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Specifications to be seen, and all information to be obtained by applying to the Surveyor, who will receive Tenders, sealed and endorsed, "Team Work" from the 2nd day of April till the 16th of April, 1887.

The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.—By order of the Board,
664x JOHN DIXON, Surveyor.

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THE BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for the FORMATION of a PORTION of NEW STREET at Blackhill.

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Also, TENDERS will be received for the FORMATION of a PORTION of RITSON ROAD, Blackhill, sealed and endorsed "Ritson's Road," from the 2nd day of April till the 16th day of April, 1887.

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TO LET, the several WORKS required in the RESTORATION OF TWO SHOPS, HOUSES, &c., in Middle Street, Consett, for Mr. HEDLEY NICHOLSON.

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The fortnightly meeting was held at Lanchester on Thursday in last week, the under-mentioned Guardians being in attendance:—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. (in the chair), Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Messrs John Wilkinson, Wm. Logan, Wm. H. Hedley, J. Buckham, J. Collinson, J. A. Curry, Robert Robson, Wm. Cumming, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE VACANCY FOR SATLEY.

The Local Government Board intimate that they will shortly issue an order for a special election to fill up the vacancy caused by the death of Mr John Nicholson, of Broomshields.

THE EMIGRANTS IN CANADA.

The Clerk read a communication from the Local Government Board, who had received information from the Emigration Agency in Canada with respect to the six boys sent from the Lanchester Union two years ago to Canada. Four of the lads were in service and were progressing satisfactorily; the other lads, however, had been lost sight of.

The Clerk was ordered to communicate with Mr Boyd, who was instrumental in sending the children out to Canada.

POOR RATE.

On the motion of Mr Wilkinson, seconded by Mr Cumming, precepts were ordered to be signed and issued to the townships for a poor-rate of 7d in the £, and a school attendance rate and a sanitary rate each of ½d in the £ for the next half-year.

A PAUPER MAINTENANCE QUESTION.

The Clerk reported that he had received an intimation that the action instituted by the West Ham Union against the Lanchester Guardians, for the maintenance of the pauper lunatic named John Marren, had just been heard at the Chelmsford (Essex) Quarter Sessions, and the result was that the appeal had been quashed. This was a curious test case, involving the question whether the students at Ushaw Moor Roman Catholic College, by reason of a few years residence, obtained a "settlement" in the Lanchester Union. Marren was formerly a student in that college for about four years, but having lately returned home and his mind being deranged he had become chargeable to the West Ham Union. They called upon the Guardians of the Lanchester Union to defray the cost of maintenance in the asylum. The Lanchester Board, after having previously sought counsel's opinion, contended that three or more years' residence at Ushaw College did not constitute a "settlement" in their opinion, inasmuch as there were several months' vacations during the course of the year, and the Quarter Sessions have upheld this view of the matter. This is a point of some importance as affecting Boards of Guardians.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending Mar. 30th	191
Corresponding week of last year	177
Week ending April 6th	193
Corresponding week of last year	170
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	13
" corresponding fortnight last year	6

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr Logan, seconded by Mr Hobson, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Mr Smith for his services during the past twelve months, and a like compliment was paid to the Vice-Chairman.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This body met soon after the termination of the Guardians' meeting—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith also presiding.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' SALARIES.

The Clerk, having been previously directed to apply to the Local Government Board, for payment of one-half of the salaries of the three medical officers in the Union. The Imperial body said they could not do so: but would be willing to pay one-half of the cost of the salary of one Medical Officer for the whole Union. They asked the Board to re-consider the matter, and to appoint a single Medical Officer for the Union, in lieu of the three gentlemen at present holding appointments.

The Board declined to re-open the subject.

THE CRAGHEAD SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The subjoined report was presented:—

"Your Committee attended at Chester-le-Street on the 31st ult., and met the members of the Chester-le-Street Sanitary Authority, and discussed with them the proposed joint scheme of sewerage for Craghead and Wagtail. Excluding the sewers for Shafto House and Ousterley, the cost of the work is estimated to be £950; of which there is—

For mutual works	£770
Craghead separate works	50
Wagtail separate works	130

The mutual works comprise the pipe-line, the filter beds, and the purchase of land. They are divided according to the rateable value, which gives Wagtail, £220; Wagtail separate works, £130; total, £350; and this for 34 houses is a cost of £10 6s a house.

Your Surveyor has prepared a scheme whereby Wagtail Cottages can be sewered for £130; but this would leave out the Punch Bowl Inn. This scheme would of course be much the cheaper way of doing the work, and your Committee would at once recommend you to do it; if there were not possible future contingencies to take into consideration. It has been known to your Authority for some time that the Messrs Hedley Bros. contemplate building an additional 110 cottages, within your district, which if carried out would not be main sewered by your Surveyor's scheme for Wagtail, and we would then be in the position of having ultimately to apply to the Chester-le-Street Authority for leave to join the main sewer. But further, if we do not join the Chester-le-Street Authority in a joint scheme, they will only provide works for the present, and probable future extension of Craghead alone, which works would be too small to accommodate the 110 cottages alluded to.

What the Chester-le-Street Authority propose is that the two Authorities borrow £1,000 on the mutual security of the rates of the parishes of Lanchester and Edmondsley, and carry out the works as at present proposed, each Authority repaying the principal and interest on the propositions as already given, and if in the future any additional houses be built in either parish, to which these works may be applied, then a fresh adjustment of the proportions to be made every two years.

Your Committee leave it to your Authority to decide what is best to be done on the premises.

(Signed on behalf of the Committee),

WILL. LOGAN.

7th April, 1887.

Mr Logan said his private opinion was that they should join with the Chester-le-Street Authority, and he explained that they would be doing no injustice to the present ratepayers by borrowing the money for the purpose, to be repaid 25 or 30 years hence.

The Chairman concurred, and said the last suggestion was an excellent one, as Edmondsley was such a small township, and could not bear the whole burden being thrown upon the rates at once.

Mr Logan, in replying to Mr Buckham, stated that they would provide in the present scheme accommodation for the 110 houses intended to be built; but future contingences would have to be dealt with subsequently.

Rev J. P. De Pledge: When do they intend to proceed with the works?

Mr Logan: I suppose they will begin at once.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Logan, and seconded by Mr Buckham, that the report be accepted, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward communication to that effect to the Chester-le-Street Authority.

THE WOODEN HUTS AT USHAW MOOR.

The following was also read:—

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

Gentlemen,—Your Committee visited Ushaw Moor Colliery on the 17th March, and inspected the wooden huts. The total number of huts is 19. Of these 4 have been converted into workshops, and one was being used as a preaching-room on Sundays, and we were informed that other two would also be required for workshops, leaving 12 as dwelling-houses.

We would strongly advise you that no steps be taken with a view of urging the owner to repair or in any way spend money over them, as it is only prolonging the evil. They are not now or ever have been in our opinion fit for the accommodation of human beings, and more especially for the number who have inhabited them.

We would therefore advise that the Authority take steps to apply to the magistrates for an order to close them.—Signed on behalf of Committee,

WILL. LOGAN.

7th April, 1887.

Mr Logan, having spoken in support of the assertions embodied in the report, moved its adoption. He pointed out that the huts were slightly better than when he last saw them; but they were still unfit to be occupied.

Mr Wilkinson seconded the proposition, which was carried.

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, I mentioned the occurrence of an outbreak of measles at Dipton. Since then 40 cases have been notified to me, and apparently it is daily increasing. So far there has been no spread beyond that village and immediate vicinity.

Scarlatina has also somewhat increased, 21 cases have come under my notice. The following are the villages attacked, viz:—Tantobie, Tanfield, Tanfield Lea, Shield Row, East Stanley, Stanley, and Oxhill. Whereas the latter disease is very mild in type, the former is exceedingly severe, five cases having resulted fatally.

The mortality for the month is unusually great. 33 deaths were registered, giving an annual ratio of 23 per 1,000. Climatic influences and measles were the principal causes for this excessive death-rate.—I remain, your obedient servant,

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

April 5th, 1887.

Medomsley District.

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

Gentlemen,—By the quarterly returns 43 births and 36 deaths were registered. The deaths were from the following diseases:—Scarlatina, 6; bronchitis, 5; croup, 3; diphtheria, 1; typhoid fever, 1; puerperal fever, 1; pneumonia, 4; phthisis, 1; heart disease, 1; convulsions, 1.

During the month, not one single case of infectious disease has come under my notice in the Medomsley or Ebchester district, and the sanitary condition is very good.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

April 6th, 1887.

Lanchester District.

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

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—The following catching diseases have appeared in this district during the last four weeks:—Five cases of measles at Hedley Fell; 11 at Esh; 2 at Hill Top; and 1 at Langley Park; 4 cases of whooping cough at Quebec; 13 at Hamsteels Colliery; 1 at Newhouse Cottages; and 38 at Cornsay Colliery.—I am, Mr Chairman and gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

April 7th, 1887.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—The Victoria Street sewerage was commenced on the 22nd ult., and is now practically complete, including an additional length of about 60 yards, which, after consultation with the Chairman, it was deemed right to have done at once. This extra length enables the row named Dorman's Cottages to be drained into the new sewer, which has been done. The number of houses drained is therefore 45, and junctions have been left for other 14, which may possibly be built in the future.

Persons whose private property has been interfered with by the new works have been seen, and written memoranda of the arrangements made are submitted herewith for your confirmation.

The outlet of the Lanchester main sewer having been undermined by, and fallen into, the stream, I have given instructions for the work necessary to put it into order again to be done.

As directed at last meeting, two estimates have been obtained for the small piece of sewerage at Colliery Dykes. They are submitted herewith, as well as written memorandum from landowner.

The privy and ashpit to the house occupied by Sharp (owner Leybourne) in the village of Lanchester are in my opinion in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health, and ought to be taken down and re-built.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to again inspect the huts at Ushaw Moor Colliery met at that place on the 17th ult., and the Craghead Committee met the Chester-le-Street Guardians at Chester-le-Street on the 31st ult. with respect to the proposed joint sewerage scheme.

No steps have been taken by Wm. Wilkinson to comply with notice served on him on 3rd November last to provide proper privy, ashpit, and drain to two houses at West Kyo.

The adjoining owner, Samuel McKie, has also failed to comply with notice of the same date to similar effect, though he has put up a rough open ashpit of defective character.

Monthly Summary:

Nuisance notices served during the month	2
Letters written with regard to nuisances, &c.	48
Habitation certificates issued	1
Plan approval notices sent out	5
Plans received and examined	9
Villages and hamlets inspected	13
New buildings in progress inspected	3

J. W. ROUNTHWAITE.

Lanchester, April 7th, 1887.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

7th April, 1887.

Your Committee recommends that the following plans be approved, subject to the matters marked on each plan being attended to, viz:—

729.—Thos. Gilhespie, house, Cornsay.

730.—John Maddison, outbuildings to house, Dipton.

731.—John Southren, addition to house, Ewehurst Head.

732.—J. S. Arnison, outbuildings to houses, White-le-Head.

733.—Samuel Brown, house and stable, Langley Park.

734.—Annfield Plain Co-operative Society, manager's house and additional buildings, Langley Park.

735.—William Foster, double-tenemented house, Langley Park.

737.—Owners of Hamsterley Colliery, office, Hamsterley Colliery.

738.—Wm. Leybourne, outbuildings to house, Lanchester.

That the following plan be received, viz:—

736.—John Bassett, cowbyre, Oxhill.

In the cases of William Wilkinson and Samuel McKie, of West Kyo, the Inspector was ordered to serve final notices on them before taking proceedings against them before the magistrates.

EXTENSION OF DIPTON SEWERAGE.

The tender of Michael Johnson was accepted for carrying out this contract.

WHICKHAM LOCAL BOARD.

On Thursday se'nnight, the usual meeting of Whickham Local Board was held in the Board Office, Whickham, under the presidency of Mr R. Glass.

The Clerk (Mr T. Lambert) presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the payments of accounts to the amount of £131 5s.

The report was adopted.

A letter was read from Mr Ralph Simey (Durham) enclosing resolutions passed at a meeting held under the presidency of Earl Durham, recommending the formation of local committees in furtherance of the proposed Imperial Institute.

The letter was ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr G. Berkley, in moving a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman, Mr Glass, said he was very much pained to find that he had not been re-elected. He did not think that any man who had ever been chairman of the Board had given as much attention to the Board's business as Mr Glass had.

Mr Thompson seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr Glass, in acknowledging the vote, said he had been on the Board nine years, and had been absent from only three meetings, and then through ill-health.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The result of the election of four members for the Whickham Local Board was declared by Mr Henry Wallace, returning officer. The four retiring members were Messrs Ralph Atkinson, Robert Glass (chairman), James Gilchrist, and Thomas Thompson. The election resulted as follows:—James Gilchrist, 977; George Robinson Ramsay, 896; Ralph Atkinson, 856; and Thomas Thompson, 824, elected. Not elected:—Robert Glass, 714, and Thomas Elliott, 530.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Wallace for his services as returning officer.

"How to Debate."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of fourpence, may be had at Robert Jackson's bookseller, 9, Newmarket Consett.

Man's Noblest Work.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions. Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve man, but unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful, and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pills will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung Affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggists Manchester

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

The active steps taken by the committee touching the Weardale Railway Scheme are, says a correspondent, being retarded by the attitude of the landowners between St. John's Chapel and Wearhead.

Important exhibits from the Weardale mines for the Newcastle Exhibition have been brought out of Daddry Mine, viz., three pieces of solid silver lead oro, each calculated to weigh a "bing" (8 cwt.). The London directors are at present in the valley.

Local Board membership at Stanhope does not seem to be a coveted honour. A sufficient number of members has not been put in nomination to constitute a Board, and those who have been nominated will have to proceed to the election of other two members at the first meeting.

The following is the examiner's report (Easter, 1887) as to Wolsingham Grammar School:—"The school has passed a very successful examination. The boys have been well prepared in every subject. They gave their answers with clearness and precision, and there was a marked absence of irrelevant matter. Some of the most promising boys have left the school since the last examination, and few remain who have been previously examined by me. I have observed with great pleasure the improvement shown during the year by H. Shaw, Mitchell Stankley, A. Thompson, Wilson, and Cook. The following are the results of the examination in the various subjects:—Scripture: This was excellently done throughout the school. Arithmetic: Excellent work has also been done in this subject. The number of weak papers was surprisingly small. Algebra: The papers of form III. were very good, and those of forms II. and I. excellent. Euclid: The riders were successfully attempted, and the propositions faultlessly given by almost every boy. History: An excellent knowledge of the periods taken was shown by most of the boys, and no paper was below fair. Geography: The attainments in this subject varied. Many of the papers were excellent; most of them good, and only four weak. English Grammar: This subject was excellently done. Drawing: This showed improvement. Latin: All the boys did excellently. French: This was very good, and a fair proportion of the boys obtained excellent marks. German: The German book has been intelligently read, and good translations were given.—Joseph Morris, M.A., Examiner."

EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.

Christ Church, Consett.—The annual vestry meeting of the church was held on Tuesday evening in the vestry of the church—Rev F. Steggall, vicar, presiding. The churchwardens submitted their financial statement for the past year, which was considered satisfactory and passed. Mr Wm. Aynsley was appointed vicar's warden, and Mr Joseph Murray people's warden. The following were elected sidesmen:—Messrs T. L. Gledstone, T. Thompson, W. Thompson, H. Nicholson, E. Lockey, J. Kidd, and J. Harkness. After some discussion in reference to the finances of the church, it was decided to hold a sale of work in September next to raise funds wherewith to discharge all liabilities. Votes of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

St. Aidan's, Blackhill.—The annual vestry meeting of this parish was held on Monday evening, in the vestry of the church—Rev T. J. Storey, vicar, presiding. The churchwardens' accounts showed a balance in hand of £18. The chairman re-appointed Mr Thompson Siddell vicar's warden, and Mr J. Moon was re-elected people's warden for the coming year. The following gentlemen were elected sidesmen:—Dr George Renton, Messrs Thos. H Batchelor, L. Wilson, J. Lovett, E. Richardson, F. Lumley, and S. Lumley.—The Vicar expressed his great satisfaction at the interest which the laity had taken in the work of the parish since its formation, and said that they had this year to elect two of their members as representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference. The increasing interest shown by the laity in all Church matters was a most healthy sign.—The vestry elected Dr George Renton and Mr J. Lovett representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference. The proceedings terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

Satley.—The annual Easter meeting was held at Satley on Monday evening—the Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P. (vicar) in the chair—when Mr Joseph J. Gascoign and Nicholas Walker were appointed churchwardens, and Messrs Robt. Hedley and John Buckham sidesmen.

St. John's-in-Weardale.—The vestry meeting was held on Monday, the Vicar (Rev R. Shepherd) in the chair. The out-going churchwardens, Messrs Thos. Vickers and John Potts, were re-appointed, and Messrs John Coulthard, John Waugh, John Fleming, and Ralph Armstrong were appointed sidesmen. Mr Jonathan Featherstone was elected as the lay member to the Ruridecanal Conference, which appointment is for four years.

THE ANTI-COERCION CRUSADE.

We understand that the Liberal party in North-Western Durham, in conjunction with the Irish Nationalists, are actively engaged in promoting a great demonstration to be held at Consett, to protest against the coercion policy of the Government. The speakers will in all probability include Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P. (who is at present sojourning in the North) and a representative of an Irish constituency.

At a meeting of the Chopwell (Garesfield Colliery) Lodge D.M.A. a spirited discussion was carried on against the Government's Coercion Bill on Wednesday se'nnight, and the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That this meeting feel it a duty they owe to themselves and the Irish people to lift up their voice and to use all possible means against any Government that wishes to suppress the liberties of any people in the British Empire."

At a special meeting of the Council of the Durham Miners' Association, held at the Miners' Hall, Durham, on Saturday, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That the very best thanks of this Council meeting be forwarded to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone and his numerous colleagues for their noble and just endeavour to oppose the Government in passing the Ireland Crimes Bill, believing such bill to be an insult to the English, and an injustice to the people of Ireland, and also an indirect attack on trades unions generally."

On Tuesday night, Mr James Joicey, M.P., addressed his constituents at Chester-le-Street. There was a large gathering, and a resolution condemning the Irish policy of the Government was passed, there being only three dissentients.

MEETING AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.

A hastily convoned, but well-attended meeting for the purpose of protesting against the Government Coercion Bill for Ireland was held on Tuesday night in a field near White-le-Head. Rev J. Gill, Primitive Methodist minister, was voted to the chair, and the following resolution, moved by Mr John Fidler (Tantobie), and seconded by Mr Wm. Heron, was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting of Liberal electors in the White-le-Head and Tantobie district of the North West Durham Division emphatically protests against the coercive policy of the Tory Government in relation to our Irish fellow subjects, as being tyrannical, unjust, uncalled for, and utterly opposed to the best interests of the sister isle and of the United Kingdom at large; and considers the indecent haste with which the Tory leaders are seeking to force this iniquitous measure through the House of Commons is proof that they are convinced of its antagonism to the sentiments of the electorate in general. This meeting further expresses its unqualified conviction that Home Rule on the lines of Mr Gladstone's Bill of 1886 is the only rational and humane solution of the Irish difficulty." The meeting concluded with cheers for the "Grand Old Man."

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

"How to do Business," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

Football.

FIXTURES.

April 16.—Tantobie v. Clarence, at Tantobie.

" 23.—Burnopfield C.E.T. Rangers v. Prudhoe Rovers, at Prudhoe.

" 30.—Brunswick v. Crookgate, at Crookgate.

Tow Law Redskins beat Tow Law Juniors (A) by three goals to one.

Tow Law Juniors beat Stanhope Juniors (A) by two goals to nil.

Leslie Rangers and Swalwell Rangers (A) played a draw, neither side scoring.

Leadgate Royal Oaks v. Crookhall American Rovers (A).—Played on the ground of the former, in periods of two thirties, and resulted in an easy victory for the Royal Oaks by three goals to one.

Leadgate Exiles v. Bishop Auckland Coundon Grays 1st (A).—Played at Leadgate on Easter Monday, and, after a well-contested game, the Exiles won by seven goals to two.

Leadgate Exiles 2nd v. Bishop Auckland Coundon Grays 2nd (A).—Played at Leadgate, and after a good game was witnessed, the Exiles won by six goals to nil.

Leadgate Amateurs v. Leadgate Wanderers (A).—Played in Leadgate Park on Easter Tuesday, in two thirties, and after a rather rough game, ended in a win for the Amateurs by four goals to one goal and one disputed.

Red Row Flyers v. Marley Hill White Stars (A).—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the White Stars by nine goals to nil. The goals for White Star were scored by John Charlton (6), William Grahaw (2), George Grey (1).

Consett Shamrocks 2nd v. Consett Green Stars 2nd (A).—Played on the ground of the former, and after an exciting game, resulted in a win for the Shamrocks, by six goals to nil. For the Shamrocks, J. Crossin, J. Rafferty, M. Crossin, and Flunigan did good service; while for the visitors, M. Coleman and S. Roberts play a good game.

Consett Green Stars v. Delves Rovers (A).—Played in Consett Park on Easter Monday afternoon. After a pleasant game the Green Stars won by one goal to none. T. Pratt, G. Price, and Jenkins played well for the visiting team, and all of the Stars' men did good service.—The second teams also played, Green Stars winning by one goal to nil.

Consett Sextons Juniors v White Star Juniors, Leadgate (A).—Played on the ground of the former on Good Friday, when splendid work was done on both sides. However, the Sextons were successful by getting four goals to one. The game was agreeable all through.

Leadgate v. Medomsley (Mixed Teams).—Played on Friday, on the ground of the former, in periods of two forties. The game was an exciting one, and some good playing was witnessed on both sides by a large number of spectators. The Leadgate team was too many for their opponents, winning by three goals to one. J. Warlow played well for Leadgate, while A. Little did good service for the visitors. Teams:—Leadgate—goal, J. Coulthard; backs, E. Lumley and F. Jackson; half-backs, A Cain, J. Wilson, and J. Maughan; left wing, J. Warlow and J. Brown; centre, T. Warlow; right wing, M. Armstrong and J. McGee. Medomsley—goal, J. Ward; backs, A. Little and W. Cant; half-backs, T. Cookson, W. Barnes, and R. Cant; right wing, J. Hornsby and J. Hetherington; centre, J. Graham; left wing, J. Hunter and J. Bell.

Leadgate Exiles 1st v. Catchgate Red Stars (A).—Played at Leadgate on Saturday. A numerous muster of spectators assembled to witness the match, which was played in periods of two thirties. The game was very evenly contested for the first ten minutes. However, after some "give-and-take" play, the Exiles drew first claret. The leather was again taken to the centre and re-started by Costello, and after some splendid play, the home team scored number two. Nothing fresh took place to the whistle called half-time. In the second half the home team scored other two goals. The visitors now playing with great dash, in the last four minutes, secured a goal, thus ending a well-contested game in a victory for the Exiles by four goals to one. The Exiles subsequently entertained the visitors to tea, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Leadgate Exiles v. Catchgate Red Stars 2nd (A).—Played on Saturday, on the ground of the former, in periods of two thirties. For the first few minutes the visitors held their own. The Exiles now putting on pressure, scored number one from a corner. The ball was once more placed in the centre, and re-started by Hanlon, who passed on to the wing to Rafferty, who scored number two. The game after this was very one-sided, and when the whistle blew half-time, the home team had three goals to their credit In the second half the game was of an uninteresting nature, as the Exiles scored goal after goal in rapid succession, and eventually won by nine goals to nil. Teams:—Red Star—E. Dixon, goal; J. Wilson and M. Callicott, backs; W. Lewin, Hunter, and Makepiece, half-backs; J. Graham and B. Fullerton, right wing; Mitchell, centre; J. Humphrey and C. Callicott, left wing. Exiles—P. O'Neale, goal; O. Connor and P. Hughes, backs; T. Kennedy, J. Croney, and J. McCurley, half-backs; J. Rafferty and J. Clare, right wing; Hanlon, centre; J. McNally and J. Bowden, left wing.

Consett Sextons 1st and 2nd v St. Bede's 1st and 2nd, Jarrow (A).—Played on the ground of the former on Monday, in a period of two forties. The day being fine, a large number of spectators witnessed the games. The second team were first on the field to kick off, and both sides played a well-contested game. However, the Sextons proved superior by getting four goals to one. The first team were soon after in their colours on the field. The ball was centred, and the visitors kicked off, and most undoubtedly a splendid contest was witnessed on both sides. For the home team the full-backs rendered good service. The visitors made some splendid shots for the goal, which were fisted out in a very skilful manner by the Sextons goal-keeper, who has done credit to the Sextonian club since it was formed, and is only a junior. When the whistle sounded, the Sextons were again successful by crediting themselves with five goals to one. A very pleasant evening was spent between the two clubs at Mr Conway's, where the visitors were treated to refreshments, in addition to a treat kindly given by Mr Conway, who has on several occasions over-done his duty in a like manner.

