey Row, Andrew's Houses, and a portion of Marley Hill, the Chairman reported on their behalf that the Chester-le-Street and the Lanchester Sanitary Authorities, and the Whickham Local Board would all have to share in the expense of supplying the inhabitants at those places with water. At a meeting of the representatives of these bodies, held recently at Newcastle, the estimate of Mr Asquith, the engineer for the Consett Water Company, was so excessive for carrying out the scheme that he (Mr Logan) felt convinced the Whickham Local Board (who would have to bear the bulk of the expense) would never entertain it at all. Indeed, he was informed by the Chairman of the Whickham Board that the cost which would be entailed by laying the mains would be so great that eventually he believed the Board would be obliged to withdraw from it altogether. The colliery owners could not see their way clear to collect a small rate from their workmen. By doing so they could probably have obtained a profit of 2s per year from each of the householders. Therefore the onus of the failure of the whole matter would fall upon the proper parties—the Marley Hill Colliery Company.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Medical Officers submitted the following reports:—

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—In my last report you were informed that scarlatina had been introduced into three parts of the district. It is satisfactory to say that, with the exception of a solitary case occurring in one of the infected houses, there has been no spread of the disease.

Although six cases of whooping cough have been notified to me, the epidemic, which has so long existed, is practically at an end.

The mortality for the month is greatly above the usual average. 33 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 23 per 1,000.

Of the deaths from infectious diseases three were due to whooping cough and one to scarlatina.—I remain, your obedient servant,

T. Benson, Medical Officer.

Lanchester Union, April 2nd, 1889.

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—Since my last report, the following are the fresh cases of catching diseases that have appeared in this district:—3 cases of scarlet fever at Langley Park; 2 at Hill Top; and 1 at Cornsay Colliery; 3 cases of measles at Hedleyhope; and 1 case of scarlet fever at Hedley Hill.—I am, Mr Chairman and gentlemen, your obedient servant,

John Wilson.

Lanchester, April 4th, 1889.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A general meeting of the waywardens was held at Lanchester, on Thursday se'nnight, Mr W. Logan (chairman) presiding. There were present: Messrs J. Wilkinson, T. J. Muse, T. Copeland, R. Robson, G. Hobson, W. Rutherford, T. Nichol, the Clerk (Mr Crofton Maynard), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor's report was to the effect that he had made estimates of the cost of the maintenance and repair of the main roads, based upon the average of the last three years. He had also calculated the cost of putting their portion of the Derwent and Shotley Turnpike in a proper state of repair. He had moreover prepared an approximate statement showing the present financial position of the Board. Tenders have been prepared for letting the Board's team work, breaking, &c., by contract, for the next 12 months. As the County Council had advised that Highway Boards should repair and keep up the county roads for another 12 months, he had taken charge of their main thoroughfares. Subjoined are the estimates of the probable expenditure of maintaining the highways in the above district for the year ending March 26th, 1890:—

	Rateable Value £ s	Estimate dist. Roads £
Benfieldside	112	17
Burnhope & Hamsteels	5985	172
Butsfield	2963 10	263
Collierley and Pontop	14501 5	213
Cornsay	10297 5	218
Conside and Knitsley	2980	191
Ebchester	2360	76
Edmondbyers	1191 5	50
Esh	20127	420
Greencroft	11098	195
Healeyfield	1204	68
Hedleyhope	6894	78
Holmside	5955	222
Hunstanworth	1837	99
Kyo	22321 10	296
Lanchester	8786	222
Langley	7466	113
Medomsley	20380 7	310
Muggleswick	3817 10	119
Roughside	551 15	37
Rowley	1650	71
Satley	1621 17	116
Tanfield	43023 10	856
Total	197,134 14	4,526

Main Roads.

	£	s	d
Auckland Main Road	154	0	0
Durham and Shotley Maid Road	233	0	0
Edmondbyers Main Road	126	0	0
Lobley Hill Main Road	969	0	0
Derwent and Shotley Main Road	500	0	0
	1962	0	0
District Roads	4526	0	0
Making new road at Harperley Mill	78	0	10
Total	6566	0	10

Approximate Financial Statement.

	£	s	d
Balance in hand of Treasurer	1418	3	8
Due Government Grant	342	0	9
Due from county	724	11	11
Rate at 6d in the £	4928	7	1
Total	7413	3	8
Deduct estimate	6555	0	10
Working balance	847	2	10

THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE MAIN ROADS.

The Chairman observed that according to the newspapers the County Council had asked the Highway Boards to maintain the main roads at a cost not exceeding the average for the past three years.

The Clerk: That won't apply to the Derwent and Shotley Turnpike. It was quite clear that Mr Crozier was willing that some extra expense should be incurred upon that road, as it is now in a very bad condition.

After a brief discussion it was agreed upon.

The motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Wilkinson, that the Clerk should write to the Clerk of the Peace sanctioning the expenditure of £1,642 upon the main roads during the next 12 months, and an additional sum of £500 upon the Derwent and Shotley Turnpike.

The Clerk explained that he had seen Mr Simey, Clerk of the Peace, and he had expressed an opinion that the County Council would not be able to refund one-half of the cost of the maintenance of the main roads at the expiration of the six months, but considered that some such arrangement might be entered into in subsequent years.

NEW RATE.

It was decided that a rate of 6d in the £ for the ensuing year be made, which the Board considered would be adequate to meet all expense, to be payable on June 30th and October 31st, in two equal instalments.

The Chairman if they did not receive a penny from the County Council next year in support of their main roads, before the expiration of 12 months, the rate levied would be sufficient to cover the necessary expenditure.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

After some discussion it was agreed that the contract advertisements should be published in the *Guardian* only.

Other business was transacted.

"Ruptures."—White's Moc-Main Lever Truss is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited), Piccadilly London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often se an imitation of our Moc-Main. J White and Co. have not any Agents

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Football.

ASSOCIATION.

Edmondsley Strangers 2nd beat Sunderland Shipyard Rovers 1st at Edmondsley by four goals to one. The home team played three first team men.

Bewicke Main Star v Birtley 3rd.—Played on the ground of the former, and a good game ended in a victory for Birtley by four goals to one.

Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd v 3rd Durham R.V. 2nd (Sunderland).—Played at Pelton Fell, and after a severely contested game, resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to one.

Smiths v Foundry.—Played at Birtley. Cracket shifted the leather for the Foundry, when some give-and-take play followed. At last Coates broke away on the left wing, and after some neat passing the ball was sent by the posts. The smiths had now the best of matters, and at half-time there had been no score. After the change the foundry men, who had the advantage of the wind, managed to score, and the game resulted as follows:—Foundry, one goal; Smiths, none.

Hobson Ranger Juniors v Dipton St. John's.—These teams met on the ground of the latter to play their return match. The first match between these clubs ended in a victory for the Hobson Juniors by four goals to one. On this occasion, owing to the wet weather, the state of the ground was against good play. Notwithstanding, a very pleasant game was played, which resulted in a win for the Dipton team by two goals to one.

