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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, April 18th, 1884.

All who are capable of enjoying a good story well told, will receive with sincere regret the announcement of the death of Mr. Charles Reade. He was not a novelist of the first order, but he had unquestionable genius, and we have not so many novelists of genius amongst us to-day that we can afford to lose one of them. Charles Reade was a remarkable man as well as a distinguished writer. In spite of mannerisms and idiosyncrasies of all sorts, which often gave a casual reader the notion that he was posing, there is no reason to doubt that he wrote not so much for artistic effect as to bring about an end which he believed to be necessary for the well-being of society. Many of his most successful novels were "books with a purpose," a dangerous line for a writer of fiction, and it says much for the skill with which they were constructed, and the strong human interest with which they were invested, that their didactic purposes—were they never so strongly enforced—seldom took away from the qualities which made them entertaining as mere stories. But his purposes, too, were always good purposes—kindly purposes—purposes which showed what a true, warm heart the man had. He was always wanting to do something for the people who were not able to do much for themselves: he wanted to better things inside the convict prisons, or the private lunatic asylums; to do something for "the trade-unionist who had been picketed, the inventor who could not get a hearing in Pall Mall, the seaman with his tale of rascally shipowners and over-insured ships, and even the ticket-of-leave man who had been dissatisfied with the arrangements at Dartmoor." And certainly he believed in the causes he advocated, and hated the abuses he fought against, as heartily as ever any man believed or hated anything. This it is which gives an air of reality to his pages, even when we can perceive plainly enough that the warmth of his feelings has a little interfered with the soundness of his judgment, and caused him to paint in colours too glaring to be natural. Many will think, and rightly, perhaps, that his best novels, though not always his most successful, are those whose interest depends mainly on the story itself. "Peg Woffington," his first venture, is one of the most charming; and "Cloister and Hearth," which sets us right down amidst the brightly-coloured, vivid, and stirring life of the Middle Ages, is the best of the whole series. As a story-teller he has, in fact, had very few equals, and hardly any superiors amongst English writers; and in this respect, at any rate, he has seldom been surpassed on the other side of the Channel. He tells a tale almost as effectively as Balzac; but, unfortunately, he has seldom succeeded in that far higher department—where Balzac was supreme—the department of pourtraying character. This was his main defect from the first, both as a novelist and a playwright; there is hardly one of his characters that leaves a distinct impress on the mind, after the books have been read through and put aside. It is perhaps to his credit as an artist that he never overloaded his pages with "by-the-way" discussions, disquisitions, digressions, and the like; but stuck closely to his story, which (in the case of his best works) goes with an almost irresistible swing from the first page to the last. His literary style does not possess much of what is called grace, or *finesse*; and there is a lack of finish about a great deal of his work which seems to say that the author was more concerned about the matter than about the manner of his work. He had a great ambition to succeed as a dramatist; but his successes on the stage were not so much those of the inventor or creator as of the adaptor. He had a fine dramatic sense, and a wonderful knowledge of stage requirements; but his plays are, notwithstanding, examples less of literary brilliance than of clever and effective construction. Novel readers and playgoers will miss the artist (as hardworking and conscientious a one as ever wrote); personal friends will mourn the genial warm-hearted man, whose anger it has been well said was generally "the expression of wounded sensibility, if not of justly provoked indignation."

We are in the full tide of the Easter Holidays. All of us who are able to do so have put off our work-a-day attire for a little while, and taken on the garments of ease; and are well determined, no doubt, to enjoy as much fun as may be compressed into the space of three or four days. That is more than some of us will get; so that if the Easter holiday be a short one, there is the more reason why it should be a merry one. A good deal of the machinery of the world will be suspended during the next few days, but the world will go on wagging for all that; and as far as the political machinery is concerned, persons of a cynical disposition may be inclined to think that its total stoppage—for a while, at any rate—is a matter rather for rejoicing than for sorrowing. The "gentlemen who write the political disquisitions" in the newspapers are, perhaps, of a different opinion; but they also should be glad of the opportunity to wander for a day or two in fresh fields and pastures new. Weather permitting—this is a reservation which must by no means be forgotten in the spring time—the Easter holiday is amongst the most popular of our national periods of recreation. It is the first in the year; it comes at a time when we are just beginning to forget the chill and damp, the dark and fog of winter; when "the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts," if not "of love," at any rate of cricket, of boating, of bicycling, and all the pleasant pastimes of summer. Given a clear sky and a genial ray of sun, the lanes and fields within reach of all our towns and cities will be filled this Easter-week, the rivers will bear the "gentle burden" of skiffs and rowing-boats; and pretty nearly every high-road in the country will echo the bell of the bicyclist. There is no lack of means of healthful enjoyment in a fine Easter. Mr. Spurgeon, in dismissing the students of the Pastor's College for their holiday the other day, counselled them, a little too stringently, perhaps, to "have no courting." Walk in the fields and meditate, like Isaac, by all means, said he; but do not lift up your eyes for Rebecca. *Pace* the excellent pastor of the Tabernacle, we are disposed to think that a holiday is the best of all times for courting. Mr. Spurgeon's opinion is that Rebecca will come soon enough, of her own accord; but our own notion has always been that the best maids resemble truth, in that they must be "sought diligently." We hope, at any rate, that every Isaac who is happy enough to possess a Rebecca will see that she shares his holiday with him.

SPECIAL LONDON LETTER.

There was, I think, more of churchgoing in London on this last Good Friday than I have observed on any Good Friday for many years past. St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and almost every other church of note in the metropolis were crowded; in fact, from morning until evening, there could not have been many hours when the churches were empty. There was not much that was striking in the way of preaching; but one should not require to be stimulated by pulpit eloquence on Good Friday.

I do not quite clearly understand what has been done in Egypt about Nubar Pasha's resignation, or upon what compromise he and Mr. Clifford Lloyd have arranged their differences, but it *looks* as though Mr. Clifford Lloyd has been made the subordinate of the Egyptian Prime Minister, and as though Nubar had gained a mighty triumph. This is only an inference from what may be intended only a phrase. Mr. Clifford Lloyd is to regard himself henceforth as "the servant of the Egyptian Government," and not as an English official. If this is another of those diplomatic illusions which have made our policy in Egypt difficult to follow, no harm is likely to result. If, on the other hand, it means that though our army occupies Cairo, the Pashas are again to rule the country, we may look out for squalls. Deeper and deeper we are falling into administrative confusion in Egypt, and affairs have been kept from leading to disaster only by the efforts of some few reformers. If these energetic people are from this time forward to subordinate themselves, we may as well bid good-bye to a settlement for years to come. I am no pessimist about Egypt, for it is the most easily governed country in the world, and if we had our own way, we might make it happy and prosperous in a few years; but I am a pessimist about diplomacy, and things may go so badly that Bismarck may yet carry out the threat he has semi-officially issued, and call a Congress of the Powers to take the task, to which we are unequal, from our incompetent hands. France is waiting in the confident expectation of some such humiliation for us as will restore the Frenchmen to their ancient influence.

It is very likely that, after all, we shall retain the title of "alderman." The associations about it have degenerated of late years, and few of us would care to bear it; but words may be made more popular as well as less pleasing, and it is proposed to use that old English word, which comes down to us with our history, and is as ancient as the kingship, for the chairman of the new District Councils. The new Lord Mayor would thus have a special committee, every member of which would represent in a peculiar sense a special district, and be acquainted perforce with all the details of the administration therein. The title alderman is thus to be saved. Without it turtle soup, it is feared, would lose its flavour.

It is doubtful if Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice's Congo Treaty will stand. He has conceded so much to Portugal that France and Germany will not hear of that country managing us for the future. Now America is in the field. "The resolution which the Senate passed yesterday, recognising the international African Association on the Congo river, is intended as a protest against the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty. The Senate also determined to send an American Commission to visit the Congo valley, to report upon its resources and the best means of promoting American commerce in those regions." Seeing that Manchester has not been conciliated, and the Foreign Powers are alienated by the Treaty, that admirable instrument is likely to be rendered useless.

Colonel "Fred" Burnaby is quite aware that he is again candidate for Birmingham. The latest announcement made about him is from a Society organ. "Colonel Fred Burnaby, who when he went to Egypt was strongly opposed to the recent changes in the army, has come back convinced by what he saw at the battle of Teb of the good results of short service. He was much impressed by the steadiness and admirable fighting qualities of the young soldiers, and, above all, by the goodness of their shooting." This is told to the aristocracy of London, but it is intended for export to Birmingham, where Colonel Fred's conversion to Lord Cardwell's ideas will, it is supposed, make him more acceptable to the multitude.

Persons who read with interest Mr. Sinnett's article in the *Pall Mall Gazette* on that strange new "centre of spiritual activity," the Theosophical Society, will be still further interested to learn that Mr. Sinnett has now staying with him in London a young Brahmin who is rising by the necessary gradual stages to the sphere of the Adepts the mystic high priests or seers of the system of Esoteric Buddhism. He was the central figure at a meeting of the Theosophical Society held at Mr. Sinnett's house the other evening, and is described by those who saw him as of a very deep brown complexion, with large eyes and long black hair, wearing a gown trimmed with fur. He speaks English remarkably well; but his conversation is confined for the most part to subjects which are caviare to all except members of the Theosophical Society. He came from India in the company of Colonel Olcott who, with Madame Blavatsky, is at present the guest of Mr. Sinnett. The meetings of the society at which the young Adept is to assist are anticipated by the members with an extraordinary degree of interest.

The death of Charles Reade removes one of the most remarkable personalities in our literary world. An idea of the man himself might well have been gathered from the tone of fiery energy which characterises the best of his work, but it was better still to know him in the flesh. A man of truer sympathies or warmer impulses never lived; and with such a nature as his, it is pardonable that the heart should now and then run away with the head. He wrote with so much feeling when dealing with an abuse he desired to reform, that he was very apt to sink into exaggeration: the picture of prison life in "It's Never Too Late to Mend," for instance, is painted in colours altogether too glaring; it cannot compare for truthfulness with "Five Years' Penal Servitude," from the pen of the gentleman "who endured it." But there was always truth enough in Reade's books to make them acceptable on that score; and as a vivid story-teller he has had very few equals either in England or in France. There were always a certain number of people who professed that they could never read him because "his style was so dogmatic"; and it must be confessed that the author of "Hard Cash" had a very determined way of thrusting his facts down one's throat. But Reade's admirers could put up with all his defects for the sake of the really splendid manner in which he carries them along with his narrative. His best stories go from beginning to end with a swing that is quite irresistible.

LANC[illegible] HIGHWAY BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Board was held at the Lanchester Workhouse on Thursday afternoon in last week. The undermentioned waywardens were present:—The Revs J. P. De Pledge, W. Featherstonhaugh, and C. Gillow; Messrs G. Alder, G. Ridley, W. H. Hedley, N. Clark, G. Hobson, J. Towns, W. Fawcett, Robert Robson, Wm. Cumming, the clerk (Mr Crofton Maynard), and the surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr George Alder was unanimously elected chairman, and Mr Wm. Logan vice-chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

The CHAIRMAN, on re-taking his accustomed seat, briefly thanked the waywardens for the honour they had again conferred upon him.

ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the motion of the Rev C. Gillow, it was resolved that the Finance Committee be re-elected as follows: Messrs M. Kearney, J.P., E. T. Smith, J.P., Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., and the Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P. (*ex-officio* members); the Rev W. Featherstonhaugh, Messrs Geo. Alder, Wm. Logan, N. Clark, W. Brown, W. Cumming, Geo. Hobson, John Wilkinson, J. Towns, W. Fawcett, R. Mitchison, W. H. Hedley.

GENERAL AND FINANCE MEETING.

It was agreed that the General and Finance Committee meetings should be held alternately every month, instead of under the present arrangement.

THE OUTLYING ROADS IN BENFIELDSIDE TOWNSHIP.

The Clerk announced that he had received a cheque for £40 from the Clerk to the Benfieldside Local Board in consideration of the Highway Board taking over certain detached roads in the outlying portion of the Benfieldside township.

THE IMPROVEMENTS AT LANCHESTER.

In consequence of legal difficulties having arisen touching the question of flagging the footpath on the east side of the village of Lanchester, it was resolved, after considerable discussion, to postpone the matter for some time.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Dixon) read the subjoined report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Highway Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit estimates for the maintainence of the roads in your district for the ensuing year. The are a little in excess of last year; this is caused by the following reasons:—

	£	s.	d.
Estimate for the outlying portions of road in township of Benfieldside	54	0	0
Improvements at West Kyo	71	12	0
New footpath at Westwood Colliery	20	0	0
Improvement at Coalford Lane	10	0	0
New footpath at Satley	5	0	0
Total	160	12	0

When this amount is deducted from the estimates now laid before you, they will be reduced a little below last years.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. DIXON.

The Lodge, Lanchester, April 11th, 1884.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Clerk next read the following detailed statement of the expenditure estimated by the Surveyor in the several townships during the ensuing year:—

	Rateable value.	Surveyor's estimates.
Benfieldside	215	54
Billingside	1470	28
Burnhope & Hamsteels	7480	265
Butsfield	2512	129
Satley	642	
Collierley and Pontop	15497	244
Cornsay	14738	272
Conside and Knitsley	2630	143
Ebchester	2728	100
Edmondbyers	1266	46
Esh	16953	363
Greencroft	9622	165
Healeyfield	1195	65
Hedleyhope	7706	98
Holmside	6554	202
Hunstanworth	2177	93
Iveston	97	17
Kyo	18927	279
Lanchester	8281	247
Langley	4992	106
Medomsley	23681	390
Muggleswick	3827	123
Roughside	681	46
Rowley	1606	49
Tanfield	46743	87
Auckland Main Road		162
Durham and Shotley Main Road		252
Edmondbyers Main Road		115
Lobley Hill Main Road		963
Total	£201540	5745
District Roads		£4253
Main Roads		1492

The Clerk added that the estimates had been in the hands of the waywardens for some time past. The Highway Board would receive £737 from the County Authorities, and £370 from the Government on account of main roads. A rate of 6d in the pound will produce £5,038 10s, and this sum, together with £633 10s 1d at present in the hands of the Board's treasurer, and the £1,407 they were entitled to receive from the Government and County Authorities, will more than cover the estimated expenditure.

The CHAIRMAN moved the acceptance of the Surveyor's estimates, and also proposed that a rate of 6d in the pound be levied to meet the expenditure for the next twelve months, to be payable in three calls—viz., on the 22nd May, 9th October, and 1st January, 1884.

The Rev W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

REPAIRING FOOTPATHS.

The Rev W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH said he had been requested to bring under the notice of the Board the question of repairing a small piece of road connecting the main turnpikes running through the village of Edmondbyers, and which at this moment was in a very delapidated and wretched condition. The parishioners wished the Board to instruct their Surveyor to repair the road, and saddle the township with the cost thereof; the Board subsequently agreeing to take it over. The road had been used by the public to his knowledge for more than 28 years.

The Surveyor, in reply to the members, said it would not cost much more than £3 to mend this road.

It was therefore decided to carry out the recommendation of Mr Featherstonhaugh.

A requisition was read from a vestry meeting of the inhabitants of Satley, requesting the Highway Board to repair, kerb, and channel the footpath through the Churchyard to the schools at Satley.

Mr FAWCETT quite agreed with the requisition, and thought also that they should apply for permission for the right of way by the side of the said footroad.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE said that matter was under consideration.

The Surveyor stated that he estimated the work to cost not more than £5.

On the motion of Mr FAWCETT, seconded by the Rev W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH, it was agreed to accede to the wishes of the memorialists.

THE ROAD AT WEST KYO.

A letter from Mr John Booth, solicitor, was read, in which he disputed the right of the Lanchester Highway Board to excavate certain soil near the gardens of Mr Johnson and other tenants for the purpose of widening the highway at Kyo West Houses. Mr Booth cited a case in support of his contention, and suggested the amount of compensation to be awarded to the tenants should be referred to and settled by arbitration.

Considerable discussion followed, in the course of which Mr HOBSON proposed that the tenants should be compensated for the damages they had sustained, but his motion not finding any seconder collapsed.

The majority of the members held that the Surveyor was perfectly justified in the action he had taken, and the Clerk was directed to reply to that effect to Mr Booth.

This was all the business.

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LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This authority assembled at Lanchester shortly after the termination of the Guardians' meeting, when the following gentlemen put in an appearance, viz., Messrs. Geo. G. Taylor Smith (in the chair), Geo. Hobson, Thomas Taylor Smith, N. Clark, R. Clark, Henry Hornsby, T. J. Muse, W. M. Annandale, Jas. Fairley, J. Eltringham, John Bowey, the Clerk (Mr Ritson), and the Inspector (Mr J. W. Rounthwaite).

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting, as also of a special meeting held a fortnight ago, were read and signed by the Chairman.

THE DIPTON SEWAGE SCHEME.

It was resolved that the seal of the Board be affixed to the contract of Messrs. Lambton and Sedgwick, of Spennymoor, for the construction of subsiding tanks, &c., at Dipton, in connection with the sewerage scheme.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Rounthwaite) submitted the following report:—

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

GENTLEMEN,—On the 18th ult. the contractors commenced the out et works at Dipton, and for a fortnight good progress was made with the excavation; since then, however, want of material which has not come to hand fast enough, has delayed the work.

In the matter of nuisance at Square House Cottages, arising from choked drains and dilapidated outbuildings, Mr G. A. Wherley, the owner, was in accordance with your instructions, summoned for non compliance with notice served last December. In defence he stated to the magistrates that since the service of the summons he had abated the nuisance, whereupon he was cautioned and ordered to pay the costs.

At Middle Gap, near Rowley, there is a poor tenement occupied by a family of six persons, the roof of which is bad and unspouted, and to which there is neither privy, ashpit, nor drain. Complaint of this state of things having been made to me, I inspected the place and found it as described. It is a question whether it ought not to be closed until these matters are attended to.

Nuisance notices served during the month	7
Letters written with respect to nuisances	38
Plan approval notices sent out	7
Plans received and examined	7
Habitation certificates sent out	2
Villages, hamlets, &c. inspected	31

The following new buildings are completed, or nearly so, and fit for habitation and certificates are required for the same:—

436. J. R. Hunter, house and shop, at Langley Park.
440. W. R. Taylor, villa, at West Conside.

With regard to No. 440 the approved plans have not been exactly adhered to, some variations having been made in the back outbuildings, greenhouses, &c. Also the lodge and its conveniences have not been built.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. WM. ROUNTHWAITE.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

April 10th, 1884.

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

516. Edward Green, outbuildings to Drover House, near Tow Law.
517. Robert Craggs, outbuildings to house, at Satley.
518. Geo. G. Taylor Smith, farm buildings, at Partridge Close.
519. Edward Taylor Smith, farm buildings and outbuildings to house, at Stubbilee.
521. Matthew Henderson, one house, at Wilks Hill.

That the following plan be disapproved, viz:—

520. Edward Pattinson, alterations and additions to Lizard's Farm, near Lanchester.

That the following plan (with explanatory letter) be referred to the Authority, viz:—

509. Thompson Allen, additions to house, at Flint Hill.

The report was adopted, and after some discussion it was agreed to approve of plan No. 509 for Mr Thompson Allen.

Notice was ordered to be served on George Mulligan to put the house at Middle Gap into habitable condition by repairing the roof, spouting the eaves, and providing convenience and drains.

THE BOARD AND THE MESSRS. HEDLEY BROS.

A letter from the Messrs. Hedley Bros. was read, enclosing a notice requiring the Lanchester Sanitary Authority either to provide or agree to provide a main sewer for their houses in the village of Craghead within twenty-one days from the date thereof, and in case the notice is not complied with, the Messrs. Hedley threaten to report the default of the Sanitary Authority to the Local Government Board.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr T. TAYLOR SMITH, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, that the consideration of the letter and notice be deferred until next month, when the question will be discussed by the newly-constituted Authority.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The following are the monthly reports from the Union Medical Officers:—

Medomsley District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Scarlet fever is still prevalent in the eastern division of the Medomsley district, a few fresh cases have been noted during the last month.

The sanitary condition of the district is upon the whole good.

Ebchester continues free from zymotic disease.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

April 1st, 1884.

Eastern District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—I stated in my last report that smallpox had been imported into two villages in the district. Only one fresh case has occurred since, and considering the time that has elapsed since the thorough recovery of the last case, I am almost certain there will be no further spread.

Scarlatina is the only zymotic disease now present, and it is steadily abating. The following cases have been reported to me, viz:—3 at Annfield Plain, 2 at Kyo, 2 at Tantobie, 1 at Dipton, and 1 at White-le-Head.

The mortality for the month is rather above the average. 29 deaths were registered, which is equal to an annual ratio of 20 per 1,000 on the estimated population.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

April 8th 1884.

Lanchester District.

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

MR CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—The following are the only cases of catching disease I have heard of in the district since my last report:—2 cases of scarlet fever at South Pontop, 15 cases of measles at Ushaw Moor, 12 cases of diarrhoea at Quebec, 5 at Hamsteels Colliery, and 6 cases at Langley Park.—I am, Mr Chairman and gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

April 10th, 1884.

The Authority then adjourned.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The final meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians took place at the Union Workhouse, on Thursday in last week, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. Present:—The Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Messrs W. H. Hedley, W. M. Annandale, Geo. Hobson, W. Cumming, N. Clark, R. Clark, T. Taylor Smith, Jos. Eltringham, J. W. Hodgson, T. J. Muse, Jas. Fairley, Henry Hornsby, John Bowey, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE REV P. FORTIN AND THE BOARD.

After the minutes of the preceeding meeting had been read, and the Guardians had transacted the relief business, the subjoined communications from the Local Government Board were read:—

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S.W., 2nd April, 1884.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to forward for the information of the Guardians of the Lanchester Union the enclosed copy of a letter which has been addressed to them by the Rev P. C. Fortin, together with a copy of the Board's reply thereto.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ALFRED D. ADRIAN,
Assistant Secretary.

To W. H. Ritson, Clerk to the Guardians of the Lanchester Union, Lanchester, Co. Durham.

New House, Waterhouses,
Durham, March 12th, 1884.

SIR,—Wishing to bring before the Board of Guardians at Lanchester the case of a poor sick woman who had been neglected by the Relieving Officer, I attended at the meeting of the Board. Some of the members wished me to enter the Board Room, and one took me in; others did not wish me to be present, and I left the room though there was no other place to wait in. Will you be good enough to inform me if a ratepayer who has a cause of complaint or a statement to make to the Board of Guardians is entitled to enter the room and can claim a hearing?—Yours truly, (Signed) PHILIP C. FORTIN.

The Secretary, Local Government Board.

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S.W., 2nd April, 1884.

REVEREND SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo, in which under the circumstances mentioned you enquire whether a ratepayer desirous of making a statement or complaint in behalf of a pauper is entitled to attend the meeting of a Board of Guardians and to claim a hearing.

I am directed to inform you that the Guardians are under no legal obligation to admit strangers to their meetings, and that, when the case of any pauper is brought before them, it is for them to determine who shall be heard with reference thereto.—I am, yours, &c.,

(Signed) A. D. ADRIAN,
Assistant-Secretary.

To the Rev P. C. Fortin,
New House, Waterhouses, Durham.

None of the Guardians made any observations thereanent, but the reading of the reply of the Local Government Board to the Rev Father Fortin's epistle evoked much laughter.

THE GIRL'S ORPHANAGE.

It was agreed to allow two orphan girls named Pratt to be taken out of the Workhouse by their aunt, and sent to a Girl's Orphanage in London.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY AT DURHAM.

The Clerk stated that he had received notice from the Local Government Board that Mr Geo. Culley would hold a Local Government enquiry at Durham, on the 23rd inst., relative to the detached portions in the Durham Union. The Clerk explained that there was only one detached part in the parish of Esh adjoining the Durham Union, but as the matter did not affect the Lanchester Board, it would be unnecessary for any representatives of the Board to attend the enquiry.

BALANCE IN HAND.

The treasurer (Mr W. Cummins) reported the balance in hand on April 10th to amount to £1,444 13s 1d.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending April 2nd	153
Corresponding week of last year	143
Week ending April 7th	158
Corresponding week last year	159
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	17
" " corresponding fortnight last year	12

This concluded the business of the Board.

Football.

STANHOPE v. TOW LAW.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, in two periods of thirty minutes each, and after a pleasant game resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to nil.

HEDLEYHOPE v. BEECHBURN.—These two Association teams met on the ground of the latter, and a pleasant game resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals (one disputed) to nil.

WHITBURN 2ND v. TANTOBIE 2ND.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a draw, neither team scoring. Tantobie obtained a goal, but it was disallowed by the Whitburn umpire on account of a previous claim of "hands." Teams:—Whitburn—Goal, T. Spraggon; backs, J. Preston and T. Robson; half backs, J. Wilson, Scott, and J. Brown; right wing, W. Stenton and R. Purvis; centre, T. Medley; left wing, Young and H. Purvis. Tantobie—Goal, J. Watson; backs, G. Bell and T. Jewitt; half backs, G. Harrison, R. Pyle, and R. Ballemy; right wing, J. Watson and N. Atthey; centre, R. Stoker; left wing, E. Watson and W. McCrum.

CATCHGATE RED STARS v. WEST STANLEY TALENT.—With fine weather prevailing, a good muster of spectators visited the Red Star Ground to witness the match between the above-named clubs. On time being called the Stars were victors by two goals to nil. Teams:—Catchgate—Goal, Pace; half backs, Bulmer and Ridley: full backs, Weirs and Bulmer; forwards, Dodds, Moore, Welch, Selway, Humphrey and Russell. Stanley—Goal, Woods; full backs, Fewster and Wilkinson; half backs, Watson and Shield; forwards, Hughes, Cuthbert, J. Forster, Sanderson, Armstrong, and Laverick.—The second teams of the above clubs played a game of two twenties, which resulted in favour of the Red Stars by five goals to nil.

TANTOBIE v. WHITBURN.—The finishing game of the season for these clubs was played on the ground of the former on Saturday, before a highly appreciative company of spectators, and resulted in a draw, each team scoring one goal. Both sides made strenuous efforts to notch the winning goal, but without success. Teams:—Tantobie—Goal, B. Hannent; backs, H. Scott and A. Watson; half backs, A. Shield, R. Hannent, and J. Armstrong; left wing, G. Dixon and W. Stoker (captain); centre, J. Saunders; right wing, W. McCrum and C. Atthey. Whitburn—Goal, J. Wilson; backs, J. Stenton and J. Hope (captain); half backs, J. Bowman, Eltringham, and J. Sparggon; left wing, I. Humphrey and R. Wilson; centre, G. Hindmarsh; right wing, J. Statters and T. Dobson. Mr J. E. Storey (Whitburn), and Mr J. Brown (Hobson Wanderers), officiated as umpires for the respective clubs.

