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April 19th, 1893. 761

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Tenders, marked "Nelson Street," to be sent in to the Consett Local Board, not later than Tuesday, 2nd May.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A bond will be required for the due performance of the contract.

By Order of the Board,
891 THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Clerk.

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THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for KERBING, CHANNELLING, MACADAMISING, and CEMENTING the following Streets:—West Parade, Railway Street, Mary Street, and the unmade portions of Seymour and Anne Streets

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Correspondence.

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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

MR BRADLAUGH AND THE WORKING MAN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit one who takes a keen interest in the discussions that appear from week to week in the correspondence columns of your interesting paper to earnestly and respectfully appeal to your correspondent, "Light v Darkness," to withhold no longer the evidence necessary for establishing the truth of the statement he made in your paper a few weeks ago? If the story is true the evidence ought to be given. If it is not true, it ought in all fairness to the other side to be withdrawn and apologised for. I venture to suggest that to make such a statement, and when challenged to produce the proof to persistently refuse, is calculated to do infinitely more damage to the cause of Christianity than all the forces our opponents can bring against it. No doubt Mr Robinson has written strongly, but that is as nothing to the effect the appearance of our side having produced a false story to bolster up our case will have on the minds of all who sympathise with him.—Yours, &c.,

DELTA.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have, it appears (and that notwithstanding the rampart behind which he has entrenched himself), succeeded in lacerating the feelings of your correspondent, "Light v Darkness." Poor susceptible feelings! Great scott, how the garroter does whimper when the "cat" is applied to his shoulders! Candidly, I am glad. I deliberately penned my letter with that object in view. It is so seldom possible to pierce the pachydermaton's hide of such an opponent as your correspondent has proved himself to be, that no fair-minded person, I am sure, will grudge me all the honour I am justly entitled to in accomplishing such a feat. Your correspondent has decided to stand on his dignity. That is the place, I observe, into which such persons always climb when defeated in any encounter in which they may have been engaged. If you happen to take them redhanded in the perpetration of any wickedness they put on an air of injured innocence, and declare it to be ungenerous of you to come upon them in their hour of temptation. But how small the area and how unstable the centre of gravity of the base upon which your correspondent has elected to do his statuesquing is well-known to all who have followed his dishonourable shuffling in this matter of the pious myth.

I am charged with displaying bad temper, vulgarity, impoliteness, vindictiveness, and moreover with being personal. A formidable indictment to be sure, but one to which I plead not guilty. In this matter I am content to allow my language to stand the test of public judgment, fully conscious that whatever strength of words I have used was more than warranted by the cowardly position your correspondent took up. Perilous diseases require strong treatment. Let "Light v Darkness" scan his own letters, and say whether the language there used is at all times as polite or impersonal as could be wished. People who live in crystal palaces are much given to propelling stones, but whine piteously when any of their own glass is broken.

Your correspondent declines to hold any further communication with me. It is a crushing resolve no doubt, but I hope to survive it. He has likewise decided I am a foeman unworthy of his steel. Now, considering that the steel he wields is in the form of the assassin's dagger, that is a determination which I shall endeavour to prevent from overwhelming me. Nevertheless, all this shall not prevent me from tearing the mask off his features, and showing him up in his true colours if in the future he ventures on the same line of baseness he has adopted on this occasion. Nor can I give any guarantee that my reply will contain an exact recognition of whatever language "the standard of good society may expect on demand."—Yours, &c.,

JOHN ROBINSON.

Sunniside, Tow Law, April 24th, 1893.

P.S.—Your correspondent seems to have had great difficulty in deciding how to treat my last letter. First, he thinks it ought to be answered in detail, then is of opinion that silent contempt is its just desert, then again he thinks he will partly answer it, and finally writes you a letter which never touches my letter at all. Such indecision clearly shows what rough water he has been among. Query—What form of vulgarity is more rephensible than lying?

J. R.

IS SPIRITUALISM TRUE?

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—While travelling through the bush in Victoria, Australia, I was fortunate enough to pick up the *Consett Guardian* of December 2nd, 1892. Hailing myself from a village named Winlaton, and knowing the district well in which the *Guardian* circulates, I was glad of my find, because the news interested me. I see there has been a controversy going on *re* Spiritualism. Eight years ago I knew nothing whatever of scripture, but now I am perfectly satisfied with my knowledge, and with your permission will try and reply to some of the things spoken of by some of your correspondents. "Is Spiritualism true?" by Jas. B. Tetlow. He says: "Spirit in an absolute sense is never seen and is not known." Well, that is no doubt correct as far as Spiritualism is concerned; but the Christian's knowledge goes deeper, and although spirit is never seen, yet it is known. Remember that Mr Tetlow. When the Christian is speaking of the spirit, he is speaking of a personality, and I could give scores of passages out of divine truth to prove that He is known. He next says: "I like Paul's definition of a man—body, soul, and spirit." Yes, I like St. Paul's definition; he here shows man has three natures—the physical, the mental, and the Spiritual (or moral). Again, he says: "I do not, nor can I possibly know ought of God away from nature; never go to any book to find him. The Christian's knowledge is gained not by nature, but by revelation; his faith is founded on the word of God."

There is one thing in "Beamish Air Pit's" epistle I would like to touch. He says: "Yet amid the statements, conflicts, controversies, &c., time moves slowly along, and we shall not have long to wait until we are all surprised, for it is not finite men to grasp the infinite. But, I think, apart from revelation, that sufficient evidence exists, that there is a superior being to all grades of animal life, consequently it is a risky business being too positive concerning man being immortal."

Although you will not probably find in the whole of scripture those exact words, yet you will certainly find their equivalent see Job, 17 chap. 25 and 26 verses, Psalm, 17c., 15v., 1 Corinthians, 15c., 53v., and numerous other passages bearing on the same subject.

We next come to correspondent "Lightmore Light." He says: "Believers in spirit, but not in Spiritualism (query, how accept belief in one and not the other?)" Believers have a foundation for their faith, they comply with the conditions laid down in scripture, and are accepted by God through faith in His son. They receive the gift of the spirit of God, sometimes called the spirit of truth, the spirit of holiness, the spirit of Christ, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. It is this spirit who opens the understanding, enlightens the mind, purifies the thoughts, and exalts human nature (not self-exaltation). This is the spirit which St. Paul, St. Peter, St. John, and Jesus speak of, and we find a beautiful harmony in all their writings and language. I don't call a man a fool or a deluded imposter because he has not the faith I have. I know Spiritualism is anti-Christ. It was foretold such things would be. There are tens of thousands in this land, but they don't trouble me when I say I have got all the light I require. I refer you to the 1st Epistle of St. John, 2 chap., 20 verse. "But ye have unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Mark that "Light more Light"; ye know all things. One word more, Dr Watts writes:—

"Were I so tall to reach the pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul,
The mind's the standard of the man."

In one article signed "John Robinson" he says "To talk of old and new dispensations in relation to omniscient authority is to my unsophisticated mind frivolous to a degree, and is parallelled by offering stones when bread is asked for"; and he closes by saying "I am not satisfied, neither am I disappointed. I long ago learnt not to expect too much from the squarers of Christian practice with bible precept."

In the old dispensation believers were saved by faith in a promised Saviour; everything in their worship was a type and figure of the things in heaven. Their sacrifices were a figure of the great sacrifice which had to be. It would require a volume to go into it. The promised Saviour has come, has died for our sins, and risen for our justification. The ceremonial law is done with, and we, as believers, are saved by faith in a risen Saviour.

He long ago learnt not to expect too much. Well, Mr Robinson, you just did what I do. I don't expect too much; but is that any reason why I should reject God's salvation, because others don't or won't live out the life. If mind is the standard of the man, don't you think that would make me a very poor one, very shallow. You know man is not condemned because he is wicked or a sinner, but because he is a rejector of the grace of God. If my acceptance or rejection depended upon the lives of its professors, I am very much afraid you would find me in the ranks of probably the Atheists; but in things which affect me in my highest interests I choose to be independent or a Freethinker (if you like), and accept of the love and favour of the eternal and only true God.—Yours, &c.,

A WINLATONIAN IN AUSTRALIA.

AGNOSTICISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The controversy under the above heading has apparently diverted into one between "Christianity and Atheism, or Materialism," which latter must not be confounded with Agnosticism, which I will endeavour to show is an entirely different system of philosophy. As the principles of Agnosticism are so often misunderstood and misinterpreted, and the reasons as to why we are Agnostics ridiculed, a short article on what Agnosticism *is*, and perhaps what is of more importance, what it is *not*, may interest some of your readers. The word "Agnostic" was invented by Prof. Huxley as antithetic to the "Gnostic" of Church history, who professed to know so much about the very things of which he was ignorant. To explain now the principles of this "method of thought," I think it best to give quotations from its leading professors. According to Huxley himself it may be expressed: "Positively—In matters of the intellect follow your reason as far as it will take you, without regard to any other consideration; and negatively—In matters of the intellect do not pretend that conclusions are certain which are not demonstrated or demonstrable. It simply means that a man shall not say he knows or believes that which he has no scientific grounds for professing to know or believe. Agnosticism says that we know nothing of what may be beyond phenomena." Herbert Spencer remarks: "The power which the universe manifests to us is utterly unscrutable." Samuel Laing gives the following definition: "We may frankly acknowledge that the real essence or origin of things is 'behind the veil,' and is not knowable, or even conceivable, by any faculties by which the human mind is endowed in its present state of existence." These, then, are the essential principles of the philosophy which is at present moving the world of thought. Though it was only with the publication of Spencer's "First Principles" that Agnosticism has made the headway of recent years, it has been gradually advancing for centuries. It is the main principle of Descartes, and has filtered down through Kant, Bacon, Locke, etc., until it has reached its present position, "the spirit of the age." Having its foundations deep down in ages of the past, and not on the quicksands of modern times, its downfall will be difficult to accomplish. As Saladin aptly expresses it: "Did we believe that Agnosticism was the result of a single century, we should have little faith in its power to endure. With us it would be sufficient proof of its weakness that it had broken with the past; but that which takes centuries to develop, shall, with modifications, stand forever. All efforts to resist it must be abortive. It has oozed through the walls of the churches and saturated the pulpits. It has settled upon literature, and turns the wheels of the cultured press. It has taken command of science and philosophy, and rests at last upon the Muses. Its mission is to teach men how foolish it is to tie up the spirit of reason within the limits of any creed or special set of dogmas; and to set the mind free to soar into the beyond, the vast, the unknown and unknowable, the infinite, the absolute." It is said we are not religious, which is an error and a slander. *It is because we are religious that we are Agnostics.* It is because we recognise that "behind the veil," through which the human eye can never penetrate, there is "something" which to man has never been revealed, but the presence of which we cannot possibly ignore. *This is not Atheism.* It is because knowing the weaknesses and frailty of humanity that we hesitate to give this universal "Ego" any form pertaining to man, and that we protest against the "myths" of our forefathers being turned into the "facts" and "possibilities" of modern times.