Medomsley Juniors v Dipton Juniors.—Played at Medomsley, and after an even game resulted in a draw—one goal each. For the home team Walton, Gillender, and Wilson played well. Medomsley team—Goal, J Charlton; backs, W Walton and J Bramley; half-backs, R Hunter, J Thompson, and J Page; forwards, R Wilson (capt.) and R Bramley, right wing; R Charlton, centre; R Gillender and M Hunter, left wing. Umpires, Messrs J Ross, jun., and A Little.

Medomsley 2nd v Newcastle North-Eastern 2nd.—Played at Medomsley, the ground being in a very sodden condition. In the first half the visitors played down the hill, and succeeded in scoring one goal (by a fast cross shot from the left wing) to nil. In the second half the home team had somewhat the best of the play, but could not score, and a fast and pleasant game ended in a victory for the North-Eastern by one goal to nothing. For the winners the backs and halves played splendidly, tackling and kicking in first-class style. The forwards were fast, but shot badly. Rainer kept goal well for the losers, saving a sure goal on one occasion from a "scorching" shot. Hornsby was the best half-back on the field, and played grandly. The forwards were rather weak in front of goal. The following was the Medomsley team—Goal, T Rainer; backs, J Whitwell (capt.) and R Simpson; half-backs, W Hunter, J Hornsby, and G Moon; forwards, J Hunter and J G Hunter, right wing; T Bramley, centre; W Cant and J Worden, left wing. Umpires, Messrs J Ross, jun. (Medomsley) and Gibson (North-Eastern); referee, Mr A Little.

Leadgate Exiles v Cornsay.—The Cornsay team journeyed to Leadgate to fulfil their fixture with the Exiles. The game occupied two periods of thirty minutes. The Exiles won the toss, and Cornsay kicked off towards the south goal. A good run was made by the visitors' forwards, but Monaghan dispossessed them, and the Exiles' forwards getting hold of the leather at once led the attack, carrying the ball right up to the Cornsay goal, where Monaghan by a pass from the right wing scored the first point for his team. The game continued of a one-sided nature, although the Exiles were unable to augment their score in consequence of the slippery state of the turf. Half-time was called shortly afterwards, the score standing—

Leadgate Exiles	One goal
Cornsay	Nil

After the customary delay the game was recommenced, when the Cornsay men with the wind in their favour played up much better, but were unable to equalise. Towards the conclusion of the game the Exiles rushed the ball through again, the final score being—

Leadgate Exiles	Two goals
Cornsay	Nil

Teams:—Cornsay—Goal, M Moralee; backs, J Middlemass and J McGowan; half backs, J McDermott, T Kennedy, and H Barron; forwards, T Kidd and Endy, right wing; R Barron, centre; J Aston and J Dougan, left wing. Exiles—Goal, J Murphy; backs, Wm McGee (capt.) and A Graham; half-backs, J Monaghan, O Slain, and T Makepeace; forwards, G Walton and J McMahon, right wing; J Costello, centre; A Burnhope and O Hughes, left wing. Referee, Mr J McCurley.

JOTTINGS.

Dipton St. John's (juniors) are in want of games for every Saturday between now and the end of the season (as well as Easter Monday), and would be glad to arrange home-and-home matches with any local junior club.—Address Edwd. Masterson, secretary, Board Schools, Dipton, via Lintz Green.

Eastertide Football at Medomsley.—The executive of the Medomsley club have arranged a most attractive "bill of fare" for the Easter holidays. On Easter Monday they will receive a visit from the well-known Redcar team, one of the oldest clubs in the North of England. Redcar has appeared in the final tie for the Cleveland Cup no less than five times, and this season they defeated the full strength of the powerful Middlesbrough club, on the latter's ground, in the semi-finals. We anticipate witnessing a splendid game. After the above match Medomsley 2nd will play Newcastle North-Eastern 2nd. On Easter Tuesday, Medomsley have adopted "a new departure" in playing the "Clown Footballers" from Sunderland. The latter team includes some most able exponents of the dribbling game, and the novelty of the match (which is sure to be amusing) should ensure a large "gate." The kick-off on Monday is announced for 2.30, and on Tuesday for 4.

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CONSETT BRANCH.

Stations.	Week Days. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	6 10	9 42	11 0	12 15	2 30	5 29	7 30
Scotswood „	6 17	9 49	11 7	12 22	2 37	5 32	7 37
Swalwell „	6 24	9 54	11 14	12 29	2 43	5 37	7 44
Rowlands Gill „	6 34	10 3	11 24	12 39	2 56	5 46	7 54
Lintz Green „	6 40	10 9	11 30	12 45	2 59	5 52	8 [illegible]
Ebchester „	6 53	10 18	11 40	12 55	3 12	6 1	8 11
Shotley Bridge „	6 59	10 22	11 44	12 59	3 18	6 5	8 15
CONSETT Arr.	7 [illegible]	10 27	11 50	1 5	3 23	6 10	8 21
CONSETT Dep.	7 10	10 34	...	1 12	3 25	6 33	
Knitsley „	7 22	10 45	...	1 23	3 36	6 44	
Lanchester „	7 30	10 53	...	1 32	3 45	6 53	
Witton Gilbert „	7 38	11 2	...	1 40	3 53	7 1	
Aldin Grange „	7 46	11 11	...	1 47	4 0	7 9	
DURHAM Arr.	7 50	11 17	...	1 52	4 5	7 15	

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7 25	...	11 50	2 30	5 20	8 10
Aldin Grange „	7 32	...	11 57	2 46	5 27	8 17
Witton Gilbert „	7 40	...	12 5	2 49	5 35	8 25
Lanchester „	7 50	...	12 15	2 58	5 45	8 35
Knitsley „	8 2	...	12 25	3 8	5 55	8 45
CONSETT Arr.	8 12	...	12 35	3 18	6 5	8 55
CONSETT Dep.	8 15	9 5	12 40	3 25	6 10	9 2
Shotley Bridge „	8 20	9 10	12 45	3 30	6 15	9 7
Ebchester „	8 24	9 14	12 49	3 34	6 19	9 11
Lintz Green „	8 34	9 24	12 58	3 44	6 29	9 22
Rowlands Gill „	8 39	9 29	1 2	3 50	6 34	9 28
Swalwell „	8 47	9 37	1 10	3 57	6 42	9 36
Scotswood „	8 54	9 44	1 16	4 4	6 49	9 43
NEWCASTLE Ar	9 5	9 55	1 25	4 15	7 0	9 52

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	9 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 and BLACKHILL a	8 45
Shotley Bridge	7 59	5 5	d	8 50
CONSETT and BLACKHILL a	8 5	5 12	Shotley Bridge	8 55
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

