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FRIDAY, April 21st, 1882.

MIGRATION OR EMIGRATION—WHICH?

A "Suffering Agriculturist" writing to the *Times* a few days ago very sensibly points out that to assist non-employed London labourers to migrate back to the rural parishes from which they came up to London would defeat the very end in view. For some years the stream of population has steadily flowed in one direction only, and it is too late in the day for us to suppose that our philanthropy can turn the tide backward. Rivers do not mount up to their source in this way at our bidding. This "Suffering Agriculturist," who, for a farmer, is a man of unusual intelligence, points out the absurdity of the attempt. He shows that the vacuum thus caused in London will only lead to a greater rush than ever of agricultural labourers in the hopes of bettering themselves. They will argue that if worst comes to the worst they can but struggle for a bit in the vast whirlpool of London life, and then get landed back again in the village which they came from, having seen a little of life in the passage. The stern fact cannot be too loudly impressed on our fussy philanthropists that the great towns towards which our surplus rural population inevitably tend are only so many reservoirs or catchment basins for the waters of human life as it descends from one level to another. Any one who has observed how lakes are formed like that of Geneva or Constance at the point where great rivers pass from the mountain to the plain will see that there is a provision in this against inundations. In the only case of a mountain-range which like the Pyrenees sheers down to the plain without such reservoirs at hand we know that floods on a devastating scale occur from time to time. Rivers, in a word, should have their easements or basins for the reception of their surplus waters in seasons of exceptionalty rainy weather. This lacustrine illustration exactly explains the function of great towns in modern life. They open their wide arms to receive the overflow of our rural districts and to pass them on thence as opportunity offers into our colonies and dependencies. We regard, then, assisted migration as a mistake; but we turn to assisted emigration as the true remedy for the ills of modern society. Our London labourers if sent back to the country would only regurgitate again to the Metropolis, and so like the Thames below London Bridge washing up and down the same filth until after many tides it at last gets swept off to sea—so it would be with our surplus population. London was described by Shelley in his letter to Maria Gosborne as

> "That grand sea whose ebb and flow
> At once is deaf and loud, and on the shore
> Vomits its wrecks and still howls on for more."

We may well ask, in the words of the same poet,

> "Who will put forth on thee, unfathomable sea?"

And yet every day the stream of life steadily flows from the village to the city and never back. Philanthrophy will only undertake a thankless task—it will be love's labour lost—if it tries to interfere with one of Nature's laws. Instead of thus misdirecting its energies, let it keep them for effort in the true direction. The Rhone after easing itself of its surplus waters in the Leman Lake, as the Rhine does in that of Constance, flows on towards the all-embracing ocean. This is the true course for our surplus population. From the village to the city, and from the city to the colony—this is the true outfall, and if we move in this direction, we shall never regret it. Nature's laws must be obeyed, and we profit by these laws only when we recognise what is the true direction in which to work. Assisted emigration from London and our great centres of population never can be amiss, and if to any extent we have been spared the chronic misery which seethes helplessly in Paris and Berlin, it is because there is at least in London some little movement, not for migration inwards, but for emigration outwards.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The presence of Lord Hartington in Ireland has been generally supposed to be for the purpose of holding a kind of council of war with Mr Forster, Lord Carlingford, and the Lord Lieutenant. No doubt advantage has been taken of his presence in Dublin to hold special conference with the wearied and worried representatives of authority. But it is doubtful whether Lord Hartington's mission was in its origin political. In point of fact, he accompanied his father on a visit to the family estates in Ireland, where, as elsewhere, there are considerable difficulties between landlord and tenant. It would perhaps be more correct to say that his father accompanied him; for the Duke, it is said, yields an almost absurd deference to his son. The Marquis is the real manager of the extensive lands of the Cavendishes, and when tenants or workmen apply for directions to the Duke his stereotyped reply is you must ask Hartington.

The speakers at the great "Blue Ribbon" meeting at Exeter Hall the other day complained that the higher classes held aloof from the movement, though in proof that the statement was somewhat too sweepingly made Lord Cairns was at that very time presiding over another Blue Ribbon meeting at Bournemouth. This "Army" is no doubt justified in its boast of having effected a considerable reform amongst the lower orders. There is going on a great movement in favour of temperance. The number of charges of drunkenness at the Police Courts show in very many instances a marked diminution. Crimes committed under the influence of drink have become distinctly less numerous. At the same time, it is an astonishing phenomenon that crimes of cold-blooded violence and cruelty have immensely increased of late. Can there be any truth in the theory which has been advanced by some, that drunkenness is only a form of vice, which would display itself in some other direction if not in that particular one?

The new "Social Liberty League" sounds like a portentious political combination. I do not think, however, that the State need fear any very formidable complications from it, nor vaticinate what Mr Gladsone calls a "social revolution" in this country from its nativity. The "Social Liberty League," indeed, seems essentially conservative in its main objects, which are to oppose the infringement of popular freedom by the closing of public-houses on Sunday or the adoption of Local Option. This is hardly what Mr Cowen would call "Orthodox Radicalism," though it might embrace "thorough-paced partizans" and "illiterate and intolerent men," as he has described the members of the party with which he was supposed to be associated.

Charles Orton will probably obtain the money which will enable him to take a pleasant trip to Australia at the expense of the "Fools and Fanatics" who still pin their faith to the impostor at Dartmoor. The amount said to be required is £2,000; but obviously a much smaller sum would suffice for the journey, and already a considerable sum has been subscribed.

Mr Lakeman's report upon the condition of Metropolitan bakehouses is not a pleasing subject for meditation. We need throw no stones at the dirty system of bread-treading after the account which this Inspector of Bakehouses has given us of the nastiness accompanying the manufacture of London bread. We have long been aware that we drink sewage in this highly-civilized capital, but some of us were not aware that we ate sewage too, or something approaching the same thing. But London bread, even when clean, is badly made. Except when quite new it is invariably sour, and therefore unpalatable and unhealthy. This arises not, as is generally represented, from the use of alum, but simply from the universal habit of the bakers of allowing the dough to ferment too long. Their practise is to leave it to "work", all night, and thus the mischief is done.

These are days when those who love their gardens will be wise to bear in mind the famous maxim, "Sow in time." The gardening magazines and newspapers this week are rich in illustration and ready instruction; but, alas! ordinary flower-lovers know Nature only in her simple guise, and often amidst a jargon of botanical and horticultural phrases miss or mistake the floral favourite of which they are in search. The seed-catalogues are frequently as puzzling as Bradshaw's Railway Guide, and the idea is therefore one which should popularly commend itself to supply an illustrated gardening book which will show the amateur cultivator at a glance that he makes no mistake about what he is planting.

The death of Rosetti deprives us of a man rather unique than great. He exerted singular and subtle influence upon the generation in which he lived, and moulded the spirit of the age in a much larger measure than men who have said and done greater things. He was to the Æsthetic school what Keble was to the Ritualists, for Æstheticism has grown out of Pre-Raphaelitism, as Ritualism has grown out of Tractarianism. Both men were poets of great popularity, but both did vastly more by their personal influence over a wide circle of friends than by anything they wrote. An Anglicised Italian, Rosetti impregnated modern Society with new canons of taste. He had an arrogant rather than a morbid shrinking from public criticism. He did not exhibit his pictures, and for many years he did not publish his poems. Yet both poems and paintings were of a high order of merit, albeit marred with an unhealthy sensuousness. He did enough both in Art and Literature to excite surprise that he did not do much more and much better, and he enlisted sympathizers, and almost disciples, who have carried out his ideas and popularized them.

Parliamentary Summary.

MONDAY.

The House of Commons reassembled to-day after the Easter Recess. Sir E. Wilmot gave notice that he will ask the Prime Minister whether, with reference to the late atrocious assassination of Mrs. Smythe at Collinstown, and other similar outrages, the Government have had under consideration any measures for vindicating the power of authority and law in Ireland, and if so, whether he will state what measures the Government propose to adopt. The Army (Annual) Bill passed through Committee. On the motion for going into Committee of Supply on the Army Estimates, Mr. Gorst moved an address to the Queen for the release of Cetywayo from his unjust captivity. Mr. H. H. Fowler seconded the motion. Mr. Gladstone, while agreeing that the motion was not a party one, and seeing no reason to change his opinion in regard to the Zulu war hoped that the motion would not be pressed. The Government were making inquiries, and would be regulated in their decision by what was safe and in the best interests of South Africa and of Zululand. The inquiry was being prosecuted in sympathy with the object of the motion. It might be that the release of Cetywayo might be unsafe. It might be that not merely his release but his restoration might be found best, but he appealed to the House very earnestly to suspend its judgment. Sir. Henry Holland continued the debate, advocating the release of Cetywayo, but not his restoration. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Commons, the second reading of the Channel Tunnel Railway Bill and the South-Eastern Railway Channel Tunnel Bill was postponed till the 2nd of next month. In reply to Mr. Lewis, Sir. William Harcourt said he had received no information which would enable him to form an opinion as to the nature of the evidence on its way from America regarding the convict Lamson. Sir. Charles Dilke, replying to Sir. H. D. Wolff, said it was intended to lay upon the table the correspondence with the United States Government respecting the American suspects. It would be inconvenient to state the nature of the correspondence before it was laid on the table. The Attorney-General for Ireland, in reply to Mr. Lewis, stated that Mr. Parnell, on surrendering himself at Kilmainham Gaol, might be legally detained under the former warrants. Sir Henry James, in answer to Mr. Lewis, stated that he could not at present fix a day for the second reading of the Corrupt Practices (Disfranchisement) Bill. In answer to Sir. E. Wilmot, Mr. Gladstone stated that the outrages occurring in Ireland were not reported to him, but to the Irish Government. The Government were constantly considering what measures they could take for vindicating the authority of the law in Ireland within the limits of the existing law. It would be a mistake to attempt to state the Government policy with regard to Ireland within the limits of an answer to a question or to state what further measures for the maintenance of the law might be in contemplation until the Government were prepared to ask the House to give the effect to them. Sir. H. Wolff called attention to the irregular and clandestine communications now passing between Her Majesty's Government and the Vatican, and moved a resolution on the subject. After a discussion, in which Mr. Gladstone was one of the speakers, the motion was negatived without a division, and the House was counted out soon after eight.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr Leamy moved the second reading of the Poor Law Guardians (Ireland) Bill, and explained that its object was to provide that Boards of Guardians should in future be elected triennially instead of annually, and by ballot instead of open voting. Colonel Tottenham moved the rejection of the Bill. The Attorney-General for Ireland supported the second reading. The object of the bill was, he said, simply to correct abuses and to allow a man who possessed a vote to exercise it on his individual responsibility. On a division, the motion for the seconding reading was carried by 95 to 31 votes. Mr Ashton Dilke moved the second reading of the Parliament Elections Expenses Bill, and explained that the principal object of the measure was to provide for the payment of such expenses as are absolutely necessary out of the rates. The Bill also provided that unless a candidate received an absolute majority of the votes given at the election he should not be elected, but that a second election should take place, which should be decided by a relative majority. Mr E. Yorke moved an amendment affirming that it was not expedient to charge any portion of the expenses of parliamentary candidates upon the ratepayers. Mr Broadhurst supported the Bill. Mr Hibbert, on behalf of the Government, supported the principle of the measure. He certainly thought that the necessary expenses of elections should fall upon the local rates, and believed that such a system would work admirably. The Government objected to the second part of the Bill; but he suggested that that might be discussed in Committee. The second reading of the Bill was passed by 87 to 85 votes.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This Authority assembled immediately after the conclusion of the Guardians' meeting, the constitution of the Board being similar to the meeting above.

WATER AT LANGLEY PARK.

Mr Logan stated that the Waskerley Water Co., had refused to bring the water to Langley Park on account of the great expense.

Further consideration of the question was deferred to a future meeting.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr. Rounthwaite) submitted the following report:—

To the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

Lanchester, 13th April, 1882.

Gentlemen,—New slop channels at South Medomsley and at East Hedleyhope have now been completed in accordance with notices from this Authority; and the necessity for taking proceedings, which were ordered in the latter case, is therefore obviated.

Notice was served on Messrs Bainbridge on the 24th February to provide drainage to one row of houses at the Moor Pit within 28 days. Nothing had been done on my last visit (31st ult).

Edward Rutter having failed to comply with notice to complete his house drain at Langley Park, the work was done by the Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, and he having failed to pay the expenses on demand, was summoned on the 23rd March, when the magistrates decided against the defendant, and ordered the payment of the amount with costs.

Michael Johnson has commenced the erection of a house at Dipton without having submitted plans of the same—contrary to byelaw 66. The work has been discontinued since notice was served on him.

A similar case has occurred at Hamsteels Colliery where offices and dwelling rooms are being built without plans having been approved; in this case the walls are above first floor height and no damp course has been inserted as required by byelaws.

Nuisance notices served during the month	24
Letters written with respect to nuisances	19
Plan approval notices sent out	4
Plans received and examined	10
Habitation certificates sent out	1
Villages, hamlets, &c., inspected	49

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

57. Thomas Hedley Bros., fourteen houses, Craghead Colliery.

216. James Henderson, one house, Medomsley Edge.

The following plans for new buildings have been received, and your Committee recommends that Nos. 352, 353, 354, 355, 358, and 359, be approved, subject to the matters marked on each being attended to; that Nos. 356 and 361 be disapproved; and that Nos. 357 and 360 be adjourned:—

352. John Proud, hay shed, South Shields Farm, near Tow Law.

353. Consett Iron Company, twelve houses, Westwood Colliery.

354. R. G. Bolam (agent), alterations to farm buildings, near Burnopfield.

355. Marquis of Bute, three coal houses, Burnopfield.

356. Trustees of R. Reed, Byerley, privy and ashpit, Humber House.

357. George Parker, two privies and ashpit, Annfield Plain.

358. P. C. Fortin, enlargement of Church, New Houses.

359. Joseph Hall, house, stable, &c., Holmside.

360. Johnson and Reay, offices, &c., Hamsteels Colliery.

361. George Soames, stable, Langley Park.

Mr Hornsby explained with respect to the new erections at Hamsteels Colliery, that the engineer was instructed to submit plans to the Authority but having neglected to do so he had been severly reprimanded. He promised to see that the recommendations of the Authority were carried out.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The reports of Drs. Wilson (Lanchester district), Benson (Tanfield district), and Bolton (Medomsley district), were next read and accepted. No outbreaks of a serious nature were contained therein.

IMPROVEMENTS AT LANCHESTER POLICE STATION.

The Rev J. P. De Pledge observed that he attended the meeting of the Police Committee in Durham, when a sum of £30 was voted to effect certain improvements in the Police Station at Lanchester as suggested by Mr Crozier, the County Surveyor.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

The Rev J. P. De Pledge rose and said as that was their last meeting he thought they would be quite neglecting their duty to the Chairman if they did not pass a vote of thanks to him for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the two Boards. (Hear, hear). It was most important that they should have a gentleman of obliging and business-like habits to preside over their deliberations. Their Chairman had accomplished his task during the past year with very great assiduity, clearness, and consideration, without any unpleasant episode of any kind intervening, and it was a pleasure for the members of the Board, composed as it was of such a vast number of intelligent gentlemen, to come to the meetings and perform their duties in a truly conscientious spirit, knowing, as they did, that they had a Chairman who gave justice and fairplay to all parties. He (Mr De Pledge) thought it would be very unthankful on their part not to acknowledge Mr Smith's valuable services, and he therefore had much pleasure in proposing that a hearty expression of thanks be accorded to him.

Mr Hedley, in seconding the proposition, coincided with the observations of the reverend gentleman.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said he could not sufficiently express his obligations for the flattering remarks made by the preceding speakers. He had at all times—not only at the fortnightly Board meetings, but throughout the whole of the week—endeavoured to perform to the best of his ability any work which had to be done in furtherance of the interests of an institution of which he was justly proud. (Hear, hear).

This concluded the business, and the Board dissolved.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly constituted Board took place in the Union Board-room at Lanchester, on Thursday se'nnight. The waywardens present were the Rev C. Gillow, Messrs Geo. G. Taylor Smith, G. Alder (ex-Chairman), W. Logan (ex-Vice-Chairman), W. H. Hedley, J. Stephenson, J. Towns, T. Longstaff, G. Elliot, R. Clark, G. Wall, F. Rowland, R. Robson, W. Fawcett, and George Errington.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk (Mr Maynard) said the first business was the election of Chairman of the Board for the forthcoming year.

Rev C. Gillow proposed that Mr Geo. Alder be re-elected Chairman. They were all, he said, quite satisfied with his conduct in the chair during the past year.

Mr Hedley seconded the proposition, which was adopted.

The Chairman in resuming the chair, briefly thanked the Board for their expression of confidence.

The Rev C. Gillow moved, and Mr Hobson seconded, that Mr W. Logan be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing twelve months.

This was also carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr W. Logan moved that the Finance Committee as at present constituted be re-appointed for the ensuing twelve months, with the addition of the Rev Canon Kearney as a member.

This proposal was duly carried.

The Clerk also read the list of the waywardens elected in the several parishes (as far as the returns had been sent in) with the amount of rateal le value of each parish.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Logan, seconded by the Chairman, that the next meeting of the Board be held that day fortnight, and every subsequent four weeks until the end of the financial year.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon) reported that he had never seen the roads in the district in a better state than they appeared this spring. He had conferred with Mr Thompson Allen as instructed relative to the purchasing of a plot of land for improving Kitswell Lane, and that gentleman had agreed to offer the same to the Board at a nominal rent of 1d. per year. He had prepared estimates for the ensuing year which would be laid before the Board, and had also advertised for and received tenders for carting &c., on the main road. An application had been made by the Guardians to allow the water to run along Newbiggin Lane.

Several members thought the favourable condition of the roads was attributable in some degree to the very mild and seasonable weather experienced lately; whilst some others asserted that the roads in the Lanchester Highway district were in a vastly superior state to those in the adjacent Highway districts.

Respecting Kitswell Lane Mr Logan moved that the offer of Mr Allen be accepted by the Board.