DIPTON HEROES v. WEST STANLEY TALENT.—These clubs played on Saturday on the ground of the latter, and after an exciting game resulted in favour of the visitors by three goals to one disputed goal. Teams:—Dipton—Goal, Harron; backs, Bowes and Chapman; half backs, Johnson, McKerman, and Gibson; centre, Lennon: right wing, W. Evans and Humes; left wing, Robson and Brown. Stanley—Goal, Pace; backs, Laverick and Holmes; half backs, Fewster and Boyle; centres, Pumphrey and Blakey; right wing, Charlton and Dixon; left wing, Hughes and Morton.—The second teams of the above clubs played on the same ground, and after a well-contested game resulted in favour of Dipton by one goal to nil. Teams:—Dipton—Goal, J. Evans; backs, Bullerwell and Temple; half backs, Smith and Gilliard; right wing, Johnson and Humes; centres, Brown and Bates; left wing, Riddle and Spark. Stanley—Goal, Ferguson; backs, Anderson and Scifinton; half backs, Hunter and Forster; right wing, Holmes and Hughes; centres, Richardson and Sanderson; left wing, Jacques and Dixon.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE LILY OF THE VALLEY v. CONSETT ALBIONS.—A match between the above clubs was played on Saturday at Shotley Spa, and resulted in a victory for the home team by one goal, two tries, and three touches down, to one touch in goal and two touches down. The game was played in two thirties, and the home team kicked off, the Consett men continued to press their opponents very closely during the first half, and Robinson relieved his lines several times with good kicks into touch; about a minute before half time, the ball came out of a scrimmage at the Consett men's side, but Struthers by a clever manœuvre gained possession and dribbled past all the backs, and Howells following close behind gained a try. After changing ends the Shotley club played better together, as they never allowed their opponents to enter their twenty-five, and after a lot of packed and loose scrimmaging, Irwin broke through and obtained another try for Shotley. Shortly after the drop out, the play was in neutral ground, and Robinson getting the ball passed out to him went off at top speed and rounding all the backs completed a real excellent run by placing the ball between the posts, from which Struthers kicked a goal. Teams:—Consett—Back, E. Neal; three-quarter backs, J. Fiddes, J. D. Kirkup, and J. Askew; half backs, P. W. Manning (captain) and T. Morgan; forwards, J. Walsh, J. Renshaw, McKannay, Doran, McIntyre, C. Harris, Hughes, Winter, and A. McWilliams. Shotley—Back, G. S. Brown; three-quarter backs, W. C. Robinson (captain), R. Howells, and R. Milburn; half backs, J. Struthers and J. Lancaster; forwards, J. Irwin, J. Bruce, W. Nixon, W. Barron, R. Routledge, J. Grant, N. Scott, W. Ridley, and G. Topping.

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Cricket.

WOLSINGHAM v. WESTGATE.—On Saturday a match was played between Wolsingham and Westgate on the ground of the latter. The game, owing to the inclement weather, ended in a draw.

CONSETT v TANFIELD.

In very unpleasant weather the above match was played at Shotley Spa, on Easter Monday, and resulted in a victory for the former. Scores:—

CONSETT.		TANFIELD.	
J. Costello b Morton	18	T. Curry run out	1
I. Richards b Morton	1	T. W. Brown thrown out Ramsay	4
J. R. Richards b Morton	2	E. Reay b Murphy	2
P. Flynn c Swinburn b Jewitt	1	T. Morton c and b J. Richards	8
G. Freek c Hancock b Morton	12	T. Jewitt b J. Richards	5
W. Wilson b Jewitt	3	H. Hancock run out	12
P. Gibson lbw b Morton	12	T. Swinburn c Ramsay b I. Richards	7
W. Ramsay c Jewitt b Morton	0	J. Bowes st Flynn b I. Richards	0
M. Gibson b Morton	0	C. Pringle b I. Richards	0
J. Murphy not out	5	H. Nicholson not out	1
N. Raw b Bowes	1	W. Hetherington b I. Richards	0
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	54	Total	42

LEADGATE v HAMSTERLEY.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a draw in favour of Leadgate. Scores:—

LEADGATE.		HAMSTERLEY.	
W. Walker b Richardson	3	J. Greener b Murphy	0
S. Nattrass c and b Chaytor	19	W. Clough not out	9
P. Jackson run out	10	T. Storey b Bage	3
John Snaith b Chaytor	22	R. Chaytor b Bage	1
J. Murphy b Clough	6	F. Richardson b Bage	3
T. Reid run out	0	D. Little b Murphy	0
J. Snaith b Clough	0	W. Gardner	to bat.
Geo. Snaith c Anderson b Clough	2	J. Anderson	
A. Surtees c Campbell b Clough	0	A. Dyton	
O. Bage st Greener b Clough	2	R. Westhorpe	
J. G. Turnbull not out	2	J. Campbell	
Extras	9	Extras	6
Total	71	Total	22

BURNHOPE v HOLMSIDE.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Score:—

HOLMSIDE.		BURNHOPE.	
J. Johnson b Gair	7	H. Knowles b Rapper	
W. Walton st Knowles	0	W. Dyson not out	27
E. Gilligan st Knowles	0	H. Young not out	18
M. Littlefair b Young	1	T. Brown	to bat.
R. Jefferson c Knowles b Young	6	G. March	
A. Oxley b Dyson	0	J. Watson	
W. Hopper c & b Dyson	0	J. Knight	
T. Jefferson b Young	0	G. Turton	
J. Rapper c Knowles b Young	1	T. Burnett	
J. Hall not out	2	R. Webster	
W. Sutton b Gair	2	J. Gair	
Extras	2	Extras	11
Total	21	Total	65

Correspondence.

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

LATE ATTENDERS AT HARE LAW CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Consett Gurdian.

DEAR MR EDITOR,—Being one who attended Hare Law Church on Sunday night, I was surprised to see both young and middle-aged men crowding round the church gates in an idle manner, waiting until every one got into church, and then they themselves came in late. I learn that this is the case every Sunday night. I hope that those respectable people will see this letter in your valuable columns in the light that I see it.—Yours &c.,

SPECTATOR.

April 11th, 1884.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir.—Through the medium of your next publication kindly allow me to disclaim some current notions.

1.—I have no cognizance of your correspondent "Billy Playfair," nor of his letter to you.

2.—My assistant master wrote, entirely of his own accord, to the Darlington papers contradicting certain statements.

3.—*Audi alteram partem; vitiis nemo sine nascitur.* I express no opinion neither do I hold myself responsible for the consequences of the allegations, interpolations, and articles, nor for anything—verb, *ad. lit.*—circulated in newspapers, and which may affect my official, professional, public or private, character. I am, Sir, yours &c.,

Tow Law, April 15th, 1884. J. W. SCHOFIELD

Said Fitzsmythe, smarting under the hands of the barber, "I wish you were like your razor." "How is that?" asked the tonsorial artist. "Under-ground," replied Fitzsmythe, with a snap.

A Mississippi boatman, with immense feet, stopping at a public house on the levee, asked the porter for a boot-jack to pull off his boots. The coloured gentleman after examining the stranger's feet, broke out as follows: "No jack here big 'nuff for dem feets. Jackass couldn't pull 'em off, massa, without fracturin' de leg. Yuse better go back about tree miles to de forks in de road an' pull 'em off dar."

PLAY.—Play implies the notion of plentifulness. The gambols of the child betray an overplus of strength and spirits; the play of the waters give the idea of unstinted room; the blossoms of spring, the fragrance of the woods the grandeur of the mountains, the smiles of the harvest—all impress us with the feeling of abundance. So, wherever there is plenty of power and to spare, plenty of affection and to spare, plenty of resources of all kinds and to spare, we lose the sense of hard toil, of cold duty, of narrow rules, and expand into that play which is the height of power, the depth of feeling, the beauty—because the truest excellence—of life. If this be so, let it for ever rescue play from the stigma of childishness. Let it rather be an ideal which we may strive to reach than a frivolity from which we strive to fly. Work is honourable and duty is holy; but, when the whole heart is in the work, and when duty is inspired by love, they rise even to a higher plane, that of free, joyful, and unbounded activity.

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Eastertide Gatherings.

GRAND BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

It will be remembered by our readers that last Whitsuntide what was termed "A Graunde Fantasie Fayre and Oriental Bazaare" was held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, for the purpose of raising £1,000, in addition to the £1,200 already subscribed, to effect certain alterations and improvements to the beautiful church dedicated to St. Cuthbert, at Benfieldside. This amount was almost realised, but since then it had been found that more funds were required in order to purchase a new organ, and also restore the present peal of bells, some of which needed repairing; and also to add another bell, which would thus make the peal six in number. As usual, the ladies of the church and congregation took the matter in hand, and with zeal and energy that could not be surpassed, succeeded in getting an extensive stock of useful and ornamental goods of the choicest design and make, in order to hold a bazaar and fancy fair in the Shotley Bridge Town Hall, on Easter Monday. On entering the Hall on that day, the scene presented to the eye of the visitor was one of gorgeous splendour. Uniquely-decorated stalls were arranged around the building, heavily-laden with a magnificent display of saleable goods, while the walls of the room were adorned with banners, evergreens, mottoes, &c., which, together with the enhancing presence of flowers and plants of every conceivable variety, which were tastefully placed in various parts of the room, gave it an aspect of exquisite beauty.

Notwithstanding an incessant downpour of rain, a large number of the *elite* of the neighbourhood attended at the opening ceremony, which was to have been conducted by Mr Frank Priestman, of Holly Lodge, but owing to a family bereavement, that gentleman was unable to attend, and the respected vicar of the parish (Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A.), on ascending the platform, asked Mr JOHN BOOTH, of Summerdale, Shotley Bridge, to open the bazaar in Mr Priestman's absence. That gentleman observed that the great success that attended the bazaar last Whitsuntide had induced them to again put forth efforts for acquiring more funds for the further improvements required in connection with the church. The sum of £400 was still wanted in order to purchase a new organ and improve the present peal of bells. Among the many names by which this country is called, there was one that perhaps was not so well-known, but still was very suitable to accompany that of "Merry England," and that was "Ringing England." In olden times every parish church had its peal of bells, and he was sure that the peal at St. Cuthbert's church had done its duty in sustaining the celebrity England had gained for their merry pealing. The magnificent peal of bells that had just been placed in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Blackhill, did honour to those who provided them, as a better peal, with the exception of the Cathedral one, there was not in the North. He hoped the spirit actuated in their friends at Blackhill would be entered into with equal earnestness by the parishoners of St. Cuthbert's, in order to do as much as possible in improving the present peal so that it would do honour to the parish. He was sorry the day had proved so very inclement, and although the sun had not favoured them with its usual bright beams, yet he trusted they would see a great deal of another kind of brightness in the room that day. He had the pleasure and honour in then declaring the bazaar open. (Applause).

Business was then commenced with much earnestness and zeal, the sales being conducted in a courteous, graceful, as well as business-like manner by the ladies who comprised the committee of management at the bazaar last year, and considering the very unfavourable state of the weather the takings of the day, which amounted to £81 4s, were considered exceedingly satisfactory. The goods that were not disposed of were put up for auction on Wednesday evening, when £22 0s 5d was realised. This did not liquidate all the stock, and the remaining goods, to the amount of about £70, were put up for sale on Thursday evening, when most of them were disposed of.

At the bazaar, both instrumental and vocal music was discoursed at intervals by ladies and gentlemen interested in the cause, and which proved to be a very great attraction.

Every credit is due to the ladies for the important part they took in the affair, who, we believe was heartily seconded in their efforts by the zealous and hard-working secretary (Mr J. Collinson), and other gentlemen connected with the church.

HIGHGATE BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary of this school was, as usual, commemorated on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On the first-named day, a public tea was provided in the school-room, which was partaken of by about 150 persons. The tables—three in number—were superintended by the undermentioned young ladies: Miss Walker, Miss Meggie Lancaster, Miss Minnie Armstrong, Miss Adelaide Little, Miss Meggie Turner, and Miss Eliza McLean. At night, the annual meeting was held in the chapel, being presided over (as on former occasions) by Mr A. E. Turner, the superintendent of the sabbath school. There was a large audience, the sacred edifice being filled in almost every part. After the proceedings had been suitably opened by devotional exercises,

The CHAIRMAN, in his prepatory observations, said he had acted in the capacity of superintendent, president, treasurer, and sometimes as secretary, and he was happy to report a healthy progress in the operations of the sabbath school. He might state, for their information, that they seemed to maintain their position with reference to the numbers in the school, and he was happy to notice that, from time to time, one and another had been added to the membership of the church. This was an encouragement to the teachers to go on. Respecting their financial position, they had a balance of about £1 in hand (hear, hear). In recent years, they had struggled bravely to get nice schools and class-rooms erected, but still they had not sufficient accommodation. He was under the impression that when the school-room was completed, they would have ample room for all their operations; but now they had added two class-rooms to their building, they were still cramped for room. They had, on the whole a very fair school, and (although he did not like to brag about it) a good attendance of scholars. The average attendance of teachers has been slightly better than in former years, and that was something to feel thankful for (loud applause).

The Rev JAS. ROACH (Baptist Minister, Consett) said he was glad to be amongst them that evening, and pointed out that while they were engaged in teaching the young children to read and recite, they were also implanting in their hearts the knowledge of God and of His salvation. He was moreover glad to learn that the recent mission conducted in that place of worship had been a great success. The rev. gentleman next urged upon the teachers to train the children up in the way that they should go, so that their young hearts might be changed to love and worship God; and if they persevered in this course, many people would be able to say that they had been brought to the foot of the Cross through the instrumentality of the sabbath school at Highgate (applause).

The Rev. E. W. JENKINS (the respected pastor of Highgate Church) was the next speaker, and in the course of a short address specially adapted to the young, he gave the children some practical counsel and sound advice. He classified the scholars under three heads—viz.: bad, indifferent, and good; and described each respectively as the "I won't" class; the "I can't" class; and the "I will try" class. Many boys and girls belonged to the two first-named sections; but he sincerely hoped that all the scholars attending the Highgate Sunday-school would identify themselves with the latter class.

Mr EDWARDS also delivered a semi-humourous address, and concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, the singers, the waiters, and everyone who had contributed in any shape towards the success of their anniversary.

Mr MADDISON having seconded the proposition, it was carried by acclamation.

During the course of the evening, Mr J. LAX, of Shotley Bridge, gave a recitation, from one of Burn's poems, in the Scotch dialect; and his efforts were so much appreciated by the audience that a special vote of thanks was accorded to him. The children, at short periods, entertained the company with a number of recitations, poetical pieces, dialogues, &c., which were all executed in faultless style, and received the hearty approbation of those present. The choir of the chapel sang, under the able direction of Mr John Mackey, several of their anniversary hymns, Mr O. Heymer officiating at the instrument. The proceedings throughout were most successful.

On Easter Sunday, the anniversary sermons were preached by Mr T. Waggstaff, of Newcastle (morning and afternoon); and the Rev T. Elliott, Primitive Methodist Minister, of Blackhill (evening). The scholars again favoured with recitals of scripture and poetry, which were rendered in a highly-creditable manner; while the choir sang a suitable selection of hymns. The services were exceptionally well attended, the chapel and schoolroom being crowded at night, and many persons were compelled to go away, being unable to gain admittance. The collections were equal to former years.

BAZAAR AT LANCHESTER.

The Wesleyans at Lanchester deserve to be commended for the courage and energy they are wont to display on every occasion they are desirous of obtaining the necessary funds to fulfil the noble cause in which they are engaged; and amongst all the bodies in the Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit, none appears so invigorating and active as this flourishing little society. By dint of perseverance and industry the people of Lanchester now possess one of the most complete, compact, and comfortable chapels and school buildings as may be seen in few places in this neighbourhood, and now that the interior and exterior of the sacred edifice has been thoroughly renovated and repaired, it has been transformed into one of the neatest and most beautiful places of worship in the North of England. The interior of the chapel has been thoroughly cleaned and carefully re-painted and decorated in a most artistic and brilliant style by Mr Thirlwell, of Shotley Bridge, and the general aspect is thus rendered alluring and attractive. A nice-toned American Organ by the Smith Manufacturing Company has recently been purchased at a cost of £35. The chapel was re-opened on Easter Sunday, when two appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev W. Hare, of Consett (the superintendent of the circuit). Large congregations were present, both in the afternoon and evening, and collections were taken in aid of the Chapel Renovation Fund.

A bazaar was opened in the school-room adjoining the chapel, on Monday afternoon, by Mr John Oliver, of West Stanley, the proceeds being to defray the outlay incurred as stated above. The attendance of visitors was not large at this ceremony. A hymn having been sung, and a suitable prayer offered,

The Rev W. TAYLOR, of Annfield Plain, in introducing Mr Oliver to open the bazaar, observed that he did not know whether that gentleman was intimately associated with the aristocracy; or whether he claimed any relationship to that marvellous literary man, Oliver Goldsmith; or that remarkable man of war, Oliver Cromwell (laughter). However, he would allow Mr Oliver to speak for himself on that point (applause).

Mr OLIVER, who was accorded a hearty reception, said that, as a Methodist, it was altogether a strange thing to him to open a bazaar; but the village of Lanchester was not new to him. He remembered Lanchester some 34 or 35 years ago, and it was a place he always loved. He did not mean to say that he liked the two principal buildings in Lanchester—the Workhouse and the Police Station—as he had never been inside either of them; but he had frequently worshipped in their beautiful chapel, and always received deep spiritual consolation thereby. (Hear, hear). When he first settled in this locality, more than half a century ago, there were very few chapels in the Shotley Bridge circuit. Since that period, however, noble and substantial places of worship had been erected at Blanchland, Blackhill, Consett, Leadgate, Tanfield Lea, Kip Hill, Stanley, South Moor, Burnhope, East Castle, and Annfield Plain. In the following places, the chapels have been re-built, or larger structures erected to supplant the existing places of worship, viz.: Castleside, Shotley Bridge, Lanchester, Dipton, &c. The whole of the chapels in the circuit have undergone alterations and repairs, with the exception of Edmondbyers, Whittonstall, and Ebchester, which remain exactly as they were originally built. He became a Methodist in the time of war, when the outside world said that Wesleyanism would cast her anchor, her ship sink, and her crew be devoured by rats. But such, he was glad to say, was not the case. As regards the Shotley Bridge circuit, they had progressed and prospered on a very large scale. The main object and principles of Methodism were to convert the world, and they were not going to stand still. He did not mean to assert that the Wesleyans were the only agencies who had launched in this noble undertaking—nothing of the kind; but they were determined to do all that lay in their power to lessen the army of Satan, and bring converts to the foot of the Saviour's cross (loud applause). He considered it was the duty of every society in the circuit to do all they could for Lanchester, because the Lanchester people had assisted them in times past, and they moreover knew perfectly well how to help themselves when necessary. The members had to overcome many difficulties when they decided that they would leave the old building standing on the village green, and erect a new structure for themselves; and now they possessed one of the most complete and handsomest chapels they could find anywhere in the circuit (applause); and their neat and comfortable school-room stands *par excellence* second to none (renewed applause). After adverting to the interest now being taken in the proper instruction of children, the speaker announced the bazaar to be duly opened, and fervently hoped it would prove a brilliant success (cheers).

Mr BUCKHAM afterwards rose and, after speaking in eulogistic terms of the character of Mr Oliver, moved that a hearty expression of thanks should be paid to him for his kindness in attending that day and opening the bazaar.

The resolution was seconded by Mr ROBERT ROBINSON, and vociferously carried.

The goods stall, which was fully ladened with an elaborate and varied assortment of fancy, ornamental, and useful articles, was presided over by the following ladies: Mrs Ritson, Mrs W. H. Ritson, Mrs Buckham, and Mrs Dixon. The confectionary stall was in the charge of Mrs Green and Miss Innes, while Mrs Sadler and Mrs Wheatley looked after the refreshment department. As the evening advanced, the bazaar was numerously patronised, and it was continued on the following day. The total sum realised by the bazaar was £51.

MEDOMSLEY WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The above anniversary was celebrated by a public tea on Good Friday which was very kindly prepared by the following ladies: Mrs Wm. Robinson, Mrs Jas. Armstrong, and Mrs S. Gilbert. The tables were gracefully presided over by Misses A. Robinson, M. Robinson, P. Bramley, D. Brown, P. Urwin, M. Hodgson. After a goodly number had partaken of the dainty edibles provided, a public meeting was held in the chapel, which was presided over by Mr W. Hogg, of Westwood, and addressed by Mr W. Robson, of Dipton; Mr T. Wilson, of Leadgate, all of whom gave thrilling addresses on Sunday school work and its connection with the church. Dialogues were recited at intervals, and the choir (under the leadership of Mr J. Adamson) rendered some hymns and songs, which made the service altogether a very pleasant and successful one.—On Easter Sunday, three services were held, which were led by Mr Mark Noble, of Blackhill, in the morning, afternoon, and evening. In the morning the scholars recited scripture and poetry, after which Mr Noble preached a very effective and impressive sermon from the passage of scripture recorded in Revelations ii. chapter (latter clause of 10th verse): "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." In the afternoon and evening there was a general examination of the scholars in scripture, poetry, catechism, and dialogues, interspersed with singing by the choir at intervals. Subsequently Mr Noble gave an address to parents and friends, which brought the anniversary to a close. Mr Thomas Adamson ably presided at the harmonium.

BAZAAR AT LEADGATE.

On the afternoon of Good Friday, a bazaar for the sale of useful and fancy articles of every description was opened in the Wesleyan Schools, Bottle Bank, Leadgate, in aid of the funds of the Day Schools, which have recently undergone extensive alterations and improvements. The schools were tastefully adorned for the occasion with bannerets and mottoes; and the room, combined with the artistic display of goods on the stalls, presented an inviting and attractive appearance. The opening ceremony, which was performed in the presence of a select company, commenced with the singing of hymn 678, "Come, let us join," after which

The Rev WM. HARE (superintendent minister) expressed his pleasure at being amongst them that afternoon, and remarked that there would not be any great responsibility resting upon his shoulders. He did not intend to make a long speech, further than to say that the undertaking which they began some months ago, and almost finished, might be entirely completed by that bazaar. The word "Success," which he saw inscribed on the wall at the other end of the room, should be the motto of every one present, and if they took that word to heart, they would surely carry it into effect. They must not be discouraged by appearances, but work steadfastly and perseveringly to make the affair as great a success as possible. The rev gentleman next called upon Mr Lane, the schoolmaster, to address them.

Mr LANE, who was favourably received, said he felt deeply sensible of the honour the committee had conferred upon him in selecting him (along with his friend, Mr Hare) to open that bazaar. He was exceedingly pleased on all occasions to render what little assistance he could towards contributing to the success of any deserving object. It would be unwise of him, however, to trouble them with a lengthy address, as he could see by their faces that the ladies were anxious to proceed with the practical business of the afternoon. It was money they wanted, and the sooner they got to work the better. (Applause). He found that in all enterprises supported by voluntary or united effort they would always notice some fault-finders and grumblers who were disposed to differ with them. To his mind, he knew of no method which is calculated to afford a greater scope and a wider field of labour than which ladies and gentlemen, both young and old, can participate in than a bazaar. (Hear, hear). This was an enterprize in which the ladies displayed a prominent part indeed, and whenever the members of the fair sex took anything in hand it was sure to be a success. (Cheers). He considered the committee of the schools was thoroughly justified in making this appeal to them, and they had a real claim in asking for material help from their friends. In the first place, voluntary schools are a great saving to the pockets of the ratepayers, and this was a fact that required to be repeated over and over again. How was it a saving? Well, the real cost of educating a child in a Voluntary or Denominational School for a whole year, including every expense, is £1 14 10½d; every child attending a Board School, cost £3 5d 5d, or almost double the amount of expenditure in a Church, Wesleyan, or British School. This money came out of the ratepayers' pockets. They might be thankful they had not the School Board rate to pay in the Leadgate district, on account of having these efficient schools kept up by voluntary enterprise. Now, where there is a considerable more amount of money expended, they naturally expected to find better results in Board Schools, but that is not the case. The grants earned in the Wesleyan Denominational Schools, in consequence of their high state of efficiency, have been and continued to be the highest grants on any schools in the United Kingdom. (Loud applause). He (the speaker) was perfectly well aware that the times were exceedingly bad just now, and on that account they would not have to be greedy or exorbitant in their appeal to the public for support; but he might state that they required about £60 to extinguish the debt still remaining on that school. In 1870, when the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P. (then the President of the Council of Education) introduced in Parliament his Board School scheme, he declared, amongst other things, that this was but a small matter as regards the rates, inasmuch as, practically speaking, the School Board rate would never exceed 3d in the pound, but in consequence of the progress of voluntary school principle, the rates would certainly be much less than that sum. Instead of the rates being less, however, they have increased, and there were at the present moment 60 places where the School Board rate was 1s in the pound, 37 where it is 1s 1d, 21 where it reaches 1s 3d, and at several towns the rate is as high as 2s 3d in the pound. In two places in Wales, the School Board rate amounts to 3s 3d and 3s 8d in the pound. There were many people who objected to Denominational Schools, but he felt sure they would appreciate them fully if all the Voluntary Schools happened to be converted into Board Schools. He would further state that, out of more than 1,000 Denominational Schools handed over to the School Boards since the Elementary Act was passed, only a very small number belonged to the Wesleyan body. (Applause). With respect to the children at school, the Government Grant was now paid according to the basis of the average attendance therefore he wished to impress strongly upon the minds of parents that it was of paramount importance that their children should come to school with the utmost regularity and punctuality. The speaker then proceeded to name a variety of excuses offered by children for non-attendance at school, and one of the reasons he had come to appreciate more fully now that he was a married man, was that of "staying at home to mind the baby," as he had found out that these gentry were very difficult to manage. (Laughter). During the last six months they had sustained a loss in that school of £40 on the Government Grant in consequence of the irregularity of the attendance. Out of 44,000 attendances made, over 11,000 have been lost. He wished the bazaar every success, and hoped that when the schools re-assembled after the Easter vacation, they would be entirely free from debt. (Prolonged applause).

The Rev Mr HARE congratulated Mr Lane on making such an eloquent and interesting speech, and suggested that the committee of the schools ought to hold a public meeting or entertainment once a year, and endeavour to attract the parents; and if they could get them to listen to such speeches as that just delivered, it would do a vast amount of good.

Mr BATEY and Mr EDWARD FORSTER each gave a short address, wherein they heartily approved of the suggestion thrown out by the last speaker; and expressed a hope that the bazaar would prove a great success.

The Rev W. HARE afterwards declared the bazaar open; and on the motion of Mr BATEY, seconded by Mr FORSTER, a cordial vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr Hare and Mr Lane for the valuable services they had rendered that day.

The sales then commenced, the large work stall being under the superintendence of Mesdames Harrison, Gustard, Stewart, and Gray. The confectionery stall was presided over by Miss M. E. and J. H. Wilson, Miss Whitfield, and Mrs Jepling. The refreshments were looked after by Mrs Bowstead, Miller, and Whitfield. The bazaar was also open on the following day.

On Easter Sunday, at morning and evening services, eloquent and impressive sermons were preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, by Mr Joseph Innes, of Yarm-on-Tees. The congregation on each occasion was large, and the usual collections were taken in behalf of the Day and Sunday Schools Funds.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT. — The Primitive Methodists held their anniversary tea in the chapel on Good Friday. The Wesleyans of Pelton Fell and Brecon Hill also held their annual tea and meeting, and the Primitive Methodists of Sacriston held a bazaar of useful and fancy articles. The Wesleyans of Chester-le-Street celebrated their chapel anniversary on Monday. Mr T. Elliott, of Swalwell, preached in the afternoon, after which a public tea was held in the school-room. The public meeting held in the chapel was presided over by Mr P. Oswald, of Harraton Hall. The Chapel Steward (Mr R. Wright) read the financial report, which showed the finances to be in a very healthy state. Addresses were given by Mr Elliott, and the Revs J. Duff and R. Lang. On Easter Monday and Tuesday, a bazaar was held in the Wesleyan chapel, Pitt Hill, being opened by Mrs Joicey and Mrs Richardson, in aid of the Chapel Funds.

CONCERT AT WEST WYLAM.—The members of the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir gave an interesting concert in the West Wylam Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Good Friday evening, comprising sacred solos, duets, and choruses. The principal solo singers were Mr Lister and L. Urwin, Mrs Seed, and Misses Muse, Telford, Smith, and Seed. The whole of the pieces were rendered admirably, and were fully appreciated by the company. Great credit is due to the leader of the choir (Mr W. Urwin), who has laboured very hard to bring the choir to its present state of perfection. There was a large attendance, and the proceeds were in aid of the renovation of the chapel.

TANTOBIE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Easter Sunday, two sermons were preached, in the morning by Mr W. Grainger, and in the evening by Mr H Rule, both of Blackhill. Collections were made at the close of each service.—On Easter Monday, a public tea was held, when a goodly company assembled and partook of the good things provided. After tea a service of old Methodist music was given by the choir, assisted by the following instrumentalists: Violins—Messrs Forster and Collins; clarionet—Mr Atthey; flute—Mr S. Gedling; violincello—Mr M. Hunter; harmoniumist—Mr H. C. Saunders. Mr J. Gedling wielded the baton. Mr J. Green, sen., of Oxhill, who occupied the chair, suitably introduced the programme. In the course of the evening Mr J. Oliver, of Stanley, gave a short and practical address on the old-fashioned music when he became a local preacher, and the improvements at the present time. The tunes and anthems were taken from service arranged by Mr Gibson, of Newcastle, organist. The whole proceeds were in aid of the circuit fund bazaar.

