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Tenders to be delivered at the above Office, on or before 4 p.m., on Thursday, the 4th day of May, 1893.
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April 19th, 1893. 751

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THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for KERBING, CHANNELLING, MACADAMISING, and CEMENTING the following Streets:—Nook, Railway Street, Mary Street, and the unmade portions of Seymour and Anne Street.
Plans, Sections, and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Consett Local Board, on and after Saturday 22nd April.
Tenders, marked "Nelson Street," to be sent in to the Consett Local Board, not later than Tuesday, 2nd May.
The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.
A bond will be required for the due performance of the contract.
By Order of the Board,
THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Clerk.
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Tenders marked "Street Making," to be sent in to the Consett Local Board, not later than Tuesday, 2nd May.
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TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

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Tenders are also invited for the ERECTION OF STABLE BUILDINGS, at Consett, and GRANARY, at Carr House.
Plans and Specification can be seen at the General Offices of the Company, Consett, and also at their Office, No. 19, Grey Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where all particulars can be obtained on and after Monday, 24th April.
Tenders to be addressed to the Consett Iron Company, Limited, Blackhill, Co. Durham, not later than noon on Monday, 1st May, 1893.
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LOST, on the 17th inst., between Consett and Leadgate, a PURSE containing Money. Finder rewarded as *Guardian* Office. 541

LOST in Consett, or between Leadgate and Consett, on the 19th inst., a LADY'S SILVER WATCH.—Finder will be Rewarded at W. GILBERT'S Sons, Middle Street, Consett. 771

LOST, a GREYHOUND BITCH, 5 Months old. Answers to "Lily." Reward. Detention will incur prosecution.—Apply to G. FERGUSON, Tristan Road, Leadgate.

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WANTED, a FEMALE CARPET MAKER.—Apply, J. T. FOTTS, Consett. 501

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WANTED, a Good General SERVANT.—Apply, 54, Wesley Terrace, Blackhill. 631

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TO MAGISTRATES AND GUARDIANS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—It is irritating to remark the wonderful and aggravating ignorance which prevails amongst our efficient magistrates, in regard to the powers entrusted to them under the Vaccination Acts. Take, for instance, the cases of the three parents named respectively William Hall, George Hall, and Nicholas J. Chapman, who were summoned and separately charged with neglecting to have their children vaccinated at the instance of Joseph Armstrong, the vaccination officer, at the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, March 22nd—before Colonel F. F. Sheppee (chairman) and W. H. Kerrich-Walker, Esq.—as reported in your issue of the *Consett Guardian*, March 24th, 1893, on which I crave a small portion of your space for the publication of a few particulars. In the 31st section of the Vaccination Acts we read:—"He (the magistrate) may, if he see fit, make an order under his hand and seal." Surely, Mr Editor, this language is permissive. Why, then, should the Chairman (Colonel F. F. Sheppee) have said with reference to the letter marked "*re-vaccination*" which (by the way, he observed that he left it unread) he had received, that he and his colleague "were there to do their duty fairly and conscientiously"—*i.e.*, to administer the law as it is, not as it might be, or as some gentlemen desired it to be. Again referring to the Chairman's remarks, he says:—"Magistrates might not always know the law as they might do." Well, now, this coming from a gentleman who really shows such an utter unconsciousness of the Vaccination Act as *it is*, is remarkably ridiculous. See statements as below.

With regard to the Guardians, at page 11 in "Banke's Vaccination Acts, 1867," under date of 1872 from the Local Government Board of Health, Whitehall, the words are given in the "introduction" as:—"Any difficulty which the Guardians may experience in regard to repeated proceedings against recalcitrants may, however, be met by the Guardians refraining from prosecuting in cases where they are satisfied that the objection to have vaccination performed arises from conscientious motives."

Now, if the published statement of Mr Hocking's case, for instance, be true (it is well to add in parenthesis that this is the case of the Rev Joseph Hocking, of Croydon, and a member of the Croydon School Board, who was summoned before the Croydon Borough Bench, on March 31st, and reported in the London newspaper press and many provincial papers of that date, for disobedience to a Justices' order requiring him to have his daughter vaccinated), and I find no reason for doubting it, it must, I am certain, come under this view of the question (so, likewise, with the Chester-le-Street anti-vaccinationists), because the sitting magistrates gave Mr Hocking "full credit for conscientious scruples" (which the magistrates on the Chester-le-Street Bench did not do, though the recalcitrants were equally conscientious in their scruples.) At the same time, however, they fined him 2s 6d, and costs 5s 6d, although he had been previously twice fined for the same child.

With reference to the Vaccination Laws, Emeritus Professor F. W. Newman says:—"Against the body of a healthy man Parliament has no right of assault whatever, under pretence of the public health; nor any the more against the body of a healthy infant. To forbid perfect health is a tyrannical wickedness, just as much as to forbid chastity or sobriety. No law-giver can have the right. The law is an unendurable usurpation, and creates the right of resistance."

But this in passing. Let me, however, commend to magistrates a careful and diligent perusal of the Vaccination Acts ere pronouncing sentences upon conscientious paterfamilis, whose only object in evading vaccination is that of saving their children from an assault by the common law of England—an assault which may terminate in one of the most horrible diseases that afflicts humanity, or even death; if the latter, such death is a manslaughter.

It is clearly the duty of our Government to repeal these medico-legal, unjust, cruel, and unhygienic Acts; but I am afraid they will not be repealed yet awhile. As Professor W. A. Hunter, M.P., M.A., LL.D., has pertinently put it:—"When a grievance affects a majority, there is little difficulty in getting it repealed; but when a grievance affects a feeble minority, that grievance will never be removed by protesting and petitioning. The minority have to prove their case and their spirit by resolute insubordination. Then, and then only, do they receive attention, and obtain justice." Thanking you for past favours, in anticipation—Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

Front Street, Wolsingham,
April 10th, 1893.

IS SPIRITUALISM TRUE?

AGNOSTICISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Because I quoted the text in my last, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God," I am met with a rejoinder of "calling my brother a fool." Such is the teaching but scarcely the inference of Mr H. Nicholson. I call it not only misconstruction but perversity of reasoning. I am not "hard hit," nor do I complain of being "hard hit," providing I am *fairly* hit. But misinterpretation of logic and fact is, to my mind, not only contemptible but discreditable to any man, and these are the tactics which Mr Nicholson is now using. Now to order, we agree that matter is indestructible, but differ that matter is eternal. But because I admit the former but dispute the latter, I am in an "awful mix." I am also asked to state "what meaning I place on eternal." Now, sir, I have already done this; but I will do so again, in order to bring my opponent to the point. Eternal is without beginning and without end, admitting of neither *change*, variation, or degree, and has no parallel, except infinite space and an omnipresent God. What likeness or analogy, therefore, has matter to this definition? Are not the very opposite its characteristics? Oh! but my friend may retort again, I have put this interpretation upon eternal "to suit my own purpose." Pray what purpose am I seeking in speaking the logic of facts, which commonsense approves and no man can *disprove*? Again I am asked to "point out anywhere in space where matter does not exist?" I am perfectly aware that it would be difficult to point out anywhere in space, where a perfect vaccuum existed, as we have solids, liquids, and gases, and we cannot imagine a place where there is nothing. But I am not here speaking of the invisible, or of that which cannot be seen, felt, measured, weighed, or computed; but of matter which can be seen, felt, touched, handled, weighed, measured, and computed at least approximately. To be eternal it must be *like* eternity, and would of course be infinite instead of finite, changeless instead of changeable, and infinite in extension; but it is not boundless in extension, otherwise there could be no motion. Seeing, therefore, there is motion, then matter is not everywhere; if not everywhere it is not necessary, but a contingent. Now, sir, if eternal has any meaning at all, it not only means without beginning and without end, but also changeless immutability. If eternity does not bear this meaning, then I fail to form the least conception of its meaning at all. And I challenge any man in the Atheist world to prove it different from what I have here stated, and yet many of the men holding such creed insult our commonsense by telling us that matter is eternal. I am required also to furnish forsooth my "authorities for the assertion" that matter is not everywhere. Fortunately I can see fairly well, and I know the colour of the grass is generally green. I therefore don't require authorities to tell me; 1st, that I am not blind; 2nd, that grass is green in colour. "Many weeks ago," says your correspondent, "I asked the simple question—What is spirit? You refused to discuss this simple question, and your silence in answering the question indicates your inability to do so." Could prevarication, audacity, and unscrupulous boldness go further? I appeal to the numerous readers of the *Consett Guardian*, and ask any unprejudiced person who has noted this discussion—First, whether the question "What is spirit?" be a simple question—1st, if simple, why is the question asked? 2nd, if simple, why does not the questioner answer it? 3rd, "My refusal to discuss the simple question," and "my silence in answering it." Does not the discussion in the *Guardian* for weeks past give the lie to such assertions, and further I *did* answer it; but, of course, my answer was not accepted, and we are *still* at it. I am invited "to put my finger on the point where supernatural steps in." I invite my opponent to put his finger on one of the stars, and not talk folly and nonsense. I am also asked "to give one single example of an immaterial something outside of nature producing life or intelligence. If I cannot do so, then surely silence ought to step in." Just so, that is exactly the place and position where all Atheists ought to seclude themselves, and never more dare to peep out until they can "give one single example where life and intelligence can be produced *inside* of nature from the material only." Again, "I leave life undefined, and I don't reply to the answer to the question, What is life? and I don't even refer or attempt to deny arguments in favour of life being only a state or organised matter." To define life, I am thankful that I am possessed of sufficient modesty to leave that alone which I don't believe any man ever has or can do. With regard to the answer to the question, "What is life?" was unworthy of answer, and as to "life being only a state of organised matter," no one but an Atheist would be bold enough to make such statements, which, of course, are nothing else or short of falsehood and swaddle. I will pass over Spencer, Wallace, Huxley, and Tyndall. To answer Mr Nicholson's letter in detail would make mine unreasonably long, and the writings of these men are pretty well-known by general readers. But one famous name I will not pass over, because wonder is expressed "how I dare cite Darwin, as Chas. Darwin produced more evidence to prove that matter can produce life than any other scientist the world has produced." If so, he must, of course, like an Atheist, ignore a Creator. To Darwin, therefore, let us go. In the conclusion of his book "Origin of species," chap. xv., page 429, listen to the great scientist and be silent ye Atheists:—"There is a grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on, according to the fixed law of gravity from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been and are being evolved." I am further invited to give "medical authority for my statement that under certain conditions of insanity the brain remains normal." As an act of good faith, I am prepared to give, if necessary, two names of living witnesses, possessing the highest qualifications which the colleges of Great Britian can confer upon any medical student, to the editor of the *Consett Guardian* (but not for publication) to verify my statement. Iconoclast (I take exception to the term, because when applied to Bradlaugh it may mean something or nothing, or nothing particular) "would soon have dispelled the false image in the poor man's brain." Wonderful! He did not or could not do so with his own brother. "It is on a par with the Rev H. P. Hughes' story of the converted cobbler." Is it? I am quite aware that Foote and Co. have done their best to circulate and to impress upon the public that because Rev H. P. Hughes would not deign to acknowledge Foote and Co., they therefore brand the story as a lie. Nor does every bulldog, conscious of his prowess, deign to notice the bark or whimp of every noisy lapdog as he passes along. In conclusion, much capital has recently been made out of certain statistics first published in "Truth" as to the number of so-called Christians being convicted of crime. Sweet morsels these, which Atheists delight to revel in. But all are not Christians who profess to bear the name. There are real Christians, nominal and professing, and these may be counted by the million in proportion to units of Atheists, and yet they prate about numbers and ask for a similar number of convicted Atheists, whereas the truth is good, bad, and indifferent amongst them amounts only to an insignificant few.—Yours, &c.,

LIGHT v DARKNESS.

P.S.—One very important point I have omitted, which I hope the editor will be able to find space for, although my letter is already too long. Mr Hall Nicholson chooses sneeringly to characterise a story I related as "would do good service at a mother's meeting or in a Sunday-school." What a compliment, although he means it as a sneer. If fit for a mother's meeting on Sunday-school, it is fit for the most brilliant assembly the world has ever seen. The most powerful and influential person in the world to-day is a woman and a mother, and justly acknowledges her greatness to that which Atheists affect to despise. It is the glory of Christianity to-day to confer dignity and equality of rights and priveleges upon women. "Mother's meetings," indeed, just as though there were not thousands of greater, nobler, and grander women in the world to day than Hall Nicholson can ever aspire to equal for intelligence, grace, nobility, or charm, which seldom Atheists ever knew and would fain ignore.—Yours, &c.,

LIGHT v DARKNESS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I am amused beyond degree with the discussion which is raging in your journal at the present time. From the evidence adduced it would seem that the existence of a Supreme Being can be demonstrated by argument and opinions; or that a few Freethinkers can give conclusive evidence that no God exists. I readily admit that an exchange of ideas may clear cobwebs and mental dust from our minds, and to a great extent elevate us above the superstitious notions that everywhere abounds relative to deity. It is an impossibility for the infinite mind to comprehend the infinite, and I thus conclude that if all mankind decided by voice and vote that no God exists it would not alter the existence of a God in the least. Human reason utterly fails even with material things, and when it soars away into the immensity of space and deals with the intangible it is bewildered and completely at sea. And it must be sheer folly for any sane mind to say there is no God. A gigantic mind once set to work to find a solution to the problem, and for months did nothing but concentrate his energies in this direction, only to find himself in the meshes of speculation without any definite results, and a very simple thing brought him to his senses. He was one day walking along the sea-beech, his mind enveloped with his favourite problem, and he saw a little girl carrying water in a toy-pail which she poured into a small hole she had excavated in the sand. He said, "Now, my darling, what are you doing here?" to which she replied, "Please, sir, I am going to put all the sea water into this little pond." He thought foolish child to attempt such an impossible thing, but as he strolled along the thought flashed vividly across his mind that he was doing exactly the same thing; he was endeavouring to put the infinite God into his finite mind, and like a wise man gave it up. Surely, there is sufficient evidence to any casual observer that some great stupendous intelligence exists somewhere, and I actually don't believe that an Atheist exists. I gave human understanding more credit than that. I take an acorn—a very simple seed—I ask those writers can any living man on this earth make a real acorn in which lies embedded the sturdy oak. They at once say no; then I ask who made it? They will say nature. I ask what is nature? and the answer will be that it is certain properties, conditions, and laws of matter. I ask who made matter with laws, conditions, etcetra? They will say it never was made, it existed eternally. I ask how do you know? They will answer, science reveals it. I ask for the names of the scientists that lived before man appeared on this earth, that possessed eternal knowledge? Then I have, of course, become impudent, silly, and bigoted. If men would be honest then they would confess that nature was the handiwork of a supreme power; that with our little minds we cannot know neither beginning nor end, apart from divine revelation. I fail to see why God should make his presence known to all, or any, in order to prove our belief in His existence. There are some people indeed so constituted—by which I mean so self-willed—that they will not believe even the simplest and plainest assertion in support of a doctrine to which they are opposed. How can we imagine all people would believe God existed, even though He manifested his presence in blinding light. They would say then it was only a flash of lightning; if He appeared in human form, they would say He was only a man they saw. When a great many believe in a God, rely on Him for counsel, pray to Him, do right as in His sight, and expect to live after death in His service, how can anyone say it shows a lack of brains? Does the belief in God creating all things, ruling and over-ruling all things, punishing crime, and creating laws for the good conduct of man on the earth, separate the good from the evil hereafter. I fail to see how a belief like this can lower a man. And a religion which results from such a source must necessarily be for the common good of all. The scriptural definion of pure and undefiled religion is this: "To visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction, and to keep yourselves unspotted from the world." And no reasonable mind will find fault with it. The only fault I can find is the fact that so many neglect to do it; but this must be borne in mind that negligence, hypocrisy, or selfishness is not Christ's religion. And when men who profess Christianity commit crimes of any description it is unfair to say that is Christianity—it is a counterfeit, a disguised devil. I abhor trickery and cunning subterfuge; I profoundly distrust all mercenery manifestations; I hate dogmatism; I despise cant; while I love honesty, purity, truthfulness, and genuine motives. It is a favourite hobby for Atheists to point out false Christians, and say there is a sample of your religion. Fie on such assertions. The religion of Christ, if adhered too, will elevate men in every way; and I defy any man to prove the contrary. But let him give it a fair trial before he gives his decision. I admit the rottenness of false professors does more harm to Christianity than all the Atheists ever can or will do. The man that attends to his religion, which means to provide things honest in the sight of all, do good to all men, help the needy, care for the sick and dying ones, abstain from the very appearance of evil. The man who fulfils his true Christian mission will spread light and peace where'er he goes. Rescue the fallen, bring back the erring one, cheer the faint, lead the blind, is the sentiment embodied in Christ's religion, and imagine reader if all mankind would give themselves up to this it would be a pleasure to live, each man doing his best to help his brother—a common brotherhood where rich men would pour out their treasure to feed and clothe the poor. Millionares would belong the past; class distinction would lose its power; and right would displace might; coercion would melt away like wax before the flame. This, I say, is the religion of the greatest teacher the world ever saw. It is this religion that Atheism seeks to exterminate. Why will men throw such sacred love to the four winds? Echo answers—Why? What has Atheism to put in its place? Nothing but a cold granite wall or matter and motion. It offers the same reward to the biggest rogue that it offers to the honest man. You can practice deception, theft, murder and you will be as well off at death as the man who has been benevolent and industrious. Can anything be more suitable to encourage vice and crime. No one to be punished for moral trangression! How a doctrine like this would, if believed in, universally change this earth into a very hell. How demons would gloat, revel, and dance in it. Virtue would be a thing of the past; decency and good conduct would fly away. What consolation would a troubled mind receive from a lecture on science? What comfort can a dying man get from matter and motion? Atheists may laugh and sneer, and ridicule Christ's religion, but it only shows they know nothing about it, as it is adapted to the requirements of man in all circumstances of life. Arguments and opinions will change and vary as long as men live on the earth, and the man who risks his destiny on such is a poor speculator. Science utterly fails to reveal the spiritual side of our being, and if we will not accept divine revelation, we must await the consequences. In conclusion, I see in a letter last week these words: If you scratch a Tory you find a tyrant; if you scratch a Christian you find a bigot, and I will add a little more, if you scratch an Atheist, puzzle—What will you find?—Yours, &c.,

WM. SIMPSON,

Beamish Air Pit.

MR BRADLAUGH AND THE WORKING MAN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have seen the letter from the pen of Mr J. Robinson, of Sunniside, Tow Law. On first reading it, I intended to answer it in detail; a second perusal however, and further consideration, suggested the thought to my mind that silent contempt would be its just desserts; inasmuch as the epistle breathes such a bad temper, and vindictive spirit, and is moreover so personal, impolite, vulgar, and abusive, that silent contempt, I repeat, would have been the most befitting answer. This course would have been taken, had the thought not occurred to me, that the writer would have chuckled over a brilliant victory. A mistaken idea. I will, therefore, briefly summarise. I consider the said letter so grossly below the standard which good society expects and demands that the writer is a "foeman unworthy of my steel," and until he can write a letter showing more politeness, and less personal and vulgar, I decline to hold further communication with him. Further, if my statements can be proved to be "unscrupulous, fraudulent, and *libellous*," he has his remedy, when my *nom-de-plume* will not shelter me.—Yours, &c.,

LIGHT v DARKNESS.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

At the last meeting of this Board the following business was transacted (in addition to that reported in the *Guardian* of Friday last):—

AN ESTIMATE.

An estimate of the probable expenditure during the coming six months was presented, the CHAIRMAN (Mr Geo. Nicholson) explaining that the present balance in hand stood at £30. The County Council was indebted to them to the tune of £166, and they wanted to raise £480 to meet their usual requirements.

It was resolved to levy a general district rate of 10d in the pound, which would realise about £310.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION LECTURES AT IVESTON.

Mr PARKER presented a statement shewing that the cost of carrying on the technical education lectures at Iveston was nearly £6. There was an average attendance of 75 at each lecture, and if the charge of 1d a head had been made the course would have been self-supporting. The lectures in cookery had been more expensive.

It was agreed that 1d in the pound should be applied to the purposes of technical instructing, this being equivalent to something like £30.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr L. NICHOLSON, seconded by Mr ROBSON, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mr Geo. Nicholson for his services as chairman during the past year, the CHAIRMAN replying that everything was in a satisfactory condition, and the members had worked harmoniously together the last 12 months.

Mr PARKER next proposed a vote of thanks to Mr J. Davison, who was leaving the Board after 27 years' service.

This was seconded by Mr SCOTT, and carried *nem dis.*

Mr DAVISON acknowledged the compliment, and stated that although he had not talked a great deal, he always said what was to the point, and voted and acted in a conscientious and upright manner.

Mr L. NICHOLSON next moved that the Board accord a hearty expression of thanks to Mr W. H. Hedley, formerly the chairman of the Board, on the occasion of his retirement, after a lengthened service.

The CHAIRMAN seconded the proposal, and said that Mr Hedley was always particularly interested in keeping up good and substantial roads, and was a grand financier.

The proposition was carried by acclamation, and the Clerk (M. Coupland) was directed to forward a copy of the same to Mr Hedley.

The members then dispersed.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in the Public Offices, Front Street, Leadgate, on Wednesday. The returning officer (Mr L. Nicholson) presided *pro tem.* The other members present were Messrs Geo. Nicholson, J. Parker, C. F. Scott, W. Robson, W. F. Lane, T. Foreman, T. Keenleyside, E. Todd, J. Snaith, M. D. Greener, the Clerk (Mr M. Coupland), and the Surveyor (Mr Thos. Longstaff).

THE LATE ELECTION.

The Returning Officer read the result of the late election, and the new members signed the usual declarations.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Three members—Messrs Luke Nicholson, George Nicholson, and John Parker—were nominated for chairmanship. Mr Parker declined to stand, with the result that the other two members went to the voting, which was carried out by ballot, and was as follows:—

L. Nicholson 8
G. Nicholson 3

Mr L. Nicholson was consequently declared elected.

THE STANDING ORDERS

Were next discussed, and various alterations were made in the same.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed:—

Finance—Messrs T. Foreman, C. F. Scott (convener), E. Todd, J. Parker, L. Nicholson, and W. Robson.

Sanitary—Messrs L. Nicholson (convener), C. F. Scott, M. D. Greener, J. Snaith, and E. Todd.

Building and Sewerage—Messrs Geo. Nicholson (convener), W. Robson, W. F. Lane, T. Keenleyside, C. F. Scott, and W. Keenleyside.

Highways—Messrs T. Foreman, Geo. Nicholson (convener), J. Parker, E. Todd, and W. Keenleyside.

Lighting—Messrs M. D. Greener (convener), W. F. Lane, T. Keenleyside, J. Snaith, and W. Robson.

Park or Recreation Ground—Messrs G. Nicholson (convener), T. Keenleyside, M. D. Greener, J. Snaith, J. Parker, and W. F. Lane.

Joint Hospital Board—The Chairman (*ex-officio*) and T. Keenleyside.

School Attendance—The Chairman.

A HOLIDAY FOR THE ROADMEN.

Mr ROBSON proposed that the roadmen be given a day's holiday on Whit-Monday.

This was seconded by Mr KEENLEYSIDE.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to.

THE PARK TO BE "EN FETE."

It was agreed that on the visit of Mr and Mrs David Dale, of Darlington, to Leadgate, in connection with the opening of St. Ives' Church Bazaar, the flag should be hoisted in the Park.

This was all the business.

WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope, on Friday, Dr Livingstone, J.P., presiding.

VOTING PAPERS.

A lively discussion took place with respect to the number of blank voting papers sent in at the recent election of Guardians, between 150 and 200. A number of people had not received voting papers and a number had not been gathered in, much dissatisfaction therefore prevailed.

Mr MONKHOUSE asked why so many in Upper Weardale who voted at the Parliamentary election did not receive voting papers this time.

The Clerk intimated that it was a difficult thing to explain. He had investigated a few cases and he invariably found they were not qualified in some way or other.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

Mr MONKHOUSE proposed, and Mr V. A. RIPPON seconded a motion to the effect that the Board petition Parliament for ballot in future Guardian elections, which was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN suggested the addition of an expression of their satisfaction as a Board that the Government were going to pass the Parish Councils Bill.

DR HOOD'S SUCCESSOR.

The late Dr Hood's successor as medical officer of health for Tow Law, is to be appointed a month hence, and to be advertised.

NEW POLLING BOOTHS.

In future Eastgate and Lane Head are to have polling booths.

UNDERCLOTHING FOR THE INMATES.

The question of the inmates' underclothing came up for discussion, and on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr G. CURREY, it was settled that every inmate of the house have a woollen or flannel undershirt provided from October until May.

RETIRING MEMBERS.

It being the last meeting of the old Board, Mr Rutherford, who is retiring, was present for the last time. He expressed, after the meeting, his satisfaction with the courtesy and good feeling that had been shown all around and expressed the pleasure he had had in attending the Board's meetings. Other Guardians also testified their pleasure they had in coming to the Board's meetings now as compared with them at a previous time when they were not so harmonious and pleasant as they now are.

There were present besides the Chairman, Messrs V. A. Rippon, J.P., W. Rippon, O. Monkhouse, G. Currey, W. H. Teasdale, J. Rutherford, W. Love, G. R. Wooler, J. Maddinson, J. Roddam and Rev P. C. Jones.

HIGHWAY BOARD.

At the monthly meeting of the above Board—Mr J C Backhouse in the chair—the question of taking over the road by the Board up Wolsinghan Park as far as Fawn Lees Gate, was discussed. Mr Wooler had made them a good offer towards putting it into good order.

Opinion was much divided. One party were for making all the road good right up through the Park, and taking it all over on behalf of the public; while another part of the members were for making part of it good, and taking is over.

On a division, the parties were equal, but the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of taking part of it over as far as Fawn Lees Gate.

There were five ex-officio members present.

STANHOPE LOCAL BOARD.

The first meeting of the new Board was held on Monday, Mr W Rippon presiding *pro. tem.*

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr J W Roddam, J.P., was again elected chairman, and Dr Livingstone, J.P., vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Works, Plan, and Finance Committees were all again re-appointed, Mr G Moses being substituted for Mr O Emerson.

THE POSTAL FACILITIES.

The Postal Authorities wrote in respect to an earlier morning mail up the Wear Valley, to the effect that the increased facilities asked for by the Board could not be conceded on account of the Railway Company.

The Railway Company also wrote saying they did not see their way clear to run an earlier morning mail up the Wear Valley.

The Board have asked for this boon once or twice before, but the Railway Company stands in the way.

Some of the members thought it might easily have been done, as already an early morning mail runs up the valley as far as Witton Junction for Crook and Tow Law. They inferred the Railway Company could easily have arranged for a mineral engine to run up the valley, touching Witton-le-Wear, Wolsingham, Frosterley, and Stanhope. The feeling of the meeting was to try again. If business men could get their letters in time to catch the nine train down the valley, they would consider it a boon.

WATER.

Water for manufacturing purposes is to be supplied to Mr J. Robinson at the lemonade manufactory, Graham Street, at 3d per 1,000 gallons.

NUISANCE.

Some nuisance has been caused by the telegraph posts lying about the streets for nearly a month.

Several of the members complained that they should not be allowed to lie about the streets so long.

The question was asked if the telegraph authorities could do as they liked in the Local Board's district by damaging the flagging and kerbstones and placing telegraph posts within the footpaths, and leaving them besmeared with tar to the inconvenience of the public.

Dr LIVINGSTONE said he was often called out during the night when it was very dark, and these posts planted within the footpath being black were bad to detect in the dark, and it was a very common thing to run up against them.

It was intimated that they had certain powers over which the Local Board had no control.

A MEMBER: But certainly they could never go and do what they liked upon private property. That could not be done with private property, whatever rights they had in respect to the Local Board's property. They could not interfere without leave on private property.

THE WATER CART.

Mr Parker, the Surveyor, complained in respect to the water-cart. When he had it out watering the streets last week a member of that Board, Mr J. Collingwood, Stanhope Hall, ordered him to take it inside and keep it there. He now wanted instructions from the Board what to do in such a case.