Football Competition at The Hobson.—On Saturday afternoon, a football competition under Association Rules was brought off on the ground of the Hobson Wanderers A.F.C. Mrs Cawthorn, Hobson Hotel, generously gave a ball for first prize, and 5s for the second. Eight teams entered with the following result:—First round—Burnopfield 1st beat Dipton 2nd by two goals and one diputed to one goal. Hobson 1st beat Dipton 1st by two goals to one. Burnopfield C.E.T. Rangers 1st beat Burnopfield 2nd by three goals to one. Hobson 2nd a bye, South Moor having scratched. Second round—Burnopfield beat Hobson 2nd by 2 goals to nil. Hobson beat C.E.T. Rangers by one goal to nil. Final—Burnopfield 1st beat Hobson 1st by two goals to one. The final round was well-contested, neither side having much advantage. Burnopfield, playing down-hill in the first half, failed to score, whilst their opponents obtained a goal from a corner. In the second half, after about ten minutes play, Dewyer scored for Burnopfield, and within five minutes later they obtained a corner, and Jolly placing the ball in front of the goal, Henderson did the needful by heading it through. This put Hobson on their mettle, but do all they knew they were unable to break the visitors' defence. Time being called shortly after, Burnopfield were declared victors by two goals to one.

Association Competition at Chester-le-Street.—The annual Good Friday competition for eleven silver medals was played on the ground of the the Chester-le-Street Club in the presence of a large number of spectators. First round—Pelton Fell Harriers beat Chester-le-Street Co-operative Swifts by two goals to nil. Chester-le-Street beat J. Wilson's scratch team, after having played a draw, by two goals to nil. Chester-le-Street Excelsior Juniors a bye. Second round—Chester-le-Street beat Chester-le-Street Excelsior Juniors by two goals to one. Pelton Fell Harriers having had a bye, then played Chester-le-Street in the final tie. Without ever having left the field for an hour and three-quarters, Chester-le-Street took on the Harriers, who had been lucky enough to have an easy game and a bye. A capital game ensued, the forwards on both sides putting in a lot of fast work; both sides, too, maintained a good defence; and when time was called, the score stood one goal each; and two ten minutes were again agreed upon, and play at once resumed. This trial resulted in a draw also, neither side scoring. A further trial of two periods of ten minutes each was ordered and commenced Shortly after the commencement of this third trial, one of the Harriers team left the field played out. Immediately afterwards, Laverick (Chester-le-Street) left also; this was followed by the total collapse of D. Crighton, who had to be assisted off the ground. The Chester-le-Street team was now thoroughly used up, and the Harriers had little difficulty in winning the medals by scoring one goal. The struggle throughout had been a most determined one; and the Chester-le-Street were in actual play two hours and forty minutes. Mr J. Brown discharged the duties of referee for the whole of the games. The medals were afterwards presented to the winners by Mr Wm. Birnie, Dun Cow Inn.

TANFIELD LEA FOOTBALL COMPETITION

This contest came off on Easter Monday, in beautiful weather and before a good company of spectators. Four teams entered for the prizes offered, viz: 1st prize, a grand silver cup, valued 4 guineas; and 2nd prize, a ball, valued 9s 6d. The teams were: Tantobie Black Reds, Crookgate Rovers, Johnstone's Scratch Team, and Red Row Swifts. The draw resulted in the first-named clubs falling together.

Tantobie Black Reds v. Crookgate Rovers.—Played in two thirties, and after a well-contested game, resulted in a draw of two goals each. Owing to some of the Tantobie men being called away to business, they dad to give the game over to Crookgate.

Johnstone's Scratch Team v. Red Row Swifts played next, and resulted in a win for the Scratch team by three goals to none.

Final—Johnstone's Team v. Crookgate Rovers.—These teams kicked off at 5-30, and played two thirties, and after a fast and well-contested game, resulted in a win for the Scratch team by two goals to one.

The scratch team then presented the cup to Mr Ralph Johnstone, who ably promoted the team to fight for it, and so successfully won it. He thanked them very much for the trophy they had won, and hoped that they might some day win the Association Cup, and fetch it into their quarters, that he might have the honour of keeping it for a season.

TOURNAMENT AT SHOTLEY SPA.

Easter Monday.

On Monday afternoon, several thousand spectators assembled at the Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge, where the lessees, Messrs Wilson Bros., provided amongst other attractions a tournament between Rugby and Association football clubs, in commemoration of their jubilee year. The greatest interest was manifested in the game by the crowds assembled, who vociferously applauded the achievements of the terms when the play became fast and exciting. The matches were not concluded till about 7 p.m. Results:—

Consett Rugby v. Gateshead Institute.—Played in two periods of thirty minutes. Gateshead won the toss, and Consett kicked off with the sun blazing in their eyes, but being the heavier team forced the play into the visitors' 25, Anderson and Turnbull getting over their line in quick succession, the kicks at goal failing each time. The first half was well-contested, Consett having the advantage of scoring the first two tries to Gateshead's nil, after some excellent pieces of playing. In the second half the Institute played a much stronger game, and forcing the pace kept the ball going at a good rate. Kidd getting a fair catch Hutchinson placed a goal by a magnificent kick from the centre of the field. Consett kicked off, but the Institute playing with great dash quickly added to their score, Ester by a good run landing the ball over the line. Consett dropped out, but the ball being returned into their "twenty-five" a scrimmage was formed. The ball coming out was received by Crozier, who with a neat dodging run took the ball once more over Consett line. Hutchinson adding the finishing touch. Nothing further was scored, the match ending in a win for the Institute by two goals one try and two minors to two tries. Teams:—Institute—T. Henderson, back; J. Hall, J. N. Kidd, and F. Hutchinson, three-quarter backs; W. Waggott and J. Winter, half-backs; E. Hist—, F. Winter, T. Swallow, R. Tucker, J. Ester, H. Suddes, E. Crozier, F. Carter, and E. Dixon, forwards. Consett—T. Richley, back; T. Jameson (captain), J. McTaggart, and W. Gibson, three-quarter backs; J. Anderson and J. Askew, half-backs; Wm. and W. Fiddes, J. Dent, J. Fiddes, L. McTaggart, W. Scott, W. Turnbull, C. Dibley, and A. Struthers, forwards. Umpires, Messrs C. R. Bamborough (Gateshead), and T. H. Kirkup (Consett). Referee, Mr T. Barrass (Spennymoor).

Medomsley Association v. East End, Newcastle.—This game was played in two periods of 40 minutes each. Five minutes from the commencement Medomsley kicked a goal, and after a similar lapse of time scored another. East End, after running the ball down the field, also scored a goal. After changing ends, East End was the first to obtain a goal, which made the game level. Before the conclusion, however, Medomsley managed to score other two goals, the match thus ending in a win for Medomsley by four goals to two. Teams:—Medomsley—Murphy, goal; Little and Campbell, backs; Taylor, Charlton, and Beadling, half-backs; T. D. Dales (captain), Hunter, Middleton, W. Walton, and G. Walton, forwards. East End—McDougall, goal; Russell and Eden, backs; Wilson, W. Parkins, and Thompson, half-backs; S. Wood, Parr, J. Broughton, S. Rider, and Scott, forwards. Mr J. Cant was umpire for Medomsley, and Mr H. Atkinson for East End. Mr J. Dales (Middlesbrough) was referee.

Easter Tuesday.

Medomsley v. Elswick Leather Works Team (A).—This game resulted in a win for the former by two goals to one. For Medomsley, Middleton scored the first goal, Dales doing great service in getting the ball into the enemy's territory. The whole of the players seemed to greatly enjoy the game, the day, which was rather cold, evidently being a favourable one. The Leather Works' team made a hard fight for it, and were going at it might and main when the whistle blew. A number of the spectators seemed to fancy that if they had had a few more minutes they would have been able to make it a draw. Taking the game right through, however, if the time had been longer it is quite as likely Medomsley would have added another goal to their score, seeing that the ball was in the Newcastle territory up to the calling of time. The following are the teams:—Medomsley team as above. Elswick—Goal, M. Scott; backs, J. Scott and Davison; half-backs, Davis, Dibley, Johnson, Reed, Raine, Wardhaugh, Scott, Greener, Bell, Cochrane, and Mare.

Consett 2nd v Newcastle Rangers 2nd.—From the first it was evident that this game was in favour of the visiting team. Consett made a hard fight for it, but in spite of their endeavours to get the ball into their opponents' territory, they were unable to do so, the ball being in their own quarter throughout the game. Miller played a good game for the visitors, making two or three splendid runs. Score:—Rangers two goals to Consett nil.

Sporting Items.

Dearness Valley.—There was a good company present at these grounds to witness the final heats of Mr Thos. Thompson's £7 10s handicap. Starter, Mr W. Smith; referee, Mr T. Hughes. Results:—T. Halliday, 1; R. Bewley, 2; T. Rutter, 3; R. Luke, 4.

Footrace at Stargate.—A footrace between William Dodds and Robert Harding, both of Stargate, for £5 a-side, took place. Distance, 100 yards. The result was a dead-heat, and the stakes were divided. Robert Ions, Blaydon, was pistol-firer, and J. Ranson, Winlaton, referee.

Consett Grounds.—The final heats of Messrs J. Morgan and J. Ingliss's £6 10s 120 yards foot race handicap were run off at No. 1 Grounds, Consett, on Easter Monday afternoon. Results: Heat 1—F. Roper, Sedgefield, 19½ yds, 1; H. McLean, Dunston, 16, 2; J. Leybourne, Newburn, 20, 3; T. Hanson, Leadgate, 26, 3. Won on the post, after an exciting race. Heat 2—A. Fleming, Dipton, 21½, 1; R. Nevins, Lintz Colliery, 17, 2; J. Taylor, Blackhill, 16½, 3. Won by half a yard. Heat 3—J. Leadbitter, Dipton, 23½, 1; H. McGee, Leadgate, 24½, 2; W. Weaver, Blackhill, 24½, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 4—Jas. Farrage, The Spen, 25, 1; J. Chirsop, Littleburn, 19½, 2; M. Carr, Stanley, 24, 3. Won by half a yard. Final heat—Rogers, 1st, £5; Leadbitter, 2nd, £1; Farrage, 3rd, 10s; Fleming, 4th. Won by a yard; half a yard separating second and third Betting: 6 to 4 on Rogers, 7 to 4 agst Leadbitter, 2 to 1 agst Fleming, and 6 to 1 agst Farrage. J. Morgan was judge; Jos. Dodds, handicapper, and N. Lamb, pistol-firer.

Wrestling Fete in Weardale.—The *fête* of the Weardale Athletic Club took place on Good Friday and Saturday at Wearhead, in a pasture kindly lent by Mr J. Peart, and was a huge success throughout. Great interest was manifested in the *début* of the local members when pitted against the cracks, a powerful contingent of whom journeyed thither. Handsomely did the local athletes come out of the ordeal, maintaining the traditional prestige of their sires, not a prize leaving the valley. The only wrestler who could make the semblance of a stand against the young dalesmen was the champion 9-stone man, Tom Barron, Newcastle, who tried "all he knew," in brilliant fashion, to avert defeat, which he sustained in the 9½-stone contest from little Nick Peart, and Tom Harrison in the 10½-stone competition in the first round. Little Jacky Williams credited Wolsingham with the 8½-stone prize on sufferance—as the committee "passed him at the scales"—in recognition of his pluck in the heavier contest. The three premier winners come of a famous wrestling stock—Jem Pattinson, Harry Bell, and John Peart—names which are familiar in the records of the "hip and heel," which may also be applied to the genial veteran umpire, Jack Nattrass, host of the Miners' Arms, St. John's, who, with the aid of Ritchy, Rowell, and Nick Harrison, discharged ably their difficult task. The arrangements lacked nothing in the hands of the secretaries, Messrs Wm. Pattinson and R. Rayne. Results:—

9½-Stone Men.—1st, Jem Pattinson, Low Rigg; 2nd, Ralph Lonsdale, Sidehead; 3rd, Nicholas Peart Lynn Head; 4th, John Peart, Lynn Head.

10½-Stone Men.—1st, John Peart, Moss; 2nd, Tom Harrison, Sidling; 3rd, Joseph Wearmouth, Stanhope; 4th, Emmerson Rowell, Burnhope.

Men of all Weights.—1st, Harry Bell, Allers; 2nd, John Peart, Moss; 3rd, William Wearmouth, Wearhead; 4th, William Wilkinson, St. John's.

8½-Stone Men.—1st, Jacky Williams, Wolsingham; 2nd, Jem Greggs, Weardale; 3rd, Jesse Dalton, Weardale.

Handicap Footrace.—1st, John Dalkin, Westgate; 2nd, Jacky Williams, Wolsingham.

The competition for the Athletic Club's Silver Cup for 10½-stone men took place at Wearhead on Monday, a large company being present. E. Rowell, a rapidly-improving wrestler, scored his third win from Wm. Thompson, who, like the winner, hails from Burnhope, and as both are not matured, the performance is an excellent one. Rowell, like Willie Bell, has only to win again to become owner of the trophy.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD EASTER SPORTS.

The annual subscription sports were held on Easter Monday, in a field near the village, and the weather being delightfully fine, there was a large attendance of spectators. Some good prizes were offered, an award being presented to each competitor. Rev W. M. Wykes (curate of Winlaton) acted as starter, Messrs H. Hood and E. A. Gair handicappers, and Mr R. Snowdon referee for wrestling. Results:—

70 Yards Handicap (Boys).—Heat 1—J. Stobbs, scratch, 1; M. Pull, 7, 2; J. Gardner, 5, 3. Heat 2—W. Brown, scratch, 1; W. Graham, 5, 2; T. W. Lowe, 7, 3. Heat 3—J. Walton, 5, 1; A. Laws, 6, 2; J. Gibson, scratch, 3. Heat 4—W. Pull, 3, 1; G. Crook, 2, 2; T. Newton, scratch, 3. Heat 5—J. Walker, scratch, 1; T. Tilley, 6, 2; J. Teasdale, 7, 3. Heat 6—D. Rust, scratch, 1; J. Joicey, scratch, 2; A. Carter, 3, 3. Heat 7—J. Laws, scratch, 1; R. Gardner, scratch, 2; G. H. Nixon, 5, 3. Heat 8—W. Howie, 14, 1; J. Howie, scratch, 2; J. Brown, 3, 3. Heat 9—T. Minks, 7, 1; R. Gibson, scratch, 2; J. Newton, scratch, 3. Heat 10—W. Stobbs, scratch, 1; T. Farrie, 3, 2; T. Simpson, 2, 3.

Second round: Heat 1—J. Stobbs, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Walton, 3. Heat 2—D. Rust, 1; J. Walker, 2; W. Pull, 3. Heat 3—J. Laws, 1; T. Minks, 2; W. Stobbs, 3. Heat 4—W. Howie, a bye.

Final—J. Laws, 1, inkstand; W. Howie, 2, pin; D. Rust, 3, pin. 30 ran.

70 Yards Handicap (Girls).—Heat 1—A. Nixon, 1; E. Clasper, 2; P. Robinson, 3. Heat 2—Edith Stobbs, 1; E. Parker, 2; A. Barker, 3. Heat 3—A. Stobbs, 1; E. Maddison, 2; L. Joice, 3. Heat 4—A. Gibson, 1; I. Clasper, 2; M. Clasper, 3. Heat 5—A. Wainwright, 1; L. Howdon, 2; I. Brown, 3.

Final—A. Gibson, 1, bracelets; E. Stobbs, 2, ladies' bag; A. Stobbs, 3, brooch; A. Wainwright, 0. 15 ran.

100 Yards Handicap (Men).—Heat 1—J. Knotts, 2, 1; B. Hunter, 2, 2; R. Abbott, scratch, 3. Heat 2—J. Brown, 7, 1; B. Walker, 7, 2; T. Whitfield, scratch, 3. Heat 3—H. Nevins, scratch, 1; E. Liddle, scratch, 2. Heat 4—C. Graham, 5, 1; E. Parker, 3, 2; W. Laws, scratch, 3. Heat 5—Thos. Joicey, scratch, 1; J. Campbell, 7, 2; J. Ridley, 5, 3. Heat 6—W. Snowdon, 5, 1; J. Laythen, 8, 2; E. A. Farrie, scratch, 3. Heat 7—W. Howdon, 9, 1; J. Deacon, 5, 2; P. Newton, scratch, 3. Heat 8—H. Walton, a bye.

Second round: Heat 1—J. Brown, 1; J. Knotts, 2; H. Nevins, 3. Heat 2—T. Joicey, 1; C. Graham, 2; W. Snowdon, 3. Heat 3—W. Howdon, 1; H. Walton, 2.

Final—After a little finessing for advantage, the men got well away together, Joicey and Brown struggling all the way got a little the best of Howdon, who ran exceedingly game for a little one. Result: Joicey came in by a foot, and Noddler a foot in front of the Low Spen Chicken (Howdon). 21 ran.

70 Yards Race for Married Ladies.—This race caused a deal of pleasant excitement amongst the females present, and on the competitors putting in an appearance they received quite an enthusiastic ovation. The race resulted in a good struggle: Mrs Veal, 1st; Mrs Barker, 2nd; Mrs Graham, 3rd. 3 ran. Mr J. Tucker was judge.

Skipping Competition for Girls (most turns in two minutes).—L. Howdon, 291 turns, 1st, lace-edged apron; A. Wainwright, 279, 2nd, do.; L. Snowdon, 269, 3rd, trimmed apron; E. J. Ford, 5th; I. Clasper, 6th; E. Douse, 7th; L. Ridley, 8th; A. M. Nalton, 9th; A. Tones, 10th; A. Stobbs, 11th; L. Joice, 12th.

Wrestling Competition (all weights).—First round—S. Knotts threw P. Newton; B. Walker threw H. Nevins; E. Farrie threw B. McNalton; T. Tweddle threw J. Teasdale; C. Graham threw W. Brown; H. Walton threw P. Campbell; Robt. Abbott threw D. Spence.

Second round—Knotts threw Walker; Tweddle threw Farrie; Walton threw Graham; Abbott odd man.

Third round—Walton threw Abbott; Tweddle threw Knotts.

Final—Tweddle threw Walton twice, and won.

15 Minutes' Go-as-you-please.—R. Abbott, 1; J. Knotts, 2; M. Laythen, 3. 8 ran.

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PRESENTATIONS AT CONSETT.

TESTIMONIAL TO FATHER McGARRITY.

On Tuesday evening, a large audience assembled in the St. Patrick's School-room at Consett to witness the presentation of a superb and elegant illuminated address, together with a purse of gold, containing between £40 and £50, to the Rev E. McGarrity, who has for the past eighteen months being acting as assistant priest, in conjunction with Rev Father Power at St. Mary's Church, Blackhill The chair was occupied by Rev D. Power, who was supported on the platform by Rev J. Foran (successor to the late Rev Thomas Smith), Messrs M. Cassidy (Walker), T. Dunne, E. Sloane, J. D[illegible]ley, J. Rocks, P. Coyle, M. Quigley, P. Tumilty, and other leading members of the Roman Catholic body in the district.

The CHAIRMAN, who was accorded a hearty welcome, expressed a hope that his opening remarks would not fill his auditors with dismay. He regarded his position that evening as sinecure, and therefore would not inflict upon them a very long speech. Even if he were disposed to perform this task, he would refrain because he had before him a very formidable programme. If he were to speak as occasion suggested it would take them till the still hours of the morning to get through. They possessed in connection with their Church an excellent organ mistress, as well as a thoroughly efficient choir, and they would contribute more to their harmony and pleasure than he could. The main object to be looked at that evening was the purpose they were assembled for, and judging from the articles placed upon the table, they wished to show their generosity and love to a priest whom one and all desired to honour, therefore no one must come between themselves and Father McGarrity on that occasion. The writer whose graceful pen instructed the readers of the *Consett Guardian* stated last week in his notes that the Mission Church at Blackhill was a standing memorial of the working men, and he (the rev. chairman) thought the writer would have cause to say, when he heard of this testimonial, that they had not yet exhausted the spirit which had made St. Mary's Church a tribute of love and gratitude. (Applause.) Taking into consideration the severe depression in trade, he considered that a good round sum of money had been gathered on behalf of Father McGarrity. It is not for the intrinsic merit of the gifts that he would value and esteem them, but the generous and kindly spirit in which they were given. If he entered further into the matter, he would trench upon ground over which other speakers had to travel. If he were a stranger at Blackhill and Consett, instead of that being nearly the fourth anniversary of his advent, he would be glad to be at such a gathering as that. It was a pleasant sight to see the good feeling existing between priest and people, as they stood side by side in their native land. Here their lot was not cast in such troublesome waters; but it was grateful to observe that the same spirit prevailed here as in their disturbed country. The relations between himself and Father McGarrity since his coming to that district had been of a harmonious and agreeable nature. For seventeen months they had worked shoulder to shoulder, having borne their perils and shared their sorrows and joys together. (Applause.) For this reason he was doubly glad to be present at such a gathering as that. He would say nothing further concerning Father McGarrity, as they all knew as well as he did of the excellent qualities of his late respected colleague. (Applause.)

Mr J. Sloane sang "Father McGarrity," being an adaptation of the popular Irish song "Father O'Flyn," with great taste.

Mr P. TUMILTY was called upon to read the address, which was surmounted by a photograph of St. Mary's Church, and encased in a handsome gilt frame. The address, which is beautifully illuminated, and is really a work of art, was designed at the studio of Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, of Grey Street, Newcastle. It was as follows:—

"PRESENTED TO THE REV E. McGARRITY.

Reverend and Dear Father in Jesus Christ,—We, the congregation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Blackhill, desire to express to you the respect and love we bear you, and the sorrow with which we view your departure from amongst us.

During the two short years you have been in the parish we have marked the zeal and prudence with which you have performed your sacred duties, your unremitting attention to the sick, and the uniform kindness and sympathy you have shown to us all; to you, no doubt, in spite of our shortcomings, this has been a labour of love, for working for souls must ever be such to a good priest; to us we assure you it has been a great source of edification, and now since we must part, may God grant you a long and useful career, amid the love and reverence of those for whom you labour; may He grant you every blessing and happiness in this world, and the reward of a well-spent life in the world to come.

We hope you will accept this purse of gold as a small token of our devoted and sincere attachment to you, our beloved Father, together with what will be more prized by you—the loving hearts of those who will ever remember and pray for you.

Trusting that you will sometimes remember us in your prayers and at the Holy Altar.—We remain, reverend and dear Father, your faithful children in Jesus Christ.

"THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

"April 12th, 1887."

(Prolonged applause.)

Rev J. FORAN, who was greeted with rounds of deafening applause, stated that it afforded him great pleasure indeed to make the presentation, though he would rather that the onus of doing so had been thrown upon someone else. Although an old man, he was a novice at the work. That was the first time in his life that he had been called upon to make a presentation—in fact, it was the first occasion he had witnessed a presentation made to another. He was going to say that that was his first appearance at a presentation, but he called to mind the fact that a presentation was once made to himself, but he was so confused, so shy (laughter), and so backward, that he forgot all about it. (Laughter.) He only remembered the presents stuck before him, a paper was read out, and a purse of money handed to him. He had the paper still, but the purse had been gone a long time—(laughter)—or rather, the purse was not gone, but the money was. (Roars of laughter.) He was pleased to present these testimonials to Father McGarrity, and glad to hear that during his time at the mission he had deserved the praise and the goodwill of the flock, being the first he supposed the rev. gentleman had anything to do with. He felt sure that Father McGarrity, at the end of his career, would earn the same praise from any congregation he might be connected with. (Applause.) The purse was pretty heavy (laughter); he did not know what it might contain, but he was convinced it was something good. (More laughter.) He did not know whether he was capable of giving any advice to Father McGarrity. He had doubtless seen the pleasant side of the picture; and if he (the speaker) judged from his own experience—which had not always been of pleasure and profit—after he had seen some 20 or 30 years of the mission, he would have a different experience. Father McGarrity was a young priest, and if he lived he would have to do a lot of running about. An old Irish priest going to Newcastle, on one occasion told him, after enquiring how long he had been at the mission, that he was only in the middle of his hardships. However, as regards himself, all this was past and gone, and he had come out of his difficulties fat and fair. (Loud laughter.) He trusted that Father McGarrity would not meet the hardships which the priests of the English missions experienced 20 or 30 years ago; and he hoped 30 years hence, the rev. gentleman would be as fat and fair as he was. (Laughter.) They might grumble at the labours as they liked; but there was no period in his life that he looked back to with so much pleasure as when he was suffering most. He counselled Father McGarrity, when he felt most annoyed, to have patience. He need not break his heart about troubles; they would pass over. He must do his best towards the people; and whenever it is consistent with his duty keep the people on his hands. He would also advise him to make friends with the old women. (Laughter and applause.) That had been his salvation. (Renewed laughter). If he had old men or young men, girls or young women arrayed against him, he did not care so long as he had the blessings of the old women. (Roars of laughter.) When he was leaving St. Andrew's, Newcastle, 15 or 16 years ago, he got the blessings of the old women in Sandgate. (Great laughter.) And very old women they were too, (Laughter.) When he left Walker about a dozen years ago, he received the blessings of the old women there. (Renewed laughter.) There might be one or two exceptions—they might meet a few cross-grained old women who were bad to suit. (Much laughter.) He tried all his life to please one bed-ridden old woman, but he failed. She scolded him if he spoke too loud, and said she was not deaf; and if he talked softly, she told him to speak up as she could not hear. (Laughter.) He trusted that Father McGarrity was prepared to meet all these eventualities, and that is after 30 or 40 years of mission life would be spared prosperous, and that the blessing of God's Word rest upon all he had to deal with. (Continued applause.)