"Why, or how, or whence life comes to us we do not know now; but the trancendent miracle is ever before our eyes. It covers every thousandth of an inch of our earth's surface, dives into the deepest ocean depths, fills the air as high as the mountain tops, ever unsatisfied, never resting, never baffled. Before this Omnipresent God, one must stand in rapt amazement and worship."

"Finality is impossible. Forever and forever a 'something beyond' will attract and inspire the aspiring soul of man. Perfection is unattainable, for evolution is endless."

This is our standpoint. As to how we have reached it, and why we hold it, I must postpone for a future time.—Yours, etc.

SOGANUS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—It is becoming somewhat painful to witness, week after week, your facetious correspondent, Mr Simpson, bounding into the ring and prancing up and down, striking here, thrusting there, without any visible foe to give or take a blow. It must, I am sure, be very trying to the muscular part of his anatomy to be continually expending his force in fighting those things of air. With the view of giving him an object at whom he may direct his blows, I propose putting on the gloves and having a friendly bout or two with him.

As a preliminary, I shall just deal with one or two points in his last week's letter. I am bound to say at the outset that I think he has but imperfectly acquainted himself with the Atheist's position. The Atheist does not say there is no God. He neither affirms nor denies such a proposition. He agrees with Mr Simpson that to deny the existence of a God is sheer folly, but he likewise alleges it to be equally foolish to affirm such an existence. He declares that when ignorance on any subject reigns supreme, silence is the most dignified attitude to assume. Mr Simpson truly says it is impossible for the finite mind to comprehend the infinite. It is, indeed; the two cannot exist at one and the same time. You cannot have everything plus something else. If God exists and is infinite, then the universe is God, which is Pantheism. It is no favourite hobby with Atheists to point out the shortcomings of Christians; they only do so when goaded into retaliation by the taunts of Christians to the effect that Atheists are bound to lead wicked lives. Christianity came to save the world, and here, after eighteen hundred years of trial we have your correspondent bewailing the dishonesty, the cant, the trickery and cunning subterfuge of professing Christians. Why does not Christianity make its adherents better men and women? Why is Christian Europe to-day filled with gaols and workhouses? Why is each Christian country armed to the teeth, ready at any moment to fly at each others' throat? How is it that the religion of Christ has been the cause of the shedding of more blood than any other religion the world has ever seen? Why are the various sects of Christianity warring and jarring with each other about the very meaning of the doctrines they profess to so well understand? The late Archbishop of York declared that any society founded on the sermon on the mount would go to pieces in a week. Your correspondent asserts that all would be well if only the teachings of Christ were put in practice. As a matter of fact they cannot be put in practice. Does he know of anyone who does carry them out? Has he ever tried himself? It has been said and with much truth that the good to be found in Christianity is not original, and the original is not good.

Your correspondent alleges that if the doctrines of Freethought were universally believed in, that vice and crime would reign supreme, and asks are such doctrines not a direct inducement to crime? Secularism is nothing more nor less than science based on morality, and how a doctrine of that kind would wreck society if carried out I am at a loss to understand. If our Christian friends were at all sincere in their boast about the sufficiency of their creed as a deterrent to evil-doers, they would advocate at once the disbanding of all purely secular safeguards. Are they prepared to do so? No; they know full well the value of a policeman when a robbery is going on round the corner.—Yours, &c.,

HERESY.

WEST DURHAM RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I notice that this railway is practically finished from Beamish to the junction with the Team Valley, but I understand that the further west portion is not so forward. Might I suggest to the North-Eastern Railway the great benefit it would be, both to themselves and the public, if they were to obtain the Board of Trade's sanction and open out at once the section from Beamish to Birtley? I understand that the member for the district is also a director of the North-Eastern Railway, and I trust that he will push the matter, which will be a desirable boon to his constituents, and, with deference be it said, of more importance to the district than even Home Rule in Ireland. I should like to see the matter taken up at once in the form of a petition from the inhabitants of Stanley, Kip Hill, Beamish, West Pelton, Pelton, and Pelton Fell.—Yours, etc.

COMMERCIAL.

NUISANCES AT WEST STANLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Allow me a line or two concerning a nuisance at West Stanley. The other day I took a walk, and in passing a pond near to the cricket ground gates, the stench from dead dogs, cats, and rubbish of all kinds was scarcely endurable. I think measures ought to be taken at once to remove the causes of this nuisance, seeing that hundreds of people visit the cricket ground during the summer season. Again, on Whit-Monday, thousands will wend their way to the band contest held in the field close by this filthy spot. I also desire to call the attention of the authorities to the nuisance at the back of Towneley Street, caused by old cocoa matting, old sacks, etc., which have an awful smell, and seeing that in other districts every precaution is used against every epidemic, we should do the same at Stanley, and those nuisances ought to be remedied at once, so that should any epidemic break out, there will be no cause for reflection. I hope this will meet the eyes of those who have the power to remove these filthy spots. Trusting you will insert and oblige.—Yours, &c.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Stanley, April 24th, 1893.

THE WELSH SUSPENSORY MEETING.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The public meeting held at Consett last week against the disestablishment of the Welsh Church, cannot be spoken of as a successful one, if we are to judge from the inaccurate utterances of the chief clergyman who addressed the audience.

Canon Moncrieff may be an excellent Episcopalian, but he must be called a poor politician. Unless his listeners were deaf with Statism, or blind with prejudice, they must have been struck with the astounding assertion that "the present Parliament was not convened to deal with this important question," and also the Canon's unique untruthfulness when he, either through ignorance or something worse, actually asserted that "the constituencies were not consulted in reference to the attack on the Welsh Church." Surely every sane man present who knew anything about the politics of the last general election, could have told him that next to Home Rule for Ireland, came the question of the disestablishment and disendowment of the Welsh Church upon the programme of the Liberal party, whom the country returned to power.

Instead of the Nonconformists thinking, as he fancies, that the measure is "unjust and unfair," allow me, as one who knows something about their opinions, to inform him that they consider it to be nothing less than simple justice to the Welsh nation to enforce it. The fact is, sir, we are simply getting sick, as citizens and as Christians, of the assumptions of the Church to which he belongs, not only in Wales, but also in England.

The insulting language used against the Dissenters lately by the Bishop of Durham, and the cool audacity of your vicar, as shown in his letters to the *Newcastle Daily Leader*, wherein he wants to remain a pauper upon the people, by receiving public pay for his services, is enough to show the selfishness of many ministers of that church which has ceased to be the Church of England—or of Wales—and can only be called a Church in the presence of the many other Churches which go to make up what Her Majesty calls "the Church of Christ" in this Kingdom.

It is really amusing, *sir*, to note the way the Episcopal sect sail out that pompous word "State." "The Church is not State paid," says this Sunderland Canon, who is himself State made. They cling to that word like to a cross, and are afraid to change it for another, lest the hidden sophism be detected. That it is national property is admitted by the best authorities, who are the people themselves. If they draw their revenues from this national property, what does it signify whether the money is handed over by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners? It is too late to talk in this way, as the measures taken by the Government when the Episcopal denomination was disestablished in Ireland sets that matter at rest.

To speak of the Church of England as having created the State is to make it appear that the State has only existed for three hundred years. For that is the period that the Church of England as by law established, has existed.

It is no compliment to his Church to say that some of the Roman Catholic clergy, rather than leave their fat livings, choose to play the part of hypocrites, and join the Protestant Church.

No, sir, the persecuting principle of ecclesiastical establishments, is doomed to disappear in response to the cries of justice and liberty.

Ever since the days of Nebuchadnezzar, the union of Church and state has been a curse, and not a blessing, to the countries of the world. We have to thank the unholy union for the fires of Smithfield, the mines of Siberia, and Robert Buchanan's attack upon Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth. It is the voice of God, no less than the voice of the people, that the union between Christ and Cæsar should forever cease.—Yours sincerely,

A. GRAHAM-BARRON.

Crook, April 18th, 1893.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I read with mingled interest and astonishment the report in the *Guardian* of the meeting at Consett in opposition to the Welsh Suspensory Bill. Where did all the wisdom that was displayed at the meeting come from? Very many of those improved statements ought to have been sent to the House of Correction. If the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in regard to Welsh Disestablishment had been put to a Consett audience, I have confidence to believe that a different resolution would have been passed. With your permission, sir, I shall supply part of what was lacking at the meeting, and I shall prove my statements by independent and irrefutable evidence.

I may state that I have great respect for the State Church in England, and for many of its able and devoted ministers, and I deeply regret that I am compelled to write such a letter.

The State Church in Wales is not the Church of the people. It is an alien Church. It is the Church of the few, and these few by no means the best blood of the nation. Mr Gladstone, whom church defenders often quote in the press and throat in their pulpits, merely stated a well-known fact when he stated and declared that Wales is a nation of Nonconformists. I shall prove this from independent testimony.

In a pamphlet published in 1884, the Rev J. Morgan, rector of Homlid, Glamorganshire, says: "We doubt whether Christendom presents a more orderly, loyal, industrious, frugal, affectionate, and hospitable people, than the inhabitants of Wales. We believe that seldom has religion more thoroughly penetrated the masses than in Wales, and in few countries has its practical power been better exemplified, and the peaceable fruits of righteousness more abundantly shown." We shall see that this happy state of things has been mainly brought about by Nonconformists.

The report of the Committee on Intermediate and Higher Education in Wales (1881), confirms this view. It says: "It is indisputable that Nonconformity in Wales is the outward expression of deep-seated religious convictions amongst the people. The Welsh, turning aside from the ecclesiastical system recognised by the State, have created their own, and maintain it at a large annual cost voluntarily incurred. They have raised their chapels everywhere, on the lonely hillside, no less than in the populous towns, and by this means, and through their Sunday Schools, which seem to keep a lifelong hold over a large part of the population, an almost universal interest in religious questions is maintained.

To establish this fact beyond the shadow of a doubt I shall quote a greater authority on this subject than has ever been at Consett speaking against the Bill, and he speaks in no uncertain language.

