A CLAIM.

A claim was made by Margaret F. Barron, of Shotley Bridge, for £3 reward offered by the Board for having given information leading to the conviction of a youth breaking the globe of a public lamp. She had applied to P.C. Vickers for the money, but he had repeatedly put her off with some excuse or other. (Laughter.)

The Surveyor stated that the Board offered £3 reward for such information about two years since. It was within the last three months that the offender had been convicted.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

"THE MAYOR" AGAIN!

An illustrated epistle, embellished with portraits of "The Mayor" and Mr Cares, was sent by "His Worship", and laid on the laid on the table for the edification of the members.

The Board proceeded to transact other business.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Weardale has a plethora of policemen, but a scarcity of magistrates. Another resident J.P. in the dale would be very beneficial. Of course, there is the young squire of Harperley Hall, but he is only in the dale during the autumn months, and not long even then. He has not sat on the Stanhope Bench as yet, but it is probable he will thus fill the seat so ably represented by his late lamented father.

One of the most popular Weardale families just now is the respected family of Stanhope House. Whenever occasion demands it, Mrs Robert Walton is first and foremost in every good work. Her services are seldom solicited in vain to lay the foundation-stones of schools and chapels.

Satan himself does not often appear personally in Weardale to anyone, but one evening lately a family in the East Lane, Stanhope, thought he had arrived *incognita*. The good lady of the house screamed with fright, and the others were seriously alarmed during the midnight hours to see a form similar in all respects to his Satanic majesty on the middle of the floor. It turned out, however, to be a poor cordwainer with his leather apron on, and covered with dirt and blood, "three sheets in the wind." He had got a drap o' the cratur, and had fallen among stones and cut himself, but he gave the parties a fright nevertheless.

Mrs Robert Walton, of Stanhope House, has laid the foundation-stones of the following chapels and schools:—Castleside Wesleyan Chapel, on July 5th, 1877; Castleside Primitive Chapel, June 3rd, 1884; Matlock Wesleyan Chapel, Feb. 15th, 1882; Westgate Wesleyan School, Sept. 16th, 1887; Stanhope Primitive School, April 13th, 1889. The generosity of the family is widely known, not only in Weardale or Consett districts, but even in Derbyshire, and other places as well.

Mr William Parker, Union Square, Stanhope, has a duck which laid two eggs a day for a few days consecutively last week.

The latest novelty among the bee men in Weardale is that of burying them or holing them during the winter the same as potatoes. A hole is dug out some considerable depth, the hives are placed over a cavity so that no water enters them, a thick layer of straw or breckons is then placed over them, and then about a foot of soil. They turn out in the spring in excellent condition, having slept dormant during the winter. The smothering theory is now exploded from the Stanhope bee oracle.

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Tow Law.—Dans Castle, the wife of Thos. Armstrong, of a son.

Sunderland.—St. Luke's Terrace, on the 15th inst, the wife of Capt. George Wate, of a son.

DEATHS.

Leadgate.—St. Ives Road, on the 17th inst., aged 2 years, the youngest son of Michael and Ellen Armstrong. To be interred at St. Ives Church, on Good Friday. Friends please accept this intimation.

Shotley Bridge.—Cutler's Hall, 16th inst, aged 65, Ann, wife of William Forster.

Low Westwood.—8th inst., aged 24, Margaret, daughter of Michael Brown, Barlow.

Bradley Cottages.—Aged 54, Thomas Urwin.

Causey Wood Engine.—13th inst., aged 65, Mary, wife of Thos. Wilson.

West Stanley.—4th inst., aged 31, Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Kelly.

Street Gate.—On the 15th inst., aged 69, James Swan.

Chester-le-Street.—Grange Villa, 15th inst., aged 84, Mary Foster, late of Pelton Grange. 10th inst., aged 41, Sarah Ann, wife of James Green.

Witton Gilbert.—7th inst, aged 60, Mary Ann, wife of W. Jackson.

Edmondsley.—8th inst, aged 40, Mary Ann, wife of John Lowes.

Pelton Fell.—14th inst., aged 38, Mary Jane (Polly), wife of Robert Carr. 5th inst., aged 38, Eliza, wife of Thomas Hodby.

Esh.—Hill Top, 6th inst., aged 60 years. Isabella Jopling.

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LORD RANDOLPH has liberated his mind, and the result of the operation is indisputable. There is war to the knife between Lord Randolph and Mr. Chamberlain. We shall be surprised if this feud does not revive in Birmingham all the irritation which Mr. Balfour succeeded in allaying. For it is difficult to see how the Birmingham Tories can refuse to make common cause with the champion who was torn from them, especially in view of the remarkable revelation that Mr. Chamberlain threatened to oppose Lord Randolph's candidature with all his might. This is the most extraordinary part of the whole business. We have Mr. Chamberlain's admission that at one time he was ready to make "a virtue of necessity" by admitting the Tory claim to Central Birmingham, and yet we find that on April 2nd he declared that Lord Randolph's candidature, "if persisted in, would probably result in the loss of the seat," because the Liberal Unionists were determined to contest it with a candidate of their own. This plainly means that Mr. Chamberlain would have used all his influence to defeat Lord Randolph, even at the cost of those awful disasters to the Empire which Mr. Balfour told the Birmingham Tories would ensue if they did not vote for Mr. J. A. Bright. Here, then, we have the Tories sacrificing their dearest wishes to save the seat for the Unionists, while Mr. Chamberlain was prepared to sacrifice the seat, and the Government, and the Union, rather than allow Lord Randolph to represent Central Birmingham. Whatever else is in dispute, this fact stands out clear. Not content with that, Mr. Chamberlain must needs write an acrimonious letter when he had got his own way, treating the local Tory leaders with undisguised hostility; and then the Liberal Unionist Association, acting no doubt at his instigation, pass an absurd resolution to the effect that the recent election shews that "the preponderance of political power in Central Birmingham is with the Liberal Unionist party." There is an insolent audacity about all this which must remind the Tories very vividly of the days when to them Mr. Chamberlain was the incarnation of all that was most obnoxious in aggressive Radicalism. To the Government the quarrel between Lord Randolph and the dictator of Birmingham must be a source of the liveliest uneasiness. They probably knew their ally pretty well before, but they could scarcely have been prepared for such an exhibition of temper as must weaken them in every constituency. They were relieved when they succeeded in manœuvring Lord Randolph out of a position that might have made him too formidable. But now all the work is undone, for Lord Randolph's letter will excite Tory sympathy throughout the country, while Mr. Chamberlain will be the object of such fierce animosity that the Unionist alliance in Birmingham and elsewhere will stand in serious peril.

Mr. Chamberlain did his best to wreck the Liberal party, and now his new associates are experiencing the drawbacks of his peculiar genius. It is not possible for this very able but ungovernable politician to work long in harmony with anybody. Most public men of any imposing calibre are able to disguise their personal ambition, and to keep whims and animosities under control. This discipline Mr. Chamberlain has never learnt. He has always shewn a determination to fight for his own hand, come what might. It is now clear enough that the famous "unauthorised programme" was far less due to its projector's serious sense of the need for reform than to his impatience of Mr. Gladstone's supremacy and his haste to bid for the leadership which was not vacant. The same personal element is visible through all the incidents which led to his secession from the Home Rule Cabinet. No man has denounced the administration of Ireland in stronger terms, and no man has betrayed a more rigid resolve to make every scheme of reform impracticable save his own. Mr. Chamberlain has been inconsistent enough in his treatment of public affairs and public men. The politician who once proposed to make Mr. Parnell Chief Secretary, and then denounced him and his colleagues as "the paid enemies of England" and the "kept party," is not a trustworthy guide in politics. But Mr. Chamberlain is consistent enough in his devotion to his own interests. He has shewn that he means to be master in Birmingham, whoever may be master at Westminster. His disregard of the elementary conditions of the Unionist alliance cannot be disguised by any amount of special pleading about some of the points raised by Lord Randolph. Here is the plain fact that the Birmingham Tories have been jockeyed by a man who coolly ignores their numerical supremacy in the division which they have every right to hold. Lord Randolph is not a master of polished irony. Yet nothing could be more telling than his allusion to Mr. Chamberlain's lack of magnanimity. "If ever a man was compelled by duty to be magnanimous, or could afford to be magnanimous, it was yourself after such a conspicuous success." Magnanimity is about as impossible to Mr. Chamberlain as canonisation. He has never been known to do or say a gracious thing to a political opponent. The rasping nature of the man comes out in every detail. Lord Randolph reminds him of the difference between his position and that of Lord Hartington and Sir Henry James. For those men it is a pleasure to Conservatives to do all in their power. But Mr. Chamberlain tries to "catch Conservative votes with vinegar," and thinks that the Conservatives "ought to be glad and proud to be mere Gibeonites—hewers of wood and drawers of water" to himself and his friends. This is a perfectly accurate description of the man and the situation. It cannot fail to make the breach between the Birmingham Tories and Unionists, which was temporarily healed, wider than ever. Nor can it be regarded with indifference by the supporters of the Government elsewhere. This week the Unionists hold a grand conclave at Birmingham to congratulate one another on the great victory which Mr. Chamberlain says was mainly due to the votes of a minority. Lord Randolph's letter will be in the mind of everybody who attends the meetings, and no doubt there will be an attempt to substitute sugar for Mr. Chamberlain's vinegar. Lord Hartington is sure to tell the Tories that they are self-sacrificing patriots who will have their reward, probably in another world. But meantime Mr. Chamberlain and his friends have reaped the reward in this sphere, and not all the palaver of the Unionist leaders will soothe the feelings of those who feel that they have been first cheated and then insulted.

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Easter Festivities.

SALVATION ARMY—Consett Corps.—This branch held special services, tea parties, &c., at Eastertide. On Monday and Tuesday evenings, the members of the "Army" processioned the streets, attired as Red and White Indians, and other savage tribes. Enormous crowds of persons filled the street to witness the spectacle.

DIPTON.—The last exhibition of living waxworks, in aid of St. John's Church, was given in the Public Hall, Dipton, on Easter Monday night. There was a fair attendance.

DIPTON PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—In connection with the Easter festival, a public meeting and coffee supper were held on Saturday night.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached by Rev Emerson Philipson, Stanhope, and Mr W. Page, Dipton.

BURNOPFIELD WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Good Friday, a social tea was held, and was well attended. In the evening, a magic lantern entertainment was given to a crowded house. The exhibitor was Mr Robinson, Burnopfield. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

ROWLAND'S GILL WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Easter Sunday, special sermons were preached by Mr Dixon, Newcastle.—On Monday, a tea was provided, and was followed by a public meeting in the evening.

TANTOBIE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Easter Sunday, two sermons were preached by Mr J. Wardle, Gateshead, to large congregations.—On Easter Monday, a public tea was well patronised. In the evening, Mr Wardle delivered his popular and instructive lecture, entitled "Bethy Allan in her new dress, to a fair congregation.

LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Good Friday afternoon, Rev T. Broadbent (circuit minister), preached a sermon to a large congregation in the Wesleyan Chapel, Leadgate. In the evening, Rev J. W. Keyworth delivered his instructive and interesting lecture, entitled, "Misnomers, or calling things by their wrong names," to a good house. The chair was taken by Mr W. Greener, South Pontop.—On Sunday, sermons were preached—morning and evening—by Mr J. Oliver, Burnhill. There were good congregations present. Collections were taken in aid of the day schools.

GREENCROFT COTTAGES.—On Saturday night, an interesting and enjoyable entertainment was given in the United Methodist Free Church Mission Room, by the choir, to a large audience. The chair was taken by Mr John Guy Ward. The service was opened with the well-known hymn "Praise ye the Lord," which was capitally rendered by the choir. The chairman's opening address was based upon the following graces:—Faith, hope, and chairty. The remarks which were made were of a very practical charater. The hymn, "The mists have rolled away," was rendered by the choir in an able manner. A recitation by Miss L. E. Statt, "Father steer straight to me." A solo by J. Purdy, "Have courage to say no." The choir sang "Beautiful home," being followed by a duet by Miss G. Maddison and J. Atkinson. A quartette by Miss G. Maddison, G. Atkinson, M. Nicholson and J. Purdy. The solo by Miss Statt, "There is a green hill," and the solo "The model church," by G. M. Nicholson, were awarded an *encore*. A hymn having being sung by the choir, the evening's enjoyment terminated with a very humorous dialogue, entitled, "Lord Tomkins," by eight characters.—The proceeds were handed over to Mr Bates, who has been ill for a long time.

WEARDALE.—Good Friday in Weardale was observed as a general holiday, the weather being dull and chilly. There were the usual lovefeasts in the chapels. At Lanehead P.M. Chapel the Sabbath school anniversary was held. At High House there was a fruit banquet, and an organ recital by Miss Temperly, Stanhope, was given to a crowded audience, who were delighted with the lady amateur's performance. The services at Rookhope Church on Good Friday were well attended. In the evening the "Life of Christ" was explained in the school-room by means of slides in a lantern.

TOW LAW.—On Good Friday the annual tea meeting was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, a good company assembling. During the afternoon a sale of work was held. In the evening a public meeting took place, presided over by the minister of the church (Rev. George Samuel), at which addresses were delivered by the Revs. C. Friskin, of Mount Pleasant; A. Matheson, Jarrow; R. Scott, Wolsingham, &c.—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel the Juvenile Good Templars rendered a service of song.—Services were held in the morning at the Wesleyan Chapel and also at the Parish Church.

TOW LAW.—On Easter Sunday, two sermons were preached in the Primitive Methodist chapel by Rev J. Forster, resident minister, and on Monday a public tea was held in the chapel, when a good company attended to partake of the good things which had been provided by the lady members of the church and congregation. After tea, a concert was given by the choir and a few friends. Harmoniumist, Mr T. Raine; conductor, Mr W. Hobson. There was an excellent programme, consisting of solos, songs, and anthems. The Rev W. Baitey presided in his usual good style.—The proceeds were for Chapel funds.

On Easter Monday, the members of the Primitive Methodist Band of Hope met for the purpose of processioning to a field, kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs H. Robinson. Various games were indulged in by the young folks, and before leaving for home, Easter eggs were given to them by their leaders, Mr R. Johnstone and Mr J. Vickers.

ORGAN RECITAL AT HIGH HOUSE, WEARDALE.—A grand organ recital was given to a crowded house, on Friday evening, in the High House Wesleyan Chapel, Weardale, by Miss Harriet Temperly, of Stanhope. The large and imposing audience were delighted with the young lady amateur's efficient performance. She is one of the late pupils of Mr Crawford, of Bishop Auckland, and is now one of the most efficient and leading musicians in the dale. Second to none, some of the experts say, for one so young, her performance on the organ, pianoforte, or harmonium are marvellous, and her services are in great request. Mr Harker, of Arkingarthdale, presided. The soloist was Mr English, leader of the Weardale band.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Good Friday evening, the members of the Consett Wesleyan Choir, assisted by a few friends, rendered the grand oratorio "The Captives of Babylon," to a crowded house. The piece is composed by Mr Geo. Shinn, musical batchelor, Cantab, and is divided into two parts. The first portion describes the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, and the carrying away of the captives into Babylon. Part II. shows forth the fall of Babylon, and the return of the captives to Jerusalem. The chair was taken by Mr J. L. Walton, Blackhill. The oratorio was given in excellent style. Mr M. Farvell conducted, and Mr C. Stelling presided at the organ. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

BURNOPFIELD UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH—The anniversary was celebrated at Easter. On Sunday, two sermons were preached—afternoon and evening—by Mr Purvis, Newcastle, to good congregations. Collections were taken for the trust fund.—On Easter Monday, the annual tea was spread in the school-room, and was well patronised. The tables were presided over by several young ladies connected with the society. A public meeting was held in the evening. The chair was occupied by Mr Stokoe, Burnopfield. The meeting was addressed by Messrs Cowey, Purdy, and Holliday, of Burnopfield. There was a large audience. The choir greatly enhanced the proceedings.

BAZAAR, &C., AT WESTGATE, WEARDALE.—The Wesleyans at Westgate, who have recently been adding new schoolroom and other necessary premises, besides entirely renovating the interior of the chapel, in which they have incurred over £800 in expenses, £200 of which is still unpaid. To liquidate this sum as far as possible, the Society, on Saturday, held a bazaar in the chapel, supplemented by a tea in the afternoon and supper in the evening, in the commodious schoolroom, the whole affair proving a success far beyond their expectations, proceeds being over £20. This little Hill of Zion has worked vigorously and courageously under most unfavourable circumstances, owing to scarceness of work, and consequent poverty of the dale, and any gift of whatever kind from the benevolently wealthy, in this emergency of pecuniary trouble, would come as a boon and a blessing, that would, I am sure, be appreciated by the whole Society.

SALE OF WORK AT BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY.—On Good Friday, the Primitive Methodists opened a sale of work in their chapel. There were two stalls of useful and ornamental goods, and also refreshments. The ladies presiding were:—Mrs Watson Bell, Mrs Hall, Mrs Pearson, and Mrs Young. A public tea was partaken of by a large number of people. The waitresses were Mrs Batey, Mrs Liddle, Mrs Gibson, assisted by Mrs Watson, Mrs Porter, and Mrs Smailes. There was a public meeting at night. The chair was taken by Mr J. Brabban, Hobson Colliery. There was a good attendance. Speeches were given by Mr H. C. Wood, Burnopfield; Mr J. Fiddler, Tantobie; Messrs J. Bell and T. Armstrong, Hobson Colliery.—On Sunday, three sermons were preached, morning and evening by Rev J. Alderson, Blackhill, and in the afternoon by Mr J. Fiddler. Collections were for the building fund.

TANFIELD LEA WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Good Friday afternoon, a service was held, the preacher being Rev F. S. Chesters. There was a large congregation. Afterwards, a tea was provided, being presided over by the young ladies of the society. In the evening, a public meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr J. Saunders, Tanfield Lea. The report of the society, read by Mr John Nicholson, was of a satisfactory character. Addresses were delivered by Rev F. S. Chesters, Mr John Humble (Annfield Plain), and Mr George Bloomfield (Tanfield Lea). Tanfield Lea Mission Band played selections of music.

SALE OF WORK AT BURNOPFIELD.

On Monday afternoon, a sale of work was opened in the Temperance Hall, Burnopfield, in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society, for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a gymnasium in order to allow the boys in connection with the Burnopfield Boys' Brigade plenty of recreation. The building was neatly decorated with evergreens, &c., and with the well arranged goods upon the different stalls had a very animated appearance. There were three stalls of useful and fancy goods, shewing that the ladies in connection with the C.E.T.S. had laboured very arduously for some months past in order to make the bazaar a success. The ladies who presided over the stalls were:—Mrs Hogarth, Miss Dand, Miss Darlow, Miss Morgan, Miss Riddell, Misses McWatt, Mrs Gladders, and several others. There was also on exhibition an "Ally Sloper show," under the charge of Messrs Thompson and Brabban, who carried on a brisk trade. Rev T. Stirrup (vicar) was accompanied on the platform by Mr W. M. Annandale (Lintzford), Rev P. Hughes (curate), and other gentlemen. There was a large and fashionable company present. The boys' brigade, in uniform, was in attendance.

The VICAR said they were met once more in order that they might get together a little money. They wanted their assistance and charity. They wanted the money to erect a gymnasium for the members of the Church Temperance Society, so that they might have a little recreation and enjoy themselves. (Applause.) They had not come there to make long speeches, so he would just call upon

Mr ANNANDALE, who was received with rounds of applause, to open the bazaar. He said he had watched the movements of the temperance party in the district, which was commenced by three ladies, for a long time. It was through their zealousness that he was proud to be present on that occasion. (Applause.) Things had changed a great deal during the last 20 years, and they had assembled together to help the first Burnopfield boys' brigade, and they really deserved all the help that they could possibly give them. (Applause.) Their object was a good one. The brigade comprised nearly all working boys, and he believed that they required money, and he trusted that the sum would be raised in order that the brigade might have a fair start. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in declaring the sale of work open. (Applause.)

Vocal and instrumental music was given at intervals by several ladies and gentlemen, who gave their services. The sale of work was continued on Easter Tuesday with satisfactory results.

On Sunday morning, the Boys' Brigade, under the charge of Capt. Abbott, had a parade from their drill-hall to the Burnopfield Church. The vicar delivered an excellent address to the congregation and the members of the brigade. In the evening, the pulpit was occupied by Rev P. Hughes. The anthem, "Break forth unto joy," by the choir, was rendered in splendid style at each service.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST BAZAAR AT BURNHOPE.

A bazaar, in connection with the Burnhope Primitive Methodist Society, was opened in the Colliery schoolroom, on Good Friday, by Miss Johnston, the lady evangelist, who is conducting revival services at Burnhope at present, assisted by Rev J. Magee, circuit minister, in the absence of Mr W. Gray, of Burnhope, who was unavoidably prevented of attending through an accident befalling him. Although he was prevented from fulfilling his promise, he gave proof of his willingness to do so by sending £3 as his donation towards assisting the trustees in their efforts to remove the debt of the chapel. The stalls containing a great variety of useful and ornamental articles for sale, were attended to by Mesdames Walton, Winter, Tyson, Guy, Heslop, Dobson, Dodds and Fenwick.

A refreshment stall was presided over by Mesdames Dobson, Turton, Porter Battensby, Coates, and Ross, the ladies being dressed in Swiss costume, they attracted the attention of many of their sex.

A museum containing a grand collection of birds, animals, insects, and reptiles, &c., was managed by Mr J. Walton and son, and superintended by them. Some valuable specimens of birds and animals were sent by Mr Turner, of Witton Gilbert, Mr J. W. Heckels and others. A steam engine was sent by Mr R. Pattison, of Burnhope, which was put in motion by the application of steam, and much admired by those present. An exhibition of curious things well arranged, and never seen together in Burnhope before, was attended to by Mr J. Sloane and J. Hutchinson, which was very attractive. The bazaar and its connections, was kept open on Saturday and Monday, thus giving all an opportunity of visiting it.

Special services were held in the chapel on Sunday, when Miss Johnston preached morning and evening, and Mr W. Dodds in the afternoon. Collections were taken in aid of the new chapel funds. Everything connected with this effort proved satisfactory, and the amount realized was £60, which was handed over to the trustees of the New Chapel recently erected at Burnhope.

CONSETT WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOLS.

The managers of the above school had another "red letter" day, on Easter Tuesday. They were fortunate enough to secure the services of Rev. G. Ta'la'un Newton, Newcastle, who has for sometime created a great amount of enthusiasm in this district by his renowned preaching, and Rev Richard Roberts, of London, who is always a treat wherever he goes. This being the anniversary of the above schools, and at the same time a general holiday for the public, crowds flocked to hear the two divines. In the afternoon the New Town Hall, Consett, was well filled. Mr Newton took for his text, St. Matthew iii. 2, and 3, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness," "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He handled his subjects in a classical style, and was listened to with rapt attention for upwards of an hour. Afterwards, a public tea was provided in the Nelson Street Schoolroom, where upwards of 350 partook of the repast. The ladies presiding were: Mrs Lynn and Mrs Holiday; Mrs J. and Miss A. Routledge; Mrs. J. Whitehead and Miss Proudlock; Mrs R. and Miss A. Lowdon; Mrs H. Davison and Mrs Cummins; and Mrs B. Bailey.

In the evening the Town Hall was packed by an intelligent congregation, to hear the Rev Richard Roberts, many persons having travelled miles from the outlying districts to hear this divine. The rev. gentleman preached from Habakuk iii. 9: "Thy law was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word." Mr Roberts favoured with an exposition of the subject for an hour and twenty minutes in a diligent manner. There were collections upon each occasion in aid of the school funds.

SALE OF WORK AT BLACKHILL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

A sale of work was held in the above chapel on Monday. It was intended that it should be opened by Miss Symm, of Castleside, but as she was taken suddenly ill, a substitute was found in Mr Duckworth, Castleside. The proceedings were opened with a hymn and prayer, and then Mr Duckworth said he was there that day in a rather peculiar position, for he had to stand in the place of Miss Symm. He was sorry to say that the young lady who was expected to open the sale of work was unwell and thus unable to be present on that occasion but had sent him (Mr Duckworth) as her substitute. He thought they should all combine and work hard to get a beautiful and comfortable place for the Sunday-school scholars to attend. It was a pity the scholars in the north left the Sunday-School when they were about 15 or 16 years old, because where he came from they had people at the age of 40 or 50 years attending the Sunday School as scholars. (Applause). He thought there shoud be a union of purpose, a union of desire, and a union of effort, for the accomplishment of their work and then they would be sure to succeed. He hoped they would have a good sale; the sale was then declared open.—Rev J. Moffitt then made a few remarks.—Votes of thanks were given to Mr Duckworth and Miss Symm. We understand that the sum of about £25 was realised on the sale and tea.

SALE OF WORK AT LEADGATE.

The Primitive Methodists of Leadgate opened a sale of work on Good Friday in their chapel. The ladies of the society have held sewing meetings and teas to raise funds to clear off the debt upon the sacred edifice. On this occasion, the chapel was neatly decorated, and there were four stalls, set off to the best advantage with a large display of goods—ornamental and useful—which were presided over as follows:—No. 1—Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Robson. No. 2—Mrs Birkett. No. 3—Mrs Coates and Mrs Hardman. No. 4—Mr Christer and Mr Rochester. In the presence of a fairly good company the ceremony opened with hymn and prayer, after which

Mr GEORGE HAWDON, Consett (secretary to the trustees), said that they all knew the object that they were met together for. It was not thought about yesterday; but it had been worked for, by those concerned, for several months. He trusted that the goods upon the stalls would all be sold before the bazaar was closed, and hoped they had come with the intention of making the thing a success, with plenty of money in their pockets, and to give them the sum that they required. (Applause). They were all aware there was a heavy debt upon that place of worship, and they wanted it removed. He always liked to see the house of God comfortable, and they intended to have it cleaned and re-painted. (Applause). He had great pleasure in handing over to them a donation, and he would declare the bazaar open, and he wished them every success. (Applause).

Afterwards, a public tea was provided in the School room, when a good number partook of the good things that were spread. The tables were presided over by Mrs Stobbs, Mrs Hotherington, Mrs Robson, Mrs Farrington, and Mrs Milburn.

The choir rendered selections of music in a creditable manner. Mr J. Kennedy conducted, Mr R. Daglish acted as harmoniumist.

The sale of work was continued on Saturday with good results.

On Easter Sunday, two sermons were preached. In the afternoon, by Mr C. Weaver, Consett, while the rostrum in the evening was occupied by Mr W. Taylor, Dipton. Large congregations were present on each occasion. Collections were taken at the close of each service.

CONCERT AT LANGLEY.

On Good Friday evening, a grand concert was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Quebec. Mr J. Morris, Esh New Winning, occupied the chair, and the spacious building was crowded. The choir under the leadership of Mr G. Turner, assisted by the string band, rendered the beautiful and descriptive pastoral, entitled, "Pilgrims of the ocean," compiled by Dr Colville, and is quite a new feature and full of harmony, while the thrilling narrative of sea-faring life, was rendered in a most efficient manner, having a splendid musical effect. It is impossible to over-rate the efficiency of Mr G. Turner, for his genuis and tact as a leader and his creditable skill has been on all previous occasions fully tested. In every respect the entertainment proved a decided success, and predicts for the future a sustaining of the high reputation of the choir. The local artists who took part were:—Miss H. Alport (soprano), Cornsay; T. Roberts (tenor), and G. Turner (bass). Mr R. Wynn officiated at the harmonium. The following comprised the members of the band:—Violins: Messrs R. Gallery and Scott; piccolo: E. Scott; clarionets: W. Harding, and J. G. Scott; cornet: E. C. Newton; trombone: W. Nicholson and H. Dinning; concertina: E. Berriman; double bass: T. Roberts and J. Emmerson.—A vote of thanks to the chairman and choir concluded the proceedings.—On Sunday, Rev W. Batey, Crook circuit, delivered three sermons, this being the last sabbath he will officiate in the above place of worship previous to his leaving the circuit. The rev gentleman is highly appreciated and esteemed by the members of the society, and there were exceedingly good congregations. Mr R. Wynn officiated at the harmonium. The choir rendered a choice selection of hymns and anthems. In the evening the rev gentleman took his text from St. Luke, xv, 8.