A WARNING TO EMIGRANTS TO QUEENSLAND.

THE UNEMPLOYED OF THAT COUNTRY.

We extract the following report of a public meeting of unemployed in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, from the *Queenslander* of February 23rd, 1884, for the information of those who are thinking of emigrating to that country:—There was a large muster on Wednesday afternoon at the corner of William and Queen Streets, in response to an advertisement calling a meeting of the unemployed in Brisbane. Mr Thomas Johnson, who is acting as leader in the movement, addressed the assemblage, and told them to follow him and seek redress. The crowd then proceeded in an orderly manner down William Street till they came to the Colonial Secretary's office, where a halt was called. On hearing that the Premier was not in they resumed their march to the end of the street, and then, turning to the left, they made for Government House. The policeman on duty, however, turned them back, whereupon they wheeled to the left and halted in front of the Parliamentary Buildings. A committee was here formed, consisting of the following:—Thomas Johnson, James Day, and William Hawkes. It was decided that this committee should at once interview the Premier with the view of obtaining work as speedily as possible. The porter however would not admit the committee, and finally, after consultation, allowed one only (Mr Thomas Johnson) to proceed upstairs. After some waiting Mr Johnson reappeared, and informed the meeting that he had been unable then to see Mr Griffin, but that he had been informed that the Premier would see them next (Thursday) morning, at eleven o'clock at the Colonial Secretary's office in William Street. The crowd then marched down Alice Street as far as Edward Street, where they turned to the left, and then proceeded up Queen Street to the bridge, where a meeting was held, about 300 persons being present.

Mr THOMAS JOHNSON thanked them for having behaved in such a quiet and orderly manner, and explained his proceedings in connection with the interview with the Premier. He asked them to assemble in as large a number as possible—more even than had gathered together that day—so that as Brisbane knew, so Queensland might know, and Australia and England too might know, that hundreds and thousands of people who were willing to work were unable to find anything to do. It was evident to all who saw the assemblage that day that it was composed of well-built and physically capable men, many of whom were nevertheless almost in a state of starvation. That very day men had been turned out of the depot without a shilling in their pockets, and women too, with no place to go to, in order to make way for a lot of blacks. The blacks were fed and made comfortable, but the white man might starve. Many poor Englishmen were in the depot and had to turn out in order to make room for a lot of other disappointed men in the shape of new arrivals. He had been looking round during the last few days, and would recommend that such works as roads be pushed forward, and employment given to those who were in need of work in that way. These roads would have to be made ere long, and, in view of the distress at present existing, the Government might push them on a little before their time. John Ruskin, the great English art critic, said that even gentlemen would not mind pulling off their coats and making roads for the sake of exercise, and they, as working men would be only too glad to do the same thing—not as exercise, but in order to provide food for their wives and children. They would be only too glad to take up any work with pick and shovel, though, by the way, they had not enough money to buy the requisite tools. Most of them who possessed gold watches had pawned them long ago to pay their necessary expenses. He hoped, next Saturday, to see a larger gathering at 7·30. He would then read the letter it was proposed they should send to England. If the Government would permit it, over a hundred of them would leave for New South Wales if that colony offered (as he had heard) better inducements for the working man. He himself would lend money to those who wished to go South. He distinctly wished them to understand that this was not a meeting of immigrants by the Duke of Argyll, but a meeting of all those out of work in Brisbane. He asked the meeting to meet him there at half-past ten o'clock next (Thursday) morning, and from there they would march down to the offices of the Colonial Secretary. If the Colonial Secretary was at a loss as to what work to employ them on, they might very well set to work to pull down the old immigration depot. (Loud applause). The meeting then quietly dispersed.

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DURHAM QUARTER SESSIONS.

THE COUNTY BUSINESS.

The magistrates met in the Law Library of the Assize Courts, Durham, on Thursday se'nnight, for the transaction of the county business, under the presidency of Mr J. L. Wharton.

THE LATE DUKE OF ALBANY.

The CHAIRMAN, before beginning the actual business of the court, asked them to pass a vote of condolence with Her Majesty and the Duchess of Albany in the irreparable loss which they had sustained.

The resolution was carried *nem. con.*

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT.

I have the honour to submit the usual returns of the constabulary for the past quarter. At the termination of the present month there will be no vacancies in the authorised strength of the force. The annexed statement of charges for the same period gives the numbers as follows, viz.:—Committed for trial, 63; summarily convicted, 5,629; discharged, 677. Total persons charged, 6,369, of whom 2,085 were apprehended. These figures shew, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, an increase of 17 in the number committed for trial; of 469 in the number summarily convicted; and of 565 in the number of persons charged. By the quarterly returns of the divisional superintendents, there appears to be payable, through the services of the police, as follows, viz.:—Fines and penalties due to county, £514 13s 11d; fines and penalties due to superannuation fund, £296 15s 2d; fees and allowances in summary convictions due to police rate, £487 15s 10d; clerk's fees payable to county, £1,69 14s 5d. The quarterly deductions from the pay of the force, on behalf of the superannuation fund, amounting to £452 14s 0d, together with £15 7s 6d fines for misconduct, have been paid into the bank. With regard to the cattle disease I am able to report that at the time of making up the quarterly returns there was no disease in the county, although during the quarter ending 29th February disease had appeared on 33 farms and premises, 207 animals being attacked by foot-and-mouth and 3 by pleuro-pneumonia. In the execution of their duties as inspectors, the officers of the constabulary travelled 1,420 miles, and were engaged 585 hours in the inspection. The total cost of which to the county was £23 18s 8d, including £6 18s 6d for veterinary aid. As inspectors under the "Weights and Measures" Act, the police have during the past quarter visited 779 shops, &c., and inspected 9,988 weights, measures, and machines. Five persons were convicted and fined. Under the "Food and Drugs" Act, 111 samples were taken, and 19 persons were proceeded against and convicted under the Act. Under the "Explosives" Act, 63 stores, 229 registered premises, and 113 unregistered premises, have been inspected, 4 persons were proceeded against, and 3 convicted. P.C. (1st class) James Fraser of the county constabulary [Castleside], having, after long illness, been certified by the medical man attending him to be unfit for further service, I beg to recommend him for a pension of £35 per annum from the superannuation fund, being about half his present pay. Having served only about 14 years, he would not, under ordinary circumstances, have been entitled to be pensioned, not having completed 15 years' service, but from the fact of his having been severely assaulted on duty some two years ago, and the doctor believing such to be in some measure the cause of his present state of health, I think that an exception should be made in his case, under authority of the 11th section of 3 and 4 Vict., cap. 88. I also beg to recommend for a gratuity from the superannuation fund, equal to one year's pay of her late husband, the widow of Sergt. William Smith, of the county constabulary, who was recently murdered while in the execution of his duty at Lynesack, on which charge three men have been committed for trial at the ensuing Assizes. This gratuity is provided for by 22 and 23 Vict., cap. 32 sec. 20.

The CHAIRMAN said that with reference to the allowance of £35 to P.C. Fraser for twelve months, the committee had a hope, but he was afraid it was rather a futile hope, that the illness of Fraser was only temporary, and that at the end of the twelve months he would be able to resume his duties. If such should turn out to be the case, all very well; but if not, the court would be asked to make him a permanent allowance.

The report embodying the recommendations was adopted.

THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor (Mr W. Crozier) reported during the past quarter the roadways on, the approaches to, and the masonry of the several county bridges (in number 165) have been kept in good repair. Repairs, &c., have been done during the quarter to the following bridges, viz:—Whickham, masonry repairs; Rowland's Gill, fence railings painted. As mentioned in my last report, I have offered the contracts for keeping in repair the roadways to the different local authorities in whose districts the bridges are situated; one district highway board has declined to re-tender, but two others not now holding contracts have tendered; 15 local authorities have agreed to renew their contracts, as well as six private contractors. I have still under consideration and arrangement the tenders for 14 bridges, and I expect to be able to accept tenders for all the 130 bridges and report the same to next Quarter Sessions for confirmation. The probable annual cost for the next six years will be £1,037, as against £1,022 for the last six years. The tenders of 18 boards for 89 bridges, and the tenders of eight private contractors for 41 bridges will probably be accepted, they in all cases being the lowest tenders. I beg to recommend that a kerb be fixed on the northern approach road to Wall Nook Bridge, the Lanchester District Highway Board having agreed to continue the same up to the main road. The probable expense will be about £22; the south approach leading from the bridge to Witton Gilbert Railway Station is already kerbed.

The report was adopted.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

Mr W. F. K. Stock, of Darlington, reported that 144 samples had been operated upon by him as county analyst, and that 26 were found to be adulterated. Of these, 12 were spirits, 5 each milk and drugs, 3 of tea, coffee, and chicory, and of other groceries. There had been a slight increase in the adulteration of milk; but the whole showed a very marked decrease in the way of adulteration generally.

The report was ordered to be filed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This Committee recommended that the following rates should be levied:—County, ½d; asylum, ½d, both payable on the 24th of May next; and that an allowance of £47 17s 3d should be paid to late Warder William Hodgson, an old official.

The report was adopted, and sums were ordered to be paid to the various coroners in the county in discharge of a quarter's salary and disbursements.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee have to report that the county has been entirely free from foot-and-mouth disease since 2nd Feb. last, and that there has been no other disease in the county since last Quarter Sessions.

Your committee beg to call the attention of the court to the serious loss which is caused to the farming interest of this county by the continued maintenance by the local authorities of Northumberland and Newcastle-upon-Tyne of rigid regulations, preventing the movement of fat and store cattle into their districts, except under conditions which it is often both inconvenient and expensive to comply with. And your committee suggests that a representation should be made by the court to those authorities, with the view of procuring some modification of their regulations.

Your committee recommends that the following gentlemen be added to the Executive Committee, viz.:—H. F. Surtees, Esq., J.P., Rev. F. A. Wilkinson, J.P., F. Greenwell, Esq., J.P., Christopher Rowlandson, Esq., J.P., and Thomas Bell, Esq., Hedley Hall, near Gateshead. H. J. BECKWITH, Chairman.

Some discussion followed, and after the name of Mr Robert Wade, of Little Bowdon had been added to the committee, the report was adopted, on the motion of Captain BECKWITH.

THE POLICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your committee recommends that injuries caused by old coal workings have rendered the existing police station at Brandon untenable, the court do authorise the expenditure by this committee of a sum not exceeding £ 50 in the erection on a site in Meadowfield Lane, near Brandon Colliery, which has been kindly offered gratis to the county by Lord Boyne, of a new police station and buildings similar to those recently erected at Fighting Cocks; and that the county engineer and architect do prepare the necessary plans and take the necessary steps for letting the contract under the directions of this committee. JOHN L. WHARTON, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and the thanks of the court were accorded to Lord Boyne for his offer.

THE COUNTY BRIDGES COMMITTEES.

The next business was the appointment of the County Bridges Committees. All the present members appeared to be available except that there was a vacancy in the Chester Ward, caused by the death of Mr R. Carr-Ellison.

It was decided that the Chester Ward committee was quite large enough without filling up the vacancy, after which the committees were re-appointed.

APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The application from William Garbutt and John Grahham for a license to keep a lunatic asylum at Dunston Lodge for the ensuing year for 62 patients under private treatment—viz., for 35 males and 27 females—was granted.

BUSTY BANK, BURNOPFIELD.

A memorial was read from the Lanchester Highway Board praying the court to order Sheephill Road, near Busty Bank, in the parish of Whickham, to be widened and repaired. Another memorial to the same effect from the occupiers and owners of property in the neighbourhood was read, as was also a letter on the same subject from the clerk of the Whickham Board.

The county surveyor was ordered to furnish the court with a report on the matter by the next Sessions.

The other business was not of local interest.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, April 14th.—Before J. PRIESTMAN, Esq. (in the chair), and JAS. ANNANDALE, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

George Murray was summoned by P.C. Davidson for being drunk and disorderly by wanting to fight at Flint Hill, on the 4th inst.—Defendant did not appear, and he was mulcted in a fine of 10s and costs; or seven days' hard labour in default.

John Young also failed to respond in answer to a summons charging him with being drunk and staggering about the highway at Flint Hill, at 11·15 p.m. on the 4th inst.—Defendant, who resides with his mother, was fined in a like amount.

Alexander Corney was brought up by P.C. Symon charged with being drunk and disorderly at Leadgate, on Saturday night, 12th inst.—Defendant was ejected from a public-house, and when the policeman appeared on the scene, he was using most abusive language to the landlord.—Defendant admitted the offence, and was fined 5s and 5s 6d expenses.

William Rogan pleaded guilty to a charge preferred against him by P.C. Crabb, of being intoxicated and fighting with his brother in Gibson Street, Consett, shortly after nine o'clock last Saturday evening.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

William McDermott, a surgeon practising at Burnopfield, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Watson deposed that between three and four o'clock on Sunday morning, the 6th inst., he was on duty at Iveston, when he found defendant very drunk while in charge of a horse. He assisted the defendant upon his animal, when he became most disorderly, and fell off again.—As the defendant did not appear, he was ordered to pay a fine of 10s and expenses; or fourteen days' imprisonment.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

TUESDAY, April 8th.—Before R. W. HODGSON, Esq. (chairman), and W. W. PATTINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John McCaig, of Winlaton, who failed to appear, was summoned by P.C. Farrar on a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Greenside, on March 30th.—Fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Veitch, of Blaydon, summoned by P.C. Walton for having been drunk and disorderly at Blaydon, on the 29th ult., was fined 2s 6d and costs.

William White, of Victoria Garesfield Colliery, was charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and disorderly at The Spen, on the same date.—Fined 5s and costs.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Edward Rose, of Dunston, was summoned by Sergt. Maxwell on a charge of using obscene language in the public streets at Dunston, on March 29th.—A fine of 9s 6d, including costs, was imposed.

BRUTAL ASSAULT.

George Layton, of Fellside, summoned *Andrew McQueen*, of the same place (who was once a well-known pugilist, and appeared in the court with two black eyes), on a charge of assaulting him near to Fellside, on April 1st.—It was proved in evidence that the parties had been fighting the night previous to the assault, when McQueen got the worst of it. To make matters more aggravating, however, he went to meet Layton coming from work on the day named and knocked him down with a stick.—Thomas Robinson spoke to seeing the assault committed.—Prisoner was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

TUESDAY, April 15th.—Before U. A. RITSON, Esq. (chairman), JAS. JOICEY, Esq., and R. FORSTER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Peter Murphy, of The Spen, was charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and disorderly at The Spen, on March 29th.—He was fined 2s 6d and 5s 6d costs.

John Gee, of Blaydon, summoned by P.C. Walton on a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Blaydon, on March 29th, was fined 2s 6d and 5s 6d costs.

James Litchburn, of Swalwell, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Swalwell, on April 7th, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.—P.C. Lambert proved the case.

Thomas Gray, of Swalwell, summoned by P.C. Lambert on a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Swalwell, on April 4th, was let off with a fine of 2s 6d and 5s 6d costs.

Joseph Forster, of Dunston, summoned by Sergeant Maxwell on a charge of having been drunk and disorderly at Dunston, on April 5th, was also fined 2s 6d and costs.

ALLOWING HORSES TO STRAY.

John Cooper, of Barlow, was charged by P.C. Farrar with allowing two horses to stray on the highway between Winlaton and Barlow, on April 1st.—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 9s 6d, including costs.

ASSAULT AT SWALWELL.

Mary Bainbridge, of Swalwell, summoned *Mary Ann Jobling*, of the same place, for having assaulted her at Swalwell, on the 5th April.—Defendant was mulcted in a fine of 3s 6d, including costs.

Sporting Items

PIGEON SHOOTING AT WEST STANLEY. — On Easter Monday, a pigeon shooting sweepstake was shot off at the above place, between Messrs Scott, Brown, and Turner, who agreed to shoot at three birds each for a small stake. Mr Brown bringing his first bird down was declared the winner, neither Mr Scott or Mr Turner being able to grass one. Score:—Mr Scott, 0 0 0; Mr Brown, 1 0 0; Mr Turner, 0 0 0.

PIGEON FLYING AT WINLATON.—A handicap, promoted by E. Henderson, of the Smith's Arms Inn, Winlaton, was concluded on Tuesday, with the following result:—W. Holden's Tearaway, 1; J. O'Niel's Surprise, 2; D. Pentland's Tie Your Dog Loose and W. Smith's Mineral Water, equal. There were 64 entries, and some most exciting heats were flown. J. Smith and T. Swann were timekeepers, and T. Hurst starter.

LINTZ AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB.—The members of the above-named bicycle club held their annual spring meeting on the grounds at Lintz Green on Saturday afternoon. The weather was of an unpropitious kind, a few of the heats were run in a perfect downpour of rain. A start was made with the one mile bicycle handicap, for which there were 32 entries. This was followed by a two miles scratch consolation race for competitors starting under 60 yards and not placed in any heat of the one mile handicap. The day's proceedings were brought to a close with a twenty miles club championship contest. The entire proceedings were highly appreciated by a fairly good number of spectators. The track, which measures seven laps to the mile, was in excellent condition. Mr G. M. Todd was handicapper and timekeeper, and Messrs R. Reed and G. Shillitoe were judges. Return of the sports—One mile bicycle handicap; first prize, marble clock; second prize, silver butter-cooler—Heat 1—Jacob Robson, Lintz ABC, 170, 1; A. Marshall, Whitehall ABC, 35, 2; Robt. Turnbull, Lumley ABC, 95, 3; Robt. Ransom, Washington ABC, 135, 0; John Dagg, Jarrow ABC, 200, 0; G. Lightburn, Westwood, 200, 0. Time 3 min 5 4-5 secs. Heat 2—Wm. Ferguson, Lintz ABC, 175, 1; A. C. Challoner, Elswick ABC, 55, 2; Henry Brown, Jarrow ABC, 80, 0; Joseph Barlow, Birmingham, 200, 0. Time, 3min. 8 3-5secs. Heat 3—Edward Nairn, Jarrow ABC, 130, 1; David Dodds, Wallsend ABC, 25, 2. Time, 3min. 11 2-5secs. Heat 4—W. Harkess, Lintz ABC, 185, 1; G. Maughan, Elswick ABC, 55, 2; W. Jefferson, Jarrow C and AC, 200, 0. Harkess won by about 20 yards. Time, 3 min. 13secs. Heat 5—George Pace, Hartley ABC, 185, 1; A. Ferguson, Lintz ABC, 195, 2; John Fairless, Jesmond ABC, 95, 0. Time, 3 min. 3secs. Heat 6—W. Colman, Lintz ABC, 200, 1; R. Harrison, Lintz ABC, 200, 2; Jonathan Ash, Whitehall ABC, 185, 0; Thomas Scott, Stanley ABC, 200, 0. Time, 3min 0 3-5secs. Final heat—Coleman, 1; Pace, 2; Ferguson, 3; Nairn, 0; Robson, 0; Harkess, 0. Colman rode with his accustomed judgement, and won very easily by a dozen yards. Pace was second, two yards in front of Ferguson, Nairn was fourth. Time, 3min. 1 3-5 secs. Two mile scratch consolation race; prize presented by the Lintz Angling Club—A. Marshall, 1, D. Dodds, 2; time, 7min. 15 4-5secs. Twenty miles club championship; first prize, silver cup, value £5, and medal (to be won twice in succession)—J. Robson (holder of cup) 1, John Little 2, A. Harrison 3, Robson by dint of hard riding, during which he put in some splendid spurts, succeeded in lapping his opponents. Little struggled hard to improve his pace, but could make no impression on the leader, who won easily. Time, 1 hour 14min. 30secs.

Business Announcements.

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Lot. LONSEY HILL MAIN ROAD.
1—From High Stoop to Satley. 40 tons.
2 From High Stoop to Browney Bridge. 30 tons.
3 From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Browney Bridge. 60 tons.
4 From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Howdon Bank. 100 tons.
5 From Annfield Plain to Catchgate. 200 tons of Broken Slag and Screenings.
6 From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank Top. 100 tons.
7 From Annfield Plain to Hare Law. 200 tons Whinstone.
8 From Hare Law to Boundary House. 100 tons Whinstone.
9 From Tanfield Moor to Boundary House and Crook Bar. 300 tons.
10 From Crook Bar Depots to Pont Burn. 250 tons.
11 From Medomsley Depots to Pont Burn and Medomsley. 150 tons.
12 From Medomsley Depots to Medomsley, West to Boundary of Benfieldside Township. 50 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Lot. AUCKLAND MAIN ROAD.
1—From High Stoop to Drover House. 60 tons.
2 From Salters Gate to Drover House and Butsfield Bank Foot. 60 tons.
3 From Rowley Station to Butsfield Bank Foot. 100 tons.
4 From Rowley Station to Castleside and Allansford Bridge. 80 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

Lot. DURHAM AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROAD.
1—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Fenn Hall and Esp Green. 100 tons.
2 From Lanchester Union Workhouse to the Church and Kays Barn. 200 tons.
3 From East Carrhouse Depot to Number One. 60 tons Whinstone.
4 From East Carrhouse Depot to Woodside Bank. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lot 3.

Lot. EDMONDBYERS MAIN ROAD.
1—From Park Head Depots to Edmondbyers Bridge. 100 tons.
2 From Park Head Depots to Edmondbyers Bridge and the River Derwent. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

Tenders to be sent to the Surveyor's Office, on or before Tuesday, April 22nd, 1884, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking."

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

985s WILLIAM DIXON, District Surveyor.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY DISTRICT.

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OF THE FOLLOWING LOTS OF

ROAD MATERIALS:—

Lot. BILLINGSIDE TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone from Carrhouse Depot to Billingside and East Castle Road. 30 tons.
2—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Billingside and East Castle Road. 10c yds.
Also, the BREAKING of Lot 1.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF BURNHOPE AND HAMSTEELS.
1—Carting Limestone Lanchester Station to Bargate Bank. 30 tons.
2 ,, Cornsay Colliery to Square House. 40 tons.
3 ,, Cornsay Colliery to Square House, west to Cornsay Road. 20 tons.
4 ,, Cornsay Colliery to Hamsteels Road. 20 tons.
5 ,, Cornsay Colliery to Wilks Hill and Click-him-in-Road, 20 tons.
6 ,, High Stoop to Rag Peth and Green Well. 20 tons.
7 ,, Annfield Plain to Burnhope Road. 100 tons.
8—Carting Broken Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Hamsteels and Biggen Road. 60 tons.
9 ,, from Lanchester to Greenwell Road. 80 tons.
The BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF BUTSFIELD AND SATLEY.
1—Carting Limestone Blackfield Depot to Pan Lane. 20 tons.
2 ,, Blackfield to West Shield Road. 10 tons.
3—Carting White Whin from Butsfield Quarries, Broadwood, to Auckland Main Road. 60 c. yds.
4 ,, High Stoop to Coalford Lane. 20 tons.
5 ,, High Stoop to Fines Road. 10 tons.
6 ,, Rowley Station to Whitehall Road. 20 tons
7 ,, Salters Gate to Lime Road. 10 tons.
8—Carting White Whinstone from Butsfield Quarry to Saw Mill Bank. 10 c. yds.
WINNING, BREAKING of Lots 3 and 8. Also, the BREAKING 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF CORNSAY.
1—Carting Limestone Blackfield to Cornsay. 100 tons.
2 ,, Blackfield to East of Cornsay. 20 tons.
3 ,, Blackfield to Cornsay and Hedleyhope Beck. 20 tons.
4 ,, Blackfield to Well Banks. 50 tons.
5 ,, Blackfield to Cousley Lane. 30 tons.
6 ,, Blackfield to West Shield Road. 20 tons.
7 ,, Cornsay Colliery to Low Row Road. 100 tons.
8 ,, High Stoop to the Bents and Well Banks. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP.
1—Carting Limestone South Medomsley Depot to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 200 tons.
2 ,, Hare Law and Delight Bank. 30 tons.
3 ,, Salters Gate Station to Stewartfield Lodge Road. 20 tons.
4—Carting Broken Slag Bradley Slag Heap to Pike Lane. 30 c. yds.
6 ,, Dipton. 100 c. yds.
The BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.
1—Carting Limestone Rowley Station to Davids Town and Five-Lane-Ends. 40 tons.
2 ,, Rowley Station to Dyke Nook Road. 30 tons.
3 ,, Rowley Station to Long Edge. 40 tons.
4 ,, High Carrhouse to Knitsley and Knitsley Mill. 30 tons.
5 ,, High Carrhouse to Consett Old Station and Stanniferdham. 30 tons.
6 ,, Rowley Station to Four-Lane-Ends and Stannifordham. 30 tons.
7 ,, High Carrhouse to Delves Lane. 30 tons.
The BREAKING the whole of the above Lots.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF EBCHESTER.
1—Carting Limestone Ebchester Station to the Chare and Mill Lane. 20 tons.
2 ,, Ebchester Station to Spring House Lane. 10 tons.
3 ,, Ebchester Station to Watling Street. 30 tons.
4 ,, Ebchester Station to Whinney Lane. 10 tons.
5—Carting Slag Bradley Slag Heap to Shaw Lane. 20 c. yds.
The BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Lot. ESH TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Whinstone from Aldin Grange to Ushaw and Hill Top. 60 tons.
2 ,, Ushaw Moor to East Plass and Flass Inn. 60 tons.
3 ,, Witton Gilbert Station to Hill Top and Esh Loud. 100 tons.
4 ,, Witton Gilbert Station to Wall Nook and East and West Bank. 60 tons.
5—Carting Broken Limestone from Waterhouses Station to Flass New Road. 60 tons.
6—Carting Limestone from Hamsteels Colliery to Esh Loud and Cornsay Lodge. 100 tons.
7 ,, from Witton Gilbert Station to East and West Banks. 20 tons.
8 ,, from Witton Gilbert Station to Finings Road. 20 tons.
9 ,, from Ushaw Moor Colliery to Ushaw and Broadgate. 10 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Lot. EDMONDBYERS TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting White Whinstone Edmondbyers Cross to Edmondbyers Village. 20 cubic yards.
2 ,, Edmondbyers Cross to Edmondbyers and Roughside Road. 30 cubic yards.
3—Carting Limestone from Slate Quarries to Dead Friars Road. 30 tons.
4—Winning and Breaking White Whinstone. 50 cubic yards.
5—Breaking Limestone. 30 tons.

Lot. GREENCROFT TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone Annfield Plain to Annfield Plain and East Castle Road. 80 tons.
2 ,, to Tower Lane. 60 tons.
3 ,, to Row's Cabin and Greencroft Cottages. 40 tons.
4 ,, to Gorcock and Esp Green. 20 tons.
5—Carting Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Hanging Bank. 60 c. yds.
6 ,, to Stockerley and Lund's Lane. 24 c. yds.
Also, the BREAKING of Lot 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Lot. HEALEYFIELD TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone Whitehall to Healeyfield Road. 30 tons.
2 ,, to Combridge's Road. 30 tons.
3 ,, to Whitehall Road. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 50 c. yds. of White Whinstone.

Lot. HEDLEYHOPE TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone Cornsay Colliery to Hedley Hill Road. 80 tons.
2—Carting Broken Slag East Hedleyhope to Stanley Beck and Hedley Fell. 40 tons.
3—Carting Whinstone to Iveslay Road. 16 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 3.

Lot. HOLMSIDE TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Broken Slag from Witton Gilbert to Bleach Green. 20 tons.
2—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor and New Acres. 40 tons.
3 ,, Edmondsley Depot to Holmside Lane. 50 tons.
4 ,, Craghead Colliery to Wagtail Lane. 60 tons.
5 ,, Annfield Plain to Burnhope and Holmside Road. 50 tons.
6 ,, Salters Gate to Drover House. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the whole of the above Lots.