A number of male and female members of the choir favoured with "Hail! smiling morn."

Father MAGARRITY, whose rising was the signal for a spontaneous outburst of cheering, again and again renewed, then acknowledged the receipt of the testimonial, and he exhibited visible signs of emotion. He said:—Rev Chairman, Rev Father Foran, and the dearly beloved people of St. Mary's, Blackhill and Consett,—The tokens of love and affection which you have conferred upon me so kindly and undeservedly, so completely overpowers me that I fear the real sentiments of my heart must be hidden from you. I feel it will be impossible for me to express to you the thoughts which occupy my mind. I would prefer to remain silent, for silence is often more expressive than words, and if it were as such, it were so on this occasion. If it is customary, however, to express thanks for kindnesses received, I must not be an exception to the general rule. For the kind and flattering words of Father Power, I have special reason to feel grateful. It was always my pleasure to perform honourable duties to those immediately placed under my care, as well as to obey the priest who was set above me. Father Power has kindly acknowledged those services, during the time I was with him; and your attendance, my dear, good people, here to-night, clearly proves that you acknowledge my humble duties towards you as your priest whilst I was in your midst. (Hear.) I have often asked myself the question—What have I done or why do I deserve to receive such gratitude or kindness from you? I must confess I am unable to answer that question. However, this purse of gold and this handsomely engraved address I shall value most dearly, although I have never deserved nor even anticipated any such recognition at your hands. I thank you most sincerely for these precious gifts, especially this beautiful illuminated address, which I shall prize more than gold and silver, because it expresses the sentiments of the pure, warm-hearted Catholics of Consett and Blackhill. (Applause.) I now thank you from my heart, and believe me, the gift is a gratuitous one, therefore I shall appreciate it more than if given for services rendered. Whilst I was amongst you I only did my duty as a priest—nothing more. I know from experience that when I was called away, you were deeply grieved, and I may tell you from my very heart I keenly felt the separation. Although I shall not be with you in person, I shall always be with you in spirit, and even if I should be inclined to forget you, my dear friends, this magnificent address will assuredly make me remember you in my prayers. (Applause.) I recollect well the very day when I first came into you midst—one would naturally expect to be met with joyous and smiling faces. But no; God willed it otherwise. Your much-lamented and esteemed priest Father Smith was gradually sinking; and how dear you did love him! Every hour reminded us that his end was approaching nearer, and that beautiful clock placed by him in the stately tower of St. Mary's, as it struck the hours, half-hours, and quarters, sadly told us that his end was drawing to a close. I will never forget the numbers who came during his sickness to enquire about the condition of his health, and if you could not get only one last look, one short glance, at those silvery locks, those loving eyes, those beautiful features, you went away almost broken-hearted. You offered fervent prayer to God that he would spare your beloved priest a little longer. But no! Almighty God, to Whose Eternal Will we must bow, with earthly submission and recognition, thought fit to take him from this world of sorrow and trial to himself. Alas! the sad day came, and on that memorable Tuesday morning—I will never, never forget—I was just celebrating the High Sacrifice in the Church—when the sad tidings came to us, from one of the Sisters, that your good priest was dying. I hurried to the bedside. Father Power was in great distress. We knelt down to recite the last prayers for the departed soul, and I feel confident that his pure soul needed not these prayers. Ere we had half finished, his soul entered the Creator's Hands. During prayers, I will never forget that crowd standing near the window offering up sincere prayers that God would receive his soul, and that blessings would flow from the Most High. After his life was hushed in death, your sorrow knew no bounds, and now the remains of the priest who loved and cared for you, and whose loss you so deeply mourned, now lies still in the cold obscurity of the grave. I cannot find words to express how dearly you loved and how you lamented your good and faithful priest, Father Smith. It seemed to me at the time—although only a young man coming out of college—and the impression will never leave my memory—that you had lost your all—that you were all orphans, and I tell you that I considered myself an orphan amongst the many. Yes! well might you consider yourselves orphans, for was he not your head and chief? In the midst of your sorrow and desolation, did you not seek his comfort and consolation? Yes; still you have one more consolation. You have now got your good parish priest, and I may say without flattery that he is an apostolic head—a second Father Smith. (Applause.) I am sure you will come to love your good pastor and parish priest, Father Foran, as well as you did Father Smith. (More applause.) Go where you will, you will not find such another faithful and true apostle of the Lord; a priest who has laboured earnestly at home, has spent eleven years as a missionary in the Falkland Isles, and who would even sacrifice his life, if necessary, for the cause of his Master. (Applause.) I sincerely thank Father Foran for his good advice and kind words, and am deeply grateful to the other warm friends who have spoken so well of me to-night; but the praise was quite undeserved. My best prayer is that God will spare Father Foran long to live in your midst, to guide the helm of St. Mary's at Consett and Blackhill. (Continued cheering.)

The glee, "Oh joy unbounded," was at this juncture rendered by the choir.

Mr T. DUNNE proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Father Foran from the members of the congregation, for the services rendered in making the presentation to Father McGarrity. Their parish priest, he remarked, had fulfilled his task that night satisfactorily to all concerned. He felt deeply when the name of Father Smith was mentioned, but doubtless he was rejoicing in the realms above, and was probably looking down upon their gathering that night. Father Smith had been cut off in the prime of life, and they deeply experienced his loss; but they ought to feel thankful to God for having sent them such a good priest as Father Foran, and he trusted he would follow in the footsteps of their late beloved pastor. (Applause.) He trusted they would do their duty as faithful children towards Father Foran, who having performed his work in the vineyard of the Lord, had, like the eagle, returned home to rest. He felt convinced they would welcome Father Foran in real old Irish fashion. The same relations which had existed in the past between the priest and the people would certainly continue in the future, and he could assure Father Foran that there would be no dissensions amongst the flock in that parish. He wished Father Foran long life, happiness, and prosperity as their beloved priest. (Loud applause.)

Mr CASSIDY briefly seconded the proposition, which was carried by enthusiastic acclamations.

The choir now favoured with the glee, "Gaily through the woodlands."

Father FORAN, in acknowledging the compliment, observed that he might have worked hard during his lifetime, both in England and abroad as a missionary, but he had never taken such an exalted idea of his labours as the preceding speakers. He did not think the duties devolving upon him that night were so arduous as to entitle him to their thanks. The late Father Smith and himself were fast friends, having worked together as curates at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, many years ago. Father Smith was removed to an easier mission; but he was left behind. He supposed that, being an Irishman, he was able to do hard work. (Laughter.) He once visited their lamented pastor at Blackhill. Just before he departed from Walker to go to the Falkland Islands, Father Smith wrote to him that he could not understand why he was leaving, because everybody said "There's nae place like Waaker." (Loud laughter.) Whilst in the Falkland Islands they heard very little news, but he happened to pick up a batch of English newspapers, and he received therefrom the first intimation of Father Smith's demise, but he had not the slightest conception then that he would be eventually selected as his successor, as he remained in the Falkland Isles for a considerable period afterwards. With regard to the congregation of St. Mary's, he had nothing to say as yet. He was glad to hear that hitherto, perfect harmony and peace had reigned between the priest and the people; as good Christians and practical Catholics always should be united. (Applause.) The bells, the tower, and the other appendages and appointments of the church spoke more for the congregation than the voices of 10,000 people. (Applause.) At present he knew little about the flock, and he had a good, strong curate who was both able and willing to work (laughter), and he would let him keep at it. (Laughter.) Whenever his services were wanted, however, he would endeavour to do his share. (Applause.) He trusted, in the course of years, the bond of friendship between himself and his congregation would be more firmly cemented than it was at present. (Loud applause.)

Mr E. SLOANE proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Father Power for so admirably filling the chair. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the various excellent qualities of Father Power, and affirmed that he was respected and beloved not only by his own flock, but by the community at large. (Applause.) Father McGarrity had also, during his ministrations, closely endeared himself to the hearts of the people, and they were determined to present him with a testimonial. Considering the hard times, he thought that a nice little sum had been realised. (Applause.)

The proposition was seconded, in a rather humorous speech, by Mr JAS. ROCKS, and carried with unanimity.

The choir now rendered "All among the barley."

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, stated that a hope had been expressed that he might long remain amongst them. If God so willed, he cordially emphasised that idea. (Applause.) As this was the first occasion that he had met them in public, outside the Church, he embraced that opportunity of returning his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of the congregation for the cordial manner in which they had co-operated with him during the period he nominally had charge of the mission. He also thanked them for the many benefits conferred upon him, and the favours he had received from them during the four years he had laboured in their midst. (Applause.) He had always found the people ready and willing to respond to his call. (Applause.)

The enjoyable and enthusiastic proceedings were brought to a close by the choir and audience joining in singing "God save the Pope." The musical pieces formed a pleasant interlude to the speeches. Miss Sloane played the accompaniments upon the harmonium.

We may remark that Father McGarrity has been transferred to The Brooms, Leadgate, where he is officiating during the absence of Canon Kearney, who is indisposed.

Trade Notes.

EXODUS OF WORKMEN FROM CONSETT.—Great excitement prevailed at Consett and Blackhill, on Tuesday morning, when an exceedingly large batch of emigrants departed for the United States. About thirty people left by the early trains for Newcastle and Durham, between fifteen and twenty being blast-furnacemen at the Consett Iron Works, along with their wives and families. A crowd of several hundred people collected about the precincts of the Railway Station to witness their departure. A batch of emigrants went away on Monday morning, and another lot left on Wednesday morning. In fact, there has been a constant exodus of residents from this locality for several weeks past, the present state of the iron trade making work somewhat scarce, and the district has become over-populated.

OPENING OF A BARYTA MINE AT BLANCHLAND.

There is a probability of an important baryta mining industry being carried on in the Blanchland locality shortly. It is over 40 years since baryta was worked in that part of the country, and then only on a limited scale, by the late Robert Smith, of Spring House, who was a speculative man in mining enterprise, and whose exertions were to a considerable extent successful. Mr Smith's baryta workings were situated on the same grounds as those now under notice, about a couple of miles northward of the village of Blanchland, on the edge of the moor adjoining the Penny Pie Farm, and within easy access of the main turnpike road. The late proprietor had apparently been at very little expense in procuring the baryta, not having resorted to either sinking or drifting, but simply obtained it at a small depth from the surface. Yet in this way a wonderful quantity of the mineral was raised, as it is borne in mind by a resident farmer in this part that he carted to Corbridge Station nearly one hundred tons of the baryta that Mr Smith had sold. For what reason the working was abandoned does not appear, but from then to the present time it has been in abeyance. Part specimens of the baryta, however, still remained on the surface of the ground, indicative of the existence of the mineral being lodged in the bowels of the earth, and the exposure of which is undoubtedly attributable to the present discovery. After an examination of the ground by Messrs F. Coulson, of Western Hill, Durham, and Robert Simpson, of Blanchland (late of Hedley-on-the-Hill), they communicated with Colonel Rowlandson, of Durham, the agent to Lord Crewe's trustees, to whom the royalties belong, and a lease on very favourable terms was granted them. Sinking operations are now proceeding, and in the descent they have already met with a thick carbonate vein running east and west, of genuine quality, samples of which have been examined by the leading chemists in Newcastle, and pronounced to be of the most valuable kind of baryta. A company is in course of formation, and as there is a great demand for the mineral at present, the mine will be vigorously worked, there being every appearance of it being a permanent mine for many successive generations, and yielding a large amount of employment, the want of which has been severely felt since the cessation of the Derwent coal mines a few years ago.

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

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke, "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicate to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d., of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road, London.

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"HOW TO WRITE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

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

Eastertide Festivities.

PERFORMANCE OF AN ORATORIO AT CONSETT.

This sacred oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers," was given in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, on Good Friday evening, by the choir, assisted by a few friends in the society. There was a large attendance. The piece is composed by John Farmer, organist and music-master to Harrow School, and was very suitable for this period of the year. The object of this oratorio may be explained in a few words. The hymns are nearly all well-known favourites, frequently sung in chapels and in private—though to other music. It has been sought to arrange the selections so as to bring before the mind and the heart two distinct but yet kindred pictures: first, the life of the Saviour, and second, the life of His soldiers and servants. The first picture, preluded by the Advent, is composed of scenes from the Birth to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and ends with the promise of the Comforter and the Ascension. The second picture depicts the young Christian, first, "awaking out of sleep" at the "thrilling voice" of the Advent summons, and then, after being enlisted in Christ's service, and "signed with the sign of the Cross," passing on "through peril, toil, and pain," and made, like his Master, perfect through sufferings, till at last, more than conqueror, he joins the "great multitude that no man can number," in giving thanks to the Captain who has led them to victory.

After singing a hymn and prayer, Part I. ("The life of Christ") was opened by a solo and chorus, "Hark! the glad sound," by Miss Carr (soprano) and the choir, which was enthusiastically given, the solo part being well rendered. This was followed by a carol, "In the fields with their flocks abiding.' This piece was executed in splendid style by the choir, the trebles and altos taking a leading part. The chorus, "O, come, all ye faithful," also by the choir, was well received. The solo, "And did the sons of God appear," by Mr E. Hobday (bass), elicited the plaudits of the audience. The chorus, "Ride on, ride on in majesty," deserved the applause which the choir received, and was very nicely rendered. A chorale, "And the people stood beholding," by the choir, gave every satisfaction, and the chorus, "Cleft are the rocks," was also rendered with equal success, and was much applauded. Next came a solo by Mr Thos. Allison (tenor), "When I survey the wond'rous cross." This singer acquitted himself very well, considering the difficult piece he had to perform. The pitch was a very high one, and the vocalist was suffering from a cold. Miss Fawell (alto) rendered "By Jesus' grave" in excellent style, and received the approbation of those present. The solo and chorus, "Jesus Christ is risen to-day," by Miss Weaver (soprano) and the choir, was given with great taste and precision. Miss Watson (soprano) next appeared with a solo "Our blest Redeemer," which was executed, on the whole, very neatly. A chorale, "The Lord ascendeth up on high," by the choir, brought the first part to a close. Part II. ("The life of the Christian") opened with a recitative chorus, "Be thou faithful unto death" (tenors and basses), followed by an "Introductory march" (instrumental) on the organ, by Mr C. Stelling. This gentleman, to whom too much praise cannot be bestowed, showed his combined taste and skill in this piece, which was very sweetly given. The solo and chorus, "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding," by Miss Weaver and the choir, was rendered to the utmost advantage, but the solo singer showed a little precipitance, which could easily be amended in future. The solo and chorus, "In token that thou shall not fear," by Mr Hobday and choir, was given to the satisfaction of all. Another solo, "The son of God," by Mr Stelling, was excellently sung. This singer's voice was heard to advantage. The solo and chorus, "Oft in danger," by Mr H. Davison and choir, was given remarkably well, and merited the applause received. Mr Siddle (bass) and choir gave another solo and chorus, "When our heads," exceedingly well. The solo singer also deserves praise for the able manner in which he executed his part. The piece of the evening was the solo by Miss Harwood (contralto), "Rock of ages," for which she received a hearty *encore*. The singing of this lady is worthy of mention. A quartette, "Jesus died," by Misses K. Fawell and Lennox, and Messrs Allison and Moir, was rendered very well. The choruses, "Jesus lives" and "Who are these?" and the chorale, "Lo, round the Throne," by the choir, brought the second part to a close. The performance of the choir, upon the whole, was of a high class, and bespeaks them a high state of efficiency. This was one of the best oratorios ever given in the district and performed by a local choir, and reflects the greatest credit upon those who took part, also on Mr M. Fawell (conductor) and Mr Stelling (organist). The company dispersed after a vote of thanks and the signing of the doxology.

HIGHGATE BAPTIST CHAPEL.

In accordance with the custom of former years, the members of the Baptist Society worshipping at the neat and beautiful structure at Highgate, Blackhill, commemorated the anniversary of their Sunday-school at Eastertide. The ceremony was inaugurated on Good Friday, when an excellent tea was provided in the school-room abutting the chapel, the spread being partaken of by a large number of persons. There were four tables, which were gracefully presided over by Miss Egglestone, Miss Kate Watson, Miss Is. McLean, Miss Little, Misses Meggie and Emma Turner, Miss Margt. Lancaster, and Miss Cooper. There were several "sittings down," and the operation of "feasting the inner man"— doubtless one of the pleasantest part of the proceedings—occupied the best portion of the afternoon. At night, a public meeting took place in the chapel, the edifice being crowded to excess. The scholars were, as usual, stationed on an elevated platform, and attired in all the gaiety of elegant spring costumes, presented a charming appearance. The chairman was Mr A. E. Turner, who, for some time past, has ably discharged the onerous duties of superintendent of the Sabbath school. In the course of his opening remarks, the Chairman gave statistics showing the progress made in the school during the past year, and was thankful to say that their efforts had been blessed with success. He also announced the gratifying fact that they had a good balance in hand to commence another year with.—He was followed by Mr J. W. Golightly, of Rowley, a young man of great ability, who delivered a telling address.—The next speaker was Rev T. Durant, Baptist minister, Consett, whose remarks at the outset were of a somewhat personal nature, but before concluding he dealt with various topics connected with Sunday-school work and teaching.—Mr J. Edwards, a deacon, also contributed some practical but withal humorous observations.—The last speaker was the esteemed and popular pastor (Rev E. W. Jenkins), who gave an excellent oration, bearing chiefly upon the progress made in the church and school during the twelve months elapsed.—The proceedings were interspersed with a selection of melodies, anniversary hymns, dialogues, and recitations, by the school children and the choir, the whole being conducted by Mr Thos. Ridley, while Mr J. C. Thompson officiated at the harmonium.—A collection having been taken, an enjoyable meeting terminated.

The anniversary was continued on Easter Sunday, Rev R. Herries, of North Shields, conducting the services. In the morning, the rev. gentleman proffered some words of counsel to the teachers of the school; in the afternoon, he gave a special address to the scholars and their parents; and in the evening his remarks were confined to the young men—how they should conduct themselves through life, and how they were to be transferred from the school to the church. Large congregations were present at all the services—particularly at night, when the doors communicating with the school had to be thrown open, and a great number of people had to be provided with accommodation therein. The scholars again favoured with a number of hymns, recitations, &c. A dialogue by six females, entitled "The Resurrection of our Lord," being especially appropriate. The anniversary throughout was an overwhelming success, the proceeds realised in aid of the school funds being quite equal to previous years.—On Tuesday night, the choir had their annual supper. The choir and a few select friends did ample justice to the good things provided. After supper, several hearty and enjoyable but strictly moral games were indulged in, to the full satisfaction of all, and at 11 o'clock the leader called up his band, the doxology was sung, and all retired to their homes fully satisfied, and having spent a most pleasant evening.

CONCERT AT TANFIELD.

On Easter Monday, a very enjoyable concert took place in the school-room The artistes were Miss Lydia Sharpe (soprano), Miss Cissy Richey (contralto), and several gentlemen, members of St. Anne's choir, Newcastle. The room was moderately filled with a discriminating and appreciative audience Part I. commenced with a trio, "To all you ladies now on land," by members of St. Anne's Choir. The second item introduced Miss Lydia Sharpe, who was thoroughly at home in her song, "Golden love," and displayed a clear, pleasing voice of good compass. Sullivan's "Lost chord," by Mr G. Charlton, was followed by "Kathleen Mavourneen," which was fairly well sung by Miss Cissy Richey, who appeared rather nervous. After Hatton's "Letter" had been given by the choir, Mr T. Ritchie evoked the first *encore* by his singing of "This is my dream." The ice having been broken, *encores* followed in quick succession—a duet by two ladies and "The bugler" by Mr J. M. Ferrall being both redemanded. Mr G. Forster, too, in his comic song was extremely happy, and was obliged to sing again another verse. The second part was opened by a quartette, "As the moments roll." "Alone on the raft" proved to be a good song, and was well sung by Mr T. Ritchie. In "For ever and for ever" Miss Cissy Richey seemed to have got over her nervousness, and sung with good effect. "The old brigade," sung by Mr J. M. Ferrall, as usual, proved a favourite, and was *encored*. The item was a pianoforte solo by Mr W. H. Todd, who, with a light crisp touch and good execution, played a selection from Balfe's "Bohemian girl." Miss Lydia Sharpe followed with her second song. "The last watch," by Mr G. Charlton, a comic by Mr G. Forster, and a trio, "Ye shepherds tell me," by the members of St. Anne's Choir, brought the end of the second part. The vicar (Rev T. H. Archdall) here proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly come out from Newcastle to give that concert, and it was carried by acclamation. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to an end.

EASTERTIDE AT TOW LAW.—The weather on Easter Monday was a great improvement on that of Good Friday, and as all the collieries, &c., were off work, large numbers of holiday-makers were moving about. The annual Easter Monday tea of Tow Law Primitive Methodists was held in the chapel in the afternoon, and at night a capital concert was given.—A tea meeting, concert, &c., was also held in the Catholic school-room, and was largely attended.

WEARDALE.—Easter in the dales resembles Christmas this year. The hills are clad with snow. North-east winds prevail. General holiday prevailed, however. The customary lovefeasts were held in the chapels. In another place, the wrestling tournament at Wearhead was in progress when our parcel left. There was a visible falling-off in the number of pleasure seekers from the towns. Snow falling at intervals marred the annual Sabbath-school *fete* of the Primitive Methodists at Lanehead. The weather, though cold, was very fine on Easter Monday, and numerous visitors have been airing amongst the hills and enjoying in piscatory pastimes in the streams. The customary observance of holiday religious services have prevailed, chief among the latter being the Sabbath School Associations at Wearhead and Lanehead.

GOOD FRIDAY AT TOW LAW.—The day was observed as a general holiday in this district. In the morning a service was held in the parish church of St. Philip and St. James. The annual tea of the Presbyterians took place in the church in the afternoon, and at night a well-attended public meeting was held in the same place, presided over by the pastor, Rev H. P. Slade. Addresses were given by Rev W. B. Cooper, of Aberdeen, and others, and the choir rendered a selection of pieces during the evening.

WOLSINGHAM.—On Good Friday afternoon the Rev Peter MacKenzie preached to a crowded congregation in the Wesleyan Chapel, Wolsingham. The sermon, which was given in the rev. gentleman's well-known and highly-popular style, was based on Revelations v, 9—10. In the evening, Mr MacKenzie lectured on "John Bunyan and his pilgrims."

CROOK.—On Good Friday afternoon, Mrs Parr, Manchester, preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel an anniversary sermon. Rev T. Parr also delivered a lecture in the chapel in the evening, entitled "A Queen in the house," interspersed with solos and duets.—The Presbyterians had a tea in the Mechanics' Hall, followed by a large meeting in the Presbyterian Church, addresses being given by Revs R. W. R. Rentoul (Darlington), J. Hanna (Moravian), G. T. A. Kester (New Connexion), W. Murray (pastor), and Dr Boleyn (Willington).—The Salvation Army celebrated their first anniversary in the Temperance Hall, the meeting being presided over by Captain Proctor, Spennymoor.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH, CORBRIDGE.—Services in connection with the re-opening of this church were held on Sunday, when two sermons were preached by Rev J. Lewis, of Newcastle. On Monday afternoon, a public tea was held, and in the evening there was a concert, the proceedings being highly successful.

PRUDHOE.—The annual tea in connection with the United Methodist Free Church Sunday-school was provided on Monday afternoon, after which the company proceeded to a field kindly lent by Mr J. Tulip, where games were indulged in. In the evening, a cantata, entitled "Under the Palms," was given by the choir, under the leadership of Mr J. Leathard.

METHODISM AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Monday, a successful sale of work was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on behalf of the new chapel building fund. The sale was opened by Mr William Robinson, Blackhill. Primitive Methodism has grown so much in Shotley Bridge that the present chapel, which is situated in Wood Street, and was built in the year 1852, has become too small, and efforts are now being made for the erection of a larger building.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM IN WEARDALE.—The annual soiree to the Sabbath scholars took place on Saturday at Wearhead.—At Lanehead a lecture and sermons were given by Mr T. Hewitt.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Sunday special services were held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Chester-le-Street, when sermons were preached by Mr Stephenson Stobbs, of Page Bank, and Rev N. Oakley, Congregationalist, Chester-le-Street.

ST. OSWIN'S CHURCH, WYLAM.—The inauguration of Easter celebration commenced early on Sunday morning at the above church. The church was most tastefully decorated by Mrs Clayton, Mrs Ridley, Mrs Fowlis, and Mrs Atkinson, assisted by several lady church worshippers. Rev W. James was the preacher, Mr R. Clayton read the lessons at morning and evening service.

HUNSTANWORTH AND THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—An interesting ceremony took place on Easter Tuesday in Hunstanworth Churchyard, in the presence of a goodly attendance of the parishioners and Church Sunday scholars. A large number of poplar and sycamore trees, the gift of Rev and Mrs Peter Cooke-Jones, were planted on both sides of the churchyard walks. At the invitation of the vicar, the churchwardens Messrs Hudson, Makepeace, and J. Waggott), the Church Sunday scholars, and others assembled at four o'clock in the churchyard. Hymns were sung and prayers offered for the Queen and Royal Family. The vicar and Mrs Cooke-Jones planted the first two trees. Miss Oliver, Miss Davidson, the churchwardens, and each Sunday scholar then planted one. Two of the oldest women in the parish, Mrs Jane Jameson, 89 years old, and Mrs Hannah Oliver, 81 years old, were also present, and each planted a tree. Masters C. Joicey and R. Cooke-Jones completed the planting. The National Anthem being sung, all went away deeply impressed with the afternoon's proceedings.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Druggists, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, flies, bed-bugs, roaches, ants, insects, [illegible], moles, &c. 6½d. and 1s. boxes.