BAZAAR AT WESTWOOD.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr G. E. Barker, Derwent Cote, opened a bazaar of useful and ornamental work, in Westwood Board Schools, in aid of the United Methodist Free Church. The work for the bazaar was given by the members of the congregation and friends. The stalls were presided over by the following ladies and gentlemen:—No. 1—Mrs Weston and Miss E. Jewitt, Westwood. No. 2—Mrs Robson, Hamsterley, and Mrs Turnbull, Westwood. No. 3—Mrs Pattison, Hagg Farm, and Miss Hermitage, Greenside. Toy stall—Messrs Turnbull and F. Pearson. Refreshment stall—Messrs W. and C. Burnip. Tea was also provided, the tables being presided over by Mesdames P. Clark and Trueman, and Miss A. Glendinning, assisted by Miss J. Clark. Much amusement was caused by the galvanic battery, worked by Mr R. Weston. In the evening the Jarrow Rovers Hand-bell Ringers gave an entertainment. Solos and duets were sung by Mr Dawson and Miss Dawson, Allendale Cottages. Readings were also given by Messrs Wm Palliaser and W. Cook, Westwood. Mr C. F. Scott, Medomsley, occupied the chair.—The bazaar was continued on Monday. In the evening Mr W. Davison's concert party gave a concert, being assisted by the Blackhill Mission Band. The chair was occupied by Mr Cook, who fulfilled his duty in a most pleasing manner. The concert was opened by a hymn, and prayer by Rev J. Martin (circuit minister).—The Chairman offered a few remarks. He said the church had only made three or four calls during the nine years it had been built, and all that they now asked was that the debt of £100, which was still standing might be cleared off. (Applause).—The band favoured with a selection, which was admirably rendered, after which the choir gave the piece, "The name of Jesus," in excellent style. Mr W. Davison next rendered the solo, "Arm! ye brave," in capital style. Mr Frankland recited "The tale of a gridiron," in his usual style. A duet by the Misses Turner, entitled, "What are the wild waves saying?" was much appreciated. The band payed a selection, and was much applauded. A recitation by Mr Lane, Leadgate, received a well-merited *encore*. A solo by Miss M. Davison was well rendered. The piece "Mighty to save," by the choir was creditably done. A solo by Miss M. Turner, entitled, "The better land," was splendidly rendered, and received an *encore*. A reading, "The sea fight," by Mr Frankland was re-demanded, and he gave "My cousin Lizzie." Miss Joel sang "Grandma's advice" very well. "No tears in Heaven," by Miss Jones was well rendered. A selection by the band brought the programme to a close. The band was under the able leadership of Mr James Palliser. The amount taken by the stall holders, amounted to £33 15s 7½d; at the the door, £5 12s 7d; tea tables, £2 12s 6d; concerts, £2 16s 1½d, galvanic battery, 10s 10½d; extra efforts, £11 13s 5½d; donations by Mrs V reker, Hamsterley Hall, £1; Mr Murray, Swalwell, 10s; Mr R. Murray, Blackhill, £1 1s; Mr F. Priestman £1 1s; smaller subscriptions, 6s 10d; making a total of £60.—A vote of thanks to the chairman, choir, band, readers, and the helpers at the bazaar, proposed by Rev J. Martin, was heartily accorded. The singing of the doxology brought a very successful concert to a close. The choir and others adjourned to supper, where they displayed their abilities in another direction. The proceedings throughout were most successful.

EVENING CONCERT AT FROSTERLEY.

Under the auspices of the Frosterley poultry society a grand evening concert was held in the Old Wesleyan Chapel, on Easter Monday night, presided over by Mr J. T. Walton. Considering that the concert was so close upon the heels of the band concert, there was an excellent company. The artistes who contributed towards a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music were—Mr J. Bell, Stanhope; Mr Raine, Tow Law; Miss Ridley, Frosterley; Mr J. Hughes, Tow Law; Mr J. Bowker, North Shields (who accompanied his excellent singing with the banjo in fine style); Miss Brown, Wolsingham; Miss Emerson, Tow Law.

HIGHGATE (BLACKHILL) BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Sunday-school, in connection with the above place of worship, celebrated its anniversary on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children attending the school, to the number of 180, were entertained to a substantial tea on the Good Friday afternoon. Afterwards, a large number of friends and members of the Society partook of the repast. The ladies presiding at the tables were:—Misses Watson, H. Watson, E. Robson, F. Snowdon, M. G. Turner, J. Stoker, and N. Thompson, assisted by Mrs Dowson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Mackay, and Miss Thompson. In the evening, a public meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr A. E. Turner (superintendent of the school), who was accompanied by Rev. T. Durant, Consett, Mr McClennell, Blackhall Mill, Mr Siddle, Blackhill; and the Rev. E. W. Jenkins (pastor.) The spacious building was crowded to excess.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening, trusted they would all spend a profitable evening and what they heard from the speakers and the children might do them good. (Applause.) They had often heard it said that it was a very solemn thing to die, but he was led to believe that it was a far solemner thing to live. Now the best thing they could do was to live right, and then there would be no fear of them dying. He called upon

MR SIDDLE to read the report. The treasurer's balance sheet showed a deficiency of 17s 3½d. The number of scholars on the books were 207, teachers, 35; average attendance of scholars, 148; teachers, 20. The number of books in the library was 144; and the amount of money in hand in connection with the same (after paying for new books, &c.,) was 14s 0½d. (Applause.)

Mr MCCLENNELL and the Rev T. DURANT followed with eloquent addresses.

The children recited portions of Scriptures and poetry at intervals, and the choir, along with the children, rendered selections of music in a very creditable manner, under the leadership of Mr Mackay, while Mr Thompson presided at the harmonium, and the interesting proceedings closed in the usual way.

On Sunday, three sermons were preached—morning, afternoon, and evening—by Mr Thwaites, Durham, to large congregations. The children recited portions of scripture, poetry, &c., in a masterley style. The choir rendered (with the assistance of the children) choice selections of music in a splendid manner. Collections were taken in aid of the school funds.

BALL AT CONSETT.

A fashionable ball was held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Easter Monday night, by the members of the Consett Quadrille Party, to mark the close of their party for the season. The hall had been very artistically and tastefully decorated for the occasion, Mr J. T. Potts having the contract. All the work of adorning the room and platform was performed by Mr George Biggins, an *employe* of Mr Potts. The taste displayed in the artistic arrangement of the decorations reflected great credit on the decorator, and the effect produced on the spectator, who viewed them from the bottom of the hall, was very great. The music was supplied by Mr Alexander Parker's string band. There was a large number of persons present, and the officials were:—M. C., Mr T. Harwood. Stewards, Messrs E. Hutchinson and J. Baker. Committee, Messrs J. R. Wood, J. Taylor, J. Hall, and T. Lumsden. Secretary, Mr E. Hutchinson. Among those present were:—Mr and Mrs Hobday, Consett; Mr and Mrs Brown, Consett; Mr E. Hutchinson and Mrs Seymour, Consett; Mr J. Bates, Blackhill and Miss Mullens, Derwent cottages; Mr Turnbull, Blackhill, and Miss Atkin, Shotley Bridge; Mr Staunton and Miss Pearce, Consett; Mr W. Brand and Mr C. Vickers, Consett; the Misses Dixon, Tow Law; Mr A. Towns and Miss B. McDonald, Consett; Mr W. Forster, (Blackhill) and Miss Orr (Annfield Plain); Mr G. Robinson, Blackhill, and Miss Dorman, Consett; Mr Mullen, Derwent Cottages, and Miss Patterson, Consett; Mr. Moss, Blackhill, and Miss Winter, Consett; Mr Scott, Consett, and Miss Thompson, Durham; Mr Hewitson, Derwent Cottages, and Miss Mason, Templetown; Mr T. Taylor, Consett, and Miss Robinson, Kilnpit Hill; Mr T. Harwood and Miss Telford, Consett; Mr Williamson and Miss Mains, Consett; Mr Lumsden and Miss Hopper; Mr T. Willey, Consett, and Miss Moore, Allansford; Mr Suddes and Miss Gibson, Annfield Plain; Mr H. Wood, Consett and Miss Forster, Blackhill; Mr Robson and Miss Simpson, Mr Lowes and Miss O'Toole, Blackhill; Mr Ramsay and Miss Elsdon, Consett; Mr R. Johnson and Miss Johnson, Blackhill; Mr Hull and Miss Ritson, Consett; Mr McCurley and Miss McCurley, Leadgate; Mr Lindsay and Miss Lindsay, Blackhill; Mr G. Biggens, Consett, and Miss Livingstone, Byker; Mr J. R. Wood, Consett, and Miss Suddes, Annfield Plain; Mr J. McCurley, Leadgate, and K. McDonald, Consett; Mr N. Siddle, Consett, and Miss Bates, Blackhill; Mr. Swinscoe, Blackhill, and Miss Henderson, Crookhall; Mr Smith, Blackhill, and Miss Scott, Consett; Mr R. Gilhespby and Miss Atkinson, Blackhill; Mr Hutchinson, Consett, and Miss Hepton, Blackhill; Mr F. Kinleyside, Leadgate, and Miss Robson, Lemington; Mr Wilkinson and Miss Burns, Blackhill; Mr J. Askew, Blackfine, and several other ladies and gentlemen.

The following programme was gone through:—Grand March (Keel Row), Schottische, Quadrilles, Valse, Lancers, Polka Mazurka, Spanish Fandango, Highland Schottische, Caledonians, Valse, Quadrilles, Polka, Country Dance (R. A.), Highland Schottische, Lancers, Valse, Circassian Circle, Schottische, Caledonians, Polka, Lancers (Leap Year Dance), Waltz, Quadrilles, Country Dance (Sir Roger De Coverley).

Dancing commenced about 8.30 p.m., and at 12·30 there was an interval for supper. Shortly after Mr Biggens favoured the company by singing "£ s d, which was greeted with great applause, and the singer received an *encore*.

Immediately afterwards came the event of the evening. The presentation of a meerschaum pipe to Mr J. Harwood, for his services to the party. After short speeches by Messrs Parker and Bates, Mr E. Hutchinson rose to make the presentation. He said they made Mr Harwood the present for the good services he had rendered to the Quadrille Party. (Applause.) He had been their M. C. for three years, and had never been absent from the dance for one night. (hear.) During that time the satisfactory condition of the party was in great part due to Mr Harwood; and if he only did his duty in the future as well as he had done it in the past there would be no reason to complain. (Great applause).

Mr HARWOOD, in reply, said he accepted the present in the same spirit in which it was given. (Hear.) He had always tried to do his duty towards the party, and he could say that he had always had good backers, for the men behind him were good men (applause, and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow.")

Votes of thanks were then given to Mr Potts, Mr Biggens (to which he responded in suitable terms) and to Mr Parker.

The programme was then proceeded with, and a night of great enjoyment was brought to an end by the company singing, "God Save the Queen."

The supper and provisions, which were of a superior description, were provided by Messrs and Misses McCurley, Leadgate, and fully deserved the praise which they received.

SHOTLEY SPA.

The annual Easter holiday festivities which are held in Shotley Spa, were brought off on Monday and Tuesday. The lessees, Messrs Wilson Bros., had placed the arrangements in the hands of Mr Ramsay, and this gentleman arranged a programme which gave general satisfaction to those who attended. The weather was not very clear, and that, no doubt, kept many away who would otherwise have been present; but, notwithstanding this drawback, the attendance was fairly large. An attractive musical programme was carried out each day by the South Derwent Brass Band. On Monday the chief events were football matches between Leadgate Exiles and Gateshead (Association), and Consett v Mr Wylie's Westoe team, both of which were won by the local players. The tug-of-war, for which four teams entered, was won by Mr Lawson's Westwood team, Shotley Bridge Paper Mill team getting second prize.

On Tuesday, a football match was played between Leadgate Exiles and a Consett scratch team, the Exiles again proving victors. The game was advertised to be between the Exiles and Tanfield Lea, but the latter failed to put in an appearance. Why this was so is not known, as they did not even inform the secretary of the sports of their intention. As both clubs lay claim to being the local champions, the match was looked forward to with great interest, and consequently much disappointment was felt at the non appearance of the Tanfield Lea men. Consett 2nd played Shotley Bridge 1st, and after a very rough game, the Consett team won by one try and five minors to three minors. The chief event of the day was the wrestling, for which many well-known exponents of the art entered, the number being 13. The following were the results:—

FIRST ROUND.

STOOD.	FELL.
J. Steel	A. Ferguson
T. Blencairn	J. Hall
J. Foster	T. Robinson
J. Goodfellow	W. Dykes
T. Blaylock	J. Young
J. Miller	R. Glendinning

J. Hall (Allansford), a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

T. Blaylock	J. Hall
J. Steel	J. Miller
T. Blencairn	J. Goodfellow

J. Foster, a bye.

THIRD ROUND.

J. Foster	T. Blaylock
T. Blencairn	J. Steel

FINAL.

Foster threw Blencairn in the first and third falls, and won.

The prize-winners were:—1, Foster; 2, Blencairn; 3, Steel; 4, Blaylock.

Excellent refreshments were provided in the grounds by Messrs Wilson Bros.

COLLIERLEY AND GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARDS.

A special meeting of the Collierley (Dipton) School Board was held on Wednesday se'nnight—present: Messrs W. Rutherford (chairman), J. A. Curry (vice-chairman), R. Mitchinson, jun., E. Wilkinson, and C. Holmes—for the purpose of appointing a clerk in the place of Mr W. W. Thompson, of Lanchester, deceased. There were five applicants for the post—viz., Mr Wm. Dickinson, solicitor, Consett; Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, Consett; Mr W. W. Thompson, Lanchester; Mr A. Phillipson, auctioneer, Dipton; and Mr Wilkinson, Catchgate.—Councillor Curry strongly advocated the appointment of a local man; but as the majority were in favour of having a professional gentleman, Mr Curry thought that the clerkship ought to be advertised in the newspapers.—This course appeared to be against the wish of his colleagues.—Mr Curry next urged that Mr Welford should be chosen; but after some discussion, Mr Dickinson was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

At the ordinary meeting of the Greencroft School Board, on Wednesday evening—Mr Robt. Mitchinson in the chair—the question of filling up the post of clerk, rendered vacant by the death of Mr Thompson, was considered. Mr W. Dickinson, solicitor, Consett, was appointed without opposition.

COLLIERY FATALITY AT OXHILL.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr Coroner Graham held an inquiry at the Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, into the circumstances attending the death of John Ransome (51), married, a back-overman, living at Tanfield Lea, who, while following his employment at South Tanfield colliery (belonging to Messrs Joicey and Co.), on Wednesday se'nnight, was frightfully injured by a fall of two or three tons of coal, death ensuing two hours afterwards. Mr J. Oliver was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr Bell (Government Inspector of Mines for Durham) was present.

William Ransome, coal-hewer, Beamish Colliery, identified the body as that of his father. He had only been employed at the colliery about six weeks.

A coal-hewer called Clephan, engaged at the South Tanfield colliery, attested that at 11·45 he came into the Hutton seam to pick a lift of new coal. He covered in about two yards, which was not spragged in the usual way, there being no necessity to do so, as far as he could see. While the deceased was engaged in measuring the coal, about 2½ tons fell upon Ransome, and he was buried among the *debris*. He was extricated and taken to bank, but he expired in the lamp-room about 2½ hours after the occurrence.

The jury, after similar evidence had been adduced, returned a verdict that Ransome died from injuries accidentally caused by a fall of coal from the roof of the Hutton seam of the South Tanfield colliery.

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HOME RULE DEMONSTRATION AT CONSETT.

At the St. Patrick's celebration lately held in Consett, it was intended that Mr L. Hayden, M.P., should deliver an address. Owing to an important discussion being expected in the House of Commons that gentleman was unable to attend, and therefore it was decided to ask that another representative of the Irish people should be asked to visit Consett and give an address on the Irish question. For this purpose the services of Mr Joseph Nolan, M.P. for North Louth were secured, and the public meeting at which he was to speak was held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Saturday night. Before the meeting, the League of the Cross Brass Band played round the streets of the district. At the back and sides of the platform were posters, on which were the names of Gladstone, Morley, Parnell, O'Brien, Blunt, and Dillon, while at the front of the platform were portraits of Mr Gladstone and Mr Parnell. There was a very good attendance, and the greatest enthusiasm was shown throughout. The chair was taken by Mr Wm. Robinson, Blackhill, who was accompanied on the platform by Messrs J. Orr, C. Parnaby, J. Eltringham, Wm. Dodds, M. McNally, C. Sinclair, J. G. Cooke, Gardner, A. McKean, W. H. Hudson, J. Brady, J. Hardy, Tumilty, Duffy, O'Conner, Rock, Walton, Jas. Daly, McCann, Gallagher, T. Carr, and the officials of the local branches of the National League.

The CHAIRMAN, on rising, was greeted with applause, and said that a few weeks since they had held their anniversary of St. Patrick in that hall, when they fully expected a member of Parliament to address them. (Hear, hear.) But on account of an important discussion coming on that night in the House of Commons, it was considered better that he should remain in his place in the House, and at his post of duty. (Hear, hear.) However, arrangements were made that they might not be disappointed, and hence that night they had met for the purpose of fulfilling that engagement. (Applause.) They had with them that night a gentleman they had all long well-known by report, but that night they had him there in the flesh—(applause)—and would hear the sound of his voice on the subject of "The past history of Ireland; it present position, and future prospects." (Great applause.) The whole countries of Europe had had their times of prosperity and their times of adversity, their times of plenty and times of famine, times of war and times of peace, and times of internal eruption and civil war. (Applause.) In the history of each country they found they had had some noble patriots, some going forth sword in hand, others facing the cannon's mouth in defence of their country and home. Others in times of famine and pestilence had given all they had to shelter those who were destitute, and had given them wise words of counsel to bear up till the harvest came round and relieved their necessities. (Applause.) Thus they found men rise up in every country and under all circumstances without any selfish views, but one for the benefit of their homes and country. (Applause.) Thus they found to day, and had done so for years, that the "Green Isle of the sea" had passed through strange and trying vicissitudes both in regard to famines and internal eruptions on account of mis-rule and bad government, and was to-day fighting her battles manfully with some of the bravest and noblest champions—(applause)—any country had ever possessed.—Parnell, Justin McCarthy, O'Brien, and Mr Nolan. (Loud applause and cheers). By moral suasion these men stood boldy forth upon every platform in the kingdom declaring the evils which were sapping the very vitals of their country and draining its populations, and pointing out those reforms which alone would bring peace, harmony, and prosperity, to their beloved country. (Great applause).

The CHAIRMAN then called upon Mr Orr to propose the resolution.

Mr ORR in proposing the resolution said he had never believed in Coercion, and had the Government taken heed of the wants of Ireland years ago, coercion would not have been needed. He then read the resolution:—"That we sincerely thank that illustrious orator, Sir Charles Russell, for the able manner in which he has exposed the foul conspiracy between the *Times*, and the Attorney General, backed by the Tory Government, to blacken the character of the Irish peoples in the eyes of the world, and we strongly condemn the action of the Government authorities in Ireland, especially in Donegal, for their insulting and despotic mode of persecuting the priests and peasantry," which was received with great applause.

Mr QUIGLEY seconded the resolution and said that the English people always took the side of a struggling nation and helped them on to success, and then relieved the monotony of the evening by introducing the verse of a song, which was greeted with the greatest applause.

Mr MCCONVEY supported the resolution.

Mr NOLAN then rose and was greeted with great applause and the waving of hats. He said he was glad to find himself in the presence of so many brother Hottentots. (Laughter). He did not know whether they read the speeches of Lord Salisbury (booing and hissing) for that gentleman had said that to-day it was almost impossible to avoid speaking of Ireland. The Marquis of Hartington had expressed regret that the Liberal party in Durham was split up; but if he came back after the next election he would find the Liberal party was not split at all. If it depended on Lord Hartington the Liberal party would be long in being re-united, but it did not depend on him; for the English people had read the story of Ireland in letters of blood, and in the fires of Glenbigh and Gweedore, and they would soon tell Lord Hartington that these miseries must be ended for ever. The noble Lord said he was not sorry for his past actions in leaving his party and his great leader, Mr Gladstone. (Great applause.) The next time the Liberal party takes the rein of power there will be no Hartingtons and no Goschens to be drags upon the wheels of the coach; and that is one thing for which they will have to thank the [illegible] party. He had heard it stated in the House of Commons that an ordinary family of a working man earning £40 a year had to pay £3 into the Imperial Exchequer. (Cries of "Shame"). And when there is a surplus to be distributed among the ratepayers of this country, it goes to the landowners and wealthy men, while the working man could put what he got in his pipe and smoke it—(loud laughter)—for they got a farthing an ounce taken off his tobacco—in reality what he got was so much less water in his tobacco. It is a disgrace to this Christian age the state in which thousands of the families of working men are placed. Instead of helping the workers they increase their army and navy. The Marquis of Hartington held out a threat to the Irish Nationalists and their English allies, but what can he and his colleagues expect when they treat with contempt the aspirations of a great nation? (Applause). Let them remember that Irish patriotism still lives in the hearts of 20 millions of Irishmen to-day. (Great applause). Lord Salisbury said that Ireland was always hard to govern; but in the colonies there are no more peaceable and industrious people than those of Irish people. He hoped the day would never come when Ireland would be an easy country to govern by a plundering, murdering Tory Government. The Parliaments which had ruled in Ireland had been of two kinds—those which represented the majority and those that represented the minority; and when the majority had the government in their own hands they never persecuted the minority. They looked forward to the time when the Irish people would have a Parliament of their own in Ireland. Already they had got abundant proof that the Irish members would come out of the ordeal pure and unsullied. (Applause). He had heard Mr Parnell—(applause)—deny that he had written the letter published in the *Times* newspaper. Up to that time it had been the traditional usage of the House of Commons to accept the statement of one of its members, but the Tories would not accept Mr Parnell's word. They instituted a Commission. But these letters had been proved to be foul forgeries, and when Mr Parnell asked in the House if any of his opponents thought he had been connected with the letters, not one of them answered his challenge. Disorder in Ireland is caused by want and privation, but why is force used to put it down? The Olphert family bought their present estate for £300, and after the tenants had improved the land they raised the rent to £2,200 a year. Already they could see the dawn of a happier and brighter day for Ireland, and it depended on themselves what that day should be like. The day would come at no distant date when Irishmen would look back to the present time, and be proud to say that in the day of their country's trial they did their duty like men. (Great applause, during which Mr Nolan resumed his seat).

Mr ELTRINGHAM proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Nolan. He thought such addresses as that they had listened to were greatly needed; and he hoped they would all join their local association, and do their best to get justice for their fellow countrymen.

This was seconded by Mr J. G. COOKE.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT CONSETT WORKS.

On Good Friday night, about eight o'clock, a young man, named Robert Newton Ward, aged 18 years, son of Mr Matthew Newton Ward, of Medomsley Road, Consett, met with a serious accident, while following his employment as fireman on the engine "W B 8," in the service of the Consett Iron Company. The engine had travelled from the gas producers department in the Steel Works, and was in the act of returning with the waggons in front, for the purpose of going through the mills, and it was Ward's duty to pull back the points and direct the train through this particular place. The train was composed of four laden waggon and twenty empty ones. Upon returning, Ward pulled back the points, and subsequently he attempted to jump on to the foremost waggon, along with the "sander," who was riding on one of the "buffers," on the same waggon, when he slipped. The flanges of the wheels caught his feet, and he was knocked down. Before the engine could be stopped, two of the waggons had passed over his body. He was also badly injured upon the head, and some of his fingers were taken off. Ward was conveyed to the Consett Infirmary, where he was attended up to his death by Drs. Renton and Scurfield, which took place at a late hour the same night.

On Monday afternoon, an inquest was held upon the body before Mr Coroner Graham, at the house of Mrs Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett. Mr W. Brown and Mr Scott, represented the Consett Iron Company. Mr M. McNally was appointed foreman of the jury. A plan was submitted by Mr Scott, showing the exact place where the accident took place.

Matthew Newton Ward, father of the deceased, spoke and identified the body as that of his son, who was employed as a fireman for the Consett Iron Company. As far as he knew it was a pure accident.

William John Batey, living at Leadgate, deposed that he was the driver of the engine "W B 8," and was employed by the Consett Iron Company. Deceased was his fireman on the night shift, and had been engaged at the same work for eighteen months, and had had plenty of experience. On Friday night they were pulling four laden and 20 empty waggons from the gas producers department, deceased was on the ground, minding the points, and after the last waggon had passed, he gave witness the signal to fetch the "set" back over. Witness did as required, and deceased had to get on to the front, to conduct the train through the works.

By the Coroner: When deceased pulled the points back it would remain "set."

He did not see Ward get into the waggon, nor did he observe deceased till he was run over. The second fireman, who was sitting on the front of the waggon, gave him the signal to stop the engine. When the train was brought to a standstill, they had gone three or four waggon lengths past the points. They were just moving, and he was able to pull up as soon as he got the signal. Witness dismounted his engine and went and saw what was the matter. Witness was struck when he saw the deceased lying. He asked him what he had been doing, when he replied that he was getting up into the waggon when he slipped.

The Foreman: Did the deceased get out of the way, or was he assisted?—Witness: I could not say.

The Foreman: Was it usual for men to jump into waggons when they were in motion, after they had pulled back the points?—Witness stated that they could either get into the train when it was standing, or when in motion.

By the Coroner: Ward had plenty of time to get into the waggon when it was standing.

The Foreman: How do you do when it is dark?—Witness: We have signal lamps.

By the Coroner: They had no rule as to whether the firemen were to get into the waggons when in motion or standing.

John Thomas Turnbull, living at Leadgate, said he was second fireman of the B 1 engine, and that he was standing ten yards from where the accident took place, about eight o'clock on Good Friday night. He saw Ward turn the points, and gave the signal to the driver. Deceased told Stockdale that he was going to "set" the driver to his supper, and while he was speaking, he made a "grab" at the waggon and missed his foot. One of the waggons passed over the back side of his head, close by the right ear. In the meantime he pulled him to one side, but could not get him clear of the rails, and the second waggon went over his chest. He managed to get him pulled out of the way before the waggons were stopped. There were five waggons past the points when the engine was stopped.

By the Coroner: Stockdale was on the fore-end of the waggons on the right hand side, and Ward was trying to get into the left side.

By the Foreman: Deceased could have got into the waggons while the engine was standing if he wished.

The Foreman: How did he give the signal?—Witness: By waving his hand to the driver.

A Juryman: Is it usual for the fireman to ride on the front of the waggons?—The driver: Yes, it is.

Mr Roberts: Is there any protection on the end of the waggons, if the engine was to stop suddenly?

The Coroner: You are going beyond the bounds of the inquiry. The boy had the matter in his own hands, and he could either walk or ride with the waggons.

Mr Frosdick: It would be an easy "shift" that night?—Mr Batey: There is no difference in the shifts, and they had to move carefully along while performing their work. They were not called the next morning by the other men if they had not their work completed.

By the Foreman: Stockdale was out of place when he was sitting on the end of the waggons. It was quite necessary for Ward to be there to conduct the train through the mills.

The Coroner: It was just as well that Stockdale was there, as he gave the signal to the driver to stop the train, and saved the body from being further mangled.

John Thomas Stockdale, Leadgate, deposed that he was second fireman for "B 8" engine. He saw Ward turn the points, and he (witness) got into the waggon, just as they were starting, while Ward stayed a short time at the points, and then made a run to get into the train. In attempting to do so, he slipped. Deceased passed at the same time, and stated that he was going to relieve the driver, in order that he might get his supper. Witness replied, "All right, Bob, I will take your place." That was the reason why he was at the fore end of waggons.

The Jury, after a short consideration, returned a verdict of "Accidental death." The Jury further recommended a rider to the Consett Iron Company to the effect that there should be a printed rule put up in all the cabins, cautioning the boys against jumping into the waggons while in motion, also a fine should be attached thereto, if they were caught in the act.

The Jury exonerated the engine-driver from all blame, and congratulated the witnesses upon the straightforward manner in which they had given their evidence.

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, when there were present: Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., Rev W. Cockin, Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Councillor J. A. Curry, Messrs John Wilkinson, W. Logan, W. H. Hedley, T. Siddell, G. Hobson, J. T. Todd, J. Lax, W. Brown, T. J. Muse, R. Robson, T. Nichol, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN.

Mr SIDDELL stated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and one which he conceived would give satisfaction to all the Guardians present. He proposed the re-election of their worthy and esteemed chairman (Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith) to preside over that Board for the ensuing year. (Hear.) He had for many years sat as their chairman, and he had done his duty in a fair and impartial manner, and had given every attention and pains in the impartial fulfilment of his duties. He trusted that he would live long and enjoy health and happiness. (Applause.)

Mr HOBSON said that Mr Siddell had certainly forestalled him (Laughter.) He (Mr Hobson) had had the honour of proposing Mr Taylor Smith as chairman ever since he had occupied that position. He understood the reason that Mr Siddell had knocked the wind out of his sails. (Laughter.) He knew that on several occasions Mr Siddell had been rather hard on the chairman without any cause whatever—(laughter)—and now he had repented of what he had done, and had proposed Mr Taylor Smith's re-election as chairman. (Laughter.) He (Mr Hobson) seconded the motion, and although he was playing a second fiddle, he must add his testimony to the energy and ability hitherto displayed by their chairman. (Hear.)

Mr WILKINSON supported the proposal, which was carried with unanimity.