It was thought that no individual member of the Board ought to take this upon him, but their Surveyor should have his instructions from the Board.

Mr COLLINGWOOD: I think it is a shame to see the water wasted in any such form, when actually they had no water at Stanhope Hall.

Dr LIVINGSTONE said the water-cart was out some fine days when it was very calm and no dust flying about at all; but on other days, such as Saturday last, when it was windy and there were clouds of dust it was not out at all.

Some of the members thought it should be out in the early morn, before people used the water from the taps, so that then it would detract from their supply.

Other members thought the supply should be got from the river for watering the streets.

The Surveyor said to water the streets it took the water-cart nine times full, and each time full it contained 500 gallons.

The matter was adjourned until next Monday evening.

DEFECTIVE WATER-PIPES.

The water-pipes between Mr Rippon's and East Lane were to be examined, and reported on at next meeting.

It was thought that they were very defective thereabouts.

PLANS.

Mr John Earl, joiner, West End, submitted plans for alterations to his joiner's shop, and for converting the privy into a water-closet, which the Board passed.

STANHOPE FAIR.

Mr John Cooper, of Middlesbrough, wrote offering £2 for a stand in the Market Place over Stanhope fair, for a fine art exhibition. He wanted a frontage of 54 feet, and 30 from front to back.

His offer was accepted.

THE NUISANCE AT THE QUEEN'S HEAD INN.

The West Auckland Brewery Co. also wrote saying they would be up shortly, and make arrangements in respect to the nuisance at the Queen's Head Inn, where there is a dwelling-house over a stable. They had received 28 days' notice from March 23rd to abate the nuisance.

CLEANING OUT OF CHANNELLING.

The roadman was to receive instructions to clean out the channelling up East Lane and other places.

WAGES' BILL.

The wages' bill for the month was £9 15s 11d, and £1 for the use of Board Room.

Mr R. Robinson's account for paving, flagging, and cementing around the telegraph poles was disallowed.

THE DIRECT VETO BILL.

MEETING AT SWALWELL.

A meeting in support of the Local Veto Bill was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Swalwell, on Thursday se'nnight. The chair was occupied by Rev W. Dryburgh, M.A., B.D., Swalwell, and there was a large attendance.

A resolution in favour of the Bill, and pledging the meeting to use its utmost endeavours to aid the Government to carry the Bill through Parliament was moved by Mr SPEERS, and seconded by Mr FLETCHER.

Mr MIDBERT, in supporting the resolution, spoke of the advantages which the Bill would confer upon the working man by giving him the power which had hitherto been exercised by the classes. He referred to the manner in which certain magistrates, in granting licenses, took care to prevent the existence of a public-house in their own locality, and yet at the same time allowed them to be carried on in the immediate vicinity of the working man's dwelling.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD EXPENDITURE.

AN INFLUENTIAL PROTEST.

The Marquis of Bute, Earl of Dumfries, Earl of Strathmore, Hon. J. G. Vereker, T. D. Eden, Messrs Joicey and Co., Messrs John Bowes and Partners, the owners of South Derwent and West Shield Row Collieries, the South Garesfield Colliery Company, and many other large ratepayers in the district, representing a rateable value of £34,704 out of a total rateable value of £47,194, have petitioned the members of the Tanfield School Board against incurring additional liabilities in regard to the school accommodation in the district. The petitioners say that since the formation of a School Board for the Tanfield district in 1890, several new schools have been built, and loans amounting to £10,850 have been granted. The rate levied for the current year is 1s in the pound, and for the half-year ending 25th inst., 7½ in the £. The petitioners submit that further large expenditure of money upon new buildings should, if possible, be avoided, and that all school accommodation now in existence should be used to the fullest extent, so long as efficiency is maintained and the schools are carried on to the satisfaction of the Education Department. They then proceed to show that in the schools now in the Board's district there are places for 3,493, children, whereas the average attendance for the quarter ending Christmas, 1892, was only 2061·7. According to the last census the total number of children who could be sent to school in the district is 2,793. Deducting 12½ per cent. for irregular attendance, there is thus left 2,448, showing a surplus of school places to the number of 955. The petitioners having been informed by the Education Department that the Board propose to build a new school to accommodate 300 children at Leases Syke Lane, and to obtain a loan of £3,600 for this purpose, and that when such new school is opened the Board propose to close the Lintz Colliery School, they (the petitioners) submit most strongly that a very large proportion of this proposed expenditure on buildings is unnecessary. The petitioners, in conclusion, suggest certain schemes for avoiding the necessity of incurring the expenditure proposed, and in the carrying out of which they intimate their willingness to co-operate.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-elected waywardens was held at Lanchester Workhouse, on Thursday afternoon last week. There were present:—Messrs W. Logan, Geo. Hobson, Geo. Alder, Geo. Ridley, Jos. Towns, T. J. Muse, Wm. Gray, W. Rutherford, N. Clark, R. Robson, T. Nichol, T. Copeland, Revs W. Featherstonhaugh, and P. C. Fortin, the clerk (Mr Overton Maynard), the surveyor (Mr W. Dixon), and the assistant surveyor (Mr T. H. Dixon.)

The Clerk reported that he had received returns of the election of waywardens in all the townships excepting Conside and Knitsley, and Burnhope and Hamsteels.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN.

Mr Logan was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Messrs Hobson and Alder vice-chairmen for the same period.

The CHAIRMAN, in returning thanks, said that owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he had not been able to attend the meetings so frequently during the past year as he wished, but he was glad to say that he was fully restored to health, and hoped to be enabled to attend better to his duties during the ensuing 12 months. They could not tell whether at the end of the 12 months the existence of the Highway Board might possibly come to an end. (Laughter.)

Messrs HOBSON and ALDER also returned thanks.

THE PRICE OF ROAD METAL.

The Surveyor said that the prices of road material had greatly increased, owing to the new railway rates. The rise was generally 3d per ton compared with last year's figures.

The CHAIRMAN said it was no excuse about the railway rates for putting up the prices of material, because if the railway companies were approached, they would carry the stone at the usual rates. Wages of workmen were going down, and trade was depressed, therefore he did not think the Board should be called upon to pay an increase of 3d per ton on the road material. He moved that the Clerk write to the contractors informing them that the Board was prepared to pay the same price as last year and no more for the material required.

This was seconded by Mr NICHOL and adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon reported that the roads throughout the Board's district were kept in pretty good order with the exception of a few steep hills where the stones had been loosened by reason of the dry weather and the frost at nights. The making of the footpaths at Hill Top and other places had been proceeded with. There had been several disturbances on some roads, in consequence of the subsidence of colliery workings, and he was in communication with the owners of the collieries in respect thereto.

THE YEAR'S EXPENDITURE.

The Surveyor further reported that he had prepared estimates of the probable expenditure in the different townships during the forthcoming year, and copies of the same were handed to the various waywardens. His calculations were as follows:—The present rateable value stood at £156,000, there being a considerable reduction on account of the formation of the Stanley Local Board. The expenditure on district roads amounted to £5,040, and on the main roads, £2,230. The balance in the hands of the treasurer at present was £1,669. There was due from the County Council £333 5s 11d, and they estimated to receive from that source during the current year, £284. The total expenditure represented in the aggregate, £7,293, and there was £4,567 required to make up the deficiency. A rate of 7d in the pound would be needed to realise the sum required.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that the rate was 1d more than it had been for several years.

Coun. MUSE and Mr RUTHERFORD urged the desirability of additional money being spent in the maintainance of the roads.

The Surveyor stated that he had taken that matter into careful consideration.

Mr NICHOL believed that a rate of 6d in the pound ought to be sufficient. The times were very hard, and it was a pity to call upon the ratepayers to bear any unnecessary burdens.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that a rate of 6d in the pound was not sufficient to answer their requirements, and it was eventually agreed that a rate of 7d in the pound should be levied.

A ROAD AT EDMONDBYERS.

Rev W. FEATHERSTONHAUGH brought forward a motion that the Board repair a piece of road about four miles in length, across the moor at Edmondbyers, the same being used for three persons only, and was almost impassible.

The CHAIRMAN said that the road had never been repaired by the Highway Board, and was, moreover, not a public thoroughfare. They could not entertain the proposal.

TENDERS OF CARTING AND BREAKING.

The Surveyor was empowered to advertise for tenders for carting and breaking material for the different roads for the ensuing year.

The meeting was then adjourned.

HUMAN LIFE.—Fifty years' record of Facts, Principles, and Discoveries relating to the Origin and True Treatment of Disease, and the preservation of Human Life on Earth. By Dr Samuel Birley, M.D. Ph.D.; author of "Patriarchal Longevity Reasonable," "Earth-Life," &c., &c. A series of most valuable articles in 52-paged books, containing Diet Rules—what to eat and what to avoid in various complaints, together with other useful and valuable information. Invaluable to every Sufferer. Sound and Practical. Write to-day for presentation copy from the publishers, Messrs Gordon, Murray, and Co., 18, Theobald's Road Holborn, London, W.C.

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A LITTLE GIRL DROWNED AT WOLSINGHAM.

A sad discovery was made on Tuesday evening, between five and six o'clock, near the spot where the new bridge is being erected across the river Wear at Wolsingham. The water is low at present, and children are frequently playing on the stone bed, and in a detached pool of water away from the regular course of the river, the body of a girl, eight years old, daughter of Mr George Coulson, of Church Lane, was found, having apparently been in the water about half-an-hour. The pool is very deep, and little over a week ago a boy would have shared the same fate had not help been at hand to rescue him.

An inquest at Wolsingham, by Coroner Proud, on Wednesday, on the body, ended in a verdict of "Accidently drowned" being returned.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v BLACKHILL PARK.—To be played on the former's ground, when the "Saints' team will be:—Goal, T. Grant; backs, D. Maghon and W. Reed; half-backs, E. Cullen, J. Ringer, and J. Croft; forwards, P. Cullen (capt.), W. Douglass, G. Grey, T. McNeal, and D. McDermott. Referee, Rev T. J. Chapman.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. JARROW PRESBYTERIANS.

The above match will be played on the Hobson ground. The Wanderers will be represented by the following team:—Goal, N. Keith; backs, W. Henderson and E. Henderson (capt.); half-backs, M. Smith, Jos. Leadbitter, and McNeil; forwards, Beck, Cruddace, Young, Bell, and Hindhaugh.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FINAL TIE.

LEADGATE PARK v. TOW LAW.

On the Bishop Auckland ground to-morrow (Saturday), the above teams will meet to decide as to which shall hold the title of Junior Cup-holders for the present season. Both clubs have an excellent record, having suffered very few reverses, and each is equally confident of victory. The game should be a good one, and whichever way the verdict may go, there will probably only be a goal or two difference in the scores when the whistle finally pipes for time. The kick-off is fixed for 3·15. The following team will uphold the honour of

LEADGATE PARK.—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Mansell; half-backs, J. Wilson (capt.), J. B. Robson, and G. Walton; forwards, H. Wattsford and C. T. Foreman, right wing; J. A. Barnhope, centre; Rev R. S. Hay and J. Hunter, left wing.

Referee, Mr S. Kemp, Redcar.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday a fairly good supply of stock, for which there was an excellent demand, a large company being present, the most of whom were inclined to buy at fair maket prices. Fifteen fat cattle sold up to £18 each—top, Messrs Annandale; 120 fat sheep to 54s 6d—top, Messrs Annandale, Bridge Hill; pork pigs to 45s; small pigs, 27s 6d; calves to 43s. Hay, £4 to £5 per ton. Poultry to 2s each. A quantity of harness, &c., was also disposed of at satisfactory prices.

TOW LAW.—Mr J. Vickers had forward on Monday last 25 dairy cows and heifers, 14 fat cattle, 5 store cattle, 7 calves, 55 fat sheep and hoggs, 50 black-faced keeping sheep. Cows made up to £18; fat cattle to £16; store cattle to £7; calves to 36s; fat half-bred hoggs to 41s 6d—top, Mr F. Nesbitt, McNiel Farm, Witton-le-Wear. Black-faced ewes in lamb to 30s 6d; black-faced shearling gimmers to 27s; black-faced gimmer hoggs to 15s.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 108 fat cattle, 3 fat bulls, 20 in-calving and new-calved cows, 6 veal calves, 2 fat lambs, 130 fat sheep, 2 bacon pigs, 5 pork pigs, 10 young pigs, 1 harness horse, potatoes, &c. There was a large attendance of buyers present. Although at the commencement of the sale trade was not so brisk, as buyers arrived trade became much brisker, and one of the best sales of the season resulted, beef being fully 6d per stone up from last sale. The quality of the stock exhibited was equal to if not better than any other show here this season. Sheep trade was decidedly better than last sale. Prices:—Cattle: Fat bullocks to £23 5s—top, Birtley Iron Co.; heifers to £21 10s—top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme; fat cows to £17 5s—top, Mr R. H. Hopps, Old Durham Farm; fat bulls to £17 7s 6d—top, Mr Bates, Lumley Riding. Calves to £2 15s; milch cows to £19 5s, for a very grand cow from Baldersdale. Fat lambs to 47s—top, Birtley Iron Co. Fat sheep: Hoggs to 55s—top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme, and Mr Joseph Thornton, Tribley, respectively; ewes to 44s 6d—top, Mr James Bradford, Vigo. Bacon pigs to £6 17s 6d; pork pigs to £3 12s 6d; young pigs to 27s 6d. Beef may be quoted at 8s for prime heifers; bullocks, from 7s 3d to 7s 6d. Mutton to 9d per lb for choice hoggs.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The final meeting of the above Board as formerly constituted took place at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, under the chairmanship of Mr W. Logan. The Guardians present comprised:—W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Revs P. C. Fortin and Wm. Cockin, Councillors Rd. Murray and T. J. Muse, Messrs Geo. Hobson, John Collinson, J. Lax, Wm. Gray, W. Rutherford, N. Clark, R. Robson, Jos. Watson, T. Nichol, Thomas Taylor-Smith, P. Kirkup, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE TRAIN SERVICE ON THE CONSETT BRANCH.

SOME IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS.

The following letter was received from Mr Godfrey Smith, passenger superintendent, Newcastle-on-Tyne:—

April 5th, 1893.

Mr W. H. Ritson,
Lanchester.

DEAR SIR,—
Additional Trains on the Consett Branch.

With reference to my letter of the 2nd ult., in regard to the above, I now beg to say it has been agreed that additional trains shall be put on from the 1st May, leaving Newcastle at 8·5 a.m. for Durham *via* Consett, and 9.40 a.m. for Newcastle, which I hope will be convenient. The train from Newcastle will pass Lanchester at 9·18 a.m., and the one leaving Durham at 9·40 a.m. on the return journey will be due there at 10·2 a.m.

The 4·5 p.m. train from Newcastle to Consett will also be run *daily* instead of on Saturdays as at present, and an additional train will leave Consett daily at 5·25 p.m. for Newcastle in like manner.—Yours faithfully,

G. SMITH.

The CHAIRMAN moved that the Board pass a vote of thanks to Mr Godfrey Smith for the concessions he had made in response to their memorial.

This was seconded by Mr VAN HAANSBERGEN, who said the proposed service was quite satisfactory. Indeed, they had been granted more than they asked for.

Coun. MURRAY suggested that the new train should be run at 7·30 instead of 5·20, so as to allow passengers from Tow Law, Crook, &c., arriving at Consett shortly before 7 p.m. going straight on to Newcastle, instead of having to wait at Consett till 9 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN thought that they should accept the trains as they were proposed, and then when they were running and any improvement could be suggested it might be done.

Mr GRAY considered that the Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards might take up the matter.

Mr RUTHERFORD considered that they ought to accord a vote of thanks to Mr Van Haansbergen for the trouble he had been put to.

The CHAIRMAN seconded, and the resolution was passed *nem. con.*

THE EFFECTS OF THE LATE MINERS' STRIKE.

Precepts were signed for a poor rate of 7d in the pound, for a sanitary rate of 1d in the pound, the rate for school attendance purposes being *nil* this next half-year.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that the rateable value of the Union had been reduced from £274,608 last year to £247,608 the present year, showing a decrease of £27,584. This was entirely due to the miners' strike last year. The strike lasted three months, and as a consequence only about three-quarters of the quantity of coal raised in that Union during the 12 months that was usually raised. In the previous half-year the rates were paid on the full valuation, but the new lists came into operation on the 29th September last, and showed the diminution of the rateable value he had indicated.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LANCHESTER UNION.

DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO MR W. LOGAN.

Thursday week marked an important epoch in the annals of the administration of poor-law, public health, and highway business of the Lanchester Union and the immediate district, that being the day set apart for giving a complimentary dinner to Mr W. Logan, of Stobilee House, Langley Park, the chairman of the Lanchester Union bodies, and also of the District Highway Board. At the same time there was the presentation of a suitable testimonial to that gentleman in recognition of his manifold public services during the past 16 or 17 years, advantage being also taken of the festive occasion to offer a paean of praise consequent upon his complete recovery from a very distressing affliction. The banquet—which was a superb one, and must have satisfied the appetite of the most pronounced epicure—was served up in the large hall of the King's Head Hotel, at Lanchester, under the excellent supervision of the host and hostess (Mr and Mrs J. Humble); and there was proof of the fact that the dinner was highly appreciated by about 50 guests. The idea of celebrating such an important event first originated at Lanchester at an informal gathering held last Christmas, and since its inception, the projected testimonial has been greeted with unstinted enthusiasm in all quarters. A thoroughly representative and influential working committee was then formed, with Mr Thomas Taylor-Smith, the hospitable squire of Broadwood as chairman, Rev P. C. Fortin, St. Mary's, New Houses, and County Councillor T. J. Muse, Castleside House, discharging the onerous duties of secretaries, while last, but assuredly not least in importance, the work of hon. treasurer devolved upon the shoulders of that genial individual, Mr Joshua Lax, of Shotley Bridge. A better selection it was not possible to conceive, and this fact was amply demonstrated by the unparallelled success of the undertaking. It was only natural that, under the circumstances, Mr Smith should occupy the chair at the festive board, while Councillor R. Murray, Benfieldside House, discharged the functions of vice-chairman. The chairman was supported on the right by the guest of the evening (Mr Logan), who presented a robust appearance; and amongst the other public gentlemen—past and present—were Rev W Cockin, vicar of Medomsley; Rev P C Fortin, Councillors T J Muse, and J A Curry, Dipton; Lieut.-Col. E Leadbitter Smith, J.P., C.C., Flass Hall; George Hobson, Harperley; J Collinson, Consett; William Rutherford, Catchgate; G Ridley, Stanley; W Gray, Burnhope; J Lax, Shotley Bridge; J Urwin, Hollinside Hall; Elliott Leybourne, Castleside; P Kiskup, Cornsay; G Alder, Cornsay; R Robson, Castleside; T Nichol, Satley; J Eltringham, Blackhill; N Clark, Beamish Park; J Watson, Stanley; J Towns, Lanchester; J Buckham, Lanchester; J Cockerill, Hamsteels; etc.

The CHAIRMAN, having submitted the loyal toasts (which were heartily received), went on to explain the object of the present assemblage. He stated that Mr Logan had always done justice to everyone—both the poor and the ratepayers alike—in the administration of poor law affairs. (Applause.) It had always been his endeavour to serve the public at large in an upright, impartial, and conscientious manner, and in this he had succeeded in a remarkable degree. In honouring that gentleman, they were honouring one who had done his very utmost to discharge his duties to the best of his knowledge and ability, and they were moreover honouring themselves, because Mr Logan was a member of the same body as they were privileged to be members. (Hear.) It would be impossible to press his claims further, because words were quite inadequate to give utterance to their admiration and esteem for such a distinguished person. The chairman then read the address, which was couched in the following terms:—

To WILLIAM LOGAN, Esq.,

Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Lanchester.

"We, present and past members of the Board of Guardians and Waywardens of the Union of Lanchester, take the opportunity, on your happy recovery from your late illness, to ask your acceptance of this testimonial-address.

"We offer you our deepest sympathy in the severe affliction you recently suffered, and congratulate you on what we trust is your permanent restoration to health, at the same time hoping that the loss you have so courageously endured will in no wise injuriously affect your professional career, nor interfere with your many other public duties, the performance of which we well know is to you a labour of love.

"We also wish to express our appreciation of the manner in which you have, as member or chairman of the various Boards in the Union of Lanchester, devoted yourself in so many ways to the interests of the ratepayers, and the comfort and the well-being of the poor and afflicted; wise in counsel, moderate in opinion, considerate in discussion, firm in necessity, patient in examination, discriminate in contention, skilful in knowledge; these qualities inspire us with the hope and confidence that you may be spared to us for many years to come to assist in the local government of the Union.

(Signed)

"THOS. TAYLOR-SMITH, Chairman of committee.
"P. C. FORTIN, "T. J. MUSE, Hon. Secretaries.
"J. LAX, Hon. Treasurer."

The address, which was beautifully illuminated in the most artistic style, had a bronze border, which was intersected with some excellent reduced photographs of past and present members of the Board of Guardians and the Highway Board, and was besides embellished with a faithfull portrait of the recipient as the central figure at the top, while at the bottom was a fine illustration of the Lanchester Workhouse buildings. On a scroll at the bottom was inscribed the scriptural text:

"The poor ye have always with you."

The penmanship in the body of the address was neat and pretty, and although the border was rather wide, the photos were so tastefully blended as to make the picture a rich and rare work or art. The address was without doubt one of the best specimens of workmanship turned out of the well-known establishment of Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, of Newcastle, and was enclosed in a massive gilt frame. The greatest credit is due to the persons who designed and executed such a chaste and elegant masterpiece of art.

Mr HOBSON, who now claims the honour of being the oldest Guardian sitting on the Board, was well received on rising to make the presentation. As the "father" of the Guardians, he said he was proud to know that one of his "children" was so highly honoured and respected (laughter), but it was really nothing more than he deserved. (Applause.) He wished he could only find words to surpass what their estimable chairman had said concerning Mr Logan; but what could a poor mortal like himself say after such a flow of elegance. (Laughter.) He was extremely gratified to see so much admiration shown towards one of his colleagues, and he fervently hoped that he would be favoured with long life, happiness, and prosperity to enjoy the blessings which might be vouchsafed to him. (Applause.) They were all aware of the severe affliction that had been borne by Mr Logan, and the serious operation which he had undergone within the past twelve months; but they were exceedingly happy that he was amongst them once again. He trusted that in the days to come, Mr Logan would look upon these portraits as delineating the features of some of the truest and staunchest friends he ever had in this world, and that the beautiful address would be handed down to posterity as an heirloom. (Applause.) He believed that Mr Logan regarded his public duties as a labour of love; he always threw his whole heart and soul into the work, and he could assure him that in getting up that handsome testimonial, it had been to the promoters a labour of love. No task they had undertaken ever afforded them greater pleasure. Indeed, everybody said that Mr Logan was in every way worthy of such a gift, because they all knew that he had done so much good, both on behalf of the poor and the better classes. (Applause.) There were many cases where testimonials were got up for individuals when the people enquired what had they done for the public benefit? but in the present instance, no one had ever asked such a superfluous question, but one and all seemed most eager and anxious to give his mite to the fund. (Applause.) It therefore afforded him the greatest possible pleasure, on behalf of the subscribers, to be entrusted with the honour of handing the illuminated address to Mr Logan. (Loud applause.)

Coun. MUSE heartily endorsed the observations of the previous speakers. The portraits on the address depicted a noble set of men. (Laughter.) The Guardians and Waywardens looked a splendid lot of fellows on paper. (Renewed laughter.) However, joking apart, they all loved and respected Mr Logan. That was perfectly true, and he could not say more. They wished Mr Logan long life and good health to remain as the chairman of the two Boards for many years to come. (Applause.) They were all aware that Mr Logan had successfully passed through a severe affliction, and now that he had overcome his difficulties, he hoped it would please God to spare him for many years to come. (Applause.) He believed that Mr Logan never looked more hale and hearty than he did that day. (Renewed applause.) He concluded by reading letters and telegrams of apology from Mr W M Annandale, Lintzford; Mr W Aynsley, Consett; Mr W B Van Haansbergen, J.P., Woodlands, and others.

Mr LAX also supported the preceding speakers in a few terse and pointed observations. He mentioned that since the ratepayers of Benfieldside sent him 11 years ago to represent them on the Board of Guardians, he had had very many opportunities afforded him of studying the character and abilities of Mr Logan as a public citizen. As a fairly close observer of the ways of mankind, he knew of no man who had served his day and generation more honourably, more self-sacrificingly, more devotedly, or more successfully than Mr Logan had in the performance of his duties. (Applause.) There were few men indeed who possessed the unique qualifications requisite in a chairman to a Board of Guardians. Soon after his advent on the Board, he observed that Mr Logan displayed a warm, nay, almost absorbing, interest in the work of administering the Poor Law and Public Health Acts. He also found out, after closer acquaintance, that Mr Logan's services were not of an intermittent character, but were of a constant and consistent nature. Three years ago, when his late friend, Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, resigned the position of chairmanship of that Board, after ten years of faithful and diligent service, Mr Logan was, with the brightest anticipations on the part of the Guardians, unanimously called upon to fill the honourable office. (Applause.) These anticipations, he was happy to say, had been utterly and amply realised—the brightest anticipations of his long and valued services. They found in Mr Logan all the rounding up of the qualities which tended to constitute a good chairman of a Board of Guardians. To make a thoroughly efficient and capable chairman of an important body like that demanded a rounding up of certain attributes of character which they seldom, if ever, found under one head. No gentleman present, perhaps, ever came across a person who possessed all the qualifications required in a chairman of a Board of Guardians. The chairman of a Board of Guardians must possess a moral and mental fitness to discharge the functions devolving upon him, he must possess a fund of incisive language whereby to express his thoughts, he must possess a mind evenly balanced as between the ratepayers on the one hand and the deserving poor on the other, he must also possess considerable knowledge of the Poor Law Act and its proper administration, and must have a knowledge of human nature equal to the poet or the novelist. Now, Mr Logan possessed all these qualifications in a pre-eminent degree. (Applause.) But there was one quality which perhaps more than any other he (Mr Lax) particularly admired in Mr Logan. There was nothing that came before that Board for solution, if Mr Logan was not thoroughly acquainted with the matter beforehand, his first aim and object was to ascertain the right or wrong of the case. This accomplished, Mr Logan always upheld that which was right, and eschewed that which was wrong. This he (the speaker) held to be a refreshing quality, when some representatives lacked self-reliance and moral courage, and who might and ought to serve the people better. Mr Logan possessed an evenly-balanced mind, altogether free from fads or dangerous influences. These were the qualifications which had governed largely the character of Mr Logan, and had made him the beloved public citizen of that day. (Applause.) They had not encountered any rebuffs from any friends in getting up that testimonial to Mr Logan. As the treasurer of the testimonial fund, he had received a number of very nice letters from gentlemen who in years gone by were connected with the district, and were intimately associated with Mr Logan in the execution of his public duties. There were two letters from clergymen who were formerly members of that Board, which indicated that their love and admiration for Mr Logan was still as keen and ardent as ever, and these feelings had not been deadened by being cut off from frequent intercourse with him. (Applause.) He would not trouble to read the epistles, but would simply remark that there was a concensus of opinion on these points, viz:—sympathy for him in his late sufferings, congratulating him most heartily upon his successful recovery: and admiration and sincere respect for his character. (Applause.) He (Mr Lax) did not know of any person who had borne such sad affliction with such heroic fortitude and enduring patience as Mr Logan. (Applause.) When the time came for Mr Logan to leave this world for a higher and nobler sphere, he would be one of the few men who would be enabled to say with England's greatest hero, at the battle of Trafalgar—"I thank God I have done my duty." (Loud cheers.)