BLAYDON LOCAL BOARD.

On Thursday se'nnight, the last ordinary monthly meeting of this authority as at present constituted, was held in the Board-room, Tyne Street, Col. J. A. Cowen (chairman), presiding.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk reported that the expenditure for the past month, including £55 to the Surveyor to pay wages, amounted to £410 13s., which left a balance of £730 10s 11d. in the hands of the treasurer.

The accounts were ordered to be paid.

DOCTOR'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer of Health in his report stated that the Registrar's last quarter's return was highly favourable for the most trying three months of the year, the deaths numbering 51, or normally 49, two being due to violence, being equal to an annual reading of 16 per 1,000 of the population. The deaths included six of persons whose ages gave an average of close upon 80 years of age, or 10 of 73 years of age. The births for the quarter were 101, being equal to 33 per 1,000, a low reading for that district, which generally ruled over 40 per 1,000. The general health of the district continued excellent.

NEW RATE.

Mr JEFFREY moved that a general district rate of 10d in the pound for the next half year be confirmed.

This was seconded by Mr PAXTON and agreed to.

THE LATE ELECTION.—THE CHAIRMAN ON THE VOTING SYSTEM.

The Clerk having read over the number of votes recorded for the different candidates at the recent election, the CHAIRMAN said he would like to say a few words about this election. There was, to his mind, something wanted to be stated and defined upon the voting papers sent out. The reason he said so was that 89 were wrongly filled in and mistakes were made which ought not to have been made, especially seeing that the School Board had been in existence so many years. Such errors would not be made, he thought, if the directions to the voters were clearer. If the papers were according to law at present it was only their province to promote and endeavour to get some alteration of the law, so that any person of moderate sense would understand what he was required to do. One of the most curious things in his experience was a note which had been pinned to a voting paper sent in by a well-known gentleman in that district, and he dared say they would be able to indicate to whom he alluded. This gentleman had endeavoured to get on that Board several times, but had not succeeded, and now he came forward with something entirely new.

The CHAIRMAN read the note which had been pinned to the voting paper, which read as follows:—"While ratepayers ought to feel obliged to men like Mr Wm. Douglass and Mr D. Jeffrey for their past services as members of the Local Board, it would be much better if men who have served a quarter of a century would retire in favour of other men who wanted to come forward. For this reason I don't vote for these gentlemen."—The CHAIRMAN said it was not at all necessary for any-one to indicate or give a reason why he voted for a particular person, and the thing was simply ridiculous. Lots of little things of that description cropped up at the elections, and if gathered together and made up into readable form, he thought it would sell very well, and be a very amusing book.

Mr JEFFREY said he quite agreed with the remarks of the Chairman that something should be done to simplify the directions to voters, and he moved that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board in London suggesting that instead of the voter being required to place his initials opposite the person for whom he intended to vote, a cross should be affixed instead.

This was seconded by Mr T. CHARLTON, and agreed to.

The Board afterwards adjourned.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday se'nnight.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read giving a conditional approval to the re-appointment of Mr Bainbridge, relieving officer to the Union, as school attendance officer for the parish of Hunstanworth.

AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS.

The auditing of the accounts of the Union being 12 months in arrears, it was resolved to ask the Imperial Board that some assistance should be given the district auditor to enable him to wipe of arrears.

WORKHOUSE STATISTICS.

The number of inmates is 68, compared with 73 in the corresponding period of last year, and the number of vagrants was 78, against 46.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

WATER SUPPLIES.

At a meeting of this Authority on Thursday, it was stated that an inhabitant of Blue Row had complained to the inspector (Mr Egglestone) that that part of the district had been excluded from the benefits which will be derived from the Rookhope water supply scheme. Mr Egglestone therefore suggested that the inhabitants of the unincluded district should be allowed to lay a pipe at their own expense from the Board's tank.

Dr ARNISON said the Rookhope people should have the same privileges as were granted at Frosterley. Dr Arnison moved that the original scheme of the inspector be carried out, which was seconded by Mr WOOLER.

Mr ROBINSON moved that it be adjourned for a month, and Mr REED seconded.

The amendment was carried.

WEARDALE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

RATING APPEAL.

On Thursday, before the Stanhope Assessment Committee, the North-Eastern Railway Company appealed through their representative, Mr G. C. Lee, against the present rating of the Wear Valley and Derwent railways, which is certified at £3,220. Through the diversion and falling off in traffic by the closing of works and collieries, it was set forth on behalf of the Company that a reduction of 20 per cent should be allowed on the present valuation.

After some consideration, the Committee decided to grant the 20 per cent. reduction.

WEARDALE HIGHWAY BOARD.

A QUESTION OF QUALIFICATION.

At the last meeting of the Weardale District Highway Board, at Stanhope, on Thursday—Mr BROWN contended that Mr Wm. Vickers, who was elected to succeed him, was not duly qualified.

It was decided that this is a matter which appertains to the new Board, which meets at Wolsingham next month.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

(Those marked * were members of the old Boards.)

WEARDALE UNION.

On Saturday, the voting papers for the election of eight Guardians for the rural ward of Stanhope parish were counted at the Board room, at the close of which Mr Lee, returning officer, declared the following elected:—*William Watson, farmer, 755; *Jos. Featherstone, draper, 749; *Thomas Livingstone, doctor of medicine, 745; *George Stephenson, farmer, 702; *Matthew Reed, farmer, 623; James Blenkiron, mining agent, 614; Richard Gibson, retired schoolmaster, 589; *Jos. Roddam, farmer, 527. Not elected:—O Monkhouse, 514; Thos. Robinson, *501; W. Bainbridge, 416; Thos. Stephenson, 311.

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION.

The election of three Guardians for the township of Chester-le-Street resulted on Saturday in the return of the following:—Robert James Coxon, landowner, 814; *John Mitchell, grocer, 657; *P. Hay, draper, 559. There were no other contests in the Union; and with the exception of Mr Coxon for Chester-le-Street, and an additional Guardian for Witton Gilbert—Mr Samuel Holmes, who has been returned unopposed—there is no change on the Board.

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WM. ELLIOTT, Secretary
New Town Hall, Consett, April 13th, 1887. 715

THE COERCION BILL.

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Saturday, April 16th, 1887, to be addressed by L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES, Esq., M.P., and other Liberals.
Chair to be taken at Half-past Six o'clock p.m., by Mr. JOHN ORR, of Annfield Plain. 714

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTOPHER, widow of the late ROBERT CHRISTOPHER, Hackmaster, Delves Lane, Consett, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage accorded to him during the many years in which he carried on Business, respectfully intimates that the same will be conducted as usual, and trusts that by keeping a superior turn-out of Horses and Conveyances, she may be able to secure a continuance of the favours of her friends and the public of the district. 682x

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O JOE! O JOE!! O JOE THE SWEEP!!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Clean the flues, clean the flues,
Let it be your end and aim
The same to ever keep clear;
For should they get into a flame,
At Court they'll cost you dear.
—Faithfully yours,
HARRISON, Sweep, Shotley Bridge.
PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS.
Mayor's Chambers, Shotley Bridge. 366x

OPENING OF MEDOMSLEY NATIONAL SCHOOL.

THE OPENING of this School will take place on Monday, May 2nd, 1887.

DIVINE SERVICE will be held in Medomsley Church at Three o'clock, when a SERMON will be preached by the VEN. H. M. WATKINS, D.D., Archdeacon of Durham.

A PUBLIC TEA will be held in the New School, at 4-30; to be followed by a PUBLIC MEETING, at which Speeches will be delivered by the ARCHDEACON OF DURHAM and others. A Selection of Music, Songs, &c., will be given during the evening

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POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW,
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LOCAL CLASS—Any variety—Within a radius of 4 Miles of Annfield Plain. Entrance, 2s.
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Entries close April 21st, to
708x F. THOMPSON, Annfield Plain.

CONSETT NEW TOWN HALL.

Miss FRANCES SIMPSON, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has the honour to announce a Grand

EVENING CONCERT
ON
MONDAY, APRIL 25th, 1887.

ARTISTES—
Mrs. EASTON, Middlesbro', Soprano.
Mr. CHAS. STEPHENSON, Consett, Tenor.
Mr. J. H. BEERS, Solo Violin.
Miss F. SIMPSON, Solo Pianoforte.
Mrs. M. TELFORD, Accompanist.

Admission—Reserved Seats, Numbered, 2s.; Second Seats, 1s.; Third Seats, 6d.
Plans of Hall at Mr. Dexter's Pianoforte Rooms, Consett; and Mr. J. Lax's, Shotley Bridge.
Doors open at 7·30; Concert to commence at 8 o'clock
Carriages may be ordered for Ten o'clock.

CASTLESIDE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

ON MONDAY, 18th APRIL, 1887,
REV. RICHARD ROBERTS,
OF LONDON, EX-PRESIDENT, AND
MR. THOMAS HARKER,
OF BISHOP AUCKLAND.

At Three o'clock p.m., Mr. THOMAS HARKER will PREACH on "Lady Collectors."

After Service, TEA will be provided in the School Room. Tickets, 9d. each.

REV. RICHARD ROBERTS will PREACH in the Evening. Service to commence at Seven o'clock.

A Collection after each Service in aid of Trust Funds

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BLACKHILL.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17th, 1887,
REV. MR. BANKHEAD, M.A., B.D.,
NORTH SHIELDS,
Will Preach in the Morning at 10·30, and Evening at 6 o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 18th,
A PUBLIC MEETING
WILL BE HELD,

To be Addressed by Rev. Mr. BANKHEAD, M.A., B.D., North Shields; Rev. ALEX. PHIMISTER, M.A., Newcastle; Rev. JOHN THOMPSON, M.A., Newcastle; Rev. WILLIAM STUART, M.A., B.D., Wallsend.

WITH
MUSIC AT INTERVALS BY THE CHOIR,
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AUCTIONEER & VALUER.
OFFICES:—
CATCHGATE, *VIA* LINTZ GREEN. 220v

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY PUBLIC AURTION, on Saturday First, at No. 27, Court Street, Blackhill, the whole of the Valuable FURNITURE, Mahogany Sofa, Chairs, Press, Centre Tables, Carpets, and Oilcloths. Full particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Come early, as the Auctioneer has another Sale at Four o'clock, at the Bath Hotel, Consett. 732x

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mrs. LUMLEY, Leadgate, the whole of the FURNITURE belonging Mr. ROBINSON and others, who are emigrating, to-night (Friday), April 15th.

Sale to commence at Four o'clock. 733x

Bath Hotel, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. M. McNALLY, of the Bath Hotel, Consett, will SELL BY AUCTION, commencing on Saturday, April 16th, 1887, at Four o'clock, the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE of his Brokering and New and Second-Hand Business, together with the whole of the Household FURNITURE and Bar Utensils of the Bath Hotel.

SITTING-ROOM.—Mahogany Table; Side Board; Half-Dozen Hair-Seated Chairs; Sofa; Large Mirror; Carpet; Hearth Rug; Fender and Fire Irons.

PARLOUR.—Mahogany Centre Table; Splendid Toned Harmonium; Sofa; Half-Dozen Smoking Chairs; Large Mirror; Carpet; Hearthrug; Fender and Fire Irons.

No 1 BED-ROOM.—High Tester Brass Bedstead; Mattress; Feather Bed; Quilts, &c.; Set of Oak Drawers; Washhand Stand; Dressing Table; 3 Chairs; Swing Looking Glass; Carpet; Fender and Fire Irons.

No 2 BED-ROOM.—2 Iron Bedsteads, Brass-Mounted; Mattress; Rabbit Down Beds; Quilts, &c.; 4 Chairs; Washhand Stand; Dressing Table; Swing Looking Glass; Fenders and Fire Irons.

No. 3 BED-ROOM.—2 Iron Bedsteads, Brass-Mounted; Mattresses; Rabbit Down and Feather Beds; Bedroom Drawers; Washhand Stand and Dressing Table; Swing Looking Glass; Chairs; Carpet; Fender and Fire Irons.

No. 4 BED-ROOM.—High Tester Iron Bedstead; Iron Bedstead, with Mattress; 2 Feather Beds and Bed-clothing; Pictures; Chairs; Dressing Table; Chamber Ware, &c.

NOS. 5 AND 6 BED-ROOMS.—4 Iron Bedsteads; Rabbit Down Beds; Dressing Tables; Washhand Stands; Bedroom Chairs; Fender and Fire Irons.

NOS. 7, 8, AND 9 BED-ROOMS.—Containing 8 Beds, with all accommodations.

KITCHEN.—3 Tables; 6 Chairs; 2 Forms; Wringing Machine; Pictures; Crockery Ware; Dish Covers; Kettles; Pans; Knives and Forks; Fender and Fire-Irons; and other Articles too numerous to mention.

The Sale will commence on Saturday, April 16th, at Four o'clock; and on Monday, April 18th, at One o'clock; and continued every Afternoon until the whole is cleared out. No reserve, as Mr. McNally is leaving the neighbourhood. 730x

Thursday, April 21st, 1887.—Valuable Freehold Business Property for Sale.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. T. DUNNE, Victoria Hotel, Consett, at Seven o'clock p.m., on Thursday, April 21st, 1887, that large FREEHOLD HOUSE AND SHOP, No. 24, Victoria Street, Consett, containing 4 Rooms and every Convenience, with Large Grocery Business attached.

Also, that large Block of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, No. 29, Victoria Street, Consett, with large Greengrocery and Fish Shop, with Plate Glass Windows, containing 8 Rooms and large Cellar and Out-door Conveniences, and having a Frontage in Victoria Street of 30 feet, and from front to back of 46 feet.

Also, SIX COTTAGES behind.

The Auctioneer has great pleasure in informing the Public that the above Property is in one of the Best Stands, and in the centre of Consett. The Auctioneer will Sell the Lots to suit Purchasers. For further particulars, apply to MR. J. CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 731x

JOHN CRAWFORD,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER & FURNITURE AUCTIONEER,
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Business done promptly, and on reasonable terms.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

PEOPLE that are leaving the District can have their FURNITURE TURNED into CASH, at once, by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 891u

By Messrs. W. & T. T. Iveson.

Important Sale of Pedigree Cattle, &c.—Elm Park, Shotley Bridge.—Wednesday, April 27th.

W. & T. T. IVESON, favoured with a commission from JOSEPH PUMPHREY, Esq., will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, the whole of his FARM STOCK and SELECT HERD, consisting of

20 PEDIGREE SHORTHORNS, viz:—8 Grand Cows and Heifers, calved or to calve; 3 Heifers, 1 to 2 years old; 3 Heifer Calves; 3 Bulls, 1 to 1½ year old; 2 Bull Calves. For pedigree and details apply to Owner or Auctioneers for catalogue.

21 pure Shrop. Ewes (young); Lambs by Shrop. Tup; 42 H.B. and Mule Ewes (young); Lambs by L Tup.

23 CATTLE, viz: 6 Fat Heifers; 3 Calving Cows; 10 Steers and Heifers, 2 years old; 4 Heifer Stirks.

2 Powerful Cart Horses, 6 and 7 years old, 16·2 and 17 h.h.; 1 Well-bred Bay Mare, 5 years old, 15·1 h.h., splendid hack and huntress.

Young Sow and Pigs; Poultry; Cur Dog.

A large field of modern Tillage IMPLEMENTS, in excellent condition; Dairy Utensils; Tinkler's Churn; Lead Bowls.

Elm Park adjoins Shotley Bridge Station, where convenient trains from Newcastle and Durham arrive and depart.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock prompt with Implements. Luncheon at One, to resume with Pedigree Shorthorns.

Terms: Cash.

Hexham, April 6th, 1887. 713x

Low Fotherley, Riding Mill.—Thursday, April 28th, 1887.

MESSRS. IVESON, instructed by the Executors of the late Mr. JOHN SMITH, will SELL BY AUCTION the whole of their Valuable FARM STOCK, viz:—

13 Mule Gimmers and Lambs.
60 H.B. Hoggs, E. and W.
2 Calving Cows. 5 Autumn Calvers.
7 Steer and Heifer Stirks, 8 Calves, 1 Bull.

Bay Draught Mare, 8 years, 15·2 h.h.; Brown Draught Horse, 4 years, 16·2 h.h.; Brown Draught Filly, 2 years; 2 Shott Pigs; and Poultry.

All the usual Tillage Implements, and large portion of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Dairy Utensils, &c., &c. Details in Posters. 718x

Sale at 12 o'clock prompt. Terms—Cash.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

FOR SALE, ONE HUNDRED SHARES in the Consett New Town Hall, Company.—Apply to ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. 692x

TO LET, and may be entered upon immediately, the excellent DWELLING-HOUSE of Seven Rooms, with Wash-house and every convenience, in Medomsley Road, Consett, recently occupied by Mrs Skelton.—Apply to the Auctioneer. 670x

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JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

MONDAY, APRIL 18th, 1887.

20 Fat Cattle.
90 Fat Sheep (part clips).
3 Veal Calves.
20 to 30 Pigs, 8 to 12 weeks old.
A quantity of Dairy Cows, Geld Cows, and Store Cattle.

Champion Seed Potatoes, prime quality; 2 Coup Carts; Set of Cart Harness; Spring Cart and Gig Harness; Dog Cart; New Whitechapel; Pair of new Cart Wheels; a quantity of Wire Rope for fencing; Myers' Cattle Spice; Patent Blocks; 1 Horse Pony, 14 h.h., good worker; a quantity of Poultry, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

737x NICHOLSON & MURRAY, Auctioneers.

IMPORTANT SALE of FARM STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, &c., at Stowe House, near Cornsay, the property of WILLIAM NICHOLSON, who is declining Farming, will be held on Thursday, May 12th, 1887. Particulars to follow.

723x NICHOLSON & MURRAY, Auctioneers.

By Mr. John S. Murray.

Superior Household Furniture, Feather Beds, and Effects.—Front Street, Shotley Bridge.—Wednesday, April 20th, 1887.

MR. J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer, is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at No. 6, Front Street, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday next, April 29th, the remaining portion of the very Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, belonging to the late Mrs. E. BREWIS, deceased, comprising—2 Mahogany Chests of Drawers; Half Chest of Drawers and Bookcase; 1 Mahogany Bookcase and Writing Desk, with Small Drawers; Half-Dozen Chairs; Iron Bedstead and Mattress; Feather Bed; Pictures; Centre Table; Tea Table; Fenders and Fire Irons; Cradle; American Clock; Timepiece; Excellent Sewing Machine, with Silver Mountings; Dutch Oven; Lot of Pictures Frames; Set of Spring Cart Harness; Pair of Scales and Weights; Spring Balance; 2 Saws; Double Rein Bridle; Butcher's Cradle; 2 Cow Tubs; and other Miscellaneous Articles. No Reserve.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock. 714x

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Hamsterley Grass Parks.

MR J. OLEY has the honour to announce that the Annual LETTING of the above Parks, by PUBLIC AUCTION, will be held on the Premises, on Friday, April 22nd, 1887, in the following Lots:—

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

Conditions at the time of Sale.

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

Hamsterley Hall is One Mile from Lintz Green Station on the Consett Branch of the North-Eastern Railway. 668x

Milkwell Burn.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by Mr. THOMAS WHEATLEY, who is about to Emigrate, will SELL his Valuable HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, at the above place, on Saturday, April 16th, 1887, at Twelve o'clock at Noon.

For particulars see Posters. 673x

By Mr. J. Vickers.

JOSEPH VICKERS' PRESENT SALE ENGAGEMENTS:—

April 16th.—FARMING STOCK, MOOR SHEEP, &c., at Rhyme Law, Rookhope.
„ 20th.—HOUSE PROPERTY, at Howden-le-Wear.
„ „ —HOUSE PROPERTY, at Witton-le-Wear.
„ 21st.—FARMING STOCK and CROPS, Grange Farm, Shincliffe Colliery.
May 7th.—FARMING STOCK, &c., Thornby.
„ 9th.—FAT CATTLE and SHEEP, Tudhoe Moor Farm, Spennymoor.
„ 11th.—FARMING STOCK and 900 MOOR SHEEP, Steward Shield Meadows, near Stanhope.

Other FARM STOCK SALES, dates not fixed.

Every Monday, FAT and STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, at Tow Law Mart. 729x

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

A WEEKLY SALE every Monday for Fat and Store Cattle and Sheep, Dairy Cows, Horses, Conveyances, Farm Produce, &c., commencing at 12 o'clock with Fat Stock, Cows at 2·30 p.m.

Entries should be sent on Wednesday each week.

JOSEPH VICKERS, Tow Law.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 454x

By Mr. Thomas Wetherell.

The Ford Grass Parks, near Lanchester.

THE ANNUAL LET, BY AUCTION, of these Fine Old PASTURES will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, 1887, at Two p.m.

THOMAS WETHERELL, Auctioneer.
45, Sadler Street, Durham. 705x

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Important Sale of House Property and Land, at Tantobie.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON will offer for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs. ELLIOTT's, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, on Wednesday, May 4th, 1887, at Six o'clock in the Evening, the following very desirable FREEHOLD PROPERTIES and GRASS LAND.

LOT 1.—DWELLING-HOUSE of Four Rooms, two Attics, and Dairy, with Two-Stalled Stable, Large Garden in front, and all necessary convenience now occupied by Mrs Riddell.

LOT 2.—COTTAGE of Two Rooms, Attic, Pantry, and out-door Offices, also Large Garden; now occupied by Mr J. Fiddler.

LOT 3.—COTTAGE of Three Rooms, Pantry, out-door Offices, and Walled Garden in front, and occupied by Mr M. Smailes.

LOTS 4, 5, and 6.—COTTAGES, each of Two Rooms, Attic, Pantry, with Garden and out-buildings alike, and occupied by Messrs Auston, Harrison, and Raw.

LOT 7.—Very Superior GRASS LAND of about 6 Acres, more or less, adjoining the above-mentioned property, and facing two main roads, exceedingly suitable for Building Sites.

This attractive PROPERTY is splendidly situated, well built, and recently renovated. The LAND is of the richest in the neighbourhood.

The Tenants will show their respective Lots, and for further information apply to Messrs DAVIES and BALKWELL, Solicitors, St. John's Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the AUCTIONEER, Front Street, Dipton. 726x

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
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Business Announcements

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EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Owing to the great pressure of Eastertide news, we are compelled to hold over, reports of Lanchester Petty Sessions, and other items.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1887.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

THE HOLIDAYS.

Now that the Eastertide holidays are over there is presumably no alternative but to again put one's shoulder to the wheel and trudge onward for another month or two. Whitsuntide with its sunshine and flowers will be here before many an honest housewife is prepared to invest in the necessary expenditure needed in order to procure the customary outfit for the bairns. It is well enough known that poets and painters, and in fact all votaries of the fine arts, follow Nature if they desire to attain to eminence in their own individual walks; but the disposition to imitate the outward adornings of nature is very far from being confined to either painter or sculptor. The inclination to act in accordance with this proclivity is very far from being an unpardonable failing, because it is better to choose beauty for a beau ideal than to aim at a more commonplace standard, or what is worse, to go one's way without the influence of sun by day or beacon by night, to use a metaphor. One might dwell at length on the fashions of the present and other periods by way of showing that the fair sex were not the only members of the human family who did their best to rival the unborrowed grandeur of birds and butterflies; but I merely wished to point out, that the custom current in the North of parents making a strennous effort to provide the younger members of the family with new suits and dresses in the spring of the year was in all probability due to the pleasing example set by Mother Earth. Aroused from the death-like lethargy of winter, buds peep from branches and hedgerows, and flowers from the dewy sod, until wooed by the sunshine and the zephyrs, Summer comes with her flowery train. A few weeks must of course elapse before we can expect to participate in the delightful pleasures which Nature never fails to dispense to those that love her, for Wordsworth said truly: "——Nature never did betray the heart that loved her." If, however, it is too early to expect great things of dame Nature, it is at any rate perfectly in order to indulge in any pleasing day-dream that may arise in connection with so exhaustless a subject. Nature puts on a brand new garment each successive year, and most young people are disposed to think their lot a rather hard one if they cannot also follow so worthy an example.

THE EXODUS FROM CONSETT.

It is long since Goldsmith embodied in poetic language the truism that it boded ill for a country when wealth accumulated and men decayed. Such a state of things is to be deplored; but how much more grievous must it be when the tendency is for both men and wealth to decay. This seems to be the exact position of Consett. The people are leaving the neighbourhood, and the wealth of an industrial centre like Consett is indissolubly bound up with its population. There is no lordly halls to attract the rich, nor ancient institutions to induce the learned to settle down. Consett almost stands alone in this respect. It depends almost exclusively on one solitary industry, and the least hitch in the iron producing business makes its influence felt much more so than in towns where the population is made up of industries less dependent on another. The Consett Iron Company made the town, but it cannot command trade, although it may, and no doubt does its best to secure it. That the people should be obliged to leave the district is a matter for general regret; but the circumstances that have led to the change may at any moment take a more favourable turn. It speaks well for the enterprise, and individuality of the men, who rather than waste their lives waiting for something to turn up, resolve to face the world and begin life anew. Such men deserve well of their fellows, and I am sure that it is the sincere wish of all their old friends that they will realise in their individual experience, that "God helps those who help themselves."