The CHAIRMAN (on re taking his seat) proffered his obligations for the trustworthy favour they had placed in him. In the future, as in the past, he would use every effort to do his duty to the best of his ability. They all knew that during his period of office, he had scarcely missed a single meeting except when suffering from illness. They had worked harmoniously together during the past few years, and trusted that they would give the same attention to the duties in the time to come. (Applause.) He moved the re-election of Messrs Wilkinson and Logan as senior and junior vice-chairmen respectively. These gentlemen had proved themselves most efficient in the performance of their duties in the past, and hoped the past example would be adhered to in the future. (Applause.)

Mr LAX seconded the motion. He felt constrained that they could not find better or abler men to fill these positions, therefore it was there duty while recognising this fact, to re-appoint them. (Applause).

The proposition was supported by Mr MUSE.

Messrs WILKINSON and LOGAN returned thanks, both gentlemen promising to do their utmost for the interest of the ratepayers at large. (Applause).

THE LATE MR ROBERT CLARK.

Mr LOGAN proposed that their Clerk be directed to forward a letter of condolence to the mother and family of Mr Robert Clark, of Lintz Green House. He felt sure that all present would sincerely deplore his sad loss. Mr Clark had been a member of that Board for 10 or 12 years, and during that time he was a regular and constant attender, as long as his health permitted. They all learnt with deep regret that his health was failing, and for some months past he had been obliged to live abroad; but they never anticipated that his end was so near till they read of the sorrowful event in the newspapers the other day.

Mr SIDDELL, who seconded, knew that the other Guardians would concur when he stated that Mr Clark was a very efficient member of the Board, and always attended when he was in good health. He was ever ready and willing to give good and sound advice with regard to their duties, and the Guardians would only be performing a tribute of respect to his memory in recording their sorrow at his death and passing a vote of sympathy with his relatives.

Mr HEDLEY remarked that he did not know of any person of whom it might be truly said he had the goodwill and kindly feeling of everybody who knew him. (Hear.)

Mr WILKINSON thought every member of the Board would endorse that observation.

Mr HOBSON explained that everyone with whom he came into contact spoke very sorrowfully of the death of Mr Clark.

The CHAIRMAN, who had known the deceased gentleman both in boyhood and manhood, also gave expression to his feelings with apparent emotion.

THE VACANCY AT TANFIELD.

The Clerk was advised to write to the Local Government Board, informing them of the vacancy which had been caused in the representation of Tanfield by Mr Clark's death, the CHAIRMAN intimating that it would be necessary to have a special election.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending April 10th	156
Corresponding week of last year	180
Week ending April 17th	152
Corresponding week of last year	184
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	16
Corresponding fortnight of last year	8

FORMATION OF COMMITTEES.

The several committees were duly appointed as under:—

Assessment—Messrs The Chairman, W. B. Van Haansbergen, Rev J. P. De Pledge, and J. Annandale (*ex-officio*), Messrs N. Clark, W. Rutherford, J. Collinson, W. H. Hedley, G. Hobson, W. Logan, J. Wilkinson, and Monsignor Gillow (elected members).—Mr U. A. Ritson and Colonel E. Leadbitter Smith were nominated, but it was deemed expedient to have a magistrate resident in the immediate district, and Mr Annandale's name was substituted.

School Attendance—Rev J. P. De Pledge, Messrs W. B. Van Haansbergen, Col. E. Leadbitter Smith, and the Chairman (*ex-officio*), Messrs J. T. Todd, W. Logan, T. Pringle, Thos. Siddell, J. Wilkinson, W. Gray, Revs Canon Kearney, and C. F. D. Hodge (elected members). Also, Mr W. Brown, representing Leadgate Local Board, and Mr W. Aynsley for Consett Local Board.

Relief and School Fees for Western District (comprising the parishes of Benfieldside, Conside, Ebchester, Healeyfield, Iveston, Medomsley, and Muggleswick)—Messrs R. Robson, W. Brown, John Collinson, W. H. Hedley, T. Siddell, J. Lax, T. J. Muse, C. D. W. Balleny, Councillor Rd. Murray, Revs Canon Kearney, and W. Cockin.

Relief and School Fees for Eastern District (comprising the parishes of Collierley, Greencroft, Kyo, and Tanfield)—Messrs T. W. Asquith, N. Clark, G. Hobson, J. Wilkinson, Councillor J. A. Curry, R. Mitchinson, T. Pringle, W. Rutherford, T. Taylor Smith, J. Watson, and Rev Canon Kearney. (If a new Guardian is elected for Tanfield, he will, of course, sit on the committee in the room of the late Mr R. Clark).

Relief and School Fees for Southern District (comprising the parishes of Cornsay, Esh, Hedleyhope, Lanchester, Langley, and Satley)—Messrs The Chairman, J. Wilkinson, W. Logan, J. T. Todd, W. Gray, T. Nichol, Monsignor C. Gillow, and Rev C. F. D. Hodge.

Finance and Workhouse Visiting—Messrs John Collinson, W. H. Hedley, George Hobson, J. Lax, Robt. Mitchinson, Wm. Rutherford, T. J. Muse, T. Taylor Smith, T. Siddell, J. Wilkinson, J. T. Todd, W. Logan, Revs J. P. De Pledge, and C. F. D. Hodge.

Building and Sewerage—Messrs W. H. Hedley, R. Robson, John Collinson, N. Clark, T. W. Asquith, J. T. Todd, W. Logan, R. Mitchinson, T. J. Muse, W. Rutherford, C. D. W. Balleny, T. Taylor Smith, The Chairman, Councillors J. A Curry, and Richard Murray, Monsignor C. Gillow, Revs J. P. De Pledge, and W. Cockin.

The *Bye-laws Committee* was abolished.

The *Sanitary Authority* is composed of the whole of the Guardians, with the exception of Canon Kearney and Mr Brown—Mr Taylor Smith being selected chairman.

Joint Hospital Board—Messrs The Chairman (Rural Sanitary Authority), Wm. Jenkins (Consett Local Board), James Annandale (Benfieldside Local Board), and W. H. Hedley (Leadgate Local Board). Messrs J. Lax (Benfieldside), J. Collinson (Consett), W. Brown (Leadgate), W. Rutherford, T. J. Muse, W. Logan, T. Pringle, Geo. Hobson, J. Wilkinson, Monsignor C. Gillow, Rev J. P. De Pledge (Rural Sanitary Authority).

It was agreed that the Board should in future rise for luncheon at one o'clock instead of 1·30. No further alterations were made with regard to the times and places of committee meetings.

AN ADDITIONAL GUARDIAN FOR CONSETT.

The Clerk read a letter from the overseers of the township of Conside and Knitsley, enclosing the resolution passed at the vestry meeting, requesting the Guardians to make formal application to the Local Government Board for a third Guardian for Consett, the rateable value and population warranting such a concession being granted.

The CHAIRMAN considered it a very proper application, and one that ought to be conceded. He moved that the Local Government Board be petitioned to give an extra or third Guardian for Consett.

Mr MUSE seconded the proposal, which was adopted without discussion.

THE VISITING COMMITTEE

Reported that the coals sent to the Workhouse were not according to tender, and they recommended that the contractor be requested to supply properly screened coals. They also recommended that 10 tons of slag screenings be obtained for the footpath across the garden.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

Mr W. Brothe[illegible], Master of the Workhouse, reported that on Monday last the boy James Connor was dismissed by the Consett magistrates. On Sunday, he admitted Rebecca Magee into the Workhouse Infirmary. She had been very badly burnt.

THE CONNOR BROTHERS:

LIVELY DISCUSSION.

With reference to these lads, the Clerk to the justices (Mr A. W. Granger) wrote to the effect that the magistrates unsuccessfully tried to get the boy Thomas into an Industrial School last September. The Benfieldside School Board would not contribute towards his maintenance, and besides, he could not be dealt with now for an offence committed over six months ago. The younger boy, James Connor, was dismissed by the Consett Bench on the preceding Monday. He (Mr Granger) had not heard anything further with regard to a vacancy in either the Bishop Chadwick Memorial or the Earl's House Industrial Schools. He did not think it right for the magistrates to remand the boy to the Workhouse from time to time, but they had again returned him to the Workhouse, deeming it a great pity to send him to his home to roam about the streets in rags and wretchedness.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Board should make a demand for the father to pay 2s weekly towards the maintenance of both boys in the Workhouse.

The Clerk stated that Mr Moon (relieving officer) had been making enquiries into the circumstances of the father.

Mr LAX, having explained that Connor married a second time to a widow called Welsh, who had neglected the lads because they were the offsprings of his first wife, said that Connor was not working in the Shotley Bridge district. The man was willing and able to work if he could only find employment.

Mr LOGAN stated that he evidently found the boys an incumbus to himself.

Mr SIDDELL did not agree with Mr Lax's observations. Every man in Consett could find employment at 25s a week if he wished to do so. It was a frivolous excuse to say that he could not find work. There was a class of people who were too lazy to work, and Connor was one of that class.

Mr LAX: As a matter of fact, the building trade has been almost *nil* in the Shotley Bridge district. Mr Siddell was speaking of the present; he referred to the past.

Mr LOGAN remarked that the Guardians were not acting rightly in keeping these lads in the House. They were the children of an able-bodied man, and it was unfair to the ratepayers to support them. Let them be sent back to their parents, and when they came again before the magistrates, they would be properly dealt with. Then the Benfieldside School Board will probably contribute towards their maintenance.

Mr SIDDELL: The lads will be taken before the magistrates at once, and perhaps be sent again to the Workhouse, where they will be kept for another six months.

Mr WILKINSON: If he's an able-bodied man, he will find work.

Mr LOGAN was afraid that Mr Lax had drawn his statement too wide. If Conner was a mason, he need not be a single day without work.

Mr SIDDELL questioned whether the magistrates could send the children to the Workhouse at all.

Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: Oh yes, we can in the first instance, but we don't want to come into collision with the Board. If the boys are kept in the Workhouse, I will try to get them admitted to an Industrial School.

Mr LOGAN said it appeared that the man was not willing to maintain his children, so long as they could be kept at other people's expense. (Laughter).

Mr SIDDELL: That's just my opinion. Connor's a waster—a nuisance to the district. (Laughter).

Mr MOON, being appealed to, stated that Connor was a man who did not want regular employment.

Mr MUSE: It seems that he's both a lazy and drunken man.

Mr SIDDELL suggested that the boys remain in the House till they ascertain what could be done with Connor.

Mr LOGAN: We have no legal right to keep the lads here.

Mr J. P. DE PLEDGE: Has Connor deserted his children?

Mr DE PLEDGE thought the boys might be sent to the Abbot Memorial School if there was no religious difficulty in the way.

Mr SIDDELL proposed that the lads remain in the Workhouse, and that the Relieving Officer be authorised to summons the father, for their maintenance.

Mr DE PLEDGE: We cannot summons the man, when he has not deserted his children.

Mr LOGAN said if they encouraged the idea that the Union would accept charge of the children of parents who refuse to keep them, they would soon have the Workhouse filled.

Mr SIDDELL: The children have no home and no mother.

Mr MUSE: A stepmother.

Mr SIDDELL: She won't acknowledge them.

Mr LOGAN pointed out that the lads had been dismissed, and they were not in a position to send them to an Industrial School. The legal way would be to turn the lads out, and let them be fetched up again.

The Master said that neither of the boys desired to be sent home again.

Mr LOGAN: If we commit them to an Industrial School, it will be at the expense of the Guardians. However, if proceedings are instituted against the parents by the School Board, then the body will have to pay for their maintenance in such an Institution.

Mr SIDDELL: It's our bounden duty to keep the lads here, and summons the father.

Mr LAX seconded Mr Siddell's proposal.

Mr DE PLEDGE thought the School Board might pay 2s weekly towards the maintenance of each boy in the Workhouse, but Mr LOGAN explained that such a course would be illegal.

The Clerk stated that Mr Siddell's motion was not lawful. The Local Government Board would object to it, and the Guardians would be surcharged.

Mr SIDDELL (angrily): Then its not a bit of use us sitting here to do business, we might as well go home. (Laughter).

Mr WILKINSON: If we are surcharged, I move that those who voted for the proposal pay the money out of their own pockets. (Laughter).

The resolution was however carried, an amendment to the effect that the children be sent home again being rejected by a majority of two votes.

Eventually, the Guardians agreed to adjourn the question for a fortnight. Mr DE PLEDGE promising to get the boys admitted to an Industrial School, and Mr Moon was directed to see the father in the meantime.

MRS. LEACH'S FAMILY DRESSMAKER deals principally with mantles for the season. A page is devoted to amateur dressmaking, giving directions for making a wedding toilette. Hints on "Fashions for the Month," and an instalment of an excellent story, are also given. The magazine is well illustrated.

MRS. LEACH'S FANCY WORK BASKET contains numerous useful patterns in painting, art embroidery, fancy needlework, knitting, and crochet. The illustrations are easily understood.

Silk dresses will be more fashionably worn this season than for some time. The quality of black silk has much improved of late, consequently it has again returned to favour, and the one dress needful to a lady is a serviceable black silk. For evening dress the brocaded silks are employed for bodice and train, while the petticoat is of plain silk or silk intermixed with jet gauze.

For walking dress the Directoire coat of striped or broche silk is worn, with moire petticoat trimmed with a deep border of jet at the foot, or else a full ruche.

The mantles this season go from one extreme to the other. For elderly ladies the mantle entirely covers the dress. The handsome silks are employed for back and front, while the sleeves are entirely lace, quite full on the shoulder, falling to the edge of the mantle; jet galons outline the shape of the sleeve and handsome ornaments are arranged on the front. The mantles for young matrons are of a less imposing pattern, the shape quite short at the back, the sleeves falling in points over the arm and the long narrow ends of the front tied up with ribbons. Several pretty models are shown this month, which will give our readers the best idea of the prevailing modes.—*Mrs Leach's Family Dressmaker for May.*

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

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

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ALLEGED IMPROPER FEEDING OF A CHILD AT FATFIELD.

An inquest was held at Fatfield last week, before Mr Coroner Graham, on the body of Edward Williams Billinge, six weeks old, the illegitimate child of Rebecca Billinge, of Stanley, near Crook, who stated that she gave birth to the child on 22nd February, at Stanley, and a man named Edward Williams was the father of the child. Her mother, Sarah Johnson, wife of George Johnson miner, Stanley, removed the infant from Stanley to Fatfield, on the date of its birth. She stated that her stepfather (Johnson) would not allow the child to remain in the house.—Varond Mitchenson, a married woman, living at Fatfield, deposed that her mother (Mrs Johnson, of Stanley), brought the child to her house at Fatfield, on the 22nd Feb. She stated that her sister had given birth to the child that day. She reared the baby until the period of its death. She had fed the child on milk and "boiley." The child took ill and died. Witness did not call the doctor in till after death.—Dr McLean (Fatfield) stated that he was called in to see the child after it was dead. The infant had expired from diarrhœa, brought on through improper feeding—bread, "boiley," and starch food.—The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the doctor's evidence. A strong caution was administered by the Coroner and jury to Mrs Johnson for removing the child from its mother on the date of its birth. Mrs Johnson was not present, but sent a doctor's certificate stating that she could not attend.—Sergt. Hutchinson watched the case on behalf of the police.

FUNERAL OF MR R. CLARK OF LINTZ GREEN.

On Sunday afternoon the remains of the late Mr Robert Clark, of Lintz Green House, were interred in the family vault, Tanfield Church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. It may be remembered that Mr Clark died at Marseilles on the 15th inst., at the age of 34, having gone abroad for the benefit of his health. His remains were at once sealed up and despatched to his residence at Lintz Green House, where they arrived on Saturday morning. The funeral was the largest seen in the district for many years. The following were the chief mourners:—First carriage: Mrs Neilson, Mrs Douglas Forster, Mr N. Clark, Mr T. Clark, and sisters and brothers of deceased; second carriage: Mrs N. Clark, her two sons, and Mr M. T. Clark; third carriage: Mr R. B. Clark, Mr M. Clark, jun., Mr W. B. Neilson, and Mr. E. Kerrich Walker. The coffin, which was of plain oak, was literally covered with beautiful wreaths, which was sent by friends of the deceased. There was a numerous concourse of mourners from all parts of the district; the deceased gentleman being held in the highest esteem and admiration by everyone who claimed the honour of his acquaintance. Amongst those present were Messrs R. F. Matthews, C. Berkley, R. Berkley, H. Berkley, A. Liddell, J. Liddell, S. Harris, Major Joicey, G. G. Taylor Smith, T. Taylor Smith, W. Jenkins, W. Gibson, T. and R. Armstrong, J. A. D. Shipley, H. Wallace, D. Cooper, G. H. Spraggon, &c.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting took place at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr W. Logan.—The following reports were received from the schoolwardens:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

Southern District.

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last meeting, I have made 327 visits to residences of parents respecting 413 children as follows:—36 in the parish of Cornsay, 160 in Esh, 3 in Hedleyhope, 118 in Lanchester, 7 in Langley, and 3 in Satley, including visits made respecting 35 children found not in attendance at any school. Of the latter, 13 have recently come to reside in this district, and 22 have recently attained school age.

I have also found several children loitering about the streets and lanes who belong to other school districts.

For the purpose of making enquiries in reference to above, I have made 32 visits to schools.

Bye-law notices have been served as under, viz:—3 at Quaking House Cottages, 1 at Salter's Gate, 6 at Quebec, 4 at Hamsteels Colliery, 2 at Square House Cottages, 1 at Esh Winning, 1 at Hedley Hill, 2 at Burnhope, 1 at Biggen Colliery, 2 at Langley Park, 1 at Old Hamsteels, and 1 at Ushaw Moor—total, 25.

According to your directions, official warnings have been served on Ward Hume, Holmside; Owen Salmon, Esh; and Thomas Wright, Quaking House Cottages; and the following cases taken before the magistrates at Lanchester:—On March 28th, Robert Reid, Lanchester (adjourned from February 20th), Thomas Wright, Quaking House Cottages, and Wm. Bennett, Biggen Colliery. All adjourned for 14 days. On April 11th, they were re-heard, and the children having attended to the satisfaction of the Bench, the cases were dismissed.

The accommodation is still insufficient at Hedley Hill and Alms Houses (Cornsay), and there is at present a lack of room for infants at Esh Winning British School.

I have entered in the report book to be submitted to you to-day 27 cases, embracing 33 children.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN GIBSON.

Lanchester, April 18th, 1889.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last meeting, 119 absentee visits have been made in Tanfield, 235 in Conside and Knitsley, 96 in Iveston, and 2 in Ebchester parish—total, 452. 32 of the visits were made respecting 25 children who were not attending any school, viz:—15, who have lately moved into the district, and 10 who have recently reached five years of age.

Twenty-one notices under your bye-laws have been served as follows:—Consett, 10; Leadgate, 2; Friarside, 4; Stanley, 3; White-le-Head, 1; and Tanfield Lea, 1. One official warning has been served at Consett, and one at Low Friarside.

Forty-two visits to schools have been made to obtain information relating to the attendance.

The parents who, by your instructions, have been summoned before the magistrates were dealt with as under:—William Charlton, Stanley (an adjourned case), fined 2s 6d; Robert Robson, Stanley, dismissed (after being twice adjourned), as the boy was attending full time; Abel Ashburn, Stanley, adjourned to May 9th; Bridget Connolly, Consett; James Sullivan, Leadgate; and Joseph Dimmick, Consett, fined 5s each; Catherine McAloon, Leadgate, adjourned to May 13th.

The inclement weather and sickness (whooping cough at Consett) have interfered with the attendance.

The following schools have been examined by H.M. Inspectors:—Tanfield National (Mixed and Infant), Causey British, Lintz Colliery, Burnopfield National, and Burnopfield Free Church.

Thirteen cases, embracing 17 children, are entered in the report book to be submitted to you.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. WARD.

Iveston, April 18th, 1889.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr John S. Murray had only a short supply of stock forward at this mart on Monday, on account of the Easter holidays, although there was a very good attendance of buyers, and all descriptions of stock made good prices. Numbers and prices:—9 fat cattle, £15 to £24 10s; 10 fat hogs, 54s to 58s 6d; calves, 10s to 40s; highland kyloes, £10 5s each; bullock stirks, £7 2s 6d to £9; heifers, to £12 10s; store pigs, 16 9d to 35s 6d; pork pigs, £3 to £3 10s. Potatoes, 9s per load. Poultry, 1s 6d each.

TOW LAW—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 28 cows, calved and to calve, up to £22 10s; 9 fat cattle, up to £19 15s; 10 store cattle, up to £8 5s; 15 fat sheep and hogs—fat sheep up to 55s, fat hogs up to 43s 6d—top, Mr Suddes, Clickemin; 6 calves, to 41s; fat pigs, to 66s. Large attendance of buyers.

CHESTER-LE STREET.—On Monday, Mr James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale of fat and grazing stock. The quality of the cattle was excellent, and as there was a large attendance of buyers, a very brisk sale was the result. There were 60 fat cattle, 8 young cattle, 5 in-calving and new calved cows, 50 fat sheep, 2 fat lambs, 3 bacon pigs, and some young pigs; also sundry implements. Fat cattle from £13 10s to £23 12s 6d—top, Mr T. Oswald, Byers Garth; heifers from £12 10s to £18—top, Mr J. Howden, Hagg House; [illegible] cows to £19 7s 6d—top, Mr Blenkinsop, Lobley Hill; fat hogs to 52s 6d—top, Mr R. Potts, Harbour House; fat lambs, from Mr T. Young, Broomy Holme, made 45s, Mr Blackbird, Felling, being the purchaser; in-calving heifers to £13 10s; new calved cows to £17 12s 6d; bacon pigs to £4; young pigs, 21s; grazing cattle to £13 10s for [illegible]; heifers to £9.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Tow Law beat Hurworth, at Tow Law, by four goals to two.

Bishop Auckland beat Birtley by five goals to one at Auckland.

ESH INSTITUTE V ESH ALBION.—Played on the ground of the latter at Esh New Winning. The game was well contested, and resulted in a draw of one goal each.

HOBSON RANGERS' JUNIORS V TANFIELD LEA JUNIORS.—Played on the ground of the latter on Easter Monday. A fast and exciting game resulted in a victory for the Hobson Juniors by three goals to two.

MEDOMSLEY 2ND V MEDOMSLEY STIFF-'UNS.—This match was played on the Medomsley ground before a good assemblage, and resulted in a win for the 2nd by three goals to two. Some of the "lights of other days" showed capital form, especially W K Charlton, W Taylor, G E Milburn, and J Todd.

MEDOMSLEY V CLOWN FOOTBALLERS.—This match was played at Medomsley on Easter Tuesday, before a large number of onlookers. The home team had the game in their hands throughout, and finally won easily by six goals to nil. The following played for Medomsley:—Goal, G Beadling; backs, M Charlton and W Cant; half-backs, J Whitwell, R Simpson, and G Moon; forwards, J Hunter and G E Milburn, right wing; J Ross, centre; J Hunter (capt.) and T D Dales, left wing. Umpire, Mr W G Thompson.

PELTON FELL: MARRIED V SINGLE.—On Good Friday afternoon, a match was played between two elevens of the Harriers Football Club—Married v Single. Great excitement was caused by a very large congregation of visitors, as the match has long been looked forward to, but after a very hard and exciting tussle the single men won by three goals to one. Considering the great and many troubles and trials of married men, this must be considered a very good performance against the greater agility which is displayed by youth. After the match the members and friends were invited to a cold lunch by Mr and Mrs. Favill, of the Colliery Hotel, which was enjoyed and relished as it well deserved, the rest of the evening being very pleasantly spent with songs, &c. Mr T. Bell being appointed chairman, and Mr M. Young vice, the following songs were very creditably rendered:—"The little blue-eyed boy," Mr E. Ramsay; "True, true till death," Mr W. Stanger; "Old wooden rocker," Mr Jno. Robson; "Within a mile of Edinboro' town," Mr G. Stanger; "Willie, dinna cross the burn," Mr W. Stanger; "On guard," Mr Jas. Robson; "Only a violet," Mr Jno. Pearson. After the health of the host and hostess had been drunk with musical honours, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

MEDOMSLEY V REDCAR.—The latter famous club visited Medomsley on Easter Monday with a strong team. The home club, unfortunately, were without three of their best men. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and tempted a large number of spectators (including a good sprinkling of the fair sex) to the match. Hunter won the toss, and Redcar kicked off down the hill. The visitors got down to the home fortress, but the backs cleared, and play ruled pretty even. Then McCrie at half-back sent in a long shot, and Beadling being unable to see the ball through one of the home backs obstructing his view, the leather rolled between the posts, and Redcar were credited with a very lucky goal. Medomsley played well with the hill against them, and were very often dangerous, but the visitors' back division defended very stubbornly. "Hands" were awarded Redcar in the home goal, which they succeeded in forcing through, thus scoring their second goal. Soon after the home forwards got well away, and the ball was sent into the Redcar goal. Hunter was standing off-side at the time, but did not play the ball, and the visitors' custodian, in trying to clear, put the ball through his own goal. The visitors claimed off-side, but a fairer goal was never obtained. The whistle sounded half-time with the score—

Redcar ....Two goals
Medomsley ....One goal

Ross re-started, and the play was very fast. Redcar had several tries to score, but Beadling kept goal well, and Cant and Charlton kicked and tackled in fearless fashion. At the other end Hunter on one occasion had a splendid chance to score, but over-anxiety spoilt his shot. For the first 30 minutes of this half Medomsley did very well, but in the last quarter of an hour their severe exertions up the hill began to tell on them, and they were completely "pumped out." The visitors had now practically their own way, and scored three goals in rapid succession. The game eventually terminated with the score as under:—

Redcar ....Five goals
Medomsley ....One goal

McCrie and Bulman played well for the winners, and Charlton was prominent for the losers. The following represented Medomsley:—Goal, Geo. Beadling; backs, M Charlton (right) and W Cant (left); half-backs, R Simpson (right), W Barron (centre), and G Moon (left); forwards, J Hunter (outside right), J Hornsby (inside right), J Ross (centre), J Whitwell (inside left), J G Hunter (capt.) (outside left). Umpire, Mr W G Thompson. Referee, Rev E G F. Macpherson.

RUGBY.

CONSETT V WESTOE.—This match was played at Shotley Spa grounds on Easter Monday, when a good game resulted, Consett eventually winning by two tries to one. Consett team—Back, J Todd; three-quarter backs, T T Gray, T Jameson, and T Forrest; half-backs, J Anderson (capt.) and L McTaggart; forwards, W Turnbull, J Lee, M Williamson, J Lancaster, W Scott, J Wilson, A Struthers, J Askew, and J Patterson.

CONSETT 2ND V SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—This match was played at Shotley Spa on Easter Tuesday, and a very rough game ended in a victory for Consett by one try and five minors to three minors. The Consett team was:—Full back, J Aitkin; three-quarter backs, J Robson, J Brown, and M Williamson; half-backs, G Smiles and J Smart; forwards, T Atkinson, T Lumsden, R Johnson, G Williamson, J Turnbull, G Aitkin, W Brown, F Moss, and J W Robinson (capt.)

JOTTINGS.

NEW CLUB AT LINTZ COLLIERY.—A football club has been formed here, known as the "Home Rule Association Football Club." The following are the officers:—Hon. president, Mr W. Braidford, manager of Friarside Colliery; vice-president, Mr J. Neville; captain, Mr James Harrison; vice-captain, Mr Thos. Neville; secretary, Mr Frank McGurk; treasurer, Mr John McGurk; committee, Dr James McGinn, Messrs P. O'Brien, P. McGurk, and P. McKenna. They would like to arrange matches for next season. Secretaries kindly send their vacant dates to F. McGurk, secretary, Lintz Colliery, via Lintz Green.

LEADGATE EXILES AND THEIR HOLIDAY FIXTURES.—This successful club, who have had a splendid programme for Eastertide, proved themselves the conquerors on each occasion, beating Esh Albion on Saturday by four goals to one, whilst on Monday they defeated Gateshead by a similar score; and on Tuesday, in the absence of Tanfield Lea, they lowered the colours of a Consett scratch team by four goals to nothing.

A correspondent writes:—The non-arrival of the Tanfield Lea men at Shotley Spa on Easter Tuesday, after all the recent paper patter, caused widespread disappointment, as a large concourse of spectators had journeyed to Shotley to witness the long-looked for encounter; but I think now the public will judge for themselves as to who has earned the supremacy of the district. Such conduct is dastardly, and should not go unnoticed by patrons of the noble pastime.

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es of thanks were then given to Mr P tts, Mr
es (to which he responded in suitable terms)
Mr Parker.
e programme was then proceeded with, and a
of great enjoyment was brought to an end by
mpany singing, "God Save the Queen."
e supper and provisions, which were of a
ior description, were provided by Messrs and
McCurley, Leadgate, and fully deserved the
which they received.