Archdeacon Howell, of Wrexham, in preaching at St. Margaret's, on Tuesday, January 26th, 1890, spoke as follows: "There was the unquestionable fact the majority of the people were not found within the pale of the Church (in Wales). There was the equally unquestionable fact that her adherents were largely made up of English settlers, and Anglicised Welshmen—not of the Welsh speaking masses, who held the future of the Principality in their hands. The weakness of the Church in Wales is due to the fact that so much of the best blood of the nation no longer ran in her veins. It was sheer folly to lude from themselves the truth that the most vigorous life of the Welsh people no longer welled forth from the heart of the Welsh Church, and it must not be forgotten that the majority outside the Church were not passive or indifferent, but were banded together for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church. They were men of unquestionable religious character whose lives bore witness to their piety and sincerity."

Now, sir, I maintain that those who cry out robbery and spoilation would, if they could, crush out the highest aspirations and noblest religious life of the Principality, and the greater part of from £250,000 to £300,000 is spent for that purpose to-day. The one desire of the Welsh nation to-day is disestablishment. It has sent 31 out of 34 M.P.'s to Parliament pledged to this purpose. Many of those are best friends of the State Church. Nonconformists do not want a penny that belongs to the Church. They want national property to be used for national purposes. Tithes are national property, given by the nation for the benefit of the nation. No individual, no pious ancestors could give national property. Where are the proofs that those so-called pious ancestors ever attempted to do anything of the kind? If it were done let the property by all means be given on the purpose for which it was intended. A great authority, the Rev Edwin Hatch, D.D., of Oxford, in a paper on the "Origin of Tithes" in the *Contemporary Review, for September*, 1883, says: "The legal enactments which enforced their (tithes) payment also laid down rules for their employment. They were to be divided according to a definite proportion. The particular proportion varied according to circumstances, sometimes four parts were recognised, one to the fabric of the Church, one to the bishop, one to the clergy, and one to the poor. Sometimes there was an omission of one or other or both of the two first of these parts, but whatever basis of division was adopted, the share of the poor was never omitted, and it was always equal to that of the clergy."

The part of this national property which was intended for the poor does not go in that direction at present. A Welsh rector says "It does seem to me a great injustice that *two-tenths* of the people should have all the money for religious purposes which when it was given, was clearly intended for *all the tenths*." If those who cry out spoilation and robbery are conscientious let them refund to the poor the money or property which was originally intended for them. It is not open to suspicion that those who for a long time have pocketed this money want to raise a cloud of dust to prevent people from seeing the true state of things.

Disestablishment will be a grand thing for the State Church in Wales. Major Seton Churchill declared at the Lichfield Diocesan Conference, on the 12th of April, 1893, "That it would rid the Church of many 'duffers.'" He regarded the union of Church and State, if not an unholy alliance, at any rate as a heavy burden and restriction upon the powers and energies of the Church." Disestablishment is certain. He who said "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up," will fulfil His promise. The time must come "When every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain, and the glory of God shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

F. T. NHADAN.

Hen Wlad, April 25th.

STANHOPE GREEN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—I beg that you will afford me a little space to air the grievance of the afflicted Stanhope-Roader. On Sunday afternoons, Stanhope Green, which otherwise is a never-failing source of pleasure to him, seems handed over as a prey to all the noisy characters in the town, who make the place hideous with their cat-calls and other amiable pranks. The use of stones and catapults is also much affected by those gentry, and on Sunday last I observed some of them grabbing up stones in the middle of the road, and filling their pockets with them. I may be uncharitable, but I do not think they were collecting the stones as geological specimens. In short, the Green on Sunday afternoon, instead of being a thing of beauty and a joy for ever to the surrounding inhabitants, is rendered very much the reverse owing to the efforts of the afore-mentioned gentry, who receive little or no check from the authorities. The place seems on Sunday afternoons severely let alone by the police, or if by chance a policeman does put in an appearance, he advances by way of Duke Street at that stately and funeral step so much affected by the force. The consequence is that ample notice is given to the disturbers of our peace, and by the time the officer arrives on the scene, all are apparently quiet and engaged in the contemplative study of the charming shrubs and plants which a munificent Town Council has provided for the delectation of residents in this favoured spot.—I am, &c.,

AN AGGRIEVED STANHOPE-ROADER.

April 26th, 1893.

THE LATE MOSSWOOD CALAMITY.

On seeing this heading, many of our readers will be able to recall the facts of the sad calamity at Silver Tongue, near Mosswood, whereby a mother and her son lost their lives through entering an old disused drift, on the night of the 22nd August last year. At the time, a subscription list was opened for rendering assistance to the remainder of the family. The same has now been closed, and a handsome sum has been collected in response to the appeal. The following are the various amounts that have been subscribed in the undermentioned districts:—

	£	s	d
Castleside	17	0	0
Northumberland, including Burnopfield and Shotley Bridge	15	4	0
Consett, &c.	16	6	6
Private donations	0	15	0

A good portion of this money has now been banked with the North-Eastern Banking Company at Consett. A strong committee has been appointed, with Coun. T. J. Muse, Castleside House, as chairman, and Mr J. W. Lowdon, Consett, secretary, and it has been decided that a portion of the money shall be handed over to the family every year as long as the fund will last. The committee desire to tender their thanks to all who have responded to the appeal, which has enabled them to do something for this most needful case.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, April 21st.—Before V. A. Rippon, Esq. (Chairman), Ald. Livingstone, and J. W. Roddam, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Several persons were fined for dunkenness during the month.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Richardson was charged with permitting drunkenness at his house, The George Inn, Crawleyside, on the 19th ult.—P.C. Haw deposed to seeing William Foster there, on the date in question, so drunk that he had to crawl up some stairs on his hands and knees.—A number of witnesses were called to prove that defendant did not supply any drink, but one of them broke down in his evidence.—The landlady's evidence was objected to by Supt. Snowdon, on the ground that she was in court, and had heard some of the other witnesses' evidence.—R. Pattison, G. Priestman, and Wm. Barkas also gave evidence for defendant.—P.C. Wallace corroborated P.C. Haw's statement.—Mr Teale defended.—The Bench considered the charge proved, and inflicted a fine of 20s, including costs.

Foster was also fined 10s 6d, including costs, for being drunk.

BREACH OF THE EXPLOSIVES ACT.

Isaac Dawson and *John Hetherington* were each charged with committing a breach of the Explosives Act, by unlawfully having in their possession a certain quantity of dynamite. In one of the cases gross carelessness was manifested with so dangerous an explosive.—P.C. Taylor deposed to seeing a boy of Hetherington's, 13 years of age, carrying a quantity of gelatine upon the road in a cardboard box, contrary to Government regulations.—Mr Devey defended, and asked the Bench to deal leniently on the plea of ignorance of the regulations required by Act of Parliament.—Supt. Snowdon pressed the case on behalf of the public safety, and asked for a conviction. An accident of a terrible nature happened in the dale only a month or two ago through carelessness, and the Bench, although disposed to show leniency in these cases, intimated that if any more similar cases came before them they would be dealt with very severely, as the public must be protected.—A fine of 6d each and costs was imposed.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

Two lads of East Lane, Stanhope, *Joseph Egglestone* and *William Pinder*, were charged by P.C. Haw with grappling trout in the burns. They were caught in the act, and both pleaded guilty.—Defendants were each fined 1s and costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

Thomas Pinder was fined 5s for the non-attendance of his child at school.—John Peart, attendance officer, prosecuted.

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A DAY WITH NOTED POULTRY BREEDERS.

Accepting the invitation of the noted poultry breeders of Peakfield and Woodcroft to spend the afternoon with them, and see their various high-class breeds of poultry which have won premier honours at most of the poultry shows of Great Britain and even taken prizes at the Crystal Palace, I made my way to their famous poultry walks the other afternoon. The day was lovely, quite phenomenal for the rude, blustering, boisterous month of March; in fact, queen's own weather. The little wind there was seemed to blow from the south-west, and the day was fine, genial, delightful, and seemed as if borrowed from May. The genial influence of the Gulf Stream made themselves felt, the sun shone brilliantly, and the landscape seemed bathed in mellow golden light, while soft fleecy clouds flitted along the azure sky from the sunny south as if no storm king had ever swept that vast expanse of blue. The skylark, that favourite bird of English song, was tempted to climb the steppes of heaven, and the melodious notes of its sweet song could be heard afar, while thrushes sang solos, duets, and choruses in every copse. Myriads of insects danced in the sunbeams, and the spotted trout, in frisky mood, playfully sported itself in the crystal river, which, like a tiny thread of molten silver in the glorious sunshine, winded its circuitous way down through bonnie Weardale. Nature itself seemed instinct with new life on this beautiful spring day, and one really wondered if our fickle climate had undergone some wondrous change. So unaccustomed are we up in the northern part of our sea-girt isle to such phenominal fine weather in March, that we can heartily in the refrain of the poet when he sings—

"So very fickle do the weather winds blow,
We cannot tell whether to sing
The praises of beautiful snow,
Or the flowers that bloom in the spring."