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Through the generosity of Mr Van Haansbergen, Woodlands Hall, the Consett Wesleyan choir had an enjoyable picnic on Monday.

Mr Thos. Williams, delegate, has been selected to represent the men at the Consett Iron, Steel and Tinmill Works at the forthcoming ironworkers conference to be held at Manchester.

ANTI-COERCION.—Mr Atherley-Jones addressed an anti-coercion meeting at Gateshead last (Thursday) night. The hon. gentleman will speak at a public meeting to be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

SNOWSTORM.—Slight showers of snow fell in the Consett district on Wednesday, but quickly disappeared. The weather turned bitterly cold. Yesterday (Thursday) morning, there was a heavy downfall of snow, the ground being covered, in some places in West Durham, to a depth of three inches.

Petitions were presented in the House of Commons, on Wednesday, in favour of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill, by Mr Atherley-Jones, from the Consett and District Building Society, and from the same for a re adjustment of the Income Tax in proportion to ability to pay it, and for a common assessment on the net rateable value for Imperial and local taxation.

THE SHOPBREAKING CASE.—In our report of the trial of the three boys, at Durham Sessions last week, for breaking into the shop of Mr Brodie, Church Street, Consett, we omitted to state that both the Grand Jury and the common jury complimented P.C. Vickers (Shotley Bridge) for the alacrity displayed by him in discovering the stolen property and detecting the thieves.

THEATRE ROYAL.—A great attraction has been provided at the Theatre Royal, Consett, this Eastertide, by Mr Charles Quayle's well-known dramatic Co. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, *Too Late*: or a Bitter Repentance, was reproduced, and last (Thursday) evening *Shamus-na-Lema*, or the Midnight Execution, was performed, being followed by the amusing comedy, *His Last Legs*, or Fortune's Smile. The company has been fairly well patronised.

THE "CHAMPION WHEELBARROWMAN."—Jas. Spark, of Consett, writes to us from South Shields yesterday (Thursday) as follows:—I will be home to-morrow night, after travelling round the North of England. I left West Hartlepool on Monday last, and started off to Seaham Harbour, Ryhope, Sunderland, North and South Shields, Tynemouth, and Howdon. I am going to Jarrow to-day for Gateshead. I could scarcely wheel my barrow through the towns for the crowds of people. I am in first-class health. Mr Kavanagh (singer) is here, and has been very good to me.

CHRIST CHURCH.—At the vestry meeting, held on Tuesday night, it was reported that a debt of about £250 still remained on the bells and the recent restoration and renovation of the church, it was unanimously resolved that a bazaar and sale of work should be held about September or October next. A committee of ladies, confined principally to families officially connected with the church, will at once be formed to solicit help from all interested in the church's welfare. Messrs. W. Jenkins, C. Douglas, R. Frazer, and W. Aynsley were selected as representatives to the Ruri-decanal Conference.

A CONSETT WHITE ELEPHANT.—The people of Consett have got a white elephant. They should never have attempted to convert the "Blue Mountains" into a park. They have tried to do so and failed, after spending a lot of money, and appointing a keeper, who has been compelled to spend most of his time in futile endeavours to keep out the horses and cattle and sheep which persist in making it their browsing ground. The Consett people think that a still further effort ought to be made to beautify the park; but their Benfieldside neighbours ridicule the idea, and say that a few seats are all that are required to make the place a "thing of beauty and a joy forever." The park, as everyone knows by now, was given to the Local Boards by the Consett Iron Company at a nominal rent of a shilling a year; but as it is already an incumbrance, a division of the gift has been suggested. After all, the adoption of the suggestion of Benfieldside would probably meet the present requirements of the place. People do not go to the "Blue Mountains" to look at the park. It is the view from it that attracts them. Immediately opposite, stretching away to the west, are the Northumberland hills, and in the far distant north with their summits seemingly saluting the sky, are the Cheviots; whilst to the west, as far as the eye can reach, the landscape is bounded by wild and rugged heather-clad hills, from which is wafted the pure mountain air. Beneath this chain of mountains the Derwent winds its way through deep enchanting valleys, whose slopes are decorated with hanging woods and scattered enclosures. What better park can the Consett people desire than this?—"Elfin" in the *Newcastle Chronicle*.

BLACKHILL.

The anniversary of the Presbyterian Chapel will take place on Sunday next, Rev M Baukhead, of South Shields, being announced as the special preacher.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—A fortnight's revival services, conducted by Mr Nairn, Scottish evangelist, have just been concluded at Blackhill. Mr Nairn also delivered two of his lectures, entitled "Peter Cartwright" and "Devil's slaughter-house." The good features of these services have been the meetings in the afternoons, specially for women, conducted by Miss Meiklejohn, Houghton-le-Spring. Her bible readings made a deep impression.

BENFIELDSIDE ROYAL AUCTION MART.—On Monday, April 11th, Messrs Nicholson and Murrey had forward 14 fat cattle, 75 fat sheep, 3 pork pigs, 24 store pigs, 3 cows, a quantity of poultry, harness, potatoes, and sundries. There was a good demand for all classes of stock, and prices had an upward tendency, fat cattle making £9 to £17; cows, £9 to £12; sheep, clips, 41s to 46s; hoggs, in wool, to 52s 6d; 4 veal calves to 62s; pork pigs, 45s to 60s; small pigs 20s to 25s; strong shotts, 37s 6d to 45s; beef, to 7s per stone; mutton, to 8½ per lb.

LEADGATE.

There was no meeting of the Leadgate Local Board on Wednesday afternoon.

GLEE CONCERT.—On Wednesday se'nnight, a concert was given by the Leadgate Glee Party, in the Miners' Hall, under the conductorship of Mr R. Jones. It being the *debut* of the party, great interest was shown in the proceedings. It would be invidious to select for special praise any single member of such an efficient party, suffice it to say that the pieces were gone through in a highly creditable manner, which augurs well for their future success. Several of the pieces received deserved and well-merited *encores*. The singers included Misses Jones, Hall, Boustead, Whitfield, Pattinson, Dawson; Messrs R. Jones, W. H. Lewis, Williams, Kennedy, L. Fenwick, and a choir and glee party.

ESH COLLIERY.

A poll for the assistant-overseership of Esh will take place on Monday next. At a lively meeting of ratepayers, on Tuesday night, several candidates were nominated for the post.

TOW LAW.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment and coffee supper in connection with the Good Templars' String Band, was held last week, in the Wesleyan School, Tow Law, and passed off in a very sociable and pleasant fashion. Mr W. L. Brewer made an excellent chairman, and a good programme was provided. At the close, a ham supper was done justice to by a moderate company.

DEBATE ON "SMOKING."—A debate on "The Smoking Question" took place on Wednesday se'nnight at an open lodge meeting in the Tow Law Wesleyan School. Papers in favour of the practice were read by Messrs A. Horne and T. Thompson; and against it by Mr C. M. Rawes. A lively and interesting discussion took place, taken part in by Messrs Jos. Hall, J. Lee, R. Johnston, G. Moses, Davis, J. Vickers, and others, and much interest was manifested by the numerous audience. The proceedings were closed by a merited vote of thanks to the essayists.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.—At Mr Vickers's auction mart, held at Tow Law, on Monday, there were forward 15 cows, up to £16; 26 fat cattle, up to £17 7s 6d; 38 fat sheep, up to 52s 6d; 3 store cattle, 6 calves. Beef, to 7s per stone; mutton, to 9d per lb.—At Mr Vickers's third special spring sale on Saturday last for store stock, there were forward nearly 140 steers and heifers from one to three years old, 10 geld cows, 9 shorthorn bull stirks, and 5 young horses. There was a large attendance of buyers, and prices ruled at about late rates.

WHICKHAM.

THE SILO SYSTEM.—A few days ago a silo was opened on the farm of Mr Thos. Bell, secretary to Newcastle Farmers' Club, at Hedley Hall, near Whickham. It was filled on the 28th and 29th August last, with the crop of an eight-acre field of second-crop clover. This crop was carted behind the mowing machine, and covered up and weighted at once after being filled. It was then allowed to remain untouched until a few days ago. The ensilage secured is of excellent quality, and has proved an excellent substitute for turnips in feeding cattle, as the animals are found to eat it with avidity. The silo system was by the circumstance recorded tried on Mr Bell's farm for the first time, and it has proved, we are informed, in every respect a gratifying success.

DIPTON.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—The monthly meeting of the Collierley School Board took place on Wednesday evening week at the Dipton Board Schools, under the presidency of Mr J. A. Curry (chairman). The attendance was reported to be bad, the warden (Mr D. Mole) stating that about 150 children were prevented from going to school in consequence of the epidemic of German measles, which was causing fearful ravages in the village of Dipton. The previous week the doctors had threatened to close the schools, but the Board considered the worst stage had been passed, and it would not be necessary to adopt that course.—This is all the more serious when it is considered that the yearly examination occurs in the middle of next month.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

SOCIALIST MEETING.—A meeting of Socialists was held on Monday evening, at Ryton Willows, Mr J. L. Mahon presiding.—Mr William Morris addressed the meeting on the general subject of Socialism.—Mr A. K. Donald having spoken, Mr Mahon moved:—"That we condemn the coercion proposals, and hope the Irish people will rise in rebellion against the infamous attempt to suppress freedom of speech and combination."—Mr S. Field seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

WOLSINGHAM.

"IN THEIR CUPS."—The following cases of drunkenness were disposed of at the Wolsingham Sessions last week:—*David Main*, of Sunniside, miner, for being drunk at Tow Law, on the 6th ult., was fined 10s, including costs.—*John Williams*, of Wolsingham, blacksmith, drunk at Wolsingham, 5th ult., fined 12s 6d, including costs.—*Henry Brownless*, of Wolsingham, farmer, for being drunk on the 24th ult., was fined 10s, including costs.—*Nicholas Stephenson*, of Billy Row, miner, for being drunk at Wolsingham, on 26th ult., was fined 10s, including costs.

BLAYDON.

KEELMEN'S SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Tyne Keelmen's Society was held on Saturday night, at the Station Hotel, Blaydon, to consider matters in connection with the recent defalcations by an official of the society. Mr J. Hymers presided, and there was a fair attendance of members.—Mr S. Beech entered into the financial state of the society, and said that in the last balance sheet members were entered as having received considerable sums where they had received nothing, and in some cases money was put down as having been paid for the funerals of people who were still alive. Meikle had acknowledged his guilt, and had been punished for it, but he thought the secretary (Mr Robson) had not attended to his duties as carefully as he might have done, and that the defalcations were more easily made on this account.—Mr R. Spoors, while disclaiming a wish to defend the secretary, thought they should proceed cautiously, and do what was right in the matter.—After discussion, a resolution was passed in which the meeting expressed an opinion that the conduct of Mr T. Robson, secretary of the society, had been negligent, and that it was essential to engage another secretary, at half the salary at present paid.

LANCHESTER.

THE VESTRY.—A vestry meeting of the "selected twenty-four" of the ancient village of Lanchester took place on Monday, under the presidency of Rev F. W. Gyn (vicar).—Messrs J. Cummings, Wm. Logan, J. Leybourne, and R. Walton were re elected churchwardens. Messrs W. Brotherhood and T. Dunn were chosen as sidesmen.—The financial statement was exceedingly satisfactory, showing a good balance in hand. The "twenty-four" afterwards partook of dinner.

A RUMPUS IN THE VILLAGE.—At a special sessions, held at Lanchester Court-house, on Thursday week—before Rev J. P. De Pledge (in the chair), and Wm. Hedley, Esq.—*James* and *Mary Maddison*, a man and his wife, travelling tinkers hailing from Easington Lane, were brought up by P.C. Minto on charges of being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Minto deposed that on the preceding (Wednesday) night, the prisoners entered Hamilton's lodging-house in Lanchester, and being under the influence of liquor, they created a great disturbance. On being ordered to leave, they refused to go, and the officer was called upon to thrust them out. After that, the pair behaved in a very disorderly manner in the village, and finally landed at the railway station, where they became so noisy and uproarious that they had to be locked up.—Prisoners, in default of paying fines of 5s and 2s 6d and costs, were sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

SLALEY.

FARM STOCK SALE AT COALPITS.—On Wednesdar week, Messrs P. and T. Iveson held a sale of farm stock at Coalpits, near Slaley. Notwithstanding the unseasonable weather, the attendance of farmers and dealers was large; and despite the depression existing in agricultural circles, the stock, which was of a hardy and improvable character, made good prices. Black-faced stock realised for ewes, unlambed (served with black-faced ram), 31s 6d; and gimmers, do., 31s; ewe (in lamb to Leicester ram) 31s; gimmers, do., 28s; gimmer hoggs, 25s 6d; three year old wethers, 26s; two year olds, 22s; wether hoggs, 18s; grey-faced hoggs, 21s 6d; Leicester ewes and lambs, 56s. Cows to £15 12s 6d; two-year old heifers to £10 12s 6d; bullocks to £7 7s 6d; stirks, £3 15s to £7. Draught mare in foal, £14 10s; three-year old colt, £28; mare pony in foal, £18; two yearlings, £6 and £8.

TANFIELD.

Mr R. Smith, of Tanfield Farm, has at the present time 16 ewes which have lambed 33 lambs, and are all going on well—a remarkable increase.

WEARDALE.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—At Wearhead, the special effort, including a bazaar, which has lately been made by the Primitive Methodists of that place, has resulted in raising £65 4s 2½d.

CO-OPERATION.—The average weekly takings of the Stanhope and Weardale Industrial and Provident Society for the quarter ending March 30th, 1887, were £163 18s 8d, as against £144 18s 2d last year during the same period. A branch store has also been opened out at Frosterley during the quarter. Co-operation is making progress in the dale.

MEDOMSLEY.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, Mr John Wilson (late member of Parliament) will lecture in the Wesleyan Chapel, Medomsley, to-morrow (Saturday) night, on "William Tyndale and his work." Mr Wilson will also preach in the same place of worship on Sunday. The whole of the services are in aid of Derwent Cottages Wesleyan Chapel.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

CELEBRATING EASTER.—At the Shotley Bridge Court-house on Wednesday—before Jas. Annandale, Esq., J.P.—*Edward O'Neil* and *John Waterson*, two characters hailing from Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, were brought up by P.C.'s Philipson and Newton for being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on Tuesday night. The men had two bottles of whisky in their possession when apprehended.—Prisoners were fined 5s each and costs; or seven days' imprisonment.

DERWENT COTTAGES.

A CURIOSITY.—Mr Armstrong, landlord of the Hat and Feather Inn, Derwent Cottages, possesses a brahama fowl, which has laid an egg this Easter ornamented with a flower on the shell. This is a ready-made "paste-egg."

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD.—An extraordinary meeting of this body was held on the 4th inst., under the presidency of Mr G. Humble (chairman).—It was unanimously resolved that Mr Richard Holmes, colliery manager, be elected a member of the Board, to fill the seat rendered vacant by the death of Mr R. Henderson, Catchgate.—It will be remembered that Mr Holmes was a member of the Board up to the last treunial election.

STANHOPE.

SPRING FAIR.—The annual spring cattle fair was held at Stanhope on Thursday, but the show of cattle was not large. Only a few local buyers were in attendance, and little business was done; prices fair.

CANTATA AT FROSTERLEY.—Dr. Stainer's "Crucifixion" was rendered in St. Michael's Church on Wednesday evening by the choir. Mr T. Moses, Bishop Auckland, and Mr Joshua Raine, Tow Law, officiated on the organ.

BURNOPFIELD.

CORNER-ENDERS.—We are sorry to learn that a number of persons congregate in front of the church gates and annoy, by unappropriate remarks, those who enter the church. We beg to call the attention of the proper authorities to this matter, and hope to hear a better account from Burnopfield in future.

WINLATON.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The following gentlemen were on Wednesday elected members of the Winlaton School Board without a contest:—Messrs Rutter Carr, Isaac Clark, John Howdon, William Jones, Alfred Barrett Tebb, and William Tweddle. There is yet another member to elect, and this will be done by the Board. Messrs D. Jeffrey and W. Paxton were also nominated, but both withdrew to avoid a contest, and the vacancy thus arose.

CASTLESIDE.

Miss Earl delivered the fourth lecture of the series in the Board Schools, Castleside, on Wednesday evening.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On referring to our advertising columns our readers will see that Mr Thomas Harker, Bishop Auckland, will preach at Castleside on Monday afternoon, after which there will be a tea provided in the school-room. Rev. R. Roberts (ex-president of the conference) will preach in the evening. The proceeds of these services will be devoted to the trust funds. The trustees have incurred great expense in making the chapel beautiful, and something like £40 remains to be raised to clear off the debt.

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN ON THE TYNE.—The inhabitants of Castleside and the seafaring population and the friends of the Tyne Branch of the Mission to Seamen's Society will be pleased to learn that the respected chaplain, Rev H. W. Farrar, M.A., has returned to his duties after an absence of nine weeks. Mr Farrar has been on a voyage to the Mediterranean for the benefit of his health, and has visited Cairo, Alexandria, Malta, Constantinople and other places in the sunny South. The trip has proved of much advantage to Mr Farrar, whose health has been quite restored.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Saturday se'nnight, an entertainment of a pleasing character was given in the Primitive Methodist New Chapel, Castleside, under the auspices of the Band of Hope. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Proud. Recitations were given by Messrs A. Wood and T. Turnbull, Blackhill, in a very creditable manner. The choir, under the care of Mr T. Raine, rendered some choice selections of music. An earnest and impressive address on the temperance question was given by Mrs Jackson, Glasgow. A dialogue was given by four young men connected with the school, who sustained their parts with credit. At the close a coffee supper was held in the school-room. The tables were presided over by Misses Polly Robson, Ripley, Proud, and Harker. A goodly number sat down to supper.—On Sunday, the "New Hymnal" was opened, when special sermons were preached in the morning, by Mr T. Williams, Consett, and in the afternoon and evening by Mrs Jackson. The services were well attended.

PRESENTATIONS AT TOW LAW.

On Sunday afternoon, the congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Tow Law, presented a beautifully, illuminated address to Rev W. Taylor Smith, on his having attained the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The address was executed by Messrs Carr and Co., law stationers, Newcastle, and is a costly work of great merit. It was read and presented by Mr Thomas Cheeseman. The speakers were Messrs Joseph Atkinson, John McKenna, John McCullagh, John Keogan, and Leo Wherly. The address is as follows:—

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—It is with feelings of great joy that we avail ourselves of this happy event of your having attained the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, to offer to you our most sincere congratulations.

We have ever felt deeply sensible of your untiring zeal for the advancement of our spiritual welfare during the eighteen years in which we have been privileged to have you—our first resident priest—amongst us, and we have anxiously looked forward to a suitable opportunity when we might express to you the high esteem, respect, and affection in which you are held by all.

We have to thank you for the many signal advantages we here enjoy, which both enable us with ease to practise our holy religion, and to secure for our children an excellent training and education.

The beautiful buildings—the convent, the spacious new schools, the Presbytery—all begun and completed by you, likewise the tasteful decorations and costly furniture of the church and schools, rendering them unrivalled in their interior beauty and the admiration of all who visit them; together with the constant care you take in the children, as is clearly shown forth by the very pronounced efficiency of the schools, and by the vast number of non-Catholic children that attend them. Joined to this, your invariable kindness and prompt attention to our spiritual wants; all these things go to testify to your energy, generosity, and the deep religious interest you entertain in our welfare.

We beg of you, therefore, to accept this assurance of our sincere and lasting gratitude, and whilst we congratulate you on this your silver jubilee, and thank Almighty God for having sent you amongst us, we do not cease earnestly to pray that His providence may yet spare you for many happy years to come, in which you may continue to administer to our spiritual wants, and gain souls to heaven.—Signed on behalf of the congregation,

THOS. CHEESEMAN,	THOMAS BEVILE,
LEO. P. WHERLY,	GEORGE BROWNLESS,
PATRICK MCCREADY,	JAMES KILLEW,
JOHN MCKENNA,	WM. THOS. CHEESEMAN,
JOHN KEOGAN,	PETER MCKUSKER,
MICHAEL DONAGHY,	HENRY HARDY,
THOMAS HARLE,	JOHN MCCULLAGH.

Much regret is felt in Tow Law at the removal of the Rev. H. P. Slade, who is leaving to go to Holderness Road Chapel, Hull. The members of his large Bible Class showed their esteem in a substantial way by presenting him with a handsome study chair, and on behalf of the congregation, and numerous friends of other denominations, a beautiful illuminated address was presented to Mr Slade on Tuesday, and a very handsome epergne to Mrs Slade. Mr J. J. Allison, Hedley Hill, occupied the chair, and the proceedings were of a very interesting kind.

LADIES' COLUMN.

In spite of the north-east wind which blew during the first days of the holidays, and the sunshine being only intermittent, Easter proved itself a pleasant season this year. The closed shops take away temptation from country visitors to come up to town, and the quiet streets had few people passing to and fro from midnight on Thursday till Tuesday morning. But the country had many inducements to draw townsfolk away to green fields and clear pure air. Though vegetation is late this year, it is by no means standing still; and scientific people have been lately explaining in papers and lectures that it is light more than sun that unfolds the buds, touches the bulbs at their centres, and wakens them up into their new life.

The Easter markets were well supplied with flowers, and it was pleasant to know that the great bulk of those bought for church and home decoration came this year from English woods and fields, and only a limited quantity from abroad, claiming Londoners' money in return. In the churches a reign of simplicity in festive decoration has set in, and the change is one the right direction. There was a time, a years ago, when young people displayed few zeal by making tawdry banners of c their paper, with symbolical designs on the oloured with tinsel or showy paint. With t n, done ments, the meaning of which but ese ornaunderstood, were used quantities of few people plants, cut, or in pots, extravaganc costly stove good taste suggesting the groupin rather than The zeal, it is to be hoped, is as of the colours. was some years ago, but it is t great now as it sound discretion. The paper mpered with very to be seen, and the flowe nners are no more arranged with better taste. are selected and

The best decorations s n on Easter Day in the London churches were n the same principle upon which dinner-tables a e now arranged. One kind of flower or flowers of one colour in different depths of shade are chosen, and grouped together in low flat dishes so that the eye falls on masses of colour, and is not distracted by bizarre effects of a ariety of miscellaneous flowers trying to ook as if they belonged to each other Nor need there be any formality in the gr ping of these flowers. If high glass vases ar sed the flowers in them should not be crow ded, or have many put in the same glass.

Th churches dressed entirely with white flo ers looked very pure, and many of the white ing blossoms have a delicious fragrance that adds to their charms. The churches done in the pale yellow primroses tied in little nosegays and set nestling in fresh moss, were pretty, but ineffective. Red and white camellias were favoured in more than one West End church, but there is always more or less stiffness and formality with this once very fashionable flower. Nor does it mix well with any greenery but its own waxen green leaves. With the oak woodwork of interiors of churches the golden yellow of the daffodils assimilated. The varied shades, deep or pale, of the yellow narcissi family were beautiful, the blossoms tied in little nosegays, and embedded in soft, rich moss. With these field favourites were arranged taller bunches of the yellow mimosa, which softened the severity of the outline of the other flowers.

Very pretty texts were made of straw plait, which looked bright and clean. The plait is what used to be called whole Dunstable, and for the letters is sewed on cardboard models, not formally but twisted, knotted, crinkled, and made from a distance to look like carving.

The green rush plait now so much used for baskets of all kinds in which to set flowers and flower-pots, was also used to make cornucopias and baskets to hold the flowers arranged in the chancels of the churches.

The domestic pet of the next few years will certainly be what is called the homing pigeon, the pretty poetical name now given to what we used to call the carrier pigeon. The idea is very charming of the faithful creature making its flight all alone through storm or sunshine to find its way to an old home. During the siege of Paris the pigeon brought intelligence where the balloon failed to answer the purpose; and though we have no immediate prospect in England of being dependent on the instincts of the birds, we ought not to be behind our neighbours in France, Belgium, and Germany in preparations. Only one officer, it appears, has trained pigeons, and understands how to utilize them. Here is a new direction in which to turn young people's tastes who already keep pet pigeons, how to bring up their birds to be useful to their country. A new edition has just been issued of Lyell's book, "Fancy Pigeons" (London, Upcott Gill, 170, Strand), with all its information brought up to date, and some very well produced coloured illustrations added. Mr. Lyell disposes of the generally credited story, that eight years after the siege of Paris birds missing ever since found their way home with postage stamps on their wings, by suggesting that the birds had changed their feathers more than once. Interesting allusions are made, and some details given of pigeon-keeping in the early years of this century when fanciers formed a club which was called The Columbarians, occasionally dining together to discuss their favourites. A first-class staff of homing pigeons is maintained in Dublin in connection with one of the newspapers published there. Vast tracts of country in Ireland are still uninvaded by telegraph wires, and at election times the pigeons are found valuable. It also enables the proprietors of the birds to maintain an intelligence department without resorting to the telegraph wires, which are Government property.