This was carried *nem con.*

BUNKER'S HILL LEVEL CROSSING.

The Clerk announced that he had written to the North-Eastern Railway Company and the Consett Iron Company, as per instructions, touching the dangerous condition of the level crossing at Bunker's Hill, in consequence of the subsidence of the ground.

The Secretary of the Railway Company had replied to the effect that the matter would be laid before the directors at their next meeting. No answer (the Clerk intimated) had been received from the Consett Iron Company.

Mr Hedley did not consider the crossing very dangerous at this season of the year. It might be somewhat slippery and impassable in wintry weather.

The Chairman said he had no desire to act harshly either to the Iron Company or the Railway Company, but he had no hesitation in saying that the road in question was in a very dangerous and unsafe condition at the present time.

It was finally decided, on the proposition of the Rev C. Gillow, to let the subject remain in abeyance until next meeting.

SURVEYOR'S ESTIMATE.

Subjoined is the Surveyor's estimate of the expenditure in the several parishes for the next twelve months:—Billingside, £37; Burnhope and Hamsteels, £254; Butsfield and Satley, £119; Collierley and Pontop, £280; Conside and Knitsley, £299; Cornsay, £134; Ebchester, £102; Edmondbyers, £42; Esh, £342; Greencroft, £181; Healeyfield, £47; Hedleyhope, £96; Holmside, £205; Hunstanworth, £96; Iveston, £17; Kyo, £216; Lanchester, £223; Langley, £123; Medomsley, £343; Muggleswick, £116, Roughside, £33; Rowley, £44; Tanfield, £820, other main roads, £1430—total, £5,442. Money due, £729, balance in hand, £982—total, £1711.

Several members deprecated the practice of having such a large balance as nearly £1,000 in hand, such being an injustice to the ratepayers.

After some further remarks, it was resolved that a rate of 5d in the pound be levied for the ensuing twelve months, payable in three instalments.

MR LONGSTAFF'S MOTION.

At a previous meeting Mr Longstaff gave notice to move the following resolution:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall, at next General Meeting of the Lanchester Highway Board, move that Roadmen's wages be as follows: Change or Length men, twenty-two shillings per week, and not length men one pound; and youths to be advanced according to qualifications, and each man to be at his place of starting at fixed hour for starting, that is to say, no travelling time allowed. Men to travel to their work in their own time. The change to date from the 25th March next, if any change made. Dated this ninth day of March, 1882."

Mr Longstaff now wished to withdraw the motion, and move instead that the matter be left to the consideration of the Finance Committee, with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr W. H. Hedley, and the Surveyor, who should report thereon at a further meeting. He thought the time had come when the roadmen should have a slight advance. They were earning a very small wage now.

Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith seconded.

The Chairman and other members agreed upon Mr Longstaff to proceed with his original motion, pointing out that as the members had previously had notice of it they had received ample time to consider the question in its various aspects, and had come to the meeting fully prepared to discuss it. To refer the matter to the Finance Committee would not in the least tend to alter the decision any member may have decided upon, and it was useless to delay further consideration of the subject.

Mr Longstaff however, persisted in withdrawing his orignal motion, and after a short desultory conversation,

The Chairman said it was quite competent for Mr Longstaff to withdraw his motion, but he could not move an amendment to it without giving previous notice. The only course to pursue was for Mr Longstaff to propose his orignal motion, and let some other member move the amendment.

Mr Longstaff then formally moved the proposition of which notice had been given, whilst

The Rev C. Gillow proposed as an amendment, that the whole question be deferred to the Financial Committee for consideration, who should report thereon.

The amendment was put and carried.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Board next considered the tenders received for carting and breaking limestone throughout the various parishes.

The Surveyor's monthly pay bill amounted to £372 14s 11d.

The meeting subsequently resolved itself into Committee to examine the current accounts.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The annual meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon last in the Board-room, Shotley Bridge. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Smith, the other members present being Messrs A. E. Turner, J. Lax, H. Carss, J. Dowson, J. Eltringham, R. Murray, F. Priestman, jun., W. Wheatley, and Dr Geo. Renton.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Clerk (Mr J. Booth) reported that the following gentlemen had been duly elected as the new members of the Board, viz., Dr Geo. Renton, Mr J. Smith, Mr J. Dowson, and Mr H. Carss, who then went through the formal ceremony of being sworn as members.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, ETC.

Mr Wheatley said he had much pleasure in proposing that their late worthy Chairman (Mr Annandale) be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Lax said that taking into consideration the excellent manner in which Mr Annandale had acquitted the services of Chairman during the past year, it gave him extreme pleasure in seconding the proposition.

Dr G. Renton ably supported the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Mr Lax moved, and Mr Eltringham seconded, that the Finance, Building, and Highway Committees stand the same as last year, with the exception that Mr Carss be substituted in the place of Mr Chas. Wilson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The Clerk read the minutes of last meeting, and on the motion of Mr Eltringham, seconded by Mr Wheatley, they were signed by the Chairman.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The annexed report was read from the Surveyor (Mr Dixon):—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the past month the workmen have been employed on the several roads and streets in your district water-tabling and dressing-up. They have also been employed laying down a stone channel on Durham Road.

I have put down a 9in. pipe drain across Sandy Path Road, there having been an old stone drain at this place, which has been in a very defective condition for some time; the pipes laid down will be a great improvement.

The subsidences in Durham Road, near Number One, and also at Elm Park Road, have been filled up by the Consett Iron Company's agent during the month.

The notices for the formation of Hawthorn Terrace, Blackhill, were served on the 20th February, 1882. None of the proprietors have commenced with the work yet.

Your fire brigade have had a practice during the month, and I find a portion of the fire-plugs are greatly improved at Blackfine since last practice. But I still find the fire-plugs at Hawthorn Terrace, Bessemer Street, Baxton Burn, Cutlers' Hall, Wood Street, and a one near the Flour Mill, at Shotley Bridge, are not working very well. The rest of the plugs that were tried were in good order.

Your Building Committee have not had a meeting during the month. Two sets of plans have been sent to me. One for alterations, &c., at the "Crown and Cross Swords" Hotel, Shotley Bridge, from Mr Moffatt; the other for a stable, privy, and ashpit to be built for Mr Brown on Benfieldside Edge. I have examined these plans and I find they meet the requirements of your bye-laws. I would suggest that the plans be stamped, as the parties are wishful to commence with the work at once.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

John Dixon.

April 19th, 1882.

THE FIRE-PLUGS.

Mr Lax, in reference to this matter, thought there must be some obstruction in the pipes.

Mr Carss said that there ought to be some means taken to put these plugs right, as it was quite necessary that they should be so. He saw the fire-plug in Wood Street tried, and it was in a very defective condition. If a fire broke out in that street the plug would be of no use whatever.

Mr Lax: For many years that plug has never worked right.

The Surveyor stated that when he tried it, the water would not ascend more than two feet.

After a long discussion on the subject, Mr Eltringham moved that the matter stand over for another month.

Mr Murray seconded the motion, which was carried.

PLANS.

The Surveyor laid a plan on the table for the inspection of the Board from Mr W. Raw, for the building of two cottages adjoining Ritson's Road. This plan was before the Board at their last meeting.

The Chairman said the only objection to this plan was that the street would only be 30ft wide instead of 36ft, as required by the Board's bye-laws. When the cottages were built against the adjoining property, and the street being only 30ft wide, while the street at the other property is 36ft, there would be a very inconvenient corner. We want to keep clear of those corners, as they are generally used as urinals.

The Clerk: We must not have any corners; they are a perfect nuisance.

After a very lengthy discussion on the matter it was proposed by Dr G. Renton to instruct the Clerk to write to Mr Raw informing him that he must build the cottages according to bye-law 13, which states the street must be 36ft wide.

Mr Eltringham seconded the proposition which was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Eltringham, seconded by Mr Wheatley, Mr Brown's plan for the erection of stable, privies, and ashpit at Benfieldside Edge, was stamped.

Mr Moffat's plan for alteration, &c., at the "Crown and Cross Swords" Hotel, Shotley Bridge, was also stamped on the motion of Mr Eltringham seconded by Mr Lax.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—I have inspected your district several time during the month, and I find the ashpits and privies on the whole in good order. Only a few of them required my attention, and I gave notices to the parties belonging the same to get them cleaned. The notices were promptly attended to.

The road-making, draining, and channelling have all been completed in Back Walton Street during the month. This street has been wonderfully improved by the work that has been done.

The contractor (Mr Gleedinning) is busy getting the material ready for the fencing of the old quarry at Blackhill. I expect this work will be completed by next month.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

John Dixon.

April 19th, 1882.

TAKING OVER NEW STREETS.

In reference to taking over Bessemer Street, Roger Street, and Cort Street, Blackhill, and also a portion of the street leading to Benfieldside Station, the Highway Committee suggested that the Board ought not to take them over until the streets were put in a proper sanitary condition.

Mr Lax thought they ought not to take the streets over until they had been thoroughly renovated.

Mr Eltringham proposed that the Clerk write to the Consett Iron Company asking them to stop the water from running down the streets, and also make all necessary provisions to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

Mr Wheatley seconded.

Agreed to.

THE RESIDENT REGISTRAR.

The Clerk, in answer to a question, said that the necessary statistics that had to be submitted had not arrived, and he thought the matter ought to be left over for another month.

Mr Eltringham said the matter had been postponed by the Friendly Societies until the new Board of Guardians met, when they (the Guardians) were going to appoint a committee to work in the matter.

The subject was left over for another month.

CEMETERY ROAD.

The Highway Committee reported that a palisading erected by Mr Watson, in Cemetery Road, was projecting too far out from the palisadings of the property adjoining, and recommended that the owner be instructed to put it back to the place where it ought to be.

A long discussion here took place on the subject, and on the motion of Mr Murray the matter was left in the hands of the Surveyor and Highway Committee, with power from the Board to alter the position of the palisading.

The proposition was seconded by Mr Wheatley, and was agreed to.

MR CHARLES WILSON.

Mr Lax said before the Board adjourned he would propose that the Clerk be instructed to forward a written vote of thanks to Mr Chas. Wilson, showing their appreciation of the untiring energy he had displayed for the benefit of the district while a member of that Board.

Mr Dowson seconded this, which was unanimously carried.

The Board then adjourned.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The last fortnightly meeting of the old Board took place at Lanchester yesterday week, under Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. The other members present were the Revs J. P. De Pledge and C. Gillow, Messrs W. M. Annandale, Geo. Dobson, W. H. Hedley, Wm. Logan, J. Wilkinson, R. W. Shaw, J. Lax, J. Eltringham, W. Shell, J. Collinson, T. Pringle, J. W. Hodgson, R. Clark, G. Wall, and J. Bowey.

The Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were duly signed by the Chairman, and the Guardians subsequently considered the various applications for relief.

INMATES OF WORKHOUSE.

The following is the Workhouse Master's report of the number of inmates in the institution:—

Week ending April 5th	156
Corresponding week of last year	150
Week ending April 12th	152
Corresponding week last year	146
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	131
" " corresponding fortnight last year	110

COMPLETION OF WORKHOUSE.

The Architect (Mr Newcombe) reported that the whole of the new erections at the Workhouse were completed, and he was merely waiting for the measurement from the contractor previous to an adjustment of the scale of prices.

After some conversation, Mr Newcombe was requested to expedite the matter as far as lay in his power, in order to effect a speedy settlement.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual meeting of this Board took place on Monday afternoon at the Castleside Schools, when there were present Mr T. J. Muse (in the chair), Mr E. Leybourne, and Mr W. J. Scott.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman observed that the first business of the Board was to pass a vote of sympathy to Mr Leybourne in his recent bereavement. He moved a resolution to that effect.

Mr Scott seconded the proposition which was adopted.

THE WORK OF THE BOARD: VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman suggested, as that was the last meeting of the Board, that the Clerk (Mr Ward) should compile a statement of the attendance of members at the monthly meetings and the amount of the rates levied during the six years of the Board's existence. He was sure they had all endeavoured to keep the rates as low as possible.

Mr Scott thought the ratepayers should also know that when the annual entertainments were given to the children, any deficiency incurred was always made up by the members of the Board.

Mr Leybourne moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his valuable services.

Mr Scott, in seconding, could not see what fault the ratepayers had to find with the present Board. He had not the least idea, unless it was they had kept the rates too low. If the ratepayers only knew that an election would cost the parish at least 2d in the pound, they would perhaps not be so keen in having a contest.

MASTER'S REPORT.

The Schoolmaster (Mr Duckworth) reported that the recent school entertainment was a great success, a sum of £3 18s 7d having been raised. The report further stated that Miss Annie Hetherington, the mistress, was at present indisposed. Annexed are the monthly returns:—

No. of scholars on the roll	184	185	182
" present at all	160	158	140
" not present	24	27	40
Averages	140	137	124
Average for quarter	142·8		
Average for half-year	447·7		
No. of scholars admitted	3		
" taken off roll	3		

Three weeks' fees banked, £5 17s 3d.

Mr Scott thought a vote of thanks ought to be given to Mr Duckworth for the admirable manner in which he got up the scholars' entertainment. It proved highly satisfactory to all the members. In his opinion the Healeyfield School Board had set an example to the other Boards in the whole county of Durham with regard to financial matters and the instruction of children.

The Chairman remarked that the Board as at present constituted was of a fairly representative character, comprised as it was of the largest ratepayers, and a member from each religious sect.

WANTON DESTRUCTION BY THE SCHOLARS

Mr Wm. Forster appeared before the Board and complained of the children pulling to pieces a stone wall running around his garden in front of the school. It would take a man, he alleged, a full week to put the damage right, and he wished to know who was going to pay him for it?

Mr Scott believed something ought to be done to stop the practice. The Board, he said, had no authority to compensate him for damage caused by the scholars.

After some further remarks it was decided to draw the attention of the master to the fact.

The Master, on being called in, informed the Board that he had spoken to the children about the matter, but it was since the wall had been pulled down. He promised to see that no further damage was done.

The Board, after having accorded a vote of thanks to the Clerk, then rose.

Epps's Cocoa.—Grateful and Comforting.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets labelled—"James Epps and Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."—Also makers of Epps's Chocolate Essence for afternoon use 185g

COLLIERY EXPLOSION AT TUDHOE.

LOSS OF 36 LIVES.

On Tuesday morning, about half-past one, an explosion took place at Tudhoe Colliery, the property of the Weardale Iron Company, by which thirty-six lives have been lost. Immediately after the catastrophe, attempts were made to open communication with the men, but as the bottom of the shaft was blown away, this became impossible. The colliery works the Brockwell and Busty seams, and as communication still remained between the Busty seam and bank, those employed there at once came to the surface. Tudhoe Colliery is the centre of a mining district, being within a few miles of Trimdon, where 74 lives were recently sacrificed. As some hundreds of men are employed at Tudhoe, had the explosion occurred during the day, the disaster would have been as fatal as the Seaham catastrophe. The pit, which has hitherto been considered safe, has been working for about twenty years. The utmost intrepidity was, as usual, displayed in endeavouring to rescue the men supposed to be within the reach of aid; but the fiery blast had done its work before it was possible to get at the imprisoned miners.

STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

THIRD APPROPRIATION.

The third appropriation of the 370th—First Shotley Bridge and District—Starr-Bowkett Building Society, was made by ballot in the Sons' of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Wednesday evening. There was a good muster of members.

On the motion of Mr Waugh, seconded by Mr Worley, Mr Bell (Consett), was called to the chair.

The Secretary (Mr Gibbinson) read the minutes of the last appropriation, which took place on the 21st December, 1881.

Mr Worley proposed that the minutes be approved of.

Mr M. Noble seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman, who on rising met with a very kindly reception, said he did not think that it was necessary for him to say very much. They all knew the object which had brought them together that evening. The system upon which the society with which they were connected was founded seemed to him to be making headway rapidly, notwithstanding all that had been advanced against it. (Applause). No reasonable objection could be brought against the system. People were gradually coming to see the correctness of it; nor was it any wonder that it should be so; a transaction conducted on the ready-money principle could not possibly fail. (Hear, hear). It was true that it might not be so quick in its operations as some would desire, but he would remind his hearers of the good old proverb, "Slow, but sure." This was a progressive age and it was questionable whether the people in these northern parts could keep pace with certain ideas now gaining ground. Some were of opinion that this failing was in keeping with our national character; however that might be, so long as truth and honesty were the bases of progress, the members of the Starr-Bowkett Building Society had nothing to fear. (Applause). He was in a position that night to inform them that if any member, although just joined, if the customary subscription had been paid, he was entitled, should fortune favour him, to one share of £100. Altogether, the society had made considerable progress. The number of members now on the roll was 257, whilst the number of shares taken were 528. It would thus be seen that they were a deal past the centre, and he had no doubt that if the advantages of the system were brought fairly under the notice of the people the full complement of members would soon be completed. If all building societies were conducted on the same simple basis as the Starr-Bowkett system, many who were now in distress would be in a different position. The ready-money system might be slow but it was always sure. (Applause).

The preliminaries subsequent to the appropriation was then proceeded with.

Mr Gibbinson explained that no office bearer could in any case act as scrutinizers. Two independent members were therefore chosen for the post, viz., Messrs Ward and Worley. The balls were then placed in their respective bags, three in number, and a boy selected from the audience to "draw." Mr Gibbinson, after shaking the first bag untied the string and making the boy turn his face in the opposite direction, instructed him to put his hand in the bag and draw therefrom one ball, and hand it to the scrutinizers, who also occupied seats on the platform. The first ball drawn was announced to be a cipher. "Naught" exclaimed both scrutinizers in turn. The second venture resulted in a "four," and the third and last in a "one" which placed together made the number "forty-one."

On referring to the books it was found that the member against whose name that number stood was Mr J. W. Davison, ironmonger, Consett. Mr Davison, having four shares in the society is thereby entitled to £400. According to the rules of the society, he may sell his appropriation if he is so inclined.

Mr Shimmin, junr., proposed, and Mr Waugh seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr Bell for presiding, which was accorded unanimously.