I left Stanhope at 2.30 p.m., reaching the Bond Isles through Pink Lane, which is so well-known for its sweetness and light. The farmers were busy in the fields, and the gardeners were busy in the gardens with their spring work. The well-known Shittlehope-burn farmer, always in the front rank of his class, was busy sowing corn, the first I have seen this season so doing. On reaching Parson Byers Sidings, I fell in with two or three well-known workmen, who were platelaying, with whom I had a friendly chat. After leaving them I took a straight cut across the fields for my destination, passing on my way the bed of a small brook known as Yakky Well, where I found a fossilised plant of the Mares Tail on a stone, which I considered a rather good find, geologically speaking. It was too heavy for me to carry to my destination and back, so I hid it and called for it on my way home. I had a good search for more geological treasures, but all I found besides it was a specimen of wethered encrinital limestone. But I fell in with a fine botanical specimen or two in the shape of the marsh mallow and the wake robin, and a few last year's plants of century, which I thought was almost unknown in this locality. I passed the east end of Jack's Cragg Quarry, which now extends to Woodcroft. The limestone quarries from here extend west to Softly Road, a distance of about two miles, which in this utilitarian age spares no romantic spot of dame nature, and Jack Cragg a few years ago, a picturesque spot, where water ran through solid rock (as a robin of the neighbourhood intimated in pamphlet form) and jackdaws build their nests undisturbed for ages, except by mischievious lads. It too has been demolished by the vandals of to-day. I passed the identical spot where a fossil potatoe was recently found, which the geologists call a nodule, and the old leadminers call a cat's head. From this place I struck over into Woodcroft Gill, a secluded and romantic spot, where the hound's tongue fern, the scolopendrium vulgare of botanists, grows on the ledges of the limestone ravine. Here in this secluded dell any close observer of nature, with a microscope or powerful magnifying glass, might spend an hour or two examining the multifarious objects of interest and beauty. Scientists tell us that the circle in the eye of a midge is as perfect as that which belts the globe. Then what a world of wonders here is opened up to us by a magnifying glass in the myriads of tiny insects abounding here. All is perfect in their mechanism as is the Lord of Creation himself. Talk of novels! No novel ever yet penned can compare with the wonders of creation all around us. It is a truism that fact is stranger than fiction. Here in this tiny streamlet at certain times of the year we have a number of fish who leave the ocean and travel all the distance between to deposit their spawn and propogate their species. They deposit it among the gravel, and these leave it in the tiny rivulet, and as spring dawns nature developes the little ova into a live fish, which has a hump on its back, from whence it derives its sustenance until it can forage for itself. As with these migratory fish so with our native trout. But what about the eels? Do they spawn like other fish, or have young ones? Where do they spend winter? Do they go to the sea or do they remain? Do they bury themselves in the mud and sleep through winter, or what becomes of them? Here is a spider on the water. He weaves around him a web impervious to the attack of water. He sinks to the bottom, and takes with him a quantity of air, and takes up his abode at the bottom of the water. Here are a lot of insects dancing in the sunbeam. Many of them are hatched at the bottom of the water, and come up to the surface and take wing. Wonders upon wonders! We are surrounded by them daily, yet we do not even notice them. I take a needle, dip it in the tiny stream, a small drop hangs upon it, I examine it with a microscope, and I find it teeming with life. In one corner I spy a great looking animal like a kyloe, with branching horns, and there are hundreds of others of all shapes and sizes; and every drop of water in all these pools contains similar living things by the million. I cannot even place my foot down without treading upon some species of plant or other. Here is a fern growing at my feet; I take up a frond or leaf, I examine it with a magnifying glass, and I see seed-vessels placed in rows, each with a capsule, which, when removed, shows thousands of tiny seeds, everyone of which we are told contains in embryo an entire plant only awaiting the right conditions to develope it. On a stone I discover a little patch of moss, I apply to it a magnifying glass, and it is a complete miniature forest. So it is everywhere in nature.

We see tongues in trees,
Books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones,
And good in everything.

After spending in this interesting fashion some little time among the wonders of creation, I clear out all at once, tear myself away from it, and make straight for Peakfield to see the wonders of nature aided by science in the poultry runs all around the farm. When this century was young there were not many breeds of poultry. Now their name is legion, and the improvements brought about by poultry breeders and fanciers who have made it a science and a study for years is miraculous. On arriving at my destination, I soon found Mr John Ridley, and we were into business discussing the merits and demerits of the various breeds of poultry, some of which brought fabulous prices, and among his collection are to be found some of the very best birds in the United Kingdom; and more than that, even some of the very best in the known world, which can hold their own and win premier honours at the foremost poultry and agricultural shows in the country, Crystal Palace and the Royal Show not even excepted. Then there is his neighbours, Messrs J. and T. Currah, of Woodcroft Farm, with a similar record and fame, and to be shown through all their collection and view the numbers of prize winners of the various classes was to me at least an honour of which I feel a little pardonable pride. To begin with I was shown an incubator at work hatching chickens, doing the work of a clocking hen, to use a local phrase, one of Lathbury's New Model, which he assured me did its work very satisfactorily. It was heated by an ordinary oil lamp, and by an ingenious contrivance of mechanical skill was kept at a uniform temperature. The eggs were deposited in what seemed like drawers, and could easily be pulled out and the eggs turned if necessary. I was also shown two hens with 11 chickens each, most of which had been hatched by this foster mother. On the whole the apparatus was both a wonderful and an ingenious one, does its work well, and is well worthy of a tour of inspection. As I looked upon the hens with their brood under their wings, I was very forcibly reminded of the story of the great Galilean teacher of old (a close observer of nature and applied it in His teachings), when He looked upon Jerusalem and wept over it, exclaiming: "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth her brood under her wings, and ye would not." I don't ever remember seeing such a fine lot of splendid poultry as I saw that day, and I was greatly interested as my guide showed them to me, and dwelt upon their many excellent qualities.

First we came to a breeding pen of gold pencilled Hamburghs for breeding cocks—the cock a lovely even-coloured bird with grand head points, winner of a number of prizes. Close by we also saw another pen of gold pencils, these for pullet breeding, the cock of an entirely different shade of colour, and hen very closely and evenly pencilled. The hen is this pen is a noted prize winner. These birds were running on a splendid grass run with fresh water running close by. We next came to a cock-breeding pen of silver spangled Hamburgh cocks, beautifully marked on neck, saddle, and wings, and a large flowing tail, clear white and beautifully tipped with black at the points of the feathers. The hen in this pen, Mr Ridley informed us, is bred from a cock that thrice won 1st prize at Hamburgh Club Show, Leeds, and also Challenge Cup

A little further on we find a pullet-breeding pen of silver spangles, containing a hen feathered or mooney cock, which was 1st and special for best breeding pen last Keighley show, and said to be one of the best living specimens of the breed. He is mated to three grand hens, all winners. It is almost impossible to imagine anything prettier than a flock of these beautiful birds on a nice grass run on a fine day, each white feather tipped with a large, round, green-coloured spangle, and the wings crossed by straight bars of black. But we must be getting on, and next come to the black Hamburghs, of which we find two breeding pens. The first contains cock, 1st Liverpool, 1st Hednesford, 1st Whickham, and many other prizes, mated to five lovely coloured hens, all prize-winners. The next pen contains a large and grand-headed cock, with beautiful round, white earlobes, mated to two very glossy, green-coloured hens for pullet breeding. This concludes the list of Hamburghs, with the exception of a number of exhibition cocks, which we found penned up singly, and looking the picture of health and condition.

We now pass on to a breeding pen of langshans. These are really pretty birds as they strut about on their lovely grass run, their glossy green black plumage contrasting so charmingly with the bright red combs. The cock bird in this pen is an immense fellow with fine bone, splendid meaty breast, grand plumage, and a lovely flowing tail. We were informed that these birds are highly esteemed as a table fowl, being noted for having fine white flesh, and the hens are capital winter layers and good sitters.

Our next sight is a breeding pen of black Minorcas, said to be one of the finest laying breeds, and noted for their large eggs. The cock bird is a large and handsome fellow, with large erect comb, and the hens are a nice lot, looking very healthy. Last and also least we find a flock of very diminutive-looking specimens, which Mr Ridley described to us as black rose-comb bantams. These were (we were told) hatched in August last year, and despite severe weather and other drawbacks, they began to lay soon after Christmas, and have continued more or less ever since. We also saw running on nice grass runs, splendidly sheltered, three very fine broods of chickens, looking the picture of health.

We now go on to the adjoining farm, Messrs Currah's, of Woodcroft, who are also old fanciers, having been exhibitors more or less from boyhood. The first lot we come to are three grand breeding pens of dark Dorkings. These are of immense size, very deep, and squarely built, and have beautiful white feet. These birds are winners of a very long list of prizes, one bird alone having won upwards of thirty specials, cups and prizes. Our next sight was a breeding pen of duckwing game—the cock a very handsome fellow. The colour of these birds is simply lovely. We now come to the black red game, very long in leg and head, and hard and close in feather, which makes them look small, but when we handled them—Oh! what a surprise; they handled like lead. We also saw some very large and pretty Rouen ducks, which we were informed were prize-winners. Crossing through the farmyard we noticed two beautiful peacocks strutting about, evidently considering themselves worthy of a little admiration. We now adjourned to the residence of Messrs Ridley for tea, and Mr Ridley informed me that to try and induce poultry keepers to breed only pure breeds or first crosses, he would supply eggs for sitting at a very low price.

MR ATHERLEY-JONES AND THE HOME RULE BILL.

THE HON. MEMBER'S EXPLANATION.

Considerable discussion having taken place in various parts of North-West Durham concerning the speech reported to have been delivered by Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., in the House of Commons on Monday night, on the Home Rule Bill, Mr Thos. F. Foster, Secretary of the Consett Liberal Association, wrote as follows to the hon. member:—

"Consett, April 12, 1893.

"DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly let me know if you are correctly reported in yesterday's *Daily News*, as stating that you 'considered the present Home Rule Bill would be detrimental to both England and Ireland?' As, with the exception of the retention of the Irish members at Westminster, there has been no material alteration of the Bill since 1886, I can scarcely think you can have any serious objection to it, especially as you have so frequently expressed to us here not only your approval of the principle of Home Rule, but of the general details of the 1886 measure. I may say that the report of your speech on Monday night is causing a good deal of anxiety to Liberals here, which I trust your reply will at once allay.—I remain, yours truly,

"THOS. F. FOSTER,
"Secretary Consett Liberal Association."

The following reply was on Friday morning received from the member for North-West Durham:—

"House of Commons, 20th April, 1893.

"MY DEAR MR FOSTER,—I am much obliged for your kind letter, and am glad to reply to your enquiry. You ask me whether I am correctly reported in the *Daily News* as having stated in the Home Rule debate that I considered the present Home Rule Bill would be detrimental to both England and Ireland. It is unfortunate, but, I suppose, more or less inevitable, that the process of compressing speeches for the purpose of report often results in a complete distortion of their meaning. I will, as soon as the 'Hansard' report of my speech is out, send you a copy which will constitute the best reply to your query. Meantime, I may say that I never used any language which could possibly bear the interpretation placed upon it. I am a Home Ruler, I have been a Home Ruler for many years past, and long prior to the introduction of any Home Rule Bill. I desire a measure of Home Rule that shall constitute, as far as maybe, a final settlement of this great controversy. While prepared to give loyal support to this measure, I think that in some directions it is capable of amendment. We Liberals advocate Home Rule for two reasons of supreme importance: (1) That it will satisfy the just demands of the Irish people; and (2) that it will relieve Parliament from the constant agitation of the Irish question, and thus enable it to afford adequate attention to the legislative requirements of Great Britain.

"The bill contains two provisions which, as an English Radical I think may be removed or modified in committee. These two provisions are—(1) The withholding from the Irish Statutory Parliament the power to legislate in respect of the Irish Land question. The land question, if not the origin of the demand for Home Rule, at least gave vital force to the movement, and constitutes by far the preponderating factor of the Irish difficulty. I see no reason why the Irish people should not be trusted to control the laws relating to the tenure of land, and I feel assured that the retention of the control thereof by the Imperial Parliament will of necessity mean the almost complete monopoly of its time in the discussion of the many necessary bills which will be introduced for the further amendment of the Irish Land Laws; and thus again for, at any rate, a period of three years from the coming into operation of the Home Rule Bill, Parliament will be almost entirely prevented from dealing with those urgent questions of domestic legislation for England, Wales, and Scotland, for which the working classes have patiently waited for the past seven years.