In the days when the Columbarian Club existed, and James Ward, R.A., etched the card with the date of the six annual gatherings at Queen's Head Tavern, Holborn, life for many people had very tranquil pleasures. In one of the most graphic stories issued by the publishers this season, "Peggy, a Tale of the Irish Rebellion," by Mary Damant, a picture is presented of social life in both England and Ireland at that period. The story, though based on the events of 1798, is not a political one, and the reader may take up the book without any dread of being dragged upon any debatable ground. Peggy, the heroine, tells her own story of her youth passed in the romantic scenery of the county Antrim, where the unquiet Atlantic ever breaks over the basaltic cliffs of the Giant's Causeway. The Celtic character is the same in all countries and in all centuries. The Duke of Argyle, Sir John Lubbock, and other learned men have been differing in opinion as to what constitutes race and what nationality. It is in the peasant class, as Sir Walter Scott well knew, that the strong and marked characteristics of the race are seen. Mrs. Damant has early noted national traits, phraseology, superstitions, and individual peculiarities that soon will become extinct, or lost by intercourse and inter-marriage with other peoples. Her heroine leaves Ireland and comes over to the Isle of Wight, which was in its primitive social condition early in this century. As far as communication with the world was concerned it had gained little since the days when Charles Stuart was imprisoned at Carisbrook. The Queen has made a home for herself in the little southern island, and it has become fashionable. In Peggy's time, the time to which we are taken back and made to live in the Isle of Wight was an idyllic place, to which sad, bereaved people could come and find peaceful homes. Kitty, the old family servant, is a type of the domestic servant rapidly dying out, if not already quite extinct — faithful to her master and his family, devoted to their interests, shrewd, and not a little shrewish in her uncompromising denunciation of shams and backsliders.

There is always room in the world for a story like "Peggy," so charming, and such a picture of long ago, told throughout with a sweet, simple, nameless grace of style.

"How much for candy?" said a little boy. "Six sticks for five cents, eh! Now, lem'me see; six sticks for five cents, five for four cents, four for three cents, three for two cents, two for one cent, and one for nothing. I'll take one stick, mister." He got it, but the dealer is in a state of bewilderment, and can't see how that can be.

SOMETHING FOR YOU NG PEOPLE.

JAMES WA ATT.

Great things are often fores' adowed by small. One might suppose that there wa a very little to merit notice in a boy sitting by the fire watching the white foam as it rose from the spout of the tea-kettle; and yet to the eye that could se into futurity it would have called up a vision way across the main the noble ship ploughing its whistle and roar the locomotive rushing with a another illustrat along its iron road, and many which the mi ion of the marvellous variety of uses to boy of whom ghty giant Steam is now put. For the of the stea we speak was James Watt, the improver James n-engine.

of Jan Watt was born at Greenock on the 19th posse ary, 1736, and very early gave proof of the said ssion of more than ordinary mental ability. It is sol that when only 6 years old, he was discovered w ing a geometrical problem upon the hearth ith a piece of chalk; and other circumstances related of him justify the remark which is said to have been elicited from a friend on that occasion, that he was "no common child." About 1750, or shortly afterwards, he amused himself by making an electrical machine, and from a curious anecdote told of this part of his life it would seem that the grand subject by which he subsequently made himself famous was even then occupying the young philosopher's thoughts. It is to the effect that his aunt, Mrs. Muirhead, who did not entertain the same opinion as his father of the powers of the boy, upbraided him one evening at the tea-table for what seemed to her to be listless idleness: taking off the lid of the kettle and putting it on again; holding sometimes a cup, and sometimes a silver spoon, over the steam; watching the exit of the steam from the spout, and counting the drops of water into which it became condensed. With the increased light imparted by a knowledge of his subsequent career, the boy pondering before the tea-kettle will, as one of his biographers remarks, be viewed as "the great engineer preluding to the discoveries which were to immortalise him."

Later on we find him in business in Glasgow as a philosophical instrument maker. Without neglecting his regular work in the day time, he devoted his spare hours to various and often profound studies. Soon he acquired the friendship and co-operation of the professors of Glasgow University. His workshop became the resort of all zealous students and inquirers into physical science, and was particularly resorted to by the pupils of the University. In fact, whenever any knotty point was under consideration it was the ordinary practice to consult Watt upon it. More than one instance is related of his determination not to be deterred by difficulties. As it seemed that the solution of a problem over which he and his friends had been puzzling their brains would require the perusal of a work which was written in German, he at once learnt that language in order to consult the book. He had no ear for music; not only was he throughout life insensible to its charms, but he could never distinguish one note from another; yet he undertook the construction of an organ; and the instrument which he made not only had every mechanical merit, but produced the most admirable harmonic results so as to delight the best performers.

But it is with the steam engine that the name of Watt is chiefly associated. How it came to pass that his attention was specially called in this direction was as follows: A model of an early method of applying steam power formed a part of the apparatus which was used to illustrate some of the lectures at the University. Somehow it failed to work properly, and Mr. Watt was asked to examine it and put it to rights. This he quickly did, but his examination of it not only satisfied him of its being altogether defective in principle for all practical purposes but led him to make a variety of experiments, the result of which was at length that mighty invention which forms the chief mechanical power now in use throughout the world. In fact, so far as all that is admirable in its structure, and vast in its utility is concerned, Watt may rather be described as the inventor than as the improver of the steam engine. As Lord Jeffrey wrote in a notice of Watt's career, published a few days after his death, "It was by his inventions that its action was so regulated as to make it capable of being applied to the finest and most delicate manufactures, and its power so increased as to set weight dansolidity at defiance. By his admirable contrivances it has become a thing stupendous alike for its force and flexibility, for the prodigious power which it can exert, and the ease and precision and ductility with which it can be varied, distributed, and applied. The trunk of an elephant that can pick up a pin or rend an oak is as nothing to it. It can engrave a seal, and crush masses of obdurate metal like wax before it; draw out, without breaking, a thread as fine as gossamer; and lift a ship of war like a bauble in the air. It can embroider muslin and forge anchors, cut steel into ribands and impel loaded vessels against the fury of the winds and waves."

Watt died on the 25th of August, 1819, in his eighty-third year, having lived to witness, to some extent, and still more to foresee, the vast triumph which this offspring of his genius was destined to accomplish for mankind. In his private character this great man is reported to have been generous and affectionate, and considerate of the feelings of all around him, while he gave the most liberal assistance and encouragement to all young persons who shewed indications of talent or who applied to him for advice. After his death a fund was raised to do honour to his memory, with the result that a beautiful statue of the inventor was executed by Chantrey and placed in Westminster Abbey.

THE TEA-KETTLE'S SONG.

Do you hear the song the tea-kettle sings
Above the fire-light's glow,
While the white steam floats like a fleecy cloud
And the fancies fall and flow?

Do you know the song the tea-kettle sings,
O boy with the wondering eyes?
Long ago it was read by a boy like you
As he watched the steam-clouds rise.

And he learned that song and 'tis sung to-day
Over every land and sea,
In the crowded town and the forest wild
And the hilltop high and free.

And the music that floats from the rush and roar
And the roll of the rumbling wheel
Is the strain that was learned from the tea-kettle's song
And written on bars of steel.

In the crowded town and the desert waste
And the meadow where sweet birds sing
And deep in the mountain's stormy breast
You may hear its music ring.

Oh the music is rare that the echoes bear
As they fling back the roll and peal
Of the strains that were learned from the tea-kettle's song
And written on bars of steel.

And now can you guess what the tea-kettle sang,
O, Rob, on that far-off night,
To the boy who watched as you're watching now
By the fireside's flickering light.

—*St. Nicholas.*

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—I am a wonderful piece of mechanism. I am composed of (1) two lids, (2) two caps, (3) and a number of weathercocks, (4) three distinct measures, and am accompanied by (5) two esteemed fishes, and (6) a number of smaller ones, (7) a handsome stag, (8) two playful animals, and a (9) number of a smaller kind, (10) two tall trees, (11) two places of worship, (12) two students or scholars, (13) half-a-score Spanish gentlemen, (14) two musical instruments, (15) some spring flowers, (16) the approaches to an hotel, (17) the fruit of an indigenous plant, and (18) some weapons of war.

2.—If you cut off a lady's head,
A man you'll surely see instead.
Cut off his foot, and I declare,
Again you'll see a lady fair.

3.—*Whole*, in presence of; behead twice, going first; behead again, a compound; curtail, a conjunction; curtail again, nothing.

4.—*Whole*, to vex; behead, rest; behead and transpose, water.

5.—My *first* is what you cast aside;
A letter *next* will be espied;
My *third* and *fourth* we often see
Upon our tables when at tea;
My *whole's* neglected, low and mean,
And everywhere too often seen.

DIAMONDS.

6.—A century; earth; harmony; a delicacy; a book; a sound; a numeral.

7.—The policeman knows my *first*; my *next* is an act a policeman often does; in my others you have a spoon, a compound for which the spoon is useful, a verb, a point of the compass, and a musical note.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1. Noted, note, Eton, tone, ton, not, no. 2. Jessa-mine. 3. Pockethandkerchief. 4. Sword, word, row. 5. Praise, raise, rise, sire, ire. 6. Boat-race.

A "sweet girl" graduate wrote the following on the flyleaf of her text-book on moral science:—"If there be another flood, For refuge hither fly; Though all the world should be submerged, This book would still be dry."

THE TREASURE HUNTERS;

OR,

THE SEARCH FOR THE MOUNTAIN MINE.

BY

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CHAPTER VIII.

CATCHING A TARTAR.

Now it happened that while Fran' Adams and his companion had been congratulat ng themselves upon their escape, and making a com act, those with whom they had come in contact had been making a compact of their own. Heavy blo s had been struck, a jaw broken, and wounds give ; these latter of a trifling nature, but sufficient to raise in them such a desire for revenge that the givers were marked down, and, though ignorant of the terrible fact, their lives were in certain quarters in the place, not worth many minutes' purchase.

What was more, their every step had been tracked until they had entered the hotel. Some little time after, a man, whom one of his fellow-citizens would have spoken of as "a very ornery cuss," slowly dawdled into the bar, called for a cigar and a drink, and then went slouching about, behaving much after the fashion of a digger who had made a pile of gold, and had now come to knock it down.

Such visitors were too common to excite comment, and after a drink or two more, the new arrival was wandering about the Frisco caravansary as much at home as any other stranger.

Apparently looking for nothing but his own enjoyment, he was soon after to have been seen, if any one had watched him, slouching along the passage upon which the door of Frank Adams's room opened, and here, as if quite by accident, he stopped short, took a great knife from his pocket, which knife opened out a whole armoury of implements, from a toothpick to a corkscrew, and having set the gimlet, began boring softly, evidently from a desire to see whether the wood was hard or soft.

He was not a pleasant-looking ruffian, and a discoloration upon one side of his face did not improve his personal appearance; but that was nobody's business but his own, and he kept on boring away very softly, stopping at intervals with his ear close to the panel.

Then he stopped, listened attentively, and the murmur of conversation seemed to have for him a most gratifying effect, for he paused from his work again and again, before taking it up to proceed with anything like perseverance.

In an ordinary way, to have pierced the thin panel would have been the work of a few seconds, but our friend seemed to enjoy making it a task of many minutes, with rests and refreshings between, as he listened and listened again.

Now about this time Mr. Larry Carey, who had been busy doing nothing, thought he would seek the master and ask for orders.

Larry stepped along jauntily, and whistled "Limerick Races," for he was in capital spirits: that scrimmage, as he termed it, had warmed his heart, and made him think of old days.

"Ah," he said, "the place is the laste taste betther 'an I thought for, an' it's likely enough I'll get reconciled to it in time; bud— Whoo! what's that?"

He drew back suddenly into an open room, for he had caught sight of the American gentleman busy at work upon the panel of his master's door.

For a moment or two he could hardly believe it; then his mind failed to realise the object; but when he saw the scoundrel's ear placed against the door, he read it at once.

A broad grin overspread his features, and, dancing back into the room on tiptoe, he moistened his hand, took a fresh grip of his stick, and gave it a triumphant flourish round his head.

After this he drew a long breath, went softly to the door, peeped cautiously round the side, and saw the fellow still turning the gimlet, but now in a reverse way, and the minute after he was stooping down low, with his eye to the aperture he had made.

"Och, bud this is heavenly!" sighed Larry, whose face wore an aspect that seemed to say it had been bathed in bliss.

And, slipping off his boots, he went quickly on tiptoe down the passage, and with a kick and a blow, delivered simultaneously, he drove the fellow's head right through the frail panel, as we have seen.

"What d'ye mane, ye dhirty avesdhroppin' staler ov people's words, eh?" exclaimed Larry, and he raised his stick for another blow; but with a desperate effort the pilloried man dragged his head out of the fractured woodwork, and darted to the other side of the table, where, in an instant, he had drawn a revolver, and presented it at Dawson; but as he drew the trigger Larry's stick went whizzing through the air, and striking him full on the arm, destroyed his aim, and the ball went crashing through the partition into the next room.

At the same moment Dawson and Adams sprang forward to seize the scoundrel, but they were too late. With a yell of defiance he dashed to the window, swung himself out, and dropped to the sidewalk—only a matter of a few feet—and was gone.

"That's well rid of him, yer honour," said Larry, picking up his stick, which he cuddled affectionately to his side. "I think he had rather the worst ov the bargain."

He looked from one to the other, but no one spoke, except a waiter and two or three stayers in the hotel, who had been attracted by the noise—rather a common one there, and not always noticed; but finding all was right, they departed.

"I ought to have known better, Adams," said Dawson, who had begun pacing the room with hasty strides. "To think that I should go shouting out my projects for every listener to hear! Well, it is too late now."

"But you mentioned no names of places, even if the fellow did hear," said Adams.

"What of that? If it is as I fear, they will watch us. I feel sure it was one of those rowdies we fought."

"Bedad, an' so it was, sor. I thought I knowed him before. Here, stop a minit."

Larry ran to the window, but came back directly, rubbing his ear.

"Sure, he's gone. Out ov sight entirely he is, or I could have towld him at wanst; for if it was the man I mane, I put me mark on him wid me stick whin we came together down below there, hours ago."

"He had a mark upon his face—I saw it myself," said Adams.

"Had he, now?" said Larry. "Thin it was mine, an' no doubt ov it. An' now he's got a wan on the back ov his head, good luck to him, an' I hope he likes it."

"It's very, very unlucky," said Dawson, shaking his head. "I'm afraid he heard too much."

"Heard too much, yer honour?" said Larry. "Why if his head had been as full as an egg, that tap I gave him would have driven it all out, and his sinses wid it."

"The sooner we get away from here the better," said Dawson, after a few moments' thought.

"I'm glad ov it," muttered Larry.

"I'll push on all the preparations I can," said Dawson, "and you must clear off what you have, and be ready for a start at any time. And now another thing, Adams—those women must never leave the place without one of us with them, and I warn you that even then it will be dangerous."

"Are you not magnifying the peril?" said Adams.

"I hope I am," was the reply; "but I fear not. I know this place better than you, and I shall not feel at rest until we have left it fifty miles behind."

A short consultation followed, and then each went to execute the plans decided upon, though little could be done, owing to the lateness of the evening. Still there was something in their future course being settled; and the following day Adams had contrived to dispose of the tools and farm seeds he had brought over to a brother emigrant, and, under Dawson's advice, made such purchases as were deemed necessary for the expedition. There was Dawson's paraphernalia, too, to inspect, Larry looking on with a puzzled air, and caressing his chin with one hand, it not being considered desirable to initiate him in the plans that had been decided upon.

Dawson had already bought mules and a tent, with various other camping-out arrangements; and, under his guidance, Adams was soon equipped.

"It would be as well for Larry here to have a revolver and rifle," said Dawson, as they went over their list of necessaries.

"An' is it me ye want to have wan ov the murdherin' tools?" said that worthy. "Sure I'd be shootin' meself dead an' somebody else half a dozen times a day. What would I want wid a rifle, whin I've got this?" and he flourished his stick.

"I don't know that I'm doing right in going," Adams said; "I'm afraid those poor women will feel the journey very much."

"I'll guarantee that it shall be less toilsome than the one you intended," said Dawson.

And then they returned to the hotel.

For their arrangements were now all made; and with a couple of hours' preparation, they could at any time set forth on their journey, as there was nothing to do but load the mules, saddle up, and go—the mules and stores being in a stable about a couple of hundred yards from the hotel, all goings and comings having been conducted with the greatest secrecy. When they went, they did so one at a time, and by different routes, meeting at the stable, where Dawson's follower, a tall half-breed who had been accustomed to mules from childhood, always stayed in charge of the animals and the burdens they were to carry.

But, in spite of all their care, three days had elapsed before they could think of making a start, during which the intimacy between Dawson and the English family had ripened into a warm friendship, though Mary was always quiet and distant—almost cold.

"I'm thinkin'," said Larry, on the fourth morning, "that there's some devil's game on the way."

"Why? What makes you think that?" said Adams, eagerly.

"Why, sor, that illigant boy that I caught listenin' is always hangin' about on the watch."

"But you have been careful. He has not seen you round by the stables?"

"No, yer honour. I dodged him, an' took him down among the Chinese wan time, an' up the town another time; for I could see by the twisht ov his eye he was a-spying of me. Bud, yer honour, d'ye think that black boy ov yours, Ike, is to be thrusted?"

"He's true as steel, Larry," said Dawson, laughing.

"Bud, yer honour, ye sometimes cut yerself wid yer own piece of steel."

"You doubt him then, Larry?"

"Oh, no," said Larry, "divil doubt him a bit; only suppose he was to poison the mules, or sell thim to the inimy?"

"No fear, Larry; but out with it. You don't like the lad?"

"Oh," said Larry, "I don't mind him at all; only whiniver he sees me he rowls his eyes about, an' it's a bad sign."

"A bad sign—and why?"

"Ye should niver thrust anything that rowls his eyes," said Larry. "We had an owld cow out there at home as used to rowl her eyes horrible, an' whinever she rowled her eyes she kicked."

"Come now, Larry," said Dawson, laughing, "own it like a man—you don't like Ikey, and you're a bit jealous of him."

"An' is it jealous ov a poor haythen as is half black? Misther Dawson, sor, I'm ashamed ov ye."

Larry was so indignant that he got up and walked away, while Dawson sat and laughed heartily for a few moments.

"Look here, Adams," he said, "the comical part of the affair is that Ike came to me only this morning, and, in a most mysterious way, warned me against poor Larry, assuring me that he would sell us all for a few dollars. Those two fellows hate one another consumedly, and we shall have to rule them with a rod of iron to keep them in order. But look there!"

They were sitting smoking near the open window, and both involuntarily drew back; for on the far sidewalk they saw slouching along two men whom they at once recognised as of the party with whom they had had the fight. The men stared very hard at the houses as they went by, and their coming seemed to have a depressing effect upon the two adventurers.

"They are watching us, I'm afraid," said Dawson, after a pause; "and I think the sooner we arrange to go the better. I did mean to wait to-morrow over; but, depend upon it, we ought to be off to-night."

"To-night!" said Adams. "Well, perhaps so; but they would most likely get to know from the hotel people."

"Then we will not tell the hotel people. We can leave what we consider fair payment, and a note saying that your boxes are to be kept in the store till your return. Then when all is quiet—say, one o'clock—we can get round to the stables, or, better still, meet out on the road."

"Very easy if we are not watched," said Adams; "but if we are?"

"Try and throw them off the scent," was the reply.

Then the arrangements were once more gone over, the plan decided upon, and Dawson went off to where the mules were kept, while Adams prepared his people for the coming journey.

CHAPTER IX.

AN ESCAPE.

The night came on dark and oppressive, and, as if because the adventurers wished to go off at a certain time, the dwellers at the hotel seemed to be unusually late. Adams sat with open window listening impatiently, and longing for the last light to be extinguished.

The plans were that Dawson and his half-breed were to start with their little mule train about twelve, go by a circuitous route out of the city, and wait at a spot previously picked out about two miles on the road. Here they were to be joined by Adams, his wife and sister, and Larry—a simple enough plan if it would work; but the best-laid plans sometimes fail.

Dawson had been very anxious to stay and help the party leaving the hotel; but it was of such vital consequence that the mules and stores should all be in time, that he was reluctantly compelled to give up; and he parted from them that evening to join his side with spirits depressed and burdened more than he cared to own.

"You look dull, man," said Adams, cheerily, as they parted.

"Sense of responsibility, that's all, old fellow," he replied. "You'll be careful, though, and look out to see that you are not watched. All depends upon our getting well away, I reckon. Then they may do their worst—that is, if we really are marked down by those scoundrels."

Then he set off, and Adams sat watching and waiting for the time.

In about an hour he was joined by his wife and Mary, the former shivering with apprehension, but outwardly very brave; the latter calm, quiet, and self-contained. They were dressed for their journey, and, like two brave women, had no impedimenta but a little valise slung over the shoulder, and a thick warm shawl carefully folded tightly, and also slung by a strap.

Their lights had been long extinguished, and they sat silently in one corner of the room, hand clasped in hand, while Adams divided his attention between the window and the door.

Twice over he fancied that he heard footsteps coming lightly along the wide corridor, but they had no existence; then, as all became silent in the place, a creaking board would set all hearts beating, or the sighing of the night wind be interpreted into the whispers of conspirators against their plans. The window, though left purposely open, took up most of Adams's attention, for it was from the street that he apprehended danger.

Gazing cautiously out, he again and again fancied that one of the passers-by was a spy, and at such times it seemed to him that their plans had been badly laid, and that they were evidently known to their enemies.

Then, as the man he had marked down resolved himself into some idler taking a final cigar before retiring for the night, he laughed at his fears, and told himself that they were all inventions, that the scoundrels they had encountered had troubled themselves no more, and that all they had to do was to quietly walk out of the place, join their friends, and away to the mountains.

By touching the face of his watch now and then, he could tell how the time progressed, and he wondered that it should be so slow. Then he crossed the room to whisper a few words of comfort to the women before once more going to the window, cautiously peering out, and trying to pierce the gloom.

Danger at last—there was no doubt of it now; for just below where he stood were a couple of men whispering together. Then one glided away, and the other seemed to take a few steps to the right; but whether he went away or not Adams could not tell.

He stood listening for some time, and then came away—for all remained silent; and he prepared to descend alone first, to see if the way was clear, for the time for starting had arrived.

Larry was lying at full length upon the floor, waiting for his orders, and talking to himself softly, so as to keep awake. At a touch he was sitting up, and on receiving his orders, stepped softly to the window to watch while his master went below.

Adams was not long in reaching the door, where he stood listening for a while; but all was silent—apparently so—and he was about to raise his hand to the fastenings, when there was a slight cough and a faint rustling sound without, as if somebody seated there had just changed his position.

Adams turned cold, for here was corroborative evidence that his fears were not without foundation. He listened again, and now he could make out the heavy breathing of the person watching; so he stepped lightly back, asking himself how he was to act.

He regained his room as cautiously as he had descended, and, refraining from saying anything to alarm the women, went to Larry's side, for he felt something must be done—they could not give up now that they had gone so far. They were really watched, and they must avoid the spies by some means or another.

He told Larry the state of affairs.

"Ah, thin I'll go an' give him a tap on the head," he said, coolly.

"And alarm the whole place?" said Adams peevishly.

"Thin we must go some other way," said Larry. "Oh, no, look here, yer honour: I'll go out ov the door an' tumble over the dhirty ruffian; thin he'll be up an afther me, an' I'll lade him a dance half over the town while you an' the ladies go off. Sure an' I'll join ye as soon as I can."

"Won't do, Larry; we can't leave you behind."

"Lave me behind! That ye jist won't, for I'll be afther ye in two twos."

"My dear fellow," said Adams, "you have no idea of the country. If we parted, the chances are that we should never meet again."

"Oh, go along," said Larry—"it aint so big as all that, anyhow. Well, thin, look here, yer honour—how will ye do it?"

"I can see no way at present. The door is watched."

"Thin we'll go out ov the windy," said Larry.

"But the window is not five yards from the door."

"He talks as if there was only wan windy in the whole house. Come along, an' thry the wan in the impty room at the 'ind ov the passage. Sure, it isn't more an' tin feet from the ground."

The proposal was too good to be slighted, and after Larry had been first, to see that the way was clear and the room really empty, the party made their way cautiously there; and they stood together in the dark while the way to descend was discussed.

As Larry had said, it was not above ten feet to the ground; and, fortunately for the fugitives, the hotel was at a corner, and this window looked out into a narrow way, running at right angles to the street. They could then lower themselves down without much risk of the watcher in the doorway hearing their movements.

The plans were soon made: Larry was to descend first, and be ready to take the women in his strong arms, while Adams, lowered them, the distance robbing the descent of all ideas of danger.

All was silent below, and as black as ink; so after a few more whispered words of direction, Larry climbed out quickly, for the time was going fast, lowered himself softly down, hung for a moment by his hands, and dropped.

"All right, yer honour," he whispered, after creeping to the corner and looking towards the doorway.

Then came the task to lower Mary, who, however, was strong and active enough to render no slight assistance herself; and, after a little rustling of dresses and the heavy panting of breath, she was hanging from the window, held by the wrists by her brother, Larry taking her in his arms, and she too was safe.

"Now, yer honour," whispered Larry.

Adams's response was to catch his trembling little wife in his arms, lift her gently out, and he was then about to lower her down, when she arrested him by whispering:

"Listen! Did you not hear something?"

Adams stopped for a moment, but only to give an impatient denial. Then, lowering his light burden gently, he let her swing into Larry's arms, and was preparing to descend, when he heard a hasty ejaculation from below. Then there was silence, only broken by the sound of approaching footsteps.