Lot. HUNSTANWORTH TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone Slate Quarries to Sandyford Bridges. 20 tons.
2—Carting Hard Stone Derwent Mines to Presser Bank and Sandyford. 60 c. yds.
3 ,, Derwent Mines to Bay Bridge and White Heaps. 30 c. yds.
4 ,, Shildon or the Common to Blanchland and Roughside Road. 20 c. yds.
5 ,, Derwent Mines to Alder Gate Road. 10 c. yds.
6—Winning, Carting, Breaking, and Laying on Freestone Packlets Pin Road. 20 c. yards.
7 ,, Freestone Deep Road. 20 c. yards.
8 ,, Allanshields Road. 20 c. yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF IVESTON.
1—Carting Limestone Rowley Station to Long Edge. 30 tons.
The BREAKING also.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF KYO.
1—Carting Limestone Tanfield Moor to White-le-Head Road. 60 tons.
2 ,, Annfield Plain to South Pit and Kyo Road. 100 tons.
3 ,, Annfield Plain to Kyo Heugh. 20 tons.
4 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill Road. 80 tons.
5 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill and Harperley Gate. 40 tons.
6 ,, Hare Law to Bushbladee. 30 tons.
The BREAKING of all the above Lots.

Lot. LANCHESTER TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Station to Peth Bank. 30 tons.
2 ,, to Ford and Bar Gate. 20 tons.
3 ,, to Upper Houses Lane. 20 tons.
4 ,, to Browney Bank and Partridge Close Bridge. 10 tons.
5 ,, to Hole House Lane. 10 tons.
6 ,, Lanchester Union to Newbiggen and Donleyford. 40 tons.
7 ,, Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook and Donleyford. 20 tons
8 ,, Knitsley Station to White Gates and Donleyford. 20 tons
9 ,, Annfield Plain to Maiden Law and Conns House. 20 tons.
10 ,, Rowley Station to Five-lane Ends and Browney Bank. 100 tons.
11 ,, Salter's Gate to Drover House. 10 tons.
12 ,, Salter's Gate to Spring Well. 10 tons.
13 ,, Rowley Station to Humber Hill Road. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKAGE of the whole of the above Lots.

Lot. LANGLEY TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row Lane. 60 tons.
2 ,, Annfield Plain to Langley Edge. 20 tons.
3 ,, Salter's Gate Station to Salter's Gate Road. 40 tons.
4—Carting Slag Witton Gilbert Station to Langley Edge. 20 tons.
5 ,, to Broom House. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

Lot. TOWNSHIP OF MEDOMSLEY.
1—Carting Limestone Medomsley Depot to Allendale Lane. 40 tons.
2 ,, Medomsley Depot to Bar House Lane. 40 tons.
3 ,, Medomsley Depot to Pont Lane 30 tons.
4 ,, Medomsley Depot to Watling Street. 40 tons.
5 ,, Medomsley Depot to Fines Road. 20 tons.
6 ,, East Carrhouse Depot to Redwell Hills. 50 tons.
7 ,, High Carrhouse Depot to Carribees Lane. 10 tons.
8 ,, High Carrhouse to Iveston Lane. 20 tons.
9—Carting Broken Slag Bradley Slag Heap to Allendale Lane. 10 c. yards.
10 ,, Bradley Slag Heap to Byerside Road. 50 c. yards.
11 ,, Bradley Slag Heap to Pit House Lane. 10 c. yards.
12 ,, Carting Limestone Rowley Station to Oliver Ford Road. 20 tons.
13—Winning and Breaking White Whin at Butsfield Quarry. 40 c. yards.
14—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Fines Lane. 20 c. yards.
15 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Watling Street. 10 c. yards.
16—Carting Limestone from Medomsley Depot to Long Close. 8 tons.
17—Carting White Whin from Butsfield Quarries to Sheep Walks. 20 c. yards.
18 ,, from Butsfield Quarries to Salter's Gate Road. 10 c. yards.
19 ,, from Butsfield Quarries to Stewartfield Lodge Road. 10 c. yards.
The BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12.

Lot. MUGGLESWICK TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone Waskerley to Horslope Road. 30 tons.
2 ,, Waskerley to Waskerley and Gold Hill Road. 30 tons.
3 ,, Park Head to Meadow's Head. 20 tons.
4—Carting White Whinstone Gold Hill to Edmondbyers Bridge. 40 c. yards.
5 ,, Cambridge Road. 20 c. yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.
The WINNING and BREAKING of Lots 4 and 5.

Lot. ROUGHSIDE TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Hard Stone Derwent Mine to Roughside Road. 30 c. yds.
2 ,, The Common to West Roughside and Edmondbyers Road. 20 c. yds.
3 ,, The River to Cooperhaugh Road. 30 c. yards.
Also, the WINNING and BREAKING of the above Lots.

Lot. ROWLEY TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone from Rowley Station to Four Lane Ends and Snaith Mills. 30 tons.
2 ,, Rowley Station to Rowley Bank. 10 tons.
3 ,, Rowley Station to Oliverford. 10 tons.
4—Carting Broken Slag from Consett Slag Heap to Hole House. 30 c. yards.
5—Winning and Carting White Whinstone to Wharnay Burn Road. 10 c. yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

Lot. TANFIELD TOWNSHIP.
1—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley, Shield Row, and Beamish Bridge. 200 tons
2 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Stanley Edge Road. 100 tons.
3 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor Lane. 20 tons.
4 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Tanfield Lea Lane. 50 tons.
5 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row South Lane. 10 tons.
6—Carting Slag Screenings from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley and Shield Row. 60 tons.
7—Carting Limestone from Tanfield Moor to Tantobie and Tanfield. 40 tons.
8 ,, Tanfield Moor to Clough Dene and Long Syke. 60 tons.
9 ,, Tanfield Moor to Lintz Lane. 20 tons.
10 ,, Tanfield Moor to Tanfield Lea Lane. 50 tons.
11 ,, Tanfield Moor to Wester Leigh Lane. 30 tons.
12 ,, Tanfield Lane, Tanfield to Kip Hill. 30 tons.
13 ,, Tanfield Lane to Barons Close. 60 tons.
14 ,, Tanfield Lane to Beckley Lane. 40 tons.
15—Carting Slag Screenings from Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village. 30 tons.
16—Carting Limestone from Marley Hill Colliery to West House and Beamish Bridge. 20 tons.
17 ,, Marlow Hill to Bob Gin Road. 20 tons.
18 ,, Rowlands Gill Station to Derwent Bridge Road. 40 tons.
19—Carting Broken Slag from Crook Bar Depot to Sandy Path. 30 tons.
20 ,, Crook Bar Depot to Friarside Road. 20 tons.
21—Carting Slag Screenings from Crook Bar Depot to Burnopfield and Leazes Footpath. 46 tons.
22—Carting Ashes from Tanfield Lane to Causey Arch Footpaths. 60 loads.
23 ,, Tanfield Lane to Middle Causey Footpaths. 20 loads
24 ,, Hobson Colliery to Tanfield and Burnopfield Footpaths. 50 loads.
25 ,, Hobson Colliery to Long Syke Lane. 40 loads.
26—Carting Limestone from Handon Hold to West Pelton and Eden Hill. 60 tons.
27—Carting Slag Screenings from Crook Bar Depot to New Footpath Brian's Leap. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 26.

Tenders must be sent to the Surveyor on or before Tuesday, April 22nd, 1884, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking."

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

WILLIAM DIXON, District Surveyor.
Surveyor's Office, The Lodge, Lanchester,
April 10th, 1884. 985½

Public Notices.

SPECIAL.—TO LADIES ONLY.—A Lady having discovered a SECRET invaluable to Ladies generally, will be pleased to forward same gratis to any address on receipt of stamped directed envelope.—Address, Mrs. C., Highland Villa, Totterdown, Bristol.

STONE and COAL BORING MACHINES from the best makers, from £1 to £7 10s. Also, COPPER GEAR. A stock always on hand.—Sold by GEO. HUNTER, Medomsley Colliery, Lintz Green. Repairs attended to. 826s

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

THE Rev. JAS. MILLIGAN, D.D., of Houghton-le-Spring, will Preach the Anniversary Sermons on Sunday, April 20th. 959s

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BAND OF HOPE. WHIT-MONDAY.

A PRELIMINARY MEETING of Sunday-school Representatives will be held in the Primitive Methodist school-room, Derwent Street, Blackhill, on Thursday, April 24th, at 7·30 p.m.

979s W. RAW.

REVELY AND KELL,

IMPORTERS OF
FOREIGN WINES AND SPIRITS,
WHOLESALE AND FAMILY MERCHANTS,
No. 7, COLLINGWOOD STREET, NEWCASTLE.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD COLLIERY ACCIDENT FUND

SPORTS AND PICNIC!

WILL BE HELD ON

☞ MAY THE 24th, 1884, ☜

And not on JUNE the 7th, as previously Advertised.

960s P. DUFFY, Sec.

THE SCIENTIFIC DRESS CUTTING ASSOCIATION,

Have appointed Miss ELLIOTT, 49, Durham Road, Blackhill, sole Agent for Consett, Blackhill, and District.

Classes daily from 10 to 12, and 2 to 5, or as arranged for. Lessons also given to Classes of Ladies at their Residences if desired. To commence March 31st. Send Address for Circular. 871s

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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE Members of the CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S TEETOTAL BRASS BAND (late Blackhill) intend holding a Grand BRASS BAND CONTEST, on Whit-Saturday, May 31st, 1884. Prizes to the value of £23 will be given. For further particulars apply to Mr. M. HOBDAY, Secretary, 17, Foundry Row, Blackhill. 980s

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TO FARMERS.

FARMERS will do well to inspect G. HOBSON'S large and carefully-selected Stock of Clover, Grass, Turnip Seeds, &c., before giving their Orders elsewhere.

My Seeds have all been carefully-selected, from Samples sent by the most respectable Growers and Importers, and will bear comparison with the best houses in England as to price and quality.

POOLEY'S PATENT MALT BREAD.

BREAD being universally consumed in larger quantities than any other food, it is of the utmost importance that it should contain the largest amount of nutriment in the most readily assimilative form.

By the addition of MALT, in due proportion to Wheat Flour, in the process of making, it has been found that the Bread is much more easily digested, the Stomach being saved a portion of the preliminary process of preparing it for assimilation.

INVALIDS are not the only persons interested in the MALT BREAD, as it is not only more readily digested, but it is MORE NUTRITIOUS, MORE AGREEABLE TO THE PALATE, AND WILL KEEP SWEET MUCH LONGER THAN ORDINARY BREAD.

It is highly spoken of by the Medical Profession.

MESSRS. WILSON BRO.'S, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, have secured the right to Make and Sell the Malt Bread, and it can be had also from their Agent, Mr. W. AYNSLEY, Consett and Leadgate.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Lenses, Burnopfield.—Monday, April 28th, 1884.—As per instructions received from Mr. D. LUDKIN, who is declining housekeeping.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON will SELL BY AUCTION his Household FURNITURE, and other EFFECTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at 1·30 promptly. 990s

A. PHILLIPSON,

GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION AND HOUSE AGENT, &c., DIPTON.

☞ TO AMERICA, £4, BY THE BEST LINES.

FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Black Hall Farm, near Ebchester.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with the confidence of Mrs. MARGARET CURRY, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Farm, on Wednesday, April 23rd, 1884, her Valuable FARMING STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, and part of her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SEED POTATOES, &c., comprising—Powerful Draught Horse, 16h. 3½in. high, 8 years old, suitable for Dray, Waggon, or Colliery purposes; powerful Draught Horse, 5 years old, 16 h.h.; 5 Milk Cows, calved and to calve, 2 about time of Sale; Geld Cow, forward in condition; Two-years-old Fat Heifer; 4 Stirks, 15 months old; 2 Yearling Stirks; Milk Calf; 1 Long and 2 Coup Carts; Pair Cart Shelvings; Stone Coup; 2 Iron Swing Ploughs; Pair Iron Harrows; Iron Grub Harrow; Pair Wood Four-bowed Harrows; Ribbing Plough; Scuffling Plough; Large Metal Roller; Large Stone Roller; Horse Hay Rake; American Hay Rake; Double Turnip Drill; Scrubber; Reaper; Hay Sweep; 3 Ladders; Wheelbarrow; 2 Sheep Troughs; Grindstone; 2 Sets Cart Harness and Plough Gears; Trace Chains; Cart Ropes and Cow Bands; Winnowing Machine; Weighing Machine, by Gregory; Sacks and Pokes; Corn Measure; 2 Long and 2 Short Scythes, and a number of Hand Implements. The following Implements are New—Wheel Plough; Scuffler; Pair Iron Harrows.

Upwards of 30 Hens; several Bags of Champion Seed Potatoes, in 10 Stone Lots; Corn Binn; Feeding Troughs and Tubs; Pails; Old Iron, &c. The Dairy Utensils include Barrel Churn, &c. The Furniture consists of Mahogany High Chest of Drawers; 2 Bedsteads and Mattresses; Desk Bed; Kitchen Table and Form; Chairs; large Flour Chest; Mangle, &c.

Also, a Stamp of Well-won New Land Hay.

☞ Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m. 956s

New House, near Blackhall Mill.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from the Executors of Margaret Jordan, deceased, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at New House, on Monday, 21st April, 1884, the whole of her Valuable CATTLE, POULTRY, Household FURNITURE, FEATHER BEDS, BEDDING, BED AND TABLE LINEN, HOME-FED BACON, &c., &c.

The Cattle comprise 3 young Milk Cows, calved and to calve; Four-years-old Geld Cow; 4 Yearling Stirks; 15 Hens and Cock; excellent Coup Cart; Set Cart Harness; Plough and Trace Gears; Gent's Riding Saddle and Bridle; Lady's Side Saddle; Meal and Cow Tubs; 20 Sacks and Pokes; Stackyard Ladders; Hay Knife; a lot of Seed Potatoes; 20 Bundles of Straw; 2 Hen Coops; Wheelbarrow, Pig Trough; Hand Tools, including Rakes, Forks, Grapes, Spades, Shovels, Axes, &c.; Garden Tools; Cart and Sweep Ropes; Cow Bands; Rabbit and Mole Traps; 20 Roots Victoria Rhubarb; a few Garden Fuchsias.

The Furniture in Parlour comprises Mahogany Chiffonier, with Plate Glass Back; Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; 4 Mahogany Chairs and Arm Chair, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Centre Table; Mahogany Tea Table; Birch Press; Mantle Mirror, in Rosewood Frame; Weather Glass; 5 Pictures; Map of the World; Carpet and Hearth Rug; Mantle and Table Ornaments; 2 Table Covers and Window Shades; Silver-plated Cruet Stand and Castors, Silver-plated Candlesticks; Half-dozen Plated Forks; Half-dozen Plated Spoons; Dozen Table Knives and Forks; Set Carvers and Table Steel; Set China Tea Ware; Hot and Cold Water Jugs; a quantity of Glass Ware Britannia Metal Tea and Coffee Pots; Tea Caddies; Fender and Fireirons, &c.

The Furnishing of 3 Bed-rooms comprise Four-poled Bedstead and Mattress, with Crimson Damask Hangings; 2 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; 3 Feather Beds; 3 Sets of Pillows and Bolsters; a large quantity of Bedding; Bed and Table Linen; 16 beautifully Quilted Bed Quilts; 6 Pair Wool Blankets; Cotton and Linen Bed Sheets; Dressing Table; Washstand; Towel Rail and Dressing Glass; Chamber Ware; Chest of Cherry Tree Drawers; Linen Chest; Bed-room Chairs; 1 Mahogany and 1 Oak Easy Chair; Night Commode; Carpets and Hearth Rugs; Pictures and Books, including a large Family Bible; Toilet Covers, Window Shades; Stair Oil Cloth and Brass Stair Rods.

Kitchen Furniture comprises Birch Desk Bed; Twenty-four hours' Clock; Kitchen Table and Form; Mahogany Knife Box; Dozen Knives and Forks; Set Carvers and Table Steel; Longsettle; 5 Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; Dinner, Tea, Glass, Tin, and other Ware; Brass and other Candlesticks; a large number of Metal Pots and Pans, including Tea Kettle, Girdle, and Frying Pan; Roast Jack; a lot of Cocoa Matting and Door Mats; Patent Wringer and Mangle; Poss and Washing Tubs; Pails; Clothes Horse; Clothes Basket.

Dairy Utensils include Barrel Churn; Butter Tubs; 2 Butter Tubs; 3 Butter Baskets; Butter Scales and Weights; Prints and Butter Boards; Bakeboard and Paste Pins; Cream Mugs and Milk Dishes; Milk Cans, &c., &c. Pair Steelyards to weigh 20 st.; Single-barreled Gun. Also, 3 Flitches of prime Home-fed Bacon and 2 Hams; 20 lbs. of Lard, &c., &c.

Sale at Twelve for One o'clock p.m.

The Lots being numerous, the Auctioneer respectfully invites an early attendance. 957s

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Pea Farm, West Stanley.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with the confidence of Mr. A. BARRAS, of the above Farm, who is retiring from Farming, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Pea Farm, on Friday, the 2nd day of May, 1884, all his Valuable FARM STOCK, HORSES, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, POULTRY, and Part of the Valuable Household FURNITURE, viz:—

HORSES.

Lot 1—Bay Mare, 9 years old, 15h. 3in.
,, 2—Bay Mare 9 years old, 16h.h., taken 20 Prizes at Local Shows.
,, 3—Brown Mare, 7 years old, 16h. 2in.
,, 4—Brown Mare, 3 years old, 15h. 2in, by "Brown George," out of Dam, Lot 1.
,, 5—Brown Horse, aged.
,, 6—Yearling Filly, by "Beamish," out of Dam, Lot 2.

CATTLE.

2 Geld Cows.

IMPLEMENTS.

3 Long Carts; 4 Short Carts; 3 Horse Hay Rakes; 2 Reapers, by Kearsley; Sheep Rack; 2 Grubbers; Three-horse Grubber; 2 Pairs Zig-Zag Harrows; 3 Pairs Wood Harrows; 3 Ploughs, 1 by Ransome and Simms; Drill Plough, by Howard; 3 Scufflers; 2 Scrubbers; Chain Harrow; Metal Roller; Wood Roller; Turnip Drill; Oil Cake Crusher, by Pooley; Weighing Machine; Weighing Machine and Weights; 2 Turnip Cutters; Turnip Pulper; Gardens Turnip Cutter; 3 Sheep Nets; Sheep Dipping Tub; Winnowing Machine; Four-horse Thrashing Machine; 8 Stack Stands, 6 Metal and 2 Stone; 2 Sack Barrows; 3 Ladders; 2 Corn Bins; Troughs; Steel Gripes and Forks; Spades, Shovels, &c.; Harness for 2 Pairs Horses; Grindstone; 2 Hay Knives, &c., &c. The whole of the Implements are nearly new.

About 40 Head Poultry; Dairy Utensils; Barrel Churn; 2 large Block-tin Bottles.

Also, part of the valuable Household FURNITURE, for particulars of which see Handbills.

Sale at One p.m. prompt. 1000

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

By Mr. William Raw.

Benfieldside Edge Road, Blackhill.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, honoured with instructions from Mr. ELDON HASTINGS, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. ELTRINGHAM, Miners' Arms Inn, Highgate, on Wednesday, April 30th, 1884, all those Two Valuable

COPYHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES,

Containing 4 Rooms each, and other necessary Conveniences, situate at Cornwall Terrace, Benfieldside Edge Road, and now in the occupation of Messrs. Brown and Lumley, as Tenants thereof.

The Property is nearly new, substantially built, and pleasantly and centrally situated in this most prosperous district, mid-way between the Consett Iron Works and Shotley Grove Paper Mills.

The Tenants, on application, will show the Property, and further particulars can be had on application to Mr. HASTINGS, 62, Side, Newcastle-on-Tyne; ROBERT DICKINSON, Esq., Solicitor, Royal Arcade, Newcastle-on-Tyne; or to the AUCTIONEER.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock in the Evening. 965s

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

By Messrs. Moses Pye and Sons.

Sale of Public-House, Burnhope Colliery.

MOSES PYE and SONS have received instructions from the Trustees of the late B. H. Gee, Esq., to SELL BY AUCTION, at the Royal Turf Hotel, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1884, at Two o'clock prompt, the FULL-LICENSED FREEHOLD PUBLIC-HOUSE, known as the

"BURNHOPE COLLIERY INN,"

situate at Burnhope Colliery, near Lanchester, in the occupation of Mr. James Lumley, under a lease, of which about four years have still to run.

For further particulars apply to
Messrs. GEO. ARMSTRONG and SONS,
Solicitors, St. Nicholas' Chambers;
Or, to the AUCTIONEERS, 7, Collingwood Street, Newcastle. 976s

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

31, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.—Valuable Freehold House for Sale.

ADAM BRODIE begs to intimate that this Well-built and Substantial DWELLING-HOUSE, containing Parlour, with Bay Window, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, large Attic Bed-room, with Dormer Window, large Yard, and every Convenience, with neat Flower Garden in Front, and Wooden Stable in Field behind, not having been Sold at the Auction Sale on the 17th April, 1884, may be treated for privately on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

Saturday, May 3rd, 1884.—South Pontop Candle Works, Annfield Plain.—Important Sale of superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, including Mahogany Chest of Drawers, nearly new; Painted Chest of Drawers, nearly new; Mahogany Centre Table; Easy Chair, in Hair-seating; Couch, in Morocco Leather; 6 Polished Birch Chairs, nearly new; Desk Bedstead, nearly new; 2 Cane Rocking Chairs; 3 Cases Stuffed Birds; Shade Stuffed Birds; 2 Feather Beds; Down Beds; superior Iron Bedsteads; Cages and Crested Canaries; and all the miscellaneous Effects and Sundries.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. Martin Gleghorn, who is declining House-keeping, to SELL BY AUCTION, as above, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1884, the whole of the superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, particulars of which will be given in Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock exact time. 986a

Sunniside Farm, near Knitsley Station.—Important Sale of Valuable Farming Stock, Fat Cattle, Implements of Husbandry, Hay and Straw, &c.

MESSRS. WM. NICHOLSON and ADAM BRODIE, who are jointly concerned in the matter, are favoured with instructions from Wm. R. Taylor, Esq., who is relinquishing Farming, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Sunniside Farm, near Knitsley Station, on Monday, April 21st, 1884, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK and IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, as follows:—

CATTLE.

7 Prime Fat S.H. Heifers.
7 Prime Fat S.H. Bullocks.
1 S.H. Heifer, Newly Calved.
2 Superior S.H. Heifers, Due to Calve at time of Sale.
1 Young S.H. Cow, Back-end Calver.
The Hind's Roan Polled Cow, due to Calve May 13th.
3 Two-year-old S.H. Heifers.
2 One-and-a-half Year old S.H. Heifers.
1 Two-year-old S.H. Bullock.
1 S.H. Heifer Stirk.
2 S.H. Steer Stirks.
1 Finger Calf.

SHEEP.

45 Three-parts Bred Hoggs, Prime Fat.
5 Shropshire Down Hoggs, Prime Fat.

HORSES.

Lot 1 — Grey Mare, 16 hands, 8 years old.
„ 2.—Brown Mare, 16·1 hands, 4 years old.
„ 3.—Powerful Bay Horse, 16·2 hands, 6 years old.
„ 4.—Brown Mare, 15·2 hands, 5 years old.
„ 5.—Black Mare, 15·2 hands, 6 years old.
The above are all quiet and good workers.
„ 6.—Brown Draught Filly, Two-years-old. Dam, Lot 1.
„ 7.—Grey Yearling Colt, by "Pride of Aberdeen." Dam, Lot 1.
„ 8.—Brown Yearling Filly, by "Beamish." Dam, Lot 4.

PIGS, &c.

12 Young Pigs, and 30 Head of Poultry.

IMPLEMENTS

3 Coup Carts; 2 Long Carts; Stone Cart; Combined Reaping Machine, by Brigham; Grass Cutter, by Brigham; Horse Hay Rake, by Brigham; Double Turnip Drill; Four-horse Grubber; Two-horse Drag Harrow; 3 Pairs Four-bulled Harrows; 2 Double-Mould Board Ploughs; 4 Iron Swing Ploughs; Ribbing Plough; 2 Scufflers; 2 Large Metal Rollers; Clod Crusher; 3 Turnip Cutters; Oil Cake Crusher; 30 Cow Bands; 18 Cow Tubs; 2 Sheep Racks; Runch Extractor; 2 Corn Bins; 6 Stack Ventilators; 6 Sheep Nets, nearly new; Coup Cart Shelving; Cart and Plough Harness, for 3 Draughts; Rakes, Forks, Spades, and Shovels; 2 Ladders; Cart Ropes; Grindstone Quantity of Old Iron, &c. Also,

Stack of prime Well-won, Old-land Hay, about 14 tons; Stack of Oat Straw; Stack of Barley Straw; and about a Ton of "Magnum Bonum" Seed Potatoes.

Additional Stock—Two-years-old Bullock; Roan Cow, due to Calve at time of Sale.

The Hay and Straw will be Sold to be removed off the Premises.

Sale to commence with the Implements at Twelve o'clock.

Refreshments of the best quality on the Ground.

☞ The Auctioneers, after Personal Inspection, have every confidence in offering the above Lots for Public Competition. The Horses are a very superior Lot, full of action, and good workers, and will be wrought up to time of Sale. The Cows and Grazing Cattle are all Short-horns, full of hair, and forward in condition. The Fat Cattle are as prime as can be made, from 40 to 50 Stones Weight. The Hoggs are Prime Mutton. The Implements, having only been a short time in use, are little worse than new.

Sunniside Farm is about One-and-a-half Mile from Consett, and Five minutes' walk from Knitsley Station, on the Lanchester Valley Railway. 955a

Monday, May 5th, 1884.—Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, Pianoforte, Wringing Machine (best make), Feather and Down Beds and Bedding, and miscellaneous Effects, belonging to a Gentleman leaving the neighbourhood, and removed for convenience of sale.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Salerooms, Consett, on Monday, May 5th, 1884, the whole of the superior FURNITURE, including Mahogany and Polished Drawers; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair: Sofa, in Leather; Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Mahogany Press; Mahogany Centre Table; best Iron and Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses; best Feather and Down Beds and Bedding; superior Wringing Machine; together with the whole of the miscellaneous Household Requisites, and splendid rich-toned, full-compass Cottage Pianoforte, in grand condition, and little worse than new.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Particulars in Posters. 958a

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744h

By Mr. P. Osborne.

MR. P. OSBORNE, acting under instructions from the Executors of the late Mrs. Wheatley and Others, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the house of Mr. Robert Wheatley, Crown and Thistle Inn, Catchgate, on Monday, May 12th, 1884, at One p.m. prompt, a large quantity of Household FURNITURE and other EFFECTS, consisting of Sofas, Couches, Centre Tables, Feather Beds, Bedsteads, Bedding, Shop Bannisters, Scales, and Fittings, Poultry, &c.

Particulars in Posters.

Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 977a

By Mr. J. Vickers.

Tow Law Auction Mart.

THE NEXT SALE will be held on Monday, April 28th, 1884. Please enter early to ensure publicity.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 971a

St. John's, near Wolsingham.

J. VICKERS, favoured with instructions from Mr. John Pickering, who is retiring, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, May 10th, 1884, the whole of his Valuable FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c. Particulars to follow.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 973a

Rowley Farm, Cornsay Colliery.

J. VICKERS, honoured with the patronage of Messrs. Ferens & Love, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in May (date not fixed) the Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., on the above Farm. Particulars in due course.

Partridge Close, Tow Law. 972a

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

JOSEPH VICKERS,
AUCTIONEER,
☞ PARTRIDGE CLOSE, TOW LAW.
LATE TUNSTALL HOUSE, WOLSINGHAM.

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

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

Entries respectfully solicited.