Mr LOGAN, who was greeted with enthusiastic cheering, said: I have been present amongst you for the past 16 years as Guardian of the Poor, and for 17 years as waywarden, and I can assure you that at no previous gathering have I ever risen with the same amount of diffidence as I do to-day to address a few words of thanks to you, and found the same amount of difficulty in expressing myself. I expect some of my friends got an idea that I am perhaps a glib talker. (Laughter.) When I have to speak about other people, I can usually find words adequate enough to answer my purpose fairly well. Therefore, when I feel great difficulty in expressing myself, it must convey to you the idea that I cannot fail to find words sufficient to express my gratitude to you to-day for the honour you have done me. You have confessed upon me a distinction that anyone might well be proud of, and when I look upon the handsome testimonial it will always recall reminiscences of the days when my colleagues and myself worked so harmoniously together for the public good. (Applause.) This testimonial came upon me with extreme surprise. Some months ago an informal meeting of Guardians and Waywardens was held at Lanchester, when the scheme was propounded, and the first intimation I had of the circumstance was the announcement in the newspapers on the following day. I at once spoke to some of my friends and strongly advised them to let the matter drop. (Cries of "No.") I will tell you honestly, gentlemen, that whatever I have done during the past 16 or 17 years, I have not merited such a testimonial. (Cries of "No.") I may honestly say that I really don't think so. Turning to the Board of Guardians, I may mention that during that period there have been very few meetings that I have missed. I have been a continuous attender. I have tried to do my duty to the ratepayers that sent me there. (Hear.) Someone had said that the work to me seemed to be a "labour of love." It has been a work which I liked and enjoyed because of the way in which the work was done, and the harmonious feeling which always existed amongst the Guardians and Waywardens. The Lanchester Board was peculiar in having some merits which other Boards of Guardians did not possess. (Hear.) Although the composition of the Board had altered to a large extent in the way in which they laboured there was always an *espri de corps*, because when Waywardens or Guardians fell out, and new members came in their places, there was always a guiding principle laid down for them to carry out. There ought to be no factions of two or more parties on the Board, their sole aim and object being to spend the ratepayers' money to the best advantage to the ratepayers and poor alike. (Applause.) I believe that idea has dominated the members ever since the establishment of the Board of Guardians. This principle could never be fulfilled if there were two or three factions on the Board. There has been little "breezes" and differences of opinion occasionally, but had any of the Guardians been less friendly towards each other because they had fallen out? ("No.") I think some of us have been peculiarly fortunate, inasmuch as during the past 16 or 17 years we have been empowered to carry out a number of works which our predecessors never had the option of taking in hand. I notice with great pleasure the presence of Mr Elliot Leybourne, who was a Guardian at the first meeting of the Board held on the 6th, January, 1837—(applause)—and on the 13th April, 1882—exactly 11 years ago to-day—the Guardians met to do honour to Mr Leybourne on the completion of 45 years' service, on which occasion I prepared for the use of the Chairman (Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith) an account of the rise and progress of the Board of Guardians, and from this article I will quote a few particulars which may be of interest. When the Lanchester Board was first established there were 21 elected members and two *ex-officio*. As a matter of fact there were but 20 elected members, Mr Balleny being the Guardian for both Greencroft and Iveston parishes. Out of these 22 persons, Mr Elliot Leybourne alone survived. The rateable value of the Union at that period was £61,540, while now it stands at £247,000. Up to 1877 when I became a Guardian, the number of elected members was 25, and in 1882, 27, the number at the present time being 29. The Board has not very largely increased in numbers, but has certainly very materially increased in importance. Great changes have taken place, not by the extension of the borders of the Union, but by the springing up of new industries, and fresh villages, and the extension of old ones, and as a consequence necessitating an increase in the composition of the Board. In 1837, there were but two townships which elected more than one Guardian—viz., Lanchester 2, and Tanfield 3. Now we have Benfieldside 2, Conside 3, Medomsley 2, Tanfield 4, Lanchester 2, and Esh 2, the others remaining at 1 each. Up to 1837, there were no Guardians and no workhouses for the reception of paupers, each parish keeping its own poor. In some townships the male paupers, who now correspond to our indoor male paupers, were kept by going from one farmhouse to another, getting their board and lodging, and performing what little they could, the time at which they remained at each farmhouse being proportioned to the rateable value of the farm. The outdoor paupers—male and female—who had lodgings or houses of their own, eked out a livelihood as best they could, the men by repairing the roads, for which they were paid 1s a day, and the women by knitting or spinning. The outdoor pauper's allowance for those unable to work, or when out of employment, was 1s to 1s 6d per week. Tanfield and Lanchester at that period were the only places in what is now the Union which had parish Poorhouses for the reception of indoor paupers, the one at Tanfield being capable of accommodating 30, and that at Lanchester 20 inmates, the first having at the time 8, and the latter 7 inmates. At the formation of the Union, the inmates at Lanchester were transferred to Tanfield, the house at The Nook, in Lanchester, being utilised as the Board Offices. Soon after this the Guardians acquired land, and erected at Lanchester a small block of buildings for a Union Workhouse, which occupied the site of what is now used as the *refractory* cells, workroom, and storeroom, and comprise part of the present Workhouse buildings. The township of Langley sent its indoor paupers to the Chester-le-Street Poorhouse, and paid the usual charge of about 6s per week each, and also had to pay 21s per annum whether it sent paupers there or not. The Workhouse has been extended from time to time, until in its present state it will accommodate 300 people. The original part of the Workhouse is for the third time now so altered, that the site of the old erection is hardly recognisable. The function of Guardians originally was to take charge of the poor, but within the past 16 or 17 years, the duties of Rural Sanitary Authority, School Attendance, and Assessment work, in addition to various other duties that would occur to their minds, had been entrusted to them. (Applause.) What the Guardians would have to do in the future, when the whole burden of local government devolved upon their shoulders, it would hardly be possible to forecast. The Highway Board was not called into existence till 17 years ago. They did not formerly do their work in the same efficient manner as they performed it to-day, and I believe this assertion will be borne out by Mr Geo. Alder sitting at the bottom of the table. Every separate parish then kept up its own main roads, the result being that each parish tried its level best to keep the rates down, and the roads in as bad a condition as it was possible to imagine.—(The Chairman: No, no.) Well, I beg to adhere to my assertion. Now things were altered, and since the Highway Board came into operation, the burden of maintaining roads did not fall on individual parishes, but the whole of the townships in the district contributed its equal share, in proportion to its rateable value for repairing and keeping up the roads. Thus it was that a wealthy parish would not only bear the cost of maintaining its own roads in a state of efficiency, but moreover helped poorer parishes as well. The County Council now exercised jurisdiction over the main roads; but the Lanchester Highway Board had kept these important thoroughfares in such an excellent condition in the past, that they said, with effect to the Highway Board, "We will allow you to keep your own main roads in future, and refund you the cost of maintaining the same." That was not so in other Highway districts, the main roads having been allowed to lapse into such a bad state that they had been taken in hand by the County Council itself. In the composition of the Highway Board, I believe that I am right in stating that I am one of the three members who sat upon the Highway Board when elected 17 years ago. On the Board of Guardians I am one of five members who sat 16 years since. In 16 years there have been 21 new members elected as Guardians, and it says very much for the new blood which has been imported thereon, that the same feeling has permeated the various members of the Board since it came into existence. I have never known anything which has tended to mar the harmony which has always prevailed amongst the members, and I hope the same feeling will dominate the Guardians and Waywardens in future. (Applause.) Let us unite to work in harmony and love for the good of the community at large. Their officers would then see, that as long as they were a united body, they would one and all have to serve and obey their masters, and then there would be no favouritism shewn here and there. The officers would then have to perform their duties to the best of their skill and ability, and so long as this was done, they need not be subserviant to the fear or favour of anyone. (Applause.) This expression of feeling has dominated me during the whole time I have been a Guardian, and I hope it will dominate everyone who comes to us in future. (Applause.) Let me once again thank you for the very handsome testimonial you have presented to me, and whenever I gaze upon the work of art I shall see the faces of many dear friends—gentlemen who have become dear to me by constant contact fortnight after fortnight, who have always supported and upheld me in my efforts to carry on the work of the Board, and have endeavoured to act up to one desire—to serve the public at large, and to keep up the honour and glory of the Board of Guardians and the Highway Board. (Applause.) I would express to the committee who got up this testimonial my hearty thanks for their services. It must have cost them a large amount of diligent thought and study to conceive such a truly magnificent address, and a great deal of credit is due to the gentlemen who have designed such a beautiful specimen of workmanship. I thank you again from the bottom of my heart for this handsome testimonial, which will not only be an incentive to me to do more than I have done in the past, but will certainly spur me to continue on the same path as I have done during the past 16 or 17 years. (Prolonged cheering.)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN next referred, in eulogistic terms, to Mr Logan's attributes as a public man, and then called upon

Mr COLLINSON to hand over to Mr Logan, as a gift to Miss Logan, his daughter, a gold diamond brooch, and a massive album, containing photos of past and present Guardians and Waywardens. Mr Collinson remarked that before Mr Logan obtained a seat on the Board, he entertained an opinion that colliery managers were not fit and proper persons to act as Guardians. (Laughter.) He looked upon them, not as Guardians of the Poor, but as Guardians of the interests of those who sent them there. His ideas, however, had undergone a change, and in no single instance had Mr Logan led him to understand, either by his words or actions, that his mind was a biased one. (Applause.) He was not personally acquainted with Miss Logan, but he had heard of her by reputation, and he fully believed she was a lady whom any person would be proud to possess as a daughter. He trusted, therefore, that she would accept these slight offerings as a memento of their esteem. (Applause.)

Rev P C FORTIN, in supporting, explained that the committee, while honouring Mr Logan, felt that it would not be right to overlook the claims of Miss Logan, who had been such a devoted daughter, and had nursed her father so tenderly during his recent affliction. (Applause.)

Mr LOGAN, in acknowledging the presents, said that it was only on Tuesday last that he became aware that the committee proposed to award some souvenir to his daughter, and in thanking them for the valuable articles, he assured the company that his daughter would prize them very highly indeed. (Applause.)

Mr LAX, in a witty and original address, submitted the toast of "The Guardians." He said that he was placed in a position of great responsibility. To speak for the whole Board was indeed an undertaking. This toast, however, which is coupled with the name of Rev W Cockin, was one in which they were mutually interested, and he had no doubt that they would drink it as though they were really thirsty. To say the least of the merits of their Board, it was the best he had ever sat upon. (Laughter.) Continuing, the speaker remarked: I have sometimes thought of late of what an interesting variety, not to say complexity, of character and names we find in the *personnel* of our Board and its officers. Some of our names seem to have been framed and given to facilitate a display of the art in which Douglas, Jerrold, Tom Hood, Sam Foote, Erskine, Curran, and others, were so distinguished. I mean the art of punning. For instance, there is our worthy chairman, Mr Logan, who is no dead *log-on* the waters, or voyage of life, but on the contrary is a living, active, potent, and guiding agency in his own and the affairs of the Lanchester Union. (Applause.) Another useful member—a genial, kind-hearted, and generous man—with a tincture of poetry in his make-up, which is accounted for in the fact that he spends the major portion of his time in the companionship of the *Muses*. (Laughter.) There is another member who, if you will allow me the use of our northern vernacular, is a *Fortin* to the Board—(renewed laughter)—and it is the good *fortin* of the ratepayers of the Lanchester Union to have the services of so able and painstaking and active a representative. (Applause.) There is one member—a self-reliant and intelligent man—whom I envy. Now, envy is not a very beautiful attribute of character. Still, let me be honest, and say that I *do* envy him, because he carries about with him, wrapped up with his personality, a panacea for all gloom, sorrow, foreboding, and despair, he has, in short, a complete immunity from all care, for he is always *Murray*. But there is one member more for whom I am sorry—sorry because he is a good fellow, and we all respect him. My sorrow is not of that subtle kind which gets at the red roots of the heart, and works mischief there. No, it is of a lighter kind, yet I *am* sorry, for, though he is one of the youngest members on the Board, and is yet unmarried, he has been *Gray* from his earliest infancy. (Laughter.) There is another member with one of those double-barrelled names, of whom I can't speak with confidence, for he is *Lax* in everything he does, and particularly so in things he does not do which ought to be done. (Laughter). Now, sir, if you live in a village or town, and want to know what is going on within, you will have to go outside to get this information. So, if you want to know our character as Guardians, we must get this from people outside of us. One thing which is said is that we are an independent Board, that none of us would *Curry* favour from any source at the expense of judgment and conscience. (Laughter.) But let me ask a question here, sir, you can answer it at your leisure: How does it happen that some, not many, of our members—men of intelligence and influence, who might, if they would, be of great service to the Board and the Union—are so frequently conspicuous by their absence at our meetings? Now, sir, be it understood that this question I *Ask-with* no cynical intent whatever. (Great laughter.) Amongst the more favourable things which are said of us is that we are an intelligent Board, that there is a good share of light diffused amongst us. Well, sir, this is accounted for to the fact that we have no less than eight *suns* who shed their radiance periodically here at Lanchester. There is Hobson, Collinson, Ritson, Nicholson, Mitchinson, Wilkinson, Robson, and Watson. (Laughter.) And, moreover, we have a *Moon*, and a very good moon, too, who never hides his face behind the clouds when he ought to shine. Besides these *luminous bodies*, we have several *stars* in council and debate. But in conclusion, let me say that the crowning compliment paid us is that we are a harmonious Board, that there are none of the bickerings, carpings, and jealousies amongst us, common in some Boards. This, sir, is directly attributable to the fact that we meet here fortnightly under most favourable and interesting conditions. *For be it known that our gatherings here are under the mastership, guidance, and spirit of a true Brotherhood*. (Laughter and applause.) If this be true, and I will vouch for it, you will do the toast the honour it deserves. (Applause.)

The toast was warmly pledged, and Rev W COCKIN suitably responded, expressing the pleasure it gave him to meet the Guardians occasionally.

Mr ELTRINGHAM afterwards gave the toast of "The Waywardens," stating that he did not know much about that body, but if they did their work as well as it was done by the Guardians, they must be a very competent and efficient Board. (Applause.)

Mr ALDER (vice-chairman of the Highway Board), and Mr RIDLEY (chairman of the Chester-le-Street Union), briefly replied to the toast.

Rev P C FORTIN proffered "The Ex-Guardians," and said that the existing Board was greatly indebted to their forefathers for what they had achieved in the past, and paved the way for the present efficiency of administration. He read an interesting statement showing that the following gentlemen composed the first Board of Guardians at Lanchester, elected in 1837:—

EX-OFFICIO GUARDIANS.

William Thomas Greenwell, J.P., and John Greenwell, J.P.

ELECTED GUARDIANS.

Lanchester—Thomas Edward Charlton, and John Weir.
Benfieldside—William Annandale.
Billingside—Robert Urwin.
Collierley—Edward Gray.
Conside—Cuthbert Surtees.
Cornsay—John Cumming.
Esh—John Suddes, junior.
Ebchester—John Jowitt.
Greencroft—Robert Balleny.
Healeyfield—Elliott Leybourne.
Hedleyhope—Thomas Elliott.
Iveston—Robert Balleny.
Kyo Laws—William Hedley.
Langley—John Selby.
Medomsley—John Ward Browell.
Muggleswick—Robert Surtees.
Satley—John Cumming, junior.
Tanfield—John Watson, William Addison, and Joseph Robinson.

Mr LEYBOURNE, who was called upon to respond to the toast, gave a brief *resume* of the history of the Board of Guardians. The first meeting took place in the vestry of the church, then the school-room, the next in the lower storey of a house at The Nook, afterwards in the parlour of the Blue Bell Inn, the Police Court, and finally in the Workhouse.

Mr BUCKHAM likewise spoke to the toast, mentioning that he had no ambition to serve as a Guardian again.

Coun. MUSE proposed "The Ex-Waywardens," and the sentiment was acknowledged by Mr URWIN.

Mr LOGAN submitted "The Chairman," and Mr HOBSON "The Vice-Chairman," both these gentlemen returning thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which their names had been received by the company.

Father FORTIN proposed "The Press," and Mr W EALES replied thereto.

Coun. MUSE gave "The Musicians," and Mr T D DRYDEN responded in their behalf.

The last toast was "The Host and Hostess," which was acknowledged by Mr HOBSON and Mr HUMBLE.

The very enjoyable proceedings closed with the party singing "Auld Lang Syne," everything passing off in the pleasantest and most agreeable fashion, without the slightest hitch occurring.

The speeches were interspersed with glees, songs, etc., by Messrs T D Dryden, Consett, G Arkless, Annfield Plain, and W S Telford, Hare Law.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LEADGATE.

On Monday afternoon, an inquest was held at Mr G. Watson's, Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate, touching the death of Henry Rayne, mason, belonging Sunderland, who died on Saturday last, from injuries received on the previous Thursday, by falling from some scaffolding in connection with the erection of the new Co-operative Buildings, at the west end of Leadgate. Mr L. Nicholson was appointed foreman of the jury.

A son of deceased, named Henry Rayne, identified the body as being that of his father, who was 53 years old. He saw deceased prior to his death, but he could not tell him anything about the accident.

Margaret Day, widow, of Plantation Street, Leadgate, averred that deceased had lodged with her for eight months, and had been employed at the new Co-operative Buildings as a mason. On this particular Thursday morning, deceased was brought home shortly after breakfast time, injured, having fallen from the scaffolding. Deceased made a statement to her, and said if anyone asked any questions about the accident, she had to tell them that there was no blame attached to anyone excepting himself. Rayne told her that he could not tell how it happened, but he could mind of falling and turning over twice. He was getting off a box he had been standing on, and he caught a brick or bricks, which made him fall.

The Coroner: Was this all deceased said in reference to the accident?—Witness: He said nothing more.

Thomas Pickering, of 113, Front Street, Leadgate, said he was a labourer, employed at the new Co-operative Buildings. On this particular morning he was engaged putting up some scaffolding, near to deceased, when he fell. Deceased was working on a scaffold higher than witness, and was putting his last half-brick up when he fell. Deceased was standing on a manger, to give him extra height. He stepped on a piece of brick, and fell over the end of the scaffold, backwards, from a height fully 18 feet from the ground. The scaffold consisted of five planks, laid close together. Three of the planks were nine inches wide, and two one foot in width. Deceased helped to put the scaffolding up.

The Coroner: It seems to have been a pretty wide scaffold.

The Foreman: It is about the usual width.

Matthew Brown, of 36, Durham Road, Blackhill, said he was one of the contractors, of the firm of Westgarth and Brown, who were engaged erecting the building. Rayne was in their employ. Witness was at the building when the accident occurred.

The Coroner said he did not think it was necessary to get any further evidence from Brown, seeing there was no blame attached to the contractors for the accide

The son of deceased said he was quite satisfied that no one was to blame.

The Coroner: The contractors are free from all blame, because the scaffolding was all right. When Rayne was stepping backwards off the manger, he would not see the brick, and therefore could not save himself.

Dr F. Bell, assistant to Dr G. Renton, at Leadgate, stated that on Thursday morning he was ordered to see deceased. He found him greatly collapsed from shock. Both bones of the right forearm, and two or three ribs on the right side of the chest, were fractured. The reeds of the ribs had penetrated and lacerated the right lung. Thirty-six hours afterwards inflammation of the right lung set in, which proved fatal on the following Saturday.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

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MASONIC FESTIVAL AT CONSETT.

The seventh anniversary of the "Constance" Lodge (No. 2,135) of the ancient fraternity of free and accepted Masons took place on Wednesday afternoon, in the Freemasons' Hall, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. There was a good attendance of local brethren, besides visitors from other parts of Durham and Northumberland. The ceremony of installing Bro. Wm. Innes Mackay, of Catchgate, as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, was performed by Bro. G. J. Christopher, the retiring W.M. The W.M. elect then proceeded to invest the undermentioned officers with their badges:—S.W., Bro. G. T. Hyden; J.W., Bro. J. Coulthard; treasurer, Bro. C. Stephenson; secretary, Bro. C. Routledge; S.D., Bro. W. Smith; J.D., Bro. T. D. Dryden; I.G., Bro. James Hardy; D. of C., Bro. W. Eltringham; chaplain, Bro. W. Hogarth; J.S., Bro. R. Abbott; organist, Bro. A. Edwards; and tyler, Bro. Geo. Dryden, sen.

In the evening, the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated, about 40 gentlemen sitting down to an excellent repast, which was provided by Mr and Mrs Wylam, of the Freemasons' Arms Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. Mackay, Bros. Hyden and Coulthard filling the vice-chairs. The customary toasts were honoured, and the evening was spent in "love and harmony."

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The Weardale Co-operative Society decided on Saturday last not to open a butcher's business in connection with their central store at Stanhope.

There is a strong feeling in Weardale against open voting at elections—brought about by candidates taking lists of the ratepayers and their votes. The Guardians, on behalf of the ratepayers, have petitioned Parliament for ballot voting in future elections.

Between 150 and 200 voting papers, at the recent election of Guardians, were sent in blank—that is, not filled up; the parties declining to use their rights of citizenship on account of open voting. Had these all voted, there might have been considerable changes in the representation.

If there is one thing more than another mean and contemptible at elections where open voting is allowed, it is the fact of a number of candidates going and taking a list of the voters who vote for and against them, and then showing their spite in various ways to the parties who happened conscientiously to vote against them. It is a gross abuse of privilege, and the sooner it is put an end to the better.

Here is a "wrinkle" for my friend Mr Collinson, of Wolsingham. According to the half-yearly accounts of the Weardale Union, just published, the sum of £21 7s 9d was spent in vaccination during the half-year ending at Michaelmas last.

In the same half-year, the sum of £302 3s was spent over lunatics in asylums, registered hospitals, and licensed houses; £1,226 for out-door relief, including non-resident relief, and £195 10s 10½d for in-maintenance; officers' salaries, £178 9s 2d; officers' rations, £36 9s 1½d; extra medical fees, £10; registration, £4 6s 6d; Union Assessment Committee's expenses, £250 6d.

Mr George Moses took his seat for the first time on the Stanhope Local Board on Monday evening.

The Postal Authorities have declined to grant an earlier morning mail up the Wear Valley, and laid the blame on the Railway Company, who wrote the Stanhope Local Board to the effect that they could not see their way clear to run an early morning mail up the valley at present. The Railway Company are shy in doing anything for Weardale.

An early morning mail would have been very useful to business men, both in Witton-le-Wear, Wolsingham, Frosterley, and Stanhope, so as they could have got their letters in time to catch the nine train down the valley. Both the Weardale Guardians and the Stanhope Local Board have asked for it. The Postal Authorities seem willing enough to grant the increased facilities asked for by the representatives of the people, but the Railway Company are slow to benefit the public, yet when a Railway Bill is before Parliament, it is shown up to be for the public good.

At an adjourned vestry meeting at Stanhope, on Friday evening, Mr John Crawhall was appointed people's churchwarden in the room of Mr Charlton, stationmaster, who declines to stand. He was appointed at the vestry meeting of March 29th, but was not present.

Mr J. W. Roddam, J.P., was chosen chairman of the Stanhope Local Board for the ensuing year, and Alderman Livingstone vice-chairman, at the first meeting of the new Board for the year, on Monday evening.

Great preparations are being made at Westgate for the district meeting of the Primitive Methodists, which is to be held there next week-end. It is to be hoped it will not be such a *fiasco* as was the visit to Westgate of the great jam manufacturer, Mr Hartley, and the President of the Conference, a short time since.

Frosterley can boast of an inventive genius in the person of Thomas Tallentire, who has constructed a wonderful model steam navvy. The mechanical skill of the man is seen in his wonderful production. The model is a great curiosity, and has been seen by numbers of people, and will be on view at the poultry show there. It is well worth seeing.

Mrs J. W. Roddam, New Town, Stanhope, with characteristic generosity gave the other evening to the Church Choir boys a supper of a substantial and enjoyable character. Her kindness and consideration for the choir boys was well appreciated by them, and by the public in general.

The public of Wolsingham should try to get the Bale Hill Wood opened out for their benefit. It is a beautiful place, quite in advance of Stanhope Dene. They should form a committee of the most influential persons they can get, and go right about the thing, and I have no doubt they would get it. The scenery of Wolsingham Park far exceeds anything of its kind around Stanhope, and if opened out to the public would be a great attraction to visitors from the crowded cities and towns of the north.

A Stanhope man died at Newcastle last week—John George Dixon, blacksmith. He was well-known in Weardale, where he worked for many years for the Weardale Iron Company, at the Stanhope furnace shops. He was a native of Stanhope, and was one of the old standard families of the place. For many years he was a member of the Primitive body, and was well respected. His illness was cancer of the stomach.

Merry Stanhope! Other two balls were held last week in the Town Hall—the Highfliers and the Scotch Greys each had a night. The Highfliers had a social, and the Scotch Greys a dress ball, both of which were well patronised. I am told that for style of dancing, neatness of figure, and smartness of dress the Scotch Greys took premier honours. Twenty-seven couples of them tripped the light fantastic until five the next morning.

An amateur joiner, at East Lane, the other day, squared the circle by making a box. He made it inside, and had to take it to pieces to get it through the doorway.

Active preparations are being made for the Frosterley Poultry Show and Band Contest. Frosterley Poultry Show is one of the best in the north of England, and that is saying a lot. Some splendid birds find their way to it from all parts of England, and from the most noted poultry breeders, and yet the local poultry men hold their own. Messrs Ridley and Currah own some splendid birds.

Dr Livingstone headed the poll at the Guardian election, and Mr G. Stephenson, of Westgate, was a good second.

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CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held on Monday, April 10th. Present: Dr Colquhoun (in the chair), Messrs Tucker and Gilchrist, and the clerk (Mr Orde.)

The attendance officer (Mr Hunter) presented his monthly report, the attendance being fair, but in two instances the Board decided to take proceedings against the parents of some children for irregular attendance, provided the parents did not, at the next meeting of the Board, attend and state the reason of their children's irregularity at school.

A precept was made out upon the overseers; and various cheques were signed. The Finance Committee's report was then taken.

Afterwards, a motion, moved by Mr TUCKER, and seconded by the CHAIRMAN, was carried unanimously as follows:—"That in future no fees be charged in the Board's schools."

Some conversation then ensued on the slow progress made by the contractor for the Chopwell and Spen Board School, and it was resolved that he be seen in relation to the matter.

The meeting then ended.

NOTES FROM THE SPEN DISTRICT.

[BY "WATCHMAN."]

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

A few weeks ago we did not expect a contest in our locality; but more candidates got into the field than the number required, and in spite of the hints that have been thrown out for two to withdraw, in order to save expense, they refused, and thus a contest took place on Wednesday week in connection with the Winlaton School Board, with the following result:—Rev A. B. Tebb, 866; Mr J. Clark, 753; Mr R. Young, 746; Mr P. Carling, 728; Mr W. Atkinson, 704; Mr J. Howden, 702; Mr R. Carr, 487; Mr R. Scott, 431; Mr W. J. Douglas, 327. The only change is that Mr Young takes the place of Mr Douglas. Mr Young's success is doubtless attributed to his holding of public meetings, and giving his views in relation to the Board. Mr Young, in speaking at a public meeting in the Miners' Hall, Victoria Garesfield, on Thursday week, dwelt on the great need of an infants' school at Rowland's Gill, seeing that the children now have to travel three miles each way, and on very heavy roads. Mr J. Tucker occupied the chair in a very able manner.

THE TRAIN SERVICE.

I am glad to note the additional trains on the Consett Branch, which will be a great boon to this neighbourhood, especially the 5 25 p.m. from Consett to Newcastle. At present many of the inhabitants of this district, who are principally miners, are unable to go to Newcastle in the evening, owing to being at work until four o'clock. This train, however, will suit them admirably, as it will enable them to have an hour-and-a-half in the city. The 9 40 a.m. from Durham and the 4 5 p.m. from Newcastle will also be a great benefit to this district. Another great boon for this district, if the Company could see their way clear, would be to run a late train on the Saturday nights from Newcastle to Consett, leaving the city about nine o'clock. We must, however, thank Mr Godfrey Smith for the concessions he has just made and hope he will also see his way clear to run the late train.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

The spell is broken. After a period of remarkably genial weather quite out of the ordinary run for this time of year, Sunday last entirely changed the aspect of affairs and since then we have had to be content to walk under determined though gentle showers of rain peculiar to April in a normal condition. For some reasons the change was desirable. The farmers had already commenced their complainings that the turnip crop would be utterly ruined if the dry weather prevailed much longer, and that the outlook generally was anything but cheering for them. The worst one can hope is that the rain may not continue too long and so turn the complaint in an opposite direction.