SHOTLEY SPA.

e annual Easter holiday festivities which are
n Shotley Spa, were brought off on Monday
Tuesday. The lessees, Messrs Wilson Bros.,
placed the arrangements in the hands of Mr
ay, and this gentleman arranged a programme
h gave general satisfaction to those who
ded. The weather was not very clear, and
no doubt, kept many away who would other-
have been present; but, notwithstanding this
back, the attendance was fairly large. An
ctive musical programme was carried out each
by the South Derwent Brass Band. On Mon-
he chief events were football matches between
gate Exiles and Gateshead (Association), and
ett v Mr Wylie's Westoe team, both of which
won by the local players. The tug-of-war,
which four teams entered, was won by Mr
on's Westwood team, Shotley Bridge Paper
team getting second prize.
n Tuesday, a football match was played
een Leadgate Exiles and a Consett scratch
, the Exiles again proving victors. The game
advertised to be between the Exiles and Tan-
Lea, but the latter failed to put in an appear-
. Why this was so is not known, as they did
even inform the secretary of the sports of their
ntion. As both clubs lay claim to being the
champions, the match was looked forward to
great interest, and consequently much disap-
tment was felt at the non appearance of the
field Lea men. Consett 2nd played Shotley
ge 1st, and after a very rough game, the Con-
team won by one try and five minors to three
ors. The chief event of the day was the wrest-
, for which many well-known exponents of the
entered, the number being 13. The following
e the results:—

FIRST ROUND.

STOOD.	FELL.
J. Steel	A. Ferguson
T. Blencairn	J. Hall
J. Foster	T. Robinson
J. Goodfellow	W. Dykes
T. Blaylock	J. Young
J. Miller	R. Glendinning

J. Hall (Allansford), a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

T. Blaylock	J. Hall
J. Steel	J. Miller
T. Blencairn	J. Goodfellow

J. Foster, a bye.

THIRD ROUND.

J. Foster	T. Blaylock
T. Blencairn	J. Steel

FINAL.

Foster threw Blencairn in the first and third falls, and won.

The prize-winners were:—1, Foster; 2, Blen-
irn; 3, Steel; 4, Blaylock.
Excellent refreshments were provided in the
ounds by Messrs Wilson Bros.

COLLIERLEY AND GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARDS.

A special meeting of the Collierley (Dipton) School
oard was held on Wednesday se'nnight—present:
Messrs W. Rutherford (chairman), J. A. Curry (vice-
chairman), R. Mitchinson, jun., E. Wilkinson, and
. Holmes—for the purpose of appointing a clerk in
he place of Mr W. W. Thompson, of Lanchester,
eceased. There were five applicants for the post—
iz., Mr Wm. Dickinson, solicitor, Consett; Mr T.
. Welford, solicitor, Consett; Mr W. W. Thomp
on, Lanchester; Mr A. Phillipson, auctioneer, Dip-
on; and Mr Wilkinson, Catchgate.—Councillor
Curry strongly advocated the appointment of a local
man; but as the majority were in favour of having a
professional gentleman, Mr Curry thought that the
clerkship ought to be advertised in the newspapers.—
This course appeared to be against the wish of his
colleagues.—Mr Curry next urged that Mr Welford
should be chosen; but after some discussion, Mr
Dickinson was unanimously elected to fill the
vacancy.

At the ordinary meeting of the Greencroft School Board, on Wednesday evening—Mr Robt. Mitchinson in the chair—the question of filling up the post of clerk, rendered vacant by the death of Mr Thompson, was considered. Mr W. Dickinson, solicitor, Consett, was appointed without opposition.

COLLIERY FATALITY AT OXHILL.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr Coroner Graham held an inquiry at the Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, into the circumstances attending the death of John Ransome (51), married, a back-overman, living at Tanfield Lea, who, while following his employment at South Tanfield colliery (belonging to Messrs Joicey and Co.), on Wednesday se'nnight, was frightfully injured by a fall of two or three tons of coal, death ensuing two hours afterwards. Mr J. Oliver was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr Bell (Government Inspector of Mines for Durham) was present.

William Ransome, coal-hewer, Beamish Colliery, identified the body as that of his father. He had only been employed at the colliery about six weeks.

A coal-hewer called Clephan, engaged at the South Tanfield colliery, attested that at 11·45 he came into the Hutton seam to pick a lift of new coal. He covered in about two yards, which was not spragged in the usual way, there being no necessity to do so, as far as he could see. While the deceased was engaged in measuring the coal, about 2½ tons fell upon Ransome, and he was buried among the *debris*. He was extricated and taken to bank, but he expired in the lamp-room about 2½ hours after the occurrence.

The jury, after similar evidence had been adduced, returned a verdict that Ransome died from injuries accidentally caused by a fall of coal from the roof of the Hutton seam of the South Tanfield colliery.

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87, Haws Street, Newcastle, March 4, 1889.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
SIR,—I have been ill for five months, and been under two doctors, which did me no good. I had a dreadful cough, and suffered very much from indigestion and costiveness. My wife had often to poultice my chest to ease my breathing, the pain was so incessant. I have taken your medicine for three weeks. The pain in breathing has gone. My digestion is better. I have a better appetite, and the costiveness has also gone. G. CHARLTON.

The above needs no comment. The decay of the lungs was attacked before the lungs were gone. Had the lungs been gone the same good effect could not have been produced, as the Consumption Cure will not put new lungs in. They will only cure and heal up what is left.

13, Hill Street, Newcastle, Jan. 10, 1889.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,
I am glad to say I am a great deal better since I have taken your medicine. Before I took it I was ill two years-and-a-half. I was under one doctor and one physician. The physician is considered one of the ablest in the town. They treated me for consumption. I got a letter to go to Whitley, and the physicians would not let me go, as I was too far gone in consumption. I have been off work two years-and-a-half. I have taken four lots of your medicine, and I now feel much stronger. My dreadful night sweats are gone, my cough is nearly gone, and so is my spit. If anyone calls on me I will be glad to inform anyone what your medicine has done for me.
J. JAMES.

I hope in future no one will let themselves be too far gone. Anyone who has not the means to buy can always get it free, and all are welcome who have not the means to pay.

The following letter was addressed to Mr Watson, my agent in Newcastle:—
Kelumud Cottage, near Barnard Castle,
February 20, 1889.
SIR,—I write to ask you to thank Mr Handyside from me for what his Consumption Cure has done for me. I have now taken two lots, and now feel quite strong—in fact, I am enjoying the best of health. My cough and shortness of breath are quite gone, and I can now go out without catching cold. I was 20 years old when I first felt my weakness, and will be 25 in April. I have been under three doctors during that time, but none did me any good. I hope your medicine will be widely made known, and many homes will be benefited by it. We are natives of Gateshead, and the first time I come down I will call, and you shall see for yourself what it has done.—I remain, yours sincerely.
ISABELLA STOREY.

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

44, Handyside Street, Newcastle, Feb. 1889.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
I am glad to say I am now quite well. Before I took your medicine I was ill for twenty years of rheumatics; the pains were in the shoulders and back. The pain was so severe. I have been off work a fortnight at a time. I have suffered so much, and I feel so glad of the change. I will be pleased if any sufferer calls, and I will be pleased to relate the wonderful cure your medicine has effected in the short space of eight or nine days. THOMAS BUSH.
[The above needs no comment. I was surprised to see the results.]

25, Tweed Street, Newcastle.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
I am glad to say my wife is now restored to health. She has been a sufferer from Rheumatism and Consumption for eight years. I have tried six doctors. She was ordered to the Convalescent Home, and went for three weeks, but it did her no good. Previous to taking your medicine she had been confined in child-bed for three weeks, and could not turn over in bed. The doctor attending to her confinement was very anxious about the state of her health, but could do nothing for her; but after taking your medicine for two days she was able to get out of bed and walk about, and in about eight days she felt herself well. I recommended it to my wife's sister, and it did her a great deal of good. I think it my duty to communicate to you, so that it may be widely known, as they are completely restored.
JOHN McQUIN.
[I was asked to see this lady, it was a serious case. She was labouring under nearly all the diseases that the flesh is heir to, and, in addition, had recently been confined. I asked her husband to feel her pulse, and he was scarcely able. Her heart was nearly motionless. She had been a martyr to Sciatica, the worst form of Rheumatism, for years, and at the time I saw the lady she could not turn over in bed. She told me she had been treated for Consumption for eight years. The lady appears so delighted at the change, that I am sure if any one calls she will be glad, for the sake of other sufferers to relate to them the wonderful change.]

71, Tullock Street, Newcastle, December 16th, 1888.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in testifying to you, that since I have taken your remedy for my complaint—Rheumatism in my knees—it has entirely made a new man of me. Now I find the pains gone out of my knees, and they are going out of my toes, and I hope in another week I shall be able to work as well as ever. Of all remedies and medicines that I have taken, and the medical advice I have had, never appeared to do me any good, and I have had advice from some very old army doctors, but the prescriptions they gave me to try never moved pains from my knees, it still remained until I began with your remedy.
Believe me to be, yours faithfully,
CHARLES SARGEANT,
[I have known Mr C. Sargeant for three years. For eleven months he has been the victim of acute Reumatism in the knees and legs. He had put himself under several medical gentlemen, and applied their remedies without any beneficial result. Turkish Baths and hot salt and water baths proved equally fruitless in his case. Hearing of Mr Handyside's medicine and its wonderful effect upon other patients, he procured it, using it alone. After a regular course of it for two months the pains were driven from his knees, and finally they have almost left him entirely. At his request I make this declaration of Mr Handyside's medicine.]
March 1st, REV FATHER DUNN.

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BENFIELDSIDE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Blackhill Station to Dean Burn Road. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above.

BURNHOPE AND HAMSTEELS TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Station to Bargate and Square House. 30 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Cornsay Lodge and Square House. 30 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Square House, West to Cornsay Road. 10 tons.
,, 4 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Click-him-in and Wilks Hill Road. 40 tons.
,, 5 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Hamsteels Road. 20 tons.
,, 6 ,, from High Stoop Depot to Greenwell Road. 20 tons.
,, 7—Carting Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Hamsteels and Biggen Road. 30 tons.
,, 8 ,, from Lanchester Station to Greenwell Road. 20 tons.
,, 9—Carting Limestone from High Stoop to Rag Peth Side Road. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9.

BUTSFIELD TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Station to Hole House and Durham Old Road. 10 tons.
,, 2 ,, from High Stoop Depot to Patrick's Close Road. 20 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Rowley Station to Five Lane Ends and Lanchester Boundary. 10 tons.
,, 4 ,, from Rowley Station to Oliver Ford and Miller's Hill Road End. 10 tons.
,, 5 ,, from Burnbill Depot to Oxen Law and Weather Hill Lane End. 40 tons.
,, 6 ,, from Salters Gate Depot to Salters Gate and Weather Hill Lane End. 100 tons.
,, 7 ,, from Salters Gate Depot to Salters Gate Road. 10 tons.
,, 8 ,, from High Stoop Depot to Fines Lane (Satley). 10 tons.
,, 9 ,, from High Stoop Depot to Steeley Land (Satley). 10 tons.
,, 10—Carting White Whinstone from Butsfield Quarry to Five Lane Ends and East Butsfield. 20 c yards.
,, 11 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to Eliza and Five Lane Ends. 100 c yards.
,, 12 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to Stewart Field Lodge. 20 c yards.
,, 13 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to East Butsfield and Browney Bank. 30 c yards.
,, 14 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to East Butsfield and Auckland Main Road. 50 c yards.
,, 15 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to Saw Mill Bank. 20 c yards.
,, 16 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to Byerley House and Green Lane. 20 c yards.
,, 17 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to West Butsfield and Rippon Burn. 20 c yards.
,, 18 ,, from Butsfield Quarry to East Butsfield and Coalford Lane. 20 c yards.
Also, the WINNING and BREAKING of 260 c yards of White Whinstone, and the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from South Medomsley Depot to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 240 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Hare Law Depot to Delight Bank. 50 tons.
,, 3—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 30 yards.
,, 4 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to the Pike Lane. 30 c yards.
,, 5 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Hill Top Road. 30 c yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 2.

CORNSAY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Blackfield Depot to East Cornsay. 30 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Blackfield Depot to Blackfield and Cornsay, 120 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Blackfield Depot to Well Banks. 10 tons.
,, 4 ,, from Blackfield Depot to Cornsay and Hedleyhope Beck. 30 tons.
,, 5 ,, from Blackfield Depot to Cowsley Lane. 30 tons.
,, 6 ,, from Blackfield Depot to West Shield Lane. 20 tons.
,, 7 ,, from High Stoop Depot to Bents and Well Banks. 10 tons.
,, 8 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Low Row and Cornsay Lodge. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook. 20 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Knitsley Station to Boggle Hole Lane. 10 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Rowley Station to Five Lane Ends and Knitsley Nook. 40 tons.
,, ,, from Rowley Station to Miller's Hill and Five Lane Ends. 50 tons.
,, ,, from Rowley Station to Dyke Nook Lane. 20 tons.
,, 6 ,, from High Carr House to Knitsley and Knitsley Mill. 40 tons.
,, 7 ,, from High Carr House to Delves Lane. 60 tons.
,, 8 ,, from High Carr House to Consett Old Station and Stannifordam. 30 tons.
,, 9 ,, from Rowley Station to Four Lane Ends and Stannifordam. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

EBCHESTER TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Ebchester Station to The Chair and Mill Lane. 20 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Ebchester Station to Spring House Lane. 20 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Ebchester Station to Watling Street. 60 tons.
,, 4—Carting Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Shaw Lane. 12 c yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

EDMONDBYERS TOWNSHIP.
Lot 1—Carting Limestone from Feldon Quarry to Edmondbyers Village. 30 c yards.
,, 2 ,, from Feldon Quarry to Edmondbyers and Roughside Road. 20 c yards.
,, 3 ,, from Slate Quarry to Dead Friars Road. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

ESH TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Whinstone from Aldin Grange to Ushaw and Hill Top. 60 tons.
,, 2 ,, Ushaw Moor to East Flass and Flass Inn. 60 tons.
,, 3 ,, Witton Gilbert Station to Hill Top and Esh Laud. 140 tons.
,, 4 ,, Witton Gilbert Station to Wall Nook and East and West Bank Foot. 50 tons.
,, 5—Carting Broken Limestone from Waterhouses Station to Flass New Road. 40 tons.
Lot 6—Carting Limestone from Cornsay Colliery to Esh Laud and Cornsay Lodge. 120 tons.
,, 7 ,, from Witton Gilbert Station to East and West Banks. 30 tons.
,, 8 ,, from Witton Gilbert Station to Finnings Road. 20 tons.
,, 9—Carting Limestone from Ushaw Moor Colliery to Ushaw and Broadgate. 20 tons.
,, 10 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Cornsay Colliery Village. 40 tons.
,, 11 ,, from Cornsay Colliery to Biggen and Esh Road. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

GREENCROFT TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Annfield Plain to Annfield Plain and East Castle Road. 200 tons.
,, 2 ,, to Row's Cabin and Greencroft Cottages. 30 tons.
,, 3 ,, to Gorcuck and Esp Green. 30 tons.
,, 4—Carting Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Hanging Stone Bank. 30 c yards.
,, 5 ,, to Stockerley and Lund's Lane. 20 c yards.
,, 6—Carting Slag Screenings from Annfield Plain to near Bankfoot Colliery. 50 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

HEALEYFIELD TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Whitehall to Healeyfield Road. 30 tons.
,, 2 ,, to Coalbridge's Road. 20 tons.
,, 3 ,, to Whitehall Road. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3, and the WINNING and BREAKING of 40 c yards of White Whinstone.

HEDLEYHOPE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Cornsay Colliery to Hedley Hill Road. 40 tons.
,, 2—Carting Broken Slag, East Hedleyhope to Stanley Beck and Hedley Fell. 40 tons.
,, 3—Carting Whinstone to Ivesley Road. 10 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 3.

HOLMSIDE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor and Newacres Bridge. 190 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Annfield Plain to Burnhope and Whiteside. 60 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Annfield Plain to Whiteside and Wheatley Green Burn. 60 tons.
,, 4 ,, Craghead Colliery to Wagtail Lane. 30 tons.
,, 5 ,, Annfield Plain to Whiteside Lane. 60 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the whole of the above Lots.

HUNSTANWORTH TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Slate Quarries to Sandyford Bridges. 20 tons.
,, 2—Carting Hard Stone, Derwent Mines to Presser Bank and Sandyford. 40 c yards.
,, 3 ,, Derwent Mines to Bay Bridge and White Heaps. 20 c yards.
,, 4 ,, Shildon or the Common to Blanchland and Roughside Road. 20 c yards.
,, 5 ,, Derwent Mines to Aldergate Road. 12 c yards.
,, 6—Winning, Carting, Breaking, and Laying-on Freestone Packlets Pin Road. 20 c yards.
,, 7 ,, Freestone Deep Road. 20 c yards.
,, 8 ,, Allanshields Road. 20 c yards.
,, 9—Carting Hard Stone from the Mines to Bay Bridge and Aldergate Road End. 40 c yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

KYO TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Tanfield Moor to White-le-Head Road. 60 tons.
,, 2 ,, Annfield Plain to South Pit and Kyo Road. 100 tons.
,, 3 ,, Annfield Plain to Kyo Heugh. 30 tons.
,, 4 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill Road. 80 tons.
,, 5 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill and Harperley Gate. 30 tons.
,, 6 ,, Hare Law to Bushblades. 30 tons.
,, 7 ,, Tanfield Moor to Harperley Gate and Tantobie. 20 tons.
,, 8 ,, Annfield Plain to Shield Row Lane. 120 tons.
,, 9—Carting Slag Screenings from Annfield Plain to Shield Row Lane. 40 tons.
,, 10—Carting Slag Screenings from Annfield Plain to South Pit and Kyo. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the Limestone.

LANCHESTER TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Union to Peth Bank. 20 tons.
,, 2 ,, to Ford and Bar Gate. 30 tons.
,, 3 ,, Knitsley Station to Little Greencroft Road. 8 tons.
,, 4 ,, Lanchester Union to Newbiggen and Donleyford. 40 tons.
,, 5 ,, Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook and Donleyford. 30 tons.
,, 6 ,, Knitsley Station to White Gates and Donleyford. 10 tons.
,, 7 ,, Annfield Plain to Maiden Law and Four Lane Ends. 60 tons.
,, 8 ,, Rowley Station to Long Edge. 30 tons.
,, 9 ,, Rowley Station to Humber Hill Road. 20 tons.
,, 10 ,, Annfield Plain to Burnhope Road. 60 tons.
,, 11 ,, Lanchester Union to Upper Houses Road. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

LANGLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Annfield Plain to Four Lane Ends and Bleach Green. 80 tons.
,, 2—Carting Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Bleach Green and Four Lane Ends. 30 tons.
,, 3—Carting Limestone from Annfield Plain Station to Broom House Road. 20 tons.
,, 4—Carting Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Broom House Road. 30 tons.
,, 5—Carting Whinstone from Witton Gilbert Station to Wall Nook Lane. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 3.

MEDOMSLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Medomsley Depot to Allendale Lane. 30 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Medomsley Depot to Barr House Lane. 40 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Medomsley Depot to Pont Lane. 40 tons.
,, 4 ,, from Medomsley Depot to Watling Street. 60 tons.
,, 5 ,, from Medomsley Depot to Fines Road. 50 tons.
,, 6 ,, from East Carrhouse Depot to Redwell Hills and Pont Cottage. 120 tons.
,, 7 ,, from East Carrhouse Depot to East Castle Road. 40 tons.
,, 8—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Allendale Lane. 30 c yds.
,, 9 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Byerside Road. 40 c yds.
,, 10 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Pit House Lane. 20 c yds.
,, 11 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Fines Lane. 20 c yds.
,, 12 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Watling Street. 20 c yds.
Lot 13 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Bradley Lane. 10 c yds.
,, 14 ,, from Bradley Slag Heap to Barr House Lane. 20 c yds.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

MUGGLESWICK TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Waskerley to Meeting Slack Road. 30 tons.
,, 2 ,, Waskerley to Waskerley and Gold Hill Road. 10 tons.
,, 3 ,, Park Head to Meadows Edge. 12 tons.
,, 4—Carting White Whinstone from Hysop Bridge to Coalbridge Road and The Parsonage. 30 c yds.
,, 5 ,, Lane Head to Dean Lane and Eddis Bridge Lane. 20 c yds.
,, 6—From Waskerley to Horselope Road, Limestone. 20 tons.
The WINNING of Lots 4 and 5, and the BREAKING of the whole of the above lots.

ROUGHSIDE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from the Drift, Roughside, to Roughside Main Road. 50 c yds.
,, 2 ,, The Rivers to Cooperhaugh Road. 30 c yds.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

ROWLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Rowley Station to Four Lane Ends and Smelt Mills. 30 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Rowley Station to Allerheads Road. 30 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Rowley Station to Oliver Ford. 20 tons.
,, 4 ,, from Blackhill Station to Hole House. 20 tons.
,, 5 ,, from Rowley Station to Rowley Bank. 10 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4.

SATLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from High Stoop to Pan Lane. 20 tons.
,, 2 ,, from Blackfield Depot to West Shield Road. 10 tons.
,, 3 ,, from Salters Gate to Drover House Lane. 40 tons.
,, 4 ,, from Salters Gate to Wheatley Grange and Drover House. 30 tons.
,, 5 ,, from Salters Gate to Springwell Houses. 30 tons.
,, 6 ,, from High Stoop to Coalford and Fines Lane. 30 tons.
,, 7 ,, High Stoop to Satley Grange. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

TANFIELD TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley. 100 tons.
,, 2 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row and Kip Hill. 60 tons.
,, 3 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Kip Hill and Beamish Burn. 50 tons.
,, 4 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Stanley Edge Road. 200 tons.
,, 5 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor Lane. 50 tons.
,, 6 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Tanfield Lea Lane. 40 tons.
,, 7 ,, Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row South Lane. 20 tons.
,, 8—Carting Slag Screenings from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley and Shield Row. 80 tons.
,, 9—Carting Limestone from Marley Hill Colliery to West House and Beamish Bridge. 50 tons.
,, 10 ,, Tanfield Moor to Tantobie and Tanfield. 60 tons.
,, 11 ,, Tanfield Moor to Tanfield Lea. 40 tons.
,, 12 ,, Tanfield Moor to Clough Dene and Long Syke. 80 tons.
,, 13 ,, Tanfield Moor to Lintz Lane. 50 tons.
,, 14 ,, Tanfield Moor to Wester Lea Lane. 20 tons.
,, 15 ,, Tanfield Lane to Tanfield and Kip Hill. 40 tons.
,, 16 ,, Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village. 20 tons.
,, 17 ,, Tanfield Lane to Barcus Close Lane. 60 tons.
,, 18 ,, Marley Hill Colliery to Bob Gin and Beckley Lane. 30 tons.
,, 19—Carting Slag Screenings from Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village and Kip Hill. 60 tons.
,, 20 ,, Crook Bar Depot to Brian's Leap and Burnopfield Footpath. 30 tons.
,, 21—Carting Broken Slag from Crook Bar to Sandy Path. 20 tons.
,, 22 ,, Crook Bar to Friarside Road. 20 tons.
,, 23—Carting Slag Screenings from Tanfield Lane to Middle Causey and Beamish Footpaths. 60 tons.
,, 24—Carting Ashes from the Hobson Colliery to Tanfield and Burnopfield Footpaths. 50 loads.
,, 25 ,, Hobson Colliery to Long Syke Lane. 50 loads.
,, 26—Carting Slag Screenings, Crook Bar to Leazes and Lintz Green. 40 tons.
,, 27—Carting Limestone from Rowlands Gill to Derwent Bridge Road. 60 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 27.

☞ Tenders to be sent to the Surveyor's Office, on or before Tuesday, May 11th, 1889, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking." The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order,
WM. DIXON, District Surveyor.
Surveyor's Office, The Lodge, Lanchester,
April 24th, 1889. 207a

Public Notices.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 27th of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT, at 1·45 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange), for SUNDERLAND, returning at 8·15 p.m.
See Bills. 204a

NOTICE to the MEMBERS of the SHIELD ROW FRIENDLY BENEFIT SOCIETY OF WOMEN.—TUESDAY'S "BOX."—THE ANNUAL TEA of the above Society will be held on Tuesday, May 7th, 1889, at the house of Mr. HENRY HESLOP, Innkeeper, Shield Row.
197a WM. LITTLE, Secretary.

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TESTIMONIALS.

87, Haws Street, Newcastle, March 4, 1889.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

The above needs no comment. The decay of the lungs was attacked before the lungs were gone. Had the lungs been gone the same good effect could not have been produced, as the Consumption Cure will not put new lungs in. They will only cure and heal up what is left.

13, Hill Street, Newcastle, Jan. 10, 1889.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,

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

I hope in future no one will let themselves be too far gone. Anyone who has not the means to buy can always get it free, and all are welcome who have not the means to pay.

The following letter was addressed to Mr Watson, my agent in Newcastle:—

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

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

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

44, Handyside Street, Newcastle, Feb. 1889.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

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

25, Tweed Street, Newcastle.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

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

71, Tullock Street, Newcastle, December 16th, 1888.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

[I have known Mr C. Sargeant for three years. For eleven months he has been the victim of acute Rheumatism in the knees and legs. He had put himself under several medical gentlemen, and applied their remedies without any beneficial result. Turkish Baths and hot salt and water baths proved equally fruitless in his case. Hearing of Mr Handyside's medicine and its wonderful effect upon other patients, he procured it, using it alone. After a regular course of it for two monhts the pains were driven from his knees, and finally they have almost left him entirely. At his request I make this declaration of Mr Handyside's medicine.]
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„ 2 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Cornsay Lodge and Square House. 30 tons.
„ 3 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Square House, West to Cornsay Road. 10 tons.
„ 4 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Click-him-in and Wilks Hill Road. 40 tons.
„ 5 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Hamsteels Road. 20 tons.
„ 6 „ from High Stoop Depot to Greenwell Road. 20 tons.
„ 7—Carting Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Hamsteels and Biggen Road. 30 tons.
„ 8 „ from Lanchester Station to Greenwell Road. 20 tons.
„ 9—Carting Limestone from High Stoop to Rag Peth Side Road. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9.

BUTSFIELD TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Station to Hole House and Durham Old Road. 10 tons.
„ 2 „ from High Stoop Depot to Patrick's Close Road. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ from Rowley Station to Five Lane Ends and Lanchester Boundary. 10 tons.
„ 4 „ from Rowley Station to Oliver Ford and Miller's Hill Road End. 10 tons.
„ 5 „ from Burnhill Depot to Oxen Law and Weather Hill Lane End. 40 tons.
„ 6 „ from Salters Gate Depot to Salters Gate and Weather Hill Lane End. 100 tons.
„ 7 „ from Salters Gate Depot to Salters Gate Road. 10 tons.
„ 8 „ from High Stoop Depot to Fines Lane (Satley). 10 tons.
„ 9 „ from High Stoop Depot to Steeley Land (Satley). 10 tons.
„ 10—Carting White Whinstone from Butsfield Quarry to Five Lane Ends and East Butsfield. 20 c yards.
„ 11 „ from Butsfield Quarry to Eliza and Five Lane Ends. 100 c yards.
„ 12 „ from Butsfield Quarry to Stewart Field Lodge. 20 c yards.
„ 13 „ from Butsfield Quarry to East Butsfield and Browney Bank. 30 c yards.
„ 14 „ from Butsfield Quarry to East Butsfield and Auckland Main Road. 50 c yards.
„ 15 „ from Butsfield Quarry to Saw Mill Bank. 20 c yards.
„ 16 „ from Butsfield Quarry to Byerley House and Green Lane. 20 c yards.
„ 17 „ from Butsfield Quarry to West Butsfield and Rippon Burn. 20 c yards.
„ 18 „ from Butsfield Quarry to East Butsfield and Coalford Lane. 20 c yards.
Also, the WINNING and BREAKING of 260 c yards of White Whinstone, and the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from South Medomsley Depot to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 240 tons.
„ 2 „ from Hare Law Depot to Delight Bank. 50 tons.
„ 3—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 30 yards.
„ 4 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to the Pike Lane. 30 c yards.
„ 5 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Hill Top Road. 30 c yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 2.