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

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

☞ Royal Auction Mart, Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside.

MONDAY FIRST, APRIL 21st, 1884.

4 Fat Cattle.
20 Prime Fat Sheep.
15 to 20 Incalving Cows and Heifers.
4 S.H. Heifer Stirks, 6 months old.
8 Leicester Ewes and 16 Lambs.
Several Geld Cows, Calves, Pigs, &c.
2 Carts; 1 Plough; 1 Scuffler, &c.

☞ On Account of Sunniside Sale, this Sale will commence at Eleven o'clock, so that buyers can get to Sunniside by the 1·12 train.

997a NICHOLSON and MURRAY, Auctioneers.

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

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street Sale-rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, April 21st, 1884, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE, comprising excellent Spanish Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Mahogany Lobby Drawers; Mahogany Bedroom Drawers; large Dutch Drawers; 2 excellent Spanish Mahogany Centre Tables; Round Table; 2 Tea Tables; 3 Kitchen Tables; Washstand and Dressing Table; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; 2 Easy Chairs; Rocking Chair; Mahogany and Windsor Chairs 6 excellent Polished Kitchen Chairs; 2 Longsettles; Brass and Iron Tester and French Bedsteads, new and second-hand; several pairs of Mattresses; 2 Four-poled Bedsteads; Down and Flock Beds; Clocks and Timepieces; Swing Glass; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fireirons; Child's Cot; Desk Bed; Mahogany Bookcase; large Mahogany Hall Table, with Fluted Legs; 2 large Pans, with Steamers; Zinc Pails and Scuttles; Tubs, Pots, and Pans; Zinc Blinds and Creans; together with a large quantity of Household Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 992a

By Mr. John Crawford.

Retiring from Farming.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. R. Oliver, of Kyo, near Annfield Plain, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 7th, 1884, the whole of his FARM STOCK, &c. Particulars next week. See Posters.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 995a

Greenside, near Healeyfield, Castleside.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Wm. Irwin to SELL BY AUCTION, his STOCK and Household FURNITURE, and all other EFFECTS, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1884. For further particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at Twelve for One to a minute

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 994a

No. 57 and 58, Front Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. M. Ridley, who is giving up House-keeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his Valuable Household FURNITURE, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1884.

Sale to commence at Three for Four o'clock to the minute. For further Particulars, see Posters.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 996a

Ebchester, near Shotley Bridge.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. G. Moody, Grocer and Draper, who is leaving Ebchester, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, part of his Household FURNITURE, and the whole of his GROCERIES, on Wednesday, April 23rd, 1884, consisting of a large quantity of Tea, Coffee, Chicory, Starch, Blue, Pepper, Ginger, Blacking, Dry Soap, Weights, Scales, Weighing Machine, no worse than new, Boots, Shoes, Draperies, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

For further Particulars, see Posters.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 993a

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

Business done promptly and on reasonable terms.

By Messrs. Turnbull & Adamson.

The Leazes, Burnopfield, Lintz Green.

MESSRS. ADAMSON & TURNBULL will hold their Second SALE of GRAZING and SURPLUS STOCK, HORSES, &c., on Thursday, May 8th, 1884.

☞ Entries should be sent in early to Mr. Adamson, Burnopfield; or Mr. J. Turnbull, Auctioneer, Chester-le-Street. 952a

By Mr. Thomas Iveson.

Hole Row, near Shotley Bridge.

THOMAS T. IVESON, instructed by the Executors of the late Wm. Martin, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Friday, April 25th, 1884, the whole of the Valuable FARM STOCK, comprising 150 SHEEP, viz:—

6 Leicester Ewes and Lambs (2 shear)
34 Mule Ewes and Lambs (1 and 2 shear)
43 Young Black-faced Ewe and Lambs
55 Mule Hoggs, Ewe and Wethers
} All Lambs by Leicester Tups.

35 S.H. CATTLE

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EDITORIAL NOTICES.

The writer of letter signed "An Observer" has neglected to forward his name and address.

Several items of news and letters are held over.

We hope to resume next week the sketches under the title of "Northern Lights."

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, April 18th, 1884.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

Excursions from Consett to Newcastle are hardly so popular nor so well patronised as formerly. The spirit which called them into existence is still extant, but money is scarce, and many who were wont to indulge in an occasional day's outing are obliged to forego that pleasure. The excursion season has this year begun betimes. The April showers of Saturday last would cool the ardour of pleasure-seekers, but there are people who, having paid for much, will have the value thereof, like Shylock with his pound of flesh. Hence, people who go to see the city must needs wander up and down to see and be seen; and although "canny Newcassel" is hardly so rich in "sights" as cities that could be named, there is no lack of objects of common interest, not a few of which will repay a visit. Heaton Park came in for a goodly share of attention, and that says something for the taste of the excursionists. Dame Nature has, however, hardly awakened from her annual wintertide nap, but the foremost of her flowery train has already risen from the sod to herald the approach of the regal queen. The bear had many callers, but Bruin seems to be quite impervious to flattery. A tree with a goodly supply of artificial branches has been implanted in the bottom of the hermit's quarters, so that the gentleman may see what is doing above ground, but, like some of us who ought to know better, he does not seem to make the most of his opportunities. At least he did not so conduct himself on Saturday, but prowled in the bottom of his den, displaying to advantage his prodigious feet, which cannot fail to awaken dreams of Indian snow-shoes. Someone threw him a slice of bread, and as it fell the bear, turning it adroitly, like a spoiled baby, licked off the butter! There is nothing like civilization, you see, for polishing one's manners. The monkeys, too, had their circle of admirers. Oh! those mirth-provoking monkeys: how they grin and gambol, and how helpful they are one to another. The eagle and his companion in exile, the owl, are the only melancholy-looking tenants of this popular resort. The occupants of the aviary—a hetrogenous family—seem to be pretty well contented with their lot; and the graceful swan and other natives of the lake seem as if they cared little for the presence of the stranger. The skiff handicap on the Tyne would also be a source of attraction to many. The interest manifested in these contests is almost incredible. I had occasion to cross over to the Gateshead side as the oarsmen were taking their places for one of the heats and, lingering on the bridge for a moment, I was forcibly impressed by the vehement style of the criticism to which the bystanders gave vent. Everybody seemed to be terribly in earnest. Sport is a misnomer for this sort of thing. It may have had its origin in that; but the love of gain has done much to destroy the prestine pleasure to which feats of strength and skill gave play. Among the crowd was a goodly sprinkling of the so-called weaker sex; but if weak in body, they are sometimes strong in mind and wise beyond the comprehension of their good lords. I was much amused by an old woman who, in the real Tyneside vernacular, sounded the praises of the rival oarsman as, waiting for the signal, their dripping oars flashed like silver in the morning sun. When the men shot from the mark there was a tremenduous hubbub, and the good woman, thrusting her head through the lattice work of the bridge, screamed "Gan on, hinnies!" Nor did she cease to give expression to shrill ejaculatory incentives till the rowers had dwindled into mere specks on the water. They err who say the days of chivalry are past.

The lessee of the Shotley Spa Grounds seems desirous of rendering this popular resort as attractive as possible, and I doubt not but his efforts to entertain the public will meet with corresponding appreciation. The musical part of the Eastertide entertainment has been supplied by a distant band of musicians. This is more remarkable, seeing that the district is rich in musical talent. I do not, however, profess to be in the secret. Perhaps our local musicians, elated by their well-earned fame, place too high a figure on their skill, and are consequently cut out by competition. I cannot tell; I simply mention the fact because there is a wide-spread tendency to ignore the abilities of local men. Musicians and vocalists are no exception to the rule: it holds good all round. I have seen the Town Hall of Shotley packed to suffocation because it had been announced that the preacher would wear a red coat! The man couldn't preach; but he talked twaddle and told juvenile stories. The people said he was wonderfully clever. Had he lived among themselves they would have found out that he was an ordinary man—and their verdict would have been different. So is it to this hour. People, like sparrows, are caught with chaff. "Far away fowls have fair feathers," says the proverb, nor is "a prophet without honour, save in his own country and in his own house."

I have almost lost sight of Mr Neasham since his removal to the ancient city. It has been said that Durham was famed only for old maids and mustard; but Mr Neasham has touched a latent chord, and given to the world a book which even Durham, with its long train of associations, has good reason to be proud. I refer, of course, to Mr Lax's poems; Mr Neasham's own book is not yet finished. A friend remarked to me the other day that he had just seen Mr Neasham roving among the wilds of Weardale. "Very likely," I observed, "he would be collecting matter for his forthcoming history." This is a prominent feature in Mr Neasham's work: one day he is poring over musty manuscripts in the British Museum; the other, wandering in West Durham—

> "By some auld houlet-haunted biggin,
> Or kirk deserted by its riggin."

It is not a question of book-making with him. He is one of the few who, gifted with indomitable will, throw the whole weight of their energy into one leading, guiding principle, and make the most of everything. There need be no stronger proof of this than the fact that he made no fewer than three successive journeys to the antique bridge that spans the Derwent at Allansford in order to clear up some misunderstanding relative to the date. These are splendid traits in the character of a historian, and places him at once on a pedestal far removed from the ordinary ink-horn scribe. Many of the dwellers in West Durham will be glad to learn that Mr Neasham has been induced to publish, in a separate form, the beautiful steel plates and other engravings that embellish his History and Biography of West Durham. The sets are splendidly got up, and are offered to the public at little more than the cost of the paper, printing, and binding. West Durham is rich in local celebrities and beauty spots, and this timely collection of the best of them cannot fail to command a ready sale.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Consett Football Club has joined the County.

Sudden Death.—On Tuesday morning, Thomas Gibson, aged 50, a bootmaker, employed by Mr P. Gibson, of Blackhill, was found dead in bed at his residence in Gibson Street. Deceased retired to rest about ten o'clock on Monday night, in a seemingly healthy condition.

Excursion to Lumley.—The employés of Mr J. T. Potts, draper, of this town had an agreeable outing to Lumley Castle, on Tuesday afternoon. One of Mr T. O. Moir's brakes was in requisition, and the party heartily enjoyed themselves. A vote of thanks to Mr Potts for his kindness in supplying the brake was unanimously accorded.

Property Sale.—Last (Thursday) night the superior dwelling house, pleasantly situate and being No. 33, in that pleasant suburb, Sherburn Terrace, was offered for sale at the house of Mr G. Brown, Railway Hotel, by Mr Adam Brodie, auctioneer. The bidding commenced with a bid of £200 from Mr Wm. Aynsley, and was quickly succeeded by others until £320 was reached, when the low reserve of £360 was put in. We see from our advertising columns that this neat residence may be treated for privately on application to the auctioneer, Town Hall, Consett.

Presentatation to Mr Brady Richardson.—On Saturday night, a number of the officials and employés under the Consett Iron Company met in the British School-room, Consett, to witness a presentation to Mr Brady Richardson prior to his departure to America, where he will join his son. The presentations comprised a chemical balance, a dumpy level, a level and staff, and a travelling bag, and on one of the articles was graven the inscription, "Presented to Mr Brady S. Richardson, together with chemical balance and travelling bag, by a few friends, as a tribute of esteem, on his leaving the service of the Consett Iron Co. April, 1884." The total cost of the articles is £27.—The chair was occupied by Mr Jenkins, J.P. (general manager of the Consett Company), who was deputed to make the presentation. In the course of a long address, the chairman spoke in eulogistic terms of the noble character borne by Mr Mr Richardson, and of the upright and straightforward manner he had filled various positions under the Consett Iron Company during the past 30 years. After alluding to the cordial relationship which had hitherto subsisted between Mr Richardson and his superiors, also between the different officials and the workmen in the employ of the Company, the speaker described, in a comprehensive and exhaustive manner, the development of the iron and steel industry at the Consett Works, where seven blast furnaces are now in operation; and asserted that the Consett Company were capable of turning out as good pig iron as any concern in the country. The Consett brand was known all over England, America, and Spain, and was a saleable material throughout the world. Mr Jenkins animadverted to the manufacture of steel plates for shipbuilding purposes by the Consett Iron Company, and attributed the present stagnation in the shipbuilding industry to the fact that the market was at present overstocked with ships, and there was not sufficient commerce to keep them continually plying across the ocean. During his exprerience he had never known the iron trade to be so depressed in the North of England as it was at the present moment, but he hoped it would soon revive. Concerning the wages question, the Chairman observed that the object of the workmen at the present moment should not be to grasp the highest tip-top wages they could obtain through the market value of the articles. At such a crisis as this, when nearly 150,000 people were idle and on the verge of starvation, it was exceedingly foolish for the workmen to fight as to whether their wages should be reduced 5 or 10 per cent., but their sole aim should be to obtain the greatest amount of work at such a price as would afford employment for the largest number of people. Mr Jenkins concluded by making the presentation to Mr Richardson in a few terse and well-chosen observations.—Mr Douglas, Mr Brown, and Mr Carr also spoke very highly of Mr Richardson's character and ability.—In responding, Mr Richardson, in a brief speech, sincerely thanked them for the beautiful articles they had presented to him, and said he should ever remember his Consett friends. He traced his career since he began to work, 24 years ago, at the pit bank at Boggle Hole up to the period when he entered the service of the Consett Iron Company.

BLACKHILL.

We learn that the amount realised by the special services and sale of work last week has entirely liquidated the debt resting on the Wesleyan Chapel at Blackhill.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Occasional Court.—On Tuesday, before James Annandale, Esq., J.P., Patrick Agnew, of 5 Albert Row, Consett, pudler; and John McSorley, 15 Derwent Street, Blackhill, cartman, were respectively charged by Sergt. Murphy and P.C. Newton with being drunk and disorderly in the streets of Consett, on Monday night, and were fined 5s each and costs.—On Wednesday, James Gorman, labourer, of Annfield Plain, was brought up by P.C. Symon for being guilty of the same offence at Leadgate, on the preceding night, and was committed to gaol for a week.

LEADGATE.

St. Ives' Church.—The annual vestry meeting in connection with the church was held on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of the Rev J. W. Mitchell, vicar.—Mr R. W. Shaw read a statement of the accounts, which shewed a balance in the offertories for the year of £14 13s 10s; an additional sum of £16 10s had been collected by members of the congregation raising the balance in hand to £31 3s 10d. This has been appropriated to reducing the debt upon the church, which now stands at £60.—It was hoped that by a special effort to be made during the current year that this balance might be entirely cleared off.—Mr R. W. Shaw was again elected vicar's and Mr Ed. Todd people's churchwarden. Messrs T. Foreman, G. Nicholson, J. J. Hedley, and James Stewart were re-elected sidesmen. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Co-operative Industrial, and Provident Society, Limited.—This society held its 56th quarterly meeting on Saturday sen'night—Mr P. Reay in the chair. He complimented the members on the great success which the society has achieved by the extraordinary increase of members during the quarter. 198 new members have been enrolled and 28 withdrawn, leaving a net increase of 170, and making a total membership of 1820. Mr Wm. Bell (secretary) read the minutes of the last quarter, which were adopted. After which the balance sheet was carefully gone through and passed. The next business was the question of purchasing the Bath House Lane Estate where the society has some of its funds deposited, and the subject was warmly discussed; the question of "Co-operative farming" was debated at some length, and is was finally agreed to ask the committee of the Shotley Bridge Co-operative flour mill to look after a farm at once to be worked on the Co-operative principles.—The total sales in all departments for the quarter is £17,690, which on being compared with the corresponding quarter of 1883, shews a large increase of £5,000; and between the quarter ending Dec. 10th, and the present quarter there is an increase of £2,143, or an average increase weekly of £165. It has been found necessary to build an extensive warehouse at Annfield Plain, in order to supply the increased demand, and the new shop at Langley Park is now open. The gross profit for the quarter is £3,867 14s 11d, which is distributed as follows: Wages, £420 14s 4½d; current expenses, £127 16s 3d; interest on share capital, £187 12s 9d; savings' interest, £1 15s 1d. The balance is appropriated as follows: Dividend on members checks at 3s in the pound, £2,639 8s 6d; depreciation of buildings, £300; reserve fund, £180; and the balance, £80 0s 1d, carried forward.

DURHAM.

Hinds' Hirings.—These hirings were concluded on Saturday. There was a numerous attendance of masters, but servants did not present themselves in great numbers. Prices ranged from 16s to 18s, and in the case of one or two good men, 20s was given, with the usual perquisites.

Funeral of Mr J. Henderson.—The remains of the late Mr John Henderson, of Durham city, were interred at noon on Thursday se'nnight in the St. Nicholas' Cemetery, Durham, in the presence of a very large gathering of relatives and friends. The chief mourners were:—Mrs Henderson, Mr C. W. G. Henderson, Mr A. Henderson, Mrs Russell, Mr W. Henderson, Miss Henderson, Mrs Roberts, Dr. Russell (Newcastle), Captain Roberts, Mr and Mrs Milvain, Mrs C. W. C. Henderson, Miss Russell, Major Henderson, Mr J. Russell, and Mr W. Russell, and Mr and Mrs A. E. Bernays. The sevice was read by the Rev H. E. Fox, vicar of St. Nicholas', and amongst those present at the funeral were:—The Mayor of Durham (Ald. James Fowler), Mr David Dale, Mr W. Jenkins (Consett), Mr John Harvey, Mr C. F. Smith, Mr John Lloyd Wharton, Rev A. L. Shafto, Mr F. Greenwell, Mr Alan Greenwell, Mr W. Logan (Langley Park), Mr R. D. Edwards, Colonel Rowlandson, Captain W. K. Rowlandson, Mr C. Bagley, Mr H. J. Marshall, Mr Thomas Jones, Ald. Richardson, Mr T. Scawin, Dr. Jepson, following were the principal employees and workmen at the factory, together with many of the officials connected with the Consett Iron Company. The minute-bell was tolled during the interment, and all places of business were closed.

TOW LAW.

Vestry Meeting.—The annual meeting, was held in the vestry of the Parish Church, the Vicar (Rev M. H. Simpson) presiding. Mr W. Atkinson was again nominated Vicar's warden, and Mr H. White duly elected by the parishoners as warden. Messrs Rawes and Work were appointed sidesmen. The sum of £70, from the balance of a special fund recently raised by the Church Committee for roofing the church and paying off an old debt, was voted towards a fund for the erection of an organ in the Parish Church.

Stock Auction Mart.—Mr J. Vickers held his fortnightly auction mart on Monday, when the following superior stock were disposed of, viz.:—20 cows and heifers, prices of which ranged from £16 10s to £24 10s; 6 geld cows, averaged £16 10s a head; 15 steers and heifers from 1 to 2 years, £7 10s to £15; bulls, £15; 1 Lester tup, £3 17s 6d; pigs, from 7s 6d to £3 15s; 1 yearling filly, by Sir Roger, £12; a quantity of hens and pouts, from 1s 6d to 2s 3d each. The attendance of buyers being good, considering the inclemency of the day, enabled Mr Vickers to dispose of his lots in good time, and nearly the whole of the stock changed hands.

WEARDALE.

St. John's Chapel Fair.—The annual spring fair was held at St. John's Chapel, Weardale, on Wednesday. There was a large show of cattle of all descriptions, but sheep and horses were badly represented. Buyers were scarce, and what business was effected was at old rates. A number of entire horses were shown after the market was over, and excited keen interest.

Weardale.—On Saturday and Sunday, the services in connection with the St. John's Primitive Methodist Sunday School were held. On Saturday, the Rev T. Hallam, of Gateshead, lectured on "England's first great Reformer," the chair being occupied by Mr George Race, jun., of Westgate. Mr Hallam preached two sermons on Sunday, and on Monday, Mr George Cook, of Southside, preached. The services were held in the chapel. Similar services were held at Lanehead, in connection with the Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Various Eastertide services were held at the chapels at Stanhope, and other places in the valley.

The Lead and Ironstone Industries.—The outlook in Weardale is very gloomy, the despatch of the ironstone being much delayed for want of waggons at the depot at Westgate. The Wearhead Pasture iron ore getting has been re-let at an exceedingly low figure—it is said a fraction over 3d a ton, whereas the late contractor had 10d. The lead trade still continues depressed. Overtures have, it is said, been made by the present lessees to the lessors (the Ecclesiastical Commissioners) soliciting faculties in prospecting; but the latter have refused to concede anything. The miners employed at Daddry Mine, &c., have held a meeting, and resolved that a petition, signed by the whole of the inhabitants of the district, be forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on the subject. Rumours are rife that Burtree Pasture Mine, which has been one of the best in Weardale, is to be abandoned owing to the great depth and cost of producing ore, while the miners aver that there is yet abundance of ore if a systematic method was adopted. The wages earned at the last-named mine will not exceed 10s per week per man. No new trials have as yet been made, much to the disappointment of practical miners. The directors of these mines, from London, visited the upper part of the valley, accompanied by their agents (Messrs Blenkiron, S. Watson, and J. Thompson), on Tuesday. The ostensible object of their mission has not as yet transpired; but the position of affairs is somewhat critical. Murmers of dissatisfaction are heard, and unless the present aspect brightens there will doubtless be an exodus of miners from the valley.

BLAYDON.

The tradesmen of Blaydon have agreed to close their places of business on the Wednesday afternoons, at one o'clock, commensing on April 23rd.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Miners' Demonstration.—On Saturday afternoon, a large meeting of the miners employed at Chester South Moor, Kimblesworth, Kettlesworth, Sacriston, Edmondsley, Waldridge, and Wifton Colliery was held—by adjournment from the open air owing to inclement weather—in the colliery school-room. The spacious room was well filled. Mr Bowers occupied the chair.—Mr Wilson, treasurer of the Durham Miners' Union, moved, and Mr Lee seconded: "That the best thanks of the meeting be given to Her Majesty's Government for the very able and comprehensive scheme of reform introduced into the House, and we hope that they will stick to the whole bill; and this meeting pledges the moral support of the miners of the county of Durham in their reform efforts."—The resolution was enthusiastically carried.

TANFIELD.

Evening Concert.—A very successful concert was given on Wednesday last in the Infant's School-room on behalf of the Church Decoration Fund. The chair was taken by the vicar, the Rev T. Hewan Archdall, M.A. There was a good attendance, and *encores* were numerous, all the solo vocalists obtaining one or more. The vocalists were Mrs Yellowley, Miss M. Thirlwell, and Miss Smith, Messrs. G. Duncan, Louie Guthrie, and the Rev C. H. Newman. The first item on the programme was a song "Mary of Argyle," which was very well rendered by Mr Louie Guthrie, with his other songs "The death of Nelson," and "Thou art so near and yet so far," Mr Guthrie was highly successful, and obtaining well-deserved *encores*. Miss Smith sang three songs, in two of which "Killarney" and "Scottish Blue Bells" she obtained *encores*. Miss M. Thirlwell was very successful in her two songs "This is my dream" and "The last rose of summer," showing the rich quality of her voice to great advantage. "Sweethearts" and "In Shadowland" were rendered with much taste and feeling by Mrs Yellowley. The Rev C. H. Newman contributed "The Boatswain's story" and the "Little Hero;" while it need hardly be said that Mr George Duncan convulsed the audience every time he appeared.

GIBSIDE.

Grass Parks.—These parks, comprising 112 acres, in five divisions, were let yesterday (Thursday), by Messrs R. Denkin and Son. There was a large company, which previous to the auction partook of substantial luncheon in the old baronial hall, under the presidency of Mr Thompson, the respected resident agent. Biddings were brisk, and the whole of the fields were rapidly let, the result showing an advance of 7 per cent. over last year's rents, which were then the highest of the season. The highest advance was 11s per acre, and the highest rent paid was 70s per acre.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

On Monday, a pigeon handicap, promoted by the White-le-Head Homing Club, was brought to a successful issue, M. Lennon's Plunger being first, John Brown's Markham second, and Matthew Nicholson's No. 1 third.

White-le-Head — An entertainment was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, White-le-Head, on Saturday night. Mr G. Harron, of Hill Top, Dipton, gave two melodies; a recitation by William Jackson, Mr William McClenning sang two melodies, and a dialogue entitled, "A secretary wanted," by six young men. Messrs. W. Jackson and J. Johnson gave a dialogue. Mr J. Crisp also sang a melody. Mr W. McClenning filled the chair, and he proposed a vote of thanks to the singers and reciters. Mr T. Huggup seconded the motion, and the meeting was brought to a close by singing the doxology.—Two sermons were preached on Sunday by Mr Robert Gray, of Oxhill.—On Monday, a tea was provided, after which sports and games were arranged for the boys and girls. The waiters at the tables were:—Miss L. Bates, of White-le-Head, and Miss J. S. Sanderson, of Tantobie; the tea being prepared by Mrs M. Crisp and Mrs L. Pyle, of White-le-Head.

ESH COLLIERY.

Killed on the Railway.—On Wednesday week, Mr Graham, coroner, held an inquest at Mr George French's, Esh Colliery, touching the death of a tramp named John Smith, who was run over by some trucks on the previous day as he was walking across the level crossing on the North-Eastern Railway near Flass Hall, and instantly killed.—A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Sunday Closing Question.—A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting in favour of entire closing of public-houses on the Lord's day, was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Waterhouses, when addresses were delivered by the chairman (Rev M. P. Davison), Rev B. Wilkinson, of Durham, who attended as deputation from the Central Association, the Rev R. W. Dobbie, Baptist, Messrs J. Barron, and T. Binns. Resolutions in favour of entire Sunday closing throughout the country, and for memorialising the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, and the members of Parliament were unanimously adopted. It was announced that a house-to-house canvass with a petition for signatures had been conducted, the result of which was:—For entire Sunday closing, 648; against, 43; majority for, 605. The Rev C. H. Barton, vicar, and the Rev P. C. Fortin, Roman Catholic, had intended to take part in the meeting, but were unavoidably prevented. A most cordial letter received from the latter gentlemen was read at the meeting.

BEAMISH.

Reading-Room.—The annual general meeting of the above institute was held in the news-room on Tuesday sen'night, for the purpose of electing officers, &c., for the next twelve months. The following were appointed:—President, Rev J. Mathwin; vice-president and treasurer, Mr R. J. English; secretary, Mr John Waistell; committee, Messrs D. Carr, J. Craigs, J. Fletcher, J. Henderson, R. Heinson, and E. Cruddace.

STANHOPE.

On Thursday week, the prize of £20 offered by the president of the Stanhope Agricultural Society for the best entire pony, brought forth eight entries, and was ultimately awarded to Cleverlegs, owned by Mr J. T. Coxon, Castle Eden.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

Moving Sheep without a Licence from Durham into Northumberland.—Wm. Armstrong, farm servant, Ryton, was summoned before the Hexham magistrates on Tuesday for that he, on the 4th day of April, at the township of Broomley, did unlawfully move into the county of Northumberland from the county of Durham 59 sheep without a license. Mr Superintendent Stephenson prosecuted.—Mr Wallace, farmer and cattle dealer, Ryton, the defendant's employer, appeared, and said that it had occurred through carelessness. The sheep were grazing at his farm, and the owner having sent for them he sent them away unthinkingly without a license.—Fined 1s a head and costs, amounting to £3 15s.

OUTWITTING A BULL.