With the commencement of the merry month the North-Eastern Railway Directors will, on the 1st of May, grant the long-promised concessions in the matter of increased travelling facilities on the Derwent Valley branch and put them into force. The additional trains will prove very useful indeed, for they have been fixed to run at convenient times, and the wishes of the majority of commercial men and others using the line frequently have been fairly well met. In a while, perhaps, the Directors may be induced to run the 10 50 p.m. from Newcastle to Consett every night in the week, Sundays, of course excepted. For the present they do not see their way to grant this boon. Let us just bear ourselves patiently for a little while and who knows but that this great privilege may yet be granted!

There are few towns of the size of Consett so well and sympathetically catered for in the way of theatrical fare as our own. But it is also equally true that in Mr Arthur Jefferson we have a lessee who, if he were not an enterprising man full of energy spirit and push, would get tired of himself. Mr Jefferson could not avoid pushing forward if he tried. He has happily the satisfaction of feeling and knowing that his efforts both at Bishop Auckland and Consett are highly appreciated as they deserve to be. Looking over the present week's announcements as shown by the programme, I notice several important engagements have been entered into for the period intervening between now and the close of the season. Amongst others of more than common interest may be mentioned that of the Children's Comic Opera Co.;—an admirable company of juvenile opera artistes. They will appear in Cellier's charming opera, *Dorothy*, *My Sweetheart*, and *Les Cloches de Corneville*. Subsequently, *Bohemian Girl* and *Maritana* will be submitted by the members of the National Grand Opera Co., and there are several other good things in store.

This week the famous drama *Exiled* is the attraction, with Mr Leonard Pagden in the part of Harry Hastings, assisted by a really capable company. The play, as written in a prologue and three acts has its story laid in Australia. There is plenty of plot and passion intermixed with a sprinkling of the ever-welcome and never-to-be-ignored humorous element. There are several striking situations throughout the piece and the capital scenery contributes largely to the general effect.

Will the following interest the gentlemen who for so long have been writing on Spiritualism—for and against? Mrs Besant gives in *Lucifer*, an account of the soul after death. The mischief, she considers, done to the soul by spiritualistic experiments by the living is very great, then she proceeds:—"Persons who have led an evil life, who have gratified and stimulated their animal passions and have full fed the body of desires while they have starved even the lower animal—these remain for long denizens of Kāma Loka, and are filled with yearnings for the earth-life they have left, and for the animal delights that they can no longer—in the absence of the physical body—directly taste. These gather round the medium and the sensitive, endeavouring to utilise them for their own gratification, and these are among the more dangerous of the forces so rashly affronted in their ignorance by the thoughtless and the curious."

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Business Announcements.

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Re W. HUTCHINSON, General Draper, &c., 4, Middle Street, Consett.

The whole Stock, Lock, and Barrel will be offered at a terrific Reduction in order to clear.

COMPULSORY SALE!

The Premises to be given up at May Term.

W. YOUNGHUSBAND

Will offer the remaining portion of

HUTCHINSON'S STOCK!

Purchased at the enormous discount of 75 per cent from cost price.

TO-DAY (FRIDAY), and FOLLOWING WEEK, at

No. 4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

Mr Hutchinson's stock is particularly fresh and clean, most of the goods having been bought for the spring trade, and consist principally of Dress Materials (double width), Prints, Cashmeres, Flannelettes, Corsets, Men's and Boys' Shirts, Umbrellas, Flannel and Oxford Shirtings, Holland and Print Aprons and Pinafores, Jersey Jackets and Blouses, &c., in fact everything that is found in a General Drapery Stock is here.

The Stock has been carefully gone through, and thoroughly over-hauled, and a Great Slaughter in Prices has been made (no notice taken of Hutchinson's price), in order to effect a sure riddance of the whole lot.

It is absolutely necessary that the goods should be sold as quick as possible, as possession of the house must be given up at the May term.

SALE TO-DAY, AND FOLLOWING WEEK,

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23 Webs New Dress Tweeds, in Fancy Checks, Stripes, and Plain Colours, (double width). Hutchinson's prices were 11½d to 1s 11d, will be cleared at 5½d to 10½d per yard.

Another lot, 250 yds double width Dress Stuff. Hutchinson's price, 1s 6d per yd; Sale price, 6½d to 8½d.

About 280 yds Heavy Cheviot Dress Tweeds, very useful stuff that sold at 10½d and 1s 0½d, will be offered at 4½d and 6½d per yard. See this line.

250 yards double width, Yarm Dyed Black Cashmeres, Hutchinson's prices, 10½d to 2s 11d, Our sale price 6½d to 1s 6d, wonderful goods for the money.

HUTCHINSON'S STOCK OF CORSETS, PINAFORES AND UMBRELLAS, AT A VERY GREAT SACRIFICE.

36 pairs Women's Jean Corded Corsets, Hutchinson's price, 1s 11d; sale price, 1s 4½d.

29 pairs Ladies' Jean Corded Corsets (double Busks). Hutchinson's price, 2s 6d; sale price, 1s 7½d.

43 pairs Ladies' Corsets, mixed lot. Hutchinson's price, 1s 11d to 2s 11d, to be run out at 11½d a pair.

Hutchinson's Stock of Ladies' Blouses, prices 1s 6d to 3s 6d, will be marked 10½d to 1s 11½d.

20 doz. Girls' and Women's Aprons and Pinafores. Hutchinson's prices, 10½d to 1s 11d; Sale price 4½d to 9½d.

10 dozen Girls' Print Overalls, fast colours. Hutchinson's prices, 1s 3d to 2s 11d; Sale price, 7½d to 1s 6d.

80 pairs Ladies' Coloured Cashmere Gloves, 3½d per pair. Hutchinson's price, 8½d.

68 pairs Ladies' Kid Gloves, guaranteed make, in Tans and Black. Hutchinson's price, 2s 6d; Our price, 1s 8½d per pair.

Hutchinson's Stock of Umbrellas, prices were 1s 11d to 4s 6d; Sale price, 1s 2d to 2s 6d.

HUTCHINSON'S STOCK

OF

MEN'S & BOYS' SHIRTS AT EXACTLY HALF PRICES.

Men's Grandrill Shirts, Lined Shoulders, good useful sizes, and well made. Hutchinson's Price, 1s 11d to 2s 11d. Sale Price, 1s to 1s 11d each.

Men's Oxford Cotton Shirts, Hutchinson's Price, 1s 9d to 2s 11d; to be cleared out, 10½d to 1s 11d.

Men's Home-made Union and all Wool Shirts, well made and full size, Hutchinson's Price, 2s 11d to 6s 6d; our Price, 1s 6½d to 4s 6d.

Hutchinson's Stock of Silk Handkerchiefs, Braces, Collars, Ties, Fronts, &c., to be almost given away.

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USEFUL DRAPERY GOODS AT DESPERATE PRICES.

27 Dozen Bath, Honeycomb, and Linen Towels. Hutchinson's Prices, 3½d to 1s. Sale Price, 1½d to 7½d.

Hutchinson's Stock of Linen and Victoria Table Covers. Price, 8½d to 8s 6d. Sale Price, 4½d to 4s 6d.

190 Yards Heavy Tweed Shirtings. Hutchinson's Price, 8½d. Sale Price, 4½d. Also, 280 Yds. Unshrinkable Shirting. Hutchinson's Price, 1s 4d. Sale Price, 9½d.

Hutchinson's Stock, Red, White, and Blue Flannels will be offered at 4½d, 6½d, and 9½d. Regular Prices were 7½d to 1s 3d a Yard.

A few Pairs All-wool Cloth Blankets. Hutchinson's Price, 8s 11d to 21s. Sale Price, 4s 11d to 12s 6d.

Hutchinson's Stock of Twilled Cotton Sheets, Counterpanes, and Tapestry Bed Covers to be offered at absurdly low prices.

GREAT SALE

OF

HUTCHINSON'S STOCK,

4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,

TO-DAY (FRIDAY) AND FOLLOWING WEEK.

Public Notices.

WM. GOUDIE, Colporteur, HAS REMOVED to 1, West Parade, Consett. 681

LOOK OUT for the TOW LAW CATHOLIC SPORTS, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893.—PETER ROCK, Secretary. 431

121 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the Quilt drawn for at Burnopfield. 921

DERBY LEEK SHOW, held at the Commercial Hotel Tantobie. £30 given. Full meeting, Saturday Night, April 22nd, at 7 o'clock. Business: Election of Secretary. 671

W. T. DAGLISH, Organist of St. John's Church, Dipton, is prepared to receive a limited number of PUPILS for thorough instruction on Harmonium, Organ, or in Theory.—Address, 60, South Medomsley, Dipton. 407k

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CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

IN connection with the above, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be held in the Co-operative Hall, on Sunday Night, April 23rd, to commence at Eight o'clock. Pledges taken, & Collection at the close in aid of the Mission Band.

TATE TESTIMONIAL FUND.

THE SUBSCRIBERS to the above are invited to attend a Meeting in the Derwent Street Infant Schools, Blackhill, on Friday Evening, April 21st, at Eight o'clock.

R. MURRAY, Chairman,
W. RAMSAY, Hon Sec.
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BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING-ROOM SPORTS will be held on Saturday, June 17th, 1893. £30 given in Prizes, including £10 10s for 120 Yards Foot Handicap. Entrance 1s 1d. close June 12th, to the Secretary, or J. WALLACE, Handicapper, Burnhope. Cards sent out. BAND WANTED, for Field and Ball.—Tenders for Band to be sent in not later than May 23rd.—GEORGE LAWSON, Secretary. 551

ANNFIELD PLAIN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

THE MEMBERS of the above Society are respectfully informed that the NEW PREMISES at Medomsley will be OPENED, on Saturday, May 27th, with a PUBLIC TEA and MEETING. Also, the GENERAL MANAGER'S PRESENTATION will take place in the Society's Long Room, Annfield Plain, on Saturday, April 29th, at Seven o'clock, to which all Members are kindly invited. 481

WESLEYAN CHURCH, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

ON SUNDAY FIRST, Rev J. HERBERT RIDER, of Headingley College, will Preach SPECIAL SERMONS. The NEW CHURCH ORCHESTRAL BAND will accompany the Singing. Collections in aid of the New Instruments Fund.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN PRICE OF COKE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ON and after the 24th April, COKE will be Sold at 3d per Cwt. at these Works.

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

April 19th, 1893. 461

CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR, CONSETT.

GRAND

EVENING CONCERT

In the National Schools, on THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH,

Doors Open at 7:30; to commence at 8.

TICKETS—Front Seats, 1s; Back Seats, 6d.

For further Particulars see Bills and Programmes.

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Will Commence

ON SATURDAY FIRST.

A SALE of BABY-LINEN, UNDER-CLOTHING, DRESS GOODS, &c, which are to be Sold out.

A Lot of other Goods, Useful and Ornamental, will also be Sold at Reduced Prices. 946k

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Public Notices.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

LESSEE & MANAGER Mr ARTHUR JEFFERSON
ACTING MANAGER - - Mr MARK LINDON.

Monday, April 24th, and during the Week, at 7·45 p.m.,
"A HAPPY PAIR."
At 8·30 o'clock,
"ANAWKWARDDILEMME."
At Nine o'clock,
"ALI BABA, M.P."

Look out for the Children's Comic and the National Grand Opera Companies. 881

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO SUNDERLAND

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett & Blackhill at 1·45 p.m. (with Bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange), for SUNDERLAND.

For further particulars see Bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.

GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, April, 1893. 561

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

EXCURSION TO LONDON.

ON MONDAY, the 24th of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle at 12·5 a.m., (with Bookings from Consett Lintz Green, &c.). for LONDON, for Two Days.

For further particulars, see Bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.

GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, April, 1893. 995k

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

SECOND-CLASS TICKETS.

NOTICE.

COMMENCING on May 1st, the issue of SECOND-CLASS TICKETS will be DISCONTINUED, except between Stations on the following Railways:—
Newcastle and Sunderland.
Newcastle and South Shields.
Newcastle Central and Newcastle New Bridge Street, via Tynemouth and Backworth.
Sunderland and South Shields.

Passengers holding Second-class Tickets will not be conveyed by through trains without Second-class Carriages attached, running over the above-mentioned lines, unless they elect to travel in the Third-class Carriages attached to such trains.

GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, April, 1893. 691

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR AND
LORD GEO. SANGER.

Arrangements have been made by the American Company with the World-famed Showman to appear as one of the Chief Attractions, with his great Troupe of Artistes, at the Exhibition in Chicago, 1893, and out of gratitude for the kindness received from the inhabitants of this town and neighbourhood for the past 50 years, Lord George Sanger will bring the Artistes engaged for this great enterprise of 1893.

At the head of these and above all the Charming Sights which figure in the Programme, will be found the lovely
GEORGINA,
Said to be the Handsomest Female of the Age, in her New Performance—Walking upon the Air 80 Feet from the Ground.

WILL VISIT
WEST STANLEY, MONDAY, MAY 8TH.
CONSETT, TUESDAY, MAY 9TH.
CROOK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH.

Men, Women, and Children, 295 Persons of all Nations.
320 HORSES AND PONIES.
12 CARRIAGES OF WILD ANIMALS.
Thrown open on the encampment ground free of charge.
HERDS OF ELEPHANTS!
FLOCKS OF CAMELS!

N.B.—Take notice that the whole of the Artistes, Acrobats, Gymnasts, Clowns, Ascensionists, Wire Walkers, and Mid-air Performers will make their First Appearance in any Provincial Town with the First Visit of this Company to the Provinces.

THE PROCESSION

will be the same as given by Lord George Sanger before the Courts of Europe and America.

The Public should by all means make a special day to see this wonderful Exhibition, arranged for the Chicago World's Fair, as it is the first time, and may be the last, that this great Show will ever be seen in any European Town.

TWO PERFORMANCES, at 2·30 and 7·30.
GRAND PROCESSION at One o'clock each day.
PRICES—3s, 2s, 1s, and 6d.
Advance Agent - - - J. D. HUMPHREYS.
Tickets may be booked at Ramsden's Music Warehouse. 421

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Town Hall Sale-Room, Catchgate.—Saturday, April 22nd, 1893.

MR G. R. HOBSON is instructed by Mrs HUTCHINSON, who his emigrating, to remove for conveniences, and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, a large quantity of excellent Household FURNITURE and Miscellaneous Effects.
Particulars in Posters.
Sale to commence at Two o'clock. 741

Town Hall Sale-Room, Catchgate.—Saturday, April 22nd, 1893.

THE usual SALE of Household FURNITURE, Draperies, Groceries, &c., will be held on the above date.
Entries respectfully solicited.
Sale to commence at Seven p.m. prompt.
751 GEO. R. HOBSON, Auctioneer.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, April 24th, 1893.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 25 Fat Cattle; 115 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; a number of Fat Lambs from G. A. Blenkinsopp, Esq., Hoppyland Park; 8 Store Cattle; 9 Finger Calves. The entries of Fat Cattle include consignments from Messrs The Weardale Iron and Coal Co., Limited, Pease and Partners, Ltd., R. Croft, Esq., Littleburn, and other noted Feeders.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.

Tow Law Auction Mart.

SPECIAL SALE for STORE CATTLE & SHEEP, Thursday, April 27th, 1893. Present entries:—
30 Farrow Cows.
150 to 200 Steers and Heifers, 1½ to 3 y.o.
3 S.H. Bull Stirks.
A number of Mule and Black-faced Ewes and Followers and Keeping Hoggs.
Further entries solicited.
Ballot drawn on Wednesday Evening.
Sale at 12 o'clock.
341 J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Messrs. Elsdon & Wylam.

MESSRS. ELSDON & WYLAM intend holding a SPECIAL SALE of HORSES, CATTLE, VEHICLES, HARNESS, POULTRY, &c., at Consett, on Wednesday, May 3rd, 1893. Entries respectfully solicited. Particulars next week. 981

T. SWAINSTON,
12, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT
Business promptly attended to.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Hamsterley Grass Parks.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has the honour to announce that the Annual LETTING of the above PARKS, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, will be held on the Premises, on Thursday, April 27th, 1893, in the following Lots:—

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

Conditions at the time of Sale.
LUNCHEON at the Hall at One o'clock; the Letting to commence immediately after.
Hamsterley Hall is One Mile from Lintz Green Station on the Consett Branch of the North-Eastern Railway. 996k

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

By Mr. T. D. Dryden.

Great Sale of Draperies by Public Auction.—To-morrow (Saturday), April 22nd, 1893, at the Small Hall, New Town Hall, Consett.

REMOVED for Convenience of Sale, a large QUANTITY of DRAPERY GOODS to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
Sale to commence at 2·30 p.m. in the Afternoon, and Seven o'clock in the Evening.
931 T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer.

By Mr John S. Murray.

SALES BY AUCTION BY J. S. MURRAY.

Monday First, April 24th.—Royal Auction Mart, Fat and Store Stock.
Wednesday, May 10th, for Mr Wm. Brown, Iveston, Furniture, &c.
Saturday, June 3rd, for Mr Clark, Shotley Bridge, Greenhouse and other Plants.
Saturday, May 20th, special Sale Store Cattle.
At an early date.—Little Greencroft Grass Parks.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, APRIL 24TH, 1893.
12 Prime Fat Cattle.
100 Prime Fat Sheep.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers.
1 Milk Cow in dispute.
A handsome Spring Cart, new.
A stylish half-bred three-years-old Steel Grey Colt, unbroken.
Poultry, Harness, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.
Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. 331

Preliminary Notice.

MR J. S. MURRAY, instructed by Mr CLARK, Shotley Bridge, will hold a CLEARING OUT SALE of Greenhouse and other Bedding-out Plants, Flowers, Ferns, &c., on Saturday, June 3rd, 1893.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside. 341

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
THE
AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

By Mr. William Nicholson.

High Hermitage, One Mile from Satley, 2½ Miles from Tow Law.

MR WILLIAM NICHOLSON, commissioned by Mr JOSEPH THOMPSON, who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 26th, 1893, the whole of the valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., comprising:—

CATTLE.
6 Cows, calved and to calve.
3 Geld Cows.
9 S.H. Steers, 2½ years old.
2 Do. Heifers.
5 S.H. Steers, 2 yrs. old.
6 S.H. Heifers, 1½ years old.
2 S.H. Steers, 1½ years old.
3 S.H. Heifers, 15 months old.
1 Blue Grey Polled Do.
1 Blue Grey Horned Do.
5 S.H. Steers, 12 to 15 months old.
6 S.H. Heifers, 10 to 12 months old.
2 Stirks, 9 months old.
1 Fat Calf.

SHEEP.
25 B.F. Ewes and H.B. Lambs.
3 Mule Ewes and Lambs.
36 Mule Hoggs.
21 B.F. Wether Hoggs.
20 B.F. Gimmer Hoggs.

HORSES.
Bay Mare, 9 years old, 15 h.h.
Dun Mare, 11 years old, 15½ h.h.
Chestnut Pony, 9 years old, 14½ h.h.
Brown Mare, 9 years old, 14 h.h.
40 Hens.

Eatage of about 40 Acres of Meadow Land until May
The Implements include Long Coup and Spring Carts, Ploughs, Harrows, 2 Grass Cutters, Combined Reaping Machine, Horse Hay Rake, Plough and Cart Harness, Set Spring Cart Harness, and other small Articles too numerous to mention.
Also a quantity of Household Furniture and Dairy Utensils.
Sale to commence at 12·30 p.m. 11

Tow Law.

MR. WM. NICHOLSON will SELL BY AUCTION, on Tuesday, 25th April, 1893, the whole of the Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, belonging to Mr. L. P. Whealy, Draper, of High Street, Tow Law, who is declining housekeeping, comprising—Walnut Couch, in Crimson Plush; 6 Walnut Chairs, covered with Maroon Leather; Hair-seated Chairs; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Easy Chairs; 6 Mahogany Centre and other Tables; Large Bookcase, with Glass Front, Closets and Drawers; Massive Gilt Mirror, on Gilt Table, with Large Marble Slab (formerly the property of the late John Clavering, Esq., of Greencroft Hall); a number of Water-colour Drawings and Oleographs; Vases and Ornaments; several Cases of Stuffed Birds; Books and Music; Brussels Carpet; Hearthrugs; Coal Vases; Fenders; Fireirons; Clocks; Old Secretaire; 6 Chests of Walnut, Mahogany, and Old Oak Drawers; 2 Large Wardrobes; Linoleums and Floor Oilcloths; Stair Carpets; Skin Hearthrugs and Mats; 6 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; 6 Feather Beds; Iron Chair or Bedstead, with Cushions complete; a large quantity of Bed Clothing; Bed-room Chairs; Washstands and Dressing Tables; Cheffioneer Bedstead; Old Oak Corner Cupboard; Old Oak Closet; a quantity of Old Oak; Grandfather's Clock, with Brass Face; Large Mantel Mirror, in Gilt Frame; Mantel Mirror, in Walnut Frame; Bed-room Looking Glasses; Stair Rods; Cornice Poles and Rings; Damask and Lace Window Curtains; Venetian Blinds; Kitchen Sideboard; 5 Kitchen Closets and Meat Safes; Kitchen Chairs; Table and Long-settle; Bagatelle Table and Marker, 3ft. 6in. by 9ft.; Folding Bagatelle Table, 3ft. by 7ft.; nearly new Safety Bicycle, Ball Bearings; Second-hand do.; Home Washing Machine; a large quantity of Household Utensils; Marble Slab Table, 2ft. by 4ft.; Double-barrelled Breach-loading Gun; Double-barrelled Muzzle-loading Gun; Pin-fire Revolver, nearly new; Set of Harness; Saddle and Bridle; Sociable 2-Wheeled Conveyance, in good order; Battesden Pony Car (2 Wheels), in good order; a First-class Pony, aged, used to Women and Children; Walnut Cottage Piano; all the Hay and Straw in the Stable Loft.
Sale to commence at 12·30 p.m.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM EMIGRATION AGENCY.

PARK ROAD SALE ROOMS, CONSETT.
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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

Derwent Cottages, near Consett.

MR WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by the Executors of the late SILAS KENT, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, April 26th, 1893, all those valuable BUSINESS PREMISES, centrally situate between Consett, Shotley Bridge, Medomsley, and Leadgate, consisting of Large Front and Back Shops, Front Parlour and Kitchen on the Ground Floor, and 4 Bed-rooms on the Upper Floor, with Pantry and all necessary Conveniences, together with Stable, Cart House, and Loft, Cow Byre, and large Yard, now in the occupation of Mr THOMAS BULMAN, as Tenant thereof, who will, on application, show the Premises. Further particulars can be had on application to Wm. Marx Bybus, Esq., Solicitor, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer.

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Derwent Cottages, near Consett.

MR WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mr THOS. BULMER, Grocer, of Derwent Cottages, who is declining Business, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1893, the following:—Mahogany Top Counter, 11ft. by 2ft., with Drawers, 3 Small Counters, Shop Fixtures, 13ft. by 7ft. 6in., with Shelves and Drawers, Large Tea Box, 18 Tea Caddies, Coffee Mill, Flour Bin to hold 6 sacks, 1 Smaller, good Wringer and Mangling Machine, Shop Shelves, Do. Steps, Sack Barrow, Flour and Potatoes Scales and Weights, Counter Scales and Brass Weights, Mahogany Press Bed, Mahogany Sofa, 2 Mahogany Tables, Mahogany Press, Washstand and Dressing Table, 8-Days' Clock, Mahogany Wardrobe, Iron Bedstead, Lathe, and several other various Lots.

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Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 311

By Mr James Turnbull.

The Ford Grass Parks, Lanchester.

THE ANNUAL LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION of the above Parks, will be held on Wednesday, April 26th, 1893, at 2 p.m.
251 JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Mr. John Crawford.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will conduct THREE SALES on Saturday First, April 22nd, 1892.

First.—At the Railway Cottages, Leadgate.

MR CRAWFORD is instructed by the Representatives of the late EDWARD JACKSON, will SELL the whole of the FURNITURE and Joiner's Tools.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 801

Second.—At John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.—Under Distress for Rent.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD, appointed Bailiff under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1887, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Rooms, the Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, belonging two parties, consisting of Mahogany Drawers, Hair-seated Chairs, Press, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, China, Carpets, Tables, Bird Cage and Birds, 2 beautiful alive Jays, Poss Tub, Staff, Pans, Kettles, Oilcloth, Single-barrelled Gun, Powder Flask, &c.
Sale to commence at Three o'clock.

Third—Sale of Unredeemed Pledge GOODS, consisting of Men's and Women's Boots, Wearing Apparel, &c.
Sale to commence at Seven o'clock. 821

John Crawford's Sale-rooms, 6, 13, 23, and 25 Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by a Shopkeeper, who is declining Business, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, April 24th, 1893, at the above Rooms, his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Mahogany Drawers, Bevelled Plate Glass Sideboard, with Marble Slab, Press, Drawers and Bookcase in Mahogany, Hair-seated Chairs, Sofa and Couch in Hair-seating, Carpets, Fenders, Feather and Rabbit Down Beds, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Mattresses, 2 handsome Sets of China, Mantelpiece Mirrors, Ornaments, Screens, Fire Irons, Oilcloths, Pans, Hearthrugs, Pictures, &c., 30 Young Laying Hens, 6 beautiful Show Canisters, in Green and Gold, Butter Scales, Flour Scales, Potato Scales, Weights, Seive, &c. Also, Gent's Ready-made Clothing, new and second-hand, Ladies' Dresses, Sheets, Blankets, Quilts, Silk Handkerchiefs.
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Lanchester.

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MR HENRY FORREST,
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11th April, 1893. 31

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The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 24th April, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place. Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
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TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE.—JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. 989h

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

A WORLD OF CHANGE.

One would have thought that the Blue Mountains would have been removed to Shotley Spa, and the big chimney at the Consett Iron Works transferred to the Derwent Fells, before it would have entered the mind of man to clamour for the removal from its present central position of the Consett drinking fountain. I heard Mr Davison address the assemblage when the fountain was unveiled a number of years ago, and it is a notable circumstance that two at least of the oldest members of the Board—Messrs Collinson and Davison—are opposed to its removal. The fountain has a history, and forms in no small degree a connecting link between the present and the past. But fresh importations who have since drifted into the district know little and care less for either utility or sentiment. If the internal arrangements of the fountain have become deranged, they are not surely of so complicated a character that they cannot be set in order and that quickly. It seems to me that a trifle too much of the Dr Fell objection has gained foothold among the members of the Board; but the public, to whom the fountain is a boon, will not wink at the attempt to lay violent hands upon an old servant. A story is told of a farmer who, on one occasion, was showing a visitor over his stock, when the question arose as to which cow was most profitable. "The one with the iron tail," observed the farmer, with a significant wink, pointing to the pump which stood in the centre of the courtyard. Seeing then that water plays such an important part in these days, when herculean efforts are being made to circumscribe the sale of alcoholic beverages, it does seem odd that a public fountain should be removed from the centre of a rising town to the outskirts thereof. It is a trite saying that there is no accounting for tastes, and that apparently is the only available explanation of the proposed most undesirable change.

CONSETT FOOTPATHS.

He would be a fastidious personage who would find fault with the footpaths in the Consett district, but as the members of the Local Board are not content with the common-place order of things, they have decided to expend the sum of £200 in making good better. It is purely a question of calling upon the ratepayers to untie their purse strings, irrespective whether trade is good, bad or indifferent. It is palpable enough that several of the ratepayers are in a position to pay for luxuries; but it is an open secret that there is a class of *bona-fide* ratepayers who can ill afford to pay additional taxes at the present time. Such considerations do not, however, carry very much weight with them when the members of the Board are in the mood of dispensing favours in an all-round way. All is not gold that glitters, nor does footpaths as level as a bowling green, and made of the best Portland cement, constitute the *ultima thule* of civilisation. Such, at the least, are the undisguised opinions current in the much-favoured town of Consett, and in that line of thought I certainly concur.