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Stations.	Week Days. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASLE dep.	...	6 10	...	11 0	12 15	...	5 25
CONSETT	...	8 17	...	12 15	3 0	...	6 15
Rowley	...	8 25	...	12 23	3 8	...	6 23
Burnhill	...	8 35	...	12 33	3 18	...	6 33
Tow Law	...	8 47	...	12 45	3 30	...	6 45
CROOK arr.	...	8 59	...	12 57	3 42	...	6 57
dep.	7 30	9 1	11 15	1 0	3 56	5 30	7 0
Bishop Auckland	7 37	9 25	11 35	1 24	4 16	5 53	7 25
Darlington	8 30	10 0	12 10	1 55	5 5	6 45	8 15
Stockton	8 56	10 30	12 40	2 25	5 34	7 16	8 41
Middlesbro'	9 5	10 40	12 50	2 35	5 45	7 40	8 5
SALTBURN	10 10	11 14	1 26	3 9	6 19	8 6	9 26

Stations.	Week Days. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dp.	5 48	8 5	9 52	11 10	1 40	3 45	5 40
Middlesbro'	6 17	8 40	10 25	11 42	2 13	4 18	6 15
Stockton	6 27	8 48	10 32	11 58	2 21	4 26	6 22
Darlington	7 10	9 20	10 52	1 45	2 55	4 55	7 20
Bishop Auckland	7 43	9 46	11 23	2 15	3 25	5 31	7 48
CROOK arr.	8 4	10 8	11 52	2 33	3 44	5 50	8 10
dep.	8 8	...	11 53	2 37	...	5 51	...
Tow Law	8 20	...	12 5	2 49	...	6 3	...
Burnhill	8 35	...	12 18	3 2	...	6 16	...
Rowley	8 45	...	12 28	3 9	...	6 24	...
CONSETT arr.	8 55	...	12 38	3 17	...	6 31	...
N'WCASTLE	9 55	...	1 25	4 15	...	9 53	...

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Michael Hand, of Princess Street, Consett, an old and well-known resident, was taken ill on Sunday morning with pains in the head. He died at nine o'clock on Monday night. The doctors suppose that the cause of death was lead poisoning.

LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.—We are asked by Mr T. D. Dryden, grocer, Consett, to state that he was nominated as a candidate without his knowledge or consent. An explanatory letter will be published next week.

CHRIST CHURCH.—Mrs Pearson, from the Young Women's Christian Association, Sunderland, commenced to give a series of addresses to young women only, in the National Girls' School, West Victoria Street, Consett, with a view, we understand, of establishing a branch of the Y.W.C.A. in this town.

We are requested by Mr W. Henderson, of Mount Pleasant, Consett, to state that his son (who recently met with a sad death at West Hartlepool) did not tell him that it was his own fault that the accident happened; but what he actually said was "that no one was to blame."

MR HENRY GEORGE'S VISIT.—This event, which has been so long looked forward to by the people of Consett, comes off on Wednesday night in the New Town Hall. According to the receptions Mr George has had at other places, it would be matter for wonder if there is not a crowded hall. We intended to have given a short account of Mr George's reception at other places, but owing to the pressure on our columns we are reluctantly compelled to forego the intention.

SALVATION ARMY.—The Consett Corps were on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, favoured with a visit from the "Great Sheffield Hero" who was attired in military costume, and attracted considerable attention while the "soldiers," headed by the band, processioned the streets. The services in the Barracks have been numerously attended, and on Monday night some startling revelations were made.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—On Saturday night, the members of the Consett Wesleyan Band of Hope held an entertainment in the Nelson Street School-room. There was a fair attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr R. Lowrie, Consett. The programme consisted of readings, recitations, songs, &c., and was admirably gone through by the members of the Band of Hope. A very pleasant evening was spent.

CHURCH MISSIONS.—On Sunday morning and afternoon, the annual sermons were preached in Christ Church, Consett, in aid of the funds of the Church Missionary Society, by the Rev J. N. Balding, missionary from Baddegama, Ceylon. The rev gentleman described in an interesting manner the operations of the missionary work in that portion of our Indian Empire. On each occasion there were large congregations. In the afternoon there was a special service for children.—Good collections were taken on behalf of the funds of this useful society.

THE LATE SECRETARY OF THE NEWCASTLE IRISH INSTITUTE.—On Sunday afternoon a meeting was held at the Irish Institute, Newcastle, to take steps to raise a fund for the benefit of the three young children of the late Mr. Wm. Whelan, (well known in Consett) who for a long period of years was honorary secretary of the Institute. Mrs. Whelan died a few months ago, and the object of the subscription is to raise a sufficient sum to enable the orphans to be placed in some suitable institution. The hon. sec. (Mr John Lawry) intimated that subscriptions to the amount of £30 had been received by the committee. Mr. B. Mullen was appointed treasurer.

COUNTY OF DURHAM PUPIL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The second quarterly examination of pupil teachers, promoted by this association was held on Saturday simultaneously at the following centres:—The Blue Coat Schools, Durham; Board School, Catchgate; Barrington School, Stanhope; Board School, Tudhoe Grange; Board School, Crook; British School, Bishop Auckland; and Albert-road Board School, Darlington. Upwards of 300 teachers were examined. The arrangements were superintended by the secretaries, Messrs Burnet, Shildon; Potts, Waterhouses; and the following teachers—Wanless, Witton-le-Wear; Tait, Crook; Reed, Durham; Mackay and Hinckley, Catchgate; Brown and Mason, Stanhope; Cleghorn, Brebner, and Ware, Darlington.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BAND OF HOPE.—On Saturday evening, a very enjoyable entertainment was given in the Baptist Church, Consett, by the members and friends of the Blackhill Primitive Methodist choir. After the opening hymn and prayer, a sacred part-song was sung by the choir; then followed a recitation by Mr R. Evans; solo, Mr T. Atkinson; reading, Mr Bell; dialogue, "Then and now," Misses English; duet, Miss Cannel and Mr T. Richardson; recitation, Master John Tindle; solo, Miss English; solo, Mr R. Evans; quartette, Mr English and party; dialogue (by eight characters), entitled "Mrs Maggs is caught"; recitation, Master H. Tindle; duet, Miss Tindle and Master R. Evans; sacred part-song, the choir. The chair was taken by Mr J. Tindle, who introduced some appropriate remarks. Votes of thanks were proposed by Rev T. Durant, ably seconded by Mr Little, and carried with enthusiasm. There was a good attendance, and a collection was taken in aid of the Band of Hope fund.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday night, the quarterly meeting, in connection with the 103rd quarter, of the Consett Industrial Provident Society, was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a capital attendance of members. The chair was taken by Mr Geo. Lowes (president of the Society).—The balance-sheet, for the quarter ending March 5th, read by the secretary (Mr Jesse Hall), was adopted. It shows the amount of cash received for sales is £14,867 6s 11½d, against £11,832 9s 10d in the corresponding quarter of last year, showing an increase of £2,034 17s 1½d. The cash for clothing clubs is £292 12s 6d, against £238 13s 0d. The total profit from all sources is £2,225 8s 8d, which, after meeting the charges for repairs, interest, &c, will pay a dividend of 2s 8d in the £, and leave a balance to be carried forward to next quarter.—The minutes of last quarterly meeting, and the minutes of the committee for the past quarter were adopted.—The election of three committee-men next took place, and resulted as follows:—Mr W. R. Cooke, and Mr W. Hogg, (Westwood), taking the places of the two retiring members (Messrs A. Lowes and Stephen Sisterson), while Mr R. Scott (Consett), occupies the place of Mr W. A. Hoe, who has left the district.—It was unanimously decided to adopt the new "Climax" check system.—The meeting finally resolved that they should not hold a tea this year, and that they have a trip instead.—It was decided that this Society take no action in the matter with regard to the forthcoming Co-operative Demonstration to be held at Shotley Spa Grounds in August.—After miscellaneous business had been disposed of the meeting adjourned.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—On Monday night, the teachers of the Consett Wesleyan Sunday-school held an entertainment and pie supper in the Gibson Street Schools, in aid of an orphan in India, adopted by the school. There was a capital attendance. The entertainment was presided over by Mr Joseph Whitehead, superintendent. The opening hymn and prayer was followed by a racy and witty address from the chairman, who explained that some time ago this school undertook to contribute so much a year to keep an orphan in India until the child was able to maintain itself, and the proceeds realised that night was to go to that fund in order that they, as a school, might carry out their promises. The programme was opened with a quartette, "Serenade," from Misses Carr and Fawell, and Messrs E. Hobday and Wm. Lowrie, in splendid style, and they were well rewarded for their efforts by much applause. Mr D. J. Swainston favoured with a reading, which was well appreciated. A recitation, by Mr Thos. Foster, was pleasingly executed, the performance being universally admired. A solo, by Mr Joseph Siddle, was sung in splendid style, he being the recipient of an *encore*, which he duly acknowledged. Mr B. Bailey was well applauded for his reading. The quartette, "The Christian's good-night," by Misses K. Fawell and Harwood and Messrs Bailey and A. Lowrie, was contributed in good style. The entertainment was closed by Mr C. Stelling giving a recitation in his usual affable manner. Miss Fawell presided at the harmonium. The company afterwards adjourned to the infant school-room, and partook of a splendid pie supper (a novelty introduced by this body). The tables were gracefully presided over by Mrs H. Davison, Mrs J. Cummings, Mrs G. Siddle, Miss M. Siddle, Mrs Foster, Miss E. Carr, Miss H. Carey, Miss Robson, Miss K. Smith, Miss Allison, and Miss Lowrie.