CORNSAY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Blackfield Depot to East Cornsay. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ from Blackfield Depot to Blackfield and Cornsay, 120 tons.
„ 3 „ from Blackfield Depot to Well Banks. 10 tons.
„ 4 „ from Blackfield Depot to Cornsay and Hedleyhope Beck. 30 tons.
„ 5 „ from Blackfield Depot to Cowsley Lane. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ from Blackfield Depot to West Shield Lane. 20 tons.
„ 7 „ from High Stoop Depot to Bents and Well Banks. 10 tons.
„ 8 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Low Row and Cornsay Lodge. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ from Knitsley Station to Boggle Hole Lane. 10 tons.
„ 3 „ from Rowley Station to Five Lane Ends and Knitsley Nook. 40 tons.
„ „ from Rowley Station to Miller's Hill and Five Lane Ends. 50 tons.
„ „ from Rowley Station to Dyke Nook Lane. 20 tons.
„ 6 „ from High Carr House to Knitsley and Knitsley Mill. 40 tons.
„ 7 „ from High Carr House to Delves Lane. 60 tons.
„ 8 „ from High Carr House to Consett Old Station and Stannifordam. 30 tons.
„ 9 „ from Rowley Station to Four Lane Ends and Stannifordam. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

EBCHESTER TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Ebchester Station to The Chair and Mill Lane. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ from Ebchester Station to Spring House Lane. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ from Ebchester Station to Watling Street. 60 tons.
„ 4—Carting Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Shaw Lane. 12 c yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

EDMONDBYERS TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Feldon Quarry to Edmondbyers Village. 30 c yards.
„ 2 „ from Feldon Quarry to Edmondbyers and Roughside Road. 20 c yards.
„ 3 „ from Slate Quarry to Dead Friars Road. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

ESH TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Whinstone from Aldin Grange to Ushaw and Hill Top. 60 tons.
„ 2 „ Ushaw Moor to East Flass and Flass Inn. 60 tons.
„ 3 „ Witton Gilbert Station to Hill Top and Esh Laud. 140 tons.
„ 4 „ Witton Gilbert Station to Wall Nook and East and West Bank Foot. 50 tons.
„ 5—Carting Broken Limestone from Waterhouses Station to Flass New Road. 40 tons.
„ 6—Carting Limestone from Cornsay Colliery to Esh Laud and Cornsay Lodge. 120 tons.
„ 7 „ from Witton Gilbert Station to East and West Banks. 30 tons.
„ 8 „ from Witton Gilbert Station to Finnings Road. 20 tons.
„ 9—Carting Limestone from Ushaw Moor Colliery to Ushaw and Broadgate. 20 tons.
„ 10 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Cornsay Colliery Village. 40 tons.
„ 11 „ from Cornsay Colliery to Biggen and Esh Road. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

GREENCROFT TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Annfield Plain to Annfield Plain and East Castle Road. 200 tons.
„ 2 „ to Row's Cabin and Greencroft Cottages. 30 tons.
„ 3 „ to Gorcock and Eap Green. 30 tons.
„ 4—Carting Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Hanging Stone Bank. 30 c yards.
„ 5 „ to Stockerley and Lund's Lane. 20 c yards.
„ 6—Carting Slag Screenings from Annfield Plain to near Bankfoot Colliery. 50 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3.

HEALEYFIELD TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Whitehall to Healeyfield Road. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ to Coalbridge's Road. 20 tons.
„ 3 „ to Whitehall Road. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, and 3, and the WINNING and BREAKING of 40 c yards of White Whinstone.

HEDLEYHOPE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Cornsay Colliery to Hedley Hill Road. 40 tons.
„ 2—Carting Broken Slag, East Hedleyhope to Stanley Beck and Hedley Fell. 40 tons.
„ 3—Carting Whinstone to Ivesley Road. 10 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 3.

HOLMSIDE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor and Newacres Bridge. 190 tons.
„ 2 „ from Annfield Plain to Burnhope and Whiteside. 60 tons.
„ 3 „ from Annfield Plain to Whiteside and Wheatley Green Burn. 60 tons.
„ 4 „ Craghead Colliery to Wagtail Lane. 30 tons.
„ 5 „ Annfield Plain to Whiteside Lane. 60 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the whole of the above Lots.

HUNSTANWORTH TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Slate Quarries to Sandyford Bridges. 20 tons.
„ 2—Carting Hard Stone, Derwent Mines to Presser Bank and Sandyford. 40 c yards.
„ 3 „ Derwent Mines to Bay Bridge and White Heaps. 20 c yards.
„ 4 „ Shildon or the Common to Blanchland and Roughside Road. 20 c yards.
„ 5 „ Derwent Mines to Aldergate Road. 12 c yards.
„ 6—Winning, Carting, Breaking, and Laying-on Freestone Packlets Pin Road. 20 c yards.
„ 7 „ Freestone Deep Road. 20 c yards.
„ 8 „ Allanshields Road. 20 c yards.
„ 9—Carting Hard Stone from the Mines to Bay Bridge and Aldergate Road End. 40 c yards.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

KYO TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone, Tanfield Moor to Whitele-Head Road. 60 tons.
„ 2 „ Annfield Plain to South Pit and Kyo Road. 100 tons.
„ 3 „ Annfield Plain to Kyo Heugh. 30 tons.
„ 4 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill Road. 80 tons.
„ 5 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Oxhill and Harperley Gate. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ Hare Law to Bushblades. 30 tons.
„ 7 „ Tanfield Moor to Harperley Gate and Tantobie. 20 tons.
„ 8 „ Annfield Plain to Shield Row Lane. 120 tons.
„ 9—Carting Slag Screenings from Annfield Plain to Shield Row Lane. 40 tons.
„ 10—Carting Slag Screenings from Annfield Plain to South Pit and Kyo. 40 tons.
Also, the BREAKONG of the Limestone.

LANCHESTER TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Lanchester Union to Peth Bank. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ to Ford and Bar Gate. 30 tons.
„ 3 „ Knitsley Station to Little Greencroft Road. 8 tons.
„ 4 „ Lanchester Union to Newbiggen and Donleyford. 40 tons.
„ 5 „ Knitsley Station to Knitsley Nook and Donleyford. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ Knitsley Station to White Gates and Donleyford. 10 tons.
„ 7 „ Annfield Plain to Maiden Law and Four Lane Ends. 60 tons.
„ 8 „ Rowley Station to Long Edge. 30 tons.
„ 9 „ Rowley Station to Humber Hill Road. 20 tons.
„ 10 „ Annfield Plain to Burnhope Road. 60 tons.
„ 11 „ Lanchester Union to Upper Houses Road. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

LANGLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Annfield Plain to Four Lane Ends and Bleach Green. 80 tons.
„ 2—Carting Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Bleach Green and Four Lane Ends. 30 tons.
„ 3—Carting Limestone from Annfield Plain Station to Broom House Road. 20 tons.
„ 4—Carting Slag from Witton Gilbert Station to Broom House Road. 30 tons.
„ 5—Carting Whinstone from Witton Gilbert Station to Wall Nook Lane. 30 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1 and 3.

MEDOMSLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Medomsley Depot to Allendale Lane. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ from Medomsley Depot to Barr House Lane. 40 tons.
„ 3 „ from Medomsley Depot to Pont Lane. 40 tons.
„ 4 „ from Medomsley Depot to Watling Street. 60 tons.
„ 5 „ from Medomsley Depot to Fines Road. 50 tons.
„ 6 „ from East Carrhouse Depot to Redwell Hills and Pont Cottage. 120 tons.
„ 7 „ from East Carrhouse Depot to East Castle Road. 40 tons.
„ 8—Carting Broken Slag from Bradley Slag Heap to Allendale Lane. 30 c yds.
„ 9 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Byerside Road. 40 c yds.
„ 10 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Pit House Lane. 20 c yds.
„ 11 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Fines Lane. 20 c yds.
„ 12 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Watling Street. 20 c yds.
„ 13 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Bradley Lane. 10 c yds.
„ 14 „ from Bradley Slag Heap to Barr House Lane. 20 c yds.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

MUGGLESWICK TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Waskerley to Meeting Slack Road. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ Waskerley to Waskerley and Gold Hill Road. 10 tons.
„ 3 „ Park Head to Meadows Edge. 12 tons.
„ 4—Carting White Whinstone from Hysop Bridge to Coalbridge Road and The Parsonage. 30 c yds.
„ 5 „ Lane Head to Dean Lane and Eddis Bridge Lane. 20 c yds.
„ 6—From Waskerley to Horselope Road, Limestone. 20 tons.
The WINNING of Lots 4 and 5, and the BREAKING of the whole of the above lots.

ROUGHSIDE TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from the Drift, Roughside, to Roughside Main Road. 50 c yds.
„ 2 „ The River to Cooperhaugh Road. 30 c yds.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

ROWLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Rowley Station to Four Lane Ends and Smelt Mills. 30 tons.
„ 2 „ from Rowley Station to Allerheads Road. 30 tons.
„ 3 „ from Rowley Station to Oliver Ford. 20 tons.
„ 4 „ from Blackhill Station to Hole House. 20 tons.
„ 5 „ from Rowley Station to Rowley Bank. 10 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4.

SATLEY TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from High Stoop to Pan Lane. 20 tons.
„ 2 „ from Blackfield Depot to West Shield Road. 10 tons.
„ 3 „ from Salters Gate to Drover House Lane. 40 tons.
„ 4 „ from Salters Gate to Wheatley Grange and Drover House. 30 tons.
„ 5 „ from Salters Gate to Springwell Houses. 30 tons.
„ 6 „ from High Stoop to Coalford and Fines Lane. 30 tons.
„ 7 „ High Stoop to Satley Grange. 20 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

TANFIELD TOWNSHIP.
LOT 1—Carting Limestone from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley. 100 tons.
„ 2 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row and Kip Hill. 60 tons.
„ 3 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Kip Hill and Beamish Burn. 50 tons.
„ 4 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Stanley Edge Road. 200 tons.
„ 5 „ Stanley Goods Siding to South Moor Lane. 50 tons.
„ 6 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Tanfield Lea Lane. 40 tons.
„ 7 „ Stanley Goods Siding to Shield Row South Lane. 20 tons.
„ 8—Carting Slag Screenings from Stanley Goods Siding to West Stanley and Shield Row. 80 tons.
„ 9—Carting Limestone from Marley Hill Colliery to West House and Beamish Bridge. 50 tons.
„ 10 „ Tanfield Moor to Tantobie and Tanfield. 60 tons.
„ 11 „ Tanfield Moor to Tanfield Lea. 40 tons.
„ 12 „ Tanfield Moor to Clough Dene and Long Syke. 80 tons.
„ 13 „ Tanfield Moor to Lintz Lane. 50 tons.
„ 14 „ Tanfield Moor to Wester Lea Lane. 20 tons.
„ 15 „ Tanfield Lane to Tanfield and Kip Hill. 40 tons.
„ 16 „ Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village. 20 tons.
„ 17 „ Tanfield Lane to Barcus Close Lane. 60 tons.
„ 18 „ Marley Hill Colliery to Bob Gin and Beckley Lane. 30 tons.
„ 19—Carting Slag Screenings from Tanfield Lane to Tanfield Village and Kip Hill. 60 tons.
„ 20 „ Crook Bar Depot to Brian's Leap and Burnopfield Footpath. 30 tons.
„ 21—Carting Broken Slag from Crook Bar to Sandy Path. 20 tons.
„ 22 „ Crook Bar to Friarside Road. 20 tons.
„ 23—Carting Slag Screenings from Tanfield Lane to Middle Causey and Beamish Footpaths. 60 tons.
„ 24—Carting Ashes from the Hobson Colliery to Tanfield and Burnopfield Footpaths. 50 loads.
„ 25 „ Hobson Colliery to Long Syke Lane. 50 loads.
„ 26—Carting Slag Screenings, Crook Bar to Leazes and Lintz Green. 40 tons.
„ 27—Carting Limestone from Rowlands Gill to Derwent Bridge Road. 60 tons.
Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 27.

Tenders to be sent to the Surveyor's Office, on or before Tuesday, May 11th, 1889, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking."

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By order,
WM. DIXON, District Surveyor.
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April 24th, 1889. 207a

Public Notices.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 27th of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT, at 1·45 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange), for SUNDERLAND, returning at 8·15 p.m.
See Bills. 204a

NOTICE to the MEMBERS of the SHIELD ROW FRIENDLY BENEFIT SOCIETY OF WOMEN.—TUESDAY'S "BOX."—THE ANNUAL TEA of the above Society will be held on Tuesday, May 7th, 1889, at the house of Mr. HENRY HESLOP, Innkeeper, Shield Row.
197a WM. LITTLE, Secretary.

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Trade Notes.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE SLIDING SCALE.

Colliery Engineers and the Sliding Scale.—On Saturday evening a meeting of colliery engineers was held in the long room, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Flint Hill, for the purpose of discussing necessary changes of the sliding-scale and other matters. Mr R. Richardson occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance. Resolutions were adopted to the following effect:—That the representative of the association be requested to arrange for a new sliding scale; an advance of 6d per day in enginemen's wages upon the basis of the 1879 scale, which is 3s 9d to 3s 11d per shift; these enginemen who are now working twelve hours ask that ten hours constitute a shift; and that non-union men be induced to join the association.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

Medomsley Lodge.—The votes given by the members of the Medomsley lodge of the Durham Miners Association were counted in the Miners' Hall on Monday, with the following result:—For the scale to be amended, 33; for the scale to be abolished, 98; majority for abolition, 65.

Cornsay Lodge.—The Cornsay lodge have voted as follows in the ballot on the sliding scale:—1st, scale to be amended, 4; 2nd, scale to be abolished, 148; majority for abolition, 144.

Meeting at Winlaton.—On Saturday afternoon, an open-air mass meeting of miners employed at the collieries surrounding Winlaton was held in a field at that place for the purpose of discussing the wages question, the non-union question, and the sliding scale. Mr J Robson occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of miners. Representatives also attended from Addison, Stargate, Blaydon, Blaydon Burn, Rowland's Gill, and the Spen.—Mr Young, Rowland's Gill, moved a resolution calling for the abolition of the sliding scale and demanding an immediate advance of 20 per cent.—Mr Savage, Stargate, seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.—A resolution was also adopted urging all miners to join the Durham Miners Association.

MINERS' DEMONSTRATION AT TANTOBIE.

We should imagine that it is a rare occurence—probably never since the monstre demonstration of miners held at Tantobie 45 years ago this summer—has this straggling but progressive colliery village presented such a brisk and animated aspect as on the afternoon of Good Friday. On that day, the

OPEN AIR MASS-MEETING

of miners was held in a field in close proximity to the village, the ground having been placed at the disposal of the committee by the Tantobie Co-operative Society. The weather being very bright and favourable, there was an exceedingly large attendance, it being estimated that

BETWEEN 4,000 AND 5,000 PERSONS

were present, while some hundreds of people congregated in groups on the turnpike outside the field, and stood in various parts of the village. The pitmen were attired in their Sunday clothes—the day being regarded as a general holiday—many of them being accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, and obtaining a bird's eye view of crowd, the scene was

PLEASING IN THE EXTREME.

The only drawback was that either there were over many speakers, or the addresses were a little too long, for towards the end of the proceedings the men began to draw away from the platform, and indulge in more congenial pursuits—kiss-in-the-ring and other innocent games. While the speaking was progressing

A FIGHT OCCURRED,

and the sight of the puglistic encounter was too strong to be resisted by the bulk of those present, and there was a general stampede to the scene of the battle. The fight, however, only lasted a few moments. On the whole, the proceedings passed off as satisfactorily and peaceably as could be expected. The following

LODGES IN WEST DURHAM

were represented:—West Stanley, South Moor, East Tanfield, Shield Row, South Pontop, South Derwent, Willey (Annfield Plain), Marley Hill, East Pontop, Hobson, Tonfield Lea, Tanfield Moor, East Castle, East Stanley, Oxhill, Delight, Byer Moor, Andrew House, Victoria Garesfield, and Beamish Air Pit. A waggon was used for a platform, and Mr William Indian, checkweighman, West Stanley, occupied the chair, being supported by a number of delegates and leading workmen. The procession, which contained the banners of some of the lodges, was headed by the Beamish, South Derwent, and West Stanley Brass Bands.

THE ENERGETIC COMMITTEE

who promoted the demonstration were:—Messrs R. Morpeth, W. Shepherd, H. Bloomfield, J. Hall, W. Hardy, Wm. French, and Wm. Indian.

The **Chairman**, who was favourably received, in opening the proceedings strongly urged upon the audience the absolute necessity for better organisation and enumerated the beneficial measures which the country had derived through the instrumentality of their various associations. He made especial reference to the Employers' Liability Bill and the improved ventilation of their mines, and quoted statistics to show how the latter system had tended to minimise the loss of life in mines. (Applause).

Mr **Wm. Bulmer** (Tanfield Lea) proposed the first resolution, as follows:—

"That this meeting is of opinion that it is imperative and absolutely necessary that a more thorough and complete state of the organisation should be, by our own efforts, brought about in the country, so as to effectually resist all—both local and general—attempts to encroach on our rights and liberties, and secure for ourselves the best possible rate of wages." (Applause.) That large assemblage, he said, demonstrated that they had some interests at stake. Referring to the contemplated

RAILWAY THROUGH WEST DURHAM,

they still required it, and if the line was not laid as promised by the North-Eastern Railway Company, they would carry on the agitation till they obtained the necessary railway accomodation. (Applause.) Had the miners of Durham been properly united, that resolution would not have been requisite. They should combine together as one man, and then the employers would listen to their proposals. It was their imperative duty to strive to obtain the best wages they possibly could. Forty-five years ago next June there was a great demonstration in that very field, when the first resolution passed was identical to the one he had moved, (Cries of "shame.") It was moved by Mr Bird, and seconded by Mr Bulmer. In the past they

HAD TO DO SOME UPHILL WORK;

but they had struggled on, despite their state of disorganisation. Having alluded to the benefits accruing through better ventilation in mines, and stricter supervision by Government inspectors, the speaker stated that Mr Alex. McDonald once urged them on Durham racecourse to be united, as he had heard of miners in the county of Durham putting through pillars of gas, and dared not carry a light for fear of an explosion. Matters of this kind ought to spur them on to make their organisations more efficient and complete. (Applause.) The

PRESENT SLIDING SCALE WAS DOOMED.

(Applause.) Now that it was practically abolished, a substantial advance in wages would be sought. (Hear.) If not conceded by the masters, the question would be pushed to extremes. Mr Crawford, in his last monthly circular, referred to an abominable impost—the payment of a tax of 1s 1d upon every ton of coal sold in London. That amounted to £3,000,000 per annum—more than all the coal hewers in that county earned in a year. Why not put a tariff on potatoes, bread, or agricultural produce? The miners of the county must

RESIST WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT

the proposal of Sir Robert Fowler to prevent, in the House of Commons within the next few months, the abolition of this unjust tax. (Applause.)

Mr **T. Collinson** (Catchgate) seconded the proposition. He stated that having toiled hard in the mines for the past fifty years he had not earned a sufficient competency to enable him to lay something by to support him in old age. He considered it hard that men who had laboured all their life should have

NOTHING BETTER THAN THE WORKHOUSE

to look forward to when they were no longer able to follow their employment. He advocated the necessity for better wages, shorter hours, and easier work. (Applause.) He believed that compulsory education would bring about a change in this respect; but he was afraid the young men would, in course of time, refuse to run the lead tub. (Laughter.) He had an idea that they would hew coals for some years yet.

Mr **J. Johnson** (Andrew's House), a miners' representative, who supported the resolution, compared the existing condition of things with regard to coal mining to what it was when that

MEMORABLE DEMONSTRATION

was held on that historic ground 45 years ago, and referred to the struggle which the miners had undergone to break down the barriers which formerly existed when he was a boy. Their powerful organisation had accomplished a great deal, although it was incomplete. They still had miners who had not sufficient manliness to assist their organisations by becoming subscribers, but who received the benefits and advantages which the Durham Miners' Association had gained for them. Their organisation had raised their wages, notwithstanding that they were low. The

MINES BILL FOR 1872,

as well as the last Mines Act, were passed in consequence of the combination of workmen to have better conditions. If all methods were adopted, they could not prevent accidents occurring in coal mines; but they wished to take such precautions as would tend to minimise the dangers to which the pitmen were constantly subjected, and render their working conditions harmless to the utmost degree. These conditions had benefited the boys very considerably. In looking over the ages of men who had applied for relief from the Permanent Relief Fund, he had been surprised to see that some of them had been sent down the pit when they were

FIVE OR SIX YEARS OLD,

and had to work twelve, and sometimes sixteen hours per day. ("Shame.") Yet there were people who taunted the miners with ignorance and crudeness. They possessed the quantity and quality of brains to compete with any other classes in the country, providing they had equal opportunities with those classes. (Hear.) He hoped they would never rest content till they secured such privileges. (Applause.) If so, he would charge himself and his fellow-miners with the failure. They must lift themselves from the present condition of serfdom. The condition of their checkweighmen was a point which would have to be settled in the near future. A large proportion of colliery managers were seeking to

STULTIFY THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

of the workmen by contending that he was not one of their *employes*. The position of checkweighman as the representative of the miners was equivalent to the position of the manager as the representative of the owner of the colliery. (Applause.) He ought, therefore, to be granted the same privileges to represent his case to the employers as the manager. (Applause.) There was nothing in the Employers' Liability Bill to prevent checkweighmen meeting the owners. There was

ANOTHER INSIDIOUS PRACTICE

in progress for lengthening the hours of labour by engaging a number of putter-hewers, working in some cases nine and ten hours per day. Men were now turned from their work, and told that they could re-start as putter-hewers. There was one colliery in the county employing 46 of those putter-hewers, thereby increasing the hours. The association must endeavour to put a stop to this. In conclusion, he counselled the men to take a greater interest in the affairs of the association by attending the lodge meetings, and not content themselves by paying 7d per fortnight.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The **Chairman** explained that the basis of the present scale was arrived at by taking old men into the average. After that, the

OLD MEN WERE WEEDED OUT,

between 2,000 and 3,000 being thus treated, simply because they could not earn the county average. ("Shame.") The managers then reduced the wages of young men who were enabled to make more than the county average, and now they could barely earn the average for the county.

Mr **W. Shepherd** (East Stanley) proposed:—

"That, believing in the principle of a sliding scale we call upon all our members to vote for the termination of the present scale, so that our agents and committee may draw up a basis for a future scale, that shall be submitted to the county, and be accepted as satisfactory; after which they shall meet the owners prepared to adopt the same, and, failing to do so, they must ask for a substantial advance of 20 per cent.;

He said that he was in favour of a sliding scale which worked both ways. The present scale, however, was

A ONESIDED ONE.

He traced the history of the current scale, which was established in 1879, when the masters found that it was not working to their advantage. Accordingly they gave notice for a reduction of 20 per cent. Now that trade was prosperous he considered the men had as much grounds for demanding an advance of 20 per cent. (Applause.) There were some good things in the current scale, and it was far better to be dependent upon a sound and fair sliding scale than leave such questions in the hands of

SUCH MEN AS BRADSHAW,

who gave them 8¾ per cent. That was all they could expect from an arbitrator who was interested in collieries. When he went into the pit forty years ago, he was highly favoured because he was not sent into the pit till he was eight years old (voice: "So was I.") Some lads used to be sent down the pit when they were

SIX AND SEVEN YEARS OLD.

Men wrought 8, 9, and 10 hours at a stretch. ("Shame.") However, their association had brought about a different state of affairs. (Applause.) Men still worked as if it was a matter of life and death; they even made a boast if they got the leading shift of their neighbour (laughter and cries of "Stick to the point.") That was done daily throughout the county. (Voice, "That wants looking into.") Let their agents and committee-men lay the foundation for

A FUTURE SLIDING SCALE.

(Voice, "We will arrange the sliding scale ourselves; we'll not trust the agents again.") Men were not infallable, and were apt to make a mistake. Even some of the hewers made gross mistakes regarding their shifts. (Voice: "I am not refering to the shifts; I am alluding to the voting papers.") If they failed in getting this scale adjusted, then they must advocate

AN ADVANCE OF 20 OR 25 PER CENT.

(Loud applause.)

The motion was seconded by Mr **Joseph Hall** (West Shield Row), who made a comparison of the wages received by the miners of Durham county with the money earned by the men in colliery districts in other parts of England, Wales, and Scotland. He asserted that they were working for 10 per cent less than the Cumberland men, and 13 per cent less than the miners of Northumberland. He submitted that they were justly

ENTITLED TO BETTER WAGES,

and urged the necessity for an improved sliding-scale. (Applause).

Mr **W. H. Patterson** (miner's agent, Durham), in supporting the resolution, said he thought that the matter in hand required quiet deliberation. They had

APPOACHED A CRISIS,

and it would take them to stand man to man and pull all one way in order to accomplish the object they had in view. "Speechifying" could not bring the desired thing about. (Hear). He then proceeded to give the wages of the miners in some of the neighbouring counties. In Cleveland, where the sliding-scale still operates, during the good time their wages advanced to about 7s per day, at the highest point, and with the improved scale that they have in operation at the present time their

WAGES HAVE RISEN TO 9s PER DAY,

being an increase of 2s per day. In Cumberland the maxium reached was 8s, and now, with the present scale, they are able to make 10s per day on an average which was also an increase of 2s. He then referred to their own circumstances, and stated that the highest average wage they had was 7s 6d. Now, under the present scale that they were working under, if the coal would rise to the same point they would earn 9s per day, or 1s 6d more than at present. Those were

FACTS AND FIGURES

which nobody could deny. The speaker then assured the huge audience before him that the Miners' Association and the agents and committees had long been aware of the fact that a great improvement in the sliding basis of the present scale was extremely desirable, and that they had not only thought about the matter, but had been working as energetically as they could in furtherance of that object. They had not been standing still, but all the while they had been keeping their eyes wide open to the interests of the Durham miners. (Applause). If the scale was abolished, they would have

RESORT TO ARBITRATION AND NEGOCIATION

in dealing with wages claims, and the speaker pointed out how both these plans would cause a great deal of delay, inasmuch as statistics and figures would have to be compiled.

ALLEGED DUPLICITY:

There was an impression that the accountants at Newcastle kept two sets of books, and that there were two sets of paybills—one went to the bank and the other to the accountants. He had investigated these matters, and he flatly repudiated both allegations. (Voice: "Pull him down.") If the agents at Durham knew that they had not the men behind them to

SUPPORT THEIR DEMANDS,

they would never take the slightest heed of them. He trusted therefore that the miners would pass resolutions and forward them to Durham, and then their representatives would know precisely what they desired.

At the latter part of his speech, he was frequently interrupted, and two or three men at the back of the platform challenged the speaker's remarks. Then a long discussion ensued between those on the platform and the interrupters. For some time the

NOISY ALTERCATION

continued, until at last order was restored, and Mr Patterson more clearly expounded the points at issue. He strongly advocated that a sliding-scale should continue in vogue, and then one of the audience, Mr **John Tucker** (Victoria Garesfied) objected to the terms of the resolution. He then mounted the platform, and, amidst vociferous applause and cries of

"ABOLISH THE SCALE!"

he moved as an amendment:—

"That we who are assembled here to-day, not believing in the sliding-scale as at present constituted, do entirely vote against it, in whatever form it is upheld, and that we do not negotiate for a scale in the future until further notice."

—(Prolonged cheering).

Mr **Benjamin Clark** seconded the amendment.

At this juncture, voices were heard declaring

"WE WILL NOT TRUST THE AGENTS

to draw up another sliding-scale." "They are hypocrites." "We'll have the scale abolished altogether." "They're no use the people at Durham." "It's perfectly ridiculous that they've bothered us with the ballot papers." "All the b——'s want shifting." In the midst of the disturbance, the **Chairman** assured his auditors that no one was more in favour of the abolition of the existing scale than he was. (Voice: "And all on the platform.") They, however, believed in the principles of the scale, and wished to have an amended one upon a better basis than the present scale. The resolution and amendment were practically similar.

A **Voice**: We object to the latter part of the resolution.

Mr **Johnson**: Will you keep quiet? (Interruption).

Voices: We have as much right to speak as what you have. (Applause).

Mr **Johnson**: Then wait till we've done, and then you can take possession of the platform. (Voices: "Pull the b——'s off.")

Mr **Johnson**, while condemning the present scale, counselled the men that it would be far better to strive to have it amended, than to

RESORT TO A STRIKE OR LOCK-OUT.

He knew one person who advocated a strike, and said that he had 2s in his pocket. (Interruption, and a Voice: "I object to the second resolution, because it's not the same as that given in the newspapers this morning.")

The **Chairman**: No, we've changed it.

The amendment was put to the meeting and received with applause, a large number of hands being held up in its favour. The motion proposed by Mr Shepherd, however, was carried likewise by a large majority.

The third and last resolution was proposed by Mr **Thomas Wenlo** (Friarside), seconded by Mr **J. Cooper** (Byer Moor), and supported by Mr **John Orr** (President of the Durham Colliery Mechanics Association), Annfield Plain. The resolution was as follows:—

"That this meeting requests that house rent be paid to men living in rented houses equal to men living in colliery houses, seeing that it is understood that all workmen have free house and coal."