Adams remained where he was, knowing by the silence below that the companions of his flight were crouching up against the wall, so as to avoid notice, and that if he attempted to join them it would only be to betray their whereabouts.

It was an anxious time, and he seemed almost to hear the beating of the hearts below as he leaned out, trying to strain his sight so as to catch a glimpse of the coming danger. One moment he was regretting that he had not joined them; the next he felt that it was quite right that he had stayed, knowing as he did that he could join them in an instant.

It seemed long, but it was only a few seconds before the steps came nearer and nearer. There was a low whispering, and then a voice cried:

"Come on, here they are."

The words were accompanied by a sharp crack and a groan—plain evidence that Larry's stick had come into play. Then with a rapid movement and grasping a heavy stick in one hand, Adams lowered himself down, to be seized on the instant in a muscular grip, which, taking him as it did at a disadvantage, called for all his powers to keep himself from being taken prisoner.

"Don't shoot, boys," a voice said, in a low, husky growl. "Curse that Irishman!"

In the darkness it was hard to tell friend from foe; but while Adams was engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with two ruffians, Larry was keeping two more at bay, and covering the retreat of the women, but only to find to his dismay that he was in a blind alley, and that the only way of escape was by the front.

"Thin you stop here, me darlin's," he said in a low whisper. "I'll soon make a way for the masther to come down to us."

Larry was as good as his word, for assuming the aggressive, he drove back his assailants step by step till he was by the side of Adams, and then the two men felt a kind of chill of despair come upon them, knowing as they did that they must be overcome.

So far Adams had been handling a stick, the feeling being evidently the same on both sides—that it would be unwise to fire; when suddenly one of the ruffians, who had had his head laid open by a blow from Larry's stick, drew his revolver and fired twice in rapid succession, but without either shot taking effect.

As if in answer to the shots, there came the sound of feet, and a voice exclaimed:

"Are you there, Adams?"

"Yes; help—quick!" was the reply, followed by a cheer and a dash, well supported by an attack made by Larry and his master, with the result that the ruffians, finding themselves taken in front and rear, hesitated for a moment, and then turned and fled.

"Now, quick!" exclaimed Adams—"we have not a moment to lose."

"No—they'll be back directly," replied Dawson, for it was he.

And, each taking the hand of one of the trembling women, and closely followed by Larry, the fugitives escaped from the narrow lane, and hurried in the direction they believed to be opposite to the one taken by their enemies.

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It was a beautiful ring, and Harry Trent was handsome, and possessed of somewhat Lochinvarian perseverance which is always potent still—

Dick? Well, his letter was rather too full of "adamantine chains," and "throbbing heart-strings," but he had a fine moustache, and his temper was not worse than most tempers are unless he was concerned.

As to Tom Saxon, he had not committed himself. Certainly the knife was no token of dust biting. She had found it under the orchard seat where he had peeled her an apple and read "Evelyn Hope," and she had kept it—just as a curiosity, perhaps; certainly there was no reason for keeping the rusty old thing. She looked away from it to the letter's signature. Then a voice from the doorway interrupted—

"My nymph, in thy measurings be all my gifts remembered."

Sally smuggled the knife into her jacket pocket hastily.

"The correct quotation would make better sense, Dr. Saxon," she said, with spirit. "For, if by 'gifts' you mean talents or any description of graces, I have yet to discover them."

"Oh, my prophetic soul!" groaned Dr. Tom, as he brushed away a small spider and usurped his place on the bench opposite Miss Sally. "I dreamed coming along that those diamonds would settle Dick and me. ''Tis true, 'tis pity and pity 'tis, 'tis true.'"

"You and your Shakespeare are very rude, I think," said Sally, with a vivid colour in her cheeks.

"'Twas ever thus from childhood's hour,'" mused Tom.

Miss Sally rose with dignity and moved towards the door.

"Don't tempt me, Miss Berne," cried the doctor. "You know I am not a Crœsus, and a hundred pounds in diamonds—"

She returned for the ring in some confusion. Dr. Saxon held it in his hand.

"Which finger? May I place it for you?" and the mischief deserted his voice.

"I—I have no right to wear it," faltered Sally.

"I was with him when he bought the ring, and his heart is in it," he went on gently.

"So he said," answered the girl in a low tone.

Tom turned to pace the length of the gravel floor and came back to her.

"You did not even honour him with an answer?"

"I am to return the ring to-morrow, if—but really, sir, your friendship passes bounds," with sudden hauteur.

"You should have done yourself and him the justice to return it at once."

"Perhaps you would like to be the bearer?" suggested Sally, tartly.

The doctor smiled good-naturedly, and dismissing the subject of Harry and his ring with a slight hand motion, he glanced at the letter, smiled again, and asked—

"How do you like it?"

"I do not see how it concerns you, Dr. Saxon, but it is a beautiful letter."

"Thank you. I wrote it."

"Miss Sally stared.

"Oh, yes. He asked me, you see, and what could I do? Glad you like it."

While she was indignantly meditating a reply, a small breeze, exploring their retreat, whisked the letter from the table. It fluttered downwards under a mass of vines. Miss Berne, rushing impulsively to the rescue, found the vines were rose-vines, and exceedingly thorny. She was entangled and scratched, but the doctor untwisted the briars deftly, and was getting a thorn out of her wrist with solicitous gentleness when Dick arrived. The scene was not calculated to soothe him. Dr. Saxon had too much of the possessive case in his fine eyes, and that wounded little hand lay too passively in his hold.

"Good evening," said Dick.

The doctor gave a guilty start, and Miss Sally met the speaker's irate eye with a slight flush.

The breeze, continuing lively, made the unfortunate manuscript conspicuous. Dick recognised his chirography, and reddened over his eyebrows.

"It has given us some trouble," said the doctor, in a careful tone. "Perhaps you may succeed better, Jarvis. I'll possess my mind with my patients."

But Jarvis detained him.

"By no means. I quite understand—there is no need to dissemble further."

The doctor tried not to appear amused.

"I don't quite understand," said he.

"No? It is an old proverb that I thought everyone knew something about—an open enemy being better than a false friend."

"'Half a loaf is better than no bread' is the only proverb I know," said Tom, yawning slightly.

But Jarvis was moodily watching the north-east sky, and was apparently deaf. The clouds gathering in that sky were rather ominously interesting. They rolled together presently with a prolonged rumble.

The doctor took a hasty glance.

"We must race for the house," he said.

"How sudden it is!"

"Not at all," said Dick, scornfully. "It was rising when I left home."

Outside the door Sally paused.

"The letter," she said.

Mr. Jarvis said something warm about the letter, and it was left.

Heavy drops began to fall. The trio walked briskly until, rounding a curve of young maples, they collided with an umbrella and its bearer.

"Take my arm quick, Miss Sally," cried the bearer, impetuously, and her whilom escorts fell back as gracefully as they could. "Mr. Berne did not know which turn you had taken, so I have been searching for you half an hour. What a shame, you are wet. Why did not one of you get her an umbrella, or give her your coat, or do something?"

This to the rear chevaliers. Dick looked savage and disgusted. Tom laughed indulgently.

"You see there is another lance to be shivered."

"You played your confidence game pretty well. 'Twould have been brilliant if it had not been so mean."

"I never sought your confidence," said Tom, "and I have not spoken until you should be answered."

"Bah! I think I will go back and fish up that interesting specimen of rhetoric from the mud and rose-vines and read it. Say so to Miss Berne, with my congratulations." And he turned fiercely, ignoring the beat of wind and rain.

Meantime, there came a crisis to Sally. Harry had given a quick glance at her left hand, then looked to her face.

"To-morrow is so far," he said.

She was silent, and mused. The arm she leaned on was a strong arm, and so ready to serve her; the heart beside her was brave and true—had not Dr. Saxon said so? Why wound it by rejecting that beautiful ring? The eyes bent on her were eloquent, honest eyes; what had she to put against their pleading? What was a rusty pen-knife?

She slipped that knife out of her pocket suddenly, and let it fall on the wet grass. She raised her face toward Harry; the eyes grew brilliant, the cheeks pale.

"We need not wait for to-morrow," she began. Then there was a touch on her wet sleeve.

"Need we walk so fast, Miss Sally."

The words were commonplace enough, but something in their tones startled her, and he was whirling that knife in his hand. Sally looked from it to his face with a frightened gasp. Tom met the glance as if she had spoken, and smiled proudly as the colour swept into her face. He bent his head to speak softly—

"I am a man to hold my own."

And Harry walked along radiantly with his umbrella over Miss Sally's dear little head, and saw nothing striking about that whisper until after tea, when the ungrateful beauty told him she hoped they would be always friends. He pocketed his ring then, and called to see Dick, whom he found cremating a damp, earth-stained paper over his lamp. So, over their cigars, Harry and Dick decided that Tom's conduct had been simply abominable, and that poor little Sally Berne had made a grave mistake—in fact, two grave mistakes.

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SOME FEMININE NAMES.—Annabella is not fair Anna, but the feminine of Hannibal, meaning gift (or grace) of Bel. Arabella is not beautiful altar, but Orabilla, a praying woman. In its Anglicised form of Orable it was much more common in the thirteenth century than at present. Maurice has nothing to do with Mauritius or a Moor, but comes from Almarichimmelreich, the kingdom of heaven. Ellen is the feminine name of Alarn, Alan, or Allan, and has no possible connection with Helen, which comes from a different language, and is older by one thousand years at least. Avice or Avis does not signify advice, as some think. It comes from Ædwis, and means happy wisdom. Eliza has no connection with Elizabeth. It is the sister of Louisa, and both are daughters of Heloise, which is Helewis, hidden wisdom. There is indeed another form of Louisa, or rather Louise, which is the feminine of Louis, but this was scarcely heard of before the sixteenth century. Emily and Amelia are not different forms of one name. Emily is from Æmylia, the name of an Etruscan gens; Amelia comes from the Gothic amalia, heavenly. Alice, Adalias, Adelaide, Aliza, Alix, Adaline, are all forms of one name, the root of which is adel, noble.

MRS. GREENE: "Timothy, what have you done with the letter that was lying on the bureau?" Timothy: "I put it into the letter-box, ma'am." Mrs. G.: "Oh! provoking! Didn't you see there was no address on the envelope!" Timothy: "Yes, ma'am, but I thought you didn't want anybody to know who you was writin' to."

THE news editor prepared an article in which he said, "Mr. Dash is hopelessly ill." Before going to press Mr. Dash died, and a hasty alteration was made in the sentence to meet the new condition of affairs. When Mr. Dash's friends read in their paper that "Mr. Dash is hopelessly dead," they were naturally shocked.

WIFE (returning from matinee): "Oh, it was too lovely. She had on a pale, Nile green silk, with bands of passementerie down the front, and the grandest diamonds you ever saw, and when she died, in the last act, she rolled over four times, and every woman in the house was crying. I never enjoyed a play so much in my life."

A WORD TO THE WISE
Being Warnings and Counsel to Young Men on Marriage, the Cause and Cure of Consumption, Loss of Flesh, Spitting of Blood, Weakness, Local Debility, Loss of Memory, Lassitude, Lowness of Spirits, Languidness, Incapacity for Exertion, Study, or Business, the Mind Irritable and Desponding, Palpitation of the Heart upon the least excitement, want of Vital Energy, Nervous Debility, Dimness of Sight, Premature Decay, and other fatal Diseases, which generally result from unskilful treatment and ignorance of nature's laws, with clear instructions to regain robust health and vigorous manhood. Sent free on receipt of 4 stamps. Address, Messrs. WILKINSON & Co., 8, Baker's Hill, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield, Eng.
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Easter Festivities

MEDOMSLEY WESLEYAN METHODISTS.

The Wesleyan Methodist friends at Medomsley may be truly congratulated on having had vouchsafed to them Queen's weather while celebrating their Sunday-school anniversary on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On Friday afternoon, the children, numbering over 90, were regaled with tea, to which they did ample justice, and were afterwards presented with oranges, &c. A large number of friends, parents, and teachers sat down to tea. The tables were presided over by Misses D. Brown, J. A. Teasdale, P. Henderson, J. A. Dent, J. A. Hetherington, and Messrs J. G. Armstrong, T. Adamson, T. Chatt, F. Brown, and R. Wheatley assiduously assisted them. Meadames E. Robinson, Miller, Watson, and Armstrong also rendered valuable aid. A public meeting was held in the chapel, and was ably presided over by the senior school superintendent (Mr J. Calvert) who, in a few well-chosen remarks, introduced an excellent programme. The speakers for the evening were Messrs A. Seed, Shotley Bridge, and J. Palliser, Blackhill, who spoke on the advantages of Sunday-schools and their work. The addresses were interspersed with rich music, under the able leadership of Mr John Adamson, while Mr Thos. Adamson rendered good service with the harmonium. The secretaries of the school gave their annual balance sheet, which showed that the expenditure for the year was £7 0s 2½d, whilst the income was £6 5s 8d, leaving a balance due to the treasurer of 14s 6½d. The report stated: Total number of teachers at beginning of year, 24—17 males and 7 females; admitted during the same period, 13—11 males and 2 females; total number of teachers now on the register, 30—22 males and 8 females, being a net increase of 6 for the year—5 males and 1 female. Average attendances: Males, 731, being an average of 15 per Sunday during the year. Females, 191, being an average of 4 per Sunday. Total number of scholars on the register at beginning of year, 98—54 males and 44 females; admitted, 23—18 males and 5 females; decrease, 18 males and 8 females. Males left, 7; removed, 9; died, 2. Females, 1 became teacher; 1 died; and 6 left, leaving the total number now on the register 95—54 males and 41 females, showing a decrease of 3. Attendances: Males—total, 1,850, average being 37; females, 1,473, average 29, showing the mean average attendance to be 66 per Sunday. The averages are calculated for 50 Sundays of the year, there having been two Sundays on which the school was not held.

On Sunday, Mr R. C. Foster, Consett, conducted three services—one in the chapel in the morning, and two in the Good Templars' Hall. The children of the school were examined in scripture, dialogues, poetry, and catechism, and all passed excellent, and gave entire satisfaction. The hall, as in former years, was densely packed, large numbers having to go away, unable to gain admittance. The proceeds of the services amounted to £7 3s.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

Undoubtedly one of the principal rendezvous for pleasure-seekers this Eastertide was the beautiful and sequestered Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge. Over 5,000 people passed the gates during Monday, the weather being bright and genial. Messrs Wilson Bros. (lessees) provided various attractions for the amusement of their patrons, and the Leadgate Saxhorn Prize Brass Band played a selection of music, dancing on the green sward being freely indulged in. At night there was an excellent display of fireworks. The grounds now appear clad in all the verdant beauty of the spring season, and the lessees are making special endeavours this year to commemorate the Jubilee year of the famed Hally Well at the Spa, which, according to various local authorities, was discovered in the year 1837.

Up to about four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, it almost seemed as if the grounds were going to be very badly attended indeed, but with the commencement of the football matches the people began to turn up in better numbers. The enjoyment of the afternoon was, however, greatly marred by the chilly and disagreeable state of the weather which prevailed. About seven o'clock, the grounds had become pretty well crowded, numbers of the young people joining in, and seeming to greatly enjoy, the dancing. Lively music was kept up during the whole of the afternoon by the Leadgate Band. After the display of fireworks in the evening, however, the greater number of the people began to disperse, the night having turned in very raw and chilly.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AT STANHOPE.

On Saturday evening a grand concert was held in Stanhope Town Hall, it being the occasion of Miss Earl's anniversary of her advent to Stanhope exactly twelve months ago that very evening. The large and commodious hall was literally packed with a respectable and appreciative audience, several of the wealthier and higher class being present. Miss Earl's concerts are among the best held in Stanhope, as she can always secure the greatest talent locally, and from a distance as well, consequently they are well patronised, and are always a proper treat. The programme on Easter Eve was lengthy. The singing of the Misses Stephenson (Bollihope) was splendid, and cannot be equalled in Weardale. So young, their sweet and melodious voices bespeak them gifted by nature with extraordinary talent for song; added to this, their artistic training by their elder brother—a thorough musician—renders them singers of exceptional ability. Another characteristic feature of the evening was the performance of Miss Minnie Tomlin (Shildon), a little girl scarcely four years old, who gave a recitation in splendid style, entitled "My little lamb." Her diminutive little form and her sweet untainted innocent prattle enthralled the large audience. She held a little lamb in her arms and at a certain part of every verse she touched a spring which made it shout. The method and style brought down the house, and being *encored*, she gave another piece entitled, "My little doll," which she held in her arms and kissed every now and then as she recited her simple little poems. She could be heard distinctly to the end of the large room, and a Stanhope audience has never before had such a treat from an infant girl. The singing of Mr Wm. Walton as usual was excellent. Mr F. Vickers and Miss Elliott gave "Mary of the glen" in splendid style. Mr J. Keenleyside also gave "Happy married life" in capital style. Mr Cleasby pleased well, as did Master Cleasby too. The two Miss Littlefairs and Miss Nattrass (Weatherhill) likewise did well, and were enrapturously *encored*. Miss Flory Collingwood in her usual pleasing style delighted the audience. The two Miss Phillipsons gave great satisfaction, as also did Mr H. Tinkler, Mr Richmond, and Mr J. Bainbridge, whose proclivities for song are all well known. A few recitations were given in splendid style by Messrs J. J. Collingwood and J. Watson, Miss F. Collingwood and Miss Cail. The instrumental pieces of Messrs Tinkler, Bainbridge, and Miss Temperley were also well received; likewise "Home sweet home," with accompaniments on the piano by Miss Temperley. Mr W. M. Egglestone occupied the chair. Miss J. P. Earl occupied a very conspicuous position among a group of young people on a platform at the end of the hall, where she acted as policeman. Votes of thanks to the chairman, the performers, and to Mr Robert Walton, Stanhope House, for the use of his piano, were carried by acclamation, after which one of the most successful concerts which has been held in Stanhope these late years was brought to a close. The performance throughout was of a high class.

On Tuesday evening, Miss Earl had a distribution of prizes among the children who attend her afternoon services. In the evening a public meeting of the parents and friends was held, addressed by Messrs T. Alnwick, J. Wharton, W. M. Egglestone, and Miss Earl, after which a very enjoyable coffee supper was held, to which a goodly number sat down. Miss Earl's work in the North, but especially in Stanhope, during the last 12 months has been a thorough success, and there are houses in Stanhope to-day which twelve months ago were pandemonium itself, and to-day are little paradises, the change having been brought about through her instrumentality.

LANCHESTER.—On Monday night, a successful concert of miscellaneous music was given in the National Schools, in aid of the Lanchester Institute.

BALLS AT CONSETT.—On Monday evening, a largely-attended ball, promoted by Mr Nixon, came off at the Assembly Rooms, Consett.—The same night, Mr Alex. Parker held a ball in the New Town Hall, but it was only moderately patronised.

SALVATION ARMY (CONSETT CORPS.)—Special services have been held at the barracks to celebrate the arrival of fresh officers.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The anniversary of the Sunday-school connected with this place of worship was commemorated on Easter Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. A public meeting was held on Saturday, and the services were conducted on Sunday by Rev. M. P. Davison. On Monday, a tea party was held, being followed by a public entertainment.

CASTLESIDE WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Good Friday, the annual public tea took place, and was numerously patronised. This was followed by a public meeting, presided over by Mr S. Leybourne, and addressed by Messrs. J. Robson, Dipton, G. Kindred, Consett; and J. Oliver, Burnhill; T. J. Muse, Castleside, and others.—On Sunday, special services were conducted by Mr Thomas Elliott, Swallwell. At each service, the Sunday school scholars recited and sung, and collections taken on behalf of the school funds.

DIPTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Good Friday afternoon, Miss J. P. Earl preached in the chapel, and also delivered a lecture in the evening. A public tea was also provided.—On Easter Sunday, afternoon and evening, special services were conducted.

LANGLEY PARK.—On Good Friday, the Wesleyan Methodists held their seventh annual anniversary in connection with the opening of their chapel. In the afternoon, Rev J. M. Wamsley, secretary of the district, preached an impressive sermon. At the close, a tea was provided. In the evening, addresses were given by Rev J. M. Wamsley, of Gateshead; Rev A. J. Silcox, of Durham; and other friends. The chair was taken by Mr Wm. Logan, Stobilee House.—On Easter Sunday, two sermons were preached by Rev A. J. Silcox to large audiences. Proceeds were in aid of the chapel fund.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY.—The Wesleyan Methodists here celebrated their chapel anniversary at Easter.—On Good Friday a service of song, entitled "Tom o' Jack's lad," was given by the chapel choir. Mr George Thornton conducted, while Mr Joseph Smith (Hamsteels) gave the connective readings. A coffee supper followed the entertainment.—On Easter Sunday, sermons were preached in the morning by Rev. F. S. Chesters, and afternoon and night by Mr T. Cowey, both of Annfield Plain.—On Monday evening, Mr Chesters gave a lecture, "A Trip to the Antipodes," under the presidency of Mr J. T. Forster, colliery manager. The services were well attended, the total proceeds being for the trust funds.

LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHAPEL. — On Good Friday afternoon, Mr Cawood, Newcastle, preached in this place of worship. At night he delivered his interesting lecture entitled "Our work." Mr George Richardson, Shotley Bridge, occupied the chair.—On Easter Sunday, special sermons were preached by Rev. J. W. Keyworth, Shotley Bridge. All the gatherings were well attended. The proceeds were for the Wesleyan Day School funds.

TOW LAW GOOD TEMPLARY.—The children connected with the "Welcome" Juvenile Temple gave their annual entertainment in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Good Friday, under the presidency of Mr J. Robinson. A capital programme of songs and recitations was given, and was much appreciated by the large company assembled.

ST. JOSEPH'S, TOW LAW.—On Monday afternoon, the children attending St. Joseph's Schools had a treat of fruit, &c., and in the evening the children gave a free concert in the large school, which was well filled. It was a rare entertainment, and greatly applauded. The invitations were necessarily limited, and in order to give a great number of persons who were not able to procure tickets an opportunity of hearing the concert, it is intended to repeat the entertainment on Thursday evening. The excellence of the training given to the children at these schools is clearly shown by their remarkable cleverness.

NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS' STRIKE

RESULT OF THE BALLOT TO DAY.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM.]

The voting among the Northumberland miners was concluded to-day (Friday), and shows that a decided majority are in favour of continuing the strike and against negociating with the masters. The strike has lasted eleven weeks

MINING FATALITY AT HAMSTERLEY

An inquest was held on Saturday afternoon, at the offices of Mr Wm. Allan, Hamsterley Colliery, relative to the death of Thomas Anderson (17), who was killed in that mine on the Thursday previous. Anderson was driving a pony attached to several empty tubs down the pit, when it is surmised that one of the tubs ran off the way and knocked out some timber, causing a quantity of stone to fall upon his head, crushing him to death. When the body was discovered, at 9.30 a.m., by Peter Murphy and James Muse, life appeared to be extinct.—A verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned.—The remains of the deceased youth, who was greatly respected, were interred in Ebchester Churchyard on Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame." *Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."—Also makers of Epps's Afternoon Chocolate Essence. x10x

A HEBBURN WOMAN MISSING. — Margaret Fenwick, a married woman, living at 17, Railway Terrace, Hebburn, has been missing from her home since the 12th of this month. On the afternoon of that day she left the house, taking with her two young children. She was seen in Jarrow in the evening, but since then nothing has been seen or heard of her. One of the children belongs to a neighbour.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it *will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle. Wholesale depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road London

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clear out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles chipmunks, gophers. 7½d. and 1s. boxes at Chemists.

MADAME Schumann has been astonishing audiences by her skilful and accurate pianoforte playing. The old proverb, "To err is Schumann" does not apply to her.

EMMA: "Reggy, darling, when we are married, you will not smoke in the house, will you?" Reggy: "No, love; the fellows will expect me at the club, you know."

"I WOULDN'T be a fool if I were you," said Jones to a friend. "If you were me you wouldn't be a fool," was the reply.

WAITING MAID: "Good morning, doctor. My lady sends me to beg you to come to her husband as quickly as possible. She does not wish him to die without your assistance."

A CURIOUS combination of a dress-improver and spring-chair has been patented. The inventor does not undertake to fit up ladies weighing over 18st. with an entirely reliable apparatus.

WHO SAYS A WOMAN DOESN'T REASON?—"Mamma, there's a hole in my golosh, and it's full of water." "Well, come here, and let me cut another hole, so that the water will run out."

HER MURDERER.

In the woods near Greenburgh, Henry Moseland, hidden by certain great laurel bushes, saw Frank Allison come down the footpath with Nettie Lynn on his arm. He was in love with Nettie, and felt jealous and angry, and not at all like speaking to the two. He could hear their words distinctly.

"I want you to walk to the railway station with me, Mr. Allison."

"Stay here awhile, will you not? I have something to say."

"I have a friend coming by the next train," said Nettie, laughing. "Come, or I'll go alone."

"Miss Lynn, you must listen. You must know it already, but I must tell you that I love you. Do you care for me? Will you be my wife?"

"I wish you had not asked me," replied Nettie, "because I must say no, Mr. Allison."

"Do you mean it, or do you want me to ask again?"

"I mean it. I did not want you to ask at all."

"Then you love Henry Moreland?"