WATERHOUSES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday last, a large bazaar consisting of a large variety of useful and ornamental goods, was held in the School-room. The opening ceremony was performed by Dr Wild, Tow Law, in a most efficient manner. In the afternoon a public tea was provided and notwithstanding that it was a very wet day, a good number of people partook of the sumptuous repast. In the evening an entertainment was given by Miss Davison, Sunniside, and scholars, consisting of musical drill, assisted by the following local artisans:—Mr T Parkinson, Tow Law, Miss Heslop, Crook, and A Alport, Cornsay. On Sunday, three sermons were preached in the above-mentioned place of worship, in the morning and evening by Rev J. Wilkinson, and in the afternoon by Rev H. Parnell. The congregations were exceeding good at each service. On Monday the sale of goods was continued, when Dr Mackey, Esh Hall, kindly performed the opening ceremony. A jubilee cantata entitled, "Playmates," by the Waterhouses school scholars was given in a most efficient manner that reflects much credit on Mr J. Lindsley, conductor, and the scholars. Mr T. J. Climer officiated at the piano.—A vote of thanks having been passed on behalf of those who had so kindly rendered assistance the proceedings were brought to a close. The proceeds of the bazaar and collections are to be devoted to defray the chapel debt.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY.

SERVICE OF SONG.—A service of song was given by the Burnhope Church choir, under the leadership of Mr H. L. Burgess, in the large school-room (kindly lent by Councillor J. T. Forster), for the benefit of the choir. The reading consisted of Rev Mark G. Pearse's story of "The man who spoiled the music," interspersed with a choice collection of appropriate hymns. Rev R. Brent (vicar of Holmside) was the reader, and performed that duty in an excellent manner, considering the fact that there had been a concert on the previous Saturday there was a good company, who seemed to enjoy the service very much indeed. Every credit is due to the conductor for the able manner in which the pieces were given—the time and attack being especially good—as so little time had been occupied in getting up the service. Miss M. J. Iley and Mr A. Less played their solos in a way that brought hearty approval from the audience. Councillor Forster fulfilled the duties of chairman in his usual pleasant way. He stated the object, and referred to the kind support the audience had shown by their presence that evening. The programme was as follows:—Organ solo, "Gloria," Miss M. J. Iley; violin solo, "Andante," Mr A. Lees; "The man who spoiled the music." Rev R. Brent closed the meeting with a short prayer. As this is the first time the church choir has performed a piece of this nature, it answers well for their musical future, and we hope it will not be long before they appear again in public, as we feel sure they will be capable of producing music of a more advanced kind, which will not only give increased pleasure to the people of Burhope, but will also be a benefit to the members of the choir themselves.

BLACKHILL.

AMBULANCE CLASSES.—As will be seen from our advertising columns, Dr Geo. Renton is going to commence a course of lectures on "First aid work to the injured" for ladies only, to commence on Friday, April 20th. We shall refer to these lectures in a future issue.

SUCCESS OF A LOCAL STUDENT.—Mr Edwin Cruikshank, of Wallsend, and formerly of Blackhill, student of the first year, Edinburgh University, gained the first prize in Greek Literature, offered for competition during the winter session, 1888-89, and also obtained first class diploma in Greek and an "Honours" pass in Latin.

THE AMBULANCE CLASS.—The course of lectures which have been given during the past few weeks in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, by Drs Geo. Renton (Blackhill) and Allen (Leadgate), were brought to a successful close last Friday night by an examination by Surgeon-Major Hutton. Out of 94 members constituting the class, 84 presented themselves for examination. The work, which was of a practical nature, including bandaging, the application of torniquets, &c., was performed to the entire satisfaction of the examiner, who at the conclusion, paid a high eulogistical tribute to the evident care which had been displayed both by instructors and pupils.—Dr Renton, in responding thereto, stated that in his opinion the present class was second to none that he had taught. A sufficient reward for his efforts had been furnished by the rows of anxious upturned faces, dwelling upon every one of his utterances, and to him, the task had been a labour of love.—The members of the class are composed of contingents from Messrs Annandale's Paper Mills, the Consett Iron Company's Works, North Eastern Railway Company's *employes*, and the police force of the district.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—Special services in connection with the above church were held on Sunday, when Mr W. McClenning, Hamsteels, preached to impressive sermons, morning and evening, to exceedingly large congregations. In the afternoon, the church choir gave a service of song, entitled "Billy Bray; or, the King's Son." Leader, Mr J. Taylor; harmoniumist, Mr John Varcoe; reader, Mr R. Frankland. On Saturday evening, an entertainment was given, in which the following took part:—Songs and solos were ably rendered by Misses Wilkinson, Frankland, and Mrs J. Taylor; recitations were splendidly given by Mr W. Hall and Miss Frankland and Mrs Barron, who recited "The fashionable choir" in excellent style; a violin solo was splendidly executed by Mr J. H. Oldfield, who is becoming a very popular violinist; violin duets were ably given by Messrs Sinclair and Oldfield. Rev J. Martin occupied the chair. After a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes, the doxology was sung, and then a ham and coffee supper was partaken of by a goodly number of members and friends, the tables being presided over by Mesdames Milburn, Dunne, Unsworth, and Sheldon. The proceeds are to be devoted to the trust fund, which were far above the expectations of the members. The church is now in a better financial position than it has ever been before, as they have the interest on the chapel debt paid for the next six months, and also £20 in the bank.—On the preceding sabbath, Rev J. Martin (circuit minister) preached a very impressive and touching funeral sermon over Mr Joseph Smart, 77 years of age, a well-known resident of Blackhill, formerly of Castleside. There was an excellent attendance. The rev gentleman took for his text Deut. xxxiv., 5, 6, "So Moses the servant of the Lord," &c. He stated that deceased was converted four years ago, at the ripe old age of 73, on the occasion of Miss Wilson's first visit to Blackhill, at one of the memorable evangelistic services held in the Agricultural Hall, when 600 professed to be converted. He always referred to the fact of his being pardoned so late in life with a great amount of thankfulness, and since that time he had been very energetic in distributing tracts, believing that such was his special calling. At the evangelistic services held during the past few years, he was a prominent attender. Mr Smart, it will be remembered, passed away at his residence in St. George's Place, Blackhill, about 5 weeks ago.