In supporting the resolution, Mr Orr said there was no doubt that the

HOUSE RENT QUESTION

was a very grievous one, and one which had occupied the minds of the Durham colliers for some time. It was a question which a large number of men were conversant with, and an evil that a great number were unfortunately labouring under. (Hear). He deemed the practice of making young men and other workmen pay house rent an injustice. He admitted that in many instances force of circumstances compelled men to accept employment under the masters' terms. They had these evils right before their very eyes, but instead of looking at the cause from which they sprang it was customary to brood over the things themselves. He implored them to look about for the remedy which existed in proper organisation. The time had now come when the blow should be struck, and he hoped they would not let the opportunity slip by unheeded. (Applause).

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and speakers concluded the meeting, and the large concourse dispersed about five o'clock.

By permission of the Justices, the house of Mrs Elliott, Commercial Hotel, was kept open the whole of the afternoon, and although the premises were literally beseiged, good order was maintained. The speakers, committee-men, and reporters also adjourned to the hostelry, and partook of a substantial cold collation.

Cricket.

Ushaw Moor v Brandon.—Played at Brandon, and resulted in a win for the visitors by seven runs. Score:—Ushaw Moor, 55; Brandon, 48.

Usworth Village True Blues v Usworth Colliery Lilywhites.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in in a win for the visitors by 22 runs. Score:—Lilywhites, 63; True Blues, 41.

James Coxon & Co. v Riding Mill.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—Riding Mill, 26; Coxon & Co., 43.

West Stanley v Shield Row.—Played at Shield Row and resulted in a win for the visitors. J Hutchinson played well for the visitors, and Wm Knotts did good service for the home team. Score:—Shield Row, 49; West Stanley, 71.

South Moor v Newfield.—This match, 12 a-side, was played on Easter Monday on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 28 runs. For the victors J Robinson batted splendidly for 31 and R Young also reached double figures. For the losers R Smith and G Barras each scored 10. Score:—Newfield, 55; South Moor, 83.

Haydon Bridge v Blaydon.—The opening match was played at Haydon Bridge on Easter Monday. The bowling of Cummings and Potts for Haydon Bridge was very good, the former taking 6 wickets for 3 runs and the latter 4 for 10 runs; whilst Messrs Potts, Philipson, and Scott batted well; the first-named carried out his bat for a well-played 42. Score:—Blaydon, 15; Haydon Bridge, 119.

Hamsteels Club.—A meeting was held at the house of Mr R. Wall, Hamsteels Inn, to carry the club on; and the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr J T Todd; vice-presidents, Mr Parkin, Dr Kirkland, Mr J B Johnson, Dr Mackey, Rev Harris, Mr Wall, Rev Hodge, Mr Cockerell, Rev Nules, Rev Dent, Rev Wesley, Mr James Todd, and Mr R S Johnson; captain, Mr J Johnson; vice-captain, G Richardson; honorary secretary, George Wall; committee, G Gilmour, T Buttery, R Barkes, and J Lyons. The secretary of the above club would like to arrange matches with any local club.

SOUTH MOOR v WEST STANLEY.

Played at South Moor on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.		WEST STANLEY.	
M Baker b Benfold	0	R Gibson b Robinson	10
R Young c Hunter b Harkness	6	J Curry run out	13
W Greathead lbw b Benfold	0	R Knox c Young b Robinson	0
C Gillies b Harkness	1	R Sanderson c Ritchie b Robinson	0
W Brass b Harkness	0	W Dodds c Young b Robinson	0
M Dial b Benfold	2	J Hunter not out	7
J Dixon b Harkness	0	J Benfold b Brass	6
J Robinson b Harkness	1	J Mordue	To bat.
T Wilkinson not out	3	I Harkness	
G Mason b Harkness	0	J Weatherill	
J Ritchie b Harkness	0	J Siddle	
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	14	Total	38

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Chapter XII.—The Accusation.

George Wave rose the next morning feverish and irritable. The re-action had come and he felt dull and depressed. All thought of business bored him, and he had many things to do that day, and none of them of a pleasant nature. Though his horse had won he had not yet received his money, and he experienced a fidgetty uneasiness as to the stability of the bookmaker. He saw the world through bilious spectacles, and he could not shake off that unsatisfied nervous feeling which so often follows what he would have called a "lively night."

His breakfast was left untouched, and he made his way to the office with reluctant steps. Harry's cheery "Good morning" was rewarded with a scowl, and George settled down to such affairs as demanded his attention, feeling that all exertion was irksome.

"I see," observed Mr Dunlop, "that a large reward is offered for news of Mr Basil Thorncliffe. I suppose Mr Law is the responsible party?"

"It's my opinion," said George, "that the man will turn up all right. I don't see how anything could have happened to him. That fellow Law is as nervous and as fanciful as a woman. If you have a few minutes to spare, Mr Dunlop, I should like to speak to you."

"Now, my dear George, if you like, before I go to the bank."

Once inside the principal's room, George yawned slightly and stretched himself.

"I don't know what's the matter with me to-day," he explained, "I feel beastly tired."

"Anxiety," said Mr Dunlop. "There is nothing worse—especially the money anxiety I did not close my eyes all night. You look ill."

"No, it was not anxiety. Indeed, I have good news for you. I am glad to say that I believe I can relieve you of your embarrasments."

"I shall be exceedingly grateful if you can," cried the merchant gladly. "It will indeed be a surprise."

"Yes," said George, nonchalantly, "in a few days I shall be in a position to put three thousand pounds into the concern, and that should enable us to pull through and enjoy the days of prosperity which are undoubtedly in store for us if we can weather the storm now."

"Yes, yes, we have indeed a big future before us if we are spared just now. How did you raise the money, my dear George?"

"A little investment. A 40 to 1 chance."

"Betting!" sighed the merchant. "I would you had obtained it in any other way. But I must only be thankful, and not particular. You have indeed taken a load off my mind. It has happened just at the last moment. Next week would have been too late. Ah! George, I always had high hopes of you, but I never looked to you to save us."

"I could not do it any other way. And upon my word I don't see much difference between the race course and the Stock Exchange."

"Under the circumstances," said Dunlop, with a smile, "I am not inclined to discuss that subject. What arrangements do you propose I should make in return for this accommodation."

"It would be but fair," George replied, "that there should be some change in our deed of partnership."

"Most certainly. What do you suggest."

Mr Wave paused before replying. Perhaps he was calculating how far he could go in his demands; possibly he felt a little shame at demanding the price he had fixed on for the service he was to render his friend and former master.

"I think," he said at last, "that, in consideration of rescuing you from bankruptcy and putting this money into the business, that we should change positions—I become the senior partner, you the junior. I take two-thirds of the profits and you one-third.

The merchant gazed at him in painful amazement.

"Are you serious?"

"Perfectly."

"Your terms border on the insulting. I was prepared myself to suggest that we should have equal shares in the business—a concern which I have made and built up myself."

"I don't see where the insult comes in," said George angrily. "I thought I was doing you a service. It does not matter who built the business up. It's in a state of bankruptcy now, and is worth nothing."

"You know quite well what it will be if we only have time."

"The future is jealous of its secrets; no one can say what may happen. But, as you treat my offer with such contempt, I must enjoy my money in my own way, and in some place where creditors will cease to worry and the debtor be at rest."

Mr Dunlop looked at him intently. Then his lip curled contemptuously.

"And this," he said bitterly, "is the George Wave I have liked, trusted, and helped."

"And he returns your favours by wishing to help you in the most critical moment of your life. You are a sensitive man on many points, Mr Dunlop, and I don't think you will feel very happy when you see your name in the Black List. I wanted to save you from that indignity. But there's no harm done. You decline to accept of aid, and there's an end of the matter."

"There is not an end of it," said the merchant. "I must save my credit at almost any risk. But I was astonished and pained to see how eager you were to take the fullest advantage of my helplessness. I expected more consideration at your hands."

"It is simply and wholly a matter of business my dear sir."

"There is something better than business in this world."

"Doubtless, when another man has the pull over you, but not when you have the advantage of him. But look on the matter in a sensible light. I am only asking what any commercial man would ask. You want money, and I have it. I have named my terms. You can accept or refuse; there's no harm done. It's the way of the world."

"The way of the world! a phrase which covers ingratitude, hypocrisy, and a thousand of evil and deceitful tricks. Ay, the way of the world."

"It seems also to be the way of the world," sneered George, "to turn your back on those who wish to aid you. But I bear you no ill-will for all your hard words. Anxiety has made you irritable. Seriously, what do you say to my proposal?"

The merchant was for some time sorely perplexed and troubled. His face, too, bore an expression of deep pain. George sat there toying with his watch chain and inwardly cursing the delay. He did not care to meet Mr Dunlop's eye. Unscrupulous as he was, he felt some little shame in taking so great an advantage of his strength. Very few men are so callous as not to experience a sensation of this kind sometimes.

"Well, George," said Mr Dunlop at last, "you have calculated my necessities well. I would do almost anything that was not dishonourable to save my firm. Galling as your terms are, I accept them But I must be frank with you. You yourself have destroyed the George Wave I thought I knew. I fear I can never have the same high opinion of the new George Wave I had of the old one."

"Nonsense! We will be greater friends than ever. In a few days you will see the matter in quite a new light. I am not so selfish as you imagine. I yet hope to see us much more closely united. Though I take this serious position, it may one day turn out to be for the benefit of one very dear to you and whom I love."

George put a little feeling into the last few words, and the merchant regarded him with a kindlier expression.

"I may have wronged you, after all," he murmured. "It shall be as you say. The necessary deeds shall be prepared at once. I trust all is for the best."

"Of course it is. This little arrangement can never make any difference between us. Under these altered circumstances we can discount these two bills."

"I was going to see the Bank about them."

"There will be no occasion to make any special arrangements now. We will discount them in the usual way. If you will give them to me I will take them along."

Mr Dunlop unlocked his cashbox, lifted up the tray, and gave his partner two slips of paper.

"Good heavens!" cried George, starting from his seat, and reading one of them. "Do you know what you have here? A draft in favour of Basil Thorncliffe for five thousand pounds, drawn on our friends Watson and Cust. And Basil Thorncliffe was last seen alive in your company."

He stood there a picture of the liveliest horror and amazement.

"You are mad!" cried Dunlop. "It is impossible. I never saw such a draft in my life."

"See," said George, trembling with agitation, "there can be no mistake about it. Read for yourself, and there—there in that corner is the impression of a bloodstained thumb. No wonder you did not dare to negotiate this draft. You would have been discovered at once."

Mr Dunlop was gazing at the draft helplessly.

"What do you mean?" he demanded.

"What can I mean—what can I think—when I find the money of the missing man in your cash-box?"

"But I never put it there. I never saw it before. How, in the name of heaven, could it have got there? Let me think"—he sank into his chair. "No, the keys have not been out of my possession; not once, that I can remember."

"No one could have put it there but yourself," said George. "You are always very careful of your keys."

"It is like witchcraft," murmured Dunlop. "We must communicate with the police at once. This may give them a clue as to the fate or whereabouts of Basil."

"What!" thundered George. "The police! Are you mad?"

"Why not the police?" asked Mr Dunlop, who was too much amazed to see anything clearly.

"The police!" again cried George. "You surely don't want to give yourself up?"

The merchant looked up startled, aghast with indignation. "You don't mean to suggest that I stole this note from Basil Thorncliffe?" He was looking straight into Mr Wave's eyes, and quivering with anger.

"What can I think?" the other answered sternly. "The man is missing, and you have the money. If he had given it to you," George continued, emphasising every word, "to keep in safety for him, you would not have said just now that you had never seen it before."

"You villain!" For a moment it seemed as though he would have struck George, whose face was dead white, and his eyes unnaturally brilliant.

"Calm yourself. I am your friend. Again I wish to save you. Put yourself in my place. Suppose I had been the last man seen in Basil Thorncliffe's company, and you found his wealth in my possession, what would you think?"

The merchant again dropped into his chair.

"I must be dreaming," he said; "this cannot be real. How could that blood-stained draft get into my cash-box. In the long run, it will be best for me to place the matter in the hands of the police. I have nothing to fear. I have done no wrong. I would not injure a hair of Basil's head."

"You must not talk of the police," said George energetically, "for all our sakes, and especially for your daughter's. Look the matter straight in the face; the police will see it in a common-sense point of view. If you confess to having the man's money in your possession, and he has met with foul play, you will be arrested at once. No one will believe that it had got into your cash-box in any miraculous way. People will say that you went for his money under the impression that it was in notes or in a form readily negotiable; but when you found it was a draft you did not dare use it, became conscience stricken, and in giving the drafts up made a sort of half confession. If Basil Thorncliffe has been murdered, that draft, taken with the fact that he was last seen with you, would be sufficient to hang you."

"Hang me! Good Heavens, that could not happen!"

"Men have been hanged on less evidence. But to be merely charged with such a crime would mean ruin to you, and would break your daughter's heart."

"But surely you, who know me so well, do not imagine for an instant——"

"I confess it comes on me as a surprise—as a grievous one, but what am I to think? You offer no explanation at all. It was purely by an accident that I discovered you had that thing in your possession. Ask yourself what conclusion I can come to."

"On my soul, I never took that from Basil Thorncliffe," declared Mr Dunlop with deep earnestness.

George shrugged his shoulders.

"I must believe you," he said. "At any rate, I will not denounce you," he added, in a tone that maddened the elder man.

"Is there nothing I can do," he cried, "to prove my innocence?"

"Nothing," said George, "unless Thorncliffe appears on the scene and clears you, or you can give some feasible explanation of the possession of that draft."

The more the merchant thought, the more clearly did he see the peril he was in. He also grew more bewildered. It was impossible for him to account for the appearance of that slip of paper there.

"What shall I do?" he asked helplessly.

"In the first place," said George, "you must retain your draft. If you are innocent you will be glad to be able to return it to Basil Thorncliffe should he be found. If it is proved that he is dead you had better destroy it. No one would dare to use it—though it does seem a pity that so much money should slip out of one's hands. Put it in one of your secret drawers and wait the turn of events. In the meantime say nothing of this to a soul. I'll go to the bank now."

He left his partner racked with anxiety and doubt.

"Phew!" George cried, when in the street, "it has been a tough morning's work but luckily things have turned as I expected. What a funk the old man's in to be sure!"

Chapter XIII.—At The Pool.

Mr Dunlop sat in his room buried in thoughts of the most trying and anxious kind. The bill which had come so strangely into his possession lay on the table before him. Again and again his eyes perused it, and his wonder and his trouble increased. He could not remember leaving his cash-box unlocked, or his keys where anyone could get them. But had he succeeded in calling to mind any such example of carelessness the mystery would still remain great. Who would place the thing there, and for what purpose? The bloodstains on it, coupled with the disappearance of Basil Thorncliffe, gave it an ominous appearance. He searched his mind again and again for some clue to this inscrutable enigma. And as he thought and thought a feeling of dread grew within him. He recognised clearly now the danger he was in, and the wisdom of the advice George had given him. So long as he could not account for the possession of the thing it would be madness to acknowledge that he had it. Everyone would put the worst construction on the fact. Then came another disquieting reflection. If anyone had placed that document there, he must have a most unscrupulous enemy about him, and one who would not hesitate to do him the most dreadful injury. Who was the man? Certainly not Harry, who held and deserved his unbounded confidence. Nor could it well be George, who, though he had just proved exacting, was still his friend. Then it occurred to him that they were both at his house when Basil Thorncliffe arrived, and that he did not see either of them before they left. But what of it? Harry was incapable of committing an outrage—and George? It was inconceivable to Dunlop that he should do any violence to an utter stranger. George had been ready enough to believe him guilty, yet he could not bring himself to harbour suspicion against his partner. But if he could bring himself to believe, even for a minute, the impossible, that George had done this thing, then he had a double need for exercising extreme caution, and for feeling increased fear. The man who would lay such a devilish trap to entangle an innocent man in such a terrible charge was dangerous, and not likely to stop at anything to gain his ends.

The more he pondered over and studied the whole affair, the more hopelessly confused did he become. No solution seemed possible—no sign of light in the great darkness.

Once, as he sat there looking at that draft, the idea occurred that it would be safer to burn it; but he put the notion aside at once—that would be the action of a guilty man. Besides, what right had he to destroy his friend's property?

One saying of George's came to him again and again. He had hinted that Basil had been murdered for the sake of his money, and that the murderer, finding it in the form of a draft, had been frightened to use it. How had he formed this theory so quickly, and why did it come so trippingly from the tongue? To these questions he could find no satisfactory answer. "The truth will be known some day," was all he could console himself with and fall back upon.

"Can you see Mr Law for a few minutes?" asked Harry, entering and interrupting his perturbed reflections.

"Yes," he said, dreamily. He rose to receive his tall, slim visitor, and offered him a chair, which he discovered a moment later, and to his horror, was close to where lay that fatal draft. If Mr Law cast his eyes on that desk they were sure to catch sight of it.

It was impossible for him to snatch it up without exciting comment. Later he might find some excuse for covering it up or removing it. In the meantime he was in an agony of fear. Had he been the actual criminal his terrors could not have been greater.

"Good morning, my dear sir," said Mr Law, giving his shining pate a vigorous rub. "You don't look well."

"I have had a good deal of anxiety, lately."

"Good. Nothing like it. I hold that anxiety does for the mind what exercise does for the body. Unpopular theory you say? Good. Popular theories are all frauds. Popular theory makes all lawyers rascals Good. As a matter of fact, and taking us all round, we are the most upright body of men in the world."

Mr Law looked blandly round the room, and the merchant sat in a state of the greatest possible agony. At any moment Mr Law might see that dreadful piece of paper and denounce him.

"Well, sir," the lawyer continued; "notwithstanding all our efforts, we have yet no news of Basil Thorncliffe. Or—I should say, bad. Very bad."

"It is most singular that he cannot be traced. Even if violence has been done him, we ought to be able to find his body."

"Exactly. Now, Mr Dunlop, I want you to show me the exact spot where you parted from him on that night."

"I can scarcely promise to show you the exact spot; but I can give you a pretty fair idea. Within two or three yards or so."

"Good. If you can manage to accompany me I shall be obliged. I have arranged to have that pool of water dragged to-day, and probably it will interest you to be present."

"It is not easy to leave business to-day, but in a case of this kind one must submit to some inconvenience. Pardon me," he said, covering the bill with his hand and taking it away. "I must send the clerk to the bank with this," and he hurried to the outer office, a deep sigh of relief escaping him. A moment later, and it seemed to him he would have been too late. He gave some general directions to his clerk and thrust the bill into his pocket.

He returned comparatively light hearted.

"When do you think of starting?" he asked.

"The sooner the better," said Mr Law, "but I will, of course, study your convenience."

"I can go as well now as any time."

"Good. I can give instructions to the men who are to drag the place on our way."

At this moment George returned.

"Ah, Mr Wave, you at least are looking well," said the lawyer. "Are we to have the pleasure of your company, though our mission is a damp and unpleasant one?"

George had lost the scowl he wore in the morning, and just now appeared to be on excellent terms with himself.

"Mr Law proposes to drag that pool not far from my house," Mr Dunlop explained. "He thinks that if violence has been done to our friend that may have been the scene of the encounter. It is worth trying at any rate. Can you join us?"

"I don't see that I can do any good there," said George.

"Who can tell?" answered the lawyer. "In a case of this kind a haphazard suggestion is sometimes of the greatest use."

George reflected for a minute.

"Yes," he said at last, "I will go; but I must follow you and meet you there. I have yet some calls to make in the town."

"Good."

George again hurried out, this time to a Pilgrim street billiard room, where he found O'Neill waiting for him.

"You're punctual," said the young gentleman, puffing vigorously at a heavy brier-root pipe. "I know what your day appointments are—you're generally an hour late; that's a moral."

"You'll be ready to start to-night, I suppose?"

"Ready now, dear boy, if I have the money."

"I have brought it. You had better take the afternoon train."

"Why not the evening?"

"Because it gives you longer in town, and longer in town with money in your pocket is dangerous."

"If that speech came from any one but you I'd throw this job up, hang me if I wouldn't! When I say I'll do a thing for a friend you can rely on me—that's a moral."

"All right; don't get touchy. Here you are. Try and square her some how or other. She must not come here on any account."

"I'll do my best. Where are you going to? Back to the office, I suppose?"

"No. I've a most charming afternoon before me. I've to stand at the edge of a slimy pool and watch men drag for a decomposed corpse."

"Oh, that Thorncliffe affair. But why decomposed?" O'Neill asked quickly.

"Because if it is there it must be decomposed. Of course I do not know whether it is there or not. It's a confounded nuisance. You'll write directly you have squared matters?"

"Oh, yes."

They separated, and O'Neill communed with himself.

"It won't be so easy to square that young lady as you suppose, my dear boy," was his thought. "I wonder," he went on, "if George really did get this money by backing Maximillian."

Then he softly whistled one of the Gaiety's most favourite airs.

"It's a frightful bore this," thought George. "But I suppose I'd better face it out. If it was not for that old meddlesome idiot, Law, there would not be all this fuss made. I shall be glad when the afternoon is over. I'd give a fiver if I could persuade myself that it was not necessary for me to go."

He walked thoughtfully on a little, then stopped abruptly.

"I'll drive over. It will brace me up."

He picked out a lively animal at Messrs King and Gillespie's, and was soon spinning along the road in splendid style. "I shall be before them," was his reflection. "Drive on to Shotley Bridge," to the driver, and it was not long before he was amid the beauties of this lovely spot.

George, though not wooed by the scenery, was loth to leave the place. He could have driven on with satisfaction. But to turn back—back to that pool—was something more than distasteful to him.

It had to be done, however. Dismissing his trap on the road, he walked up by a well-worn path. He found the draggers busy at work. Mr Law and Mr Dunlop had arrived. To his surprise Lydia Wyld was also there, accompanied by a grave impressive looking gentleman, whom he afterwards heard was Dr Dread.

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Sporting Items.

The Braes of Derwent Foxhounds met on Wednesday at Blaydon Burn, and after a splendid run, killed a fox on the Sherburn Tower estate.

Wrestling at Prudhoe.—Another competition for a silver cup (for heavy weights), given by Mr H. Tulip, was brought off at the Halfway House, as follows:—Final—G. Little, Cleator Moor, threw F. Cameron, Prudhoe, twice and won.

Pigeon Flying at The Spen.—On Saturday, a pigeon flying contest was brought off from Greenside to the Spen. Result:—Final heat—1, Clark's bird 1; J. Best's bird 2; J. Bell's bird 3. Luke Dickinson officiated as starter, and James Cutter referee.

Pigeon Shooting Match at Annfield Plain.—On Saturday, a match between J. Forster, Annfield Plain, and W. James, Langley Park, was shot off in a field kindly lent by Mr Grumbey, at Annfield Plain, with 11 birds each for £10 a-side. Forster won when they had shot nine birds each, killing five to his opponents two. Mr Hunter, Three Tuns Inn, Witton Gilbert, was referee.

Quoit Handicap at Quebec.—The handicap of 10 yards on the sward, 4lb quoits, 2in pins, promoted by Messrs Granville and Anderson, was resumed and concluded on Monday afternoon, at the ground adjoining Hamsteels Colliery Hotel, in the presence of a number of spectators. Result:—Final—Grayson beat Hunter Hull and won, Bell received third money. Mr Granville was handicapper, and Mr Anderson referee.

Derwent Valley, Recreation Grounds.—One of the most uninteresting events from a speculative point of view was the £10 120 yards foot handicap run on Good Friday and Saturday, which was promoted by Mr H. Greener, Hamilton Row. Final:—F. Blair, Crook, 23 yards, 1; T. Whitham, Crook, 23, 2; J. Winter, Crook, 22, 3; G. Winter, Crook, 20, 4. Won by a yard; half-a-yard between second and third, fourth following a foot behind. Mr G. White was pistol firer, and Mr H. Greener referee. This handicap proved quite a success, there being about 500 spectators present to witness the trial heats. It is intended to hold a monthly handicap in future.

Dipton Running Grounds.—The opening heats of the great £20 Eastertide 125 yards foot handicap, which was promoted by Mr Wm. Young, of the Red Lion Inn, Dipton, was decided at the Dipton Running and Recreation Grounds on Saturday afternoon under the most favourable surroundings. The weather was bright and warm, and the attendance of spectators was very large, more than 600 persons being admitted to the enclosure. The final heats were decided on Easter Monday. The track was in the pink of condition, and the running was a trifle fast, although a slight breeze faced the runners. Aitman ran with admirable judgment, and won soon on, and properly took all watch-holders in, as the public thought he was all out. He won cleverly by a yard. After an interval of over an hour and a quarter, the men toed the mark for the final heat. Hanson was a strong favourite at 6 to 4 on. Aitman who still had his admirers, stood to him and took 5 to 4. Douglass's supporters took 4 to 1; Applegarth standing at 20 to 1. The final heats resulted as follows:—Aitman, Blaydon, £15, 1; Hanson, Leadgate, £3, 2; Douglass, Blackhill, 30s, 3; Applegarth, Leadgate, 10s, 4. The men were despatched to a grand start. Aitman running strong, won by three-quarters-of-a yard; a foot dividing second and third, the fourth being close up. Mr Snowden, Tantobie, officiated as judge and handicapper, while Mr W. Carter, Dipton, was starter.—Between the second ties and the final heat, a match was run off between Allan Elsdon and D. Ingliss, both of Consett, for £10. Elsdon led the way, and won by two or three yards. Betting ruled at 2 to 1 on the winner.

Billiard Handicap at Dipton.—A billiard handicap, of 200 points up, has just concluded at the house of Mr Wm. Elliott, Sportsman's Arms, for a meerschaum pipe, valued at £1 1s. There were 26 competitors, the winner being James Teasdale, of Dipton.—A £6 10s billiard handicap will shortly be commenced, nearly 100 entries having been received for it.

Billiard Match at Blackhill.—A billiard match, 250 points up, for £10, between John Young and John Jack, both of Blackhill, was played in the Royal Hotel, Blackhill. Great interest was taken in the game, which a large number of spectators assembled to witness. Eventually Young won by 99, the final scores being:—Young, 250; Jack, 151.

SPORTS AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

The subscription sports promoted by Mr J. Tucker were held on Easter Monday. There was a good attendance. The following events were gone through, and each competitor received a prize. Mr John Charlton's quadrille band was in attendance. Details:—

Girls' Race (60 yards).—Bella Scandell, Annie Hunter, Amelia Gibson, Eda Nixon, Polly Weedy, Annie Gair, L. A. Wainwright, A. Clasper, M. J. Clasper, J. Blythe, Mary Fairbairn, J. Stafford, Susie Scandell, H. Boldon, M. Armstrong, M. Nixon, Ethel Gibson, Bella Hodgson, M. Farrage, E. Stobbs, Eda Welsh, Jane Dawson, P. Kidd, S. E. Welsh, Polly Johnson, Kate Brown. Susie Scandell, lady's work-box, 1; Ethel Gibson, lady's work-box, 2. 26 competitors. Starter, Mr R. Hood; Judge, Mr C. Ford.

Boys' Race (70 yards).—George White, Wm. Rutherford, W. Howie, R. Brown, W. Rust, W. Little, W. Dunn, W. Hunter, W. Nicholson, R. Ridley, J. Brown, Edward Cranston, George Nixon, H. Howie, John Newton, B. Teasdale, J. Barker, A. Laws, Joseph Walton, M. Scandell, G. Nevins, Wm Dawson, R. Gardner, T. Minks, J. Carlton, J. Nixon, G. Urwin, M. Campbell, Sam Dawson, Thomas Tilley, John Laws, M. Knotts, J. W. Johnson, George Cooke, George E. Knotts, J. Nicholson, Joseph Barker, W. McNelton, Jas. Fairbairn, Robert Bulmer, G. W. Cranston, Geo. Ratten, Thomas Leybourne, C. Clasper. Thomas Leybourne, lad's bells and reins, 1; Ed. Cranston, battle axe, 2; M. Scandell, large ball, 3; R. Bulmer, pocket-knife, 4. 44 competitors. Starter, Mr R. Hood; judge, Mr J. T. Gibson.

Skipping for Girls (most turns in one minute).—1st, Edith Stobbs, work-box, 147; 2nd, Ethel Gibson, work-box, 144; 3rd, Mary Armstrong, large girl's ball. 32 competitors. Mr Tucker was judge.

Working Boys' Race (80 yards).—1st, R. Teasdale; 2nd, B. Campbell; 3rd, J. Laythen. 28 competitors.

Ladies' Race (60 yards).—1st, Mrs J. Leybourne, gown piece, given by Mrs Wykes; 2nd, Miss Farrage, lady's companion; 3rd, Mrs Knotts, writing-case; 4th, Mrs Barker, lady's bag; 5th, Miss Tompkins, lady's bookcase; 6th, Mrs Nixon, Morocco purse; 7th, Miss West, china bowl; 8th, Mrs Bell, thermometer in ebony; 9th, Mrs W. Walton; 10th, Mrs Graham; 11th, Mrs Campbell; 12th, Mrs Gair. 12 competitors. Handicapper, Mr Tucker; judge, Mr J. T. Gibson.