Mr Bell, in responding, said he was glad to make himself useful in any way. He would not take credit to himself for having done a great deal. It was true that he had been the means of inducing a few to cast in their lot with them; whilst these in their turn had been the means of bringing others and so on. That was the way progress and even success was attained. The plan was simple enough. They were getting on splendidly, and if they continued to flourish as heretofore, and there could be only one opinion about that, they might reasonably expect to have another appropriation in three or four months' time. It was no use listening to croakers, there always would be people of that stamp; he was sure that than Mr Starr's societies no sounder, nor safer, method of investment had as yet come under the notice of the working classes of this country. (Loud applause).

Votes of thanks to the scrutinizers were proposed and duly accorded.

Mr Worley, in acknowledging the compliment paid to himself and coadjutor, observed that a great deal of prejudice existed against the Starr-Bowkett Building Societies. Much of it had already disappeared, and as the working of the system became wider known a better and, he hoped, a more charitable view would be taken of the rising concern.

Mr Gibbinson spoke in eulogistic terms of the principle of Mr Starr's societies, and of the admirable mechanism by which they were conducted. As a proof of their growing popularity he had only to refer to the fact that the 513th had been instituted but a few weeks since. Little more than twelve months had elapsed since their own—the 370th—was in existence, yet in that time had the number risen to 513. Such incontrovertable proof required no play of words to support it. He was a member of the 24th formed in London many years ago, and could testify from practical experience that the system upon which these societies were conducted were just and equitable. He should like to see a course of lectures got up in this district in order that the question might be brought more prominently before the public.

Mr Bell explained that it ought to be generally known that all cash received by the officials must be placed by them in the bank not later than forty hours after the receipt thereof.

This terminated the proceedings.

Correspondence.

(☞ We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.—Ed. C.G.)

COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—Mr Hodgson has again been returned by 342 as against his opponent's 187 votes—majority 155. Surely the vanquished aspirant who has had four successive desperate battles for the office will now—or ought to be—satisfied that he is not wanted. We, demur, sir, as ratepayers, and complain that we are to be saddled with the expenses of an election for Guardian every year, simply to satisfy the bumptious ambition of one man totally unfit and incapable for such an office as he seeks. These four contests amply prove that he is not the choice of the people. Thanks to the wisdom and discretion of 342 electors who are not to be bought by chaff, or bargained for by beuter.—Truly yours,

A Ratepayer.

Dipton, April 13th, 1882.

SPORTS AT SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—I shall thank you if you will allow me through the medium of your paper to propose to those concerned, that before Whit Monday something be done to arrange a list of athletic sports suitable for the occasion, and in accordance with the rule elsewhere. If the proprietors do not agree in giving money let them give prizes. I know several young men that came from Newcastle and Gateshead in expectation of sports being held, but on arrival here those that could not dance had to look on, or join in the childish game of Jolly Miller. I also know several people that went to Durham to see the sports there on Tuesday, that visited Shotley on the Monday. The profits need not in the least be interfered with, as nobody would begrudge, say another penny, when it would assist them in obtaining twice the enjoyment. I can easily prophesy that upwards of twenty local entries for 140 yards flat race or hurdle race for any prize would easily be obtained, in addition to the extra number of visitors, who would prefer that branch of sport. If something of the sort is not done I am afraid Whit Monday will be patronised in the manner that Easter Tuesday was, because the fact cannot be overlooked that there will be sports held at Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland, and other places easily reached from here. Hoping someone more able than I will take the matter up at once, or the result will be observed by any person who listens to the general opinion of the inhabitants.—I remain, yours, &c.,

Fashion.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS FOR CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—I have read the handbills issued within the past few days by Mr Collinson and Mr Aynsley, two of the three candidates for the post of Guardians for the poor for the above township, wherein each blames the other for the expense caused by a contested election. I believe I am but expressing the sentiments of the majority of my fellow-townsmen and the ratepayers generally in saying that some further explanation ought to be forthcoming in regard to the matter in dispute. Mr Collinson's version of the incidents which led to a contest is directly contradicted by the account subsequently given by Mr Aynsley, and as it is probable that many ratepayers may have been misled by having one side of the question before them, it is desirable that they should have an opportunity of judging who really is to blame. After all the contest may have resulted from a simple misunderstanding between the candidates, but matters look very "uncanny" as they stand, and the ratepayers are I think entitled to have the truth presented to them for their future guidance. As I remarked at the outset some further explanation is due from the candidates, and I trust that it will be forthcoming. Our public men, like Cæsar's wife, ought to be above suspicion. It would be unfair to condemn either candidate without a clear knowledge of the whole facts, and I hope they will give us an opportunity of judging who is at fault in this unpleasant affair, which has saddled the township with unnecessary expense. Meanwhile I should strongly recommend the ratepayers to reserve their judgement.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

Robert Hedley.

Consett, April 12th, 1882.

DOCTRINAL LECTURES AT BLACKHILL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—May I ask space for one or two corrections of your report of my lectures as above. Your representative was, I believe, very wishful to fairly report me, even taking the trouble to call upon me (when I unfortunately was not at home) to read his report to me. I can therefore fully believe that the inaccuracies I wish to correct are the result of his having to condense his copious notes, to meet the exigencies of your space. You will however agree, I think, with me, that it is important that my theological views should not be misapprehended in any particular by the public. The principal correction I wish to make is in respect to my views on the fourth Gospel. I do not positively "take no account" of it, but I adopted the theory as to its authorship and contents (held by some of the ablest Biblical critics, German and English) which assigns it to a later writer than the Apostle John, and considers it justly speculative and ideal in its character. In another part of the report, remarks that I made on several different though kindred topics are placed in a juxtaposition that will, I am afraid, prevent them from being understood as I intended them to be. You will perhaps, therefore permit me briefly to refer to them. With respect to the designation, "Son of God," I remarked that it did not necessarily imply any more than the speciality of Christ's prophetic character, and (anticipating the objection that prophets had never before been called Sons of God) went on to say that the whole doctrine of the Divine Fatherhood, and men's filial relation to Him was new, being taught first by Jesus. The remark about Jewish parents giving their children names which embodied the name of God, was made not with reference to this point, but with reference to the name Immanuel. The remark about confusing the meaning of words as now used, with their meaning as then used was made with reference to Jesus being called Lord, and being worshipped. The last clause in the report about God being tempted by Himself is a mistake the origin of which I am unable to comprehend. I did speak of Jesus being tempted, but did not, at least intentionally, put it in this way. Your admission of this letter will greatly oblige, yours, &c.,

Francis Wood.

Blackhill, April 18th.

OPENING OF A NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL AT LANGLEY PARK.

A handsome and commodious Wesleyan Chapel was opened at Esh Road, Langley Park, on Good Friday, under very auspicious circumstances. The weather was as fine as any holiday-goer could have desired, and the result was that the village was flooded with strangers, and the chapel was crowded at each meeting. A Wesleyan Society was started at Langley Park about seven years ago, services being held in a room in one of the colliery cottages, where they have been conducted without intermission until Good Friday, when the new chapel was opened. Little more than a year ago decided steps were taken to establish a chapel. A convenient and central site was obtained under very advantageous terms from Mrs Hedley, Low Finings, and the contract for building the chapel was let at £535 to Mr. Wm. Thompson, architect and builder, Chester-le-Street. The foundation-stone was laid in August last year. The chapel is estimated to seat nearly 300 persons, and is a very beautiful building. Lofty, well ventilated, warmed by means of hot air, and lighted by larged-sized side windows and pendant lamps. A minister's vestry has been provided at the rear of the chapel. The total cost of the building has been £600, and the friends have already succeeded in clearing off a considerable proportion of this sum. Miss Hedley and Miss Hepburn have collected the sum of £100; a bazaar realised £45; the foundation-stone laying services produced £82; the Consett Iron Company subscribed £50; Mr. Bainbridge, Newcastle. £20; Mr. Robson, Newcastle, £10; a sale of work added £13 to the fund; and altogether the sum of £371 had been raised before Good Friday, when the debt was reduced to about £190. The opening services were commenced in the afternoon by the Rev. H. Brown (superintendent of the circuit), who read the certificate of registration to the crowded congregation. The Rev. T. S. House afterwards preached a very eloquent sermon, from the words, "Get thee up to the high mountains," &c.—At the conclusion of the service, tea was served in the Baptist Preaching-room and about 350 persons partook of the substantial repast provided. In the evening the chapel was again crowded. The chair was occupied by Wm. Logan, Esq., of Stobilee House. The meeting was addressed by the Revs. H. Brown, H. Burgoyne, T. S. House, and Mr. Bell.—The opening services were continued on the two following Sundays.—[This paragraph was crowded out last week.]

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND IRON TRADE.

The adjourned hearing, before Mr. J. W. Pease, M. P., Arbitrator, on the claim of the workmen employed in the North of England iron trade for an advance of wages, was resumed on Saturday in the Middlesbrough Town Hall. Before the Arbitrator took his seat, it was stated that the men at Consett were threatening to strike unless they were paid prize money on the day's instead of the week's work, the custom being on the week.—Mr. Whitwell urged the advisability of maintaining the spirit of the resolution passed at Darlington, namely, that the men were to continue at work, pending the settlement of any question; but Mr Trow said that the masters had not set a good example themselves in this respect. Shortly after this the Arbitrator entered the room, whereupon the point arose whether the question under discussion was one that should come before him.—Mr. Whitwell argued that the question was one which the Arbitrator should be asked to take in hand and assist the meeting in. Mr. Trow expressed a diverse opinion. It was understood, that Mr. Pease would not take cognizance of the question in his capacity of arbitrator, and shortly afterwards Mr. J. C. I'Anson proposed the appointment of a joint committee of employers and operatives, who would confer for the purpose of establishing a uniform scale, which should obtain in all the works throughout the district. Mr. Head expressed his perfect concurrence in this proposition, and seconded it.—Mr. Trow said he would agree to Mr. I'Anson's resolution conditionally that the committee should meet at Consett on Monday to discuss the question, and thus lessen the probability of a stoppage.—Mr. Pease said he had a great prejudice ont this question, and that was that the Board must consider and decide it.—Mr. Whitwell proposed a modification in the Darlington resolution to which he had referred providing for an exception in the case of daily prize money and Monday work money.—This was seconded by Mr. Cullen, and agreed to.—Mr. Whitwell remarked that he trusted the liberty thus granted would be used without license.—Mr. I'Anson said there must be some scale fixed pending the decision of the committee.—Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Richards quite agreed with Mr. I'Anson.—It was then resolved unanimously "That the payment of daily prize money and Monday working money shall be allowed as a general rule amongst the members of this Board, and that for the purpose of securing uniformity of payment on allowances, a committee, consisting of Messrs. John Hill, Jeremiah Head, J. C. I'Anson, W. Jenkins, and W. Thackray, for the employers, and Messrs. Keen, Coulthard, Horton, Mallin, and Lowe be appointed to draw up a scale for the general adoption of this Board, and that David Dale, Esq., be appointed in case of a difference of opinion to settle the basis of such scale, and that any alteration or suggestion respecting the scale shall hereafter be submitted to the Board. Pending such committee's decision the rate to be paid from this date by all members of the Board shall be 1s. per furnace daily prize money for full number of heats. Any decision as to allowances to apply from Monday next."—The Arbitrator intimated that the question of the rate of wages to be paid from the 29th of April might now again be followed up. He would like to hear statements as to the prices of iron in reference to the quotations given in the return of Mr. Benson.—Mr. Trow and Mr. Whitwell spoke at some length on the prices of iron and the state of trade. The special claim of the plate-mill men to have returned to them the 7½ per cent. which was taken off by Mr. Dale's award was considered. The proceedings were concluded, and it is expected that the arbitrator will give his award within a fortnight.

THE ALLEGED MURDER OF A MAN NEAR DURHAM.

The adjourned inquest on the body of Thomas Pyle, a platelayer employed at Ushaw Moor Colliery, who was found lying in the hedge-side on the road leading from the Prior's Path to Ushaw Moor, was held on Monday, in the Durham County Hospital, by Mr John Graham, coroner. Mr Brignal watched the proceedings on behalf of the friends of the deceased. Mr Thomas Robinson, the manager at Ushaw Moor Colliery, Lieut-Col. White (the Chief Constable), Supt. Dunn and Inspector Webster were also present.

Inspector Henry Webster proved finding the body, and produced the 8 ft. rail which was found under Pyle, and said it corresponded with a portion found in the fence about 300 yards away from the second bend in the path. He had also noticed footmarks inside the hedge, coming from the spot where the rail seemed to have been taken from to the place where the body was lying.

Dr. Oliver, house surgeon at the County Hospital, described the appearance of the body of the deceased, on which, he said, were several injuries, evidently inflicted whilst deceased was alive, and caused by a blunt weapon. There were no marks of strangulation about the neck. The rail produced, and which was stated to have been found near the body of the deceased, might have produced such an injury. The cause of death was suffocation, produced by injuries to the windpipe, and the said injuries must have been produced by excessive violence.

Jane Ann Simpson stated that she was employed at the Neville Hotel, North Road, Durham. Deceased had two glasses of whiskey there on the night of the 1st of April, and left about twenty minutes to nine o'clock. He was then able to walk.

George Wilson said he saw deceased lying on the ground in Flass Street about 9·20, and helped him a short way towards Red Hill Cottages.—By a Juryman: Pyle lay on the side opposite to the flags.

John Addison, weighman, Bearpark, said he helped deceased up the hill to the Cemetery gate, and he and a young man then dragged him a few yards with his heels trailing on the ground. Witness left Pyle a few yards from where he was found, and went forward to Crossgate Road.

Ralph Hughes, bankman, Bearpark, said Howard and a man (who spoke the Lanchester dialect) were in the Eagle Stores, Claypath, at ten minutes to seven on Saturday night, the 1st of April, and the latter called Pyle a b—— blackleg. The two men went out ten minutes before Pyle, who was then very drunk. As witness was going home he saw a man lying in the hedge at the top of Prior's Path, and wished to go and look at him. The person who was with him told him that there was a man behind the hedge, advised him not to go near him, and witness continued on his way home to Bearpark.

George Waugh spoke to going home from Durham to Bearpark on the night in question in company with Joseph Patterson, William and John Dodds, and others, when they saw Pyle sitting in the hedge-side at the corner of the road near the head of the Prior's Path. Patterson said, "Is that Pyle?" and the latter replied, "Is that Patterson?"

Jos. Patterson, of Bearpark, gave corroborative evidence.

The inquiry was then adjourned.

The adjourned inquest was held on Tuesday afternoon, before Mr John Graham, coroner.

John Dodds said he saw Pyle a few minutes past eleven o'clock. A gentlemanly-looking fellow was then standing over him, and this man asked Dodds and his companions, Dawson and Wilkinson, to assist Pyle. They refused, not because Pyle was a "blackleg," but because he had summoned some men for assaulting him, and they were afraid of getting into mischief.

Stephen Spirit, labourer, proved finding the body at twenty minutes past six o'clock on Sunday morning, April 2nd.

Fred Meade, letterpress printer, said he and the witness Robson saw three men, two standing and one lying, about 200 yards away from Pyle. The man in the gutter stamped his foot and said, "I'll cut," or "We'll cut some of the —— throats." Witness tried to see the man's face, but failed. He simulated drunkenness, but did not smell of drink.

THE VERDICT.

The Coroner, in summing up, said Pyle had, no doubt, been barbarously murdered by some persons who had stolen the parcels in order to give a false impression that plunder had been the object. For the credit of the county, he hoped the murderers would soon be brought to justice. He would send a copy of the evidence to the Home Secretary, who would doubtless offer a reward.

After a short consultation, the jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown."

Markets.

MEAT, POULTRY, PRODUCE, AND PROVISION.

Newcastle Meat and Poultry, Saturday.—

	s	d		s	d
Prime large beef	0	8	to	0	11
Prime mutton	0	9		0	11
Small pork	0	9		0	11
Veal	0	8		0	11
Lamb, per lb	0	0		0	0
American beef	0	2½		0	8
Do. mutton	0	5		0	8
Do. lamb	0	0		0	0
Do. veal	0	7		0	9
Do. pork	0	7		0	8
Hens, each	1	0		1	9
Ducks, each	2	9		3	9
Ducklings	10	0		0	0
Wild Ducks	6	0		7	0
Chickens	7	0		7	6
Quails, per couple	0	0		0	0

	s	d		s	d
Grouse, pr couple	0	0	to	0	0
Pigeons, pr couple	1	6		2	0
Turkeys, per lb	0	11		1	2
Turkeys, pults	0	0		0	0
Partridges, brace	0	0		0	0
Pheasants	0	0		0	0
Geese, per lb	0	0		9	8
Goslings, each	0	0		0	0
Hares, each	5	0		0	0
Leverets	0	0		0	0
Rabbits, couple	2	6		3	6
Venison	1	0		1	3
English fresh butter, per lb	1	5		0	0
Fresh eggs, 14 for 1s.					
Salmon, per lb	2	9		3	6

Durham Provision, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10d; mutton, 8d to 10d; veal, 9d to 10d; pork, 8d to 9½d; bacon, 6d to 7d; ham, 7d to 8d; cheese, 7d to 8d; lard, 8d per lb; chickens, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; ducks, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; turkeys, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; guinea fowls, 3s 0d to 3s 6d; hares, 0s 0d each; pigeons, 1s 4d; rabbits, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per couple; butter, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; ditto salt, 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 12 to 14 for 1s; apples, 2s; onions, 1s 6d to 1s 8d per peck; potatoes, 5d to 6d per stone.

Hexham Provision, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs, 13 to 14 for 1s; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 6d each; rabbits, 3s to 3s 3d per couple; hares, 4s 6d to 5s each; potatoes, 5d to 6d; carrots, 6d to 8d; apples, 2s to 2s 6d; onions, 2s 0d per stone; rhubarb, 1d to 2d per bunch; lemons, 3d; red cabbage, 2d to 3d each; grapes, 1s 4d per lb; flour—extra superfines, 2s 4d; superfines, 2s 2d; fines, 2s 0d; maslin, 1s 10d; oatmeal, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per stone.

CORN.