Again, the bill, contrary to Mr Gladstone's own judgment, provides for the retention of the Irish members, who will have effective control over our own domestic affairs, while we have no control whatever over the domestic affairs which, under the bill we assign to them. This, in my judgment is not just or politic, for, as Mr Gladstone pointed out in his speech the other day, it will open the door to intrigue by the two English parties in order to secure the Irish vote. I desire to see these two blemishes in the bill removed. I trust that in committee they may be. I would give to Ireland the fullest and most generous measure of self-government—as full as is consistent with the safety of the Empire, and I would do this firstly because it is just, and secondly because I in common with you and at least the large majority of my constituents, desire that our Parliament may have time to give unstinted labour to conforming our laws and the administration to the political and social requirements of the English Democracy.—Yours, &c.,

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, April 24th.—Before Coun. JAMES ANNANDALE (presiding), W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, F. PRIESTMAN, J. T. POTTS, and E. W. E. BALLENY, Esqs.

PLAYING AT CARDS.

Peter and *James Donnelly* (brothers), *John* and *Garret Parkes* (brothers), *William Brown*, and *Patrick Smith* were summoned by P.C. Dixon with playing at cards at Blackhall Mill, on Sunday morning, 9th inst.—Garret Parkes and Brown admitted the offence. —The officer deposed that whilst on duty in plain clothes on the north side of the Derwent, near Blackhall Mill, he saw the whole of the defendants, along with other men, playing cards. He witnessed several games, and saw money change hands.—James Conley declared that there would be about thirty men sitting on the grass, waiting for opening out time of the public-house, and only two of the men were playing at cards.—P.C. Hadwin corroborated.—The Magistrates fined Parkes and Brown 5s and costs, and dismissed the charge against the other defendants.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Samuel and *Thomas Moss* (brothers), and *John William Butler*, were proceeded against by P.C. Pembleton for fighting at Blackhill, on the 8th inst. —Defendants pleaded guilty, and were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and ordered to defray the costs.

ASSAULTING HIS WIFE AT MEDOMSLEY.

AN ILL-ASSORTED PAIR.

Thomas Hunter, roadman, of Medomsley, was summoned for having committed an aggravated assault upon his wife, Ann Hunter, on the 7th inst. Mr Duncan, North Shields, prosecuted, whilst Hunter pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr T. W. Welford (Consett). Notice was also given of the prosecutrix's intention of applying for a judicial separation.

Mr Duncan related the facts of the case. The parties had been married for something like three or four years, and had led a most wretched life, which seemed to have been brought to a climax on the night in question. After their Worships had heard the evidence, he hoped they would severely punish defendant, and grant complainant a judicial separation.

Complainant, a respectable-looking person, entered the box, and said she had been married to defendant three years and nine months, and during that time she had led a most unhappy life, in consequence of defendant's conduct towards her. On the night in question, her husband arrived home about 5·20, partook of dinner, and shortly afterwards went out. Defendant came home again about 9·40, and she was engaged reading prayers by the light of the lamp. Defendant said he required the lamp for the purpose of reading the *Consett Guardian* and the *Evening Chronicle*. After a few words, defendant struck her a violent blow on the forehead, causing a large lump. After this, defendant seized her by the throat and wrist, and threatened her. She was subject to rheumatism, and he caused her great pain, and she screamed violently. After she got out of bed, defendant got her behind the door, and again seized her by the neck, and threatened to choke her. When released, she got hold of the flat-iron, and threatened that if he got hold of her again she would strike him with the same. Complainant put on her clothes, and went for the police, and told him what had transpired. She had given defendant no provocation, and he had assaulted her repeatedly.

Cross-examined by Mr Welford, complainant said that she had accused defendant of going with other women, and he charged her with drinking. They had lived in Newcastle together, and whilst there she remembered going into a butcher's shop, and through something she said defendant stayed out all night. Defendant did not ask her for the papers. She did take up the flat-iron, but never struck defendant with it. She did not take up the lamp to throw at defendant. When he got hold of her by the waist, defendant did strike her a violent blow on the forehead.

In answer to Mr Duncan, complainant said that when defendant stayed out all night, it was about 18 months ago.

By the Chairman: When defendant took the lamp away, he said he wanted to read the paper, and she told him that he ought to have read the paper where he had been. He had often assaulted her.

P.C. Wright spoke to complainant coming to his house and complaining of having been assaulted by defendant. Witness saw the mark on her forehead. He then took complainant to defendant's residence, and saw defendant, and finally got her into the house again.

In answer to Mr Welford, the officer said that his wife and complainant were not on very friendly terms.

Mr Welford said that there were faults on both sides, and it was evident that the parties concerned had not lived happy together. Defendant charged complainant with drinking, and she charged him with going with other women. If the mark on the forehead was given by defendant, it was not of such a character as to justify a charge of an aggravated assault. On this particular night defendant took the lamp, and put it on the table to read the paper. Complainant felt annoyed at what Hunter had done, and it was evident that she was out of bed at the time, because she was going to throw the lamp at defendant, when she was stopped. Prosecutrix then took the flat-iron and attempted to throw this at defendant, but was prevented. Defendant never struck complainant, and after finding that she could not do anything to her husband, she went outside and made a complaint to the police. He had no witnesses, because there were only the two parties in the house at the time.

The Chairman enquired if the two parties could not come to some mutual arrangement, and bury the hatchet.

Mr Duncan said that prior to coming into court he offered certain terms, which were not accepted.

Mr Welford said that Mr Duncan did make him an offer, but it was of such a restrictive character that his client would not accept of the same. Defendant was earning £1 a week when working full time.

Mr Duncan: Defendant has £400 in the bank.

Mr Welford: We deny that; but you forget to tell us that complainant has an income of 6s 6d a week in her own right.

Mr Duncan: It is only 5s a week.

The Chairman said the Magistrates had come to the conclusion that they could not grant a separation order, but defendant would be fined 20s and 11s 6d costs for the unjustifiable assault.

A MEDICINE VENDOR FINED.

Henry Rule, grocer, of Durham Road, Blackhill, was summoned for selling patent medicines stamped, without a license.—Mr Smith, supervisor of excise, Durham, prosecuted, and stated that he was instructed to take up the case by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, because defendant could have taken out a license for the sale of the same at a cost of 5s a year.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said that he had been ailing for some time, and kept the medicines for his own use.—Mr Edwards, Excise Officer, Blackhill, deposed that from information received he went to defendant's shop on the 7th February, and asked the young woman at the counter if they kept Paternoster Pills. She replied "Yes," and he then said he would take a box. He then saw two or three kinds in a drawer, and presently took the box (produced). He afterwards asked defendant for an explanation as to the sale of the article, and he replied that he kept them for his own use, and he might occasionally sell a box.—Mr Smith then handed the Bench a letter written by defendant, in which he admitted that he kept pills for sale.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

THE ADULTERATION OF LARD.

IMPORTANT MAGISTERIAL DECISION.

Walter Willson, mayor of Gateshead, who has about 80 grocery and provision shops in the North of England, was summoned for having, at his branch establishment at Consett, on the 2nd March last, sold a half-pound of lard which, on analysis by Mr W. F. K. Stock, the county analyst, of Darlington, was found to be adulterated to the extent of 7 per cent. with beef fat. The proceedings were instituted by Mr James Laidlaw, a food and drugs inspector under the County Council, a fortnight ago, when defendant declared that the lard was sold in the same condition as it was received from the manufacturers, Messrs Kilvert and Sons, of Manchester. The firm originally promised to defend the case for him, but at the last moment he was informed that the lard—a sample of which was sent to the firm—was not of their manufacture, and they finally accused him of selling some other maker's lard for theirs. Mr Willson, however, declared that he was in a position to prove that the lard was Kilvert's, and produced an invoice from the firm, in which the articles were described as pure lard.—The Justices intimated that as the case then stood they would proceed to a conviction, but the parties mutually agreed to an adjournment to have the point definitely decided as to whether the word "pure" upon the firm's invoice was a sufficient warranty of the article supplied, and also to afford Mr Willson an opportunity of consulting counsel on the question.

At the adjourned hearing, Mr Iliff (Messrs Simey and Iliff, Sunderland) appeared for the prosecution, Mr C. M. Dix (Newcastle) defended, while Mr McDonald (Manchester) represented the manufacturing firm.

Mr Dix said he was not present at the court a fortnight ago, but he had been able to gather the fullest particulars in reference to the case by the most fair and correct report of the case, which was published in the *Consett Guardian* of April 14th. At the last court Mr Willson fully explained the reason he was not defended by a solicitor, and they had already heard the evidence, and he took it for granted that the Bench were satisfied that it was Messrs Kilvert's lard that was in dispute.

The Chairman said the case was adjourned on the ground that the words "pure lard" raised a legal question as to whether there was a sufficient warranty or not. They were met now to decide this issue.

Mr Dix: Then you will take no further evidence.

The Chairman: That was the distinct understanding at the last court. We were satisfied, and had no reason to doubt Mr Willson's word that it was Messrs Kilvert's lard.

Mr Dix: Very good. We will now proceed to consider the legal point. He stated that the Food and Drug's Act was brought into operation to secure the sale of pure goods and protect the purchaser, and argued that the invoice was a written warranty under the meaning of the 25th section of the Food and Drug's Act of 1875. The invoice set forth—"Two barrels of pure bladder lard," the word "pure" being underlined with red ink, so that it would not be misunderstood. Mr Dix next quoted several cases in support of his contention, and said the case of the Farmer's Company v Stevenson covered theirs entirely. This was in reference to a written warranty with milk delivered. The contract was to supply 100 gallons of the best milk daily, and the vendor warranted the quality of such milk. Each churn, when delivered, had a label describing it as "genuine new milk." This was considered a warrant under the meaning of the Act, and they had a similar one in this court. Mr Willson and his witnesses had satisfied the Bench that his sole aim and desire was to purchase "pure lard," and Messrs Kilvert advertised their commodity as such, not on one invoice, but upon all that Mr Willson had received from the firm. This all went to prove that the article was "pure" that the firm dealt in. Mr Dix next read the contract, which was to the effect—"We have this day sold you three tons of Kilvert's pure lard." The counter part of the contract was "We have this day bought from you three tons of pure lard." This they would see was a contract between Mr Willson and Messrs Kilvert for a supply of pure lard. Here they had the order, contract, invoice, and the barrel all bearing the words "pure lard" upon them. If this was not a written warranty, what did it mean? It had been shown that it was not necessary that the word "warranted" should be used. The firm had asserted the fact over and over again that they had supplied Mr Willson with the pure commodity. How would it have strengthened Mr Willson's case if the firm had inserted in the invoice "warranted pure." It would not have strengthened it any more than it did at present. A statement certifying that the lard was "pure" was a sufficient warranty under the meaning of the Act. The position that the firm had taken up in saying that the lard was not theirs did not help Mr Willson in the least, and he contended that what had been done in this instance in the shape of a warranty was accepted by all dealers as a guarantee, who considered themselves self-bound by it. Mr Willson's object in dealing was at all times to supply to the public nothing but pure articles, and in dealing with this firm he had every confidence in them that they were supplying him with the genuine article.