120 Yards' Foot Handicap.—R. Howie, Jos. Urwin, M. Forsyth, J. Fagan, R. Abbott, Wm. Pearson, J. Brown, P. Gibson, C. Meegan, H. Walton, Joseph Laythen, E. Little, J. Dobie, R. Bell, Isaac Walton, John Campbell, D. Barrett, J. Thompson, E. Parker, S. Knotts, C. Wheatley, P. Campbell, J. Knotts, Wm. Laythen, Jos. Clasper, Kite Graham, J. Deacon, James Gibson, Edward Parker, T. Gibson. The final between the men for the four largest prizes caused some excitement by the severe tussling for the premier position. The race was keen between J. Dobie and Kite Graham, neck and neck racing the whole course. It resulted: 1st, Joseph Urwin, 3 yards, leather album; 2nd, J. Campbell, 12, albert; 3rd, Kite Graham, 13, silver inkstand; 4th, J. Dobie, 16, gold chain. 31 competitors. Judge, Mr J. T. Gibson; handicapper, Mr T. Minks; starter, Mr R. Hood.

Jumping Standing Leap.—1st, G. [illegible], 8ft 4in, bezique board; 2nd, Geo. Anderson, 8ft 2in, pocket-knife; 3rd, Geo. Gibson, 8ft 1in. 21 competitors. R. Little, judge.

Wrestling (11-stone men).—1st, P. [illegible], silver-mounted inkstand; 2nd, Jas. [illegible], alarum clock; 3rd, John Campbell, [illegible] thermometer. 18 competitors. Mr Kite Graham, referee.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—The world-renowned remedies are confidently recommended to miners, navvies, and all who have to work underground, or where noxious atmospheres exist. The minute particles of coal or metal which permeate the air in such places tend to block up the lungs and air-tubes, giving rise to bronchitis, asthma and palpitation of the heart. In Holloway's remedies will be found a safe and easily used medicant, for the penetrating properties of the Ointment relieve the local congestions and the mildly laxative effects of the Pills cause the liver to act freely, and the breath to become unembarrassed. By early resort to these remedies many a serious illness may be averted, and soundness of health maintained.

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serve hot or cold.

Ducklings.—Ducklings should be white and plump, and require to be more underdone than any other description of poultry. If they are too much done the fat catches, and gives a rank flavour to the flesh, besides causing the fillets to cut dry. They are usually served plain roasted for a second course. Truss them by twisting their legs at the knuckles and resting the feet upon the thighs; cut the wing off at the first pinion, and run a skewer through the bird, fixing the pinions and legs with it; place them on a spit and roast them twenty minutes.

Damson Cheese.—Freshly picked damsons must be put in cold water, and then be placed over the fire in an earthenware pot. The pot must be allowed to boil, fresh water being added as the original quantity wastes away. When tender remove the damsons, stones and skin them; then press them through a sieve or callender into the juice. Break half a pound of refined sugar into small pieces—to every pound of pulp—and boil until thick. Blanched kernels will improve the flavour. The whole should be boiled until it sticks to the spoon. Put into moulds and keep in a dry place. It is a good accessory to dessert.

Dariols.—Put a little more than half a quartern of flour upon a pie-board with a quarter of a pound of butter, a little salt, and a glass of water; knead the whole together so as to make a firm paste, and then roll it to the thickness of half a finger; cut it into bits about the size of a patty pan, and form them with your hands into moulds, having an edge raised about an inch deep; put them into a moderately hot oven, and half a quarter of an hour afterwards put into each half a pint of cream, or milk if more convenient, mixed with two spoonsful of flour, very little salt, and an ounce of sugar. When done strew sugar over them.

Fish Cakes.—Take half a pound of cooked salt cod and separate the flesh from the bones, and after cutting the fish into small pieces, put it into a bowl. Boil half a pound of potatoes, place a wire sieve over the bowl containing the fish, and press the potatoes through it while they are hot, using the back of a wooden spoon for the purpose. Add two yolks of eggs and one ounce of butter, also salt, cayenne pepper, and mustard to taste. Mix all thoroughly, and form the mixture into flat, round cakes. Slightly beat up the whites of the eggs, dip the cakes in, then roll them separately in plenty of fine bread-crumbs, plunge into boiling lard, and fry for a minute or two until they become a pale golden colour, then drain on paper, and serve hot.

Ginger Beer.—Crush up a quarter of a pound of ginger, pour over it a quart of water; let it soak for 24 hours. Then turn it all into a saucepan containing three gallons of water; boil for an hour. Add three pounds loaf-sugar, boil a few minutes longer, skim well, and add to the liquor four ounces of cream of tartar, and a pinch or two of citric acid. Strain the liquor into an earthen pan. When lukewarm add two tablespoonsful or so of good brewer's barm. Let the whole ferment in a warm place for 24 hours. Skim off the crust from the top, add a very little dissolved isinglass, and bottle in the course of twelve hours. Do not make the bottles too full. Cork and wire down. If it is necessary to strain the liquid before bottling, do so.

Dandelion Salad.—Dandelion Salad is one of the healthiest of spring salads. One can find in hot-houses the cultivated dandelion, but we much prefer the plant picked from the fields after the snow disappears. Gather a small pailful of dandelions, wash them well, and pick them carefully; let them stand in water overnight, this will greatly improve them, as it does all wild salad plants; drain and dry them well; put them in a salad bowl, and add a plain salad dressing. Many add a few wild chives, others prefer a bacon dressing. Families living in the country who wish to give their city visitors an excellent salad may do so by carrying out the following instructions:—Select a small flat pasturage where the dandelions grow thickly; cover each plant with flat stones or boards, and let them remain covered ten or fifteen days. At the end of this time, having been protected from sunlight and air, they will be found a bright gold colour. After gathering the plants, proceed as above directed for preparing the salad.

A Home and a Wife.—Happy is the man who has a little home and a little angel in it on a Saturday night. A house—no matter how little, provided it will hold two or so, no matter how humbly furnished, provided there is hope in it. Let the winds blow, close the curtains. What if they are calico, or plain white border, tassel, or any such thing? Let the rains come down, heap on the fire. No matter if you haven't a candle to bless yourself with, for what a beautiful light glowing coal makes, rendering clouding, shedding a sunset through the room just enough to talk by; not loud as in the highway, nor rapid as the hurrying world, but softly, slowly, whisperingly, with pauses between, for the storm without and the thoughts within to fill up. Then wheel the sofa round before the fire—no matter if the sofa is a settee, uncushioned, if so be it is just long enough for two and a half in it. How sweetly the music of silver bells from the time to come falls on the listening ear then. How mournfully swell the chimes. Under such circumstances, and at such a time, one can be at least 59½ miles nearer "kingdom come" than any other point in this world. Maybe you smile at this picture; but there is a secret between us—viz., it is a copy of the picture rudely drawn, but true as the Pentateuch, of an original in every human heart.

How People take Cold.—The time for taking cold is after your exercise; the place is in your own house, or office, or counting room. It is not the act of exercise which gives the cold, but it is the getting cool too quick after exercising. For example, you walk very fast to get to the railway station, or to the steamboat, or to catch an omnibus, or to make time for an appointment; your mind being ahead of you, the body makes an over effort to keep up with it; and when you get to the desired spot, you raise your hat and find yourself in a perspiration. You take a seat, and feeling quite comfortable as to temperature, you begin to talk with a friend, or to read a newspaper, and before you are aware of it, you experience a sense of chilliness, and the thing is done. You look around to see where the cold comes from, and find a window open near you, or a door, or that you have taken a seat at the backward part of the carriage, and as it is moving against the wind, you are soon made aware of the presence of a strong draught. Or, it may be, you meet a friend at the corner of the street, who wanted a loan, and was quite complimentary—almost loving; you did not like to be rude in the delivery of a two-lettered monosyllable, and while you were contriving to be truthful, polite, and safe, all at the same time, on comes the chilly feeling from a raw wind at the corner of the street, or the slush of mud and water in which for the first time you noticed yourself standing. After any kind of exercise, do not stand a moment at the corner of a street for anybody or anything, nor at an open door or wind.

A promise is a debt.
Love teaches asses to dance.
Every life has its joy, every joy its law.
He who avoids the temptation avoids the sin.
He that moves picks up; he that stands still dries up.
As a flower planted on a dunghill, so is good done to a worthless man.

THE WEEK.

BOULANGER IN LONDON.

England is the last refuge of the foreign exile, and it is not surprising that General Boulanger has at length been obliged to turn his face towards our hospitable shores. The Belgian Government have given him the hint that was expected. They have courteously reminded him that he proposed to visit England, and they have suggested that he should continue his journey. The Belgian Government are wise in their generation. It is politic to part with a visitor who threatens complications with a powerful neighbour, and at the same time to treat him with so much civility that, if his hour of triumph should come, he will have no reason to bear Belgium any grudge. As for England, General Boulanger knows that he is safe here from any political pressure. There will be no occasion for Lord Salisbury to hint to him that his room is better than his company. It will be necessary for the General to hold conferences with his supporters, and prominent Boulangists will spend a good deal of time crossing the Channel to and fro, an experience which will deserve the heartiest commiseration. Beyond that, we do not think they will excite much sympathy in this country, and it is scarcely likely that the French Government will see reason to remonstrate with Lord Salisbury on the impropriety of harbouring a conspirator against a friendly State. We have sheltered conspirators who were made of much sterner stuff than the brave General.

PLEASURES OF ANTICIPATION.

Heedless of the excellent advice not to prophesy unless you know, the *Lanterne* indulges in very high-flown predictions as to the success of the forthcoming French Exhibition. It would be wiser to wait, perhaps. But our impetuous friends on the other side of the Channel are bad at waiting, and seem bent on shewing to all the world what a complete contrast the quiet revolution of 1889 is going to be to the other Revolution (with a capital R) which happened just a hundred years ago. And then, how could the *Lanterne* be true to its title unless it shed some light on the future as well as the present? It gives a catalogue beforehand of the notables who are to be expected in Paris during the progress of the Exhibition. The Prince of Wales may safely be reckoned on, according to our authority; and there is a sort of side-hint thrown out, that if the Queen likes to come, her Majesty would find a warm welcome and perfect security. "Queen Victoria," says the *Lanterne*, "who was quite lately at Biarritz, knows that no country in the world affords such security to foreigners as France." We had rather fancied that England carried off the palm in this respect; but it is not worth while to dispute about the honour. We can afford to divide it. The invitation is cleverly put, and graceful withal, as is sure to be the case when it comes from a French source. The Czar may be there. His brother and son are sure to be. The Shah is *en route*. The King of Greece is to be counted on. The sons of the Khedive are safe. Really it reads like the Homeric list of the ships and chieftains in the Iliad. And all this, mind you, is in spite of German pressure. There is just a little *arrière pensée* which comes in curiously at the end of the extract as if to guard against contingencies. The oracle may be wrong after all. Well, "even if we have no kings, the peoples will visit us in tens of thousands. Those who continue to sulk will regret it bitterly, for they will have missed the opportunity of seeing Paris at its best—the ideal Paris that haunts the imagination of all peoples." That concluding sentiment is very pretty, so pretty that it quite prevents us from pausing to ask too curiously who are the sulky people whose absence is speculated upon, and who will be very properly punished by not seeing Paris at its best.

DEVELOPING A NEW INDUSTRY.

Flax is ever and anon, in its own modest, unpretentious way, putting forward its claim to be recognised as a British industry in its growth and manufacture. The latest *apologia* is put forth in a circular issued by the Co-operative Flaxgrowers' Association; and the fact that an Association headed by some good representative names has been formed for the development of this industry seems to form a happy omen for flaxgrowers in the future. The apologists do well to put in the forefront of their plea a remark recently made by the Lord Mayor of London, who pointed out that the tendency of country folk to come to London, could only be counteracted by combining the cultivation of the land with the encouragement of rural trades and manufactures—a "fair conjunction which is provided for in an exceptional degree by the growth and manufacture of flax." Earl De La Warr also stated in the House of Lords that two million acres of good corn land have gone out of cultivation during the last few years. Such land, it is urged, is admirably suited for flax-growing, and there is no better climate in the world for this purpose than that of the United Kingdom. Why, it is asked, should our manufacturers pay a large sum yearly to foreigners for that which they can produce better at home? The amount paid by spinners last year for foreign flax-fibre was close upon £3,000,000. The English farmer, it is claimed, could easily furnish all this, both seed and fibre, and thereby keep his labourers employed profitably during the winter. The process is pointed out as being at once exceedingly simple and highly remunerative. Why, then, should England wait? Simply because it takes a long time to make England see what is best for it. There is evidently a good deal to be said on behalf of what it is not too much to call a neglected industry.

PENALTIES OF GREATNESS.

The penalties of greatness are proverbial; and everything, as everybody knows, is bound to be bigger in America than in this nice little tight little island of ours. An American humorist boasted—for Americans do boast sometimes—that their rivers were not only bigger but wetter than any other rivers. And the bigness extends to fires, though the wetness did not apply to any practical purpose in the big blaze at New York about which we are continually receiving fresh details. It was a miracle that the Chicago event was not repeated. A mile of riverside property in flames is worthy of a nation which numbers Niagara amongst its shows; and everything combined to render the exhibition spectacular. Lard-refining works, for example, "saturated with grease and oil," form splendid pabulum for such a display of pyrotechny. In fact, it was in these premises, belonging to Messrs. Willcox, that the exhibition began by the overflow of a vat of oil. One cannot help thinking of the whole thing in the light of a display of fireworks. Along with a sense of size in the picture comes a simultaneous assurance of the wonderful recuperative powers possessed by the nation on whose soil that picture was produced. It reminds one of the story of the phœnix in the pages of the Father of History. Rather perhaps one would say it is the old legend: "The king is dead: long live the king," writ very large indeed—in fact translated out of its original French into American phraseology.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	6·10	9·42	11·0	12·15	2·30	5·26	7·9
Scotswood ,,	6·17	9·49	11·7	12·22	2·37	5·32	7·20
Swalwell ,,	6·24	9·54	11·14	12·29	2·43	5·37	7·44
Rowlands Gill ,,	6·34	10·3	11·24	12·39	2·53	5·46	7·54
Lintz Green ,,	6·40	10·9	11·30	12·46	2·59	5·52	8·[illegible]
Ebchester ,,	6·53	10·18	11·40	12·55	3·12	6·1	8·1[illegible]
Shotley Bridge ,,	6·59	10·22	11·44	12·59	3·18	6·5	8·17
CONSETT Arr.	7·5	10·27	11·50	1·5	3·23	6·10	8·2[illegible]
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·34	...	1·12	3·25	6·38	
Knitsley ,,	7·21	10·45	...	1·23	3·36	6·44	
Lanchester ,,	7·30	10·55	...	1·32	3·45	6·53	
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·38	11·3	...	1·40	3·53	7·1	
Aldin Grange ,,	7·45	11·11	...	1·47	4·0	7·9	
DURHAM Arr.	7·50	11·17	...	1·52	4·5	7·15	

	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7·25		11·50	2·35		5·20	8·1[illegible]
Aldin Grange ,,	7·32		11·57	2·41		5·27	8·1[illegible]
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·40		12·5	2·48		5·35	8·[illegible]
Lanchester ,,	7·50		12·15	2·58		5·45	8·[illegible]
Knitsley ,,	8·2		12·25	3·8		5·55	8·4[illegible]
CONSETT Arr.	8·12		12·35	3·18		6·5	8·5[illegible]
CONSETT Dep.	8·15	9·5	12·40	3·25		6·10	9·[illegible]
Shotley Bridge ,,	8·20	9·10	12·45	3·30		6·15	9·[illegible]
Ebchester ,,	8·24	9·14	12·49	3·34		6·19	9·1[illegible]
Lintz Green ,,	8·34	9·24	12·58	3·44		6·29	9·2[illegible]
Rowlands Gill ,,	8·39	9·29	1·2	3·50		6·34	9·2[illegible]
Swalwell ,,	8·47	9·37	1·10	3·57		6·42	9·3[illegible]
Scotswood ,,	8·54	9·44	1·16	4·4		6·49	9·4[illegible]
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	9·55	1·25	4·15		7·0	9·5[illegible]

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE ...	7·30	7·20	CONSETT ...dep.	8·35	8·2[illegible]
Scotswood	7·37	7·27	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·34	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowlands Gill	7·54	7·44	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·50	Rowlands Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	8·0	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
CONSETT ...arr.	8·25	8·10	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·25	9·10

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

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

SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

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

STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dp.	5·40	8·5	9·52	11·10	1·40	3·45	5·40
Middlesbro'	6·7	8·40	10·25	11·42	2·13	4·18	6·15
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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Musical Shop. — We see that a first-class musical shop is to be opened in Church Street, Consett, by Mr Thomas Jones, where pianos, organs, and musical instruments of every description, fittings for violins, musical books, &c., can be had at the lowest prices.

Vagrancy.—At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Saturday, *William Brown*, a tramp, charged by P.C. Tomlinson with vagrancy at Consett on the preceding evening, was sent to prison for 14 days.

Theatre Royal.—The lessee's (Mr R.J. Brodie), Easter engagement this week, Mr James Lewis's London Co. in *The Shadows of Life*, has been reproduced every night before a fairly good audience, considering the numerous out-door attractions.

Assaulting the Police.—At the Consett Police Court, on Monday—before Councillor Jas. Annandale, J.P.—*Frank Duffy*, an ironworker, was charged by P.C. Lawson with being drunk at Blackhill, on Saturday night.—The officer stated that about half-past seven o'clock on the night in question, he found the man very drunk.—Fined 5s and costs.—Duffy was further charged with assaulting the officer at the same time.—The case was remanded.

Accidents.—On Tuesday, a little boy named Frank Saxty (5 years of age) son of Mr H. Saxty, of Front Street, while playing on a quantity of timber in the yard of Mr N. Elsdon, Delves Lane, unfortunately fell from the top, and broke his thigh bone. The services of one of our local ambulance men,—Thomas White, were called in, and he successfully set the limb. After inspection Dr Schofield decided not to remove the bandages until Wednesday morning, as he deemed it successfully set.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, a married woman named King was accidentally knocked down by a horse and cart in charge of Mr Henry Oliver's (Hu buck) "bungey," while in Middle Street, and had her leg broken.

Presentation.—On Good Friday afternoon, the members of the Consett Wesleyan choir, after the rehearsal, had a very pleasant duty to perform, in making a presentation to one of their number who has recently entered into the "blissful state." For a number of years Miss Smith (now Mrs Pentland) has been one of the leading singers in the choir, and to show their appreciation of her vocal talents, they resolved to present her with some token of regard. Mr H. Davison, on behalf of the choir, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation, which consisted of a full china tea set. The recipient suitably responded. At the same time, Mr E. Hobday, on behalf of the trustees of the Consett Wesleyan Sunday School, presented Mrs Pentland with a Bible in recognition of her services as a teacher.

LEADGATE.

Ratepayers' Meeting.—The business done at this meeting, which was adjourned from Iveston, was practically the same as that reported in our columns last week. Councillor Geo. Nicholson occupied the chair. It was decided 1st to collect a voluntary rate of 1st, 6d in the pound, 2nd, that this rate should be collected on and after 3rd of June; 3rd That Messrs Robson, and Shearer should be the Iveston collectors, while Councillor Nicholson, and Mr J. Parker collect the rate in Leadgate, for the Consett Iron Co. A letter was read at the meeting, in which the manager stated that whatever decision the meeting came to, had to be forwarded to him, and the directors would try to meet their wishes as well as circumstances would allow. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to the school committee and to those ratepayers who had attended the meeting, ended the business.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside.—We may mention an interesting circumstance connected with the Confirmation held last week by Bishop Sandford, at St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, (already reported in the *Guardian*.) A working man candidate from a neighbouring parish, over forty years of age, was unable to join the other candidates before the service began, and therefore was not confirmed with them. After the Bishop had retired from the vestry, the candidate asked the vicar (Rev. G. H. Ross, Lewin) if he could not be confirmed, and at his request the Bishop at once returned to the chancel and repeated the confirmation service, and with thoughtful kindness, lest the candidate should think he had given him trouble, cordially shook hands with him at the conclusion of the service. A conversation would have been out of place, in the sacred edifice, nor was there time for it, but the warm grasp of the hand given by the Bishop to the honest pitman was quite sufficient. Bishop Sandford's kindly address will not soon be forgotten by the congregation of St. Cuthbert's

MEDOMSLEY.

Medomsley Debating Society.—On Thursday se'nnight the last lecture of the session in connection with the above society was given in the National Schools Medomsley, by Dr William Allen, on "Bird Organism." The Rev W. Cockin, vicar of the parish, occupied the chair, and in a few appropriate opening remarks, dealt with the great amount of good derived from such societies as theirs.—Dr Allen, on rising, said it afforded him great pleasure to come and give his services. He then presented diagrams and sketches of an egg, and in the course of his remarks said that the yolk of the egg, was kept in its proper place by means of two lines or props. On the yolk was a little spot, which gradually grew larger, until it became a young chick. The lecturer also explained the many changes that take place, from the egg being "set" until maturity, some of which were really unnecessary and of no use whatever to the young bird. The lecture throughout was of a very instructive character, and showed the great amount of study which Dr Allen had bestowed upon his task.

CRAGHEAD

I.O.G.T.—The members of Juvenile Order held a field day on Easter Monday, near the Colliery field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Turnbull, of Twizell Hall. The children enjoyed a glorious day with their amusements. There was also a number of Good Templars present, who walked in procession round the Colliery.

LINTZ COLLIERY.

I.O.G.T.—This lodge held an entertainment on Saturday night, at Lintz Colliery. The chair was occupied by Mr Thos. Forster, and the following programme was carried out:—Song, Mr J. Young; reading, J. Wray; solo, Miss Walton; recitation, Miss F. Forster; solo, Miss Low; recitation, Miss Cooper; song, Miss Harrison; recitation, Miss Low; duet, Misses Little and Goodfellow; recitation, Miss E. A. Telford; song, Miss Walton; solo, Miss Low; "Good night" was sung by two boys. The whole of the programme was well given, and great credit is due to each one that took part. There was a good company present. After the entertainment there was a splendid supper, to which justice was done by all. On Monday night, the Juvenile Templars sang through the village to field, kindly granted by Mr Coxon. After enjoying themselves for two hours, they came back to the room for tea, which was given them free. They afterwards returned to the field, and having sung two hymns at Mr Coxon's and Mr J. Young's, they thanked the former gentleman for the use of the field and dispersed to their homes, having spent a most enjoyable day.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School Union Band of Hope.—This society held their fortnightly entertainment in the School-room on Wednesday se'nnight, when a highly entertaining programme was rendered by the members. The chair was taken by Mr M. Wilkinson. A pleasant evening was spent, and was terminated by the singing of the doxology.

GIBSIDE.

Mr John McIntyre's Aberdeen Angus Cattle.—It is with regret that we announce the fact that Mr McIntyre, of Hunters Hill and other farms at Gibside, is reluctantly about to dispose of his well-known and valuable herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle. The farms occupied by Mr McIntyre were entered upon by Mr Thos. Howett, Mr McIntyre's grandfather, about half a century ago, and it was occupied by him until his death, which took place about 14 years ago. Shortly after taking the farms mentioned he erected stable buildings for the purpose of a stud farm, which he carried on with such success that it became famous. It may be said to have been the cradle of the Alice Hawthorne family, which is really the most distinguished at the present time for the production of thoroughbred stock, having produced more winners almost than any other tribe. Amongst the notable animals which have left these stables may be mentioned Vespasian, Lady Hawthorne, Lady Alice Hawthorn (daughters of the famous Alice Hawthorn), Corisande, Newry (winner of the Middle Park Plate), and many other celebrated race horses. When Mr McIntyre succeeded his grandfather he continued the stud farm until last autumn, when, in anticipation of his leaving his holding, the blood stock was dispersed at the sale at Doncaster in September last, bringing long prices. On a recent visit to Mr McIntyre's farm we were courteously shown one or two remnants of the once famous stud, amongst which was a colt of more than ordinary promise, and which Mr McIntyre hesitates not to say is the finest and best ever produced at Gibside. It is a pity that it will be the last he will raise there.

WASKERLEY.

Sudden Death of an Engine Driver.—About seven o'clock on Tuesday morning, Charles Golding (40), an engine driver in the employment of the North Eastern Railway Company, and living at Waskerley, died with awful suddenness. It appears that on Monday evening, at five o'clock, he was at the Carr House *depots*, Consett, with his engine and mineral train, and arrived home at seven p.m. complaining of a pain in his chest. On the following morning he was taken ill, and died shortly after the arrival of Dr Hood, Tow Law. He was married and leaves a family.—An inquest was held in the schoolroom yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, before Coroner Graham, when, after hearing the medical testimony, the jury returned a verdict that death had resulted from suffocation caused by congestion of the lungs.

BLACKHALL MILL

Proposed New Bridge.—A petition is now being numerously signed for presentation to the Durham County Council for the erection of a cart bridge across the river Derwent at Blackhall Mill, to obviate the necessity for horses and conveyances crossing a dangerous ford to pass between the counties of Durham and Northumberland at that place.

LANCHESTER.

Registrar of Marriages.—Mr W. W. Thompson of Lanchester has been appointed by the Registrar General to the post of registrar of marriages for the Lanchester Division, in succession to his father.

Lanchester Cattle Fair.—The third fair this season for the sale of cattle was held on the village green at Lanchester, on Saturday. The principal vendor was Mr J. Edward Nicholson, of Manor House, Lanchester, who exhibited about 240 head of grazing and fat stock. Prices, on the whole, ruled somewhat high. Trade was pretty brisk, rising stock being apparently in great demand. Prices:—Two-years-old bullocks, £12 10s to £15; two-years-old ditto, £10 10s to £12 10s; and two-years old heifers; £14 to £15; yearling stirks, £6 to £8; and two exceptionally prime bullocks, £23 each. Amongst the principal buyers were the Earl of Durham's agent, the Duke of Northumberland's agent, Messrs. J. Caris, Acklington; W. Blair, Morpeth; J. Chirney, Morpeth; J. Scott, Bothal Hall, &c. Nearly the whole of the stock was disposed of.

Let of Grass Parks.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr Thos. Blandford, auctioneer, Corbridge, let by public auction the grazing pastures on the Broadwood estate, the property of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. There was a very large attendance of buyers, but the prices realised were much below those of last year. Particulars are appended:—West Fields, 23 acres—Mr Keenleyside, Hamsteels, at 25s per acre; Calf Close and Back Croft, 19 acres—Mr Van Haansbergen, J.P., The Woodlands, 42s; Broad Meadow and North Bank, 17 acres—Mr R. Crow, Hedleyhope, 29s; South Bank, 8 acres—Mr Robt. Hall, West Butsfield, 24s; Long Edge, 43 acres—Mr R. Anderson, Mosswood, 4s 6d; West Weatherhill, 10 acres—Mr J. Wallburn, Lanchester, 13s; White Field and East Weatherhill, 38 acres—Mr R. Hall, West Butsfield, 12s; High Springs, 6 acres—Mr Walton, Maiden Law, 22s; Low Springs, 9 acres—Mr Jos. Lumley, Annfield Plain, 13s; Black Banks, 42 acres—Mr J. E. Nicholson, Manor House, 5s; Triangle, 16 acres—Mr J. Towns, Lanchester, 12s; Haugh and new land field, 21 acres—Mr Towns, Lanchester, 11s; Clover Hill, 6 acres—Mr W. H. Ritson, Lanchester, 33s.—The grass parks of The Ford estate, Lanchester, were let by auction by Mr Thomas Wetherall, auctioneer, Durham. There was a large and influential company present, and with the exception of two lots, the parks were let at an advance of 10 per cent. over last year's prices. The principal takers were Messrs Armstrong, Whitfield, Heppell, Robinson, W. B. Van Haansbergen, and Lumley.—The grass parks on the Colepike estate, belonging to Mr Geo. G Taylor Smith, were let by auction by Mr Joseph Vickers, auctioneer, Tow Law. A large company was present, and all were let at good prices, Messrs Dowson, Keenleyside, Ritson, and Nicholson being the larger takers.

Highway Board.—The annual meeting was held at Lanchester on Monday afternoon The clerk announced that the election of Waywardens had resulted in the appointment of the old members, with the exception that Mr C. D. W. Ballany replaced Mr M. Coupland for Ebchester; Mr M. Keenleyside the place of Mr J. Wild for Hedleyhope; and Mr Joseph Towns in the room of Mr J. Buckham, for Lanchester. Mr J. T. Todd sits for Burnhope and Hamsteels, in lieu of Mr W. Cumming deceased. Mr W. Logan was appointed chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr George Hobson for the same period. The Finance Committee was chosen as heretofore, save that Messrs Towns, Todd and Muse were substituted for Messrs Buckham, Coupland and Cumming.

WEARDALE.

St. John's Chapel Spring Fair.—This annual fair was held on Wednesday last. There was a good show of stock. Calving cows reached from £18 to £22; yearling bullocks, from £7 to £10; bullocks were most in demand. A number of entire horses were on show.