I was about to make myself comfortable in a grassy nook of the river bank when a noise caused me to look round, and, to my surprise and dismay, I saw that the bull had somehow or other broken out of the field and was moving towards me. I began to walk slowly in the direction of the boathouse. My dreadful pursuer followed slowly at first, but gradually broke into a run. I then set off at full speed, hoping to reach my goal first and jumping into the boat which usually lay there, push off and thus escape the enraged animal's horns. Glancing over my shoulder I found, to my dismay, that the brute was rapidly gaining on me; with couched head and elevated tail, on he came like a whirlwind. Flinging away my fishing rod, I bent all my powers to the attainment of speed. Not daring to look round again, I heard the rapid thud of his hoofs gradually getting louder. Eighty yards from the boathouse! Frantic with apprehension, I strained every nerve. Fifty! twenty yards, and the enraged demon is close at my heels! I reach the boathouse panting and breathless. The door is shut—locked! Having no choice and no time for deliberation I plunged into the river. I waded in till it reached my neck, then turned and looked at the bull. To my great relief he had not entered the water, but after giving vent to his disappointment by pawing the ground and bellowing fiercely he stood eyeing me evidently conscious that I was in a fix. I could not cross to the other side, because never having learned to swim I dared not venture out of my depth. I was getting deadly cold when a bright idea occurred to me. I would let my hat float down the river; perhaps the bull would follow it! Drawing a deep breath I bent down till the water reached the rim of my hat, which was a felt one. Keeping it on with my hands, I moved slowly down the stream a little, then bending still lower, let the current float it gently away. I remained under till I felt acute agony from the want of breath. Not venturing yet to raise my head, I bent backwards so as to bring my profile on a level with the surface, in order that I might breathe without being seen. After what I fancied a long time, I raised my head cautiously and looked to see where my terrible enemy was. My ruse had succeeded; he was following the hat at a considerable distance down stream. Fearful yet to venture out, I waited till he disappeared round a bend of the river, when, with feelings of thankfulness I cannot express, I waded ashore.—*Chambers's Journal.*

ROMANCE OF THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS.

In 1705 Francis Salisbury built a fine house—still standing—on his share of the land bought by Dutch and English gentlemen from Mahak-Neminaw and his six headmen, representatives of an Indian tribe who had been for years in possession of the Catskills. After Salisbury's occupation there lived in this house a man whose life included a romance which Hawthorne would have illumined with his weirdest fancies. He was a person of strange and arbitrary temper, and so ill used a slave or bound girl in his service that she fled from the old house, aided, it was supposed, by her lover, a young Dutch settler. Infuriated by her escape, her master rode up the mountains in search of her, discovering the girl at nightfall. He tied her to the tail of his horse and started furiously back to Catskill. As might be expected, the horse dashed the unfortunate girl to pieces on the rocks; and slight as was the law of the land it found means to arrest the murderer and put him on public trial. His family united political power with great wealth, and when the man was justly condemned to death they obtained a respite of the sentence. But herein lies the curious part of the story. The decree of the magistrates was that he should be publicly hung in his *ninety-ninth year*, and meanwhile he was condemned to wear about his neck a halter that all might know him to be a murderer doomed to death. From this time forth the criminal lived in a strange and gloomy seclusion, rarely coming into the village of Catskill, isolating himself from his fellow-creatures, but doggedly wearing his halter, which on certain occasions had to be shewn in public. Until quite recently there lived in Catskill aged people who could remember having seen this strange recluse wearing his halter, and, singular as it seems, he actually lived to complete his hundredth year! But times had changed. King George's rule gone, the new order of things seems to have swept into oblivion the curious decree of that colonial magistracy, and the unhappy owner of the Salisbury house was left to die in his bed; but his singular story affected the neighbourhood, as might be expected, with a belief that the house was haunted, and strange tales used to be told of a spectral horse and rider, with the shrieking figure of a girl flung from it. One old lady told me that when a child she used to live in terror of the peaceful spot where the Salisbury house stands, firmly believing that its ghostly occupant, with a halter about his shrivelled neck, could at any moment appear.—*Harper's Monthly.*

ODDFELLOWSHIP AT CONSETT.

PRESENTATION TO MR GEORGE BROWN.

On the evening of Easter Monday, the members of the Rose of Derwent Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, M.U., together with a few non-members, assembled in their lodge room at the house of Mrs P. Me[illegible], the Alexandria Hotel, Consett, for the purpose of presenting Mr George Brown, of the Railway Hotel, Consett, with a handsome life-like oil painting of himself, beautifully executed on opal in the finest style of art. The portrait is embodied in a massive gilt frame, the foot of which bears a suitable inscription.

P.G. Thomas Westrop was voted to the chair, and after introducing the business of the meeting in a few appropriate remarks, called upon

Mr W. S. Davies (the secretary) to make the presentation. He said: Before we make the presentation, I would like to say a few words about Friendly Societies. Many are the imaginations and wild are some of the statements made by members of the various societies in order to produce a pedigree of their respective societies. For instance it is said that Adam was a Free Gardener; was certainly an Oddfellow, and undoubtedly the first Forester; and the Foresters also include in their list of illustrious ancestors "Wise King Jamie," and the still wiser Alfred the Great. In proof there of they quote an old historian (Osborne) who had seen James the First, who was passionately fond of the chase, attired in the dress of a Forester. These romantic fancies of our long line of pedigree are sinking into oblivion, and our intelligent members are now endeavouring to be more in harmony with the 19th century, to give practical usefulness to these noble institutions. The Oddfellows, it seems, are not much less guilty in this respect, for I have it on good authority that about 40 or 50 years ago the directors of this society published a document for the information of our American brethren, in which it was stated that the name of an Oddfellow was first given to this Order by Titus Cæser in 79. Annexed to this statement was a full description of a very costly collection of emblematical regalia presented to these Oddfellows by the said Emperor, and that it was very probable that Oddfellowship was introduced into North Wales, for it was about that period that portion of Britain was invaded by one of Titus's Generals. The compiler of this remarkable document in strides of more or less dimensions shows how at different periods, Spain, Portugal, France, and England, were imitiated into its honours and mysteries, there at the latter country when it was introduced, a grand lodge of honour was established in London, and that during the reign of George III. a part of them formed into a union, which it is said is still in existence. These statements, however, do not appear to have been got up from any official record. The Manchester Unity is now admitted to take its date of formation from about the year 1812, having been formed for the purpose of mutal assistance in sickness and funeral expenses; but undoubtedly the lodges were then and for many years after little more than "free and easy" or "convivial clubs." It must be also understood that at this time there were no regular reserved sick or funeral fund, therefore they had to resort to occassional collections for the relief of the brethren. By a reference to Spry's Manual you will find designated several societies under the title of Oddfellows. Some of them originally composed part of the Manchester Unity; but having seceded they could not take upon themselves the "M.U." title, but called themselves Oddfellows under some other appropriate title. Friendly societies, therefore, under different orders, titles, and names, are fast becoming legion, and at least among the better class of our working men we are getting more alive to our own wants and necessities, and to use the means at our disposal, to provide for what is commonly called a "rainy day." There is also very wisely a growing desire among us, as working classes, before we join a society to ask what is their financial position? One point more I would like to refer to—that is, to ask how is it that in all our small towns or villages that so few of the tradesmen or higher class of our community are to be found patronizing these benevolent institutions? I do not think that in Consett a dozen can be found, while on the other hand I can name some who are decidedly opposed to us. This, I submit, should not be the case, for we favour no line in politics or creed in religion, but we certainly endeavour to provide for ourselves instead of having to appeal to the Poor Law Guardians for assistance, thereby saving the rates. I may add that the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows alone are paying over £1,000 per day: such being the case with one order only, what must be the enormous total paid annnually by the whole of the societies in cases of sickness, distress, and death? I fully admit that irregularities has, and are happening among the various societies, but where, I ask, is there any society of any kind that is free from irregularities of some kind or other? I was glad to see during last year, that amongst the honorary members in the Ancient Order of Foresters, are 33 peers, 16 sons of peers, 5 bishops, 24 baronets, 5 judges, 13 knights, and 222 members of Parliament. I hope the people of Consett will follow suit. The lodge represented here to-night was opened in January, 1864—twenty years ago—and during the early part of its history met with many ups and downs and severe trials—so much so, that about 11 years ago I was instructed to go to Durham, to the District Secretary, to make arrangements for closing the lodge, which then had about £90 in its funds. But the "grand old man" at Durham would not hear tell of it. We therefore struck out with fresh vigour, and I am glad to say that although we have paid a very large sum of money, amounting to £688 5s 5d, for sickness (£510 10s 5d), death (£144 10s), distress, widow, and orphans, and management (£35 5s), yet we have now in the bank, &c., over £425 (applause). Facts of this description should encourage young men to be thrifty and independent, so that they may make provision for themselves, which is more dignified and honourable than to depend upon charity in times of need. Now with reference to the presentation, I would have been very glad if our lodge had selected some one more suitable than myself for this, but it seems they wished to confer that honour upon me, and not wishing to shirk any duty I consented to make this presentation to our esteemed brother, George Brown. Brother Brown joined this society during the lifetime of his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Joseph Armstrong—and, by the way, I may say that never was there in existence a better Oddfellow than the late Mrs Armstrong—and at the decease of this good lady, who was virtually our treasurer in her husband's name, Brother Joseph Armstrong resigned the office of treasurer, and Brother Geo. Brown very kindly consented to supply the vacancy. As the secretary of this lodge I have of course become more intimately acquainted with him, therefore I can honestly and conscientiously say that in all our business relationships during the past seven years that he has served us as treasurer, his conduct has been of a most honest, manly, and very straightforward character. Brother Brown, in addition to his gratuitous services, has always been ready to assist in the promotion of our society; his services to the Banner Committee, and at some of our fetes will still be in rememberance, but above all these I can testify to the very cheerful and liberal manner which when called upon he has contributed to some of our members in distress. This rendering then of honour to whom honour is due brings me now to the point of reading the inscription at the foot of the photograph. Brother Brown, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Rose of Derwent Lodge to ask you to accept of this oil painting as a slight token of respect and thanks for the services you have rendered us, and we sincerely trust that you will long continue to be an Oddfellow in word, thought, and deed, and that you and us shall be a blessing to each other, and that by the united efforts of this and other friendly societies, many may be led to provide for the frailty of human life. (Loud cheers).

The chorus "He is a jolly good fellow" was heartily sung, with "Oddfellows' fire," after which Mr A. Struthers favoured with the song, "The Union Jack of Old England."

P.G. Wm. Maund and P.G. Henry Britton having given short addresses, in which they cordially endorsed the remarks of the secretary,

Mr Geo. Brown, in a feeling and suitable speech, sincerely thanked the members of the lodge for the honour conferred upon him, and stated that he was ever willing to do whatever lay in his power for the advancement of friendly societies. (Applause).

After a few supplementary observations from the secretary and vice-chairman (Mr Maund) a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

CHARLES KINGSLEY'S PETS.

The late Canon Charles Kingsley was interested in all that concerned men and animals. His interest showed itself, among other ways, in a peculiar tenderness of manner towards them all, even the lowliest.

His horse was his friend, and knew it. His Scotch terrier, Dandy, after attending school-lessons and cottagelectures, and accompanying his master regularly in his parish-walks for 13 years, was laid under the firs on the rectory lawn, beside Sweep, the retriever, and a "Teckel" of the Queen's presenting, with whom his attached master sat up during the last two suffering nights of the little creature's life.

Charles Kingsley, delighted too, in cats, the stable never lacking its white cat, or the house its black or tabby one. On the lawn dwelt a family of natter-toads, which lived on from year to year in the same hole in the green bank, which the scythe was never allowed to approach.

A pair of sand-wasps—one of which had been saved from a watery death in a hand-basin by the tender-hearted rector—lived in a crack of his dressing-room window; and every spring he looked eagerly for their advent.

A little fly-catcher that built every year under his bedroom window was a constant joy to him; and he rejoiced in a favourite slow-worm in the church-yard, which his parishioners were specially enjoined not to kill.

Indeed, Kingsley loved every creature that draws breath, barring the spider; to that he owned an antipathy he could neither conquer nor understand.

WHAT A LETTER DOES.

Little readers who have been trying to crack the nuts given in this column from week to week, must have found how often the omission or adoption of a single letter completely alters the meaning of a word. Some one who has been studying the matter has made up the following interesting little essay on the subject:—

Letters are wonderful things! We use them every day without thinking how much we are indebted to them. Just think what wonderful things are done by this one little letter R. It is at the beginning of every *riot*, and yet it is always found in *order*. It is found in the centre of the *earth*, and yet always exists in *surfaces*. It is at the head of every *river*, and always met in every *street*. It exists both in *fire*, *water*, and *air*. It greets us in every *morning*, and is a part of our *breakfast*, *dinner*, and *supper*. It is at the beginning of *repose*, and also of *restlessness*. It is never seen in business, but always in *pleasure*; and yet, strange to say, it forms a part of every *work*. You can see it in every *circle*, *triangle*, and *square*. It is doubled in *sorrows*, as well as in *mirrors*. It changes *fiends* into *friends*, and makes all our *bothers*, *brothers*. It blooms in every *flower*, and glitters in every *star*. Such is the letter R.

THE "KINDER-DYKE."

The "Kinder-dyke" is a sort of dam in a flooded part of Holland, known as "The Maas." "Kinder-dyke" means child-dyke, and a pretty story is told of how this dyke came by its name.

The waters rushed in over one of the little Friesland villages, and no one had any warning. In one of the houses there lay a child asleep in its cradle—an old-fashioned cradle, made tight and strong, of good stout wood. By the side of the cradle lay the old cat, baby's friend, probably purring away as comfortably as possible. In came the waters with a fearful roar. The old cat, in her fright, jumped into the cradle with the baby, who slept through all the turmoil as quietly as ever. The house was torn from its foundation and broken to pieces; but the cradle floated out on the angry sea in that dark night, bearing safely its precious burden. When morning came there was nothing to be seen of the village and green meadows. All was water. Hundreds of people were out in boats trying to save as many lives as possible. And on this little bit of an island, what do you think they found? Why, that same old cradle, with the baby asleep in it, and the old cat curled up at her feet, safe and sound. Where the little voyagers came from, and to whom they belonged, no one could tell. But, in memory of them, this little island was called "Kinder-dyke"—child-dyke—and it goes by that name to this day; and this story is told to thousands of little people all over Holland as a remarkable instance of God's providence.

AN EXAMPLE OF UNSELFISHNESS.

When a very rich man dies, it is often the case that his children and relatives, being each eager to get as much of his money as possible, look forward to the reading of his will with much anxiety and with the most unkind and disagreeable feelings toward each other. Here, however, is an instance of quite a different state of things:—

A well-known American author died lately, leaving a large estate to his children. They assembled to hear his will read, all of them being married and heads of families. An adopted daughter, who had offended their father, it was found, was passed over in the will with but a trifling legacy. One of the daughters interrupted the reading of the will.

"Father, I am sure, is sorry for that, by this time. A—— should have a child's portion. We must make that right."

The other children assented, eagerly.

A widowed daughter with a large family received an equal share with the other children. One of the sons spoke now. "C—— ought to have more than we men who are in business and are able to earn our living. I will add so much"—stating the sum—"to her portion." The two remaining brothers each agreed to give the same amount.

When the will had been read, one of the elder children said, "There are some of father's old friends to whom he would have given legacies if he had not been ill and forgetful when this paper was written. Shall we not make that right?"

It was done, cordially and promptly.

Now this was only the just action of just and honourable people; but how rare such conduct is in persons to whom legacies are given.

HOW BOYS' MARBLES ARE MADE.

Almost all the "marbles" with which boys everywhere amuse themselves in season and out of season, on pavement and in shady spots, are made at Oberstein, Germany. There are large agate quarries and mills in that neighbourhood, and the refuse is turned to good account in providing the small stone balls for experts to "knuckle" with. The stone is broken into small cubes by blows of a light hammer. These small blocks of stones are thrown up by the shovelful into the hopper of a small mill, formed of a bedstone, having its surface grooved with circular furrows; above this is the "runner," which is of some hard wood having a level face on its lower surface. The upper block is made to revolve rapidly, water being delivered upon the grooves of the bedstone where the marbles are being rounded. It takes about 15 minutes to finish a bushel of good marbles, ready for the boys knuckles. One mill will turn out 160,000 marbles per week. The very hardest "crackers," as the boys call them, are made by a slower, though somewhat similar process.

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—Buried Proverb.—A short path ends the river bank. There grow straight reeds, and flowers of all species. Once rememberances hallowed the spot. I thought it the most beautiful I ever witnessed.

2.—My *first's* in cow, but not in mule;
My *second's* in wood, but not in fuel;
My *third's* in weak, but not in strong;
My *fourth's* in couplet, not in song;
My *fifth's* in ear but not in hand;
My *sixth's* in order, not command;
Read this aright, then you'll find
A well-known poet brought to mind.

3.—I am a word of eleven letters; my 7, 8, 9, 5, 11 is a weight; my 3, 4, 10, 11 is a plant; my 8, 910 is a weight; my 3, 2, 1, 11 means impure; my 8, 2, 10, 6, 11 is a colour; my 7, 2, 5, 6, 11 is to burn; my 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 6 is existing, and my whole is a famous traveller.

4.—My *whole* is a *second* against my *first*,
Which sometimes extends for hundreds of miles;
My *second* has all your suspicions dispersed;
And my *total* appeareth in various styles.

5.—Behead an animal and leave skill;
Behead a weight and leave a sound;
Behead a bird and leave a vessel;
Behead a seat, and leave an instrument;
Behead to punish, and leave to speed;
Behead a part, and leave a cinder;
Behead to hesitate, and leave to change.

6.—My *first* to you is true and kind;
My *next's* three voices sweet, combined;
My *third* is painful in great degree;
My whole should each bold Briton be.

7.—Buried Birds.—Now, look, how pretty are those birds. This wall, Owen says, is a great deal too high. There, Kit, eat that pear before you depart. Lero, bind me these two books, if you please. This tar lingers here too long; he will miss the boat. Though awkward, he is very kind.

OUR LADIES' COLUMN.

The week which has elapsed since the shadow of death fell upon a Royal household has done little to lessen the interest felt and the sympathy displayed for the Queen and her children. Every personal detail concerning the widowed lady, is as eagerly read as on the first day on which the sad news reached England. The order issued by the Lord Chamberlain for a general mourning was not everywhere required, for ladies in London and its suburbs, and in all the chief cities of the empire anticipated the State regulations by voluntarily paying respect to his Royal Highness's memory.

Last Saturday was Show Saturday in the studios of the artists who are sending pictures for exhibition to Burlington House and the Grosvenor Gallery. In the art world the late Duke of Albany may well be mourned, as his quiet life was spent in encouraging and stimulating English genius. The news of his death was not 24 hours old when the studios were opened on Saturday, yet the lady visitors had spontaneously taken action, laid aside their bright red feathers and their deep red jackets, the golds, browns, greens, blues, which have been worn during the last four months, and substituted black dresses and trimmings. In every group of figures one, or perhaps two might be noticed wearing their ordinary dresses, as if the idea of change had not occurred; but by the following day little errors of taste such as this one were rectified, and amends made.

In the churches on Sunday the same silent sympathy manifested itself, before the publication of the State order on Monday morning, definitely enjoining a general mourning.

As nearly six years have elapsed since the last mourning, that on the death of the Princess Alice of Hesse, fashion has changed in many respects. We have only to look at the regulations laid down for the Court circle, which differ in many important respects from those issued on former occasions. Not only the time for which mourning is to be worn, but the details of the dress of the ladies and gentlemen point to the gradual abolition of deep mourning as a social observance. This change in public opinion as regards sable habiliments has been going on gradually for some years past, and it has now received the imprimatur of the highest authority in the land. Our grandmothers would have considered the Court mourning which is being now worn by order as in the highest degree disrespectful to the memory of a departed relative. Instead of black dresses and shoes, black gloves, black fans, and jet ornaments, we have black dresses, shoes optional black or white, gloves white, feathers, fans, pearls, diamonds, or plain gold and silver ornaments. Crape is altogether omitted, so it may be presumed that this very lugubrious and unserviceable material will soon disappear from our midst. The duration of the period for first mourning is also to be noticed. The second period will commence on the 20th of April, when coloured flowers, ribbons, feathers, and ornaments will be permitted with white or grey dresses; and on the 11th of May the Court will go altogether out of mourning. In the interests of the shopkeepers, who are likely to suffer from the interruption in the sale of their spring stocks, there can be but one feeling, that of approval that a question like this has been settled to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. The next three months are the harvest time of the milliner and the linendraper; on them depend the manufacturers; and on the manufacturers the operatives; so that no one class of society can afford to regard a Court mourning as a slight matter, unworthy of serious consideration. It is unnecessary to remind lady readers that mourning dress in its secondary stage admits of a colour being worn, grey, lilac, sometimes red, and white, if the latter can be classed with the other hues. Fashion has often altered her laws regarding second mourning flowers and ribbons. Consulting the authorities back for some twenty-five or thirty years, through a series of royal mourning, we are reminded forcibly that no social laws are fixed, and no conventional regulations are Mede-Persian. This is worth noting as the same changes are observable in other matters, and we need not expect some frightful catastrophe, the end of all law and order, if the women of the present generation are not cut out carefully on the lines of their predecessors, and prefer to walk on a broader pathway, not so firmly beaten, nor with such a well-trodden track as was laid down for Englishwomen in the past.

When Adelaide, Queen Dowager, the widow of William the Fourth, died in 1849, we are informed that, though crape was not generally worn on bonnets, gauze ribbon was considered to be correct. Bonnets made of black silk, but particularly black straw, were trimmed with black gauze ribbon. White straw bonnets were trimmed with black lutestring ribbon, dresses were worn of black alpaca, or of a material known as "coburg," a woollen and cotton textile with a twill thrown up on the right side. Those who could afford better dresses than alpaca and coburg wore black lutestring, a thin kind of silk which would be regarded now as only fit to use for linings. The colour also was of a blue black, as the coburg was a brown black, both shades utterly inadmissible in the present day. The second mourning with this dress was white in flowers, in gauze ribbon, and in black and white checked dresses. When the Duchess of Kent died, the mourning altered a little. The gauze ribbon was disappearing, and the lutestring silk gave place to glacé, which was a little stouter in its make, very shiny, and with no depth of black in colour. The white straw bonnets still held their places, trimmed with glacé ribbon or glacé silk, cut on the cross. But for the second mourning a delicate lavender was brought in for the first time, exceedingly becoming to blondes, made in the glacé silk, and in a new material, terry velvet. At the same time brunettes, to whose complexion this pale lavender was fatal, boldly advanced scarlet to the place of honour, and from this time forward for some years, a deep, strong scarlet, like deep red geranium, was accepted as the final stage of mourning, very slight mourning indeed, it may be said.

By the time that the Prince Consort's death threw a gloom over society, there had been many changes in the fashion of mourning. Gauze ribbons were utterly unknown, but crape was worn for relatives in the second degree, uncles, aunts, &c. The black silk which had taken the place of lutestring was styled "gros grain," and much admired for its solidity comparatively. With deep folds of crape laid on this dead black silk, the depths of woe were typified. Paramatta for widows, cashmere and merino for young people, and a detestable brown black material, much mixed with cotton, called "barathea," was the chosen of ladies who could not afford the higher-priced textiles. With the black dresses worn as mourning for the Prince Consort, black straw and black chip bonnets were worn, trimmed with ribbon; and black cloth jackets by those who had them. Coloured shawls, French and those of Paisley, were not considered objectionable. Science had lately then struck out some novelties in what was called silvering artificial flowers. In the light of modern skill and elegance the old frosted leaves and flowers worn as mourning for the Prince Consort, are hideous, of a leaden hue, called silver only by courtesy. One cannot but wonder how it fared with muddy complexions, or pallid people with these mercurial framings, bonnets laden with leaden flowers and berries. As a natural result, a rebellion against such cruel laws, compelling a woman to intensify her plain features, violets were introduced. The thought was a happy one, and long after the Court mourning was laid aside bunches of violets in bonnets of black lace were universal favourites. The shade of the violets for mourning was the darkest possible, the lighter being accepted as tokens that the days of mourning were ended. From 1861 to 1878 was a long interval during which there was no national mourning. The tedious gloomy months after the Prince Consort's death, when trade felt keenly the Court seclusion, made people dread a repetition.

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FROM RICHES TO RUIN.

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CHAPTER X.

"NOW IS THE HOUR OF HER UNCLOUDED SUNSHINE."—SERAPHINA BETRAYS HERSELF.

Rosa found her father wandering about the brilliantly-illuminated yet still empty rooms like the ghost of a solitary survivor from some former festival, who for months had been trying to find its way out, but in vain.

He looked worried and pale she thought, but set it down as owing to his anxiety that everything should go off well during the evening, and so was able to advance to meet him with radiant smiles.

His whole aspect and manner changed as he gazed upon her. Her smiles seemed to be contagious, and her happiness also.

"She will bring him to his knees to-night, or he must be very differently constituted to what young men were a quarter of a century ago when I wooed her mother," thought the merchant to himself, as he patted her cheek and then gently kissed her, for he could see that she was not in a *huggable* condition.

"I wish you a very pleasant and happy evening, my darling," he said, and then he hesitated as to whether he should append some advice as to how he wished her to conduct herself.

But he finally resolved to leave her to her own instincts, with the mental reflection, "The flower requires no teaching how to woo the bee. Its beauty and its perfume are alone sufficient, and so I am sure it will prove with my sweet blossom, my peerless white Rose."

So he took her everywhere, and showed her everything, and echoed her laughter, and for awhile felt happy in her rapturous pleasure and childlike joy, so happy that he forgot the chasm that was yawning at his feet, and which would only too surely engulph both him and her if, within the next half-dozen hours, matters should *not* chance to turn out as he had worked himself up to believe that they *must* do.

The drowning man catches at a straw, but Roger Roscorla did more, for his too sanguine disposition transformed the straw into a lifebuoy.

He assuredly would not have felt so hopeful had a little bird or a telephone whispered to him what had passed between his longed-for son-in-law and the Marquis of Scampertown at that breakfast table in the Adelphi, and terrible would have been his wrath had it struck him as even possible that instead of worshipping his beautiful child at the altar of pure affection, the young earl had resolved indeed to win her, but only as his mistress.

At last the expected guests began to arrive. Carriage after carriage rolled up to the stately mansion through illuminated gardens which were reflected in the sluggishly onswirling waves of Thames, and set down its freight on the rich carpets that reached down to its very wheels.

Quickly, then, the spacious rooms began to fill with stately dames and more or less pretty and interesting girls, all anxious to-night to pay court to Dives, though the majority, meeting him in the guise of Lazarus on the morrow, would pass him by as coldly and unconcernedly as the priest and Levite of olden story.

However, *now* they were all smiles and compliments, and gushing with love and tenderness for his darling daughter of course, whilst sons and brothers really thought, as far as Rose was concerned, what their womankind in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred only *affected* to think and feel, and would very much have liked social custom to have permitted of their also saying so, but were constrained thereby to express their feelings in looks only.

In half an hour the rooms were comfortably full, and dancing had already commenced.

Everyone looked glad and happy except Aunt Rachel and her daughter Seraphina, who, however, smiled for appearance sake; the latter, even when glancing at the tiny oval looking-glass let into the handle of her fan, and notwithstanding that it reflected a nose which seemed to have stolen the blushes from her cheeks.

As for Rose, she was at first in a perfect seventh heaven. It was Fairyland to her, and she felt herself to be Fairyland's especial queen, for she was paid court to by all, and everything that was done seemed to be done for the sake of pleasing her.

So thoroughly was she the spoilt child of the many that it took her some time to discover, or, rather, at first to surmise, that one, at all events of her subjects, was not so demonstrative and earnest in his loyalty as it was his wont to be on lesser occasions.

Earl St. Vincent had opened the ball with her in a square dance, but had been wonderfully silent and *distrait* during its continuance, and at its close had led her to a seat beside her aunt and left her there without even asking permission to put his name down on her programme for a waltz.

Since that time he had seemed once or twice to be on the point of approaching her, but then had turned off suddenly in another direction, and for a while disappeared altogether from the scene.

Rose had not been disappointed of a single dance thereby, for she found herself obliged to reject whole hosts of applicants in every instance; but it is one thing to dance with a person one cares about, and quite another to be trotted out by an individual one doesn't feel the slightest sympathy with or for. Once she kept a waltz open for him up to the very last moment, but he never came to claim her hand, and so she at last gave it to the Marquis of Scamperdown, who accepted it with a secret grin.

"It's a fool's game to exchange pistol shots with a man about a girl, when a sneer, a sarcasm, and a laugh will wrest her from him just as easily and a precious deal more safely and pleasantly," thought the dissipated and unprincipalled young peer to himself; for, as he was his own master and had been ostracised on account of his follies and his vices from feminine society of his own rank in life, he felt on those and other accounts that he would not object to repair his shattered fortunes by a marriage with a lovely commoner.