Mr Iliff considered that the invoice could not be regarded as a written warranty, but was merely a trade description of the article forwarded. Messrs Kilvert had not supplied the usual form certifying that the article was "pure," and the invoice was not a sufficient warranty under the meaning of the Act, and therefore could be nothing more or less than simply a description of the article. Mr Iliff next proceeded to deal with the cases Mr Dix had cited, and declared that nothing yet had been forthcoming to prove that a warranty was given with the lard.

After a long consultation, the Chairman said the majority of the Bench considered the contract note and the invoice contained a written warranty that the article sold was pure lard, and, therefore, Mr Willson would be discharged from the prosecution, but, owing to Mr Wilson not having given notice of this defence, he would have to pay the costs of the case (£4 9s 6d in all).

Mr McDonald rising to his feet to address the court, was interposed by Mr Dix inquiring of the Bench who the gentleman was.

The Chairman: We understand that Mr McDonald is Messrs Kilvert's adviser.

Mr Dix: This gentleman has no *locus standi* in this case.

The Chairman: We are aware of that, but Mr McDonald wishes to speak.

Mr Dix: I will not object, providing you will allow me to reply.

The Chairman: Very well.

Mr McDonald maintained that the lard in question was not supplied by Messrs Kilvert, and inquired if the Bench could tell him where the samples of lard were deposited.

The Chairman said that Messrs Kilvert would have a sample of the lard.

Mr McDonald: Very good.

Mr Dix then read a letter Mr Willson had received from the firm bearing on the case, after which Mr McDonald declared that the firm was open at all times to have their lard analysed.

The parties concerned then left the court.

[Coun. Annandale retired during the hearing of this case.]

LARCENY OF A WATCH.

Wm. Geo. Oddard, was brought up by Sergt. Liddle, with being inculcated in the stealing of a watch belonging to Wilson Henderson, of Stanley.—The officer stated that he apprehended prisoner at Chester-le-Street that morning, and procured the watch (produced) from a pawnbroker at Gateshead.—Prisoner was remanded for eight days.

FIGHTING AT LINTZ COLLIERY.

Jas. McKenna was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and pay 11s costs, for fighting at Lintz Colliery, on the 31st ult.—P.C. Regesson adduced the facts of the case.

SECOND COURT.

Before W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN (presiding), and F. PRIESTMAN, Esqrs.

ASSAULT AT CONSETT.

Mary Marron was summoned for assaulting Julia Bell, in William Street, Consett, on the 15th inst.—Prosecutrix alleged that defendant blackened her eye.—Defendant was found guilty, and fined 2s 6d and 12s costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

James Dawson was proceeded against for doing wilful damage to grass belonging to John Hunter, Medomsley, on the 12th inst.—After hearing the evidence the case was dismissed.

James Dawson was next charged with doing damage to fencing, to the amount of 1s, the property of John Davison, at the same time and place.—The Bench ordered defendant to pay 1s fine, the damage and costs—7s 6d altogether.

VAGRANCY.

Wm Bell, tramp, was sentenced to gaol for two months with hard labour, for begging and otherwise misbehaving himself at Castleside, on the 21st April. —P.C. Whitfield proved the case.

BENFIELDSIDE BURIAL BOARD.

On Tuesday night, a public meeting of the rated inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge, all embraced within the ecclesiastical district of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, took place in the Low Schoolroom, Blackhill—Rev James Foran, chairman of the Burial Board, presiding.

The clerk to the Board (Mr Thos. Whinney) read the statement of accounts for the year ending March 25th last, which had been audited by Messrs J. Allen and Jas. Kelly. It appeared that the total expenditure incurred was £447 4s 6d. The balance of £106 11s 8d on March 26th, 1892, had been reduced to £66 11s 2d at the end of the current year. The liabilities of the Board now stood at £433 8s 10d, and the balance due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, No. 2 loan, was £500.

On the motion of Mr T. BEATTIE (Consett Junction), seconded by Mr C. STEPHENSON (Blackhill), the statement of accounts was passed.

The Clerk next read a resolution passed by the Burial Board, asking the vestry to sanction the spending of an estimated sum of £50 10s on necessary improvements in the cemetery grounds. The income during the year, he explained, was £174 10s, and the expenditure £224 1s 1d, the balance of expenditure over income being £49 11s 1d, which only left a balance of £17 1s to carry on operations during the current year. The works proposed to be carried out included laying ballast on the footpaths, draining, &c.

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Mr W. EALES (Consett), and seconded by Mr J. McCANN (Blackhill), that the sum of £50 10s be voted to the Board for the probable outlay of the ensuing year, in accordance with the resolution of the Board.

This was agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr G. ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Mr J. G. COOKE, a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding.

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SUICIDE AT WOLSINGHAM.

On Saturday, Mr Coroner Preed held an inquest at the Black Bull, Wolsingham, on the body of John Humble (38), who committed suicide by hanging himself on the previous day. The deceased who was single and a member of the firm of Messrs Humble and Sons, shovel manufacturers, was a shaft finisher, and worked with his brother at Wolsingham. On Friday afternoon he left the workshop and went into the loft above. On his brother following him a quarter-of-an-hour later he was astounded to see him hanging from a beam quite dead. It was stated at the inquiry that the deceased had been in a depressed condition for over a year, and had been worse during the past fortnight.—A verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane" was returned.

LIBERAL MEETING AT CASTLESIDE.

On Saturday evening, a public meeting of the electors of the Castleside polling district of the North-West Durham Liberal Association was held in the Board Schools, Castleside. There was a capital attendance, presided over by Mr Joseph Eltringham, of Blackhill, secretary of the North-West Durham Liberal Association. The other gentlemen on the platform were Mr C. G. Binks and Mr J. W. Laws, of the Newcastle Liberal Club, Messrs E. Leybourne, J. Ellison, T. Raine, J. Thompson, W. Pattinson, J. Ripley, and others.

The CHAIRMAN said he was pleased to find the local association in a prosperous condition. This division had a large number of polling districts from whom they heard very little about, but he was glad to say that Castleside stood in the front rank, and showed the whole division a good example. (Cheers.) He had received many letters from their secretary with regard to their various gatherings, which indicated that the committee endeavoured to keep their members together, and encouraged them to take an interest in political affairs, and keep up the connection at all times. (Hear.) They very often found that when the time for the general election came round they had plenty of men ready to push themselves to the front, and make people believe that they were the most ardent Liberals the division possessed. (Laughter.) This sort of thing they did not believe in, and he admired the way in which the Castleside people worked, so that they might be ready at all times to fight the battle of Liberalism when it was required. (Cheers.) The central secretary had a great deal of work to do; but when he had good local secretaries, such as their friend (Mr Thompson), it was a great blessing, and made his work a great deal lighter. (Applause.)

Mr PATTINSON moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting of electors and non-electors expresses its unabated confidence in Her Majesty's Government, and tenders its thanks for the way in which Ministers have redeemed their pledges by the introduction into the House of Commons of the Home Rule, Local Veto, and other useful Bills, and hereby pledges itself to spare no effort to secure the passing of those measures."

He stated that he moved the resolution because he had every confidence in the Government—(applause)—and a more progressive party never held the reins of office. (Cheers). They had a splendid leader in the G.O.M., who knew how to carry the work on. The Prime Minister had been enabled to introduce the Home Rule Bill, and now it had passed its second reading by a majority of 43. (Cheers.) This Bill had his (the speaker's) entire sympathy, and he might state that he was a Home Ruler long before it was ever popular to become one. He was well-known as a strong advocate of temperance, and therefore trusted that the Direct Veto Bill might speedily become law. (Cheers.)

Mr RAINE seconded the resolution, and said he did go through indebtedness to the party that now held the reins of office at St. Stephens. (Cheers.) It was through this Government that he became the possessor of a vote. He also formed part and parcel of the religious Nonconformist body, and the Welsh Suspensory Bill found a true supporter in him, because he believed it would tend to bring about religious equality. (Applause.)

Mr BINKS supported the resolution in an interesting and exhaustive speech. He thanked those present for the kind reception they had accorded him, and said he was not in the least disheartened because there was not a house full of excited politicians. He felt pleased on learning from the chairman how they, as ardent Liberals, were keeping up the social friendship, so as to always be in readiness for work when called upon. (Applause.) He was glad to have such a resolution before him, and he was entirely in sympathy with the same. It was one of confidence. (Cheers.) It was always better to have appreciation than to inflict blame. In the past six years, they had always found fault with the Tory party, but now this had all passed away, and they had once more a Radical legislation shining before the country. (Cheers.) In the past days they had heard complaints about the formation of cabinets, but on this occasion Mr Gladstone had found it possible to have a cabinet composed of men with broad views, sound hearts, and clear brains. (Applause.) He had faith in the administration of the Government. If they would take this party and contrast it with its predecessors, they would soon perceive that a better state of things had come to pass. The Government had made a good attempt in doing some good work for the benefit of the people. He (the speaker) next pointed out what the Liberals had accomplished since going into office, and said that it all indicated that the Government had faith in the people, and they were not tardy givers, but large sympathisers with popular rights. (Cheers.) Dealing with the various charges alleged against the Government by the Opposition, he (the speaker) said that when the Tories charged the Liberals with doing too much it was simply because they knew that the Government was in earnest, and they must be delayed so that the measures might be considered. The Conservatives at the present time were not anxious about doing anything, and the Unionists were willing to help them. (Laughter and cheers.) It was not necessary that one session should be set apart for one measure. These days were gone, and as there was a desire that there should be a quicker pace in politics, it was equally essential that measures should be forthcoming. When they got payment of members, shorter Parliaments, Home Rule, and other reforms, and they got better tools, they would do better work. (Cheers.) They were told that the Government was insincere, and did not intend to do anything if this was the case. Why was the Opposition so anxious to put difficulties in the way. They would agree with him that the Government was bent upon doing radical work, and they were going to stop them as much as they possibly could. There was the question of Home Rule. He was pleased to stand on that platform, not to thank the Government for its introduction, but to congratulate them upon the successful passing of the second reading. (Cheers.) He (the speaker) next proceeded to take Mr Goschen and others to task through making such absurd statements that the Bill had not been sufficiently considered by the people of the country, when they well knew that during the past seven years it had been the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end—of all their meetings. (Laughter and applause.) It was finally settled, along with other measures, at the last general election. (Cheers.) If they took the question of Ireland itself, they had 81 Nationalists voting solid in connection with the second reading of the Bill. (Applause.) Passing on, Mr Binks dealt with several charges against the Bill, and said that there was never yet a Bill brought forward but what met with more or less opposition. Take for example the hostility shown by a certain class against the Direct Veto Bill and the Welsh Suspensory Bill. (Applause.) If Belfast was the centre of wealth and enterprise, she was quite capable of looking after herself under a Home Rule Bill. (Cheers.) In conclusion, he appealed to those present to bring a little pressure to bear upon the member for the division (Mr Atherley-Jones), so as to let him know that they were watching his actions in the House of Commons. (Cheers.)