Treat to Workhouse Inmates.—The inmates of Stanhope Workhouse were regaled with a sumptuous dinner and tea on Good Friday, through the liberality of a Bishop Auckland gentleman, who forwarded £20 at Christmas for that purpose, which on that occasion was not exhausted, so that the inmates have been in clover again.

Sudden Deaths at Rookhope.—Two sudden deaths occurred at Rookhope this week. The wife of Thomas Robinson, at the post office, on the 22nd, and that of John Thompson, on the 23rd. Both of them were very sudden and unexpected.

Formation of an Ambulance Class at Rookhope.—Through the generosity of the Weardale Lead Co. in furnishing the necessary material in the shape of stretcher, diagrams, and splints, an ambulance class was formed in Rookhope on Tuesday evening. Dr Robinson gave the first lecture on that evening to a class of over 50 in the Barrington Schools. The following officers were chosen:—President, Rev R. Shepherd, vicar; lecturer, Dr Robinson, Stanhope; secretary, Mr R. T. Walton. Votes of thanks to the Lead Company and the lecturer were unanimously passed at the close of the meeting.

Grand Choral Wedding at Eastgate.—On Tuesday afternoon, the little village was *en fete* to witness the nuptials of Mr Raw, schoolmaster, Oxhill, to Miss Mary Moore, Eastgate. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev J. Eddowes, vicar, in the handsome new church. It being the first wedding celebrated in that building, the customary presents were given the bride. The service was choral. The marriage festivities were of a varied character, the family not only being widely known but highly respected, have a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and being well connected. The guests on the occasion were numerous, and at the little roadside Inn all was bustle, excitement, and festivity, during the day, finishing up in the evening with a largely-attended ball. The brides presents numbered upwards of sixty, some being both handsome and costly, hailing from all party of the country.

STANHOPE.

Stanhope spring fair was a miss as regards cattle being present; scarcely any turned up. There was an entire horse show in the market place, on Thursday afternoon.

Stanhope is already full of visitors, even before it has donned it's summer attire. It is one of the prettiest places in the north, and is fast becoming a popular health and pleasure resort for the wealthier classes of the large centres of population in the north.

The Phoenix sale was a large affair, and was attended by vast numbers of people, both on Thursday and Saturday. Mr J. Vickers, Tow Law, was auctioneer, and the sale was considered a good one—things going pretty well up to their value. Mr J. Walton, Dass Castle, Tow Law, has got the Phoenix, and will be its future occupant, having for some years kept a public-house at Tow Law.

Football Accident.—Mr Arthur Elliott, Front Street, Stanhope, had a blood vessel burst in his eye with a football, on Friday afternoon. The skilful aid of Dr Robinson was called in, when it was found to be a small blood vessel which had been burst. Under his treatment he is now progressing favourably.

Weardale Guardians.—The New Board.—The first meeting took place on Thursday week, when Councillor Dr Livingstone was, with acclamation, again made chairman on the motion of Dr. Arnison, J.P. and Mr J. Ridley.—Mr Morley, the late collector, wrote asking for the date of his last appointment, and for the names of the Guardians present on that occasion.—The Board, however, at the instance of Messrs Ridley and Durry, decided that they must first know for what purpose the information was wanted.

FROSTERLEY.

Mr J. V. Walton, Witton-le-Wear, treated a number of workmen to their tea at the Wesleyan Sunday-School tea party, on Good Friday, at Frosterley.

Wesleyan Sunday-School Anniversary.—The Wesleyans of Frosterley held their Sunday-School anniversary on Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The children and teachers processioned the village on Good Friday afternoon, after which a sumptuous tea was provided for them and the public, which was well patronised. In the evening the children recited poetry, scripture, and dialogues, while the choir discoursed lively hymns and anthems, to a crowded house.—On Sunday, sermons were preached—morning and evening—by Mr Walker, Witton-le-Wear, and in the afternoon, a service of song, entitled, "Rare metal," was rendered by the choir. The choir is in a very efficient state, and have sustained this anniversary as of yore.

Grand Wedding. — The little village of Frosterley was astir on Tuesday afternoon at the celebration of the wedding of Mr Geo. Harrison, Dry Burn, to Miss Margaret Pickering, Frosterley. The ceremony took place in Frosterley Church, and the service was choral throughout. Miss Pickering, leaning on the arm of her father, followed by five bridesmaids, entered the Church, and was met at the entrance by the Church choir in surplices, accompanied by Rev F. C. Jagg, who with the choir preceded them up the aisle singing "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." Mrs Emerson presided at the organ. The marriage ceremony was beautiful in the extreme. Mr Emerson Pickering, the bride's father, gave her way. The bridesmaids were:—Miss H and L. Pickering, sisters of the bride; Miss Harrison, sister of the bridegroom; Miss A. Currah and Miss E. Pickering, cousins of the bride. They were dressed in nun's veil pink, while the bride was attired in pearl-grey cashmere, trimmed with white, and wore real orange blossoms. Mr Jagg played the "Wedding march." The Church was pretty well filled, it being the first choral wedding at Frosterley. A merry peal was rung in honour of the occasion. The bride's presents were costly and numerous, and numbered upwards of 50, and some of them very handsome. Both families are very respectable, and are well connected.

Easter Festivities.

Medomsley Wesleyan Chapel Anniversary—This was celebrated on Good Friday and Easter Monday, in the Templar's Hall. A service of song was rendered on Sunday afternoon. The gatherings were well attended, and the anniversary was highly successful.

The members of the Christian Lay Church, Catchgate, celebrated their Eastertide, by having a lecture and coffee supper on Saturday night, and special sermons on Sunday.

Annfield Plain Wesleyan Chapel.—On Monday evening, the members were honoured with a visit from Rev J. Dawson, Newcastle, who delivered his interesting lecture on "Handel," to a good house. The chair was occupied by Coun. G. Nicholson, Leadgate. The choir rendered musical selections.

Stanley Wesleyan Chapel.—On Good Friday a very successful sale of work was held. There were two stalls attended to by Mrs Mallams, Mrs Green, and Mrs Simpson. The toy stall were presided over by Mr J. G. Eltringham. Tea was provided, and a large number of people partook thereof. The waitresses were:—Miss Swinhoe and Miss Cawthorn. The proceedings were enlivened with singing by Mrs Chesters and the choir.—On Easter Sunday, two sermons were preached by Mr Slee, Gateshead.

Causey Row Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Good Friday a public tea and sale of work, consisting of a good variety of useful and ornamental goods was held, the opening ceremony being performed by Miss Bell of Hedley Hall, in a most efficient manner. Great credit is due to all who took part in the work, especially to those who presided over the stalls and tables, viz:—Drapery stalls, Misses G. Pyle, S. Nicholson, A. Middleton, T. Wilson and A. Harrison; Confectionery and toy stalls—Messrs R. H. Crossman, J. P. Lawson, and J. Middleton. The tables were presided over by Misses E. Thompson, M. Sharp, E. Palmer, and M. A. Crossman; the tea infusers being Mrs. Wilkinson, Johnson, and Bainbridge. On Saturday night a public meeting was addressed by Rev A. J. Campbell, Morpeth, and Mr John Fiddler, Tantobie. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Brabban, of Marley Hill. On Sunday three sermons were preached, morning and evening by the Rev. A. J. Campbell, and in the afternoon by Mr J. Johnson, Andrew's House. The proceeds of tea, sale of work, and collections, £32 5s 0d, are devoted to the chapel fund.

Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel anniversary services on Sunday last were favoured with the assistance of Mr P. Reay, of Annfield Plain, who preached two earnest and stirring sermons to large congregations. Collections were taken at each service on behalf of the trust funds.

Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Chapel Annual Easter Services.—These services were held on Good Friday afternoon. The sermon was preached by Rev T. Southeron, South Shields. A public tea was provided, when a goodly number sat down to the edibles prepared the members and friends. The tables were presided over by Misses Watt, Green, Pearson, and Fishburn in a very happy way. The tea makers were Mrs Mordue and Mrs Purvis, who did their work with delight. A public meeting was held in the evening, and addresses delivered by Messrs J. W. Taylor, J. Johnson, and Rev T. Southeron. The chair was occupied by Mr C. Graham, Annfield Place. The chapel choir rendered several pieces of music to the enjoyment of all present. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had taken part in the proceedings. On Easter Sunday, sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Rev T. Southeron, and in the afternoon by Mr J. W. Taylor, to large congregations. The proceeds were in aid of the trust funds.

Castleside Wesleyan Chapel.—On Good Friday, the Wesleyans held their annual school tea meeting in the school-room. At night, a public meeting was held in their very beautiful and commodious chapel. Mr J. W. Davison, Consett, was in the chair. Addresses were given by Rev T. Broadbent and Mr J. Oliver, Burnhill. Special sermons were preached on Sunday by Mr T. Elliott, Swalwell. Mr Elliott is a very original character and a popular local preacher. The children recited scripture, poetry, dialogues, &c., and were under the tuition of Mr John Ellison, superintendent. The choir, led by Mr G. Jackson, sang a choice selection of hymns. Mr J. Hodgson presided at the harmonium.

Castleside P.M. Chapel.—On Sunday morning, the teachers of the Sunday-school presented four of their scholars each with a nice book on their leaving the school and village along with their parents (Mr and Mrs J. Proud) for Australia, as a mark of their esteem. Many kind wishes were expressed by the teachers for their future good, and also a pleasant and safe voyage. When school was dismissed, the four little emigrants were placed at the door, and as the children filed out each took them by the hand.

MASONIC FESTIVAL AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday afternoon the third anniversary of the consecration of the "Constance Lodge (No. 2,153) of Freemasons" was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Consett, when there was a large attendance of visiting brethren and members of the lodge. Brother W. Brotherhood, J.W.P.P.G.S., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Brother Dr Renton, W.M., assisted by Bro. Wm Logan, W.M., P.S. Reg., Bro. Compton, P.P.T.C., and Bro. the Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., P.P.G.C., G.S.W. Afterwards, the W.M.-Elect invested the undermentioned officers of the lodge:—S.W., Bro N. Elsdon; J.W., H Prevell; D. of C., Bro. T. Dunn, W.M. (Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham); S.D., Bro. W. Shell; J.D., Bro. W. I. Mackey; chaplain, Bro. Dr A. Mantle; secretary, Bro. G. T. Hyden; treasurer, Bro. G. J. Christopher; organist, Bro. T. D. Dryden; I.G., Bro. W Smith; almoner, Bro. J. Calvert, P.P.G. Std.; tyler, Bro. J. W. Berry; stewards, Bros. J. Parker and J. Coulthard.

After the lodge was closed, the company adjourned to the New Town Hall, where the festival of St John the Evangelist was commemorated. The company partook of a really substantial banquet, provided by Bro. E. and Mrs Wylam, Fremason's Arms Hotel. The excellence of the dinner could not be surpassed and the whole feast reflected in the utmost degree the highest credit upon the capable and efficient catering of the worthy host and hostess. Brother Brotherhood, W.M., Lanchester, presided, and Bro. N. Elsdon, S.W., Consett, filled the vice-chair. The Worshipful Master was supported on the right by Bros. Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Satley, W. Logan, W.M. and P.G.R., Langley Park, Councillor R. Murray, Benfieldside, G. R. Saunders Leazes, J. R. Wilson, Lintz Hall, Dr R. C. Richards, Shotley Bridge, Dr A. Mantle, West Stanley. On his left were seated Bros. Dr Geo. Renton, I.P.M., Blackhill, D. Compton, P.P.C.D., Devon, T. Dunne, W.M. &c., Lanchester, T. J. Muse, Castleside, W Smith, Annfield Plain, W. Dixon, Lanchester, J Freek, Durham, and W. Wiles, Consett. Amongst the company were Bros J. A. Currey, G. Murray, H. Prevell, J. Coulthard, Dipton, T. D. Dryden, G. T. Hyden, C. Stephenson, W. Davison, J. Pescod, J. Davison, J. Pescod, J. Hardy, T. C. Rowes, T. Milner, E. Wylam, J. W. Berry, W. Green, M. Hobday, and W. Eales, Consett, J. Matthews and J. Chorley, Blackhill, W. I. Mackay, Catchgate, J. Parker, Leadgate, R. Lawson, Bradley, &c.

The W.M. submitted the loyal toasts, which were followed by "The officers of the Grand Lodge."

The next toast given by the W.M. was "Sir H. Williamson, Bart, R.W. P.G.M., Rev Canon Tristram, V.W.D.P.G.M., &c, officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," coupled with the names of Rev J. P. De Pedge, who in replying stated that it was well-nigh 30 years since he was an officer of the Grand Lodge. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Sir H Williamson and Canon Tristram and complimented the brethern upon the flourishing state of their recently-formed lodge at Consett. (Applause).

Mr Logan responded.

Bro Renton next submitted "The Worshipful Master," and spoke of the interest manifested by Bro. Brotherhood, along with Bros. Noble, W.M., Dunne, W.M., Elsdon, S.W., and himself, in the formation of the lodge at Consett He had reason to believe that the new W.M. would fulfil his arduous duties in a most efficient and accomplished manner. No one was more able or more fitted to fill the post; and there was a more popular gentleman in the district. (Applause). There would be plenty of work for the W.M. to do during the next year, and he hoped to see during his term of office the foundation of a lodge building laid. (Applause).

The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, stated that since he became a mason, seven years ago, the height of his ambition was to sit in King Solomon's chair; but through unforeseen circumstances, he had acquired that position one year earlier than he ever expected. He would, however, endeavour to perform the functions devolving upon him to the best of his ability; and if he felt that he had too much work to do, he could fall back upon the able Worshipful Master who had preceded him. (Applause).

Bro. Logan afterwards favoured with "The Installing Master," and dilated at length upon the manifold services which Bro. Renton had rendered to the "Constance" Lodge since its consecration. He (Bro. Logan) had been very fortunate in the selection of his officers, as his S.W. and J.W. (Bros. Noble and Renton) had each succeeded him as W.M., and had filled the chair in a manner that could not have been equalled. Another officer (Bro. Dunn) was now W.M. for a Durham Lodge. They had had a highly successful year during the period that Bro. Renton had officiated as W.M. As a young mason, he (Bro. Renton) was most enthusiastic and diligent, and was capable of performing the duties incumbent upon him even better than many of the oldest masons in the Province. (Applause). It afforded him (Bro. Logan) much pleasure indeed to present, on behalf of the Lodge, to Dr Renton a very handsome Past Master's jewel—a gold emblem suitably designed and inscribed—as a small token of their appreciation for past services (Applause). To Bro. Dunn, S.W.—who would have been W.M. of the Lodge had he not held a similar position in the "Marquis of Granby" Lodge, Durham—he presented a gold medallion, which bore an appropriate inscription, in recognition of his valuable efforts to make the Lodge so successful and prosperous. (Loud cheers).

Bros. Renton and Dunn offered a few terse observations, heartily thanking the officers and brethren for their pretty gifts. Dr Renton remarking that it was the most chaste and magnificent P.M. jewel he had ever seen. Both gentlemen promised to do their utmost for the welfare of the Lodge. (Applause).

Bro. Logan subsequently presented Bro. J. Calvert, P.P.G. Std., with an elegant and superb life-sized coloured portrait, in oils, of himself, in full masonic regalia. The beautiful photo, which is faithful to life, was executed by Mr V. Dunn, Consett. The speaker adverted at length on Bro. Calvert's remarkable capabilities as a Poor-Law Guardian at Lanchester, mentioning that he (the speaker) acquired most of his knowledge from the sound advice tendered by Bro. Calvert, and deplored the retirement of such a useful and valuable member of the Board. He had had the honour of initiating and raising the second oldest Freemason in England, and he presented Bro. Calvert to Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.M., to be passed as a Master Mason. Bro. Calvert had risen to the position of Steward in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and doubtless he would live to attain a much higher post. (Applause). He wished Bro. Calvert long life, prosperity, and happiness. (Applause).

Rev J. P. De Pledge cordially endorsed all Bro. Logan's remarks, and stated that it was only Bro. Calvert's extreme modesty which caused him to retire the first year after attaining the laudable ambition of Chairman of the Board of Guardians. (Applause.)

Bro. Calvert, who was well received, tendered his sincere thanks to the members for making him the recipient of such a handsome gift, and said he felt it a great honour to be the first member of the "Constance" Lodge, and the first person passed in the lodge. (Applause.) He begged the members to accept the present, and hang the portrait up in the lodge-room as a momento of himself—(cheers)—and to keep him in remembrance in the time to come. (Cheers.)

The W.M., for the members, warmly accepted Bro. Calvert's gift, and promised that his photo should find a place on the walls of their lodge-room in perpetuation of his memory. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, and the question of building a Masonic Hall in Consett was broached, Bro. R. Murray having offered two sites in Front Street, in close proximity to the Freemasons Arms. The present lodge-room was becoming far too small. A committee was appointed to carry out the preliminary arrangements, and it was hoped that by next year the new hall would be an established fact.

The evening was spent in love and harmony, songs being contributed by Bros. Renton, Hyden, Saunders, Parker, Stephenson, Dunn, Elsdon, and Matthews, and recitations by Dr Renton. Mr Dryden acted as pianist.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

CONSETT BRANCH.

The annual festival was commemorated with a tea party, and a public meeting and entertainment on Easter Monday. There were good attendances at each gathering.

BEAMISH BRNACH.

This branch held their usual monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. In the unavoidable absence of the president and vice-president, Mr L. Dewhurst occupied the chair. The programme included songs given by Agnes Dewhurst, and Messrs W. Palmerly, J. Young, F. Bone, and W. Dewhurst. An instrumental duet given on the violin and organ by Miss Cranston and W. Pattison was well received. Two recitations were nicely given by Thomas Richardson. A dialogue, entitled, "Domestic frugality," was well rendered by Misses L Pharaoh, M. Patterson, F. Bowman, and Messrs Coulson, T. Davison, G. Nicholson, T. Richardson. About 100 persons were present and seemed to enjoy the efforts of the various performers.

THE BURNING CASE AT DIPTON.

DEATH OF THE INJURED WOMAN.

On Good Friday morning, the woman, Rebecca McGee, a tramp, died in the infirmary at the Lanchester Workhouse, from the effect of severe burns received under somewhat strange circumstances. It appears that on the previous Saturday night the woman, who had been keeping company with a navvy, named Thomas Purcell, was drinking with him, and while under the influence of liquor they made their way to the coke-yard attached to the Delight Colliery (Messrs Bowes and Partners), at Dipton. The woman lay down on the top of one of the lighted coke-ovens, and the man ensconsed himself at the bottom. About one o'clock on Sunday morning McGee began to scream very loudly, and her companion found her enveloped in flames. He pulled off his coat, and wrapping it around her body endeavoured to extinguish the flames, but unfortunately his efforts were futile for some time, the whole of the woman's clothes (with the exception of her stays) being entirely consumed, and her body and legs were shockingly burned and scorched. A neighbour named Brown, attracted by McGee's cries, proceeded to the spot, and found that she was suffering intense agony. The sufferer was taken into Brown's house, and Sergt. Thornton was called in. Dr Bain, of Dipton (assistant to Dr Benson), was also summoned, and he did all he could to alleviate her pain. Having no fixed home it was deemed advisable to remove her to the Workhouse, where she was attended by Dr J. Wilson. She was so very ill that she was unable to keep any food on her stomach, and no hopes were entertained of her recovery. Purcell was also badly burnt upon some parts of his body, and he was subsequently removed to the Workhouse Infirmary, but his injuries were not of such a serious nature, and he was liberated from the Infirmary on Thursday.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr John Graham, coroner, held an inquiry at the Workhouse into the circumstances attending the death of McGee, who is 35 years of age.

Mr W. Brotherhood, Master, identified the woman as that of a former inmate of the Workhouse. She was married, but her husband left her about 12 years ago and went abroad. Before her death, McGee made a statement to him to the effect that she had been living with the man Purcell for the past nine months. They were drinking together at Dipton on the Saturday night, and were unable to get lodgings. The pair accordingly went to the coke-ovens to spend the night. A spark flew on to her dress and set it on fire.

The Coroner: Is the man here?—The Master: He was admitted on Monday, and left again on Thursday morning.

Inspector Davison: The police have made enquiries, and have not been able to find him.

The Coroner: Oh, it doesn't matter. There's no charge against the man. A satisfactory reason has been given why the woman's dress caught fire.

Robert Brown, miner, Dipton, deposed that deceased came to his house, swearing and shouting, on the 14th April, about 1:30, just after she had been burnt. The woman's clothes were all on fire. She threw all her burning clothes on the green in front of his door, and she was naked. McGee was taken inside, and witness and his daughter wrapped things around her and kept her in the house. He went to Sergt. Thornton, and also fetched Dr Bain (Dr Benson's assistant). At 12.30 the same day the woman was conveyed to the Workhouse Infirmary. The woman was a stranger to him, and she made no statement to him.

Dr Wilson spoke to examining the woman just after her admission to the Infirmary, and finding her badly burnt from the middle of the legs right up the stomach, the skin being a dark brownish colour. There was no shivering, and although the woman was in a warm and comfortable place and lying upon a water bed, she complained of being cold, and also of a pain in the bowels. She was quite conscious, and informed him that on the Saturday night she partook of some liquor, and the man she cohabited with accompanied her to the coke ovens, where her clothes caught fire and were burnt off her back. The woman began to improve on Tuesday and Wednesday, but at night there was a relapse. Witness gave his opinion that death was partly due to the shock from burns, and also attributable to the dissipated condition of the woman.

In answer to the Coroner, the doctor thought the burns would have been sufficient to have caused the death of a temperate and healthy woman.

The Coroner stated that they would leave the doubtful part out of the verdict.

The jury came to the conclusion that death had resulted from collapse, caused by the shock from the burns.

The Coroner: You will all agree that Brown acted a human part in taking the woman into his house. The probability is that she might have died from exposure.

The doctor: Yes: it was a very cold night.

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WEST STANLEY RACES.

Judge, Mr J Clarkson, Chester-le-Street; starter, Mr T Forster; clerk of the scales, Mr Charles Moore; stewards, Messrs T Forster, C Moore, R Hutchinson, J Bowman, and James Elsdon; secretary, Mr J Nicholson, East Stanley.

The second annual Easter race meeting took place on Monday in three fields adjacent to the village, granted by Messrs Clarkson, Forster, and Watson. The weather was tolerably favourable, the only inconvenience being caused by occasional showers of rain during the early part of the afternoon. Despite this fact, however, the course was in excellent condition, the "going" being quite easy. There was a very large muster of spectators, the sporting fraternity from all parts of the district being well represented. Capital order was preserved by Inspector Davison (Lanchester) and a staff of assistants. Selections of music were performed during the afternoon by the Stanley Reed Band (in new uniforms). Tea and refreshments were provided for visitors in a spacious marquee. In the evening, a grand ball (which was well patronised) was held, the MC being Mr Thomas Ratcliffe. On the whole, the little meeting passed off very successfully and satisfactorily. Details:—

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Mr Atkinson's Derwent, aged, 11st 10lb	Owner	2
Mr Speare's Grey Tom, aged, 11st 10lb	Owner	3
Mr T Forster's Fearless, aged, 11st 10lb	W Richardson	0

A fair average race. Fearless and Grey Tom refused the fences in the first round, and were left behind; Greyhound and Derwent Lad were alternately first and second, but towards the finish, the former made a grand spurt, and won by four lengths. There were no betting quotations.

STANLEY FLAT RACE of £7. Entrance, 7s. First horse, £5; second, £2. Distance, about 1½ miles.

Mr Gibson's Blondin, aged, 9st 7lb	Welsh	1
Mr Mildon's Miss Bruce, aged, 9st 7lb	Owner	2
Mr T Short's Spicer, aged, 9st 7lb	Davis	3
Mr Newton's Grey Friars, aged, 9st 7lb	Owner	0

Won by three lengths; four lengths dividing second and third. A good race: Blondin taking the lead, and maintaining that position the whole distance. Betting: 2 to 1 against Blondin, 3 to 1 against Miss Bruce, 6 to 1 against Spicer, and 10 to 1 against Grey Friars.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS STAKES of £5, for harness horses within a radius of five miles. Entrance fee, 5s. To carry not less than 10 stones. Distance, 1½ miles.

Mr Atkinson's Derwent	Owner	1
Mr Kennedy's Stanley Lass	E Kennedy	2
Mr Kennedy's Bird Inn	Owner	0

Derwent led the way throughout, and won easily. Betting: 2 to 1 against Derwent, 3 to 1 against Bird Inn, 4 to 1 against Stanley Lass.

THE JOHN HENRY STAKES of £5. First horse, £4; second, £1 To carry not less than 10st. Distance, 1½ miles.

Mr Gibson's Blondin	Welsh	1
Mr Meldon's Polly	E Jackson	2
Mr Short's Spicer	Davis	3
Mr Bagnall's Greyhound	Henderson	0

Won by three lengths; two lengths between second and third. Polly made the running till the last round, when she was overtaken by Blondin, who kept the lead to the finish. Betting: 2 to 1 against Blondin, 3 to 1 against Greyhound, 4 to 1 against Polly.

CONSOLATION RACE (for beaten horses) of £1. Entrance, 5s; the second horse to save his stake. Handicapped by the stewards. Distance, about 1 mile.

Mr Meldon's Polly	E Jackson	1
Mr Short's Spicer	Davis	2

An exciting race; won by a length. There was a good deal of speculation in favour of Polly.

Measles is very prevalent in the Blaydon and Winlaton district.

Weardale Rural Sanitary Authority.—The ordinary meeting was held on Thursday—Dr Livingstone presiding.—Dr Arnison, J.P., pointed out that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have, as requested by the Board, put certain houses into proper repair at Edmondbyers.—Since last meeting, the Inspector has received a number of complaints about the sanitary condition of Roughside in Derwent. He made several suggestions to the Board, including an improved water supply.—The Authority adopted the suggestions.

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MARRIAGES.

Lanchester—Wesleyan Chapel, 20th inst, by Rev J W Keyworth, J G Lovett, Blackhill, to S A Proud, Rowley.

Parish Church, by Rev F W Glyn (vicar), assisted by Rev F Elmer, vicar of Biddulph, James Craig, M.B, of Biddulph, North Staffordshire, to Jennie Simpson, Hill View House, Lanchester.

White-le-Head—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 18th inst, by Rev M Johnson, Mr Robert Farbridge to Miss Bullerwell, both of Hamsterley Colliery.

Medomsley—Parish Church, 18th inst, by Rev W Cockin, M.A, Albert S Little, to Lizzie, youngest daughter of B Adamson, Medomsley.

Sunderland—Grange Church, 22nd inst, by Rev J K Nuttall, Robert Turley, Consett, to Miss I Clark, Sunderland.

Ripon—Sharon Church, 23rd inst, by the Bishop of Ripon, The Very Rev J J Pulleine, Bishop of Penrith (Richmond), Rector of Stanhope, to Miss Louisa Worsley, third daughter of the late Rev Pennyman Worsley, Canon Residentiary of Ripon.

Frosterley—Parish Church, 23rd inst, by Rev F C Jaggs, G Harrison, Dryburn, near Frosterley, to Margaret Pickering, daughter of Emerson Pickering, Frosterley.

Eastgate—New Church, 23rd inst, by Rev J Eddowes, assisted by Rev J Schofield, Henry Raw, London, to Mary Moore, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Moore, Eastgate.

Matfen—Parish Church, 23rd inst, W Stowell, Ryton, to E G Dunn, Matfen.

DEATHS.

Consett—18 Constance Street, 21st, inst, Henry Oscar, youngest and beloved son of John and Mary Kirkup.

4, Rose Mount, 20th inst, aged 18, from an accident, Robert Newton, son of Matthew Newton Ward.

Waskerley—23rd inst, aged 40, very suddenly, Charles Gowland, engine driver.

Sunniside, near Tow Law, 18th inst, aged 15 years, William, the beloved son of Thomas and Jane Pears.

Victoria Garesfield—18th inst, aged 10 months, Florence, daughter of Robert Gibson.

Stanley—21st inst, aged 21, Annie A, daughter of George Ridley.

Winlaton—22nd inst, aged 2 years and 7 months, daughter of W Ranson.

Rookhope.—Post Office, 22nd inst, aged 37, wife of Thomas Robinson.

23rd inst, aged 67, John Thompson.

Greenside—17th inst, in his 85th year, George Urwin Nesbitt.

Stocksfield—Branch End, 19th inst, aged 53, Jos. Dixon.

Tanfield Lea—17th inst, aged 31 (killed in pit by a fall of coal at South Tanfield Colliery), John, husband of Martha Ann Ransome.

Whickham—Ivy Cottage, 17th inst, in her 41st year, Emma, wife of George Johnson Hogg.

Exmouth, Devon, 24th inst, John Cuthbert Carr, third son of the Rev Canon Carr, Whickham Rectory.

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