Newcastle Corn, Saturday.—At our market this morning we had a small supply of grain from our farmers, the wheat selling at 1s advance, and barley and oats at 6d to 9d advance. From the stands the demand for foreign parcels proved fairly good, at a similar improvement. No change transpired in the value of malting barley, but maize closed 1s, and Scotch oats 6d dearer, with a fair consumptive demand. Beans and peas ruled firm, with not much doing. The flour trade was firm at full prices, and tending upward.

Newcastle Corn, Tuesday.—Arrivals into Newcastle for the week ending 17th April, 1882.—Coast and rail—Wheat, 5,391 qrs; maize, 515 qrs; barley, 166 qrs; malt, 304 qrs; oats, 1,089 qrs; rye, — qrs; beans, 64 qrs; peas, 4 qrs; flour, 1,867 sacks. Foreign—Wheat, 27,352 qrs; maize, — qrs; barley, 850 qrs; malt, — qrs; oats, 1059 qrs; rye, — qrs; beans, — qrs; peas, — qrs; flour, 6,985 barrels. At this day's market there was a good arrival of wheat from the coast, whilst from abroad the supply was very large, consisting of four Californian cargoes. The trade from the stands ruled very firm, and on the business done an advance of 1s per qr. was readily made for fine samples. Maize excited and 3s to 4s dearer, present quotations being 36s to 37s per qr. Malting barley with smaller supplies maintained late rates. Scotch oats scarce, and, with a good demand, made fully 1s per qr. advance on the week. Beans and peas firm. Flour 6d to 1s dearer.

Hexham Corn, Tuesday.—Small supply of oats at market this morning, which sold at a shade advance in prices. Small supplies of barley and wheat, selling at late rates.

Newcastle Cow, Saturday.—A good many more animals were shown this week than there were last, and business on the whole was slightly better. The prices were:—Half-breds from £11 to £14; short-horns, from £16 to £23.

CATTLE.

Newcastle Cattle, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 146 head of cattle, 196 sheep, and 300 pigs from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland; 2,082 beasts, 398 sheep, 72 calves from foreign; and 100 pigs from Ireland.

The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 413 beasts and 458 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week.

Respecting quality, there was an improvement, both in cattle and sheep (homebred and foreign) from that of Tuesday last.

About 561 head of cattle and 200 sheep left Newcastle by rail for the South yesterday.

The supply of beef comprised 2,371 head. The beef trade was less buoyant to-day than for some weeks past. In the morning sales were fairly active, at about late rates, the tendency being in favour of the buyer, but about noon a lull ensued, and business was in a somewhat languid state, which may be attributed to the high prices of beef and mutton, and the fluctuations in the London cattle and sheep trade, for whenever the Edinburgh auction sales top the prices of the London quotations it is a certain indication of a change.

The number of sheep and lambs was 3,600. There was a change to note in the mutton trade, and prices all round receded about ½d per lb. from the rates of this day se'nnight, with a slow finish.

Lambs are improving in condition, and experienced an active demand at prices ranging from about 35s to 55s per head.

Pigs: 664 were shown. The pork trade ruled steady at former rates.

The day was pleasant for holding the market, but the weather, though bright and sunny, was cold, with a somewhat wintry aspect.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY, SINKING THE OFFAL:—

Beasts, prime heifers, per stone	10s 0d	to 10s 3d
Secondary sorts	8s 6d	9s 3d
First-class oxen	9s 9d	10s 0d
Middling	7s 9d	9s 0d
Pork	7s 0d	8s 6d
Sheep (good vendable wedders, out of wool), per lb	10½d	to 11d
Middling	10d	10½d
Hoggets	11½d	11½d
Sheep, shorn	9d	9½d

NUMBERS AND PRICES OF THE CORRESPONDING WEEK IN THE LAST THREE YEARS:—

	Beasts.	Sheep.	Lambs.
1879	1,340...5s 6d to 8s 6d	4,660... 7d to 9d	0d to 0d
1880	2,215...5s 9d to 9s 9d	4,010... 8d to 9½d	0d to 0d
1881	1,580...6s 6d to 9s 0d	3,100...8½d to 11d	0d to 0d

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BARLEY MEAL....................15s. per Sack.
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Funerals and Parties of every description supplied.
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PREPARED WITHOUT
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An absolute cure for all diseases of the
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Any article made to order in TIN, ZINC, COPPER, or IRON.
A large Stock of PAPER-HANGINGS, COCOA MATS, MATTING, OIL CLOTH, &c., always on hand.
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Fine Spring Tares, Seed Peas, Oats, Barley, Potatoes, also Artificial Manure always in stock. 93p

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Business Announcements.

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HOT DINNERS, TEAS, and other REFRESHMENTS on the Shortest Notice and most Reasonable Terms.
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A fortnight's washing in an hour,
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Large Assortment of Wool Shawls, Millinery, Dress Goods, Corsetts, Trimmings, &c.

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In this Department we have always been noted for supplying a Class of Superior Goods than what is generally kept in Stock, at Prices usually charged for an inferior article. Having just received a large supply of Men's and Boys' Suits, Trousers, &c., &c., we are now prepared to Show the Cheapest Goods in the District.
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Business done promptly and on reasonable terms. 822p

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GEORGE PATTON,
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Has Removed from opposite entrance to Central Station to Premises adjoining entrance to Gas Office,
NEVILLE STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

ROBERT BROWN, METHEL, & CO,
NURSERY AND SEEDSMEN,
214, NEW MARKET, NEWCASTLE.
☞ Trees, Potatoes, and Plants, Garden, Grass, Clover, Turnip, Mangold, and all other Seeds on hand.

OCTOBER BREWINGS.
JOHN AITCHISON AND CO.,
BREWERS,
EDINBURGH.
Offices and Stores—
Lisle Street, Newcastle.
396q JOHN BORTHWICK, Agent.

REVELY AND KELL,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
BEG to announce that they have removed their Business from Mosley Street to more Commodious Premises.
No. 7, COLLINGWOOD STREET. 764o
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WEDDING RINGS! WEDDING RINGS!!
WE continue to present a Half-Dozen best Nickel Silver TEASPOONS to each PURCHASER of our Standard GOLD WEDDING RINGS.

F. A. AND E. WELCH,
WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS,
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HAS now on hand the largest and best made Stock of FURNITURE in the district.
IRON BEDSTEADS in great variety.
MATTRESSES, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT DOWN.
A large Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANGINGS.
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Licensed Dealer in SPORTING and BLASTING POWDER. 673b

CARRIAGES.
MESSRS. ATKINSON and PHILIPSON announce with pleasure that the Carriages exhibited by them at the recent Sportsman's Show, as also at the Crystal Palace, have received the highest approval of the Press. Amongst many influential journals may be mentioned "The Court Circular," "Bell's Life," "The Civil Service Gazette," "The Country Gentleman," "Land and Water," "European Mail," &c., &c., &c., which comment on their exhibit.
"Court Circular," Feb. 11, 1882.—"It is impossible to conceive a more suitable vehicle."
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NORTHUMBERLAND CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MANUFACTORY,
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Illustrated Catalogues free on application.
A. and P. invite an inspection of several Novelties in Light Summer Carriages, just brought out. 216q

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.
GEORGE HOBSON
TAKES this opportunity of thanking his numerous Friends for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to inform them that he has now got his Mill under thorough repair, and, with the addition of extra CRUSHING and SPLITTING MILLS, he is now in a position to fully meet the requirements of his Friends and the Public. Particular attention will be paid to Grinding, Crushing, or Splitting Grain for Farmers and the Trade.
Try the EXCELLO HORSE FEED.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED MIXED HORSE FEED.
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Pure BARLEY MEAL, PEA MEAL, INDIAN MEAL, and every other Article in the Trade on the most reasonable terms.
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NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN, and
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ESTABLISHED 1817.
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Contracts.

TO BUILDERS, PLASTERERS, SLATERS, PAINTERS, &c.
TO LET, by CONTRACT, the BUILDING of SIX COTTAGES, at Iveston.
Plans and Specifications to be seen at R. JOHNSON'S, Farmer, Iveston, by whom Tenders will be received up to May 2nd, 1882.
No pledge is given that the lowest or any Tender will be accepted.
392q R. JOHNSON.

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.
TO TRENCH-CUTTERS, NAVVIES, CARTMEN, AND OTHERS.
TENDERS are invited for the CUTTING of a TRENCH for a line of 12 inch Pipes from Waskerley to Consett; also, for the CARTAGE of of about 1,000 Tons of Pipes.
Particulars can be obtained at the Office of the Company on and after Monday, May 1st.
WILLIAM WILES, Secretary.
Consett, 19th April, 1882. 391q

TO CONTRACTORS.
TO LET, the several WORKS required in the Erection and Completion of 12 WORKMEN'S HOUSES, near to Westwood Colliery, for the Consett Iron Company, Limited.
Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract, may be seen, and Forms of Tender obtained, at our Offices, Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge.
Tenders, Sealed and Endorsed, are to be delivered to us on or before the 3rd day of May, 1882.
The Company do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
368q JOHN SMITH & SON, Architects, &c.

Contracts.

TO CONTRACTORS.
THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for CEMENTING about 850 Superficial Yards of Footpaths.
Conditions, Specifications, &c., may be seen at the Board Room, Parliament Street, Consett.
Tenders "Marked Cementing," addressed to the Consett Local Board will be received up to 12 o'clock on Wednesday, May 3rd.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.—By order of the Board,
THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Jun., Clerk.
Local Board Office, Consett,
April 13th, 1882. 370q

TO CONTRACTORS.
THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for the performance of the following Works:—
1.—The Cutting, Finding Material, Laying In, Covering, &c., of a 12 in. Main Sewer on the Pasture Drift Road. Length, about 620 yards.
2.—The Cutting, Finding Material, Laying In Covering, &c., of 9 in. Sewers leading from 12 in Main Sewer. Length, about 160 yards.
Plans, Sections, Specifications, &c., may be seen at the Office of the Local Board on and after Thursday, April 6th inst.
Tenders, marked "Sewer," addressed to the Consett Local Board will be received up till Wednesday, May 3rd.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.—By order of the Board.
THOMAS WM. WELFORD, JUN., Clerk.
Local Board Offices, Consett,
March 24th, 1882. 293q

Public Notices.

STANLEY FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW, on Saturday, August 26th, 1882. 353q

38 IS the Winning Number of the PINCUSHION Raffled at 11, Ridley Street, Blackhill. 393q

163 IS the Winning Number of the QUILT Raffled by Mrs. SHIELD, Leadgate, on April 20th, 1882. 394q

159. 125 and 147, are the Winning Numbers for the CAGE and BIRDS, and 105 for BOOK Raffled by GEORGE SMITH. 395q

LOOK out for the LEAZES DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION, on May 27th, 1882, in the neighbourhood of Burnopfield. 268q

TO INNKEEPERS.—SPIRIT STOCK BOOKS. One Shilling each, may be obtained at the "Guardian" Office, Consett; or sent by Post on receipt of 13 Postage Stamps.

NOTICE.
THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 363p

THE SYCAMORES, ROWLEY.
NOTICE!—The GAME upon this Estate is now strictly preserved.
January 2nd, 1882.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.
ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

JOSHUA LAX,
FURNISHING IRONMONGER, SHOTLEY BRIDGE,
INTENDS HOLDING
A CLEARANCE SALE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, FOR CASH,
FROM
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THE OLD-ESTABLISHED EMIGRATION OFFICE, CATCHGATE.
PASSENGERS Booked by the Inman, White Star, National, American, and Allen Lines to NEW YORK and CANADA. The Castle and Union Lines to SOUTH AFRICA; and the Orient Line to MELBOURNE and SYDNEY.
☞ Assisted Passages to Canada, £3. Pamphlets and every information FREE OF CHARGE, by applying to GEO. LEADBITTER, Catchgate, Annfield Plain. 354q

THOROUGHBRED STUD HORSES
At Woodlands Stud, Knitsley Station.
MACGREGOR, 16 h.h., winner of 2,000 Gs., and sire of many winners, at 10 gs.
CLAREMONT, 16·1 h.h., second in Derby, and sire of Candahar and many winners at Royal and other shows, at 5 gs.
ARGYLE, 16·1 h.h., sire of many winners both on turf and in hunting classes at shows, 5 gs.
Both Claremont and Argyle have immense bone and substance.—Apply to Mr. HAANSBERGEN. 205q

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.
MEETINGS OF SURFACE OWNERS
In support of this Association, will be held as follows:—
At Mr. CLARKSON'S, Commercial Hotel, WEST STANLEY,
ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26th APRIL, 1882,
At Six o'clock in the Evening.
At the Blue Bell Inn, LANCHESTER,
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27th,
At Five o'clock.
At the Sportsman's Arms, DIPTON,
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd,
At Seven o'clock.
C. D. W. BALLENY, } General
R. GRENFELL BARCLAY, } Secretaries.
403q G. LEADBITTER, Local Secretary.

MEMORIAL STONES-LAYING.
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th, 1882,
THE MEMORIAL STONES
OF
THE NEW CLASS-ROOM,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE,
WILL BE LAID BY
MRS. JOHN BUCKHAM, of Lanchester, and MRS. GEORGE RICHARDSON, Shotley Bridge.
Service will commence at Three p.m., when the Revs. T. W. JOHNSON, Gateshead, and W. BAITEY, Blackhill, will deliver Addresses.
☞ TEA will be provided in the School Room at Half-past Four. Tickets for Tea, 1s. each.
A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Evening, when the Revs. T. W. JOHNSTONE, Gateshead; W. BAITEY, Blackhill; E. W. JENKINS, Highgate; JAMES SHEARMAN, Consett; and HENRY SMITH, Shotley Bridge, will give Addresses.
Chair to be taken at Seven p.m., by T. J. MUSE, Esq., Castleside.
A Collection will be made at the Stone-laying and at the Evening Meeting in aid of the Building Fund. 367q

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.
CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 27o

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CHEAPEST AND BEST.
For reliable information, apply to A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Dipton, or to WILLIAM ROBINSON Medomsley. 393p

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Resumption of Business.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Valuer, and Commission Agent, respectfully informs his numerous Friends and Clients that he is now SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED from his Accident to undertake any Commissions with which they may favour him, and hopes for a continuance of the liberal patronage bestowed upon him for so many years.

SALES BY AUCTION CONDUCTED AS USUAL, in the best style, and on reasonable terms.

HOUSE and ESTATE AGENCY undertaken, and A. B. may also be consulted daily in respect to Commercial Business of every description.

Offices—Town Hall, Consett. 359p

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). 744b

By Mr. J. Oley.

Mosswood.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY will SELL at the above place, on Saturday, 13th day of May, 1882, all the Valuable Household FURNITURE, MILK COW, and other EFFECTS, belonging to Mrs. REBECCA HODGSON, who is about to Emigrate to America. Particulars will be given in Posters.

10, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. 400q

Edmondbyers.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from Mr. WILLIAM MARTIN, who is leaving his Farm at the above place, will SELL his very Valuable FARM STOCK, FELL SHEEP, IMPLEMENTS, and DAIRY UTENSILS, on Thursday, April 27th, 1882, comprising—6 S. H. Milk Cows, calved and to calve; S. H. Incalving Heifer, Two-years-old; 3 S. H. Year-and-a-half-old Heifers; 3 S. H. Yearling Heifer Stirks; 4 do. Calves, 4 months old; Finger Calf; Poled Half-bred Bullock; 40 Black-faced Ewes, lambed and to lamb; 6 Black faced Wedder Hoggs; Leicester Tup, and Black-faced Tup; Draught Mare, in foal, and Yearling Colt; also a young Female Goat; Grass Cutting Machine, nearly new; Horse Hayrake; and the Dairy Utensils, including Barrel Churn.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

Shotley Field.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Shotley Field, on Wednesday, April 26th, 1882, the FARM STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, STAMP OF HAY, &c., belonging to Mr. WM. HEPPLE, who is retiring from Farming,

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer.

Comprising 2 excellent Young Milk Cows, in calf, one to calve in May; Year-and-a-half-old Heifer; 2 Yearling Stirks; 2 Milk Calves; Pork Pig; an excellent Harness Mare, 15 hh; Liquid Manure Cart; Horse Hayrake; Corn Crusher; Gig, and Set of Gig Harness; Set of Cart Harness; Set of Trace Chains; Corn Bin; Stack-yard Ladder; Cow Tubs; Hand and Stable Implements, including Scythe, Rakes Forks, Grapes, Shovels, Railing Mell, Hack and Quarry Pinch; Gentlemen's Riding Saddle and Bridle, in good condition; Dairy Utensils, including Barrel Churn. Also, a Stamp of excellent Hay.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock 351q

Vicarage, Muggleswick.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from Rev. J. J. CUNDILL, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Vicarage, on Saturday, April 29th, 1882, his CATTLE, FARM IMPLEMENTS, HARNESS, MARE, HAY, &c., comprising an excellent Harness Mare, four-years-old, 15 h.h., suitable for a Grocer or Butcher; 2 prime young Milk Cows; incalving Heifer, 2 years old; Yearling Steer Stirk; 20 Hens; Implements; Iron Plough; Iron Scuffler; Pair of Harrows; Turnip and Mangold Wurze Drill; American Horse Hayrake; Turnip Cutter; Sled; Cart Shilvings; Winnowing Machine; Barn Boards; Turnip Cutter; Set of Plough Gear; a good Stack Cover, 6yds. by 6yds.; Hay Knife; 3 Cow Chains; 2 Pair Cart Ropes; 6 Sheep Hurdles; Stack-yard Ladder; Hand Implements, including Hayrakes, Forks, Grapes, &c.; Dairy Utensils; a few Bags of "Champion" Potatoes; Flitch and 2 Hams of Homefed Bacon. Also, about 2 Tons of very prime Hay.