STANHOPE.

THE LATE MRS. PARKIN.—A number of commercial travellers wishing to show their respect to the late Mrs Parkin, of the Phœnix Inn, Stanhope, have resolved to get up a subscripton for her daughter, who is left homeless, and has a desire to learn some business by which she may maintain herself. Messrs W. H. Fenwick and T. Phillipson are at the head of the movement.

A Stanhope man in Australia, Professor H. Thompson, son of the late Robert Thompson, of Ferry Field Farm, Stanhope, at an interesting swimming exhibition which took place on the river Yaire at Princes Bridge, on Saturday, Feb. 8th of the present year, swam across the river bound hand and foot, and performed a number of remarkable feats in the water in the presence of a numerous company. Mr Thompson is a most expert swimmer, and his remarkable water feats are well-known in Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Stanhope. He is now master of the swimming baths known as Stubb's, of South Melbourne.

WEST PELTON.

AMBULANCE.—The winter class of the St. John's Ambulance Society (connected with the Beamish and West Pelton Collieries) was examined by Surgeon-Major Hutton on March 23rd. The hon sec. (Mr T. P. Kirkup) has since received notice that all who were examined have passed—viz., 16 second year's men and 29 first year's men. This result must be considered very satisfactory, especially to Dr Beresford, West Pelton, who has been indefatigable in his efforts towards this end. It is proposed to hold a concert when the certificates are distributed.

WEARDALE.

WEARHEAD WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Friday, Rev Wm. W. Walton, Gateshead, preached in the afternoon an eloquent and impressive sermon, taking his text from Galatians, 2nd ch., 20th verse. In the evening, Mr Walton delivered his popular lecture—subject, "The first Christian prayer meeting." The lecturer held his audience with intense interest for one hour and 45 minutes. Mr John Thompson, Burtree Pasture, presided. The choir was in attendance, and Mr R. Peart presided at the harmonium. Collections were taken in aid of the Sunday-school library.

DEATH OF A NATIVE.—There died at Haltwhistle, on March 29th, Mary Heatherington, aged 74, widow of the late John Heatherington, of Fell End, Haltwhistle. Her death took place at the house of Mrs Fisher, where she was staying for a time. She was a native of Sound Burn, Stanhope, and her maiden name was Jacques, one of a numerous family in and around the neighbourhood of Stanhope at one time, now terribly disseminated by death and removals. She had been a member of the Wesleyan denomination for upwards of 40 years, and led a quiet, consistent, Christian life. Her life was hid with Christ in God. Of a kind, social, and generous nature, she made many friends and acquaintances, who now mourn her loss. She was grandmother to some 35 or 40 children, and was followed to her last resting place by five sons and four daughters. She was laid among the people of her choice by the Wesleyan minister at Haltwhistle. Like a sheaf of corn she was ripe for the garner, and in the eventide of life she had life. Her sun went down in a clear sky, but it has gone to shine in a fairer world than this, where no dark clouds intervene, but where the Sun of righteousness shines with undimmed splendour through one eternal day.

WASKERLEY.

LECTURE.—On Saturday night, Mr J. Wright, Blackhill, delivered a lecture in the school-room at Waskerley, on "Antwerp and Rotterdam," illustrated by a series of splendid dissolving views. Mr Wright handled his subject very ably, evidently shewing that he had used his eyes and understanding to the best advantage during his visit to the above places last summer, of which the lecture was the outcome. After the lecture, Mr Wright exhibited a number of funny pictures, especially to amuse the children, who were treated to the performance by the Sabbath-school teachers. Several hymns were shown on the canvas, which the school children sung, under the able leadership of Mr John Gowland (late choir-master of the chapel). Mr James Gowland (chairman of the School Board) introduced the lecturer in a few appropriate remarks. The entertainment was of a most enjoyable description.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST BAND OF HOPE.—The usual fortnightly entertainment in connection with the above was given last week at Shotley Bridge, under the presidency of Mr James Leadbitter. The first piece on the programme was ably rendered by the choir, after which a recitation was given by Miss F. Jones in excellent style. Mr T. Henderson followed with a reading, which was well appreciated. Master J. Jones favoured with a recitation, and received well-merited applause. A solo was sung by Miss Smith in a pleasing manner. Mr G. Swales gave a reading in the Yorkshire dialect, and was highly applauded. This piece received an *encore*. Miss F. Jones again appeared with a recitation, and was well received. The choir then followed in their usual pleasing way. A reading was next given by Miss Fairlamb in capital style. Master J. Jones again favoured with a recitation, which was excellently rendered. Miss Smith then sung another solo in good style, after which the company were entertained with a dialogue, entitled "To be, or not to be," which was well received. Mr T. Henderson again favoured with a recitation, after which the doxology was sung, bringing a very enjoyable evening to a close. Mr L. Urwin presided at the piano. Proceeds in aid of Band of Hope funds.

CRAGHEAD.

I.O.G.T.—The members of the Craghead Independent Order of Good Templars held their meeting on Tuesday night, when a large company assembled. They were also visited by the members of the "Lily of the Valley" Lodge, Lintz Green. There was a grand night's enjoyment amongst the two lodges—namely, "Stand like the brave," No. 943, and "Lily of the Valley," No. 456. The following was the programme:—Solo, Sister G. Chapman; solo, Bro. Young, Lintz Green; solo, Catherine Welsh; reading, Bro. Wray; song, Bro. Robson; song, Sister Kirtley; solo, Bro. W. Marsh; reading, Bro. Foster; solo, Bro. J. H. Lowrey; recitation, Sister Gillfelling; solo, Bro. T. Pike; solo, Sister Louse; reading, Bro. Wray; duet, Sisters J. Chapman and G. Chapman; solo, Bro. Gardiner; recitation, Sister S. Hope; song, Bro. Robson; duet, Sisters Gillfelling and Little. After the programme had been gone through, the brothers and sisters of the Lintz Green lodge were thanked very kindly for their assistance during the evening, after which the meeting closed in the usual way.