His friend did not credit him with such intentions.

For an hour he had wrestled with his own evil inclinations, and even tried hard to recover some of his good ones, but pride of caste (that absurd caste which we affect to laugh at in the Hindoo, but which too often binds Englishmen and reputed Christians in equally galling chains) had taken a hold upon him, and for a time completely overmastered him.

Ridicule had made a coward of him also, and the picture which Scampertown had called up of an imaginary grandmother from an imaginary public-house calling upon Rose when he had made her his countess, and curtseying to one of his liveried flunkies through mistaking him for a lord, had done more towards making him a fool *in the present*, and a too probable villain *in the future* than perhaps any other course could have achieved.

Filled with ludicrous and unfounded fears and suspicions, his gaze had again and again roved through and around the brilliant crowd of guests, without recognising a single woman, young or old, of his own set, or who had even so humble a handle to her name as Lady Thingumbob, or the Honorable Miss Soandso. There was a past Lord Mayor's wife and daughters, an ex-High Sheriff's ditto, and several existing Aldermen's spouses and progeny, but these City grandees constituted in his opinion by no means the *crême de la creme* of society, and the presence of a few young men who *were* so made the matter all the worse in his estimation, since the fact seemed to endorse the notion which Scampertown had first put into his head—that the merchant was ready to *sell* his daughter to any one who possessed a title.

"But I won't be sold in turn," was the conclusion that he at last came to. "I love the girl as I never loved before, and as I am sure I shall never love again, but marriage is quite out of question. I will leave the house quietly. I was a fool to have come to the birthday fête at all."

He might, had he but put his meditated retreat into immediate execution, have saved both his credit and his honour, but on suddenly catching a glimpse of Rose Roscorla being whirled round in a *valse a trois temps* by Scamperdown, and knowing by the expression of his face the kind of poisonous compliments that he was whispering in her ear, his resolve vanished like snow before sunshine.

"At all events I will wait for an opportunity to warn her against ever dancing again with that scoundrel, and it's my duty to do so, even as a friend, as a brother. Confound it, why can't I be a brother to her? Isn't a rose growing on its own stalk as fair a sight as when plucked and worn in one's button-hole? I will be content with admiring this Rose in her father's garden, and won't even desire to transfer it to a hothouse, where it would come to full bloom only too quickly, and then droop and die. She wants watching over by one who knows the ways of the world—*our* world—for, 'pon my word, her father appears to be an old fool, and nothing more."

Such were Lord St. Vincent's reflections and resolves, and in making them he was assuredly not the first naturally honourable yet impulsive man who fancied he was thick skinned enough to play with fire without burning his fingers.

To keep Rose and her partner the better in view, he now hunted up one for himself, and his gaze happening to alight upon Seraphina Smith, she was very naturally his selection.

The blushing-nosed young lady perceived his approach, with a thrill divined his object, and fearing that, as the dance was half over, he would not go through the idle form of entering his name in her programme, she, with the vanity that was inherent in her, began to do so herself.

She did not mean that he should see it—in fact she hardly knew what she *did* mean; but, as it happened, he arrived exactly opposite to her just as she completed the final *t* in his name, and as there was nothing particularly charming about her face, her writing attracted his attention first.

Another instant and he had clearly recognised in it the same hand as had penned him the infamous anonymous letter concerning Rose, for both in the note itself and on the envelope that enclosed it, his name had been written in those precise characters, and about the capital letters L, S, and V especially, he felt there could be no mistake. CHAP 1.

CHAPTER XI.

THE FORCED CONFESSION.—HATE'S POISONED SHAFTS ALL SHOT ASTRAY.

For a moment the young earl recoiled in disgust from the woman he had asked to waltz with him, but the next he had mastered his repugnance, and with a courteous bow offered her his arm.

He led her away simpering, and hoping that her cousin was looking towards them, and followed by the gratified smiles of her mother, who began to think that Seraphina *might* be right in her impressions after all.

"You don't care for all this frivolous nonsense," said Lord St. Vincent, suddenly, as he nodded his head towards the dancers. "A turn in the conservatories will be much more agreeable."

"Oh, it will be too utterly delightful," gushed Seraphina; "I am such a lover of flowers."

The earl vouchsafed her no reply. He simply led her in the direction he had indicated.

When, however, he had fairly got her amongst the flowers, which she had declared she loved so much, he turned upon her sharply and almost savagely, with the words:

"What did you mean by that letter you sent me signed 'Friend and Philosopher?'"

Had a sputtering bombshell come crashing through the glass roof overhead, and fallen directly at her feet, Seraphina could not have been much more startled than she was by this sudden question.

"Letter—'Friend and Philosopher!' I fail to catch your meaning. I don't quite understand."

"Nonsense!" sneered the earl; "it is your modesty that makes you so diffident. You are one of those who love to do good by stealth. But you must really tell me what you meant; for a warning of evil, if not understood, is little better than no warning at all. I am exceedingly dull at guessing riddles."

He spoke hurriedly and impatiently, for though the conservatories would assuredly remain empty as long as that delightful waltz lasted, directly it was over—and its end could not be far off now—numerous couples would of a certainty be strolling thitherwards and their *tête-à-tête* be suddenly interrupted.

Before that *tête-à-tête was* interrupted, Lord St. Vincent was determined that his companion should speak out. He was now trying persuasion, but if such mild means failed he would then resort to threats.

He did not know how easy a matter it was to squeeze the poison out of a hemlock's leaves, or he would not have feared that threats might be needed.

It was not remorse but astonishment that had struck Seraphina dumb.

"Tell me how you came to imagine that I should feel sufficient interest in your future to send you a letter of warning?" she asked, in order to gain time for reflection as much as for any other reason.

"I knew it the instant I caught sight of my name in your ball programme. The letter was written in what was intended to be a disguised hand, but it was very imperfectly done. I would wager anything that either your uncle or cousin would recognise the writing as yours almost immediately."

This was the first approach towards a threat, and it had the desired effect.

"Good heaven! you would not think of showing it to either of *them?*" stammered Seraphina.

"That's an unmistakable admission that you wrote the letter. *Now* tell me what you meant by it?"

He spoke with an almost unnatural softness of tone and manner, and his companion was encouraged thereby.

"I meant you well—indeed I did. But I'm sure I said nothing against my cousin. I love her very much. I wanted to save you without injuring her—before she got to like you too well, perhaps."

"Most magnanimous and unselfish; and, now, *what* did you desire to save me *from?*"

As Lord St. Vincent put the question, it all at once struck Seraphina Smith that every reason which she could bring forward against his marriage with Rose would be quite as powerful an argument against his espousing herself.

This made her feel mad, and for a minute tied her tongue.

"Come," said her companion impatiently, "tell me the candid truth, and I shall hold your communication as sacred. Do I look like one who would betray a confidence? *Convince* me that your warning was only intended for my weal, and none but our two selves shall ever be the wiser. Your hints had reference to your cousin's origin. That far I can quite understand."

"Oh, it is most respectable on her father's side. The Roscorlas are a very old county family. They came over with the Conqueror. My mother was a Roscorla, and my father, Mr. Theophilus Smith, was a nephew of the Bishop of St David's, and a cousin to the Master of the Rolls."

"Pardon me, but you are steering rather wide. I pray you to return to the point, Miss Smith. Your cousin Rose can have nothing on earth to do with your own relations on the male side."

The calm but cutting speech made Seraphina feel spiteful again. The Bishop of St. David's and the Master of the Rolls had been trotted out as vouchers of her *own* worthiness of being made a countess, and it was really very trying having such family notabilities pushed aside without a single comment, and with as scant ceremony as the pieces are swept off a chess board at the close of a game.

"Relying on your lordship's reiterated assurance of regarding all communications made by me with the strictest confidence, I do not hesitate to tell you that poor Rose's mother was a highly objectionable personage, and that her still surviving relatives are worse. *She* drank herself to death, and they—well, unfortunately, haven't done the same. Hadn't the events of to-night been kept a profound secret from them, they would have been here, invitation or no invitation, and nothing would have kept them away, just as nothing would have kept them away from your lordship's wedding, were you to marry poor dear Rose, or out of your lordship's house *after* you had made her your wife. Even were you to have the door shut in their faces, they would yell out the relationship from the pavement outside; and one, an idle witty ne'er-do-wel', who grinds razors, would be quite equal to pasting on his machine in huge letters, 'Please patronise a poor relation of Earl St. Vincent,' and of sharpening knives and scissors in front of your drawing-room windows by the hour together. It is these kinds of petty persecutions on the part of his dead wife's disreputable relatives that have turned my dear uncle's hair grey before its time, for, as I said before, the Roscorlas are a highly respectable family, and indeed only second in that respect to the Smiths. *Did* I tell your lordship, or not, that my father was a nephew to the Bishop of St. David's, and a cousin to an Irish Master of the Rolls? I have never even spoken to my cousin's low maternal relations. They would not dare to address *me*. I doubt if they even know me by sight. But, my lord, my lord, what *is* the matter? Why do you turn from me? Gracious, he is gone!"

The last three words were spoken *sotto voce* in broken accents to herself, for, having extracted all that he wanted to know out of her, the young earl's disgust had got the upper hand of his politeness, and he had strode away without a word or a look, leaving her to find her way back through the crowded ball-room to her mother's side alone.

He had observed how studiously she had been angling for him herself, and yet this fact had not caused him to doubt the truth of her words. Had he imagined it as even possible for any woman to be so reckless a liar, he might have done so; but his opinion of the sex had not sunk to so low an ebb yet; whilst, on the other hand, her revelations had so thoroughly chimed in with the suppositions of Scampertown at the Adelphi breakfast table, that they hardly even surprised him.

When he re-entered the ballroom the almost interminable waltz was over; but though Scampertown had taken Rose back to her aunt, he had also seated himself beside her, and was evidently doing the amiable to the best of his abilities, though, to tell the truth, his late partner looked insufferably bored by his attentions.

The earl took in the scene at a glance.

"I will, at all events, save her from *him*," he thought to himself. "I will warn her away from the brink of the precipice on which she stands. Hang it, I can be a kind of brother to the dear girl, even though nothing would now induce me to make her my wife."

This was the second time that he had resolved to fill the rôle of brother, but Rose's glad smile as she accepted his invitation to the dance, and her beauty as he whirled her round in the *Redowa*, convinced him of the impossibility of such platonic affection, and so confused him in addition that he could not even find words for his intended whispered warning against the wiles of Scampertown.

The battle with feelings which he felt he dared no longer entertain, not only for the time completely robbed him of speech, but also caused him to look as though he was dancing through compulsion, and with a partner whom he did not in the least care about.

Rose did not perceive this, because she was neither self-possessed nor bold enough to once look up into his face; but Aunt Rachel did, and smiled with grim satisfaction, and so with bitter venom did Seraphina, as she slunk back towards her mother around the walls of the room; whilst, lastly, the merchant saw it much more clearly than did any one else, and with emotions far deeper as well.

Directly the dance was over the earl led Rose back to her aunt, and abruptly quitted her, for good was still holding its ground against evil in his breast, though he felt that if Rose danced but once more with Scampertown the evil would gain the upper hand.

(To be continued.)

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

BOXED-UP ENERGY.

"I see a Frenchman has got a patent for canned energy," observed Mrs. Spoopendyke, as she picked up a lot of cut steel-beads on a needle and began sewing them on medallions for dress trimmings.

"Got a what!" interrogated Mr. Spoopendyke, who was blackening his boots.

"Yes. He says he can put strength up in bundles and send it anywhere, so they can run ships and things without steam. He sent ever so much over to Scotland."

"What circus bill have you been reading now!" queried Spoopendyke, glaring at his wife.

"It's so," she replied. "I saw it in the *Eagle*. He does it up like preserves, and it lasts ever so long, and it is just as fresh and strong when they open it as it was at first."

"Who put it up? What are you talking about!"

"A Frenchman. He gets lots of strength and fixes it with electricity, and you can buy it anywhere. I'm going to get some and take it. It will be just as good as going into the country, and maybe it'll help my headaches. I suppose the Government will buy a lot of it for tramps?"

"You gone crazy again?" demanded Mr. Spoopendyke. "What d'ye mean by putting strength in boxes? Think energy is some kind of fish? S'pose you can put main strength up in bottles like a measly shrimp? If you are going to read, why don't you read straight?"

"Why, I did. He has some kind of machine, and he makes energy so it will last, and he solders it up in the house. I am going to have some and do the washing."

"Does it strengthen up the mind of an idiot!" blurted Mr. Spoopendyke. "Can it make a measly woman talk sense?"

"The paper don't say; but if it is all they claim for it, it will be a great help in house-cleaning and moving the step-ladder around when you want to hang pictures. And then it saves boiling beef tea. Oh, you ought to read about it. They say it is the greatest invention of the age."

"D'ye mean to tell me that they're selling muscle by the keg? Want me to understand that some frog-eater is keeping industry on the draught? Think I'm an ass?"

"That's what the *Eagle* says," rejoined Mrs. Spoopendyke, with a woman's implicit reliance on anything in print. "And they can make it in any quantity cheap, so we can have all we want. I wish you'd get some right off, and we'll try it on the Friday's sweeping."

"Quit!" howled Mr. Spoopendyke. "Stop making an idiot asylum of yourself! S'pose you can make me believe house-cleaning comes in jugs? P'rays you want me to think that your dod-gasted stuff will pay the rent and run the business! Energy by the pint! Strength by the yard! Got that rip sewed up in my pants?"

"Yes, dear," murmured Mrs. Spoopendyke, meekly, and Spoopendyke, having arrayed himself, plunged out of the house and made for the ferry-boat.

"Hello, Spoopendyke!" saluted his friend Specklewottle, "see this thing in the paper about the Frenchman who is boxing up energy?"

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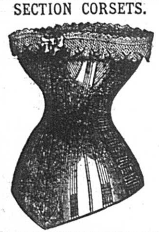

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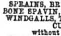

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LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The annual meeting of the above Board was held in the Leadgate Reading Room, on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present—Messrs R. W. Shaw, G. Nicholson, Wm. Brown, T. Lammonby, John H. Hudson, J. Davison, J. J. Hedley, Luke Nicholson, Edwd. Todd, besides the clerk (Mr M. Coupland). Mr Brown was voted to the chair *pro tem*.

THE LATE CONTEST.

Mr SHAW, as the Returning Officer, officially declared the result of the late election, whereby the four retiring members of the Board—Messrs Geo. Nicholson, T. Lammonby, W. H. Hedley, and J. Davison—were again returned.

Three of the newly-elected members—Messrs Nicholson, Lammonby, and Davison—signed the usual declaration prior to taking their seats.

On the proposition of Mr GEO. NICHOLSON, seconded by Mr LAMMONBY, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Shaw for the impartial and able manner in which he had conducted the election.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr W. BROWN spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the way in which Mr Shaw had presided over their deliberations during the past year, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose that Mr Shaw be again requested to fulfil that office for another twelve months.

Mr HUDSON seconded the proposal, which was carried *nem. con.*

Mr SHAW, on re-taking the chair, suitably acknowledged the compliment.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEES.

The various committees were appointed as follows:—

Finance.—Messrs Shaw (convener), Hudson, W. H. Hedley, J. J. Hedley, Nicholson, and Todd.

Sanitary.—Messrs Brown (convener), Robson, Lammonby, L. Nicholson, and Todd.

Building and Sewerage.—Messrs G. Nicholson (convener), Robson, Davison, J. J. Hedley, and Keenleyside.

Highways.—Messrs W. H. Hedley (convener), Brown, Geo. Nicholson, and Shaw.

Lighting.—Messrs Davison (convener), Hudson, Keenleyside, and Lammonby.

School Attendance Committee.—Mr Shaw (re-elected).

Joint Hospital Board.—Mr W. H. Hedley (re-elected).

Board Room Committee.—The Building and Sewerage Committee, with Mr Shaw as convener, was chosen to constitute this committee.

Settling Ponds Committee.—It was agreed to abolish this committee for the present.

There was no further business before the Board.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in the Board Room, Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of the late chairman, Mr J. Annandale, J.P. There were also present Messrs J. Smith, J. Lax, J. Eltringham, R. Murray, W. Wilson, Wm. Wheatley, A. E. Turner, J. Dowson, F. Priestman, the clerk (Mr J. Booth), and the surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

THE LATE ELECTION.

The Clerk (as Returning Officer) stated that the four members retiring from the old Board (Messrs R. Murray, A. E. Turner, W. Wilson, and F. Priestman) had been returned as members of the Board. These gentlemen, previous to taking their seats, made the usual declaration as to being eligible for the position.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr WHEATLEY rose and said it gave him extreme pleasure in proposing that Mr Annandale be again elected to act as chairman of the Board for the ensuing twelve months.

Mr SMITH evinced much gratification in seconding the proposition.

Mr LAX, in putting this to the meeting, said he was sure they would all concur in the feeling exhibited by the previous two gentlemen with regard to the re-appointment of their respected chairman to that post, the duties devolving on him in the past having been executed in such a manner as to be satisfactory both to the members of the Board and the ratepayers also.

The proposition was carried amidst acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN, in resuming his usual seat, said he felt very much obliged to the members for the honour they had conferred on him. He would endeavour to carry out the business of the Board in a satisfactory manner, trusting to the assistance of the members, which they had always willingly given him in the past. (Hear, hear).

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Mr WILSON, seconded by Mr TURNER, the committees were re-elected, as follows:—

Highway, Lighting, and Finance.—Messrs Annandale, Wilson (convener), Lax, Dowson, Priestman, and Turner.

Building and Sanitary.—Messrs Smith (convener), Eltringham, Wheatley, Murray, Carss, and Telford.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting were read, and signed by the Chairman.

BOTTLE BANK.

With regard to the privy accommodation at this place the Building and Sanitary Committee reported on the matter as follows:—"At our meeting, the Medical Officer stated that he had a conversation a few weeks ago with Mr Wm. Jenkins, general manager of the Consett Iron Company, and that gentleman stated that his directors declined to carry out the recommendations of the Board, viz., to remove a cottage on each side of the street, and to erect on the sites two sets of privies and ashpits now standing on the middle of the street, but they were prepared to reconstruct the privies, &c., on the present sites if, by doing so, the Board would be satisfied. After discussing the matter for some time, your Committee came to the conclusion to recommend the Board, before resorting to stronger measures, to ask the Consett Iron Company to lay before the Board a plan of the works they proposed to carry out to improve the privies and ashpits in their present position, the Board reserving the right to accept or reject the said plans."

The CHAIRMAN: Well, gentlemen, what have we to do in this matter. I think the Committee's recommendation a very wise one.

Mr LAX: I think it is the best course we can take under the circumstances. Certainly, the privies are a nuisance, and should be removed; and I am inclined to think that the Consett Iron Company could carry out our suggestions almost as cheap as they will alter the present objectionable "edifices"—if I am allowed to use the expression (laughter)—which would be conferring a boon both on the tenants of the houses and the district also.

Mr SMITH: There is no doubt if the present privies are removed it will make a decided improvement; but the Consett Iron Company contend that we cannot make them remove them, as they were erected to the order of a sanitary authority previous to the formation of this Board. They also complain of having too little house accommodation for their workmen as it is, without pulling any of them down.

Mr MURRAY: Let them build some more in Blackhill; it is time now that they should erect houses in our district.

The Clerk was then instructed to write to the Consett Iron Company to the effect that the Board would receive plans of their proposed improvements to the present privies, reserving the right to either accept or reject the same.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following is the Surveyor's report:—

To the Chairman and Members of Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district gathering off loose stones, watertabling, and dressing up.

Your stone-breakers are preparing materials for the ensuing season.

I have not been able to get the wall set back on Benfieldside Edge Road during the month, as the workmen have been employed with more needful work. I hope to have it done by next meeting.

As instructed by the Board last meeting, I advertised for tenders for the kerbing, channelling, and cementing the east side of Derwent Street, Blackhill. These tenders have been laid before your Highway Committee.

As requested last meeting, I advertised for tenders for the erection of two urinals to be built at Shotley Bridge. These tenders have been laid before your Building Committee. The Highway and Building Committee will report on these matters.

There has been a traction engine travelling over a portion of your highways during the month. I wish to know if this will come under the Highway and Locomotive Act as extraordinary traffic.

I have collected and paid into Bank the following sum:

General District rate........ £54 9s 10d.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, April 16th, 1884.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the Inspector's (Mr Dixon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month, I have inspected your district several times. I find it, on the whole, in good condition.

As requested last meeting, I served a notice on Mr M. Gibson, of Newbiggen, to provide ashpit, gulley-trap, and sink, to his property at Shotley Bridge. The gulley-trap and sink have been provided, but not the ashpit.

As instructed at last meeting, I served a notice on Mrs Bell, of Leadgate, to put her property into a sanitary condition. Nothing has been done to this property during the month.

Your Building and Sanitary Committee have had an inspection at Blackhill and Benfieldside Edge Road during the month. They will report on this inspection.

Your main drain at West Row, Blackhill, has been stopped up for a distance of 57 yards. The reason of this drain stopping up is on account of the subsidence of the road at this place, it being all forced earth and on the edge of a deep ravine. I have lifted the pipes and given the drain two feet more fall, and also formed a three feet cess-pool to collect the sediment, which can be cleaned out when required. This work is now about completed.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, April 16th, 1884.

TENDERS.

The Highway Committee reported to having received from the Surveyor several tenders which had been sent to him for kerbing, channelling, and cementing the east side of Derwent Street, Blackhill, and they recommended the tender of Mr David Omerod to be accepted.

The Surveyor stated that he had received a rather remarkable tender for the work, which came to hand a day later than the stipulated time for having them sent in. It turned out to be the lowest tender, but strange to say, it neither bore the name or address of the sender!

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, Mr Omerod's tender was accepted.

The Highway Committee also submitted tenders received for two urinals proposed to be erected at Shotley Bridge, and recommended the Board to accept that of Mr Wm. Snowdon.

Mr MURRAY moved and Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded that Mr Snowdon's tender be accepted.

THE TRACTION ENGINE.

The question asked by the Surveyor in his report regarding this engine was answered in the affirmative, and he received the necessary instructions as to his procedure in the matter.

MRS BELL'S PROPERTY.

This property, as mentioned in the Inspector's report, has not been put into proper sanitary condition as ordered, and Mrs Bell appeared before the Board with regard to it. The improvements suggested by the Board were too expensive for her, but by other means, which she explained to the Board, who approved of them, she would put her property into proper order.

WHOLESALE IMPROVEMENTS.

The Building and Sanitary Committee during the month had an inspection at Blackhill and Benfieldside Edge Road, and they reported to the Board suggesting various improvements to property &c., which the Surveyor was instructed to see were carried out.

MR WILLIAM ROBINSON'S COMPLAINT.

With regard to the complaint made by Mr Robinson at last meeting, as to the Board allowing Mr R. Murray to erect his property with the back facing the front of his (Mr Robinson's) property, the Building and Sanitary Committee, as instructed, reported as follows:—"Mr Wm. Robinson's letter referring to the building sites on the opposite side of the street to the houses in course of erection by Mr Richard Murray, at Blackhill, received the attention of your committee. After due consideration, they came to the conclusion that Mr Robinson has no just cause of complaint against the Board. There were no plans of buildings proposed to be erected on Mr Robinson's site before the committee when Mr Murray's plans were presented, and as Mr Murray proposed to leave a 30ft. street as he found it, and use it for a back street, he having provided a 36ft. street into which he proposed to front his houses in accordance with the bye-laws, the committee are of opinion that they had no alternative but to recommend the Board to pass the said plans, and they think that Mr Robinson could lay out his land for building sites to equal advantage by fronting his buildings on to the 40ft. street next to the railway, and other arrangements which could be pointed out if necessary."

Mr SMITH moved that this extract from the Committee's report be forwarded to Mr Robinson.

On Mr WHEATLEY seconding, the motion was carried.

PLANS.

The following plans were placed on the table for the Board's inspection and approval:—Plan of three two-roomed houses proposed to be erected in Benfieldside Edge Road by Mr J. S. Murray; plan of pantry to be added to a house at Benfieldside Edge Road for Mrs Sharp; plan of four-roomed houses to be built at Blackfine by Mr Geo. Eltringham; and a plan of two four-roomed houses, out-offices, four-stalled stable, &c., to be erected in St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside, by Mr J. R. Taylor. All these plans had been examined by the Building Committee, who recommended the Board to pass them, subject to the alterations they suggested to be made to them being carried out.

On the motion of Mr ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Mr MURRAY, the Committee's recommendation was adopted.

NAMING A STREET.

Mr TURNER said before the Board adjourned he had a small matter to bring before them. Mr Jackson, of Blackhill, had requested him to ask the Board if the block of houses between the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackfine, and Mr Robinson's house could be called "Wesley Terrace."

Mr CARSS (who had just entered the room): But there is already a name for that street. It is Durham Road right up to Blackfine.

Mr LAX: But it could be addressed, "Wesley Terrace, Durham Road."

Mr SMITH: I do not think you can stop them calling the street what they like. They could each have a separate name for their individual houses.

The Clerk: I think there can be no objections at all to calling this block of buildings Wesley Terrace, but the houses would have to be numbered consecutively from the adjoining portion of Durham Road.

The members were of this opinion, and Mr Turner was asked to convey it to the parties concerned.

This was all the business of importance.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The yearly meeting was held in the Public Buildings in Parliament Street, Consett, on Wednesday night. Present: Mr W. Jenkins, J.P. (ex-chairman), Rev F. Steggall, Messrs J. Davison, T. Siddell, T. Dunne, W. Aynsley, W. R. Taylor, H. Carss, James Palliser, and the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford).

Mr Jenkins, by the unanimous vote of the members, was re-elected to fulfil the post of Chairman during the ensuing year.

THE RECENT ELECTION.

The CHAIRMAN read the result of the late contest (already published in these columns), and the four newly elected members—Messrs Collinson, Taylor, Dunne, and Palliser—subscribed the usual declaration.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated Mr Palliser on his having obtained a seat on the Board, and trusted that all the members would work harmoniously together in future, as they had done in the past.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

After due consideration and some discussion the several committees were constituted as below:

Building, Sewage, and Nuisance Removal Committee.—Messrs Davison (convener), Calvert, Shell, Taylor, Aynsley, and Rev F. Steggall.

Gas, Finance, and Highway Committee.—The Chairman, Messrs Collinson (convener), Siddell, Dunne, and Palliser.

School Attendance Committee.—Mr Henry Carss vice Rev F. Steggall, resigned.

Lanchester Joint Hospital Board.—Mr Collinson (re-elected).

DATE AND HOUR OF MEETING.

The Rev F. STEGGALL reminded the members that that meeting was the proper time to consider the question as to the most suitable day and hour for holding the meeting, and suggested that the Board should assemble at four instead of five o'clock.

The majority of the members, however, considered the present hour was most convenient for business men, and it was agreed to hold the meetings as heretofore.

ATTENDANCE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER AT THE BOARD.

Mr DAVISON observed that as the members sometimes had occasion to consult their Medical Officer respecting the existence and removal of various nuisances, and other sanitary matters, and obtain his opinion thereupon, it would be advisable, he considered, to grant Dr Renton permission to attend the Board meetings. Their Clerk and Surveyor were present at these meetings, and he did not see any reason why the same courtesy should not be extended to the Medical Officer appointed by the Board. The doctor would then be able to give his opinion on all matters relating to the general health and sanitary condition of the district, but not to take part in any discussion.

Mr CARSS: But there is nothing to prevent the doctor from coming here, if he wishes.

Mr DAVISON: Perhaps so; but Dr Renton might possibly think he was intruding; and if we gave him a special invitation, he would feel at liberty to come whenever he liked.

The CHAIRMAN said no doubt the Medical Officer would attend, if requested, but he would not care to sit in that room for five or six hours at a stretch and listen to a dull discussion.

Mr DUNNE suggested that the Clerk should notify to the Medical Officer the date of each meeting, and then if he cared to attend he might do so.