WHAT OUTSIDERS WILL THINK.

It is known that the *Guardian* has an enormous circulation, and it was the knowledge of that fact that startled me when I read the opening sentences of the Local Board meeting, reported in the last issue of this journal. I refer to be subjoined statement:—

"The work of this month has been a continuation of levelling, road-making, delving, and excavating large stones where it was impossible to plough."

The reader will please note that this tit-bit is culled from the report of the operations in connection with the farm under the jurisdiction of the Board. What disturbed me was the impression getting afloat that Consett—the metropolis of North-West Durham—was an outlandish, inaccessible region where it was "impossible to plough," and where there had perforce to be "a continuation of levelling, excavating, and road-making." I am confident that my readers will join me in the opinion that such a formidable catalogue of difficulties seems dated from the prairies of America, or the Australian bush, rather than from comparatively level lands in the suburbs of Consett. It is the honour of the town of Consett being at stake that lies heavy at my heart. I had a dream, you see, that before the end of the world the town would increase in importance, and peradventure become a sort of watering place some day. But this impossibility of ploughing is calculated to dispel this vision of the night, because this report has a tendency to show that the town stands on a pinnacle about as high as the ascents of which Longfellow speaks when he refers to the venturous youth who amidst the falling shades pressed onward carrying the banner with the strange device.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr J. McCartan, solicitor, a commissioner to take affidavits.

CONSETT WESLEYAN NEW CHURCH.—On Monday, the usual ladies' sewing meeting was held in the Nelson Street School-room. The tea and supper were provided by Mrs Joseph Skelton, Delves Lane. There was a large attendance, and a good sum was realised.

SLEEPING IN A BRICK KILN.—At the Consett Police Court on Monday—before E. W. E. Balleny, Esq.—*William Lewis* was brought up by P.C. Lawson for sleeping in a brick kiln, near to Crookhall, on the previous (Sunday) night.—Prisoner was committed to prison for seven days with hard labour.

LOCAL BOARD.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, when Mr Wm. Jenkins was unanimously re-elected chairman for another 12 months.—The committees were chosen, and three newly-elected members—Messrs J. Collinson, J. Daly, and Jas. Oliver—subscribed to the usual declaration.

SALE OF LOCAL SHARES.—Mr Thomas Blandford offered for sale by auction at Sayer's Royal Exchange Hotel, Newcastle, on Saturday afternoon, a number of shares and stocks in local companies. The second lot consisted of sixty £5 fully paid-up shares in the Consett Waterworks Company, which were sold in twelve lots at sums varying from £9 2s 6d to £9 7s 6d per share. Five £10 fully paid-up shares in the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company ("Capital A"), were sold in one lot, and realised £19 per share.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday first, the Rev J. Herbert Rider, of Headingley College, is announced to preach special sermons in this place of worship. This day will see the introduction of the new church orchestral band, which will accompany the singing. It is anticipated that large congregations will be present, as Mr Rider is one of the rising and most eloquent preachers of Headingley College. Collections will be taken in aid of the new instruments fund.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC.—The following pupils of Mr Thos. Jones, 5, Church Street, Consett, have passed successfully in the theoretical examination held in Newcastle, on Nov. 30th, 1892. Dr E. M. Lott, examiner. Junior Division—Miss Ada Hunter, Grange Farm, Medomsley. Junior honours, 2nd class, special mention—Mr Samuel Wheatley, Fell Cottages, Medomsley.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr Leonard Payden and his company are performing *Exiled*, a drama in a prologue and three acts, this week, with only moderate success. For next week, Mr Wynne Scarlett's company is announced to appear in what is termed "A triple bill"—*i.e.*, an entertainment consisting of three different pieces on the one night—the first a comedietta, *A Happy Pair*, followed by a farce in one act, entitled *An Awkward Dilemma*, and concluding with the burlesque, *Ali Baba, M.P.*, in which Miss Lois Carlyle, Miss Nelly Hewitt, Miss Cissy French, and a troupe of children dancers are to appear. The triple bill class of entertainment is a success in other towns, and as this is the first attempt in Consett, we trust it will be equally as successful.

BLACKHILL.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Sunday morning, Rev A. Bromley (Blackhill) preached a special sermon in this place of worship to a good congregation. The subject was, "The modern fe-fi-fo-fum; or the dividend grinder." A collection was taken at the close.

TOW LAW.

At a special meeting of the Tow Law Local Board, Dr James Wild was appointed medical officer of health for that district, the appointment being vacant owing to the death of Dr Hood. The vacancy on the Board now caused by this appointment will be filled up at the next regular meeting of members.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PRESENTATION.—At a meeting of the members of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society, held on Wednesday night—over 300 being present—Mr Adam Brown, the manager, was presented with an illuminated address, in recognition of the completion of 20 years' service in that capacity. Afterwards, a supper was provided by Mr and Mrs Brown for those invited to be present at the festive proceedings.

LANCHESTER.

At a meeting held at Lanchester on Saturday afternoon, a resolution in favour of the Government's Direct Veto Bill was passed.

DIPTON.

IMPORTANT FARM STOCK SALE.—On Wednesday afternoon, Mr John S. Murray, auctioneer, of Blackhill, sold by public auction the farm stock and implements belonging to the South Medomsley Colliery Company, who are declining the farming of Pontop Hall and High Stables Farms. There was an immense company of farmers, cattle dealers, and others present, and the sale was an exceedingly brisk one from start to finish. There was a capital demand, and good prices were realised for all classes of both stock and implements, the horses making £30, £32, £37, and £42.

MEDOMSLEY.

The Lanchester Justices yesterday (Thursday) confirmed the appointment of Mr Matthew Miburn as assistant-overseer for the parish of Medomsley, at a salary of £45 per annum, he receiving the greatest number of votes at the recent poll of the ratepayers.

BLANCHLAND.

ST. MARY'S ABBEY CHURCH, BLANCHLAND.—The annual vestry meeting was held in the schools on Monday evening. Rev J C Dunn, vicar, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The churchwardens presented their accounts for the year ending Easter, 1893, which were passed unanimously. Mr John Pickering was re-elected people's warden, and Mr Jabez Oliver, vicar's warden. Messrs W Southern, R Hutchinson, E Oliver, and T Hutchinson were re-elected sidesmen. Messrs R Fuller, J Pickering, J Oliver, R Hutchinson, and W Southern were chosen to represent the parish at the ruri decanal conference. Miss M Taylor continues to act as secretary and treasurer for the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel; Mrs M Imison for the Waifs and Strays Society; Miss E Patrick continues in office as librarian; and Miss B Oliver as treasurer of the library. A resolution against the Welsh Suspensory Bill was passed unanimously. The voluntary contributions for the year 1892 were stated to be about £240, inclusive of £37 5s 2½d from the offertory. The vicar thanked the parishioners for their kind offerings on Easter Sunday. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the churchwardens, sidesmen, secretaries, to the subscribers to the Church Expenses Fund, and to the chairman for presiding.

HAMSTEELS.

Mr Geo. Wall, son of R. Wall, Esq., of Hamsteels Colliery, and pupil of J. T. Todd, Esq., mining engineer for Messrs Pease and Partners, Limited, in the Bishop Auckland district, has successfully passed the managers' examination, and has been awarded first-class certificate qualifying him for undertaking the management of mines.

STANLEY.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The last meeting for this season, so far as the temperance societies of this district are concerned, was held on Sunday night.

MUSICAL MISSION.—On Monday evening, Mr T. Rosbottom, the converted collier of Wigan, commenced a three weeks' temperance musical mission in the Co-operative Hall, Stanley, which was well attended.

CANTATA.—On Wednesday evening, the Stanley Philharmonic Society performed the cantata entitled, "The wreck of the Argosy," in the Co-operative Hall, to a large company.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment was given in the Co-operative Hall, Stanley, by the renowned Nabob Minstrels, of Seaton Burn. The programme was of a very novel character, and was heartily enjoyed by a large audience.

STANHOPE.

QUADRILLE PARTY'S DRESS BALL.—The Stanhope Quadrille Party gave a grand dress ball on Friday evening in the Town Hall, when about 27 couples tripped the light fantastic until five o'clock the next morning. The music was supplied by the talented Woodhall family, of Stanhope, and the refreshments by Mrs Mary Raine, Square Foot. Mr Wm. Brown, jun., was M.C.

CATCHGATE.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—The anniversary services in connection with this place of worship, were held on Saturday afternoon, when a public tea was held, and a fair company partook of the good things provided. Misses Parker, Bidgood, and Kitch waited at the tables. A public meeting was held in the evening, presided over by Mr W. Rutherford, Catchgate, who in the course of his opening remarks said that he was pleased to be present to take part in that anniversary gathering. He said that it was natural at such a meeting as that to take a review of the past year's work to see if their endeavours had been characterised by success or failure. Business men periodically balanced up their accounts to ascertain if they had made a profit or loss as the case might be and to what extent. So the church should do the same and see if it had been faithful to its calling, and had reached the possible altitude of usefulness and blessing to which it was its privilege to attain. He then referred to their innovation in tabulating the Society's accounts and publishing them in pamphlet form, prefaced by a pastoral address, deeming this a step in the right direction. Rev A. Bromley then read the pastoral address. Reports were read by the society steward, Mr N. Callicott, and trust secretary, Mr H. Williams, which indicated that though numerically they stood about the same as they did at the commencement of the year, yet financially the various funds showed an augmented credit balance. Rev G. Lord and Rev A. Bromley then addressed the meeting. Votes of thanks to the chairman, speakers, and ladies who had provided the tea, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—On Sunday, three sermons were preached, in the morning and evening by Rev G. Lord, and in the afternoon by Mr T. Cowey, of Annfield Plain.

BRADLEY COTTAGES.

SUPPER.—On Thursday sen'night, the usual fortnightly supper was held in the Bradley Cottages Primitive Methodist Chapel, given by Mrs Wm. Hardy. A large company partook of the good things provided, and the proceeds amounted to over £3.

ESH COLLIERY.

On Monday night, an entertainment was given in the Old British Schools, Esh Colliery, when a lengthy programme was gone through.

SOUTH MOOR.

On Saturday, a shooting match took place at South Moor, between "School Boy," of South Moor, and Mr Wm. Charlton, of West Stanley, for £40. The scores were:—"School Boy," 8 out of 10; Charlton, 6 out of 10. R. Smith, of Tantobie, acted as trapper for former, and Geo. Thornton, of Bebside, for the latter.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

An inquest was held on Monday, at the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, by Mr John Graham, coroner, respecting the death of Phillip Dawson, aged nine weeks, who parents live at 66, Hamsterley Colliery.—The jury returned a verdict that the child died from convulsions.

WATERHOUSES.

BAPTIST CHAPEL.—On Monday night, a service of song, entitled "Coals of fire," was given in the above place of worship at Waterhouses. Mr Jas. Raw supplied the connective readings, and Mr Jones conducted the choir. At the close, a presentation was made to Mr T. Robinson, in commemoration of his past services as leader of the choir. There was a fair attendance.

WOLSINGHAM.

COUNTY COURT.—There was only one case awaiting trial at the Wolsingham County Court when Judge Meynell arrived on Saturday, in which Thos. Carr sought to recover £2 16s from Fred Lambert, water bailiff, being the costs incurred in defending a case in the police court in which the defendant charged plaintiff with illegal fishing. This case was dismissed without costs, and plaintiff now wished to recover his costs.—His Honour ruled that as the Justices had not given any costs, he could not sit in appeal from them, and there therefore plaintiff had no cause of action.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

The members of the I.O.G.T. and Rechabite Lodges held another of their free-and-easy concerts on Saturday night at Cornsay Colliery. Mr J. Staplin, sen., occupied the chair.

WEARDALE.

Caterpillars have already appeared on the fruit trees in Weardale, especially upon the apple trees, and may be found in the flower buds and clusters of blossom.

A Stanhope angler killed 17 trout one day last week with fly fishing in the Wear. He had hold of a 2lb. fish, but lost it by his tackle breaking.

Snow fell in Upper Weardale on Monday, covering the crests and slopes. It is feared that should the weather continue severe the grouse incubation time, hitherto favourable, will suffer. The vigilance of the fell watchers has averted heather fires, and the parent birds are both healthy and plentiful.

BEAMISH.

PRIVATE QUADRILLE PARTY.—The committee and members of the above party held their supper on Saturday evening, in the long-room adjoining the Shepherd and Shepherdess Inn, Beamish, when everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of all present. After the tables were cleared, Mr Ames was moved to the chair, after which a very agreeable evening was spent.

WHICKHAM.

LOCAL BOARD.—On Thursday se'nnight, the monthly meeting of the Whickham Local Board was held at the offices, Whickham, Mr Henry Wallace, J.P., presiding.—The Finance Committee reported that cheques had been drawn during the month for £259 6s 11d, leaving a balance to the credit of the Board, at the bank, of £426 4s 11d.—The medical officer's report showed that the birth-rate for the month had been 22·8 per 1,000, and the death-rate 19 2 per 1,000 The health of the district was good.—The report was adopted.—Mr Winship referred to the fact that that was the last meeting of the old Board, and he begged to move that they return Mr Wallace a hearty vote of thanks for his conduct in the chair during the year.—Mr Thomas Elliot seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.—The usual estimate of expenditure for the half-year was read, and it was recommended that a rate of 10d in the pound be levied.—The estimate was adopted, and this concluded the meeting.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A general meeting of the above society was held on Wednesday evening, at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street—Mr John Kirkup (Pelton House) in the chair. There was a fairly good attendance of members, including the secretary (Mr A. Atkinson), the local secretary for the Chester-le-Street Show (Mr Geo. Heppell, Newfield), Mr E. H. Wilkinson, Ouston, and others.

The Show Site Committee reported that they had examined several suitable sites for the show fixed to be held at Chester-le-Street, on the 16th August next.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the committee had been extremely fortunate in the matter of a site. Mr Lindsay Wood, The Hermitage, had very handsomely offered the use of a most suitable and convenient site upon his Hermitage estate. (Applause.) The field was splendidly adapted for the purpose, offered a splendid view, and was above all easy of access, being not more than five minutes' walk from Chester-le-Street station. Mr Wood had likewise kindly given them permission to put extra gateways into the show-ground, if found necessary. That, however, would most likely be found unnecessary, as the ground was in every way adapted for the purposes required.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted; and a vote of thanks to Mr Wood for his generous and handsome offer was most heartily seconded.

Other matters of finance were disposed of in preparation for the show, and the next general meeting was fixed for the 12th May, when the reports of the Finance, Local, and Prize List Committees will be submitted.

It was mentioned that the society had met with promises of generous support in the district.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

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Football.

*** Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Tuesday* morning.

ASSOCIATION.

South Moor Young Rovers and Stanley True Blues played a draw.

South Moor Young Rovers 2nd beat Stanley True Blues 2nd by one goal to nil, at Stanley.

Gateshead Lilywhites beat Kyo Rascals by two goals to nil, on the Rascals' ground.

Hexham Excelsior and Mickley A played a draw of two goals each, on the Seal at Hexham.

Leadgate Boys Brigade 2nd beat Leadgate Young Park 1st by three goals to one.

Leadgate Boys Brigade 2nd beat Leadgate Science and Art 2nd by two goals to nil.

Consett White Stars defeated Leadgate Science and Art by two goals to nothing, on the ground of the former.

Pickering Nook Board School defeated Flint Hill School, on the ground of the former, by seven goals to nil.

Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers and Esh Excelsiors played for a ball (given by C. Burns) at the Stag's Head ground, Waterhouses, the result being a draw of three goals each.

Shield Albion Juniors v Clarence (Newcastle.)—Played on the former's ground, and after a very exciting game resulted in a win for the Clarence by two goals to nil.

Hamsterley Wanderers v White-le-Head Rangers.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the Rangers by four goals to one after an exciting game.

Pickering Nook Board School v Collierley Board School.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to one.

Tanfield Lea Cæsars v Kyo Navvies.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a very one-sided game ended in a win for the Cæsars by eight goals to one.

Cornsay Rovers v Raby Rovers (Newcastle.)—Cornsay journeyed to Newcastle with a rather weak team to play off this return game, but managed to win by three goals to one. The Rovers' team was—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, E. Clark and J. McGowan; half-backs, G. Sargent, J. Halfpenny, and F. Stephenson; forwards, G. Simpson (capt.), M. Raw, M. Boddiner, R. Walker, and J. W. Sargent. Linesman, H. McGowan.

Tanfield Lea Stiff-'Uns v Leadgate St. Ives.—Played on the "Saints" ground in windy weather. At half-time the home team led by two goals to none. The visitors started the second half with great dash, and quickly scored their first goal. After some give-and-take play, Christopher equalised. The visitors now bombarded the home goal, corners being numerous. From a scrimmage, Tanfield registered a third goal, and a good shot from the left was responsible for a fourth. A pleasant and well-contested game ended as under—

Tanfield ....Four goals
St. Ives ....Two goals

South Medomsley Heroes v Medomsley White Stars.—Played on the Heroes' ground at Dipton. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play against the wind. The home team kicked off, and very soon began to press, but the Stars' defence was everything that could be desired, especially the half-back division. Blanch nearly scored for the Heroes, but Bramley fisted out, and enabled his forwards to obtain possession of the ball. Gillender and Wilson took the globe up the field in fine style, and the former sent right across goal, and Hunter scored with a swift shot. At half-time the Stars were leading by one goal to none. On resuming, the visitors pressed, but could only add one more goal, Wilson doing the needful after a fine exhibition of short passing. Nothing further was scored, the final result being—

Stars ....Two goals
Heroes ....Nil

Leadgate Park Reserve v Newcastle North-Eastern.—This match was down to take place at Newcastle, but the North-Eastern preferred to come to Leadgate, where the match was accordingly played. The home team again asserted their superiority, and goals were scored by Forster (2), Makepeace, and R. Wilson. The final result was—

Park ....Four goals
North-Eastern ....One goal

The Park team was as follows:—Goal, R. Noble; backs, W. Bell and Joe Wilson; half-backs, J. T. Willey, T. Snowdon, and J. Day; forwards, R. Graham and H. Makepeace, right wing; R. Wilson, centre; G. Forster and J. Jeffrey, left wing.

LEADGATE PARK v. SCIENCE AND ART (NEWCASTLE.)

This return fixture was brought off on the Park ground before a large number of spectators. Mansell won the toss, and decided to give his team the advantage of playing with the wind. The game was fast from beginning to end, and the call of time found the score as under—

Park ....Two goals
Science and Art ....One goal

The subjoined team represented the Park:—Goal, W. Bell; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, A. Little, G. Brown, and G. Walton; forwards, H. Wattsford and C. T. Foreman, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; Rev R. S. Hay and J. Hunter, left wing.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. LEADGATE EXILES.

These old opponents met on the former's ground to decide their return fixture, in the presence of fully 2,500 spectators, the gate being a record one for Dipton. There was a strongish breeze blowing towards the entrance goal. The spin of the coin favoured the visitors, who decided to play with the wind. Mr J. Rost, jun., of Medomsley, officiated as referee, and the teams faced each other as follows:—

Wanderers.—Goal, R. Freek; backs, T. Rowell (capt.) and J. Jordan; half-backs, T. Turpin, E. Buck, and R. Press; forwards, H. Smith and I. Gilliard, right wing; W. Evans, centre; J. Brown and T. Walker, left wing. Linesman, R. Brewis

Exiles.—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, J. Haggan and W. McGee; half-backs, Peter Hughes (capt.), T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, P. Rafferty and P. McKie, right wing; Wm. McKie, centre; J. Hill and Jas. McGee, left wing. Linesman, W. Costello.

Evans kicked off for the home team, and after a few exchanges, Walker got possession and raced away up the left, sending across to Gilliard, who had hard lines in not scoring three minutes from the start, the ball striking the post and rebounding back into play. Midfield play followed for a short time, and then Walker made another run up the field, Haggan giving a corner, which, however, proved to be fruitless. From the goal kick, the Exiles came down in a body, only to find Rowell and Jordan in good form. The Exiles were having the best of the game now, pressing severely, gaining three or four corners in quick succession, but try as they would they could not break through the defence till the game had been in progress 17 minutes, when they scored their first goal from a corner kick amid the frantic cheers of their adherents. From the centre kick, the Wanderers made strenuous efforts to draw level, but they found the defence of Haggan and McGee impregnable. The game was attended with some roughness, for which both sides were to blame, and several fouls were awarded by the referee. The Exiles were still having the best of the argument, but they could not register another point till about five minutes before the interval, when they scored from a long dropping shot. Half-time arrived with the score standing—

Exiles ....Two goals
Wanderers ....Nil

On re-starting, the Wanderers took up the aggressive and gained a corner, which proved of no avail. The wind had abated considerably now, and J. McGee took the leather well up the field, but Rowell dispossessed him, and play was taken to the Leadgate territory, where Evans beat Callaghan with a low shot after 18 minutes' play. From the centre kick, the Exiles once more got up the field, only to be beaten back into their own quarters, where T. Walker had a good chance to score, but kicked over the bar. The Wanderers were now making the Exiles' supporters feel uneasy, for they were continually swarming round the visitors' goal. From a throw in by Press, Gilliard headed through, but the Exiles appealed against the throw, which the referee allowed as foul. The home team had hard lines in not scoring on two or three different occasions, but at last they beat Callaghan again, but Smith was ruled off-side. From now till the finish both teams made strenuous efforts to increase their score, but without success, and the result of a fast and exciting game was as follows—

Exiles ....Two goals
Wanderers ....One goal

BISHOP AUCKLAND AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

TOW LAW v. HUNWICK ROVERS.

This game should have come off at Hunwick, but the Rovers could not obtain their field, and the meeting was arranged to take place at Tow Law. The wind was troublesome, and in the first half helped the visitors a great deal; they, however, failed to score, and the interval found the score sheet blank. Changing ends quickly affected matters, and the homesters soon had much the best of the game, and were continually hovering round the visitors' goal. The Hunwick players made a stout defence, but could not keep the Tow Lawites back, and the game finally closed as under—

Tow Law ....Four goals
Hunwick ....Nil

WOLSINGHAM v. WITTON PARK.

Played at Wolsingham. The ground being very hard and dry the ball was rather lively, and some bad play was witnessed at the commencement. A penalty kick was missed by the home team, but shortly afterwards Wolsingham put on their first score against a strong wind. The Park were no match for the homesters, who added two more goals before half-time. One of the visitors, in charging, missed his man, and falling heavily, injured his left arm severely and retired from the field. On resuming with the wind, the home team had nothing to do but kick for goals, with the exception of one smart run, in which the Witton men succeeded in getting through the ranks of their opponents, and with one back and the goalkeeper only to oppose them, scored their solitary point. Another visitor injured his knee and left the field. The final score was—

Wolsingham ....Eleven goals
Witton Park ....One goal

NOTICE TO FOOTBALL PLAYERS.—Look out for Marley Hill Brass Band Sports, on May 13th, when 11 Silver Medals will be given for a Football Competition. Value of medals, £5. Entrance fee, 2s 6d; entries close at 2 o'clock on May 13. Referee, Mr J. Costello, Leadgate.—Geo. Grey, hon. sec. Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's A.F.C. (Advt.)

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

DIPTON WANDERERS V LEADGATE EXILES.

A meeting between these well-known rivals can always be depended upon to attract a large crowd, but the attendance at Dipton last Saturday eclipsed all former ones, and the biggest gate I have seen at a local match this season watched the return engagement of the Exiles and Wanderers. Unfortunately, the game was unworthy of the gate, and the play was by no means up to the standard of excellence I have witnessed at previous fixtures between the same clubs. The teams were too much imbued with excitement to play good football, and this was intensified by the continual roar from the supporters of the respective clubs. A little roughness was sometimes noticeable, but it was not of a serious nature, and did not occasion any stoppages. Both sides missed some fairly easy chances of scoring, but the excitement was too much for them.

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Taking the Exiles first, it may be recorded that they gave a sound display collectively, no player standing out prominently before another. Callaghan was as reliable as ever in goal, but was not troubled with many dangerous shots. Haggan and McGee did their work in a manner deserving of all praise, preserving a steady defence throughout and never allowing themselves to be bustled. McGrachan hardly played up to the grand form he has been showing in recent matches, but Monaghan and Hughes were continually in evidence, and held the opposing wings well in check. It would be difficult to say who was the best of the forwards. The left was perhaps a trifle the best wing, but the other couple did good work, while W. McKie made an admirable centre. Their weak spot is shooting. They can work the ball beautifully up to goal, but fail when the final pinch comes. The team which represented the Exiles on Saturday was a well-balanced one in every respect, and should the club be fortunate enough to command the services of the same eleven next season, their record should be one which all connected with the club may be proud of.

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The two chief features which struck me most forcibly on the Dipton side were the splendid defence and weak attack. Never have I seen the Wanderers represented by such a poor set of forwards as did duty for them on Saturday. They are not a patch on the five which did so much brilliant work for Dipton two or three seasons since. The only ones that did themselves justice were Walker and Gilliard, who did nearly all the forward play, but were badly supported. Certainly some excuse can be made for Smith, who was a spectator for most of the game, and seldom indeed was the leather passed out to him, the left wing being too much favoured in this respect. Evans was a frost in the centre, while little Brown is too young and light for a match of this description, albeit there is no question about his pluck. As I have said above, Walker and Gilliard showed excellent form, and if "Tucker" had had a partner like himself, the result might have been different.

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The defence was all right. No fault could be found with Freek, who did his work in his best style. Rowell was much the better back, and put forth some herculean efforts to pull off the match at the finish. Jordan kicks very well, but lacks judgment. He is young, however, and should improve. There was no doubt as to which was the best of the halves, as Buck stood out head and shoulders above his colleagues, and was the best man on the field. Times out of number he extricated his side from danger, and all his work was characterised by that neatness and finish which undoubtedly stamps him as the best half in North-West Durham. Press likewise played exceedingly well, but I have seen Turpin in better form, although it must not by any means be inferred that he played badly.

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LEADGATE PARK V SCIENCE AND ART.

The Park just now appear to be almost invincible, and although Science and Art are an extremely clever team, and gave the Leadgate men a good game, they had to return home defeated. Crowther was unable to take his place between the sticks for the Park, the vacancy being filled by W. Bell, who acquitted himself in really splendid fashion. Foreman and Mansell played their usual safe game at back, while Walton was the pick of the halves, although Little ran him very close. The latter had an exceedingly powerful wing to face in Wood and Milne. Brown did fairly well, but is sadly out of practice. The front rank all did capitally, Hunter and Hay if anything being the best. Foreman showed up in something like his old form, and the goal he scored was a beauty.

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LEADGATE PARK RESERVE V NEWCASTLE NORTH-EASTERN.

Like their seniors, the Park Reserve are carrying all before them, and added another to their long list of victories on Saturday. They were always a little bit too good for the railway men, and ran out easy winners. Noble kept goal most creditably, while Bell was very prominent at back. Willey played a brilliant game at half, Snowdon being a good second. Foster, Graham, and Wilson were the pick of five capital forwards. The North-Eastern men played a plucky game, and have two or three capable exponents in their ranks; but their forwards had no chance with the strong defence set up by the Park.

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TANFIELD LEA STIFF-'UNS V LEADGATE ST. IVES.

The Stiff-'Uns once more proved their superiority over the "Saints" on Saturday, and on the latter's ground too. Mossom did well between the sticks for the winners, while the backs defended nicely, kicking with good judgment. The halves were again in their best form, and no fault could be found with the display of the forwards. The pick of the home team was Milburn on the outside right, and he played a really admirable game. The backs are a capital pair, and the centre forwards was also conspicuous.

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THE SENIOR CUP FINAL.

At last the destination of the above trophy has been settled, and Auckland have to hand over the cup to their Darlington neighbours. The principal feature of the game was its roughness, and the referee was unaccountably slack in his endeavours to check it. It is fortunate that we do not often see such a brutal and cowardly action as Baillie was guilty of when he deliberately kicked Fleming in the face, causing a fearful wound. Why Baillie was not ordered off the field at once passes my comprehension. Such an offence as his was deserving of permanent suspension—a fate which will undoubtedly, ere long, be his portion if he does not drop his foul and dirty tactics.