Mr LAWS also spoke in support of the resolution. Touching upon the various measures put forward by the Government, he said that the Liberal party had shown their sympathy for the working-classes by reducing the qualification for the Board of Guardians, so as to enable working-men to sit upon such bodies and see that the poor law was properly administered. Referring to the Local Veto Bill, he (the speaker) said such had created a great deal of antagonism. This was a measure that he entirely endorsed, but yet their opponents said it was a class legislation, and they were not going to see the working-man robbed of his beer. They found that this opposition sprang from the trade, who were ready to oppose everything that was for the benefit of the working-classes. In the past, they had had various struggles for wages, bread, and clothing; but yet they never heard tell of this opposition coming to their assistance. (Applause.) He hoped the present gathering would be the means of doing much good. The Government deserved the sympathy they received. He considered that they ought to let their member (Mr Atherley-Jones) know what their opinion was upon certain measures, and desire him to support the Government with all his heart and soul. (Cheers.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to the Prime Minister, Sir W. Harcourt, and Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones.

On the motion of Mr ELLISON, seconded by Mr RIPLEY, votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman and speakers, and the meeting terminated.

PRESENTATION TO MR J. ELTRINGHAM, OF BLACKHILL.

Under the auspices of the Consett and District Cricket Club, a smoking concert was, on Wednesday night, given at the headquarters—the house of Mr William Eltringham, Station Hotel, Blackhill. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Mr Joseph Eltringham, a well-known resident and most enthusiastic supporter of the club, with a handsome marble timepiece and a gold albert and pendant as a slight memento of the valuable services he had rendered the organisation in the past. Dr Geo. Renton, president of the club, was in the chair, and there was a large and influential attendance, the leading gentlemen in the company including Coun. R. Murray, Benfieldside House, Dr Dawson Blackhill, Messrs W. Robinson, J. S. Murray, J. A. Jack, R. Park, Geo. Eltringham, J. W. Harker, A. S. Godfrey, Blackhill, T. D. Dales, Medomsley (captain of the club), G. T. Hyden, Geo. Dryden, Jas. Kelly, Consett, W. Ramsey (secretary to the club), &c. Mr Eltringham is certainly deserving of the honour thus paid to him by his fellow-clubmen, as since the old cricket ground was taken by the Consett Iron Company to turn into a park, he has assisted the club in every way possible, subscribing freely to its funds, and giving great part of his time to further its interests. Besides being one of the leading supporters of the "professional" scheme, he has, during the past winter, superintended the extension of the new cricket pitch at Blackfine, and by his experience and generous dealings had saved the committee a great amount of expense, while ensuring them the best of workmanship in carrying out their plans.

The CHAIRMAN said that before proceeding to make the presentation, he would ask them to drink to the prosperity, long life, health, and happiness of their guest. (Applause.) He spoke of Mr Eltringham in the capacity of a friend, and they all knew what a staunch and true friend he could be to everyone who could lay claim to his friendship. He made bold to say that there was no man in this district who stood a truer and more sincere friend than Mr Eltringham did, and moreover he acted up to his words and intentions. There was no person in the neighbourhood who shone more brilliantly as a business man. (Applause.) Everything Mr Eltringham took in hand he threw into it all the energy and vigour he was capable of shewing. No man threw his heart and soul more thoroughly into a work, or did it more satisfactorily, and in proof that his services were sought for far and wide—not only in Blackhill, but in the outside district—the work he accomplished was always well done. (Applause.) As a public individual, no person occupied a more prominent position in the whole district than did Mr Eltringham—whether as a member of the Local Board, as a former member of the Board of Guardians, and in any other public capacity. (Applause.) No person in the locality knew the Public Health Act better, or acted up to the letter press more strictly than he did. He was an ornament to the whole countryside. He (the chairman) would not eulogise him further, because words would fail to do full justice to his noble qualities. (Applause.) Since Mr Eltringham took an interest in the cricket club—and it was only of recent date that he did so—no man had achieved more than Mr Eltringham. This was a matter of some wonderment, inasmuch as Mr Eltringham never was a cricketer—at least it must have been in a very crude way in bygone days. Since he had associated himself with the club, however, he had rendered most invaluable services which they would never forget. He stuck to the club through thick and thin. He threw his heart and soul into the interests of the club, and since he became a member of the committee he had been regular in attendance and offered them sagacious advice. He had also got the club through many serious difficulties, and had likewise opened his purse-strings in a manner which no other gentleman had done. (Applause.) His counsel in relation to laying down the ground had also been most valuable to the club. During the past few months Mr Eltringham had undertaken the extension and enlargement of the ground, and had done it in a manner which could not be excelled in any part of the kingdom. (Applause.) Whatever he had done seemed to be a labour of love, and he (the speaker) trusted that as long as he lived, he would go on increasing his power, and intensifying his zest for cricket. (Applause.) The prospects of the club during the coming season were largely due to the assistance it had received from Mr Eltringham, and but for him, he (Dr Renton) questioned very much whether the idea of employing a professional to train the members would have been adopted. In consequence, however, of the generosity of Mr Eltringham, supplemented by other friends, the subject of employing a professional had been entertained, with the result that, according to the testimonials the gentleman so engaged had received as to his character and ability, his experience would very materially assist the club during the season just entered upon, and lead them on to victory. (Applause.) He therefore invited them to drink the health of Mr Eltringham, and this was carried out with musical honours. In concluding, the worthy doctor handed to Mr Eltringham a handsome marble timepiece, as a very slight appreciation of the efforts he had displayed in furtherance of the interests of cricket, and hoped that in the years to come this gift would remind him of the good feeling which had been established between the members of the club and himself. (Loud cheers.)

Mr ROBERT PARK was then called upon to present Mr Eltringham with a gold albert, with an appendage, bearing a short inscription. In all committees, he pointed out, there were men who were willing to sacrifice a great portion of their time, talents, and money for the benefit of their fellow men, and in spite of adverse criticisms, and a wrong construction being put upon their motives, they continued in the path of well-doing, and worked loyally and conscientiously for the benefit of mankind, so that ultimately their critics and opponents gave them some little credit for their words and actions. (Applause.) They found such an individual as he had attempted to describe in Mr Eltringham. (Applause.) No doubt he had, during his long residence there, conferred great benefits upon the community generally. He had laboured hard and honestly for the inhabitants in the Local Board district, where he was more intimately connected, and had doubtless lived down any false impressions which might have been created in days gone by. (Applause.) There was no man without opponents or enemies. Indeed, Mr Eltringham had won the esteem and admiration of all by his upright conduct and consistent behaviour in all public duties. (Applause.) It was not, however, in the capacity of ratepayers that they were assembled together to do honour to Mr Eltringham, but as cricketers and supporters of cricket pure and simple. (Applause.) He (the speaker) fully endorsed all that the chairman had said concerning Mr Eltringham. The most frequent occasions he met Mr Eltringhom were at the club committee meetings, where that gentleman upheld his views and opinions with a great amount of perspicuity and eloquence, and he (Mr Park) placed more confidence in Mr Eltringham's sound judgment and his opinions on many of the questions, than in other persons who professed to have a better training and education. (Applause.) Mr Eltringham was one of the most independent thinkers—some people called this obstinacy—that they possessed in the locality. (Applause.) Issues had been fought warmly on both sides, and although Mr Eltringham would not budge from his opinions, if he became impressed with the arguments advanced against his own ideas, he would modify his opinions considerably, although he adhered to the principle of the thing he had laid down. The work he had done on the committee could not be over-estimated. (Applause.) Only those who had been closely intimated with Mr Eltringham could fully appreciate the benefits he had conferred upon the cricket club, and all true lovers of the game were bound to acknowledge the assistance he had rendered that organisation. In awarding Mr Eltringham the gold albert, the speaker hoped that the recipient would continue to give the Consett and District Cricket Club—under whatever name it might be designated in the future—the same valuable assistance that had signalised his career in the past. (Cheers.)

Mr ELTRINGHAM, whose rising was greeted with a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm, stated that he had now resided in that neighbourhood for the last 34 years, and until that night he never felt that he was so much thought of in the district as he seemed to be. (After listening to the kind and flattering remarks of the gentlemen who had preceded him—(Applause)—he had come to the conclusion that there was a certain amount of exaggeration in their very flattering speeches. (Cries of "No.") When he first became connected with the Consett and District Cricket Club it was not his first commencement with cricket. (Hear.) He certainly took a good deal of interest in the old Benfieldside Club. Mr J. Dixon and himself had been acquainted since his advent to the locality; they had always been very good friends, and acted up to the principles of friends and acquaintances, helping one another out of difficulties. (Applause.) Probably that was the reason that Mr Dixon had sung "Poor old Joe," for he felt that he was getting old—(laughter)—but he was not so poor as when he originally came into the district. (Renewed laughter.) He thanked them one and all most kindly for their kind appreciation of anything he had done on behalf of the cricket club. He never expected anything of this description. He began to evince an interest in the club when he observed the peculiar position it was placed in. As their representative on the Benfieldside Local Board, he thought the Consett and District Cricket Club was being placed in an awkward dilemma in having to shift off their old ground. He did his utmost to try to retain the pitch for them; but they had to give away to the majority, and they could not therefore make anything better of the situation. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, however, he believed it had been beneficial to the members to change their rendezvous, because it put them into the position of trying to get something for themselves instead of having it done for them by others. (Applause.) The committee had often been found fault with on account of the situation of the field; but it was the very best, because they had little or no choice. They were compelled to take that field, or do without one. It was a field that required the expenditure of a large sum of money to put into proper order. He was proud to say that the people in the immediate district did not forget that club, and they had reason to be grateful for the handsome support they had received from the people resident in the township of Benfieldside. (Applause.) He deemed it to be his duty to assist the club in every possible way. No person could have felt more astonished than he was when told that the club was going to make him a presentation, because it looked to him like receiving remuneration for what he had done. ("No, no.") He at first distinctly refused to accept any such acknowledgment of his services, but he was informed that he would not get his own way. (Laughter.) He had no idea of setting up his opinion in preference to anybody else's views, and was always perfectly willing to submit to the majority. He thanked the donors most heartily for the gifts, and assured them that so long as he was able he would do all that lay in his power to promote the interests of the Consett and District Cricket Club. (Prolonged cheering.)