"How dare you say that? I love neither of you. I am engaged to a man I love. He is a clergyman. He will be here by the nine o'clock train. We shall be married in a few days."

"Then you are a flirt, and have trifled with us both," said Frank Allison.

"I have done nothing to make you say so," replied the girl. "My future husband is always in my mind. I smile because I am happy."

"There! Say no more about it. I do not believe you mind very much."

She walked away and left Frank Allision alone. As Henry Moreland stood quietly amongst the bushes, not wishing to let the other know that he had listened, he heard Frank rage as a demon might, and utter every threat that could be dreamt of against the girl and her betrothed husband. Then he burst into tears—the hot tears of a dangerous man—tears of rage; and lifting his clenched fist above his head, seemed to take some terrible oath of vengeance. A little after he drew his hat over his eyes, and took the road which Nettie Lynn had taken.

That night, when the roadside tavern was about to close its public room, a man came staggering along the porch and fell into the landlord's great arm-chair, always near the door on pleasant summer nights. It was Frank Allison. His clothes were torn, his face scratched, and on that and on his hands were spots of blood. He said that he had been walking in the woods and had thrown himself on the grass to rest and fallen asleep; that he was awakened by some one who was rummaging his pockets, and had instantly sprung upon the fellow; that he had a hard fight, but got the better of the man, who tried to kill him, and actually escaped with his booty. Indeed, Frank was in a terrible condition, and made no attempt to return home, but slept that night at a tavern.

Meanwhile, there was great consternation at the boarding-house. Wentworth Harrington, Nettie's fiancée, had arrived by the nine o'clock train. He felt astonished to find Nettie absent, and a little hurt when he heard that she had gone to walk with Frank Allison; but as time passed on, and neither returned, he did not share the suspicions of the others, who fancied that Nettie had eloped with Frank. Some accident had happened, he was very sure. He knew his love too well to doubt her.

In the moonlight a party went forth to make search. Alas! they found what they sought too soon, lying amongst the crushed grass and blood-stained wild flowers, only a little distance from the station toward which she was going to meet Wentworth Harrington. Hidden from the public road only by a few great trees and one of those large rocks that seem to have dropped by accident from the skies, lay Nettie Lynn, foully and cruelly murdered. No one who saw the heart-broken man kneel by her side, uttering her name over and over again, kissing her hands, refusing to believe her dead, ever forgot the scene.

Henry Moreland looked upon it with still greater horror, remembering the scene he had witnessed.

"Where is Frank Allison?" they asked.

Suspicion already fixed upon him, but Frank needed not to be searched for. The news reached the tavern at the dawn of day, and he rushed back to the farm-house, hoping to find it at least in a measure false. He told this: He had proposed to Miss Lynn; she had refused him, telling him of her engagement to the Rev. Wentworth Harrington, and she had left him of her own accord. He felt very bad about it, and after roaming about the woods lay down to sleep. He had been awakened by a man who was robbing him. They fought hard in the semi-darkness. The marks on his face, the blood on his garments came from that contest. Then he went to the tavern where he slept.

"Would to Heaven I had killed the wretch!" he cried, bursting into sobs, "for he murdered that dear girl."

But no one believed him. No one else had seen the rough man in the white coat whom he described. They tried him for Nettie Lynn's murder and hanged him. Popular feeling was so against him that men tried to tear him from the goal to lynch him, thinking the shameful legal death too good for him. Henry Moreland's testimony had been given unwillingly, but it weighed in the balance against him. He was obliged to swear that Frank threatened Nettie's life as he followed her. Wentworth Harrington's hair had all turned grey before the last scene of this tragedy was over, but he did not die, as he had hoped was God's will. He lived, and no one ever did his duty better. He worked amongst the poor, and they loved him. He lived austerely as a hermit, but he gave delicacies to the sick and strong meat to the poor. He found work for many, and one hospital was his special charge. There he had bought the privilege of placing a certain number of patients.

One day, in going his rounds, his attention was called to a man who had been found wounded in the hall of a tenement house, and as the poor fellow was suffering greatly he used energetic measures to have him taken at once to the hospital. The wound was attended to, but the doctors could not save the man's life. However, Wentworth Harrington laboured with him for his soul unceasingly. At first there was no softening; at last the heart was touched.

"I wish I could hope to be saved," said the dying lips at last; "but I've sinned too much. I've done black work in my time. Does God forgive *murder*?"

For a moment Wentworth Harrington could not speak. The picture of his darling lying dead in her gore arose before him. It seemed as though God could not pardon such a murder as that. But he forced himself to speak.

"It is written that he who repents, even at the eleventh hour, may be saved," he said.

"In the Bible?" asked the man.

"Yes; in the Bible."

"Is this too late, if I die to-night, as I reckon I will?"

"Pray to God; he will hear you," said Wentworth.

"But, I ought to swear—I mean, I want the pious word for swearing, minister. I ought to confess before I die to someone on earth. I can't go to Heaven without that."

"If it will ease your mind, tell me your trouble," said the minister.

"Yes," gasped the dying wretch; "yes, I'll feel better; but—I never felt like this before that—I'd robbed—I'd killed a man in a fight. But what I want to say is—about a girl. I met her in the woods, near Greenburgh. I was drunk. I left her dead in the woods—a pretty girl—a lady—going to the station to meet her lover. She wouldn't give me her ring. I tried to get it off. That night I nearly killed a man; but he got away with his life. And he—yes, sir—he was hanged for the girl's murder. I saw the hanging. On the gallows he swore that he was innocent. I knew he was, and I went away and let him hang. Is there any pardon for a vile thing like me? Say a good word for me, parson; I'm going."

"God have mercy on you," gasped Wentworth Harrington.

He did not shirk his duty. He stood beside the man, leaving his hand in his struggling grasp until his soul departed. But when the nurses came, they found the minister lying in a swoon across the foot of the dead man's bed.

Those who condemned Frank Allison to death know to-day that they doomed an innocent man to the gallows. His memory is cleared, and Wentworth Harrington has placed his body in consecrated ground, with a fair white stone above it.

Correspondence

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THE BALL AT MUGGLESWICK.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As a report has been circulated which, unless contradicted, would appear to make me more generous than I really have been, will you kindly permit me to state through your columns that the ball which took place in the parish Easter Monday was not given by me. I have no sympathy for any entertainment of the kind, and this is an explanation for my absence.—Yours, &c.,

WALTER T. KING.

Muggleswick, April 13th, 1887.

THE DEPRESSION IN TRADE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Every intelligent observer of the dire poverty and destitution which is pregnant everywhere must be already convinced that some means must be adopted at once to alleviate the intense sufferings of thousands of our fellow mortals. It ought to be the primary object of all our legislators to probe to the very core the cause of the crying wants of millions of Her Majesty's subjects, and seek in the next place to provide a remedy. Royal Commissioners have been appointed, and failed as they ever will fail to grapple with the question. Kindly allow me to point out to your numerous readers a few reforms which are urgently needed. (1)—Abolition of the law of primogeniture. (2)—Abolition of copyhold and customary tenure and absolute manorial rights. (3)—Prohibition of settlement of land upon unborn persons, and (4)—the conveyance by registration of title; all interests in the property registered to be recorded. (5)—Provision for the sale of encumbered settled property. (6)—Preservation of commons and of popular rights over land and water, and restoration of any illegally taken away in recent times. (7)—Enfranchisement of long leaseholders. (8)—Amendment of the law of landlord and tenant calculated to promote and further to protect improvements. (9)—To promote the acquirement of land by the people for residence and cultivation both by general laws and by the instrumentality of municipalities and other local bodies. The above reforms are certainly much needed, but there are others of equal importance, namely, the cultivation of waste or moorlands. There are thousands of broad acres of this land serving no other purpose almost than simply offering a little sport to the upper ten during the shooting season. Some of those gentlemen are our representatives in the British House of Commons, who would perhaps be quite willing to give up their sport rather than dispense with their radical principles. Every reader of English history is perfectly aware that those lands formerly belonged to the people, and as such ought to be transferred back again. I would suggest: 1st.—That the large sum of money which is said to amount to near one hundred millions, held by the court of chancery, and the Government after having given due time, and having afforded every facility for claimants to prove their claims, and in the event of failing to do so that the above funds be expended on the cultivation of waste or moorlands, which would relieve a great number of the agricultural classes who have crowded our other industries during more prosperous times. 2nd.—Another source from which we might derive a large amount of support from is the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the English Church. However we may shirk the question, it must come to the front, the growing intelligence of the age demands it. For my part, sir, no one can have more sympathy with this noble and grand old institution than myself. When we look back upon her past history she certainly deserves our respect and admiration, but what we wish to see done is only justice. If the English Church receives a large amount of support in tithes we contend, on moral grounds, that the Nonconformists have an equal right. We think that both ought to be self-supporting, and that the Church should be separate from the State. It has been asserted by some friends of this old institution that Mr Gladstone is not in favour of Disestablishment and Disendowment. This honourable gentleman affirmed, during his last Midlothian campaign that he desired most strongly to deal with lands held in mortmain, that is, lands held by corporate bodies. We certainly cannot deal with this land without dealing with Church lands. Evidently he is in favour of Disendowment. 3rd.—I would suggest that this being the Jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, that she be requested to contribute out of her enormous income towards this philanthropic object, and her loyal subjects will ever pray "God save the Queen." While we are extremely anxious for those great remedial measures of land reform, many of the farming community are loudly complaining that farming does not pay. Rents are too high. Who is to blame? we ask, for this most assuredly the farmers themselves, whom we cannot very well express our sorrow for, as there is no class anywhere where so little confidence exists as among the farmers of this country. At the present crisis, with high rents and low price of stock, they are in a very deplorable condition. Great and radical reforms have been won by other industrial classes through united effort, curtailing their hours of labour and securing higher wages, while farmers have borne their burdens like camels going through the needle's eye, and have allowed landlords to rule with a despotic hand. There is two things which tend to go hard against the poor farmer; one is having been brought up on the land, he cannot think of changing his occupation, and if he should so determine work is not to be got elsewhere; and in the second place, if he decides to leave his farm on account of the exorbitant rent the next adjoining tenant will probably take his farm at a still higher rent. He thus calmly looks abroad to Ireland struggling for liberty and justice, and to the crofters of Scotland, and is perhaps awaiting Jesse Colling's reforms or Mr Chamberlain's three acres and a cow; or to others of England's reformers to redress his grievances without putting forth the least effort for himself. Rents will have to come down; the sooner they commence the fight with tyranical landlords the better, and thus seek by all legal and just means to secure their just and legal rights. By inserting this you will oblige yours truly,

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

THE LATE FIRE AT CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your issue of April 1st, we notice a supplement under the above heading of the report, published the week previously as from an interview with Mr H. Nicholson and Mr J. Goodfellow, an account of which I would like to say a few words on behalf of the members of the brigade, to try to clear away the prevailing public impression that the fire brigade was not brought into requisition as speedily as it ought to have been, on account, as is stated, that the brigade apparatus being kept at the Old Police Station, and not at the New Police Station as was expected. I may say that it is kept at neither old nor new Police Station; but is kept at the Consett Local Board's stores and reel house, near to what was the Old Police Station, but is no part of the Old Police Station; but the mistake has probably been in not applying for the brigade first. Mr Nicholson undoubtedly in a state of confusion and excitement on the suddenness and alarming nature of the fire, rushed off to the Police Station instead of calling out some of the brigade members, whom I think most of the old established tradesmen of the town will know. I can say for myself and some others that after the alarm was given at our door, seven minutes did not intervene between the alarm and my presence on the scene of the conflagration which was raging with a fury that, to some minds, would seem almost impossible to defeat. However, a very short time elapsed before the fierceness of the flames were subdued and brought under control, although it was a considerable time before we got it quenched in all the nooks and corners where it had found its way previous to the brigade's operation. No doubt Mr Nicholson and Mr Goodfellow would think minutes as long almost as hours under the sad circumstances. However, we thank Mr Nicholson for the credit he gives to the firemen for the excellent and heroic manner in which they worked. They at least deserve some credit and encouragement for their exertions in cases like these, for the adjoining property on almost all sides left standing almost intact, will speak for itself to any intelligent mind that a desperate and determined effort must have been made to concentrate the flames to the place gutted, backed up by the most deadly weapon for fire. We had at our command a splendid pressure of water, which very soon made its mark on the burning mass. What came of the buckets that were in operation, which, in comparison, were like a man spitting at the world's great luminary—the sun—with a view to its extinction. After the bulk of the fire was subdued, some difficulty, however, arose through the gasfitting being burnt through between the gas meter and the main, and several explosions from accumulations of gas followed, which kept accumulating underneath the smouldering draperies and burnt embers, which by this time had accumulated on the floor of Mr Goodfellow's shop to a considerable pile. When the gas reached some secret corner till it found a flame to ignite its combustible nature, then followed a report and a blaze. This continued until Mr Morgan, plumber, assisted by Mr Goodfellow and other willing hands, managed to clear away the *debris*, and got to the inlet pipe and knocked it up, thereby stopping the escape of gas and preventing any further danger of the spread of the fire. Mr Goodfellow also thinks that if the brigade had been on the scene a little earlier the upper portion of the premises might have been saved, or, at any rate, the damage lessened. This again is harping on the same string. Certainly neither Mr Nicholson nor Mr Goodfellow says we could have been any quicker out after the alarm, but the public opinion is that the delay was on our part. But give us our due. That little word "if" bothers us so often. For if we had been called out sooner we would have obeyed the call, and not a moment would have been lost. Only let us know earlier and we will be earlier on the scenes, and probably be equal to the occasion required; for if one only could get to fires at the proper time they would seldom get to any extent. I think some provision ought to be made for the firemen in the way of helmets and waterproofs to prevent the drenching that many of us got at the above fire.—Yours, &c.,

G. T. EGGLESTONE, Lieutenant to the Brigade.

Cricket

FIXTURES.

April 16.—Leadgate v Marley Hill, at Marley Hill.
„ 16.—Corbridge v Acomb, at Acomb.

SPEN JUNIORS v DELAVAL ROYAL OAK JUNIORS.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—Spen, 34; Delaval, 17.

PELTON FELL TRIBLEY STAR v BRANDON I.O.G.T.—Played on the Pelton Fell ground on Saturday, and after a most enjoyable game, resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—Brandon, 26; Pelton Fell, 42.

CRAGHEAD v WEST STANLEY.

Played upon the ground of the latter on Saturday, and was won by Craghead. Score:—

WEST STANLEY.		CRAGHEAD.	
R. Knox c R. Drysdale	0	J. Hunter b Harkness	8
J. Benfold c Young	0	N. Musgrove c Harkness	1
R. Gibson c M. Reay	5	E. Allan b Harkness	1
J. Dixon b Young	0	C. Cummins run out	14
E. Snape b Allan	3	R. Drysdale c Knox	26
W. Dodds b Young	8	M. Reay b Harkness	1
M. Pattison b Young	1	J. Drysdale b Benfold	5
I. Harkness b Allan	0	W. Reay b Dixon	1
J. Shaw b Young	1	A. Wright not out	4
J. H. Lowery not out	1	R. Young run out	0
T. Forster retired hurt	20	G. March absent	
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	42	Total	66

SOUTH MOOR v BURNHOPE.

Played at South Moor, and resulted in a victory for Burnhope. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.		BURNHOPE.	
W. Brass b Dyson	4	W. Dyson c Wilkinson b Herron	0
R. Herron b Dyson	10	H. Knowles run out	15
J. Wetherall b Gair	4	A. Heckels st Brass	3
T. Hazon run out	7	J. Gair b Herron	0
J. Dixon c Knowles b Dyson	4	J. Robinson c and b Brass	8
T. Wilkinson b Dyson	1	J. Henderson c Wetherall b Brass	2
J. Wilkinson b Robinson	0	J. Burnett b Brass	6
R. Smith b Dyson	0	W. Elliott c Brass b Herron	1
J. Dawson not out	3	H. Burnett b Brass	4
R. Dixon c Winter b Robinson	0	W. Winter not out	10
J. Brass b Robinson	0	T. Burnett b Brass	4
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	40	Total	43

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

RIDING MILL PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

A meeting of this Habitation was held on Monday—the Ruling Councillor (Mr Wilson, Oaklands) presiding—when it was unanimously agreed to send the following congratulatory address to the Queen:—"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.—May it please your Majesty,—We, dames, knights, and associates of the Broomhaugh and Riding Mill Habitation (No. 1,747) of the Primrose League, humbly approach your Majesty and crave respectfully to tender our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the auspicious completion of the fiftieth year of your glorious reign. We earnestly pray that it may please Almighty God to spare your Majesty to the many and various races which have so greatly prospered under your benevolent rule."—The Ruling Councillor, secretary, and treasurer were deputed to sign the address on behalf of the members of the Habitation. It was stated that the Habitation now consists of 17 names, 20 knights, and 82 associates—making in all 128 members, which is exceedingly satisfactory considering the size of the place, and how short a time the Habitation has been in existence. The accounts show a satisfactory balance in hand. The Habitation came into existence late last autumn, and it was then intended to confine its action to Broomhaugh and the Riding Townships; but as the polling place for these is at Bywell, it was afterwards determined to extend its sphere to the whole district polling there. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and to Mr and Mrs Lowrey for the use of the room, the proceedings terminated with "God save the Queen."

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

CONSETT BRANCH.

On Easter Monday afternoon, a public tea in connection with the above branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, took place in the National Schools. A good company partook of the repast. At night, Rev. H. Callinan, Vicar of Beaupark (hon. secretary for the Rural Deanery), addressed a public meeting, held under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. F. Steggall). Rev. S. Wilson (curate) and Rev. J. Robson (Leadgate) also spoke.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

On Easter Monday, the above society gave an entertainment in the National Schools, West Stanley, before a large and attentive audience. The chair was ably taken by the curate (Rev. L. M. Chesters) who called upon Master J. W. Ramshaw to give a reading "People will talk," followed by a duet "Summer" by Miss E. Ramshaw and Master J. Ramshaw, which gave great satisfaction. Mr J. Benfold recited "Homeward bound" amidst breathless silence, followed by a melody "Temperance army" by the choir, under the leadership of Mr R. D. Grundy, and a reading by the Chairman "The spirit of contradiction" brought forth continued applause. In a selection on the harmonium by Mr F. Farnsworth he showed great skill. Next came an amusing dialogue entitled "The tippling wife" by Misses J. Anderson, R. Ridley, E. Ramshaw; Messrs J. Lumley (vice-president) and T. Parker. A duet "Oh strike those chords again" by Messrs R. D. Grundy and J. Robson was well received. Master Joe Reay held the audience in continuous roars of laughter by his recitation "The painted nose," and as an *encore* gave "There's nowt se clivvor as a drucken man." This was succeeded by a duet "Good Night" by Miss J. Anderson and Master J. Ramshaw, which was listened to with rapt attention. Next appeared the long looked for song from Mr H. Benfold "Write me a letter from home," and as an *encore* he sang "Teddy O'Neil." Mr J. Robson gave a reading "Mr Pot and Mr Jug," and the meeting dispersed.

MARLEY HILL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of this branch was held on Tuesday night, Mr James Gilchrist—in the absence of the president (Rev. S. White) through indisposition—occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Rev. H. Newman, B.A., Tanfield, who gave several songs which were enthusiastically received, and also made a short address which was listened to with great attention. Miss J. Livingstone gave a couple of songs, and was *encored* for the second. Mr J. Morgan, Burnopfield, gave a suitable recitation. A dialogue, entitled "Beer and porter; what are they made of?" was nicely given by Masters James Rowell and William Young. A humorous dialogue, entitled "Deaf as a post," was well rendered, especially by the deaf gent'eman, and was greatly enjoyed by both old and young. The following took part:—Misses Harvey, Cranston, and Pharoah, and Messrs Young, Palmerley, A. Ross, and T. Caulson. Songs were also rendered by Messrs Palmerley, J. Young, and W. Young. A most enjoyable entertainment closed by singing and prayer.

PRESENTATION AT HAMSTEELS.

On Saturday, a large company, including officials, workmen, and personal friends of Mr Hy. Hornsby (who is giving up the management of Hamsteels Collieries to take the charge of Hutton Henry Colliery) met at the Hamsteels New Inn for the purpose of presenting him, Mrs Hornsby, and Master D. Hornsby with suitable and substantial tokens of regard. It is about seven years since Mr Hornsby was appointed resident minister at Hamsteels, and for that time he has devoted his unflagging energies to the interest of the owner (whom he always took a pride to serve) and to the benefit of the condition, morally and socially, of the large staff of workmen under his control; his labours have not been in vain. The work of the collectors of subscriptions towards the testimonial soon became a pleasant service through the many expressions of goodwill and sorrowful regrets, and Mr Hornsby was invited to the house of Mr Marley to receive what the committee, through the aid of 650 subscribers, were prepared to offer him. A substantial and well-arranged dinner was partaken of by about 50 gentlemen. Amongst those present were Messrs James Todd, Hetton-le-Hole; J. B. Johnson, J. Patrick, and E. Appleby, Durham; J. Cookerill, Aldin Grange; J. Humble, Lanchester; C. E. Parkin, Dr Kirkland, J. Routledge, J. Lowes, J. C. Surtees, G. Smith, D. Lemon, J. N. Foster, Hamsteels, &c. Mr J. Smith took the chair, being well sustained by Mr J. G Thompson. The toast to the "Queen and Royal Family" having been received with acclamation, the CHAIRMAN, in a brief and pointed speech, introduced the real business of the evening. The testimonials consisted of a beautiful timepiece, of great value, and a purse of gold to Mr Hornsby, a diamond ring to Mrs Hornsby, and a gold pencil-case to Master Hornsby. These had all been objects of much admiration during the previous week, having been displayed in a conspicuous position.

Mr JAS. TODD made the presentation in a neat and graceful speech.

In receiving the articles, Mr HORNSBY said it was with mingled feelings that he rose to thank them for the great honour they were paying him. The handsome articles they had just presented to himself and other members of his family were quite unexpected by him, and he was sure he should never be able to express half what he felt in response to the kindness and good feelings which he was proud to say had at all times existed between himself and officials and workmen at Hamsteels Collieries. His connection with the owners of Hamsteels was nearly a life one, as he had been with them for upwards of 23 years—20 years as manager of Whitworth Colliery, and latterly, for about seven years, as manager of Hamsteels Collieries. They would therefore be sure that to sever in connection with his present masters was a task by no means easy, and in leaving them to undertake the management of Hutton Henry Colliery, he did so purely to better his position and that of his family, and it was with great reluctance and regret that he parted from the number of friends which he was proud to find he would leave behind him at Hamsteels. The testimonials presented to him that day would always remain one of their most valued possessions, and would be an everlasting reminder, he hoped, to future generations of Hornsbys of the bond of regard and friendship which had characterised his term of office amongst them.

Master HORNSBY returned thanks for the present he had received. Those present then settled themselves down to a night of thorough enjoyment. Various toasts were responded to by the company, and several songs were sung in good style, and so the harmony was continued until a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the "National Anthem."

—Canon Body preached a special sermon, on Wednesday week, in St. James's Church, Burnopfield, before an overflowing congregation.

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY TEMPERANCE UNION.—At the fourth annual tea and concert of the North-Eastern Temperance Union, held on Good Friday, in the Drysdale Hall, Marlborough-Crescent, Newcastle, the annual report (which was of a satisfactory character) was adopted, and the officers re-elected on the motion of Mr Reid, of Willington Quay, who gave an encouraging account of the work in connection with Percy Main branch, stating that all classes of the railway workmen were now identifying themselves with temperance work.

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BIRTHS.

LEADGATE.—At Brandon, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr George W. Proctor, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, 9th inst., Robert Reeler to Elizabeth Harrison, both of Tantobie.—Same day, Thomas Hodgson to Margaret Stokoe, both of Tantobie.—Same day, George Peverley to Mary Ellen Nuttall, both of Cornsay Colliery.—Same day, Tantill Moore to Elizabeth Williams, both of Cornsay.—Same day, Henry Walker to Sarah Ann Robson, both of Consett.—On the 11th inst., Joseph Jackson to Sarah Ann Pickering, both of Consett.—Same day, James Harrison, Hobson, to Meggie Ingliss, Consett.

DEATHS

CONSETT.—25, Queen Street, 14th inst., aged 66, Jane Elcoat. To be interred at St. Ives, Leadgate, on Sunday, at Three o'clock. Friends please to accept this intimation. R.I.P.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Wheat Sheaf Inn, 8th inst., aged 80, Mrs Abigail Brown.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—10th inst. (at the residence of E. Scott), aged 67, Thomas, husband of Jane Hunter, late of West Shield Row.

HARE LAW.—On the 11th inst., aged 50 years, Robt. Shevill.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.—Killed, aged 16 years, Thomas, son of Joseph Anderson.

On the 11th inst., aged 33, Mary Ann, wife of R. Chayter.

CRAWCROOK.—9th inst., aged 93, Ann Harle.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.—3, St. Mary's Terrace, 10th inst., Elizabeth, the wife of R. J. L. Mays

Westwood Lodge, 12th inst., aged 38, William, son of John Watson.

BYRE MOOR.—7th inst., aged 62, Frances, wife of John Richardson.

HEDLEY HILL.—6th inst., Frederick Martin, fireman, aged 20.

MICKLEY. — Oakfield House, 12th inst., aged 47, Meanor, relict of the late Wm. Prudhoe.

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