Sale at Two o'clock in the Afternoon. 352q

Medomsley.—Important Sale of Farming Stock, &c.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by the Representatives of the late Mrs. DEBORAH HUNTER, deceased, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Wednesday, May 3rd, 1882, the whole of the very Valuable FARMING STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, HAY and CORN, DAIRY UTENSILS, FURNITURE, &c., comprising—Very powerful Draught Mare, Eight-years-old; powerful Draught Mare, Six-years-old; powerful Draught Mare, aged; Colt, unbroken, Three-years-old; 8 Milch Cows, calved and to calve; 2 Two-year-old Heifers; 4 Yearling Stirks; Sixteen Months Bull Stirk; 6 Milk Calves; 4 Store Pigs, 6 months old; a number of Hens and Ducks.

The IMPLEMENTS comprise 2 Long Carts; 2 Coup Carts; 2 Iron Swing Ploughs; 2 Pairs of Double Harrows; Pair of Seed Harrows; Grub Harrow; Scuffler; large Wood Roller; Scrubber; combined Reaping Machine, by Samuelson Double Turnip Drill; Cart and Plough Gears, for 4 Horses; 2 Stack-yard Ladders, with all the Hand Implements, Dairy Utensils, and part of the Household Furniture.

Also, about 50 Bolls Oats; 8 Bolls Barley; Stack of Wheat; Stack of Oats; and a Stamp of Old Land Hay.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

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

By Mr. William Raw.

Durham Road, Blackhill.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mr. J. CHEESMOND, who is leaving Blackhill, will SELL BY AUCTION, the following STOCK, &c., on Monday, April 24th, 1882, comprising—Counter; Meal Chest; Table; Partition, containing 8 square yards; Table; Seats; Door and Frames; also, Tin Canisters; Jars; Biscuits; and a quantity of Sweets, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 385q

Upper Houses, near Lanchester.

MR. W. RAW, honoured with instructions from Mr. W. H. THOMPSON, of Upper Houses, near Lanchester, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS DAIRY UTENSILS, &c., on Monday, May 1st, 1882.

COWS AND SHEEP.

Comprising—4 Milch Cows, 1 due to calve on the 25th April, 1 to calve in May, 2 Geld Cows; 3 Steers and Heifers, Two-years-old; 7 Steers and Heifers, One-year-old; 30 young sound Mule Ewes and their Lambs, by a first-class Leicester Tup; 3 Mule Gimmer Hoggs; Leicester Tup Hogg.

IMPLEMENTS.

A first-class Grass Cutter, by Bamlett, new last year; Long Cart; Coup Cart, nearly new; Iron Swing Plough; Iron Scuffler; Pair of Harrows; Hay Sweep; Horse Hayrake; Double Turnip Drill; large Roller; a good Whitechapel; Set of Gig Harness; Cart Saddle and Trapping; Set of Ploughing Gears; Riding Pad; Turnip Cutter; 2 Stackyard Ladders; 3 Sheep Troughs; 10 Hurdles; Cart Shilvings; Wheel Barrow; Grindstone; Sacks and Pokes; 3 Stone Pig Troughs; Seed Potatoes; a small quantity of Hay; Grapes; Forks; Rakes; Cow Bands, &c.; an excellent Oilcake Crusher, nearly new; a first-class Barrel Churn, by Tinkler, will churn from 2 to 60lbs. of Butter; Lead Bowl, and other Dairy Utensils.

FURNITURE.

Large Buffet; Mahogany Press; Writing Desk; 2 Bookcases; Dresser and Shelf; Oak Tea Table; "European" Sewing Machine; Camp Bed; Carpet, 20 yards, nearly new; and several other Lots.

Also, 3 Geese and Goslings; 4 Ducks, and 50 Hens and Cock.

N.B.—Upper Houses is about one mile from Lanchester Station.

Sale to commence at One o'clock precisely. 387q

Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Crawford.

JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

PRESENT APPOINTMENTS.

SALE at AUCTION MART, Consett, on April 24th.

SALE OF FARM STOCK at Mr. H. HERDMAN'S, Morrowfield, near Ebchester, on Friday, April 28th.

SALE OF FURNITURE, SHOP FIXTURES, &c., at Mr. SIMPSON'S, Medomsley Road, on May 8th.

SALE of FURNITURE, near Whittonstall, early in May.

SALE of FURNITURE and BUTCHER'S UTENSILS, at Mr. LOFTHOUSE'S, Front Street, Consett on May 11th.

SALE OF FARM STOCK at Mrs. BECK'S, Medomsley, shortly.

Consett Auction Mart.

MR. J. CRAWFORD will hold his MONTHLY SALE of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, &c., &c., on Monday, 24th April, 1882.

HORSES.
8 Useful Horses and Ponies.
CATTLE.
16 Cows, calved and to calve.
10 Young Bullocks and Heifers.
5 Finger Calves, well-bred.
Well-bred Bull, 15 months old.
6 Fat Beast.
PIGS.
4 Pork Pigs.
SHEEP.
10 Gimmer Hogs, well-bred.
The above Stock is well worthy of notice.
IMPLEMENTS.

4 Coup Carts; 2 Spring Carts; Four-wheel Dog Cart; Bridles; Saddles; 6 Leather Night Collars; large coulter; a large Nest of Drawers, for Grocery purposes; Cow Chains, and a lot of other Articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Entries can be made up to Ten o'clock on the day of Sale.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 405q

Important Sale of Farming Stock, &c.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, having been instructed by Mr. HENRY HERDMAN, Morrowfield, near Ebchester, Northumberland (who is declining Farming) to SELL the whole of his FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, &c., on Friday, April 28th, 1882.

HORSES.
Black Mare, 16h 2in, 8 years old, in foal to "Brown George."
Grey Mare, 16h. 9 years old, in foal to "Derwent Lad."
Powerful Grey Mare, 16h. 3in., aged.
Two-year-old Colt, by "Lord Clyde."
Two-year-old Filly, by "Lord Clyde."
CATTLE.
Red Cow, May calver.
Red Cow, close to profit.
Young Field Cow.
12 Steers and Heifers, from 1 to 2 years old.
2 Queys, close to profit.
Two-year-old Bull.
3 Finger Calves, all well-bred, good haired.
40 Young Ewes, Mule and three-parts bred, lambed and to lamb.
IMPLEMENTS.

2 Coup Carts and Shilvings; Spring Cart; Reaping Machine, by SAMUELSON; American Hay Rake; Turnip Drill; Oilcake Crusher; Turnip Cutter; 2 Grubbers; Zig-zag Harrows; Single Harrows; 2 Clod Crushers; 3 Swing Ploughs; Double Mould Board; Plough; Metal Roller; Iron Frame Scuffler; 2 Sets Cart Harness; 2 Sets Plough Harness; 4 Neck Collars; 4 Night Collars; Pair Stretchers and Chains; Plough Cords; Cow Chains; Forks; Hay Rakes; Shovels; Hoes; Gripes; Drag, &c.; 5 Sheep Troughs; 8 Cow Tubs; 2 Stack-yard Ladders.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Morrowfield is distant a mile and a quarter from Ebchester Station, on the Derwent Valley Line, and four-and-a-half from Stocksfield Station.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 356q

By Mr. W. Nicholson.

Farm Stock Sale early in May.

LINDISFARNE, near Cold Rowley Station, the Property of Mr. THOMAS TURNBULL.

May 3rd, Mr. JOHN MOODY'S FARMING STOCK, At East Butsfield.

In May, Mr. JOSEPH TURNBULL'S FARMING STOCK, at New Hall, Holmside.

404q W. NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street Sale Rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Rooms, on Monday First, April 21st, 1882, a large quantity of Valuable New and Second-hand Household FURNITURE, Comprising Mahogany and Painted Drawers; Ash and other Presses; Mahogany Sofas, in Hair-seating; Couches and Longsettles, in Leather; Mahogany Centre and Kitchen Tables; assortment of Iron and Brass Bedsteads, with Mattresses; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; several pieces of excellent Oilcloth; Mahogany Chairs; Polished Kitchen Chairs; Windsor and Cane Chairs; 2 Easy Chairs; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fireirons; Mantlepiece Mirrors and Swing Glasses, together with a large quantity of other Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 406q

By Mr. P. Osborne.

Burn Vale House, South Moor.

MR. P. OSBORNE, instructed by Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, the Owner, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the house of Mr. RAMSHAW, Stanley Hotel, Stanley, on Thursday, May 11th, 1882, at Six p.m., all that Desirable

LEASEHOLD FAMILY RESIDENCE,

Containing 11 Rooms and Out-offices, together with good Kitchen and Flower Garden, situate at South Moor, in the Chapelry of Tanfield, and known as "Burn Vale House," which is now Let in Tenements, and producing a Yearly Rental of £23 4s.

The above premises have been built only a very few years, and at a small cost might be greatly improved.

Mr. Thompson, tenant thereon, will show the premises.

For further particulars apply to JOHN BOOTH, Esq., Solicitor, Shotley Bridge; or, to the AUCTIONEER, Durham Road, Blackhill. 399q

Mr. Thomas M. Dawson.

"The" Auction Rooms, 9, Market Street (few doors from Theatre Royal), Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THOMAS M. DAWSON (late Manager for Mr. W. Easton, Auctioneer, deceased), has pleasure in intimating that he will hold his usual Weekly SALE BY AUCTION, at above address, on Friday, 28th April, 1882, of New and Second-hand FURNITURE and other Miscellaneous EFFECTS, including Pictures, Draperies, Furnishing Ironmongery, Boots and Shoes, Gold and Silver Watches, Books, Groceries, &c., together with other Specialities, which will be duly advertised in order of arrival.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

N.B.—The Rooms are now open for the reception of Consignments of every description of Goods. The position of "The" Auction Room ensures a large attendance of buyers, and also a fair auction price, and, if preferred, the Auctioneer will purchase and take the risk upon himself. Cash advanced. Prompt settlements.

Mr Chris. Wilson, of Hill House, Gainford, was recently elected chairman of the Teesdale Union Board of Guardians by a large majority.

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

DURHAM COAL TRADE AND THE SLIDING SCALE.—A meeting of the Durham coalowners with the Federation Board was held in Newcastle on Saturday, for the purpose of discussing terms for the renewal of the sliding scale, and, after a long discussion, the meeting was adjourned until Saturday (to-morrow).

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS FOR CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.—The result of this contest, ascertained last Friday afternoon is annexed:—Thomas Siddell, forge manager, Blackhill, 513; John Collinson, shoe manufacturer, Consett, 352; William Aynsley, provision merchant, Consett, 243. Mr Collinson beats Mr Aynsley by 9 votes.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, 1882.

PASSING NOTES.

The recent elections for Guardians reveals a fact which must be patent to every ratepayer, viz: the immense power colliery owners and their agents possess in the Lanchester Union. At Lanchester an old servant of the ratepayers has been ousted; and a gentleman connected with the coal trade put in his place. At Dipton, Mr Hodgson has been returned by an overwhelming majority. This was to be expected. No doubt Mr Curry polled well, under the circumstances; and it was plucky of him to undertake a campaign so heavily handicapped. Mr Hodgson may be better qualified to represent the ratepayers; but it cannot be doubted that the chances are but small for any candidate, whatever his ability, who stands against any man holding a responsible position at a colliery. At Consett Mr Collinson has been elected, it is stated, by a majority of nine votes.

The recently formed "Surface Owners' Association"—the members of which mean business in the shape of compensation—is making steady progress, and now includes a large number of owners of property in the district.

Amongst your editorial notices last week was one intended for our Primitive Methodist friends. It is high-time the P.M's. of your much vaunted town—Consett—were conducting themselves somewhat decently towards each other. Peace and order reigns in every other society in the circuit; and it is to be hoped that more of the spirit of gentleness, love, and forbearance will be exhibited by them in future. The present state of affairs should have ceased before the present ministers arrived. Discord is an unfortunate legacy to leave behind.

The Shareholders of the Consett New Town Hall Company, Limited, will be glad to learn that the Directors have had the Company registered, that there is every likelihood of the County Court, and offices being located in the New Town Hall as soon as it is ready, and that everything is progressing satisfactorily. The public generally will share their satisfaction, and anticipate the time when entertainments of a high class character will be given within its walls.

The rapid succession of colliery explosions at Trimdon Grange, Tudhoe, and West Stanley, have produced a wide-spread feeling of sympathy for the poor miners who have to earn their living by working in the bowels of the earth. The accident at West Stanley appeals more directly to all the residents in this district, where no explosion has occurred previously, and where we were under the impression that such a calamity was scarcely possible. After this fearful example it behoves all to be even more careful than usual, and to use every measure calculated to lessen the recurrence of such a direful catastrophe. It is somewhat gratifying to know that all who lost their lives at West Stanley had made some provision for their friends left behind.

Local and District News.

It is proposed to hold, in the course of the approaching summer, a co-operative demonstration in connection with the Northern counties.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SERVICES AT LEADGATE.—The services recently held at Leadgate of the Primitive Methodists have, we understand, been very successful.

CENTRAL HALL, BLACKHILL.—The Rev. F. Wood will preach and hold religious service next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. All persons who have relinquished—or who have difiulties in connecton with orthodox theology, are invited to attend. A collection to defray expenses.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CASTLESIDE.—The vestry meeting was held on Monday night last, the Rev. W. Farrar, vicar, in the chair. The accounts were presented and passed, and the following laymen were appointed sidesmen for the ensuing year, pending the appointment of churchwardens:—Messrs. E. Harris, J. Leybourne, J. S. Kirkup. It was afterwards unanimously resolved that strenuous efforts be made during the next year to remove the debt resting upon the church for late improvements.

ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—The anniversary of this chapel took place on Sunday and Monday last, and was very successful. Mr Thos. Harker (Bishop Auckland) preached morning and evening, and Mr John Bell (Consett) in the afternoon. On Monday night Mr Harker entertained a numerous company with one of his popular lectures, entitled "Men who have been laughed at," which was interspersed by musical selections. The proceeds were for trust funds.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM—SUNDERLAND DISTRICT.—The following stationing arrangements of a ministerial character have been mutually agreed upon by the ministers and stations concerned for the next connexional year, commencing July 18th, 1882:—Hexham—J. Strong, J. A. Grainger. Durham—J. Worsnop, W. Cuthbert. Shotley Bridge—W. Baitey, C. Longstaff, T. Wood. Crook—J. S. White, T. Hindley (2), M. P. Davison. Stanley—W. Bowe, E. Phillipson. Chester-le-Street—M. A. Drummond.

PROPERTY SALE AT HIGHGATE.—On Wednesday evening, Mr John Crawford, of Consett, offered for sale two lots of property situate at Backstone Barn, (belonging to Mr William Lough), at the house of Mr Robson, Highgate. There was a fair company present. The first lot was a four-roomed house, with large yard; the bidding was not very brisk, and the highest bid, £110, was made by Mr J. Wilson, but as the reserve price was £160, no sale was effected. The second lot—consisting of four cottages and a five-stalled stable—was secured by Mr William Richardson, for £160.

FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS.—Last Friday afternoon, an old man named Conolly Wright, aged 72 years, died at his residence Princess Street, Consett, from the effects of injuries he received on the preceding Monday. The deceased, it appears, was in the act of descending from the bedroom upstairs down into the kitchen by means of a ladder, when his foot slipped and he fell to the ground, breaking some ribs, which resulted in his death. The unfortunate man was subsequently attended by Dr. T. J. O'Donnell. On Saturday night Mr. J. Graham, coroner, held an inquest on the body at Mrs Cummings, Queen's Head Inn, Middle Street, when a verdict that death had resulted from inflammation of the lungs, the deceased having broken two ribs whilst falling accidentally down the ladder.

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ENGLISH PIANO FOR THE KING OF PORTUGAL.—Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons, of London, have specially manufactured for the Palace of the King of Portugal, in accordance with his Majesty's commands, an oblique pianoforte, in a handsome dull black case, decorated with cupids and garlands of flowers in the Adam's style.—*Daily Chronicle.*

BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY BAND OF HOPE.—The members of this Band of Hope gave a grand entertainment on Saturday last, in Primitive Methodist Chapel, Dipton, which consisted of songs, dialogues, recitations, and readings which were very ably and efficiently rendered, and highly appreciated by a most respectable and attentive audience. Mr W. Close, of Hare Law, occupied the chair. This interesting and instructive meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

NEWCASTLE BISHOPRIC ENDOWMENT FUND.—At Hamsteels Parish Church, on Sunday evening last, a collection was made on behalf of the above Fund. The Rev. A. K. B. Granville, M.A., vicar of Bearpark, was the preacher, and took for his text the 5th verse of the 1st chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to Titus. The church was completely filled. The singing of the congregation, in conjunction with the choir, produced a good effect, and was the subject of praise afterwards amongst several strangers who had been present on the occasion. The sum collected in this parish for this fund, and forwarded by the Rev. F. G. Wesley, the vicar, including a donation of £3 from F. H. Birtley, Esq., of Mitcham, is £13 14s. 6d.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised at the present time, and the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, influenza, quinsey, coughs, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment so simple and yet so effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health, after every other means had signally failed.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—The following gentlemen have been nominated as members for the ensuing three years:—Matthew Lee, butcher, Castleside; Elliot Leybourne, gentleman; John Milner, mining agent; T. J. Muse, provision merchant, Castleside; Robert Robson, builder, Rowley; W. J. Scott, landowner, Rowley; John Trelease, mining agent, Dean Howle; Robert Walton, gentleman, Stanhope. Since the formation of the Board, in 1876, 86 meetings have been held. The following is the list of attendances:—Mr T. J. Muse, 84; Mr Leybourne, 78; Mr Lee, 70; Mr W. J. Scott, 48; Mr Walton (who has been ill during twelve months), 35. The School Board rate for 1877 was 9d in the pound; for 1878, 7d; for 1869, 1s; for 1880, 9d; and for 1881, 8d.

SAD CASE FROM DISAPPOINTED LOVE.—At Durham County Petty Sessions, on Saturday, a respectable looking young woman, named Mary Ann Finlay, was charged with vagrancy. The father of the defendant is the hind on the farm at Ushaw College, and a respectable man, and it appeared that some time ago the young woman, who is 22 years of age, was engaged to be married. Her intended husband, however, thought they could make a better start in life in the New World than at home, and he accordingly took his departure for America, and promised to send for the girl when he got settled. Nothing, however, had been heard from him since, and the girl, after drooping daily, took to wandering about the fields and roads, and preferred lying in a hedge-side to her own bed.—The Bench ordered the woman to be imprisoned for sixteen days, in order to allow the prison surgeon an opportunity of ascertaining her sanity, and strong sympathy for her and her parents was expressed in court.