TANFIELD LEA.

Monday will long be remembered by the Primitive Methodists of Tanfield Lea. A social tea was given by Mr Jos. Milburn at his house, and in spite of the disagreeable state of the weather a large number of persons assembled to partake of the good things provided. The tea, which consisted of beef, ham, tongue, cakes, &c., was gracefully presided over by Misses Fletcher, Smailes, and Scrafton, Mr John Brewis acting as carver. During the evening the lively strains of the piano were heard from an adjoining room, while another room was set apart for all sorts of amusements, and too much cannot be said of Mrs Milburn for the trouble she had been put to in order to make everybody feel at home. At the close of the tea, Mr Milburn handed over to the trustees of the above place the handsome sum of £7 14s, and as this gentlemen is in no way connected with the chapel, the trustees take this opportunity of thanking him for his special act of kindness and generosity.

DIPTON.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services of the above church was held on Sunday, when services were preached morning and evening by Rev James Martin, Blackhill. In the afternoon Mr W. Down, of Catchgate. The collections were not large, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the trust fund.

BURNOPFIELD.

CONCERT.—On Monday evening, a concert was given in the Co-operative Hall in aid of the United Methodist Free Church School, Burnopfield, when a large and fashionable audience attended. The programme was efficiently tendered by the under-mentioned artistes, who were loudly applauded, and *encores* freely given. The following ladies and gentlemen took part:—Miss K. Bellas, Newcastle, (contralo), Miss Strathearn (soprano), Miss Fairley (contralto), Mr Jarrett (tenor), Messrs Gibson and Abbot (bass), and Mr Drummond (comic). Mr J. Hinckley, Schoolmaster, Tanfield, ably presided at the piano. This was one of the best concerts heard at Burnopfield for some time.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT.—On Wednesday evening, the members of the South Derwent Brass Band held a grand concert in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, in aid of a fund set apart for the purchasing of new instruments. A high-class programme was gone through to the satisfaction of all present. Among the performers were the following ladies and gentlemen:—Sisters Thirlwell, duettists; Mr W. Oliver, baritone; Mr R. Ramsay, tenor; Mr J. Nevins, great Irish comedian. Cornet duets were given by the Bros. Snowdon, T. Walker, and S. Castle. Mr R. Richardson acted as accompanist during the evening.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.

The marriage arranged between Mr Bernard Arkwright and Miss Bull will take place on Wednesday, April 24th at St Oswins's Church, Wylam.

LEADGATE.

LEADGATE WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The usual fortnightly meeting was held in the Bottle Bank school-room on Saturday night. After the opening hymn and prayer, and a few remarks by the chairman, the following programme was admirably rendered:—"Fantasia" by the band; reading, Mr R. Hardy; recitation, Mr Jos Robson; solo, Miss J. Whitfield; reading, Mr E. B. Foster; fantasia, by band. The piece of the evening was a dialogue, entitled "Down in the world" by Messrs T. Allister, C. Burnope, J. Parker, and Geo. Williamson, which evoked much laughter. Mr Jno. White gave a solo, which received a well-merited *encore*. A harmonium solo was given by Mr Richard Bartle. The closing hymn and prayer brought a pleasant evening to a close.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST BAND OF HOPE.—A grand entertainment was given in the above schoolroom on Saturday night, when an excellent programme was gone through. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer, after which a solo was sung by Mr R. Robson. Recitation, Master Rochester; reading, Mr Wm. Davey. A piece by the Tom and jerry band which was given in capital style. A dialogue was given by Misses Kerr and Heslop, entitled "Keeping up the supply." Solo, Mr T. Kennedy, (*encored*); reading, Master Goody. A grand dialogue was then given by five characters, entitled "The tippling wife," in good style. The band favoured with another piece, which received a well-merited *encore*. Reading, Mr T. Kennedy; recitation, Master J. W. Burket; solo, Mr R. Robson. The chairman (Mr R. Westhorpe) gave a short address on Temperance. Votes of thanks and the doxology brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

TO ADVERTISERS AND READERS.

FRIDAY next being Good Friday, the *Guardian* will be published ON THURSDAY.

Advertisers and Correspondents will oblige by sending in their communications so as to reach us on Wednesday morning.

TOW LAW.

CONCERT.—The very successful series of Free and Easy entertainments was concluded on Saturday night by a concert in the Mechanics' Hall, given by a number of friends who are interested in temperance work. The Rev H I. Sugden was in his element as chairman, and contributed largely to the enjoyment of the audience. Songs, duets, and instrumental pieces were given by the Misses Emerson, Dawson, Dixon, Ellison, and Pattinson, and Messrs Newton, Crawford, and Master Hildreth. Readings and recitations were given by Messrs Vickers, Goulden, and Rawes. A very enjoyable night was spent, and a very successful series of entertainments were brought to a close by a vote of thanks to all concerned. The committee have a balance in hand, and feel very well satisfied with their efforts to counteract the evil influence of the public house.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday morning, Rev W. C. Kirkby, assistant organising secretary for the home missions, or Additional Curate Society, preached an able and exhaustive sermon. Mr Kirkby was at one time senior curate of this parish, and became very popular with the parishioners. The rev. gentleman took his text from James iv. 14th verse. He again gave an interesting address from Eccles. xi. 1st verse, at the children's service during the afternoon. The Ven. Archdeacon Blunt, vicar of Scarbrough, and brother of the rector of the parish (Canon Blunt), occupied the pulpit at the evening service, and preached a most earnest and impressive sermon from St. Matthew x. 32nd and 33rd verses. At the Mission Church, Waldridge Fell, the evening service was conducted by Rev C. W. Kirkby, and in spite of the inclement weather the sacred edifice was filled by an attentive audience.—On Monday evening, at the Church Guild's devotional meeting, held in the parish-room, Chester-le-Street, prayer being offered by Canon Blunt, and assisted by the laity, who take part in the extempory prayer, Ven. Archdeacon Blunt gave a splendid address on "The efficacy of prayer."—On Tuesday evening, in the Victoria Boys' School, a lecture was delivered by Rev C. W. Kirkby, illustrated by a magic-lantern, on "The work done by the home missions." The collection amounted to £1 7s 7d, while the offertories reached nearly £9, which will be given to the above society.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

FIXTURES.—SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH.

Leadgate Exiles v Rendel (Newcastle), at Leadgate.
Dipton Wanderers v Trafalgar (Newcastle), at Dipton.
Hamsterley Rangers v Mickley, at Mickley.
Medomsley v Gateshead North-Eastern, at Gateshead.
Medomsley 2nd v Gloucester Star (Newcastle), at Medomsley.
Birtley 3rd v Postal Telegraph, at Newcastle.