THE FINAL FOR THE JUNIOR CUP.

This event, which is fixed to take place at Bishop Auckland to-morrow, will absorb most of the interest in this locality. Several people seem to think that Tow Law will win pretty easily, but I by no means share that opinion. True, the Park have been defeated twice this season by their opponents of to-morrow, but since then the Leadgate men have improved immensely, and in addition both the previous games were decided at Tow Law, an obvious advantage to the latter. I anticipate a grand struggle at Auckland, and do not think that there will be much in it at the finish. To quote a well-worn axiom—"May the best team win."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

I have been the recipient of a very large amount of correspondence this week—in fact, enough to fill my allotted space. Correspondents must therefore not be disappointed because I am compelled to considerably condense their effusions.

South Medomsley Heroes indignantly deny the charge made against them by Crookhall Wanderers. They declare that the unpleasantness commenced through the cowardly conduct of the Wanderers' centre forward, and that Crookhall were the aggressors in every instance.

Oakey's Lilywhites appear to have been badly treated by Greencroft Black Watch. The latter wrote intimating that they were going to Stanley to fulfil their return fixture last Saturday, and consequently the Lilywhites got out bills announcing the match. About 1,000 spectators had assembled at the time fixed for the kick-off (3 o'clock), but although the Lilywhites waited till 4·30, the Black Watch never put in an appearance.

Cornsay Rovers 2nd prefer a similar complaint against Sunnybrow St. John's, who should have played their return engagement at Cornsay last Saturday; but did not even have the decency to write and say whether they were coming or not, although they had been communicated with by the Rovers' secretary.

Mr W. E. Shorten (hon. sec. Langley Park Rovers) complains bitterly of the treatment his club has received from Esh True Blues. Saturday last was the day fixed for the return game between the clubs, and one of the Blues told the Rovers on the Tuesday that they were coming. Accordingly, Langley Park had posters printed, and wrote to Esh stating the time for the kick-off. They got no answer, but on Saturday another of the Esh men came over, and said that the Blues were coming. They have not landed yet. A good company had assembled, and the Rovers had to return them their money. Mr Shorten terms the conduct of Esh "mean and dirty," and I feel inclined to agree with him.

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MEMS.

I extremely regret to hear that Mr J. Osman has resigned the secretaryship of the Dipton Wanderers' club. He had worked early and late for the welfare of the club, and much of the Wanderers' success was due to his unselfish efforts.

Mr T. Swinbank, of Eastern Cottages, Dipton, has been elected as Mr Osman's successor.

I regret that the report of the semi-finals—Leadgate Park v Boldon Stars—did an injustice to one of the players—viz., C. Foreman, the popular Park forward. Our report did not credit Foreman with scoring a single point, whereas, as a matter of fact, he registered two of the four goals scored by the Park.

The Park are likely to have plenty of supporters at Auckland to-morrow, as the N.E.R. are running an excursion from Consett for the match.

The gate at Shildon on Saturday showed a great falling off, the receipts only amounting to about £60. Only 60 passengers patronised the excursion from Consett.

Although the Wanderers were defeated on Saturday, they would have a substantial consolation in the big gate. I don't know the exact takings, but they must have been close on to £30.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Dickenson's Excelsiors would like matches with moderate juniors. Apply to T. Williams, Collierley Board Schools, Lints Green, R.S.O.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

The concluding Sabbath musical service, under the auspices of the above, came off on Sunday night in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a large attendance, the chair being occupied by Mr Geo. D. Powell. The opening hymn, No. 375 (Sankey's collection), having been sung, Rev T. Durant (Baptist minister) led in prayer. An admirable programme was rendered by the undermentioned artistes:—Recitation, "Speech," by Miss Kate Powell; solo, "Welcome, wanderer, welcome!" by Miss Adamson; recitation, "Can you undo?" Miss E. Powell; solo, "Out of darkness into light," Miss F. Egglestone; recitation, "Our folks," Mr A. Wallace; solo, "Dare to say 'No'!" Miss C. Powell; recitation, "Barbara Fletcher," Mr Wallace. The accompanists were Mr J. Surtees and Miss E. Powell. An able address on the present position of the temperance party was delivered by Mr Thos. F. Foster. The doxology brought the proceedings to a close.

It has since been arranged to give an extra musical service in the above hall on Sunday first, in aid of the fund for purchasing new instruments for the Gospel Temperance Mission Band, who have rendered such valuable help to the movement during the past winter season. We hope to see a bumper house.

HOW SOME ANIMALS BEAR PAIN.

[By Joseph Collinson.]

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The first expression of admiration for the animal world from all who have gravely considered this better treatment must be, in particular, for the way in which animals endure suffering—surely one of the most pathetic of things on this earth.

For instance, we know how pain is borne by horses in battle. It is certain that after the first shock they utter no sound. They bear the pain of a bayonet thrust, or a gun-shot-wound, with a mute wondering endurance, and, if during the dark hours of night you hear a groan from them as if in agony, from the field of battle, it comes not so much because they really suffer, as because of their utter loneliness. The wild and startling neighing which they occasionally indulge in is an expression of their loss of human companionship, which seems absolutely indispensible to the comfort of domesticated animals, and of which we cannot honestly entertain the smallest doubt.

We are reminded that sheep and other cattle meet the thrust of the butcher's knife without a murmer. The dog will carry a broken leg for days and days together wistfully, but uncomplainingly. We are given to understand too, that the cat, struck with a stick, or violently hit with a stone, or ensnared in a trap, from which it attempts to bite a way to freedom, crawls, if successful, to some quiet hiding-place and bears its agony in silence. We could not endure it without loud lamentations!

It would seem that common barn-door poultry endure intense agony without complaining, while in the woods the gentle dove, shot unto death, flies to some far-off bough, and, as death approaches, silence is unbroken, save by the constant pat, pat, patter on the underhanging leaves of its own life blood. A number of half-dazed pigeons, terrified by the report of the guns, and by the shouting of a brutal crowd, are suddenly turned out of traps to be blazed away at by "sportsmen." Some are killed, others are only wounded, and flutter off to be chased by boys, or fired at anew by "men" with antiquated blunderbusses outside the fence, and so they die.

The wounded deer speeds to some thick braken, and in pitiful submission waits for death,

". . . . . and the big round tears,
Course one another down his innocent nose,
In piteous chase . . . ."

The golden eagle, struck in his soaring towards the heavens, fights to the last against the gathering weakness and the fatal summons. No movement to indicate the pangs of pain, no sound of suffering, and the defiant look never fades from its piercing eyes until the lids close over them to uncover never again to the light of the morning sun.

Throat Irritation and Cough.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d, tins 1s 1½d., labelled "James Epps & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr. Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr. Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."

THE LADY KILDARE; OR, THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS.

By Mrs. Harriett Lewis,

Author of "The Sundered Hearts," "The Bailiff's Scheme," "The Double Life," "Darkwood," &c.

Chapter XXIII.

AN OMINOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

The two men—Bassantyne and Lame Bill—faced each other: the one horrified, maddened, desperate, with a hunted expression in his black eyes; the other smiling, and glowing with sinister exultation.

It was a strange scene. The lonely, shaded dell of Connor Park, the sunlight drifting down between the leaves and branches in little dancing showers, the twitter of birds, the music of running water, and, so incongruous with these innocent sights and sounds, those two murderous faces glaring through the shadows at each other!

Slowly and stealthily, with the motion of a cat, the hand of Bassantyne crept to the breast pocket in which were hidden his pistols.

As his hand came in contact with the cold, ivory-mounted weapons, he seemed to feel that he had not yet lost control of his future. His self-possession came back to him. He remembered that he had not yet betrayed his identity to his enemy, and he began to think it possible that he might yet carry matters with a high hand and put to rout Lame Bill's suspicions.

The reflection brought with it a thrill of hope. The colour came back to his sallow cheeks, and he assumed a haughty, supercilious manner, such as he deemed appropriate to the lord of Connor Hall.

"Stand back, fellow!" he ejaculated horsely and menacingly. "How dare you intrude like this into private grounds! This is no place for footpads, as you will find to your cost!"

This address, and the domineering air with which it was delivered, after the recent evident panic of Bassantyne, was like a blow in the face to the intruder. He gave a great gasp of astonishment, and opened his small eyes to their widest extent, while an expression of utter bewilderment convulsed his visage.

Then he forced a hoarse laugh, and exclaimed:

"Ha, ha! Pretty well done, Gentleman Bob! You always was good at acting, but this here is good enough for the Theayter Royal!"

"Gentleman Bob!" repeated Bassantyne hoarsely. "What do you mean, fellow? But it is evident what you mean. Leave my grounds, thief, or I will have you scourged from them!"

Lame Bill crept a few paces nearer, his keen eyes fixed in puzzled scrutiny upon the dark and sinister face of the Lady Kathleen's husband.

"Your grounds!" he sneered. "You needn't put on none of your airs to me, Gentleman Bob! All your high faluting don't impose on me. I didn't pass so long a time with you out in Australy for nothing. No crinkly beard can deceive me. Your disguise ain't deep enough—"

"Scoundrel! Do you know to whom you are talking? I am Nicol Bassantyne, the husband of the Lady Kathleen Connor—"

"Of Ballyconnor, and so on! I know all that. And I know too that you are my old pal, Gentleman Bob, and that I can make my fortune a-giving on you up. You've been everything by turns, Gentleman Bob, count, lord, gentleman of leisure, gambler, forger, thief, convict, and fugitive! And fugitive you are now, though you have fooled one of the noblest ladies in Ireland to make a runaway match with you! There will be a fine come-down to the pride of my lady when she hears of you. You've been keen to get yourself into this fine nest, but when you come to find yourself in a prison, the change will be too great to be agreeable!"

The expression of Bassantyne's face changed slightly, yet enough to be perceptible to his enemy.

"That shot told!" observed Lame Bill, with a gleam of satisfaction in his sullen eyes. "You won't go so to deny that you are my old pal, Gentleman Bob, will you?"

"I will no longer parley words with you, wretch. Begone!" cried Bassantyne threateningly.

"Not yet. I called here to inquire after your vally, Newville, or Marple, or whatever he calls himself this year. He hasn't gone home yet, I understand?"

Bassantyne was nearly choking with rage and fury. He longed to throttle the impudent wretch who dared to linger in his grounds when he had bidden him begone. And yet there was a dangerous facination in Lame Bill's presence, and he desired to prolong the interview until his enemy should be dispossessed of the conviction of his identity with "Gentleman Bob." He forced himself to say calmly:

"My valet! I discharged him in Dublin. He was an impudent fellow, whom I had had in my service but a few weeks, and whom I did not care to bring down to Ballyconnor. If you want him, you will probably find him in Dublin."

"'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush,'" said Lame Bill. "I do not care so much about the vally now. Excuse the annoyance I've made you, Mr. Bassantyne. And good morning."

He raised his worn hat in a mocking bow, and sidled away, as if bent on instant retreat.

Bassantyne took the alarm.

"Stay," he said, in a conciliating tone. "It is evident, my good fellow, that you have mistaken me for some one else. These resemblances are frequent and merely accidental—"

"Oh, yes," said Lame Bill: "Merely accidental, of course. Excuse my impudence, sir. Good morning."

Again he made a movement to depart.

Bassantyne's alarm increased. The man's apologies and haste to get away were more menacing than the loudest threats. He believed all his blustering to have been of no effect. Evidently the man knew him beyond the shadow of a doubt.

And then a sickening sensation assailed Bassantyne's heart. How long had Lame Bill been hidden in the shadows surrounding the little dell? Had he been there during the interview with the Lady Kathleen? Had he studied Bassantyne's features when the latter was alone and unguarded? Was all this disguise of beard and stained complexion, changed name and high position, but the merest flimsy veil to this ancient enemy, and had he already looked beneath them and seen under them all his old comrade and fellow-convict? It must be so.

The cold sweat started on Bassantyne's dark forehead. A convulsive trembling seized him.

"Don't be in such a hurry, my good man," he said, in a husky voice. "There's no harm done by your singular conduct. I took you for a footpad at first, but your abrupt appearance will account for that. No doubt you are a worthy fellow. But about my valet. Were you about to apply for his situation?

Lame Bill grinned.

"Well, no," he said. "I have no call to be vally. My talent lies in the way of being master. I've got my eye on a prize that's offered for reward for the recovery of a great criminal—the one I took you for, begging your pardon, Mr. Bassantyne—and if I should get that, or them—for there's two men wanted, and two rewards—I should be a rich man."

"Yes; but you might make more by holding your tongue," suggested Bassantyne cautiously.

A quick gleam lit up the eyes of Lame Bill. A scheming look appeared on his face. Appealed to in his weak point, his desire for gain, even his revengefulness sank into the background. Greed first, revenge afterward, was his motto. He never allowed his personal feelings to stand in the way of his making money.

"If you've got anything to say," he exclaimed abruptly, "we won't beat around the bush. You know you are Gentleman Bob, and I know it? I've been looking out of the shade here at you until I knew you beyond the shadow of a doubt. If you want to play off, you will deceive no one but yourself. If you come out flat-footed, we may come to an understanding."

Bassantyne's face paled to a sickly yellow. He looked about him with glaring eyes.

"You are alone?" he said.

"This time, yes. Yet not alone, for I am armed."

"Well, what will you take to keep silent?"

A swift glow reddened Lame Bill's face. A swift gleam shot into his eyes.

"You own up, then?" he demanded.

"I own nothing in so many words," said Bassantyne doggedly. "I merely ask what is your price?"

Lame Bill reflected, sending sidelong glances around him, into the park, and at the burly figure of his enemy. Evidently he was estimating Bassantyne's resources.

"Let me see," he mused. "You are a rich man, the husband of an heiress. Her ladyship loves you to distraction, or she would never have eloped to Scotland with you. Romantic, proud as Lucifer, high-bred and dainty, she would sacrifice all she has rather than to live under the shadow of a terrible disgrace. The reward offered by government and the colonial authorities for your capture is three thousand pounds. I bear you no love, Gentleman Bob, and my revenge is worth at least as much more. To forego it, I should want at least three thousand pounds. And then, by way of premium and so on—well, we will call the whole amount ten thousand pounds. Give me that sum down and a thousand a year, and I'll be as dumb as the effigy on the lord lieutenant's tomb."

"Ten thousand pounds! Are you crazy?"

"By no means. If you haven't got it yourself, your romantic and ardent young bride will give it to you. Not a penny less, Gentleman Bob. If you don't like my offer, you needn't accept it."

A dangerous glitter shone in Bassantyne's eyes.

"I haven't got the money," he said. "And I can't get it. You will have to moderate your demands—"

"Not a farthing! A man will give a good deal rather than give up such splendour as this," and again Lame Bill glanced around him. "A real park, an old mansion, horses and carriages, servants, and, best of all, a fine lady bride, are not to be lightly thrown away. And a man won't swing for the sake of saving a few pounds to his wife! And that brings me to the point. You must pay my demands or swing!"

His face was momentarily averted from his enemy.

Watching his chance, Bassantyne sprung upon him with the leap of a tiger, uttering a hoarse cry of rage.

Taken unawares, Lame Bill had not time to draw a weapon. He struck out blindly with his hands, fighting for dear life.

A quick, sharp struggle between the two succeeded.

Bassantyne was heavy, burly, and powerful. He had the strength of a giant in his brawny arms.

The other, albeit lame, was as quick and supple as a panther. He knew where, when his first panic was over, to plant his blows to make them effective, and he had a way of using his bullet head as a battering-ram—a mode of fighting which, with the merit of novelty, was also as effective as his blows.

For a little while only the hoarse breathing and muttered curses of the two men were heard in the little glade. But at last the conflict drew near its end, the superior strength of Bassantyne giving him the upper hand.

"You will betray me, will you?" he muttered hoarsely. "We'll see! Let this settle our outstanding account, my friend!"

And with a mocking sneer, he dealt his enemy a blow upon the temple that felled him to the ground.

The man fell limp and lifeless. His face, bruised and swollen, was stained with blood. His eyelids drooped to his cheeks. His arms fell to his side.

Bassantyne's cheeks began to flush. He raised the battered, swollen head, and thrust his hand into the man's breast to feel if his heart still beat.

"He's dead!" Bassantyne muttered excitedly, arising to his feet. "Well, that danger's over. You got more than the ten thousand pounds you asked for, Lame Bill! If you could have foreseen this you might not have been so bold in your demands."

He listened, with the quick start of guilt, for some sound of approaching steps. But all that he heard was the music of the birds, the rustle of the wind through the leaves, the murmur of waters.

He breathed more freely.

"Dead?" he said to himself, spurning the body with his foot. "That danger is disposed of. And now how to meet this one? What am I to do with his body?"

There was a deep pool of water on the estate, but it was half a mile distant. It would not be possible to drag the body to it in broad daylight without meeting some labourer who would give the alarm. But with the body once dropped into the depths of Black Pool, Bassantyne could feel sure that the secret of his crime was safely buried forever.

"I must take it there," he thought agitatedly. "But how? There are men working in the vicinity now, trimming the trees. I must wait till night. Meanwhile I will hide the body in some safe spot, where it can remain till night."

He set about his search for a safe hiding-place, yet not daring to venture far from the little dell, where the ghastly object he meant to hide was lying, with swollen face upturned to the shower of sunlight.

Presently he found what he sought—a little hollow, shut in and completely shadowed and darkened by a clump of thick growing firs. It was a covert for rabbits or other game, and the dead leaves heaped within it that had been blown from various quarters showed that the park-keeper seldom peered into its recesses.

"The very spot!" muttered Bassantyne. "I will hide the body here till night, and then I will sink it in the Black Pool!"

He hastened to drag the inert figure to the little hollow, and flung it in, arranging the branches of the trees to hide the body.

Then he sought to obliterate the traces of the recent conflict in the little glade, which effort was partially successful.

His task completed, he hurried from the glade, wandering restlessly through the park until he had grown composed, paying an apparently idle visit to the Black Pool, and at last sauntering back to the hall.

During the remainder of the day he was uneasy and restless. He took a ride on his spirited hunter, but somehow the gaze of men was not so pleasant as usual to-day. At every curious glance he trembled, fancying that there might be some blood stain upon him he had overlooked, or some token of that conflict which had resulted so disastrously to his enemy. There were a few scratches and bruises upon him. These he magnified into gaping wounds, and finally, trembling and terrified, he returned to the hall.

He spent an hour or so in his smoking-room. He took a bath, and dressed himself carefully in a new suit ordered from Dublin, and when the dinner bell rang, he descended to the drawing-room scrupulously dressed, yet pale and worn and haggard.

The Lady Kathleen was already in the drawing-room, and the ill-assorted pair descended to the dining-room together.

There was an atmosphere of guilt about Bassantyne, fresh from his crime, that the pure instincts of the Lady Kathleen detected, but could not understand. She shrank from all contact with him, and the meal was eaten in silence. It is worthy of remark that Bassantyne, despite his perturbation, ate a hearty repast.

In truth, he was sufficiently familiar with crime, and hardened by that familiarity, to feel a keen sense of relief at the turn affairs had taken. Lame Bill removed for ever from his path, what had he to fear? Nothing—except, perhaps, the treachery of Murple. He would meet his dangers one at a time, he thought, and conquer them all.

After dinner, he went out into the garden to resume his smoking, and later he went into the house, and to his own room.

"I must do nothing to excite suspicion," he thought. "Old Delaney has eyes like a hawk, and has set himself to watching me, I can see. I must not stir out until the house is silent for the night! I must be cautious—very cautious!"

The hours crept on. The sounds died out of the house. It was growing late.

Bassantyne proceeded to change his light garments for old and dark ones. Then he extinguished his light and looked out.

The night was suitable for his purpose, being moonless and gloomy, yet not intensely dark. He could trace the objects on the lawn distinctly—the marble urns, a winged Mercury on a pedestal, and a rose hedge.

He waited until the great house clock had rung out the hour of midnight.

Then he put on a pair of list slippers and quitted his room, locking the door behind him.

All was still in the house. The servants had retired, and the hall lights were extinguished.

He crept down the grand staircase like a burglar, listening, and coming to a halt now and then in a panic, fancying he heard the steps of Delaney, the steward. But no interruption occurred to his movements. He gained the front door, and softly undid its bolts and bars and complicated fastenings, and opened the door, and crept out upon the porch.

Then he glided down the steps and hurried into the shadow of the rose hedge.

But, fancying that hostile eyes might be looking out at him from the windows of the old hall, he moved fleetly in the shadow until he had gained the edge of the park.

"Now I am safe!" he said to himself. "No one has seen me. No one will come out to watch me. I have only to carry that thing to Black Pool, fill its pockets with stones, and sink it! Then I shall be indeed safe!"

He moved swiftly along the lonely paths into the depths of the park, making for the hollow where he had concealed the body of Lame Bill.

He reached it and knelt down in the shade of the spreading firs, and groped in the hollow with his hands.

The hollow was empty!

Horrified and frightened, Bassantyne drew out his match-case and struck a light. There was a pine cone on the ground at his elbow. He lighted this and flung it into the hollow.

The body was indeed gone!

Bassantyne uttered an ejaculation of horror and terror.

"Gone!" he whispered incredulously. "Gone! And where?"

With the red light of the burning cone playing on his haggard, convulsed visage, he searched the hollow for some token of the cause of Lame Bill's disappearance.

Presently he uttered a hoarse cry.

He had detected footprints, not his own, by the side of the hollow—footprints which he knew must have been made by his enemy.

"He was not dead, then?" he cried. "I had only stunned him! He has fled to bring the officers here. How many hours has he been gone? Curse him! Why did I not make sure of him? Fool that I am! I deserve my ruin!"

For a moment he knelt there, with the face of a demon. Then he rose up, whispering to himself:

"It's all up. I must see Kathleen at once! If I sink, she sinks with me!"

With glaring eyes and desperate soul, he hurried through the park toward the hall.

(To be continued.)

ANOTHER CASE OF SMALL-POX AT CONSETT.

A third case of small-pox has appeared at Consett—this time a young woman living in Rippon's Lane, adjoining Raglan Street, where the two men were found suffering from the same disease a week since. She had, it seems, been engaged in washing the clothes worn by one of the previous patients. On Friday afternoon, at the instigation of Dr Geo. Renton, Medical Officer of Health, and Mr Wm Rippon, the sanitary inspector, the woman was conveyed to the Leadgate Fever Hospital, her bedding, &c., being taken to that institution as well to be fumigated. The other two men in the hospital are reported to be going on favourably.

Sporting Items.

Pigeon Flying at Marley Hill.—A pigeon flying sweep, which was promoted by Mr D. Laidkin, Miners' Arms, Fellside, was decided on Saturday, the distance being about 1½ miles. Result:—O. Maghon, 1min. 33sec., 1; D. Maghon, 1min. 35sec., 2; A. Urwin, 1min. 36sec., 3. M. Duffy time-keeper and referee.

Pigeon Flying at Consett.—On Saturday afternoon, a pigeon flying match took place between C. Telford's Dark Check and R. Wilkinson's Silver King, the distance being from Newcastle to Consett, for £2 a-side. Wilkinson's bird won by 1min. 15sec. Mr P. Daly, Consett, acted as timekeeper.

Pigeon Shooting at South Moor.—A match took place at South Moor for £20, between John Stephenson, of South Moor, and Wm Charlton, of West Stanley. The conditions were double guns, 1¼oz of shot, 21 yards rise, 60 yards fall, at 11 birds each. Score:—J Stephenson, 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—8; W Charlton, 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0—6. George Thornton, of Bedside, trapped for Charlton, whilst Robt Smith, of Tantobie, acted in a like capacity for the winner.

Quoiting at Hobson Grounds.—A match at quoits was played at the above grounds, 10 yards, 6lb quoits, for £10, between R. Davison, Hobson, and T. Stringer, of Tanfield, the latter receiving 10 start in 41. After an exciting game Davison won by 6. A. Harrison was referee and stakeholder.—The £5 handicap was advanced another stage. Wright, of Burnopfield, was awarded his tie, B. Johnson, of Leadgate, being absent; and T. Spoors, of Burnopfield, claimed his game in the absence of Askew, of Dipton.

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W Charlton b M…
J Brown b Mort…
J Harrison b M…
T Atthey b Hol…
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Cricket.

Secretaries of cricket clubs will greatly oblige by sending their list of fixtures to this office as early as possible.

West Stanley Red Stars have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up. Ages, 16 to 19. Apply to J. Pascoe, 30, Scott's Houses, West Stanley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Cornsay Colliery have the following dates vacant for a good local team with good ground:—May 6th, away; June 17th, home. Apply to the secretary—R. Aston, Cornsay Colliery, near Lanchester.

Tantobie 1st have June 3rd, Sept. 9th and 16th vacant. The 2nd team have also several vacant dates. Address—Geo. Kennedy, Tantobie, Lintz Green, R.S.O.

Shotley Bridge 2nd have the following dates open and would be glad to arrange with clubs of about equal strength:—May 13th, 27th, June 17th, 24th, away; July 8th, Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, 9th, home. Apply to Geo. Hall, Shotley Bridge.

Hedley Hill Terrace have the appended dates vacant:—Home: April 9th, May 27th, June 10th, 24th, July 8th, 22nd, Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, 30th. Away: June 3rd, 17th, July 1st, 15th, 29th, Aug. 12th, 26th, Sept. 9th. Address—G. D. Dixon, Hedley Hill Terrace, Waterhouses.

CORNSAY COLLIERY CRICKET CLUB.

FIXTURES FOR 1893.

April 22—Langley Park, home.
,, 29—Hamsteels, away.
May 13—Langley Park, away.
,, 20—Bearpark, home.
,, 22 (Whit Monday)—Stanhope, away.
,, 27—Preliminary round of the Durham County Challenge Cup.
June 3—Esh Winning and District, home.
,, 10—Stanley Star, away.
,, 24—Leadgate Park, away.
July 1—Sleetburn, away.
,, 8—Burnmoor, home.
,, 15—Sleetburn, home.
,, 22—Bearpark, away.
,, 29—Bankfoot, away.
Aug. 5—Stanley Star, home.
,, 12—Leadgate Park, home.
,, 19—Burnmoor, away.
,, 26—Bankfoot, home.
Sept. 2—Hamsteels, home.
,, 9—Lanchester, home.
,, 16—Esh Winning and District, away.

OXHILL v. DIPTON.

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a win for Dipton by two runs. Score:—

OXHILL.		DIPTON.	
J Middlemass (capt) b H Bragg	19	H Bragg b Smith	14
G Collins c and b Lawson	1	J Ritchie c Smith b Raine	12
R Knox st J Ritchie	1	R Ritchie b Raine	1
R Henderson b R Ritchie	0	J Lawson c Knox b Collins	3
T Liddle b R Ritchie	2	R Kelly b Smith	2
W Raine b H Bragg	4	R Forster b Raine	2
J E Smith run out	0	H Teasdale b Smith	0
R Palmer not out	4	J Allen b Raine	0
J Middlemass b H Bragg	0	P Graham b Raine	0
W Collins b R Ritchie	5	H Jennings b Smith	1
N Thorne b H Bragg	0	A Bragg not out	3
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	41	Total	43

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v. DIPTON.

Played on the Violets' ground, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

VIOLETS.		DIPTON.	
R Herron b J Ritchie	8	H Bragg c and b Barrass	21
J Pinkney b J Ritchie	5	J Ritchie b Brayson	13
J Lee b R Ritchie	36	W Hope b Brayson	0
H Theobald b Bragg	20	R Ritchie c and b Barrass	4
J Brayson b R Ritchie	1	R Kelly c Theobald b Brayson	0
J Wailes not out	25	J Rowell b Barrass	6
R Gloyne c and b R Ritchie	9	R Foster c Brayson b Theobald	4
J Theobald to bat		H Teasdale b Theobald	11
H Barrass to bat		P Graham b Theobald	1
G Barrass to bat		H Jennings not out	2
T White to bat		J Bowes run out	0
Extras	13	Extras	10
Total	112	Total	71

BEAMISH v. LUMLEY.