ENTERTAINMENT AT LEADGATE.—On Saturday night last, a Band of Hope entertainment was held in the Primitive Methodist School-room, Leadgate, Mr Thomas Reid in the chair. The entertainers on the occasion were members of the Derwent Cottages Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr T. Creek. Short, earnest, practical addresses on the temperance question were delivered by Messrs. T. Creek and D. Reid; recitations by Mr W. Henderson and Master J. C. Philipson; readings by Mr Maws and Mr Harbottle; melodies by the choir—Mr T. Creek, Margaret Kay, Margaret Ball, and Mr J. Harbottle. The latter gentleman kept the audience in continual laughter by his humorous readings, and equally humorous reading. Altogether a very pleasant night was spent. A vote of thanks to the performers, moved by Mr S. Nicholson, and seconded by Mr B. Dickenson, was carried with acclamation, and brought the meeting to a close.

S. ANDREW'S CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB, STANLEY.—Favoured with glorious weather, and in presence of a large number of spectators—including many of the fair sex—this recently formed club commenced the season's proceedings by a scratch match between teams chosen by the captain and vice-captain, on Easter Monday. There was no brilliant hitting, but the vice-captain's side were decidedly stronger in this respect than their opponents, while the latter were as certainly smarter in the field. Score:—Captain's side, 45; Vice-captain's, 34. The officers for the season are:—President, Rev. R. Tuson; vice-presidents, Captain Geo. Ridley and Messrs. M. Ridley, Wm. French, and W. Johnson, jun.; captain, Mr W. M. Ridley; vice-captain, Mr J. G. Ridley; treasurer, Mr T. Darney; secretary, Mr J. W. Wood; and a committee of five members. The preliminary meetings for drawing up the constitution of the club, &c., through the kindness of Mr and Mrs M. Ridley, have been held at Albion House. The club already numbers about 40 members—ordinary and honorary—among whom are to be found many of the leading residents of the village.

LIBERAL M.P.'s ELECTION EXPENSES.—At the Durham County Court on Tuesday, an action, which had been remitted from the High Court of Justice, was heard by Mr E. J. Meynell, judge. Joseph Towns of the Queen's Head Inn, Lanchester, brought an action against Mr. Chas. Mark Palmer, M.P., of Grinkle Park, Loftus-in-Cleveland, for the recovery of £30 for use of committee rooms, stabling, hay and corn, and for refreshments supplied to Liberal agents during the General Election of 1880. Mr. Meek (instructed by Mr. George Salkeld) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Granger (instructed by Mr. Longden of Sunderland) appeared for the defendant.—Mr. Salkeld, in opening the case, said the action was originally brought against Mr. Charles Mark Palmer and Colonel Joicey, M.P. The latter gentleman had, however, since died; and the action was brought against Mr. Palmer alone. The sum of £15 had been paid into court.—Evidence was given as to the hiring of the room and the stables by Mr. John Forster and Mr. Thomas Howarth, two of the advertised agents of the Liberal party; and the same gentlemen also ran up a bill for refreshments.—On behalf of the defendants, it was submitted that the plaintiff's charge for the use of the committee room was excessively high (£12 for three weeks); while the item for the stabling accommodation and hay and corn (£10) was disputed altogether, both Mr Forster and Mr. Howarth denying that they authorised the plaintiff to give accommodation to any horses in connection with the election.—His Honour, having gone through the various items, said he would allow £8 for the use of the committee room. He disallowed the item for stabling accommodation, as the hiring had not been proved to his satisfaction. Having reduced the charges for refreshments, his Honour give judgment for the defendant observing that more than sufficient had been paid into court.

THE LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CATCHGATE.

A meeting of property owners, under the auspices of the above Association, took place in the Town Hall, Catchgate (kindly granted by Mr Geo. Hobson), on Wednesday evening last. Mr John Calvert, of Consett, occupied the chair, and among those present were noticed Messrs C. W. Balleny and R. G. Barclay (general secretaries), G. Leadbitter (local secretary), E. W. D. Balleny, G. Hobson, J. Hall, J. A. Curry, E. Wilkinson, J. Irwin, &c., &c.

The CHAIRMAN opened the proceedings by reading the report of the inaugural meeting held at Consett, on the 6th inst., from last week's *Guardian*, and said he trusted this meeting would be equally as unanimous. He invited any gentleman present to offer any remarks on the question.

Mr HOBSON thought the first business would be to confirm the resolutions passed at the meeting at Consett. He moved that this meeting pledges itself to support the Lanchester Common Surface Owners' Association. He hoped any gentlemen present who had an expression of opinion to offer on the subject would not fail to do so. They wanted to hear all points of the question.

Mr BALLENY said he had seen Mr Booth as requested, and that gentleman's idea was to submit the following questions to some eminent counsel, viz., Whether the surface owners were entitled to the support of the surface, or whether they have a right to the support of the houses as well as the surface. Mr Balleny also read an opinion of Mr Justice Manisty bearing on the subject. Such a proceeding would entail an expenditure of £200 at least, and if the case were to go before the House of Lords it would cost £1,000 or £1,200, which latter Mr Booth suggested they should raise by a guarantee fund.

Mr HOBSON inquired if they could not do anything by petitioning?

The CHAIRMAN replied there were several obstacles which prevented them adopting that course.

Mr E. WILKINSON wished to know if a case in point could be given of any person having applied to the colliery owners for compensation and been refused.

Mr BARCLAY said a case of the kind had occurred in Consett quite recently; and other instances were mentioned.

Mr HOBSON would like to know of a case where the colliery owners had been applied for compensation for damages and paid it. (Laughter).

Mr WILKINSON said he knew of a case where the surface owners had their houses repaired by the colliery proprietors.

Mr CURRY thought if they took a test case into the County Court it would not be so expensive as the other course.

The CHAIRMAN replied they would have to employ eminent counsel even if they took the case to the County Court.

Mr BARCLAY remarked that Mr Booth's idea was to sue the Colliery owners in the ordinary law courts, get the contending parties to agree as to the facts, and then state a case for the opinion of the court. That was the course adopted by the Benfieldside Local Board some time ago when their highway was damaged.

The CHAIRMAN replied that no person or company could damage a public highway (which was set apart for the use of Her Majesty's subjects) without being liable for the same. The Chairman further pointed out that a fund would have to be voluntarily raised according to the rateable value of each property owner. They could not go on without funds, and he thought some money ought to be collected that night. He was willing to contribute £5 towards the object.

Several other donations were then promised, including £5 from Mr D. C. Balleny (Little Greencroft), and £5 from Mr Geo. Hobson.

Mr J. Hall proposed that the next district meeting be held at Mr Clarkson's, Commercial Hotel, Stanley, at 7 p.m.

Mr IRWIN seconded the proposition.

An amendment that the meeting be held at 6 o'clock instead was lost.

Mr HOBSON moved that the name of Mr William Wilkinson, of Catchgate, be added to the Committee.

This was seconded by Mr BARCLAY and carried.

After some further remarks the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

PRESENTATION AT CROOKGATE.—The colliery enginemen of the Crookgate branch held their monthly meeting in the house of Mr Jas. Cuthbertson, on Monday evening, April 10th. The ordinary business being done, Mr Wm. Carr (chairman), on behalf of the members, in a neat and appropriate speech, presented Mr Cuthbertson with a handsome silver snuff box as a token of respect and esteem for the uniform kindness and liberality he has shown towards them from time to time. Mr Cuthbertson made a suitable reply, thanking the enginemen for the kind way in which they had always treated him. Several songs were sung by gentlemen present, and altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

AN OUTRAGEOUS EASTER CUSTOM.—At the Durham County Petty Sessions on Saturday, five respectably dressed young men, named Nicholas Hutchinson, James Oxley, Robert Hutchinson, John Oxley, and James Cutler, were charged with assaulting Ann Ella Roberts, aged 19th, at Tudhoe sports, on Tuesday. Complainant was in company with a young lady friend at the sports, when she was seized by the defendants, who threw her down and hauled her by the legs up the field, and threw her skirts over her head whilst they tried to take her boots off, but they failed to do so, and assaulted her.—The defence set up was that the defendants were following up an old custom of taking the boots off the girls on Easter Tuesday.—The magistrates, characterised the conduct of the defendants as the most disgraceful piece of business which they had heard of for a considerable time, and sent them to gaol for one month's hard labour, with seven days additional on non-payment of costs.

There was a young servant of Fife,
Whose Corns were the plague of her life,
For boots she wore "master's," but with Allcock's Corn Plaster
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TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	1,2,G. a.m.	1,2,G. a.m.	1,2,G p.m.	1,2,G. p.m.	1,2,G p.m.
Newcastle .... dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·40	5·36
Scotswood .... „	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·47	5·42
Swalwell .... „	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·53	5·49
Rowland's Gill .... „	6·9	10·4	12·53	3·3	5·59
Lintz Green ...... „	6·15	10·10	12·59	3·9	6·5
Ebchester .... „	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·22	6·18
Shotley Bridge .... „	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·28	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.			1·25	3·35	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) dep.	6·42	10·37		4·40	6·33
Knitsley .... „	6·54	10·49		4·52	6·44
Lanchester .... „	7·3	10·58		5·1	6·53
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·14	11·9		5·12	7·4
Durham .... arr.	7·26	11·20		5·21	7·15

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS	1,2,G. a.m.	1,2 G. a.m.	1,2,G. p.m.	1,2,G p.m.	1,2,G p.m.
Durham .... dep.	7·25		11·45	3·30	8·0
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·37		11·57	3·42	8·13
Lanchester .... „	7·50		12·10	3·55	8·25
Knitsley .... „	8·2		12·22	4·5	8·37
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·15	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) dep	8·15	9·10	12·35	3·45	8·50
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·20	9·15	12·40	3·50	8·55
Ebchester .... „	8·24	9·19	12·44	3·54	8·59
Lintz Green ...... „	8·34	9·29	12·54	4·4	9·9
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·39	9·34	12·59	4·10	9·14
Swalwell .... „	8·47	9·42	1·7	4·17	9·22
Scotswood .... „	8·54	9·49	1·14	4·24	9·29
Newcastle .... arr.	9·5	10·0	1·25	4·35	9·40

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge..	8·40	8·24
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill...	7·54	7·38	Lintz Green.....	8·54	8·33
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·49
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·56
Shotley Bridge..	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·50
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr)	9·25	9·10

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STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.		P.M.
Newcastle .... dep.	7·10	4·10	....	7·30
Scotswood .... „	7·17	4·17	....	7·37
Swalwell .... „	7·24	4·25	....	7·44
Rowland's Gill ...... „	7·34	4·35	....	7·54
Lintz Green .... „	7·40	4·41	....	8·0
Ebchester .... „	7·53	4·54	....	8·13
Shotley Bridge ...... „	7·59	5·0	....	8·19
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·5	5·7	....	8·25
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) dep.	9·20	....	....	
Knitsley	9·32	....	....	
Lanchester	9·41	....	....	
Witton Gilbert	9.52	....	....	
Durham .... arr.	10·5	....	....	

STATIONS.	A.M.		P.M.
Durham .... dep.	7·55	......	....
Witton Gilbert ...... „	8·7	......	....
Lanchester .... „	8·20	......	....
Knitsley .... „	8·32	......	....
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·45	......	....
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) dep.	8·50	......	5·30
Shotley Bridge ...... „	8·55	......	5·35
Ebchester .... „	8·59	......	5·39
Lintz Green .... „	9·9	......	5·49
Rowland's Gill	9·15	......	5·55
Swalwell .... „	9·22	......	6·2
Scotswood .... „	9·29	......	6·9
Newcastle .... arr.	9·40	......	6·20

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STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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Benfieldside ...... „	6·50	1·30	4·30
Rowley .... „	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction .. „	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law .... „	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook .... arr.	7·35	2·15	5·15
Crook .... dep.	7·45	2·30	5·25
Bishop Auckland .. „	8·10	2·54	6·0
Darlington .... „	8·57	3·40	6·45
Stockton .... „	9·25	4·8	7·18
Middlesbro' .... „	9·38	4·20	7·33
Saltburn .... „	10·15	4·55	8·10

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn .... dep.	5·55	11·15	2·5
Middlesbro' .... „	6·29	11·47	3·24
Stockton .... „	6·40	11·55	3·32
Darlington .... „	7·15	12·45	5·5
Bishop Auckland .. „	7·43	1·13	5·33
Crook .... arr.	8·8	1·36	5·58
Crook .... dep.	8·15	2·20	6·5
Tow Law .... „	8·27	2·32	6·20
Burnhill Junction .. „	8·42	2·46	6·35
Rowley .... „	8·52	2·55	6·45
Benfieldside ...... arr.	9·5	3·5	6·55
Newcastle .... arr.	10·0	4·35	9·46

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UNDER THE TERROR.

BY

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CHAPTER XXVI.

MONSIEUR'S TOILETTE.

THE sun rays gilded the dew upon the brambles, and streamed into the obscurity of the half-ruined stables, where Trigot was already astir currycombing his sleek charges, when Jolyot made his appearance. "Hullo! You're there mon brave," he said, catching sight of the ostler through the horse's legs which he was occupied in sluicing with buckets full of water. "Not gone with the Royal Allemands then?"

"Not exactly," replied the patriarch, with a dismal laugh. "I'm a bit too old for their game."

"Ah! ha! As driver—guide I meant. They went away in a cart."

"Cart! What cart? We haven't any carts here, except that one." And the old man pointed to a broken wheelbarrow in a distant corner.

"In a cart," persisted Jolyot. "And the fellow who drove it had on just such a slouch-hat as I was admiring to myself on your head last night."

The old man raised his bleared eyes to a peg above his head. "Eh, mon Dieu!" he said, whimperingly. "My hat. Where is my hat? Who has stolen——"

"Monsieur le marquis desires to speak with you, Monsieur Trigot," said the voice of their hostess, interrupting the jeremiad. "Or Jolyot," she went on, "will be ever better," monsieur said.

"Then go you, lad," said Trigot, looking up at his young comrade. "I'm no figure to show myself," and Jolyot hastened to comply.

"Come in, my good Trigot," said a faint voice from the plumed bed responsively to the lacquey's tap at the State chamber door. "Come closer. Oh! it is you, Jolyot. Mon Dieu! how frightfully weak I feel this morning!"

"Monsieur suffered so much yesterday," said Jolyot.

"Ah, that was nothing. I was feeling quite—h'm—another person when I first woke this morning, and now that infamous rascal has so terribly upset my nerves," and the invalid sighed painfully. Jolyot's face lengthened with sympathy. This was quite the first time in all his life he had ever heard of monsieur le marquis's nerves. "Monsieur is surely very bad," he said, coming beside the bed.

Monsieur made no reply; but lifted his hand languidly to his forehead, and spread his fingers over his eyes. "Had I not better called Touton?" added Jolyot.

"You would call in vain, I hope, my good lad," answered the sufferer with a faint smile. "I have dismissed him at a moment's notice. Touton is a rascal."

"Ah," said Jolyot.

"Your comment sounded emphatic," said the marquis, slowly removing his hand from his face, and fixing his eyes on Jolyot. "Had you any suspicious ideas about the fellow?"

"I never liked him, monsieur."

"Did you not?" said the invalid. "Well, now I think of it, I fancy he was not particularly in love with you. But no matter. He's gone, my good Jolyot. I detected him in a deception. Sufficiently trifling in itself, perhaps; but it is the one thing I can never pardon. By the way, he is gone, I trust. Bag and baggage. You do not see him about?"

"Not since he called me an hour ago."

"Very good," nodded monsieur, more briskly. "Come. You will have to make yourself his substitute, my good Jolyot, till we reach Paris. You must be my valet." Jolyot's countenance worked with mingled emotions of pleasure and diffidence. "See," continued the marquis, "my clothes lie there. No, don't open the curtains. My head will not bear the light just yet."

The preliminary stages of monsieur's toilette were got through with fair success, Jolyot's newness to the duties thus suddenly entailed upon him duly taken into consideration. His difficulties were furthermore so aggravated by the semi-darkness prevailing in the gloomy chamber, that more than once monsieur sacred and even indulged in a mille diables; but as Jolyot placed his dressing-gown about his shoulders, my lord gracefully acknowledged the neophyte's efforts, and saying that he thought he would best manage the rest himself, he dismissed him to get some breakfast and to hasten Trigot. Then turning the key of the door, he opened the curtains, and drawing his arm from the sling which Jolyot had retied with infinite gentleness and care about his neck, he proceeded with the mysteries of the toilette.

Into these finishing touches who shall inquire? They were made with such marvellous art, that one would have rather conceived Maurice De Ravignac had turned from something of indifference to personal appearance, to the veriest foppery; but no cosmetics nor pearl powder could bring back the Colonel De Ravignac who left Paris five weeks ago in the full tide of health and hope. The ravages of all the brave soldier's sufferings are marked very plainly on the face of the man who sits now in the parlour of the Old Black Wolf toying languidly with the cup of chocolate and brioche Eloise Daumas has set before him; and, as sometimes is the case with persons after severe illness, the very expression is changed, and all the whole reposeful glance of the eyes is lost in an eager restlessness, touched even with something of harshness and suspicion. The dark circles, however, surrounding their slightly sunken sockets may produce this effect, and the haggard lines of the cheeks, which less absolutely thin than one might anticipate, are wan and white to a marble pallor. There is, however, not a trace of the slovenliness, indisposition, and the loss of his valet might have well excused. The tricorne gold-laced hat, always so well becoming Maurice De Ravignac, sits with almost abnormal jauntiness on the neatly-tied powdered hair; and the dark plum-coloured coat—for monsieur has adopted mufti—with its plain but rich embroideries, fits faultlessly. For the first time the wounded arm has, with Jolyot's aid, been indued into its sleeve; and, altogether, while Maurice De Ravignac's intimate friends might pronounce him changed, mere acquaintance would find in him little more alteration than the slight stoop—so natural enough under the circumstances—which makes him appear quite two inches shorter.