DURHAM ASSOCIATION CUP: FINAL.

Birtley v Sunderland Albion, at Darlington.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDE."]

On Saturday night, a lecture, under the auspices of the Castleside and District Jubilee Temperance Association, was given by Mr W. Whitehead, District Superintendent of the United Kingdom Alliance—subject: "Personal and national influence in relation to the liquor traffic." The chair was occupied by Mr J. Carruthers.

On Monday, the monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held in the Board Room, all the members being present—viz., Mr T. J. Muse (chairman), Messrs R. Walton, E. Leybourne, M. Lee, and W. Pattinson.—Cheques amounting to £27 17s were signed.—The master's monthly report showed signs of improvement in numbers and attendance. Children on the roll:—Boys, 106; girls, 116; total, 222; with an average attendance of 91 per cent. The recent children's entertainment realised the handsome sum of £13 1s 9d after paying £4 for Harrison, for infants department, out of the above proceeds, a balance of £9 1s 9d remaind for children's treat in summer. Easter holidays, Good Friday, and Easter Monday were granted as requested by the Master, Mr T. Duckworth.

THE LATE MR EDWARD TAYLOR SMITH, OF LANCHESTER.

At the Lanchester Petty Sessions, yesterday (Thursday), the Chairman (Rev J. P. De Pledge) said:—"Before proceeding with business the Bench desires to record its deep sense of regret at the decease of another colleague—the third who has passed away from us within the last four months—Mr Edward Taylor Smith, the oldest magistrate of this petty sessional division, and the oldest in years, but not in service, for a long time took a warm tho' not very active interest in the duties of his office. He was a frequent attender at this court until late years, when from age and infirmity he withdrew from public business. Notwithstanding which, in his retirement he always liked to be kept convalescent with current events and to talk of the past. He will long be remembered as a keen and ardent sportsman. To an advanced period he was a bold and ardent rider, and long after his vision became dim, his eye could view a fox. Kind, genial, modest, in fact as has often been said was one of nature's gentlemen, a considerate and indulgent landlord, to the last exercising a generous and genuine hospitality to his friends and neighbours, and this fine old English gentleman has passed away from us.—*Requiescat in pace.*"

NOTES FROM THE CITY.

[BY "TATTLER."]

If I had not known that Mr Freedick was a thoughtful man; if I had been ignorant of the fact that when he speaks he always means what he says, and that his sentiments at all times, when he chooses to give expression to them, are listened to and regarded with the keenest interest, I should have felt that much of the matter he spoke on the occasion of a recent meeting in support of his candidature was not spoken seriously. Knowing him, however, in common with many others, as I do, I am quite convinced that he meant all he said—and more. The most regretable features connected with the meeting referred to consisted in his keeping the company waiting an-hour-and-a-half beyond the advertised time for starting, and the advocating of the re-transformation of the lovely Consett Park into a cabbage garden! It is much to be feared that, although his late coming may soon be overlooked, his wicked references to the Park will not readily be forgiven.

The persuasive prettiness and gentle pathos of the following lines will appeal to the stoutest heart:—

"On Monday, it was wet,
On Tuesday, it was wetter;
On Wednesday, you may bet
That it was very little better;
On Thursday, it was worse
(Quite enough to make one ill),
And thusly ends the verse
I call—'My ode to April."
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At the time of writing, I am quite unacquainted with the result of the interview between the Consett Local Board's deputation and the North-Eastern Railway directors, but I sincerely hope the trifling concessions appealed for may be, as they certainly should be, unhesitatingly granted. It is very unfair that Consett should so long have had to suffer the inadequate station accommodation of which complaint is now made, and it is rather surprising that the complaint was not made years ago. In times past, it has been my unfortunate lot now and then to suffer the discomfort on cold, bleak, stormy days of traversing the exposed platform awaiting the arrival of trains in consequence of lack of accomodation afforded by the waiting-rooms, and on the principle that—

"A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

I heartily sympathise with those who have still to suffer the inconvenience. As to the appeal for booking-offices to be erected on the east side of the station, it is in every way so thoroughly justifiable as to leave the railway no option—it *must* be acceded to.

How now, ye Consett football lights! What think ye of Preston North End now? I can almost see your expansive breasts swelling with envy. Just fancy for one moment what the pleasure, the glory would be to be received at home—on returning victorious from London, carrying the cup of honour, by the whole of the inhabitants of Consett, men, women, and children, each and everyone clamourous to get a look at you! How, then, would your bosoms swell with a justifiable pride! Such a reception was given to the Preston men the other day, when 7,000 people welcomed the victorious team home. If you would be in the race—

"You should work on a different plan,
Play 'up to the scratch' to a man;
Let 'half-back' and 'back'
Just study the knack,
And rival North End—if they can!"

The assumption, may, of course, be quite a wrong one; but to my thinking there is a suggestion about the present controversy on Co-operation appearing in your columns of "a house divided." There looks to be a something to which certain parties who are members of Consett Society take exception probably, say, as to details of management, and that it is not a *bona-fide* controversy on the merits or demerits of Co-operation; but, as a general thing simply an "airing" of views by contending factions. If on the other hand the thing is *bona-fide*, then comes the question, is the discussion worth the candle? There is so strong a feeling, and always has been between Co-operators and those opposed to the principles that to expect concession on either side would be about as reasonable as to expect the transformation of the moon. And yet, for all that, neither side is entirely right.

England, although generally speaking a cold country as compared with sunny Spain and the rest, can boast of young men and maidens who, in matters pertaining to the tender passion can be "warm" enough when Cupid leave the way. We, in England should think it strange if, leaving a couple of ardent lovers alone together for five minutes we did not, through the medium of the key-hole, or other available means, discover them locked fondly in each others arms and looking unutterable things at each other.

Not so in Spain, however, where it would seem to be the custom of the lover to pay his addresses and give all his attention to Pa and Ma. If he finds his darling on the floor beating a kettle drum—however picturesque she may appear, he must not notice her. Indeed when at the parent's house he is required to work strictly on the principle suggested in the touching song "We never speak as we pass bye." This is awful bad lines, isn't it? I am glad I'm not a Japanee! As in China, things they are peculiar.

"Which, I wish to remark,
And my language is plain,
That for deeds that are dark
And for tricks that are vain,
The heathen Chinee is peculiar, &c."

There is much more that is genuine in such a play as *Hoodman Blind*, which this week has been drawing good houses at the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle, than as a rule is to be found in the average drama of the same order. It is true that the story is very much the old one of the good wife illused by a cruel fate; the enforced separation from her husband; the outrageous and vindictive machinations of the husband's jealous rival who has vainly sought her hand, and so on. But the story in this case is better told, the characters more directly drawn, the dialogue more natural and the stage pictures more attractive than usual. The company is a good one.