Beamish commenced the season on Saturday last on their own ground, and were very weakly represented. However, they managed to gain an easy victory, and acquitted themselves very creditably seeing that they had not had an opportunity of a full practice. Score:—

BEAMISH.		LUMLEY.	
R Dorling b Oliver	0	G Laybourn b Mason	0
A Kerr b Oliver	16	T Howe run out	0
W Stoddart b Oliver	5	R Marsh b Mason	0
G Wilkinson b Oliver	8	R Charlton b Mason	0
G Laverick b Howe	3	W Steel b Mason	3
M Laybourn b Oliver	2	T Oliver c Jackson b G Laverick	6
R Hume c Howe	7	G Murphy c Jackson b Mason	1
L Mason c Laybourn	13	J Fail b G Laverick	0
T Carr not out	11	R Barnett not out	2
J Jackson b Oliver	8	J Bowman c Jackson b Mason	0
J Laverick b Laybourn	9	T Forster run out	3
Extras	4	Extras	3
Total	86	Total	18

TANTOBIE CRICKET CLUB.

The above club opened their season with a match between the captain's and vice-captain's teams, which resulted in an easy victory for the former by 46 runs. Score:—

VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		CAPTAIN'S TEAM.	
W Keilor lbw b Holmes	4	R Holmes c Keilor b Charlton	10
L Thompson run out	7	W Hodgson b Charlton	0
R Atkinson b Holmes	1	R Foster b Thompson	27
F Rockett b Morton	7	T Morton b Thompson	11
W Charlton b Morton	0	W Turpin b Thompson	0
J Brown b Morton	0	J Tyson retired lame	6
J Harrison b Morton	1	W Hall c and b Rockett	3
J Atthey b Holmes	0	T Shepherd c Atthey b Rockett	0
J Kennedy run out	3	G Keilor b Thompson	0
C Cook not out	0	W Sanderson not out	0
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total	26	Total	66

LUMLEY THICKS v. HEWORTH.

Played at Heworth, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

LUMLEY.		HEWORTH.	
H Carr b Guy	4	W Stephenson b H Carr	2
J Turnbull b Guy	0	W Humes b G Carr	5
R Carr c Harrison b Robinson	8	H Sterling c R Carr b G Carr	1
R Ramshaw c Douglas b Guy	7	T Arnull b G Carr	0
G Forth b Guy	11	J Guy b G Carr	5
J Turnbull b Harrison	3	J Southern b H Carr	3
J English b Robinson	13	J Harrison b G Carr	14
W Henderson b Guy	0	J Douglas b H Carr	3
G Carr b Robinson	15	T Gillespie b G Carr	4
W Howe b Humes	3	R Brown not out	4
G Forbes not out	2	B Robinson c H Carr b G Carr	4
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	73	Total	42

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism. 303

PRIMROSE CELEBRATION AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Wednesday, the members of the Derwent Valley Habitation of the Primrose League celebrated the eleventh anniversary of Lord Beaconsfield's death, by holding a public tea in the afternoon, in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. The building was profusely decorated with flags, bannerettes, primroses, etc. The arrangements were most satisfactorily carried out by Miss Murray, of Benfieldside House, who acts as secretary to the Habitation, along with an energetic committee, with the result that over 200 people partook of the good things provided. In the evening, an entertainment was held in the same building, interspersed with speeches, etc. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Lax, Shotley Bridge. There was a large and distinguished company present, including the *elite* of the district, amongst whom were Mrs J. Booth, Misses Weldon, Miss Murray, Mr F. W. Deacon, Manchester, Mr E. W. H. Balleny, J.P., Little Greencroft, Mr H. Walton-Wilson, Shotley Hall, Mr J. G. Murray (Conservative and Unionist agent), Shotley Bridge, Mr J. Booth, jun., Mr R. Towns, and others.

The CHAIRMAN, in his introductory remarks, said it was not his intention on that occasion to deliver a protracted speech, because those present knew full well what his views were in connection with the question of the day, and the action of Mr Gladstone in attempting to split up the empire by the introduction of the Home Rule Bill. He went on to say that as long as the people held to the Union, there was no fear of Ireland ever becoming separated, or a Parliament being established on College Green, to the injustice of the loyal Ulster men. (Cheers.)

Mr DEACON next delivered an address on "The life and works of Lord Beaconsfield," which was illustrated by limelight views. Mr Snowden manipulated the lantern, and the different views were enjoyed immensely.

Mr J. G. MURRAY moved the following resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this meeting it is the bounden duty of all patriotic citizens who desire true national unity, combined with order, stability, and progress, to strenuously oppose, by all legitimate means, the passage of the Home Rule Bill now before the House of Commons, and any measure which divides the authority of the Imperial Parliament, weakens its control, and withdraws from its protection the lives, liberties, and property of our loyal fellow-subjects in Ireland."

Mr Murray afterwards made some observations with reference to the Home Rule Bill, and said that all right-thinking people ought to do all in their power to prevent the same coming into law, so as to protect the interests of the empire, and for the sake of the minority in Ireland. (Cheers.)

This was seconded by the CHAIRMAN, and carried *nem. con.*

Mr WALTON-WILSON proposed a resolution against the Welsh Suspensory Bill.

This was seconded by Mr BALLENY, and carried unanimously.

Songs, etc., including "The Union Flag," and "For Union and for Queen," were rendered by a select glee party. Mr G. Stephenson, Blackhill, presided at the piano.

After the customary votes of thanks, the successful gathering was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.

Volunteer Intelligence.

4TH V.B.D.L.I. (D COMPANY.)

Major Humble, of West Pelton House, having kindly given £5 to the above (Beamish and West Pelton) company towards a Bisley nomination to be shot for by the members, the first shoot took place on the Stanley Burn range, on Saturday. The conditions were seven shots at the 200, 500, and 600 yards, with sighting shots at each range. Six shoots to take place and the best five to count, the winner to represent the company at the National Rifle Association meeting at Bisley, in July next. The following were the principal scores:—Private W. Kay, 83, Private F. Stephenson, 79, Lieut. W. Ridley, 77, Private J. B. Goundry, 73, Corp. J. Grundy, 72.

Trade Notes.

THE DURHAM COAL TRADE.

The seam known as the "High Drift," at Cornsay, has now been re-opened, and a number of workmen, including those who previously received notices, have resumed work. The night-shift instituted several months ago is now dispensed with, the men having been drafted into this mine, and the water, which for a considerable time inundated many of the workings, is said to have been got out. The officials' scheme, having proved successful, will facilitate the getting of coal. There is, however, but little change in trade at Hamsteels, as about 80 men are yet idle.

MASS MEETING OF MINERS AT WINLATON.

A mass meeting in connection with the Durham County Mining Federation Association was held at Winlaton on Saturday afternoon. Speaking was to have been from a platform in the Recreation Grounds, but, owing to the boisterous state of the weather, the gathering took place in the Drill Hall, which was soon crowded. The Spen Brass Band was present, and the collieries sending contingents were Swalwell, Dunston, Blaydon Main, Stargate, Spen, Rowland's Gill, Blaydon Burn, Hamsterley, and South Garesfield. Mr J. Robson, of Spen (lodge president), was in the chair, and with him were Ald. W. H. Patterson (secretary of the Durham Miners' Association), Coun. L. Trotter (Mechanics' Association), Mr R. Forster (Cokemen's Association), and several officials of local lodges. Rev A. Jones, Rector of Winlaton, also had a seat on the platform.

The CHAIRMAN said they were met to try to do their best to stop the poverty not only in the county but also in the United Kingdom among the working classes of the people. Not only miners but all classes of workmen were out of work in the depression of trade. They wanted to divide amongst them all what work there was. (Applause.)

Mr J. DOBINSON (Rowland's Gill) moved—

"That we deeply deplore the action of the coalowners in discharging so many of the miners in this county, and especially those who are living in rented houses."

They had to admit, he said, that there was depression in the coal trade, and also in the county at the present time. He failed, as a working man, to see why the coalowners of the county should make a certain class of men victims of the depression, namely, those who were receiving rent allowance. (Hear.) To his mind it was unfair, unreasonable, and unjust. If there was depression every man at the colliery ought to have his fair and equal share of the trade there was belonging to the colliery. (Hear.)

Mr T. POGUE (Swalwell), in seconding the resolution, maintained there was depression of trade in the nation. The depression of trade was, in his estimation, that the masters were depressing the men, and not the trade depressing the nation. (Applause.)

Mr W. H. PATTERSON supported, and said they were now passing through an epoch of bad trade. Whatever the cause was it was certain that the working men throughout the world were suffering. He made a strong appeal to miners, at this present crisis, to become members of their respective organisations, and averred that it was disgraceful that so many workmen should remain outside their association. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr MCCLENNELL (Hamsterley) next moved—

"Seeing that organisation is the only means by which we can defend ourselves and obtain our rights, we urge on every workman employed in and about our mines the necessity of joining their unions at once."

He could not for the life of him tell why men were drifting out of their association. It seemed to him like going to their pantry and throwing out their bread. Nothing was so adequate to defend them in trial and difficulty as the organisation that they had at their backs—(cheers)—and they should everyone become members of it.

Mr WIGHTMAN (Dunston) seconded the resolution in an able speech.

Mr FORSTER, secretary of the Durham Cokemen's Association, in supporting, said they pointed with just pride to organisation in the county of Durham. It was well-known there was no place better organised. But to-day, if the work in the county of Durham was properly distributed, there should not be an idle man in the county. (Applause.) There were 200 cokemen out of work in the county. Yet there were men in that neighbourhood doing more than they ought to do, and the nearer they got to Consett Ironworks the worse they were. There were men making more even than they made in the best of times, and not content with it. They were depriving fellow-men of an opportunity of earning an honest livelihood.

Mr L. TROTTER (secretary of the Mechanics' Association) also supported.

This resolution was adopted as heartily as the other, and votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and speakers at the close.

"A WOMAN'S PROMISE"—AN UNFORTUNATE WITTICISM.

Daniel S. Dickinson, formerly United States Senator from New York, who was very fond of saying sharp things, sometimes gave offence by his witticisms when he least expected to do so. One day when he was walking moodily along the street in Albany, at the time Silas Wright was governor, he met Mrs. Wright, the governor's wife. She, observing his abstracted air, said to him in a jocular manner: "What does a man think of when he is thinking of nothing?" "Of a woman's promise," responded Dickinson. "Well done, Senator," said Mrs. Wright, who passed on, but did not forget Dickinson's remark. Some time afterwards he requested her to help him to persuade the governor to appoint a friend to office, reminding her, at the same time, that she had promised to aid him whenever he should ask for her assistance. "That is true, Senator," she replied, "but of course it was *nothing*." "How is that?" exclaimed Dickinson, much surprised. "Because it was a *woman's promise*, don't you know?" responded Mrs. Wright. The senator *did* know, and he had to tell his friend that the "adverse influences" were so strong that the coveted appointment could not be obtained for him.

HOW HE GOT HIS LOBSTER DINNER.

A story is told of the manner in which a lover of lobsters secured one of these delicious shell-fish. The man so fond of lobsters was wistfully regarding a basket of them in the market, with his dog by his side, while another bystander was sticking the end of his cane into one of the disengaged claws of a big fellow at the top. "How he does hold on!" said the man with the cane. "Yes," responded the man with the dog, "but it is because he dents the cane, and his claws won't slip on the wood, but he couldn't hold on to a critter, or you and I, in that way. When he feels anything givin' a lobster alway stops pinchin'." "I rather guess not," said the owner of the lobster; "you put your dog's tail in that there claw, and you 'll see whether he 'll hold on to 't or not." No sooner said than done. The lobster lover lifted up his dog, dropped his tail into the open claw, which closed instanter, and the dog ran off yelping and howling, at the top of his speed. "Halloo!" exclaimed the owner of the basket. "Whistle back your dog, he 's running off with my lobster!" "Whistle back your lobster!" rejoined the other. "That dog aint coming back. That dog 's in pain. I can't get him to come near me when he 's in pain." The owner of the cur dined that day upon as fine a lobster as was in the basket.

A YOUNG lordling, on meeting the family physician at the late Doncaster races, exclaimed: "Why, Doctor, what brings you here, when you can't distinguish a horse from an ass?" "Ah, my lord," the doctor replied, "I soon perceived you among the horses."

A WOMAN who had recently married a rich man, and put on a good deal of style, meeting an old servant of her father's family, asked: "Do they miss me at home now?" To which the servant replied: "Law, no. They don't *Miss* you at all. You're only plain Maria, at home, just as you always was."

As an absent-minded professor was sitting at his desk writing one evening, one of his children entered, and he exclaimed: "What do you want? I can't be disturbed now." "I only want to say good-night," answered the child. "Never mind now; to-morrow morning will do as well," said the professor.

GEORGIA, Alabama, and Louisiana respectively claim to have the stingiest man in the world among their inhabitants. Georgia's stingy man is said to stop his clock every night to save the wear and tear of the machinery; Alabama's stingy man requires his family to write "a small hand" to save ink; and Louisiana's is so stingy that he will never drink as much water as he wants unless it is from another man's well.

A HUSBAND who was in the habit of always correcting his wife's statements, remarked, when she mentioned that she was born on the twenty-first of April: "You mean the first, my dear, not the twenty-first. You were born on the first of April, you know;" at which the exasperated wife exclaimed: "People might well think so, considering the choice I made of a husband!"

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TRADITION tells us that the first ring was invented by Prometheus and forged by Tubal Cain. An Arabian legend relates how King Solomon possessed a magic ring that he once upon a time dropped inadvertently into the sea, whereupon his wisdom immediately abated, so that for 40 days he abstained from administering justice. At the end of that time the missing jewel was found in a fish and restored to the monarch, who became once more exceeding wise, and continued so until the end of his days.

"AH, Fogg! Been away?" "Only for a single day. Been down to the seashore. Great time! Burned the skin all off my neck, got a nose like Bardolph's and spent £1 for half-a-crown's worth of food. However, nothing so bad that hasn't its compensation. See here! Got my name in the paper among the gay and distinguished throng at the place. That's enough to pay for all discomforts and disappointments. To be sure, the fellow has spelled my name wrong, but for all that, it's awfully pleasant to know that it was me who was meant."

A YOUNG Chinaman, at school in this country, being told to write a composition on "The Burning of Troy," wrote: "The table of weights used by foreigners outside of China for weighing gold and silver, and called Troy, was burnt by the Greeks, so that the Wall street speculators were able to cheat their customers as much as they pleased, there being no way by which they could tell how much gold or silver they were getting." We suppose the young Chinaman meant to write, "There was no weigh by which," etc.

"CHARLES," said a sharp-voiced woman to her husband, as they were travelling by railroad, "do you know that you and I once had a romance in a railway car? Don't you remember that pair of slippers I presented to you the Christmas before we were married? You remember how nicely they fitted, don't you? Well, Charles, one day when we were going to a picnic, you had your feet up on a seat, and when you weren't looking, I took your measure. But for that pair of slippers, I don't believe we'd ever been married." A young unmarried man sitting near by immediately took down his feet from a seat.

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HISTORY OF COURTSHIP.

How strange it must have been for a man to get acquainted with his wife after he was married instead of before!

We are so accustomed ourselves to freedom of association between young men and maidens that we can hardly realise how rare such freedom is in the world. The English-speaking nations alone enjoy it, and it is only in portions of the United States that there are no restraints upon it, except such as are imposed by natural propriety and mutual respect. It is here, and only here, that youths and maidens play together, go to school together, take walks together, and share on equal and rational terms all the social pleasures proper to their age.

We cannot pretend that this freedom is not sometimes abused, as freedom is apt to be in other things, such as politics, for example. All good things are abused, even the best. Speaking generally, however, this freedom from artificial restraints seems to be founded in reason, and will probably be justified by its results.

The most civilised of the ancient races, the Greeks, in the greatest age of Greece, knew nothing like this free and natural intercommunion of the sexes. One of the most interesting passages in the noble literature of Greece is the one in Xenophon, which represents Socrates calling upon Ischomachus, a noted wise man and good manager, in order to learn from his own lips the secret of his domestic happiness and prosperity.

"I wish to learn," said Socrates, "what it is that you do to gain the character from all people of a good and honest man; the excellent colour of your face seems to show that you do not always stay at home."

"You are right," replied Ischomachus, "in what you say of my not being much at home, for my wife is capable of ordering such things as belongs to the house."

Socrates then wished to know how his wife acquired this knowledge, whether from himself or from her parents.

"My wife," he answered, "was but fifteen years old when I married her, and till then she had been so negligently brought up that she hardly knew anything of worldly affairs."

"And did you teach her," asked Socrates, "the things that belong to the management of a house?"

"I did," was the reply; "but not before I had implored the assistance of the gods to show me what instructions were necessary further, and that she might have a heart to learn and practise those instructions to the advantage and profit of us both."

Upon hearing this, the curiosity of Socrates was greatly excited, and he listened most intently to what followed.

"To begin, then, good Socrates: *When we were well enough acquainted*, and were so familiar that we began to converse freely with one another, I asked her for what reason she thought I had taken her to be my wife."

He then proceeded to give his young spouse a long discourse upon the duties and privileges of marriage, the main object of which was the rearing of virtuous and competent children for the comfort of their own lives, the solace of their old age, and the service of the state. This discourse is so good and wise that it would serve as well now as it did when it was written twenty-two centuries ago; but the remarkable circumstance is that this husband and wife were ignorant of one another until after their marriage; and this is still the case with a large majority of the newly married couples thoughout the world.

Among the Romans, although matrons enjoyed more freedom and dignity than among the Greeks, there was no such thing known as courtship. Roman law and Roman usage gave the father almost absolute power over his daughter, and he disposed of her hand as if it had been his personal property. The law went farther even than this. He could dissolve a marriage which he had himself arranged, and take his daughter away from her husband and children.

There has never been a period when the relations of the sexes were so false and depraved as during the first three centuries of the Christian era. There were women who had been married and divorced eight, nine, and ten times.

From the first flagrant excesses many of the early Christians recoiled to the opposite extreme of a fatal severance from the other sex. Several of the early fathers, in their sermons and other writings, represented women as the devil's chief ally in luring men to eternal perdition. The historian Lecky has an interesting passage upon this point:

"The fathers regarded woman as the door of hell, as the mother of all human ills; she should be ashamed of the very thought that she is a woman; she should live in continual penance on account of the curses she had brought upon the world."

Such opinions led to the most deplorable consequences. In Germany alone one hundred thousand witches were burned at the stake, but very few wizards; and when a man and a woman committed murder jointly and with equal guilt, the man was hanged and the woman burned. Many of those proverbs adverse to women which figure in the jest books of Italy and Spain come down from those dark ages. Here are two or three of them:

"There is one bad wife in Spain, and every man thinks he has her." "Women and horses must be beaten." "Trust no woman, even were she dead." "If you are too happy, take a wife." "Women and money are cause of all the evil in the world." "Women keep the secrets which they don't know."

This contemptuous feeling rendered the position of an unprotected woman intolerable. The criminal records show that, in countries as advanced as England, France, and Germany, no woman was safe either in her person or in her estate, who had not some adequate productive force behind her. Widows had no rights, which either lord or clergy felt bound to respect. The institution of knighthood rose toward the end of this period to soften manners and to introduce into the relation of men and women an element of the romantic and the ideal. Knighthood was in many respects a foolish, fantastic thing, but it was better than the unredeemed brutality of a former time, and prepared the way for that respectful regard for all women, as women, which we hope will one day become universal.

The nations have much to learn before they can enjoy the solid good which will come of free and natural friendship between men and women.

An English lady, married to a German count, and long resident in Germany, reports that German girls to-day have no out-of-door fun such as English and American girls enjoy; no boating, no riding, no archery, no swimming, no tennis, and not even the mild and harmless croquet. The girls themselves say they do not want such amusements, deeming them bold, coarse and unfeminine. Moreover, such pleasures can only be fully enjoyed in the society of young men.

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The Deputy-Clerk consequently took the chair *pro tem.*

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr LAX, in moving that Coun. Annandale, be elected chairman for the ensuing 12 months, said they could not get a gentleman who was more painstaking in the duties that were allotted to the office.

Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded.

This was carried unanimously.

Coun. ANNANDALE returned thanks for the compliment the members had paid him by electing him once more as their chairman. It had been said that such an honour should be divided amongst the members of public bodies. He bore out that sentiment; and said it would have been better if the members on that occasion had elected another gentleman as their chairman. (Mr Lax: No, no.) He did think at one time of not offering himself for the office, but seeing that it was their anxious wish that he should take the reins again, he would endeavour to fulfil the duties to the best of his ability. He trusted that the work would be carried out in the future as in the past, with the best of fellowship and business tactics. (Applause.)

NEW MEMBERS.

The deputy-clerk read the returning officer's declaration with reference to the late election, and declared Messrs F. Priestman, A. E. Turner, Rd. Murray, and R. G. Barclay duly elected members of the Board.

Messrs Priestman, Barclay, and Turner next signed the usual declaration.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Mr LAX, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, the following committees were appointed:—

Lighting, Highway, and Finance—The Chairman, Messrs F. Priestman, J. Dowson, T. Siddell, R. G. Barclay, and J. Lax (convener).

Building—Messrs J. Eltringham (convener), R. Murray, A. E. Turner, W. Robinson, G. J. Robinson, and W. Wheatley.

Joint Hospital Board—Mr J. Lax.

CHEQUES.

The Finance Committeere commended that the following accounts be paid:—

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W. Pearson	30	17	9
Ord and Maddison	20	6	8
Christopher	39	0	0
"Consett Guardian"	7	15	6
W. T. Eltringham	3	2	0
Knight and Co.	0	16	0
Joint Hospital Board	35	8	7
Mr Booth: Election expenses, salary, audit, &c.	64	2	10
	£259	6	9

Mr ELTRINGHAM moved that the necessary cheques be signed.

This was seconded by Mr ROBINSON, and agreed to.

A DIRTY YARD.

The Inspector reported that nothing had been done to the yard connected with property at Benfieldside, belonging to Mr Thompson Allen.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said that when the Sanitary Committee visited this yard they found it in a very filthy condition.

The Inspector: The agent, Mr Raw, has got the necessary notice to attend to the matter.

The members unanimously came to the conclusion that the nuisance should be remedied at once, and the Clerk was authorised to write Mr Raw to that effect.

THE MAKING OF QUEEN STREET.

The Surveyor reported that the proprietors of Queen Street were progressing with their separate portions of the street, but nothing had been done by the North-Easten Railway Co.

The deputy-clerk said there was a communication to hand from the company, stating that the matter was under consideration.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: If I understand rightly, the necessary notice has expired, and the company ought to have done something to their portion before now. The other property-owners have done their portions, and he was of opinion that some steps should be taken to have the street completed.

The clerk was authorised to write the company again pressing for a reply as to what they intended to do in reference to the making of their portion of the street.

TEAM WORK.

The Highway Committee reported that three tenders for team work for the coming year were before them, and they would recommend that the tender of Mrs J. Christopher be accepted.

On the motion of Mr ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Mr G. J. ROBINSON, this was agreed to.

THE CATAPULT NUISANCE.

The Surveyor intimated that two youths belonging Shotley Bridge had been fined at the Consett Police Court for hurling stones by means of catapults.

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NOTIFICATION) ACT.

Mr LAX, according to notice, proposed that the Board adopt the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, and that the same come into force on the 17th May, providing that date met with the approval of the Local Government Board.

This was seconded by Mr DOWSON; and agreed to.

THE MAKING OF NEW STREETS.

A report from the Highway Committee was to the effect that, in company with the surveyor, they had inspected several front and back streets, and were of opinion that the time had arrived when such streets should be made, and therefore recommend the Board to take the usual steps to have the work carried out.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said that the time had now arrived when steps should be taken to see that all front and back streets were made.

Mr TURNER considered that the Board had been too lenient in this direction in the past. When there were good streets made in connection with the houses, it had the natural effect of making such places clean and healthy.

Several members pointed out that where streets were not made, the nuisances in some instances were great.

Mr ELTRINGHAM remarked that one owner of property at the top of Back Derwent Street had deposited a quantity of clay, and made the street almost impassable.

Mr LAX said the nuisances caused by people throwing ashes, &c., on the streets, ought to be stopped by the surveyor.

The Surveyor: I have ordered Mr J. Stephenson to remove the clay.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said there were a great many people who threw their ashes on the streets simply to save themselves the expense of leading the same away.

The CHAIRMAN said these nuisances could be dealt with under the Police Clauses Act.

The Surveyor was empowered to deal with the matter.

It was also resolved that the surveyor should prepare plans, specifications, estimates, &c., for the making of the following streets in Blackhill and Blackfine:—Back Mary Street, Back and Front Prospect Place, Buckham, Armstrong, Market, and Back Thomas Streets.

THE FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

The Surveyor intimated that he had placed a list of the names of the Fire Brigade in the Board-room.

The Building Committee reported that the question of erecting buildings, &c., for the water-cart and fire appliances was under consideration. The surveyor was preparing plans and estimate of cost, and the same would be laid before the Board shortly.

PLANS.

The Building Committee reported as follows:—

A plan for intended new house for Wesleyan Manse, to be built in Church Bank, Shotley Bridge; recommended to be passed.

A plan for house to be built for Mr Kelsey in Ritson's Road, the committee cannot recommend to be passed, as not being in accordance with the bye-laws.

An amended plan belonging to Mr Geo. Smith, showing alterations to stairs and new landings, we recommend to be passed.

A plan for two houses to be built in Ritson's Road and George Street, Blackhill, for Mr Richard Murray, we recommend to be passed.

We also recommend that a block plan for the laying out of land for building sites, at the north side of Durham Road, Blackfine, be passed.

The Surveyor reported that the plan was in order, and that the front of buildings would be on a line with property already built.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The above report was considered, and found to be satisfactory.

The report was adopted, and the plans approved of by the Committee were passed and sealed.

With regard to Mr Kelsey's plans, they were ordered to be completed. When returned, the Committee was empowered to pass the same, if found satisfactory.

THE QUARRY WASTES

The lease for the use of the quarry wastes received the seal of the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A letter from Mr Whinney, clerk to the Benfieldside Burial Board, was read and referred to the Sanitary Committee.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets, taking off loose stones, water-tabling, and dressing up.

During the month I have received 100 tons of rough whinstone from Mr W. Pearson; also, 100 tons of rough whinstone from Messrs Ord and Maddison. The unemployed have been breaking the same.

Walton Street has now been put into order by the Consett Iron Co.; also, Mr Raw has done his portion of the street.

As requested, I have advertised for tenders for team work. The tenders were laid before the Highway Committee.

According to instructions, I have had notice-boards placed at each end of Ritson's Road.

As instructed at last meeting, I had the notice-bills posted round the district with regard to lamp breaking, etc.

I have placed a list of names of your firemen in the Board Room as requested.

Your Highway Committee have made an inspection of streets they require making in your district.

I have collected and paid to the treasurer during the month the sum of £396 7s 3d, in connection with the general district rate.

During the month a complaint with reference to a dangerous crossing near Mr Barras's butcher's shop, at Highgate, has been made. Your instructions in this matter will have my attention.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN DIXON.

April 18th, 1893.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month I have inspected your district several times, and find the ashpits on the whole well cleaned out. Your main drains are all in good working order, and I consider your district in a good sanitary condition.

With regard to alterations at Mr J. Stephenson's property at Blackhill, he has promised to have the work done shortly.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN DIXON.

April 18th, 1893.

The reports were adopted, and the Surveyor was authorised to put the dangerous crossing into proper order.

This was all the business of importance.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

THE SPECIAL SERVICES

Conducted by Miss Wilson were brought to a close a week ago, and have been a success in every sense of the word. A goodly number have been brought to a "saving knowledge of the truth," and the churches' life has been quickened. There is great demand for the services of Miss Wilson. She is now labouring at Annfield Plain.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The anniversary services of this school were largely attended. The school is in a prosperous condition, numerically, financially, and spiritually. Mr T. Elliott, of Swalwell, conducted the service on the Sunday, and an overflow meeting was conducted by Miss Wilson.