No one was more conscious than himself of these differences between the Maurice De Ravignac who left his bride in that Versailles ball-room, and him who was now hastening to clasp her in his arms; but he trusted to Marcelle's generous heart.

"What is all this," he said, smilingly, to himself, "but the very thing to make a woman, who is a woman, care for you a million times more."

"What sort of a woman is Eloise Daumas that she can stand so stern and unmoved, when monsieur le marquis is doing her the honour to engage her in such affable conversation? Where," he inquires, presently, "is our respected host?"

"Not awake yet."

"Morbleu! what a devil of a time——"

"Hush!" And Eloise jerks her head towards the terrace, where Jolyot, his breakfast disposed of, is parading impatiently to and fro.

"How enviably he sleeps!" sighs the quasi-convalescent, in tones of elegant languor. "It only remains, then, mademoiselle, for me to request you to make your brother my compliments; for time presses, and——"

"When do you mean to come again, Gervais?" she asks sternly, in her deep, low tones.

"Eh, ma foi. Do I know? As soon as my numerous engagements permit. In the meantime— Come, Eloise, one kiss, ma belle, before I go," and the right arm breaks in amorous haste from its swathings, and catches her round the waist. Fire flashes from her eyes, and the angry blood kindles in her cheeks at the suddenness of the attack, but resistance is useless, or at least comes too late. "He saw you," she said, pushing him away, and pointing fiercely at Jolyot, who stands whistling softly to himself, with his back discreetly turned towards the window, on the edge of the terrace, absorbed in watching Trigot's struggles with the obstacles in the way of getting the berline before the main door. "He saw you, I tell you."

"And if he did," breathlessly laughed the victor, replacing his hand in its sling, "is it the first time a nobleman has kissed his landlady? Come, Eloise, adieu. My carriage is waiting."

"Au revoir," she said, following him slowly to the terrace, and watching him with gloomy eyes.

"What is the matter with that fellow?" asked monsieur, glancing, as he stepped into the carriage, at the poor half-witted ostler, who was seated on the edge of the mounting stone in the stable yard, lifting his stubbly chin in mid air, and howling like a dog in distress.

"He has lost his hat," said Trigot.

"That all! And how the mischief did he lose his hat?" carelessly said monsieur, as he leaned luxuriously back among the cushioned seats.

"He thinks those brigands of Royal Allemands who went away in the night must have stolen it," replied Jolyot.

"What Royal Allemands? Were those the vagabonds who made such an infern—such an excruciating disturbance last night, and given me this confounded headache this morning?"

"The same, my lord. They were drinking themselves grey as cats. And one of them was so far gone that he had to be flung into the cart like a log."

"You saw it?"

"I saw it, my lord. All in the dark, as one may say, out of my bedroom window in the roof."

"Disgusting animals of creatures! But the hat?"

"The driver had got it on, and a long great coat; but whether he was a Royal Allemand, monsieur, or whether he wasn't, I don't know, and—"

Jolyot hesitated on the verge of good manners.

"And you don't care, eh?" Jolyot grinned.

"Morbleu! No; I suppose it isn't of much consequence?"

"Except for the poor old hat, monsieur."

"You recognised it? That was not possible."

"Oh, but yes, monsieur, the brim was half torn off and hanging down."

"Ho! ho!" laughed monsieur, settling his own handsome headgear, and, putting his hand in his pocket, he pulled out a couple of francs. "A costly article! Give the old beggar that to stop his mouth."

The poor fellow's access of joy as the two silver pieces fell into his grimy palm touched Jolyot's good heart, but had no effect in lessening his contempt for the niggardliness of the dole. Those two francs should have been five at least, he thought, had he been my lord. This was the second time he had had his opportunity of testing the value of my lord's reputation for munificence; and for the second time it fell short of the lacquey's standard. "After all," he muttered to himself as he sat on the box-seat once more, beside Trigot, "monsieur gives me the impression of being more free with his—h'm, h'm—attentions to the ladies than he is with his money."

"What are you grumbling about?" said Trigot.

"I say that monsieur's generosity is—like him," said Jolyot, who was well aware of Trigot's doctrine of his master's infallibility.

"Naturally," answered Trigot, loftily; "monsieur is always monsieur, I suppose."

"I suppose he is," sighed Jolyot. "But to me he seems at different times, like two different men—as different as day and night."

"What a blockhead you are!" said Trigot, flicking the troublesome flies from his horses' ears. "I'm close on three times your age, and have known monsieur since he wasn't half as long as this whip-handle, and he's always seemed the same to me."

But then Trigot had never run against monsieur on the Pont Neuf, nor seen him taking leave of his landladies.

In the meantime, monsieur's hand, in re-arranging his cushions, having come in contact with the little volume so hastily thrown aside by Touton on the previous day, took it up, and began dipping into its dog's-eared pages; and the consideration of the great question of human inequality so beguiled the tedium of the road that its atrocious ups and downs did not again put him to the slightest inconvenience.

(To be continued.)

THE famous actor, Foote, having dined at Merchant Taylors' Hall, in London, was so much pleased with the entertainment, that he sat till most of the company had left the dinner table. At length, rising, he said, "Gentlemen, I wish you both very good night." "*Both!*" exclaimed one of the company, "why, you must be drunk, Foote; here are twenty of us." "I have been counting you, and there are just eighteen; and as *nine* tailors make a man, I am right. I wish you *both* very good night."

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DR. BARTON, warden of Merton College, was the oddity of his time. Of the puns belonging to Dr. Barton, we believe that the following is little known. As he was a man of very remarkable insensibility, people told him everything that happened. A gentleman, coming one day into his room, told him that Dr. Vowel was dead. "What!" said he; "Vowel dead. Thank heaven it is neither *u* nor *i*." Dr. Everleigh, who with his family was some years ago at Weymouth, gave occasion to old Lee, the last punster of the old school, and the master of Balliol College, Oxford, for more than half a century, to make a dying pun. Dr. Everleigh had recovered from some consumptive disorder by the use of egg diet, and had soon after married. Wetheral, the master of University College, went to Dr. Lee, then sick in bed, resolved to discharge a pun which he had made. "Well, sir," said he, "Dr. Everleigh has been egged on to matrimony." "Has he," said Lee; "why then I hope the yoke will sit easy." In a few hours afterwards Dr. Lee died. The yoke did sit easy on Dr. Everleigh, for he had a most amiable wife.

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LOSS OF THIRTEEN LIVES.

RECOVERY OF THE BODIES.

The explosion at Tudhoe Colliery on Tuesday morning last has been followed twenty-four hours later by a similar, thought not so serious, a disaster, at West Stanley Pit, near Chester-le-Street. The colliery is the property of Mr John Henry Burn, of Newcastle and Tynemouth. It was sunk forty years ago, and the extent of the royalty is about three hundred acres. Some four years since two new shafts were sunk at the colliery, the sides of those then in use not being considered wide enough for adequate ventilation of the mine. The new shafts were made about one-eighth of a mile from the old ones, and these are the shafts now in use. The Busty shaft, which was one connected with the seat of Wednesday morning's explosion, was twelve feet in diameter; and, in deference to the wish of the Inspector of Mines for the county of Durham thorough ventilation was ensured by the erection of a Guibal 36ft. fan in connection with the second new and closely adjacent shaft, known as the Lamp shaft. As we have intimated the two shafts by which the pit is worked are within a few yards of each other. The coal is worked in four seams; viz., the Shield Row, the Low Main, the Hutton, and the Busty; and of these all but the Shield Row, or top seam, are gas coal. The Busty is the lowest seam, being 140 fathoms down, or 40 fathoms lower than the Hutton, the next one above. The total number of men employed at the colliery is about 300, and in the Busty some eighty men work at a shift. On Tuesday afternoon, about four o'clock, these men finished their work for the day and came to bank; and after that hour the only men whose duty it was to be in the workings were shifters and others whose work was similar, numbering together some eighteen men. These men went down, and, as far as is known above bank, all went well until one o'clock in the morning. At that hour a low, dull report was heard by those above, a slight vibration was felt, and some dust was seen to come up the shaft; and almost directly after a voice was heard calling up from the workings that the pit had fired, and that three, if not more, lives were lost. The cage was at once sent down, but it met with some obstruction when within a few yards of the bottom. It at once became apparent that something very serious had happened below; and with all possible speed messengers were sent to call the manager (Mr W. Johnson) and the other chief officials of the colliery. Mr Johnson was on the spot within a very few minutes, and at once went to the fan to ascertain the state of the ventilation. He found sufficient ground for alarm; and heard the voices of the men in the Hutton Seam. This seam, which is worked from the Lamp Shaft, was the only other seam in which there were men at the time of the explosion. The foul air was already begining to congregate here, but before it had assumed dangerous proportions all the men in the Hutton Seam were brought to bank by the Lamp Shaft. After a consultation two of the shaft men, John Mosson and John Carr, were sent down the Busty Shaft to see what it was that had stopped the cage, and ascertain as far as possible the state of affairs below. They found that the west cage was able to approach nearest to the bottom, and by means of a ladder they were able to effect a complete connection with the seam where the eighteen men were. Five men—Kelly, Nicholson, Grigor, Lawrie, Charlton, and a young man named Clarke—were enabled to reach the cage by the ladder between three and four o'clock, and they were brought to bank alive. All, however, were suffering from the effects of after-damp, and Clark, who was by far the most exhausted, died almost immediately he reached the bank. The survivors were taken home, where they received proper medical attention. This left thirteen men down the pit. From what Nicholson and the others said, it appeared that there were three dead men lying near the bottom of the shaft; and at eight o'clock in the morning the bodies of those men, who were named Clark (father of the young man mentioned above), Curry and Hunter were brought up. At the time of the explosion those three, with the young man Clark, had finished their work, and were on their way to the shaft when they met their death. The five men who were rescued alive were in what is called the north side of the Busty. All the others were in the west side; and it was in this last part of the mine that the explosion had occurred. The force of the explosion had been very great, and the bodies recovered were all more or less disfigured. The news of the explosion had by this time spread far and near in the county, and the mouth of the shaft was surrounded by a large crowd of men and women, amongst whom were some of the relatives of the unfortunate men below. In the village every one was in a state of anxious excitement; and as it wore on, and it became almost a certainty that no more lives could be saved, the anxiety and excitement were succeeded by feelings of a much deeper nature.

During the forenoon a reply telegram was received from Mr. Burn that no expense had to be spared in the endeavours to save life, that everything that was possible had to be done. This telegram was followed, later on in the day, by Mr. Burn himself, who had driven out from Newcastle, accompanied by Mr Baker Forster of Backworth, President of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers. Mr. Burn was very much distressed by the occurrence, and he did all in his power to forward the labours of those engaged in the work of exploration and rescue. The exploring parties, under the superintendence of Mr. Johnson, worked unceasingly, and by six o'clock at night ten bodies altogether had been recovered, leaving three still in the work. This, we may say, is the first explosion that has occurred at West Stanley Colliery.

The men in charge of the engines at bank were made aware that an explosion had occurred by hearing a loud report and seeing a sudden guest of dust out of the Busty shaft, and informating was immediately sent to Mr. Johnson, the manager, who lives a short way from the shaft, and Mr. Colquhoun, his assistant; and other officials and workmen were also quickly summoned to the spot to render aid in the work of rescuing their fellow-workmen who were underground. An examination of the "fan return" was at once made by Mr. Johnson, who found that the air current was still partially maintained, and this fact raised the hope that the men in the pit, if not already killed by the explosion, might be able to live until measures could be taken for their relief. The cage in the Busty Seam was lowered, with John Mosson and John Carr, the shaftmen, and others, and it was found that it could descend till it got below the Hutton Seam; but below that point the slides or sheets were either destroyed or injured, and therefore the first work to be undertaken was the repairing and renewing of the slides, which was done with as much rapidity as possible by Mosson and Carr. The men who were in the Hutton Seam, on hearing the noise and feeling the shock of the explosion in the seam below them, quickly gathered together at the shaft, and were drawn to bank by the Lamp Pit shaft, none of them being injured in any way. Every effort was made, under the direction of Mr. Johnson, to expedite the work necessary to enable the cage in the Busty shaft to be lowered to the bottom seam, in which 18 men had been at work. It was known that some of the men in the Busty Seam were alive, as they had called up to the men who were in the cage, and it was at first hoped that the loss of life would be small. Ultimately, the cage was got far enough down to enable the seam to be reached by means of a ladder, which was lowered down, and between three and four o'clock Mr Davison, accompanied by a band of explorers descended the ladder and entered the seam, and found six men alive close to the shaft. These men were John Kelly, John Nicholson, William Gregor, Jas. Lawrie, Wm. Charlton, and John Clark. The first five had been at work on the north side, and had been severely shaken by the force of the explosion, and were suffering from the effects of the foul air, and it was at first feared that one or two of them succumb. They succeeded by means of the ladder in getting into the cage, and were drawn to bank, where restoratives were supplied to them under the direction of the medical gentlemen who had assembled there. The five men were taken to their homes, and under careful treatment recovered from the effects of their confinement in the foul air. The other man found alive was John Clark, and he was placed in the cage, but he died before bank was reached. Close to the shaft were also found the bodies of James Clark (father of John Clark); Robert Hunter, master shifter; and Thomas Curry, deputy. These three men and John Clark would, in the ordinary course, have ascended to bank at one o'clock, and it is supposed that they had gathered together at the shaft preparatory to giving the signal to the man at bank of their intention to "ride." It is stated that the hand of one of the dead men was grasping the rope as if about to give the signal at the instant he was killed.

Thomas Coulson, back-overman (who was along with the Clarks and the other two men) is supposed to have been blown into the shaft and fallen into the sump which is three or four fathoms deep. Later on in the day grappling irons were lowered, and attempts made to find the body, but without success. The force of the explosion carried the bodies of James Clark and Curry across the shaft from the west to the north side. Their lamps remained lighted, and the four men hurried to the shaft, and on their way passed Charlton, whom they thought was dead. A few minutes later they heard shouts and on going back found that Charlton was not dead, but had been rendered partially insensible by the force of the explosion. As the morning advanced officials and workmen from surrounding collieries arrived at the scene of the disaster, and exploring parties were organised. Attention was at first directed chiefly to the west side, where it was known the men were, and it was found that the ways had been much damaged, and the progress of the explorers was often obstructed by heavy falls. Late on in the afternoon they succeeded in reaching the "face" on the west side, and on their way found the bodies of six dead men. An examination on the north side showed that the stoppings had been destroyed, and, in order to get the ventilation put right, men were set to work to replace the stoppings; and the same was done in the west workings. About eleven o'clock in the morning an exploring party, of which Mr Henry Henderson of Pelton Fell, and Mr Joseph Gray of South Moor, were members, made their way northward to the face of the workings, and the air was found to be very foul. A short distance westward of the shaft the explorers came upon the bodies of Turner and Jobson, whose bodies were sent to bank about two o'clok in the afternoon. A little further in were found the bodies of Westgarth, Douglas, and Riley; and further in on the west side was found the body of McCabe, and those four bodies were sent to bank between four and half-past five o'clock in the afternoon. McCabe's body was very much burnt, and this fact may be taken as an indication that the explosion had occurred very near to where he was. Very shortly after the explosion occurred the following medical gentlemen gathered together at the pit, ready to attend to any sufferers:—Dr Benson, Stanley, Dr Mantle, Stanley, Dr Wheatley, Dr Evers, and Dr Mander. There were eighteen horses in the seam, and all were killed except one.

Information of the explosion was sent to Mr Bell, Government Inspector of Mines, who was at Tudhoe, and during the forenoon Mr William Atkinson, Assistant Inspector for Durham, and Mr John Atkinson, Assistant Inspector for Northumberland, arrived at West Stanley, and at once descended into the pit to render all the aid they could to Mr Johnson, the manager. A great many gentlemen arrived from neighbouring collieries, and several of them took part in the explorations; and among them were Mr Henderson, Pelton Fell; Mr J. P. Kirkup, Beamish; Mr Thomas Wright, Burnhope; Mr J. T. Forster, Burnhope; Mr Wardle, Craghead; Mr Gray, South Moor; Mr Davison, Cornsay; Mr Greener, Mr Fairley, Craghead; Mr Wilson, South Moor; Mr William Stephenson, Burnhope; Mr Ritson, Pelton Fell; Mr Berkley, Marley Hill, &c. Mr John Henry Burn, the owner of the mine, arrived during the afternoon, accompanied by Mr Geo. B. Forster of Backworth, president of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers.

The miners engaged at Mr Burn's colliery are members of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, to which Mr Burn annually subscribes 20 per cent. upon the contributions padi by his workmen. Mr Steel, the agent of the fund, and Mr Weatherly, a member of the committee, visited West Stanley during the forenoon. The result of the inquiries made shows that there 8 widows and 23 children left chargeable to the fund, and the payments to them will entail an expenditure of about £2,200. The legacies, which will be paid in a day or two by the offices of the fund amount to £122.

LIST OF THE MEN RESCUED.

The following are the names of the men who were rescued alive:—

James Kelly
John Nicholson
William Grigor
James Lawrie
William Charlton

LIST OF THE KILLED.

The following is a list of the killed:—

James Clark, 56 years old, leaves a widow and grown-up family.

John Clark, 17 years old, son of the above.

John Riley, 17 years old, unmarried.

Robert Hunter, 40 years old, leaves widow and six children.

Thomas Curry, 29 years old, leaves widow and three children.

John Westgarth, 37 years old, unmarried.

Thomas Jobson, leaves widow and eight children.

James McCabe, unmarried.

John Douglas, 27 years old, leaves widow and four children.

Henry Turner, 54 years old, leaves widow and two children.

William Middlemas (known also as Turner), 18 years old, unmarried.

Thomas Coulson, 36 years old, leaves widow and two children.