Mr DAVISON: Exactly so.

The CHAIRMAN thought they might intimate to Dr Renton that whenever he had a few moments to spare, and wished to be present at the meeting, they would be very glad to see him. But he would not make it compulsory for the doctor to attend.

This suggestion received the approbation of the whole of the members; and it was also decided to have the name of the Medical Officer printed on the meeting cards in future.

THE BOARD ROOM.

The CHAIRMAN inquired what was to be the future of their Board Room. Were they to continue to meet in that room for any length of time?

The Clerk: Yes; for another 12 months. Until Easter, next year.

The CHAIRMAN and other members complained of chilliness of the floor of the room, which affected their feet and limbs after sitting for a few hours; and it was suggested that the business should be transacted more expeditiously during the coming year.

THE OVERSEERS AND THE BOARD.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter which the Clerk had received from Mr W. Elliott, assistant-overseer for the township of Conside and Knitsley, informing him that in answer to his request for the loan of the Poor Rate book for the use of the Board, he might state that at a meeting of Overseers held on the 4th inst., a resolution was passed to the effect that the rate book and all the official books and documents be kept in the custody of the assistant-overseer at his private office.

The Clerk explained that he wanted the book for the purpose of copying the names of the ratepayers, as a Local Board General District Rate would have to be prepared and approved at the next Board meeting. Hitherto, the rate book had been carried to his office, and the rate had been copied there.

Mr CALVERT: According to Act of Parliament, you can demand the rate book?

The Clerk: No; you can only go and see it.

Mr SIDDELL: This is the room where the overseers hold their meetings, and this must be the proper place to keep the books.

Mr DUNNE: No; it is not.

Mr CARSS: Only two parties, besides the overseers, can demand the production of the books—the Income-tax Commissioners and the Judges of the Queen's Bench.

Mr COLLINSON (to the Clerk): You have had the books before?

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr COLLINSON: Then what is the reason you cannot have them again?

Mr DUNNE (one of the newly-appointed overseers) explained that when they held their first meeting on the 4th April, the overseers wished to look at the rate book, but as it was not forthcoming, the assistant-overseer informed them that the Clerk of the Local Board had it in his possession at that moment. As the overseers desired to examine the book, and thinking it quite desirable that it should be in the custody of their assistant-overseer, they accordingly passed the above resolution.

Mr CARSS remarked that, as overseer for the township of Benfieldside, Mr Booth (the clerk) instructed him to prepare the Local Board rate, and Mr Booth paid him at the rate of ½d per line. From the time he received the order to the moment the rate is made, there may be 50 removals in the district, which are notified by him, and thus Mr Booth obtained a recent copy of the rate book with the latest edition of the removals. It was impossible for Mr Welford to conduct the election properly by the plan he now adopted.

The Clerk submitted that the election was properly carried out.

Mr COLLINSON: Mr Elliott's idea is to copy the rate himself, and get payment for it.

Mr CARSS: That is a most unjust remark of yours, Mr Collinson.

The CHAIRMAN: If Mr Collinson believes such to be the case, he is thoroughly justified in mentioning it.

Mr COLLINSON: I can assure you if I had still been one of the overseers, I should have protested against such a resolution being passed. I would have said, "Let the Local Board Clerk have the books as usual," as the whole of the money comes out of the pockets of the same ratepayers. I think that our Clerk is quite as capable of taking as much care of the rate books as Mr Elliott.

Mr DUNNE: The overseers passed the resolution and you have no right to blame the assistant-overseer for what has been done.

Mr CALVERT: It was the duty of Mr Elliott, when he knew that the overseers were about to meet, to have all the necessary books ready in the room.

Mr AYNSLEY said he was unable to attend the meeting of the overseers, otherwise he should have objected to the course that had been adopted.

Mr SIDDELL: It was Mr Elliott's duty to have had the books ready for the inspection of the overseers. They should have censured him for his neglegence.

Mr DUNNE: But there is another consideration. You don't know what reply Mr Elliott would make if anything had been said to him respecting his conduct.

Mr SIDDELL: The fact is the overseers are simply allowing this man to become their master. Instead of censuring him for neglecting his duty, they pass a resolution and thus endeavour to place all obstacles in the way of preventing our Clerk from procuring a copy of the poor rate.

Mr CARSS: If I were you, Mr Dunne, I would'nt allow them to discuss your conduct here as overseers.

Mr SIDDELL (to Mr Carss): He is raising the discussion himself, and you (Mr Carss) are assisting him as much as possible.

Mr CARSS: The overseers were acting within their legitimate rights in passing such a resolution. They have the law behind them. I have heard it said——

Mr CALVERT (interrupting): It strikes me you hear a vast over much. You say a great deal more than other people.

Mr CARSS: Oh, oh! I needn't ask John Calvert when I have to open my mouth or what I have to say.

Mr AYNSLEY (sarcastically): You monopolise the greater part of the conversation.

Mr CARSS retorted: I think you have your share of it, anywhere.

The CHAIRMAN thereupon drew the attention of the members to the business in hand, and inquired what was to be done?

Mr SIDDELL maintained that the overseers had one object in view.

Mr DUNNE: Then if the overseers have done anything wrong, instruct your clerk to write to the assistant-overseer, and allow him an opportunity of replying in his public capacity. Do not discuss his conduct in his absence.

The CHAIRMAN: We are simply complaining of not having the books here. You admit that the overseers complained when the books were not produced at that meeting.

Mr SHELL maintained that the Board room, for which the overseers paid rent, was the proper place to keep the rate books.

The CHAIRMAN: I thought so too. But it appears this is the overseers' office; but not the assistant-overseer's private office.

One or two members expressed an opinion that they did not see any reason why the Board room should not be converted into an office for the assistant-overseer; but Mr CARSS pointed out that this plan was utterly unpracticable.

The Clerk, in reply to the members, said it would take nearly a week to copy the rate-book; and he would much rather that the work was done by the assistant-overseer himself.

After further discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk should proceed to the assistant-overseer's private office and make an exact copy of the poor rate book, the same to be laid before the Board at the next meeting, when the question of renumeration for his extra services will be taken into consideration.

REPORTING THE BOARD MEETINGS.

Before the members dispersed, Mr SHELL observed that at the last meeting, he brought under the notice of the Board the subject of the extra cost of team and manual labour incurred by the Board during the past three years. The question was of vital importance to the ratepayers, and he wished to know the reason why the discussion was not reported in the *Guardian*?

The CHAIRMAN replied that the Board could not dictate to the reporters or editors what portions of the discussion should be inserted, and what ought to be omitted. Nevertheless when they allowed their proceedings to be published in the newspapers, they naturally expected to see a fair and impartial report of the meeting—the whole truth and nothing but the truth. He could not give any reason why the discussion was not reported; but if Mr Shell thought he had a greviance or had been slighted in any way, he should have advertised his remarks.

Mr SIDDELL said the reporters required looking after occasionally.

Mr SHELL replied that he had no particular desire to see his speeches reported, but at the same time the figures he produced possessed considerable interest to the ratepayers, and they ought to have been published. He had intended to advertise the facts, but it had since come to his knowledge that undue influence from certain quarters had been brought to bear upon the representatives of the press, consequently he abandoned the idea of publishing the statistics.

Mr CARSS and other members pointed out that they could not enter into such a discussion that night, and Mr SHELL promised to bring the subject forward at the next regular meeting.

Eastertide Gatherings.

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The festive gatherings in this district have been unusually numerous this year. The weather during the holiday season was simply wretched, a thick foggy atmosphere prevailing, in addition to showers of rain falling with slight intermission from Friday afternoon until Tuesday night.—The Salvation Army (Consett 48th corps) held a series of special services in the Salvation Hall, all of which were largely attended. On Easter Monday, a public tea was provided in the New Lecture Hall, but it was not so well patronised as in former years. The Primitive Methodists at Consett and the Wesleyan Methodists at Castleside successfully commemorated their Sabbath School anniversaries on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Monday. On that date bazaars were held in the Wesleyan Chapels at Burnhope and Langley Park.

LANGLEY MOOR.—On Good Friday a tea party and bazaar was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Langley Moor. At night a public meeting was held in the chapel, when the Rev Mr Tweddle, of Spennymoor, occupied the chair, while the Rev M. Reavley, Sunderland, gave a lecture to a very attentive congregation. On Sunday, Mr Reavley preached the anniversary sermons. On Easter Monday the bazaar was continued. The proceeds go to the chapel funds.

SPORTS AT SHOTLEY SPA.—At Shotley Spa Grounds, on Easter Monday, a cricket match between Consett and Tanfield clubs was played, the scores being—Consett, 54; Tanfield 42; and subsequently two football matches were played, and the games were not ended until 7 p.m. Results:—Castleside beat Dipton by one goal to two tries; and South Shields Rovers beat Consett by five miner points and two goals to Consett's nil. Consett played two men short, and it is only fair to them to state that in their opponent's club were several players for the Tynemouth and county teams. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band was in attendance, and discoursed selections of music at intervals. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the grounds were visited by nearly 2,000 people.—On Tuesday, a cricket match was played between scratch teams picked out of the Consett club. The weather was slightly better than on the previous day, and about 1,500 persons patronised the grounds.

BAZAAR AT CATCHGATE.

The congregation, being desirous of reducing the debt remaining on the United Methodist Free Church, Catchgate, resolved some time ago to hold a bazaar, and commenced by establishing a weekly sewing meeting. After many months of hard and anxious work they brought their accumulated goods together, which were very varied and both useful and ornamental, and in the form of a bazaar offered them for sale on Easter Monday and Tuesday in the spacious and commodious Board Schools at Catchgate, kindly granted by the Greencroft School Board. Two o'clock being the time appointed for opening the bazaar, a respectable assemblage of people gathered to witness the opening ceremony. The Rev G. Lord (circuit minister), after the usual preliminaries, introduced—

Dr MANTLE, of West Stanley, to formally open the bazaar. He was heartily cheered on rising, and in a sweet and pithy speech of congratulation, counselled the congregation to continue the good work until the whole of the debt was swept off. He declared the bazaar open, and trusted the ladies would be encouraged by a large sale of their goods.

Mr W. RUTHERFORD proposed a vote of thanks to Dr Mantle for his services, which was seconded by Mr WM. DOWN, and carried by acclamation, with an additional round for Mrs Mantle.

The several ladies as stallholders then took up their respective places: No. 1 stall—Mrs Rutherford, Miss Rutherford, and Mrs Ord. No 2—Mrs Collins, Mrs Murray, and Mrs Williams. No. 3—Mrs Davidson, Mrs Grey, Mrs Down, and Mrs Armstrong. Toy stall—Mrs Daw and Miss Johnston. Refreshment stall—Mrs Castle, Mrs Moore, Mrs Thos. Down, and Miss Down. Confectionery stall—Mrs Oxley, Mrs Callicot, and Mr J. Richardson. Ample provision was provided for amusing those who did not avail themselves of the contents of the drapery stalls. A room containing a collection of curiosities, antique in charater, in which many objects of interest were found, picture screens and paintings, by one of the workmen of South Derwent Colliery. Many of the exhibits were two and three hundred years old. A wooden shovel and water scoop exhibited by Mr Rutherford, which was found in the old workings in Ben well Colliery, and many other articles of various classes of similar age. Considerable amusement was afforded by the various galvanic batteries, microscopical and magic lantern exhibitions. Special interest seemed centred in the demonstrations given by the electric bells, telephones, induction coils, &c., kindly fit up and supplied by Messrs Reid and Co., of Blackett Street, Newcastle. The church and congregation promoting the bazaar more than realised their anticipations. At the close of the first day they netted the sum of £80, and on the second day £25 10s 0d, making a total of £105 10s 0d. Mr and Mrs Rutherford rendered substantial assistance and counsel, and contributed liberally both in goods and collecting subscriptions. Many sincere wishes were expressed for their welfare and that they may long be spared to assist in all good movements in the locality.

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE FLOUR, Saturday.—Hungarian, 2s 10d; American, 2s 1d; No. 1 superfine, 2s 1d; superfines, 1s 11d: fines, 1s 9d; households, 1s 7d; seconds, 1s 7d; ryemeal, 1s 9d; wheatmeal, 1s 9d; oatmeals, English, 2s 2d; Scotch, 2s 0d per stone; 4lb loaf, 7d.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 6d to 8d; English do., 6d; onions, 1s to 2s 0d per stone; figs, 5d to 10d per lb; apples, 1s to 1s 6d per stone; grapes, 6d to 10d per lb; cauliflowers, 2d to 6d each; oranges, 4d to 8d per dozen; cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
Prime large beef	0 9 to	1 0	Pigeons, pr couple	1 6 to	1 9
Prime mutton	0 11	1 0	Turkeys, per lb	1 0	1 3
Small Pork	0 9	0 11	Turkeys, poults	0 0	0 0
Veal	0 8	0 11	Partridge, brace	0 0	0 0
Lamb per qr	0 0	0 0	Pheasants	7 6	8 6
American beef	0 2½	0 8	Geese, per lb	0 10	0 11
" mutton	0 5	0 9	Goslings, each	0 0	0 0
" lamb	0 0	0 0	Hares, each	5 6	0 0
" veal	0 7	0 9½	Leverets	0 0	0 0
" pork	0 8	0 0	Rabbits, couple	2 9	3 3
Hens, each	1 0	1 9	Ptarmigan, cuple	2 0	2 6
Ducks, per couple	5 0	6 0	Black Game, brce	4 6	5 6
Ducklings, per cp.	8 0	0 0	English fresh butter, per lb	1 5	1 6
Chickens	5 0	6 0			
Wild ducks, brace	0 0	0 0	Fresh eggs 8 for 1s		
Quails, per couple	0 0	0 0	Salmon, per lb	2 0	2 6
Grouse, per couple	0 0	0 0	Do. trout	0 0	0 0

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 4d to 1s 5d per lb; eggs, 13 to 15 for 1s; black game, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per brace; grouse, 0s 0d to 0s 0d. hares, 3s 6d to 5s; rabbits, 2s 10d to 3s 0d per couple; chickens, 2s 9d to 3s 6d; ducks, 3s 0d to 3s 6d; potatoes, 7d per stone; apples, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per stone; onions, 1s 2d to 2s; carrots, 8d per stone; geese, 9d to 10d per lb; pears, 2d per lb; lemons, 1d to 4d; cabbages, 1d to 2d each; flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s 4d per stone.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10½d mutton, 9d to 10½d; veal, 9d to 10d; pork, 8d to 0d; bacon, 4½d to 6d; ham, 7d to 8d; cheese, 7d to 9d; lard, 8d per lb; chickens, 3s 0d to 3s 6d; ducks, 3s 0d to 3s 3d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; hares, 4s 6d to 5s 0d each; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per couple; rabbits, 3s 0d to 3s 4d; per couple; butter, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; do. salt, 1s to 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 12 to 13 for 1s; apples, 1s 6d to 2s 0d; onions, 2s 0d to 2s 6d per peck; potatoes, 8d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Tuesday.—Arrivals into Newcastle for week ending April 1, 1884:—Coast and rail—Wheat, 2,510; maize, 50; barley, 265; malt, —; oats, 1,220; rye, —; beans, 300; peas, 45; flour, 1225 qrs. Foreign — Wheat, —; maize, —; barley, —; malt, —; oats, 1,300; rye, —; beans, 206; peas, 309 flour, 3,293 qrs. With a continuance of splendid weather, spring sowing is making rapid progress. The arrivals of wheat are this week only moderate from the coast, with nothing fresh from abroad. At this day's market, the demand for wheat was again very limited, and on the business done a reduction of 3d to 6d per qr. was accepted. Maize a slow sale at late rates. Malting barley dull, and next to nothing done in the way of sales. Scotch oats in small supply, but were only in limited demand at late rates; foreign steady. Beans and peas quiet. Feeding barley dull. Flour a very difficult sale, though good quality is offered at very low rates.

HEXHAM, Tuesday.—Only a small supply of barley and oats from farmers on offer at our market this morning, and little business doing. Of wheat there was only one sample.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £3 10s to £4 8s; this year's growth, £0 0s 0d to £0 0s 0d; new land hay, £4 0s to £5 5s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s; clover hay, £3 5s to £4 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 8d to 2s 5d; barley straw, 1s 4d to 1s 10d; oat straw, 1s 6d to 2s 0d per thrave; carts of hay at market, 108; carts of straw, 42.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 54 head of cattle, and 267 pigs from Aberdeen and the districts in the North-East coast of Scotland; 2,031 beasts and 500 sheep from foreign countries.

Respecting quality, every description of stock was good.

803 head of cattle were despatched from Newcastle by rail yesterday for Manchester.

The supply of beef comprised 2,[illegible] head. Although the number was less to-day, trade ruled slow. A few prime lots went South, and a good clearance effected.

The number of sheep shown was 4,000. The mutton trade was less active to-day, with a bad finish. A few lots were bought up for the South.

Pigs: 463 were shown. The pork trade ruled slow, with a part left over.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY SINKING THE OFFAL

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	9s 6d to	9s 9d
Secondary sorts	9s 0d ..	9s 3d
First-class oxen	9s 3d ..	9s 6d
Middling	8s 9d ..	9s 0d
Cows and inferior	6s 6d ..	7s 6d
Pigs	5s 6d ..	8s 0d
Sheep, small, per lb.	9½d to	10½
" large fat, per lb.	8d to	9½d
Lambs, each	45s to	50s

Nos. shown:—2,191; sheep 4,000; pigs, 463.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	6 10	9 40	11 0	12 20	2 30	5 30	7 30
Scotswood "	6 17	9 47	11 7	12 27	2 37	5 37	7 37
Swalwell "	6 24	9 54	11 14	12 34	2 43	5 44	7 44
Rowlands Gill "	6 34	10 4	11 24	12 44	2 53	5 54	7 54
Lintz Green "	6 40	10 10	11 30	12 50	2 59	6 0	8 0
Ebchester "	6 54	10 20	11 40	1 0	3 12	6 10	8 13
Shotley Bridge "	6 59	10 24	11 44	1 4	3 18	6 14	8 19
CONSETT Arr.	7 5	10 30	11 50	1 10	3 23	6 20	8 25

CONSETT Dep.	7 10	10 32	1 12	3 25	4 50	6 38
Knitsley	7 21	10 43	1 23	3 36	5 1	6 44
Lanchester	7 30	10 53	1 32	3 45	5 10	6 53
Witton Gilbert	7 41	11 1	1 40	3 53	5 18	7 1
Aldin Grange	7 45	11 9	1 47	4 0	5 25	7 9
DURHAM Arr.	7 50	11 15	1 52	4 5	5 30	7 15

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7 26	11 37	2 35	3 45	5 10	8 10
Aldin Grange "	7 32	11 43	2 41	3 52	5 17	8 17
Witton Gilbert "	7 40	11 50	2 48	4 0	5 25	8 25
Lanchester "	7 50	12 0	2 54	4 10	5 35	8 35
Knitsley "	8 2	12 10	3 8	4 20	5 45	8 45
CONSETT Arr.	8 12	12 20	3 18	4 30	5 55	8 55

CONSETT Dep.	8 15	9 10	12 35	3 25	5 56	9 2
Shotley Bridge "	8 20	9 15	12 40	3 30	6 0	9 7
Ebchester "	8 24	9 19	12 44	3 34	6 4	9 12
Lintz Green "	8 34	9 29	12 52	3 44	6 14	9 22
Rowlands Gill "	8 39	9 34	12 57	3 50	6 20	9 28
Swalwell "	8 47	9 42	1 4	3 57	6 27	9 36
Scotswood "	8 54	9 49	1 11	4 4	6 34	9 43
NEWCASTLE Ar	9 5	10 0	1 20	4 15	6 45	9 53

SUNDAYS.

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

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

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

SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE dep.	...	...	6 10	9 40	11 0	12 20	2 30	5 30
CONSETT	...	...	8 20	10 37	...	2 0	...	6 25
Rowley	...	...	8 30	10 46	...	2 10	...	6 34
Burnhill	...	...	8 40	10 55	...	2 [illegible]	...	6 43
Tow Law	...	...	8 53	11 8	...	2 33	...	6 59
CROOK arr.	...	...	9 5	11 2[illegible]	...	2 45	...	7 8
dep.	7 35	...	9 7	11 23	1 5	2 52	5 30	7 13
Bishop Auckland	8 0	...	9 31	11 43	1 29	3 12	6 2	7 37
Darlington	8 30	...	10 0	12 10	2 0	3 45	6 45	8 5
Stockton	9 27	...	10 31	12 35	2 29	4 13	7 18	8 47
Middlesbro'	9 5	...	10 41	12 50	2 38	4 25	7 23	8 56
SALTBURN	9 2	...	11 15	1 25	3 12	5 5	8 8	9 28

STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dp.	5 50	8 5	9 52	...	1 45	3 45	5 40
Middlesbro'	6 27	8 40	10 25	12 50	2 18	4 20	6 5
Stockton	6 37	8 48	10 32	12 57	2 26	4 28	6 23
Darlington	7 8	9 18	10 52	1 22	2 55	4 54	6 55
Bishop Auckland	7 46	9 54	11 21	1 56	3 26	5 33	7 43
CROOK arr.	8 7	10 16	11 42	2 16	3 47	5 55	8 10
dep.	8 10	...	11 44	2 20	...	6 5	...
Tow Law	8 22	...	11 55	2 32	...	6 20	...
Burnhill	8 37	...	12 8	2 45	...	6 35	...
Rowley	8 47	...	12 17	2 53	...	6 45	...
CONSETT arr.	8 57	...	12 25	3 5	...	6 55	...
N'WCASTLE	9 5	10 0	...	1 20	4 15	6 45	9 53

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

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 17th. — Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE, GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq., and GEO. HEDLEY, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

William White, John White, Cochrane Bailey, and *Robert Bailey*, of Greencroft and Annfield Plain, were severally charged with being drunk and disorderly. —P.C. Snaith stated that at ten o'clock on the night of the 29th ult., he found the defendants drunk and causing a disturbance in front of the Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester. He asked the men to go away, when they became most abusive, and Robert Bailey picked up a handful of stones, and threatened to throw them at him.—Defendants, who all admitted the offence, were fined 5s each and costs.

William Scott pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by P.C. Readman, of being drunk and causing a disturbance at Langley Park, on the 4th April, and was fined 5s and expenses.

Martin Hutchinson was summoned by P.C. Jordison for drunkenness at Satley, on the 5th inst.—The officer saw the defendant ejected from Mr Wilson's public-house for misconduct, and he straightway proceeded to the other public-house, and on entering, he pulled off his coat and wanted to fight. The landlord was compelled to turn him out.—A fine of 10s 6d, which includes costs, was inflicted.

George Robson (22). pleaded guilty to the same charge. —P.C. Hawley stated that shortly after ten o'clock on the 5th inst., he saw the defendant drunk and fighting with a man called Gillespie at Burnhope Colliery.—The Chairman remarked that the defendant had soon begun his intemperate habits, and fined him 5s and expenses.

Henry Dodds (for whom his wife appeared) was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly whilst proceeding through the village of Burnhope on the 5th inst. —Fined 5s and costs.

Robert Welsh, miner was accused by P.C. Raine of being drunk and riotous and wanting to fight inside the Stags' Head, Waterhouses, on Friday night 1st inst.— The Chairman (to defendant, whose face was disfigured with scars): How did you get those cuts and marks on your face?—Defendant: I got them while working in the pit yesterday, sir.—Defendant was mulcted in a like penalty.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

Benjamin James, a dealer in crockeryware, was summoned for being drunk while in charge of a horse and wagon.—P.C. Snaith deposed that on Monday, 31st March, about seven p.m., he observed the defendant in the village in charge of a horse and conveyance. The fore part of the wagon was standing upon the footpath, and the defendant appeared so intoxicated that he had to get another man to set him home.—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 10s and 5s expenses.

PIGEON FLYING AT HOBSON.—A handicap promoted by M. Cawthorn, of Hobson Hotel, came off on Monday, over a distance of three miles, and the result was as follows:—J. Burnip's Clear the Dyke, 1st; J. Burnip's Bonny Pat, 2nd; John Turnbull's Hobson Lad, 3rd. W. Milburn and F. Green acted as timekeepers, and J. Graham was liberator.

CASTLESIDE *v.* DIPTON.—These clubs met for the third time this season on Monday, in the Spa Grounds, Shotley Bridge. The game was divided in two half hours, and resulted in a victory for Castleside by a goal against two tries for Dipton. It is only fair to mention that up to half time Dipton played with sixteen men, whilst Castleside played the game through one short.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT FELLING.—On Tuesday, the marriage of Miss Edith Pattinson, third daughter of Mr W. W. Pattinson, J.P., of Felling House, with Mr Kayll, viewer of Felling Colliery, was celebrated at Christ Church, Felling. The ceremony was performed by the Rev E. Collinson, assisted by the vicar, the Rev E. Haythornthwaite, and the Rev T. M. Tozer. The church was crowded on the occasion, the chancel seats being reserved for friends of the bride and bridegroom. The choir of the church rendered a musical service, Mr W. E. Peacock, jun., presiding at the organ. Outside cannon were fired at intervals from early morning, and strings of flags were stretched across the main street, which just previous to the wedding presented quite an animated appearance.

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BIRTHS.

TEMPLETOWN.—On the 11th inst., the wife of Mr S. Farnsworth, of a daughter.

BENFIELDSIDE.—St. Cuthbert's Terrace, on the 12th inst., the wife of Richard Walton Smith, architect, of a son.

RYTON.—Dean Terrace, 11th inst., the wife of William Baker, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—Wesleyan Chapel, 15th inst., by the Rev W. Hare, assisted by the Rev J. D. Foster, M.A. (brother of the bridegroom), Thomas Frederick, third son of the Rev T. Foster, Killarney, to Georgina, daughter of the late George Humphrey, Leadgate.

GATESHEAD.—At Christ Church, 11th inst., by the Rev J. Hoyle, Mr J. O. Godling, of Tanfield Moor, to Miss J. E. Jackson, of Gateshead.

BLANCHLAND.—14th inst., by the Rev G. M. Gurley, George Rowland, of Rougheside, to Sarah Keenley-side, of Bay Bridge.

STANHOPE.—Wesleyan Chapel, 12th inst., by the Rev Thomas Barrow, Mr Joseph Parker, of Ashy Bank, to Miss Thomasine Reed, of Rose Hill.—Same day, Mr Joseph Dodds to Miss Mary Ann Dodds, both of Stanhope.—Same day, Mr Robert Dodds to Miss Mary Craig, both of Stanhope.

WOLSINGHAM.—Register Office, 12th inst., Mr Sykes Howgate, of Quebec, to Miss Susannah Houston, of Tow Law.

FELLING-ON-TYNE.—Christ Church, on the 15th inst., by the Rev Henry Collison, rector of East Bilney, Norfolk, assisted by the Rev Edwd. Haythornthwaite (vicar), and the Revs J. E. Farrow and T. M. Tozer, curates, Alfred Charles, fifth son of John J. Kayll, Esq., J.P., to Edith Annie, third daughter of William Watson Pattinson, Esq., J.P., Felling House, county of Durham.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—Gibson Street, 16th inst., aged 50, suddenly, Thomas Gibson, bootmaker.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—22, Wood Street, on the 17th inst., George Robson, aged 72 years. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday, 20th inst., at Four o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

TOW LAW.—14th inst., aged 68, John Mackintosh.

WATERHOUSES.—15th inst., Bridget Wade, widow of Mr B. Wade, aged 64.

DURHAM.—Shamrock House, 14th inst., aged 64, George Gradon, J.P.

SWALWELL.—11th inst., aged 29, Margaret, wife of Jonathan Mitchinson.

RYTON.—6, Wallace Terrace, 12th inst., aged 3 years, Kate Hilda, daughter of Catherine Metcalf.

STARGATE.—11th inst., aged 44, John Moody.

CANNES.—14th inst., Hadwen Bragg Priestman, late of Benwell House, Newcastle.

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