THE FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The committee meeting of this society was held in the Board Schools, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Councillor T. J. Muse. If I can guage the feeling or sense of the meeting, there will be a show of collie dogs this year, although it has been decided otherwise, at the first meeting of the committee, and the public may expect some great exhibits in the vegetable class, as there are some paying at the rate of £112 per ton for eschalots—a rather stiffish price for scallions.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held its final meeting on Saturday night, when it was found that a small balance on the right side remained. Only one student has gone in for examination in "agriculture"—viz., Miss Cashell. We hope that she may be successful in her examination. She is already an excellent teacher. A certificate for agriculture would be a double recommendation.

THE WEATHER.

We are having some fine weather at present, which will be making the farmers smile. The fields are looking beautifully green, and the cottagers are getting their gardens put into order. A great many are growing glass bottles by the score.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Amongst the many improvements going on in the district, there are none to exceed those which are being carried out by Mr Wm. Aynsley at Consett Park, in the way of beautifying the entrance to his new home or summer residence, besides greatly improving the interior of the house at the park.

PASSING AWAY.

There has passed from our midst, after a long affliction, another quiet and kindly spirit, in the person of Mrs Miles, of Hown's Gill. She was interred at Castleside, the Rev J. Wallis (vicar) performing the burial service, and a large number of friends followed her remains to their place of rest. I might here be allowed a passing word in reference to another old neighbour and friend, who died suddenly at Blackfine. Many in the village who knew her would be surprised to learn of her sudden demise. Much sympathy is expressed for both families in their hour of deep sorrow.

"PARIS FASHIONS."—This is the title of a new magazine of fashion. The contents are of great interest to ladies, and include articles on Spring fashions, toilettes, fashions of former days, a Paris letter, fashions described on a pleasure tour in Italy, a review of Spring fashions, and also coloured plates illustrating the various articles of dress. Patterns are supplied gratis to every subscriber who sends measurement and cost of postage.

SPEN COLLIERY.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—A benefit concert was held in the Miners' Hall, Spen Colliery, on Saturday night, for the benefit of Thomas and George Brown, who have been off work for a long period. The chair was occupied by Mr G. J. Franks, and the hall was crowded to excess. A handsome sum will be handed over to the brothers Brown.

THE RESTORATION OF EBCHESTER CHURCH.

RE-OPENING BY BISHOP WESTCOTT.

A HISTORICAL RETROSPECT.

The Church of St. Ebba, the parish Church of Ebchester, was re-opened on Wednesday afternoon, by the Bishop of Durham, after having been restored and received the addition of a vestry and organ chamber. There was a crowded congregation, the little church being filled to overflowing. The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the proposed extensions was performed by the Hon. Mrs Vereker, of Hamsterley Hall, on Friday, October 7th, 1892, in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering of ladies and gentlemen. This church is of very ancient date, being supposed to have been erected in the eleventh century, and is in much better preservation, and more interesting than many old churches which have survived the ravages of time. It is built on the site of a Roman Station, where at various times Roman remains have been found. According to certain authorities, the edifice underwent restoration at the Reformation. Among the relics it contains are an old altar seal, which is now underneath the Holy table, while the wall on one side of the church is adorned by an altar dedicated to Jupiter. There are three Roman altars in the churchyard, and during the excavations for the foundations of the present extensions an old Roman mill or "quern" and a Roman drain were unearthed. While the sacred edifice still retains its ancient character, it has necessarily had to undergo restoration in modern times. About sixteen years ago several important alterations were made, of which the present effort is a continuation. By the alterations proposed, about fifty seats will be added to the church, in addition to which a new vestry and organ chamber will be provided, and, when funds permit, a new organ will be obtained. The cost of the extensions will be between £200 and £300, and if sufficient funds are forthcoming it is intended to place a new organ in the edifice. The church is one of the most interesting in the county, and possesses peculiar claims for antiquarians.

The additions and restorations at the church have been carried out by Mr Wm. Charlton, contractor, Dean House, Ebchester, to the designs of Messrs Johnson and Crawford-Hick, of Newcastle. Care has been taken to preserve the ancient characteristics of the building, and it may be mentioned that Mr John Graham gave a donation of £5 to the fund in consideration of the satisfactory manner in which this had been done. The building is clear of debt, but there are a few pounds still required to meet the expenses of re-building the organ. This work is being done by Messrs Harrison, of Durham, and is expected to be completed in a few weeks. Sewing meetings, held throughout the winter, have been the means of raising about £40, and from the Sherburn Hospital £20 has been promised towards the organ fund. A feature of the dedication festival was the appearance, for the first time, of a surpliced choir. The choir is a mixed one, numbering thirty, of which one-half are girls. These, as well as the males, have been provided with surplices, through a desire on the part of the rector to establish uniformity. The girls have also been fitted with blue silk velvet caps, supplied by Messrs Anderson and Miller, of Gateshead. They have been specially designed by the rector, and closely resemble college caps.

The stone laid by Mrs Vereker bears the following inscription:—

"To the glory of God. This vestry was built and the nave enlarged by the exertions of parishoners and friends, and this stone was laid by the Hon. Mrs Vereker, 7th October, 1892. Rector, Rev Peter Cameron; wardens, George Charlton, Joseph Pumphrey."

The clergy present at Wednesday's ceremony were the Rev Peter Cameron, Rector of Ebchester; the Rev J. St. Clere Hick, Whittonstall; the Rev T. Varley, Leadgate; the Rev J. Ingham, Muggleswick; the Rev W. Cockin, Medomsley; and the Rev F. G. Wesley, Hamsteels.

The Rector conducted, and the lessons were read by the Rev T. Varley and the Rev W. Cockin.

The BISHOP OF DURHAM preached from the text—"The old things are passing away: behold they are become new" (II. Cor., ch. 5, v. 17.) He said that this great truth was shown everywhere. It was indeed a lesson descriptive of life—of the life of men, of the life of nations, of the life of churches, and of the life of the whole world. We could see this truth fulfilled in the history of our own nation. We could not find a more striking illustration of it than in the name of this village where they were met together: even in this church where they were now assembled. The name of the village, they all knew, brought before them two most important elements which had gone to make their English nation. The two features of the station-camp and Chester were very suggestive and historical reminiscences. There was laid at rest in that village the body of the Northumbrian Princess Ebba, sister of Oswald, the first Christian king the English had, and the contemporary of Cuthbert, who stood alone as their patron saint. It would be well for them that day in such times as these, to ponder upon the lessons of such a name—the importance of the great truth that the old things are passing away, in one sense, and became new in another. Let them silently and reverently follow the hosts which in olden times had gone from the north to the south, and from the south to the north along that main road—the Scotch invading England, and the English invading Scotland. Let them go back say 500 years or more, and think of the Scotch king passing with his hosts through here, and met with a total overthrow in a brief space afterwards at Neville's Cross, within sight of the towers of Durham. Coming on another 300 years, they had another Scotchman, General Leslie, leading his troops here by Ebchester before he took part in the campaign which ended on Marston Moor. Turning away from the memories of the road, they had the noble princess already mentioned, who made this village her resting-place, and the first station was formed in the great forest which then covered the sides of the valley. They would remember that both these memories were enshrined in their little church. Even the walls were built of fragments of the Roman station, and the church was dedicated to the princess who made her home here. Indeed, they would find in their great cathedrals and their village churches the true parables which brought before them most vividly the great truth—"That the old things are passing away, and yet become new." Everywhere their old sacred buildings were built as a labour of love by those who had gone before them. They could feel that the lesson was of very wide application. It helped them to understand privileges which they as Englishmen had inherited. It was sacred to the history of the English nation and the English Church. The English Church was not an institution built or created by any statesman or Parliament. The Church embodied many elements of all ages, and they were privileged to be members of that great society. Their prayer book was a wonderful symbol of the truth for the many elements which were combined therein—Hebraic, Greek, Latin, no less than the English language. They could hardy realise that the Psalter had been used for the worship of God for more than 2,000 years. The well-known hymn, "Glory to God in the highest," was sung as a hymn in the Greek Church in the second century, and had continued to be part of the Christian service from that time till now. That wonderful hymn, "Lift up your hearts," was found in their common office from the very first, and their collects, most of them, had been used for 1,500 or 2,000 years in all the churches of the west. They held that their prayer book was a vivid representation of the Apostle brought before them—"The old things are passing away, and behold they become new." The prayer book really represented the spirit of the old Church. Their Church embodied the elements of the past. The English Chuch stood in an unique position amongst the churches of Christendom from Apostolic pleurality and Catholic comprehension. The elements which were found in their Church existed in common outside, perhaps with greater vigour and greater distinctness. If they stood isolated they were in danger of being exaggerated. In one place they found the assurance of individual independence; in another place they might find great stress laid on the individual responsibility and conviction. In another communion they might find the fervour of evangelical zeal, and in another church the impressiveness and splendour of ritual. In no place, however, did they find those elements so harmoniously united and blended as in the great Society to which they belonged. He rejoiced in the energy which had been put forth from time to time in church building and restoration, but that brought little comfort to his mind of assurance for the future. He could not forget the two centuries which were noted for the magnificance of church building—the two centuries which were gathering for the storm which broke out later on. It seemed that they would have to look back upon this trouble in the last quarter of the 19th century. His Lordship counselled his hearers to work individually for the world at large, and not to act so as if their sole aim was to enjoy this world and to prepare for the next. That was altogether a mistaken idea. On the occasion of the dedication and consecration of their Church they must feel that these old remains had showed them up, not only in their devotion to the State, but the more complete and nobler devotion of the Northumbrian Princess, who lived here in lovely seclusion, and to whose name that Church was dedicated.

An offertory was taken on behalf of the organ fund. Mr J. T. Hume was organist, and Mr J. T. Middleton choirmaster. Subsequently a public tea took place in the school-room, tables being given by Mesdames Ramsay, Pumphrey, Peile, and Allan. In the evening, a sermon was preached in the church by Canon Body, in the absence, through indisposition, of Archdeacon Watkins.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, April 19th.—Before W. H. KERRICH-WALKER, (chairman) and GEORGE DUBERLEY, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Over 30 persons were fined for these offences, in sums ranging from 5s to 20s, costs following in each case.—The Chairman remarked that it was a very sad state of things that so many people should be brought up for drunkenness.

A ROUGH CUSTOMER.

William Morpeth was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the Colliery Inn, at Pelton Fell, on the 8th inst. Mr John Turnbull, Chester-le-Street and Durham, appeared for Mr Wright, the landlord of the inn.—The evidence of Sergt. Winn and Mr Wright shewed that the defendant was very drunk, and when requested to leave the house by the landlord he refused to do so, saying he was not drunk, and would not leave until a policeman came and saw whether he was drunk or not. The officer ultimately had to put him out.—Fined 7s 6d and costs in each case.

THE CHAIRMAN AND INNKEEPERS.

Richard Cuthbert was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house, the Red Lion Inn, at Ouston, on the 1st April. Mr Thos. Lambert, Gateshead, defended.

P.C. Cowen said he visited the house, and found a man named Shields there very drunk. Cuthbert was trying to get him out, but the man resisted, and witness assisted him to put Shields out.

The man Shields was then called by the police as a witness, but Mr Lambert objected to the man being put into the box, because if he gave evidence for the prosecution he must necessarily incriminate himself.

A long discussion then took place as to the legality of putting Shields into the box, Mr Lambert holding that it was unfair to call him.

The Chairman suggested that the case be adjourned for 14 days, and Shields could be summoned as a witness.

Mr Lambert said that would put his client to the cost of bringing him out again, and he further objected to the case being taken against Shields for drunkenness in order to strengthen the prosecution of Cuthbert.

After a consultation, the Bench decided to dismiss the case against Cuthbert altogether, the Chairman adding that although they had so decided, he felt it his duty to say that they were of opinion that landlords generally did not exercise proper care over the conduct of their houses. They went on filling drink to men who had had quite and more than sufficient, instead of stopping the supplies in a reasonable time. The landlords were themselves answerable for much if not most of the drunkenness. They had had over 30 cases of drunkenness before them that morning, which was a most shameful state of things. He hoped that what they had to say to Cuthbert would go forth, and that it would be a caution not only to him but to others. When Cuthbert applied for the summons aginst Shields for refusing to quit he (the Chairman) refused, because in his application Cuthbert stated that he had supplied Shields two or three times after he was drunk. He hoped, however, that both Cuthbert and other innkeepers would take a warning and be more careful.

Shields was then charged with being drunk on the premises, and on the charge being admitted, was fined 5s and costs.

A DANGEROUS GOAT.

John Forster, a Pelton Fell publican, was charged with allowing his goat to stray on the highway at Pelton Fell. Mr J. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, defended.—A little girl said she saw the goat on the road; it butted a child, got its horns fast in the child's pinafore strings, and dragged the child about the road. Other two little girls said they saw this take place; some men came and relieved the child.—For the defence, Mr Turnbull said he did not deny that it took place as stated by the witnesses, but this particular place was not a highway. It was on the Earl of Durham's land, and was maintained by the Pelton colliery owners. It had never been dedicated and the township had nothing whatever to do with it. Before they could convict they must show that the goat was on the highway.—The Bench said they were satisfied that the road was not a highway, and they had no choice but dismiss the case; but Mr Forster must understand that his goats were not to become a public danger and a nuisance.—Mr Turnbull said the goats were being sold that day at Mr Turnbull's cattle sale.

GAME TRESPASS.

George Winn, an old offender, was charged with game trespass on Pyburn farm, at Birtley, on the 15th inst.—Sergt. Hutchinson gave evidence that he saw defendant set his dog into two or three fields and range them. Defendant never left the road, but had a gun.—Defendant vehemently denied that his dog was ever in any field at all.—Mr Scott, Lord Ravensworth's gamekeeper, said defendant had no permission to go there.—Fined 20s and costs.

OLD POACHERS.

Edward, *Thomas*, and *John Gibson*, and *William Gray* were charged with poaching on Lord Ravensworth's estate, on the 2nd inst.—A gamekeeper said he saw the whole of the defendants; they put their dogs, three terriers and a greyhound, into a field, raised a hare, ran her through three fields, then killed her.—This evidence was corroborated by another keeper, who stated that with the last witness they had watched the movements of the defendants for over an hour.—Defendants gave flat denial to the whole charge, but had no witnesses.—Edward Gibson and Gray, who had been up before for a similar offence, were each ordered to pay a fine of 30s and costs, the other two Gibsons 10s each and costs.

A FARMER'S RABBITS AND EWES.

Thomas Brown, was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on Mr J. Thornton's land at Tribley, on the 12th inst.—P.C. Lay said he saw defendant's dog kill a rabbit.—Mr Thornton, jun., stated that neither defendant nor anybody else has any leave to kill rabbits on their farms. They had no end of trouble with dogs running about their places, and within a month they had had two valuable ewes worried.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS.

Ann Gulliver, a well-known inmate of the Chester-le-Street Poorhouse, was charged with disorderly conduct in the House, on the 18th inst.—Miss Gibson, an officer in the House, said that defendant abused her by calling her filthy names.—The master (Mr A. Aikman) gave defendant a bad character, they had no end of trouble with her in the House. She had just returned from prison where she has been for 14 days for assaulting one of the female officers.—Defendant denied that she had misconducted herself in the way described, and proceeded to make a speech for the information of the ratepayers, who, she was quite certain, knew nothing of the way in which their money was wasted in the House.—Ordered to prison for 7 days' hard labour, whereupon Ann shouted "Thank ye sir, that's nothing, I can do it on my head. But I'll go for that one when I come back."

FATAL CASE OF SMALL-POX AT CONSETT.

Yesterday (Thursday) morning, John Pallister, a stonemason, belonging to Lanchester, and lately lodging at Consett—one of the two men taken away from the town to the Leadgate Fever Hospital a fortnight ago suffering from small-pox—died in the above-named Institution from the effects of the disease. The other man (Montgomery) has almost recovered.

FOOTBALL.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

In the final tie at Bishop Auckland to-morrow, the Tow Law team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Hildreth; backs, J. W. Temperley and T. H. Potts (capt.); half-backs, F. Blair, Wm. Waites, and W. Simpson; forwards, J. Coulson and R. Wilson, right wing; T. Hobson, centre; J. McIntosh and T. Conroy, left wing.

A telegram announcing the result of the game will be posted in the window of the *Guardian* Office soon after the match is concluded.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 20th.—Before Lieut.-Col. E. LEADBITTER-SMITH, C.C. (presiding), Rev F. W. Glyn, and ED. BALLENY, Esq.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

John Jordan, a miner, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr George French, Stag's Head Inn, Waterhouses, on April 3rd.—Complainant said that he had to request defendant several times to leave the house, because of using foul language, and ultimately had to put him out by force.—Jordan said the landlord ejected him, and refused to let him drink a glass of ale which he had paid for.—The Bench fined the defendant 10s and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment in default.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

James Neville, miner, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and also with assaulting P.C. Weightman, at Annfield Plain, on the 8th inst.—Defendant denied that he was intoxicated, and while pleading guilty to the assault, said it was not very much, because no blows were struck.—P.C. Weightman deposed that at three o'clock in the afternoon he had occasion to call a man out of Mr Taylor's public-house, the Railway Inn, and while trying to elicit his name in the yard, defendant came out of the house, and used most abominable language, besides dealing him a blow on the chest. Some men had to take Neville away against his will. About nine o'clock the same night witness met defendant on the road between Annfield Plain and Catchgate, and he indulged in most disgusting language. The man was very drunk.—Mr Taylor, the publican, spoke to seeing the defendant strike the officer upon the chest. He also used most offensive language to his wife, and spat in her face. Defendant would have been at the constable had he not been kept back.—P.C. Hudson gave similar testimony.—Defendant asserted that when he met the policeman, the letter felled him to the ground with a stick, and also belaboured him with the weapon. He had not given him the slightest provocation. Further, the summons was served at his lodgings, and he only got word about it on the previous (Wednesday) night.—The Magistrates said that if defendant had any witnesses to call, they would be willing to adjourn the case for a fortnight. Neville, however, preferred to have the matter settled that day, and he was consequently fined 5s and costs for drunkenness, and 10s and costs for the assault on the police, the alternative being three weeks' imprisonment.

ASSAULT AND DAMAGE AT SOUTH MOOR.

Alfred Stacey, miner, was charged with committing wilful damage and assaulting Richard Lumley, beerhouse-keeper, South Moor.—Defendant was represented by his wife.—Complainant said that while in his house, defendant jumped at him and hit him on the chest, on stepping back, Stacey threw a stone at him and also tore a Cardigan jacket, besides breaking a pane of glass, the damage being estimated at 5s.—Defendant was fined 5s in each case, besides damage and costs.

A REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

Alex. Hobson, a respectable-looking young fellow, was charged by P.C. Lewis, with trespassing in pursuit of a hare on land in the occupation of Mr J. Osborne, Oxhill Farm, on the 9th inst. The officer said he saw the defendant, along with other two men, set his greyhound after a hare.—Defendant said he was on the land, but was not trespassing in search of game.—A witness was called on behalf of the defendant, who said the policeman was a mile away when he got up to them. (Loud laughter.)—The Bench said they failed to understand such an absurd expression.—Witness explained that he meant that the officer was a mile away when he first perceived them and then came up to them.—Lewis said he was not more than 200 yards away.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

"SCHOOLING" IN WEST DURHAM:

THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

A large batch of miners, hailing from Cornsay Colliery, Crook, Craghead, and Square House, were summoned by P.C. Newton for playing at pitch and toss, on a road near Hedley Hill Farm, on Easter Sunday afternoon. Mr T. W. Welford, of Consett, defended all the men except three (*Thos. Simpson*, *J. Moffitt*, and *W. Hendy*), who pleaded guilty to the offence; the remainder repudiated the charge.

The constable said that he approached to within a few yards of the men, and when they observed him the culprits ran away.

In reply to Mr Welford, P.C. Newton acknowledged that he first took their names down in his pocket book. He told Thomas Simpson something to the effect that he would let him off if he would divulge the names of the whole of the "school."

Mr Welford: Why did you go to Simpson and ask for the names of the defendants if you had already got them down in your pocket book?—Witness (after some hesitation): Well, I wanted to get as many names as I possibly could.

Mr Welford said that after such an answer, it was not necessary to ask further questions. His clients denied that they were there.

In reply to the Bench, the officer said he originally put the names down on a slip of paper, and afterwards entered them in his book.

The Justices fined Moffitt, W. Hendy, and Thos. Simpson 5s and costs each. They had grave doubts in arriving at a conclusion respecting the other defendants, and although they did not cast any reflections upon the officer's statements, which might be accurate, defendants would be discharged.

Another batch of miners was proceeded against at the instigation of P.C. Vickers, for gambling in a like manner on a road near the Pea Pit, West Stanley, on a Sunday afternoon.—One of the defendants (Thomas Hart) stoutly denied that he was taking part in the "school," and was given the benefit of the doubt. The rest were mulcted in penalties varying from 5s to 10s and costs.

A BRUTAL FELLOW.

The Justices sentenced *William Turnbull*, a blacksmith, formerly working at Craghead Colliery, to four month's hard labour for indecenty and deliberately exposing himself to young ladies in the village of Lanchester on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12th and 13th. He was taken into custody by Inspector Daly.—Prisoner said that he was in drink, and knew nothing about what he was doing.—The police, however, asserted that the man was not intoxicated, but had evidently been drinking.

AN ALLEGED UNNATURAL OFFENCE.

Robert Durham, miner, was brought up charged with having committed an offence of beastiality upon a she-goat, belonging to Mr Rabe, of Holmside, on April 7th. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted, while Mr J. Mawson (Durham) defended.—After a lengthened hearing, the Bench sent the accused for trial on a charge of attempt only.

QUEBEC.

On Saturday night, the Rugby Football Club, in breaking up for the season, celebrated the event by a smoking concert, held at Mr R. Wall's, Hamsteels Colliery Inn. Mr Mangles occupied the chair.

DEATH FROM PHOSPHOROUS POISONING.

On Monday, Mr Coroner Hoyle and a jury sitting at Newcastle Infirmary inquired in the circumstances attending the death of Mary Ann Pattison, a domestic servant, formerly in the employ of Mr Shanks, near Riding Mill, and who was brought to the institution on Saturday suffering from phosphorous poisoning, and died there on Sunday morning.

Mary Pattison, wife of a miner living at Hamsterley Colliery, was the first witness, and she said that deceased was her daughter, and was 24 years of age. She was a domestic servant with Mr Shanks, farmer, near Riding Mill. She saw deceased seven weeks ago, when she came to visit her, but said nothing. Witness heard nothing more till she received a telegram last Wednesday from Dr Jones, Corbridge, asking her to go and see her daughter, who was very ill. She went to Mr Shanks's house and saw her there on Wednesday night last. Mrs Shanks informed her that deceased had taken some matches because she was pregnant. The shepherd over the farm had told Mrs Shanks that. The matches had been taken on the Sunday previous. Witness spoke to deceased. She would not reply that night, but on Thursday morning she said she had taken some stuff and she was in the family-way again to the farm servant. That was the reason she had done it. She had had a child before this. The girl vomited everything she had given to her. Witness stayed all Wednesday night with her, and as the doctor said she was out of danger and able to be removed she brought her home to her (witness's) mother's house at Gosforth. Last Saturday she got a letter from there to go and see her daughter. She there saw a doctor, and he gave an order for the Infirmary, to which place deceased was brought on a cart. She died on Sunday, supposed from the poison. She never alleged that she had taken anything to get rid of the child.

Margaret Hewart (Gosforth) said deceased was brought to her by her mother on Thursday last. She vomited everything she got till Friday night. Deceased told her that she had taken a box-and-a-half of matches, but she gave no reason why.

The house surgeon said he saw the patient on Saturday afternoon on admission. She was then in a half conscious condition, and bore symptoms of poison. She had a miscarriage about half-an-hour ofter admission, and she died suddenly about four a.m. next day. In his opinion it was due to match poisoning.

The mother, re-called, said her daughter cried on the Wednesday night, but afterwards did not seem despondent, and did not seem to feel her position.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death by phosphorous poisoning, but there was no evidence to show her state of mind at the time."

THE STRAND MAGAZINE for April contains articles on "The Prince of Wales at Sandringham," "Shafts from an Eastern Quiver," "Weathercocks and Vanes," "A dark transaction," "The Royal Humane Society," "A strange re-union," "From behind the Speaker's chair," "Portraits of celebrities," "Zig-Zags at the Zoo," "Types of English beauty," "The Nankeen Jacket," "The queer side of things," and "The adventures of Sherlock Holmes." The descriptive articles and tales are well written, the engravings with which the magazine abounds are works of art, and the printing is all that can be desired.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ROWLEY—On the 28th ult., the wife of R. Hall, of a son.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—17th inst., the wife of Cyril F. Bengough, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

WOLSINGHAM—Register Office, 15th inst., George Maddison, farmer, Frosterley, to Miss Alderson, of Stanhope.—Same day, P. C. Gelding to Miss Miller, of Frosterley.

COLLIERLEY CHURCH—By license, on the 12th inst., by Rev John Gornall, R. H. Knighton, of Peterboro', to Emma Welch, of Annfield Plain.

ROTHERHAM—Wasbrough Wesleyan Chapel, 3rd inst., by Rev James Duff, Charles Castle Tradewell, second son of Thomas Tradewell, of Rawmarsh Hill, Park Gate, Rotherham, to Elizabeth Fawell, eldest daughter of Nathan Fawell, of Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 861

DEATHS.

CONSETT—16, Edith Street, 13th inst., aged 23, Sarah, wife of David Inglis.

30, Front Street, aged 5 months, Eva Ellen Elliott, beloved daughter of John and Mary Jane Elliott.

LEADGATE—Fever Hospital, on the 20th inst., aged 39 years, John Pallister. Interred at Lanchester to-day (Friday). *Cortege* to leave Hospital at 2·15. Friends please accept this, the only intimation. Beloved in life, lamented in death. 991

BENFIELDSIDE—No. 3, Baxton Burn, on the 9th inst., aged 19 years 6 months, Janet, the dearly-beloved daughter of Mary and the late Thomas Chisholm. Deeply lamented. 701

HOWN'S GILL—16th inst., aged 51, the wife of Benjamin Miles.

ANNFIELD PLAIN—18th inst., aged 62, Joseph Blackburn. To be interred on Saturday at 3·30, at Collierley Church. Friends please accept this intimation. 651

CRAGHEAD—13th inst., Margaret Denholm, relict of Thomas Denholm, late of Thornborough, Corbridge.

WHITE-LE-HEAD—15th inst., aged 43, George, husband of Mary Nicholson.

BLAYDON—39, Robinson Street, 17th inst., aged 86, Thomas Valians.

PELTON FELL—12th inst., aged 74, Jane, widow of the late Henry Forster, of Newfield.

SWALWELL—14th inst., aged 83, John Colley.

EDMONDSLEY—Daisy Hill, 12th inst., aged 22, Jane, daughter of William and Mary Scott.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY—16th inst., aged 63, John, husband of Janet Hindmarch.

SHIELD ROW—15th inst., aged 3 years, Edith, youngest daughter of William and Annabel Brydon.

NEWCASTLE—9th inst., aged 65, John George Dixon, late of Stanhope.

DARLINGTON—19th inst., at the house of her brother, aged 34 years, Dorothy, the beloved wife of Isaac Short. To be interred at St. Ives', Leadgate, on Saturday, at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation. 911

In loving memory of Alice, wife of Thomas Burn, and dearly-beloved daughter of James and Sarah Ann Rostron, of Annfield Plain, who departed this life April 23rd, 1890, aged 23 years and 9 months.
"Her life was short; her end was peace." 721

In loving memory of Edward Wharrall Lennox, the beloved son of Edward and Mary Lennox, of 3, Roger Street, Blackhill, who died April 17th, 1892, aged 2 years.

"This lovely bud, so young, so fair,
Called hence by early doom;
Just come to show how sweet a flower,
In paradise would bloom." 471

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