Robert Hutchinson, 17 years old, unmarried.

The explorers continued their work in the pit, and the replacing stoppings and improving the ventilation was pushed forward as rapidly as possible. It was hoped that they would have been able to have reached the bodies of Middlemas and Hutchinson, who, it is understood, were working farther in than any of the other men. At ten o'clock the two bodies were not reached, nor had the body of Coulson been got out of the sump. The Coroner (Mr Graham) will open the inquest upon the bodies on Thursday afternoon.

Mr Davison, of Cornsay Colliery, one of the exploring party, gives the following account of the operations during his shift:—Up to the time of entering the pit when he was accompanied by Mr Scott, of Cornsay, at one p.m., Wednesday, nine bodies had been recovered, five alive and four dead. Our first work after going in with Mr Atkinson, the Sub-Inspector of Mines, was to proceed to the south-west headways, where we found four more dead bodies. The first we arrived at was that of Westgarth; a little further on we came upon Douglas, then Hutchinson, and on the next stenton we got McCabe. We next proceeded to the North way into the East flat, where we found two more men (Turner and Middlemas) who were very much burnt.

After getting these bodies to the surface we were joined by Mr G. B. Forster, Mr Birkley, and Mr W. Hedley.

The police arrangements were admirably carried out under the supervision of Mr Supt. Oliver and Sergt. Trainer, the last-named officer rendering valuable and energetic assistance.

The body of William Middlemas or Turner (18), and Robert Hutchinson (17) were brought to bank late on Wednesday night. Thomas Coulson (36), back overman, was recovered from the sump with grappling irons, his corpse being brought up about 8 o'clock yesterday (Thursday). It is supposed that Coulson had come to the shaft ready to be hoisted, and that the force of the explosion had blown the trams upon him into the sump. His wife is in a critical state.

THE INQUEST.

At one o'clock yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, Mr Graham, coroner, opened the inqust at Mr Clarkson's, Commercial Inn, West Stanley. Mr Bell, Government inspector of mines for Durham, and Mr Willis, Government inspector for Northumberland, were present. The following evidence was taken:—

Thomas Clark, putter at West Stanley Colliery, identified the body of John Clark, his brother, 17 years old, a shifter. He also identified the body of James Clark, his father, a shifter. He was 53 years of age.

John Curry, East Stanley, identified the body of his brother, Thomas Curry, deputy. 30 years.

John Chater, weighman at West Stanley Colliery, identified the body of Robert Hunter, master shifter, 40 years of age.

Thomas Colquohoun, clerk and surveyor at West Stanley Colliery, spoke to finding the bodies of John Clark, Robert Hunter, James Kelly, John Nicholson, William Charlton, William Gregor, and James Lowrie.

John Riley, coal hewer at West Stanley, identified the body of his son, Wm. John Riley; he was 17 years of age, and was a shifter.

Joseph Hall, heap keeper at South Moor, identified the body of his brother-in-law, Henry Turner, 24 years of age; a shifter.

William Jobson, shifter at West Stanley, identified the body of his father, Thomas Jobson, 45 years of age; a shifter.

Thomas Wright, overman at East Stanley Colliery, belonging to Messrs Joicey saw the dead body of Henry Turner, lying on loose stones, at the place where he had evidently being doing shift work. About two yards further he saw the dead body of Thomas Jobson.

Mary Westgarth, widow, West Stanley, identified the body of her son, John Westgarth, 37 years of age, a shifter.

Catherine Ridley, wife of William Ridley, back overman at Burnhope Colliery, identified the body of her son-in-law, John Douglas, aged 37 years, a shifter.

John Chater, recalled, identified the bodies of Thomas John Coulson, 36 years of age, back-overman, and of Robert Hutchinson, 17 years of age.

James McCabe, miner, West Stanley, identified the body of his son, James McCabe, 24 years of age, a shifter.

William Middlemas, deputy-overman at West Stanley, identified the body of his son, William Middlemeas, 18 years of age, a shifter.

The Coroner said the jurymen had now to perform the very disagreeable duty of viewing the bodies. He hoped the day was not far distant when that part of the proceedings of a coroner's inquest would be rendered unnecessary.

The inquest was adjourned till ten o'clock in the morning of May 10th. After the close of the proceedings, the coroner and jurymen viewed the bodies of the thirteen deceased men.

The funerals of the victims have been arranged to take place to-morrow. Most of the dwellings have their blinds drawn down, and the business establishments are partially closed. No event of importance occurred last night and this (Friday) morning, the place being exceedingly quiet, and no traces of the disaster noticeable on the surface.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, April 17th—Before J. PRIESTMAN, Esq. (chairman), and JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Michael McCluskey was summoned by P.C. Hadwin for being drunk in Durham Road, Blackhill, on Saturday night, 8th inst. Fined 5s and costs, or seven days.

Robert Clarke pleaded guilty to a similar charge (preferred by P.C. Shaw) in Ridley Street, Blackhill, on the same night, and was fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

James Rogan (who appeared in the dock with several scars on his face) also pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly in William Street, Consett, about ten o'clock on the previous (Sunday) night, and was ordered to pay a fine of 5s with costs.—P.C. Wood proved the offence.

A LAZY VAGABOND SENT TO PRISON.

A dirty-looking lazy vagabond, named *Thomas Lofthouse* (of no fixed residence), was committed to goal for seven days for being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. McClymont adduced that about eleven o'clock on the preceding Saturday night he found prisoner in Newmarket Street, Consett, in a helpless state of drunkenness, behaving in a very disorderly and rowdy manner.—Prisoner denied the charge, alleging that had only had "a glass or two," and he was merely singing at the time the policeman came up.—The officer further stated that prisoner had been fined early last week before Mr Town for being guilty of a similar offence; and that prisoner had not paid the fine, but had been drinking ever since. He had only been in Consett about a week.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 20th—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (chairman), Dr Talmadge, Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., and Geo. Hedley, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Andrew Kenny, *Wm. Laverick* (of Pelton Fell), and *Peter Weatherby*, charged by P.C. Fraser with being drunk and disorderly at Ridley's public-house at Causey on Tuesday night, 4th inst., were fined 5s and costs each.

John Regan pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly on the 6th inst., and was similarly fined.

Jacob Wilkinson and *Wm. Mitchell* were each summoned by P.C. Garbutt for a like offence committed at Stanley on the 18th inst., and were both ordered to pay 5s and expenses.

James Graham (for whom his mother appeared) was fined 5s and costs for being drunk in Thompson's public-house on the 16th April. Defendant's mother said her son was a very quiet person, but was not exactly right in his mind, and a drop of liquor soon affected him.—The Chairman observed that the landlord ought to be cautioned against supplying drink to a person of defendant's disposition.

Joseph Waggot, being drunk at South Moor, on the 8th inst., was fined 5s and costs, and *William Hedley*, for being drunk at the same place on the 9th inst., was fined 10s with costs each.

Martin Hutchinson was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Burnhope on April 7th.—P.C. Hawley saw the defendant very noisy wanting to fight, and otherwise creating a great disturbance.—Fined 13s 6d including costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

John Galligher, *William Cornish*, and *Thomas Stacey*, were charged by P.C. Robinson with playing at pitch and toss on the public highway at West Kyo, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 8th inst. Galligher pleaded guilty. Defendants were fined 2s 6d each, exclusive of costs.

A BATCH OF USHAW MOOR DRUNKARDS.

Thomas Griffin, *Charles Boardman*, and *John Higgins* (none of whom put in an appearance), all employed at the Ushaw Moor Colliery, were charged by Sergeant Elliot with being drunk and incapable at that place on Saturday night, 15th inst. The offence having been proved, the Bench imposed a penalty of 5s each and costs.

Wm. Martin and *Hugh Doyle*, two men out on strike, both pleaded guilty to committing a like offence at Ushaw Moor on the same day.—Defendant Martin said it was not his own money that he got drunk with; or he would not have done so. (Laughter). The Chairman: I dare soy you have your troubles there, but you need not attempt to drown them by drinking.—Fined 2s 6d each with costs.

Matthew Dewar, miner, employed at Ushaw Moor, was found guilty of drunkenness.—Defendant admitted having had a glass or so, but stated he was accosted in a somewhat rough manner by two strike hands, which doubtless, tended to make him a little excited, and the policeman supposed he was intoxicated.—Mr Smith inquired if the strike hands were the agressors?—P.C. Watson replied they were each as bad as one another.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and pay Court expenses.

AN OBSTINATE INDIVIDUAL.

At a previous sitting of the Court Robert Craggs took out an ejectment summons against *Alex. Dougal* to recover possession of a dwelling-house at Satley occupied by the defendant, for which he refused to pay rent or deliver up the key. Since then, however, the defendant has been admitted into the workhouse, and expressed his willingness to give up possession of the key, and complainant having obtained the same, the case was consequently withdrawn.

EMPLOYERS' AND WORKMEN'S ACT.

John Price (17), a putter employed by Messrs Ferens and Love, at Cornsay Collieries, was summoned for absenting himself from work on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th April, his employers claiming 10s as compensation for losses sustained thereby. Mr Oliver (Durham) was for the prosecution, whilst the lad's father appeared on his behalf.—Mr C. Davison, the manager, testified to the defendant being engaged at the colliery as putter on the usual terms, and moreover gave a fortnight's notice on the 27th ult. to cease work. The defendant, however, was not at the pit on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th April, the last being the day on which the notice expired. The colliery proprietors were merely claiming compensation for the last three days, assessing the damages at 3s 6d per day. Witness spoke to defendant's father about the matter, and he found that he was encouraging the lad to absent himself from the colliery, and that was the chief reason why this summons was issued. They (the owners) had to employ hewers to do his work, and had lost 15 tons of coal in consequence.—Mr Smith: Why don't you sue for the whole time lost?—Witness: We try to keep the expenses as low as possible. We merely wish to put a stop to this sort of thing. The same defendant (Mr Davison further stated) was summoned before the Consett Bench on a similar charge last month.—Defendant's father alleged that on Saturday night his son fell out of a "shuggyboat," and could not work his time up.—Mr Davison replied that he knew for a fact the defendant was working at Hamsteels Colliery on the Monday following. He left Cornsay in order to work at another place.—Mr Brown, overman, stated that defendant gave notice to leave his employment on the 27th, and that before the same had expired he was working Hamsteels Colliery.—The Chairman said it was clear the defendant had neglected his employment in an unlawful manner, and caused the colliery proprietors to suffer heavy losses in consequence. He must therefore pay the damage and costs, 18s 6d.

A TRAMP GETS HIS DESERTS.

A dirty-looking loafer, named *Henry Minto* (25), who described himself as an agricultural labourer, was brought up on a charge of vagrancy.—Mr Brotherhood, Workhouse Master, said that on the preceding night prisoner was lodged in the casual ward of the House, and on that (Thursday) morning he refused to pick his allotted quantity of oakum.—Defendant said he picked all his oakum but alleged that the other tramps kicked it about.—The Master, however, denied this statement.—Mr Smith: What are you doing here? Prisoner: I can't work because I have no shoes.—Mr Smith: You don't look as if you wanted to work. An able-bodied man like you ought to be ashamed to come here. I will ask you a straight-forward question: When did you last apply for work to anybody? Prisoner: The last time was when I left Yorkshire, about two months ago.—Mr Smith: Then you ought to be ashamed of yourself, sir. You are the scum of society.—After a short conversation the Chairman said they would commit prisoner to gaol for 21 days' with hard labour.

ASSAULT AT BURNHOPE.

John Peel was charged by John Wheelan with having assaulted him at Burnhope Colliery, on the 8th April. Mr Oliver, of Durham, appeared on behalf of the defendant.—From the evidence of complainant and other witnesses it seems that the two parties were struggling in order to get possession of a pair of small "limmers," which in reality were for the especial use of the complainant. As complainant refused to give them up the defendant struck at him several times, knocked him down, and then attempted to strangle him by the throat. Whilst the pair were in this position, a man named Thos Howe appeared upon the scene, and seeing the state of affairs, told defendant to loose complainant or he would knock his head off, at the same time striking him a violent blow over the left eye with a thick piece of wood; in consequence of which the defendant had been bedfast for four days, and had been compelled to call in medical assistance. Defendant alleged that his eye was badly injured, so much so indeed that he could "see double."—This circumstance led to Thomas Howe being charged with assaulting John Peel, the defendant in the last case. Howe pleaded guilty to the offence, but declared he had good grounds for acting as he did on this occasion.—The Bench consulted together for some time, but being unable to come to a decision, the Chairman intimated that both charges would be dismissed, each party to pay their own expenses.

ALLEGED CHARGE OF ASSAULT AT SOUTH MOOR.

John Mace was placed in the dock on a charge of having assaulted John Forster, at South Moor. Complainant and defendant are relatives, and the assault appeared of such a trifling nature that the magistrates dismissed the case and ordered complainant to pay 7s 6d as costs.

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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The annual meeting of this Board was held in the Parliament Street Offices, Consett, on Wednesday night. There were present Mr Wm. Jenkins, the Rev F. Steggall, Messrs R. W. Taylor, T. Siddell, J. Collinson, T. Dunne, W. Aynsley, J. H. Hudson, W. Shell, and Geo. Hawdon.

NEW MEMBERS.

Three of the newly-elected members—Messrs Siddell, Shell, and Aynsley—signed the usual declaration of office for next term.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: VOTE OF THANKS.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Jenkins for the very able and characteristic manner in which he had conducted the business of the Board during the period he has fulfilled the duties of Chairman.

A resolution was unanimously adopted confirming the re-election of Mr Jenkins to preside over their deliberations during the ensuing year.

The CHAIRMAN, in a few terse remarks, thanked the members for their favourable expression of opinion regarding his conduct in the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The various committes were again chosen as last year; the only addition being the appointment of The Chairman and Mr Collinson as members of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board.

This was all the business before the Board.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AT BLACKHILL.

An entertainment of a very interesting character was given in the schoolroom adjoining the Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening. There was a large and appreciative audience. The Rev Alexander Baillie occupied the chair, and Mrs Baillie presided at the pianoforte with much acceptance. Among the artistes was the flower of our local talent, and each performed his and her part ably and well.

The pragramme was opened with a pianoforte solo—*Pas redouble*—by Mrs Baillie. Mr Gillies then sang "The Village Blacksmith," with much taste and expression. Next in order was a recitation, entitled "The leper," by Mr Imrie, which he executed in a manner that could not fail to please the most critical of the audience. Miss Lumsden sang "Jock o' Hazledean" charmingly, and she was succeeded by Mr Surtees, who gave the "Old Brigade" with great *eclat*, pieces of this class being peculiarly adapted to his voice. Miss Richardson then sang "Home again," after which Mr Waugh gave a pathetic recitation entitled "Maud Muller," to which he did full justice, although we are of opinion that his forte lies rather in pieces that afford scope for dramatic power. In the rendering of such he is an adept. Mis Turley was exceedingly happy in her song "Beautiful Isle of the sea," and paid the penalty in an *encore*. She responded by singing the last stanza. Mr Stelling sang "'Twas one fine night in spring-time" in a manner which gave the most unbounded satisfaction. A catch entitled "A little farm well tilled," by Messrs Stelling, Gillies, and Surtees, provoked roars of uncontrollable laughter. The trio received a rapturous *encore* and favoured with another side-splitting piece entitled "Poor Thomas Day," which they also executed in splendid style. This concluded the first part of the programme. There was then an interval of ten minutes after which Mrs Baillie again led off by a pianofore solo—*Husarenritt*. Mr Stelling followed with the inspiring song, "The Death of Nelson" which he invested with becoming spirit and pathos alternately. It would be difficult to say too much in praise of Mr Imrie's rendering of "European guides;" a professional elocutionist could hardly have done it better. The incredulence of the guide and the stolidity of the learned doctor were admirably hit off. Miss Turley sang "O for the bloom of my own native heather" very sweetly. The glee, "O who will o'er the downs," by Misses Richardson, Turley, and Ridley, and Messrs Stelling and Gillies, was much admired, as also was Mr Surtees' song "Hearts of Oak." "After dinner oratory," a recitation by Mr Waugh, was a splendid effort, and well-nigh convulsed the house. A song, "The four Marys," by Miss Richardson, and "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," by Mr Gillies brings us to the last piece on the programme, viz., "The crookit bawbee" by Miss Lumsden and Mr Stelling, which was exceedingly well executed.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN votes of thanks were proposed and heartily accorded to the strangers and others who had contributed towards the evening's entertainment. Before closing the meeting, Mr Baillie said there was a matter to which he felt it was his duty to refer. Many of those present knew that that entertainment had been postponed owing to the lamented death of Mr James Annandale, and it was somewhat remarkable that that very day they had performed the last office to another respected member of their church. One of that mourning family was to have taken part in that entertainment. Gladly would he have again postponed the concert had that been at all practicable, but the tickets having been widely circulated, such a step was out of the question. He was sure that the mourners had the sympathy of every one present. (Hear, hear).

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TEMPLETOWN.—14th inst., the wife of Mr Wallace Lee, of a son.

CONSETT.—15th inst., the 15th inst., the wife of Mr G. Farnsworth, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WOLSINGHAM.—At the Register Office, 15th inst., Mr William Collingwood, of Tow Law, to Miss Jane Ann Gardiner, of Shittlehope Burn.

DEATHS.

TEMPLETOWN.—14th inst., the beloved and respected wife of Mr Alex. Russell.

CONSETT.—At 33, Puddler's Row, 19th inst., aged 59, Mary Burnip. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday First, at Three o'clock. Friend please accept this, the only intimation.
20th inst., the infant son of G. and Eliza Farnsworth.

KNITSLEY GRANGE.—19th inst., aged 66 years, Mary Ann, wife of John Grundy. To be interred at Tanfield on Saturday, at Three p.m. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

LEADGATE.—19th inst., Mr Joseph Hope.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Snows Green, 17th inst., Marion Hesse, youngest daughter of Robert and Jane Lee, aged 2 years and 1 month.

WEST STANLEY.—19th inst., aged 36, Thomas J. Coulson.

WINLATON.—16th inst., aged 46, George Dobson

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