I am always concerned on behalf of my lady readers. Whenever I hear of anything good which may be likely to interest them, they may rest assured that they shall not be forgotten. Some of my lady friends may probably have the fortune to possess small mouths. If so, so much the better for them. Those who do need read no further for what follows does not concern them in the least. It is those of my lady readers who, having large, would possess small mouths that the following particularly concerns. Let my unfortunate sisters repent at frequent intervals daily:—"Fanny Finch fried four floundering frogs for Francis Fowler's father," and the lips will be found to contract most agreeably. I perhaps should add that it will in no way interfere with the free motion of the tongue which organ may wag with all its accustomed activity!

It is many years since gas was introduced to replace oil for the lighting of railway carriages—that is in the south and west of England. But innovations it would seem are, like angels' visits somewhat scarce where a monopoly holds sway. However, there is a prospect of the North-Eastern Railway Company at last following the lead and ere long we may expect to find our local trains lighted to much better advantage than hitherto. It is quite expected that gas will be substituted for oil in the course of the next few weeks.

DEATH OF MR W. W. THOMPSON, OF LANCHESTER.

Another well-known public official of the immediate district has gone to his last resting-place. It is with unfeigned regret that we have to record the death of Mr William Walton Thompson, of Lanchester, who passed away at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. His illness was comparatively of brief duration, although Mr Thompson has been ailing ever since the demise of his wife some six months ago. He was able to walk about and attend to his multifarious duties till Friday last, when he took to his bed, and never left it. The ultimate cause of his death was a cancer in the throat. During his fatal illness, he has been attended by Dr J. Wilson. He leaves two sons and four daughters (all grown-up) to mourn his loss. During the past century, the deceased has held nearly the whole of the public and parochial offices in the Lanchester Union. He was for a considerable period Clerk to the Guardians, which position he relinquished about ten years since, being in receipt of an annual pension. He also held the post of registrar of births, marriages, and deaths for the Lanchester district, but retired as registrar of births and deaths over 16 years since, being succeeded by one of his sons (Mr J. J. Thompson). In consideration of fulfilling this office, he was the recipient of a Government pension. This person resigned the position twelve months ago, when the Guardians divided the division into two—viz., the subdistricts of Lanchester and Consett, Mr Buckham being appointed to the former, and Mr Ramsay to the latter situation. For some years, Mr Thompson, sen., was a churchwarden for the then important parish of Lanchester. He was, moreover, nuisance inspector for the Lanchester Union under the old Nuisance Removal Act (since supplemented by the Public Health Act), and was one of the gentlemen mainly instrumental in the establishment of the Lanchester Highway Board. He has also discharged the functions of overseer, waywarden, &c., during his lengthened career. Upon the formation of School Boards for the districts of Collierley (Dipton) and Greencroft (Catchgate), he became the clerk to these bodies. At the time of his sudden death, he held these appointments, as well as the office of registrar of marriages, but in recent years the bulk of the duties appertaining to these positions have been ably discharged by his son (Mr W. W. Thompson, jun.). The deceased gentleman was a native of the village, where he has lived all his life. His grandfather was for 40 years perpetual curate of Lanchester, and he was also a constable for the village. His uncle (Rev Joseph Thompson, vicar of Satley), fulfilled the office of Chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians. In politics, the deceased was an ardent Conservative, and at one period took a somewhat prominent part in promulgation of these principles, from which he never swerved one iota. He was likewise a sound Churchman. Mr Thompson, sen., was consequently well-known throughout the county, and was generally respected and esteemed by all who had the honour of his acquaintance. His remains are to be interred in Lanchester churchyard at three o'clock this (Friday) afternoon.

DURHAM SHRIEVALTY.—Mr Lindsay Wood, of The Hermitage, Chester-le-street, has made the usual declaration and entered into office as High Sheriff of the county of Durham. He has appointed Mr John George Wilson, solicitor, Durham, as under-sheriff. The new Sheriff is chief mining agent to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in Durham—an able mining engineer, a shrewd and painstaking man of business, held in high esteem by reason alike of his talent and of the traditions of his family. The Woods, of Hetton, were long among our foremost men; and Mr Nicholas Wood, the immediate fore-elder of our new Sheriff, was for many years one of the most eminent mining mercantile authorities of the North.

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BIRTHS

CONSETT.—No. 4, Buddle Street, 5th inst., the wife of Joseph Overall, of a son.

CROOKHALL.—Red Row, 8th inst., the wife of Nathaniel Willis, of a son.

TANFIELD LEA.—3rd inst., the wife of Thos. Dundas, of a daughter.

On the 9th inst., the wife of Thomas Ainsley, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—Register Office, 6th inst., Joseph Eilbeck to Mary Elliott, both of Leadgate.—Same day, James Buston to Sarah Jane Rase, both of Ushaw Moor.—11th inst., Jas. Thomas to Mary Milburn, both of Blackhill.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 26th ult., by Rev J. Taylor, John V. Robson, North Biddick, to Rebecca A. Standish, Chester-le-Street.

Register Office, 30th ult., Thomas Guy to Isabella Hall, both of West Pelton.—Same day, Paul Mason, Pelton, to Isabella Gibbon, Pelaw.—1st inst., Thomas Slack, Pelton Fell to Sarah Haddock, Chester-le-Street.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Aidan's Church, 30th ult., Thomas Beavans McKinlay, mining surveyor, of West Pelton, to Minnie, youngest daughter of Mr J. J. Brown, South Shields.

NEWCASTLE.—St. John's Church, 30th ult., Shipley Watson, grocer, Haswell, to Eleanor, youngest daughter of George Franks, manager of Victoria Garesfield Colliery.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—50, Sherburn Terrace, 10th inst., aged 70 years, John Whitfield. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday first, at Three p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

BLACKHILL.—12, Durham Road, 6th inst., aged 68, Aaron, husband of Sarah Peacock.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—5th inst., aged 75, Elizabeth Houliston.

WOODLANDS, Consett.—6th inst., aged 26, Mary Ann Ronaldson.

LANCHESTER.—5th inst., aged 82, Mary, wife of John Wall.

On the 10th inst., aged 70 years, William Walton Thompson.

STANLEY.—7th inst., aged 26, Simpson, eldest son of Annie, and the late Simpson Shield.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.—Aged 77, Margaret, wife of Isaac Musgrove.

WINLATON MILL.—4th inst., aged 8 years and 9 months, Ann, daughter of John Murray.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—3rd inst., aged 60, John Walker.

BLAYDON.—Cuthbert Street, 7th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Edward Milroy.

4th inst., aged 71, Mary, wife of John Brown, bill-poster.

WEST PELTON.—3rd inst., aged 65 years, James Theobald.

KIBBLESWORTH COLLIERY.—4th inst., William, son of Margaret Burns.

GATESHEAD.—82, Camborne Grove, 5th inst., aged 33, Isabella, wife of George Siddle, formerly of Lanchester.

HEXHAM.—4th inst., in her 84th year, Elizabeth Brown.

DURHAM.—1, Market Place, 5th inst., aged 33, Thos. Bell, solicitor.

LONDON.—Paddington, 6th inst., aged 39, Geo. H. Richley, plumber.

HEYMER.—In loving remembrance of James Oliver Heymer, who died at Sydney, New South Wales, April 13th, 1887, aged 22 years.

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