The CHAIRMAN then announced that the club's professional would arrive on Friday, and the opening match would take place on Saturday afternoon, between 11 members of the club and the other players present.

A pleasant and humourous evening was spent, a number of capital songs being contributed by Messrs E. Hoffman, Newcastle; J. Dixon, Benfieldside; F. Brodie, Blackfine; R. Hermer, Benfieldside; J. Symington, Benfieldside; S. Raynor, Consett; G. T. Hyden, Consett; Aaron Wood, Consett; A. Maskery, Blackhill; T. D. Dales, Medomsley, and others; Mr Geo. Erskine, of Newcastle, making an efficient accompanist.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday, an extra large supply of stock—more than double the number entered, namely, 29 fat cattle, 24 cows, 2 store cattle, 7 calves, 70 sheep, 6 pork pigs, 4 small pigs, 7 geld cows, three-years-old colt, spring cart, a quantity of poultry, harness, and miscellaneous lots. A large company was present, and prices were fully as good as, if not better than, previous weeks. Fat cattle, to £18 17s 6d—top, Messrs Annandale, Lintzford; fat sheep, to 53s 6d—top, Messrs Annandale; cows, to £17—top, Derwent Flour Mill; pork pigs, to £3 18s—top, Mr J. Whitehead, Elm Park. Quotations:—Beef, 8s per stone; mutton, 8½d per lb; pork, 7s 6d to 8s 6d per stone.

TOW LAW.—Mr J. Vickers had forward on Monday, 45 dairy cows and heifers, 55 fat cattle, 6 store cattle, 19 calves, 95 fat sheep and lambs. Cows, made up to £18; fat cattle, to £20—top, Messrs Bell Bros., Ltd., Lowfield; store cattle, to £8; fat half-bred heggs, to 44s 3d—top, Mr Nesbitt, Maffell Farm, Witton-le-Wear; fat mule hoggs, to 36s 6d—top, Messrs Bell Bros; fat lambs, to 45s—top, Colonel Blenkinsopp, Hoppland Park. There was a large attendance of buyers.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

CLOSE OF THE MUSICAL SERVICES.

On Sunday night (as announced in last week's *Guardian*), the final temperance musical meeting for the present session, in connection with the aforementioned Association, was held in the Consett Co-operative Hall. There was again a large and appreciative audience. The chair was very ably occupied by Mr G. T. Egglestone, the energetic and ubiquitous secretary of the movement, upon whom has devolved the "lion's share" of the work in getting up these popular weekly gatherings. Indeed, had it not been for this gentleman and his talented musical family, there would undoubtedly have been a hiatus in the list of artistes which could not possibly have been filled up. Rev T. Durant having led in prayer,

The CHAIRMAN, at the outset, explained that they were merely suspending operations during the summer months. He asked the various artistes to fortify themselves for the next season's work, as they proposed to resume the services about November next, with even more zest and vigour than had attended their efforts in the past. Eternity alone would be able to disclose the amount of good that had resulted from the efforts of the several ladies and gentlemen—speakers, vocalists, and instrumentalists—who had so generously proffered their services at the series of services just completed, and who had helped on the noble work of lifting up their fallen brothers and sisters out of the sin, misery, and shame, and alleviated human suffering and woe by the cursed effects of the liquor traffic. (Applause.)

The programme—one of the best that has been given—was then entered upon, the Consett Gospel Temperance Mission Band first favouring with a capital selection. The Misses Elliott gave, by special request, the duet entitled "Star of the evening," with soulful effect. Miss Williamson sang the solo "Don't go out to-night, darling," in an efficient style. Mr C. Davison gave a capital rendering of "Jesu, lover of my soul," while Mr Walton (Newbiggen, Lanchester), came to the front with the recitation "In the signal box," which produced a favourable impression upon the audience. Another selection was played by the Mission Brass Band, and they were followed by Miss A. Grainger, who contributed a beautiful interpretation of the solo "Ecce Homo." Miss Elliott next sang, very sweetly indeed "The better land," while Mr Williamson exhausted the programme by reciting "The husband's vow," which was greeted with much applause.

Rev J. H. RYDER, of Headingley College, Leeds, and Mr R. C. FOSTER, of Consett, gave two admirable addresses on the temperance question. Coun. J. W. Winter, of Leadgate, who was announced to speak, being unable to attend.

The singing of the doxology brought to a satisfactory termination a series of services which have been distinguished for their most successful and beneficial results.

A collection was taken on behalf of the Mission Band, which has rendered such excellent service to the cause in the past.

"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

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, Shirmunks, gophers 6½d and 1s boxes at Chemists

A CARD. — AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

CONSETT IRISHMEN AND THE HOME RULE BILL.

On Sunday afternoon, a public meeting of the Irish residents of Consett, Blackhill, and district was held in the Theatre Royal, Consett, under the presidency of Mr John O'Connor, of Consett. The building was crowded to excess.

Mr JAMES DALY moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting heartily congratulates the Government and the Irish people on the second reading of the Home Rule Bill, and pledges itself to support the Liberal and Nationalist parties in their further efforts to secure its conversion and adoption into law."

This was seconded by Mr WALKER, Blackhill, and supported in an excellent speech of Mr G. C. Binks, secretary of the Newcastle Liberal Club.

The motion was carried unanimously amid applause.

After the consideration of the question of reorganising the local branch of the Irish National League, the enthusiastic proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the chairman and speakers.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A Direct Veto meeting was held in the Frosterley Primitive Chapel, on Friday evening. Mr Cameron, J.P., of Sunderland, was the principal speaker. He is an out and out Radical, an eloquent talker, and is thoroughly intellectual. One of the best lectures I ever heard was given by him on Carlyle at Wolsingham, and it should be given at every village in Weardale. He is not sufficiently known in the dale. Mr John Wharton, of Stanhope, a social reformer of long standing, was chairman. He is a capital speaker, and is a Radical of the first water. Mr Cameron and he were hail fellows well met. They had an enthusiastic meeting.

A cheap trip to Frosterley is something new—especially from Consett. This is a welcome change. Time was, and that not long ago, when on no account could we in Weardale get an excursion from Consett, although it has been repeatedly tried for Stanhope Flower Show.

I hear six bands have entered the lists for competition in the brass band contest at Frosterley Poultry Show. The usually quiet little village will be *en fete*. The Railway Company, I hear, have also promised to run them two trips to their exhibition—one from Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Darlington, and Bishop Auckland, and the other from Newcastle *via* Consett, so that Consettonians have the chance of visiting bonny Weardale and seeing it in its vernal spring beauty.

Punctuality is said to be the soul of business, and there are some punctual souls in Weardale. A vestry meeting was recently announced for 10 o'clock in the morning in one of the dale's villages. A few ratepayers arrived at five minutes past ten, and they were met by the vicar and told that the business was over. The churchwardens had been elected, and the gentleman of the cloth had got in the men he wanted. But, after all, it was sharp practice. Every parishioner or ratepayer should have a voice at the vestry meeting; but it seems if they wish to be heard or wish to have a say they must be there to the minute. I guess that vicar will have a company there to the minute the next vestry meeting he announces, and, perhaps, rather more than he will like to see present.

A Stanhope man has raised a new potatoe which possesses many excellent qualities. It is a good cropper, prolific, good quality, and early; but he lacks a name for it. The best thing he could do is to call it after himself—Parker's seedling.

Two sad events occurred at Wolsingham last week—a drowning case and a suicide. Both were painful cases. The little girl fell in the river and was drowned, and the other, a young unmarried man, in a fit of mental aberration committed the rash act. The dethronement of reason after all, is about the worst of ills that befall the human race. There is no illness or disease so bad as this. Our sympathies goes out to both families in their sorrow.

Two of the wealthiest men in Stanhope have recently joined the great majority—Dr Arnison and Mr John Crawhall. Death is a mighty leveller.

Health is more valuable than wealth, and if a person has this it is of infinitely more value than gold, or houses, or land.

A bird fancier in Stanhope lost one of his pets the other day. The cat got it. He loaded his revolver, determined to give "Tabby" the "happy despatch;" but the knowing cat instinctively kept away for a few days, during which time the owner relented, and forgave her feline majesty for asserting her natural proclivities.

A Wolsingham florist is said to have recently sold a species of narcissus for the large sum of £20. That seems an exorbitant price for a daffodil.

The beautiful and magnificent weather we are enjoying is quite phenomenal. The oldest living person cannot remember such a fine March and April. We seem to have been wheeled into another climate. The weather prophets have predicted storms, but they have all been storms of fine weather.

"Charlie," the Stanhope photographer, intends taking steps for having the delegates photographed at the Primitive Methodist district meeting, at Westgate. A capital idea. The event will be historic in the dale, and most people will like to see a good group of those present at the Weardale district meeting.

It is now 71 years ago since Primitive Methodism was introduced into Weardale. In the Westgate station there are now eight chapels, with accommodation for 2,778 hearers, and there is a membership of 805.

The Stanhope Bench fined two lads for grappling trout last Friday out of the burns. Grappling trout is now an illegal act. Besides, in most of the burns the trout are taken out in this form by unlicensed persons, so that those who pay license have little or no sport. P.C. Haw did well to trap these youthful fish poachers. The thing wants stopping. Let them pay the shilling license, and fish with the rod as they ought to do.

The Stanhope Magistrates have now intimated, through their chairman, Mr V. A. Rippon, that any case of carelessness with dynamite or gelatine, brought before them, will be severely treated. This is perfectly right. Gross carelessness has been manifested with this dangerous explosive, and it is high time steps were taken to protect the public. It is illegal to have it in the house, and yet in what a number of houses it may be found—both to the risk of the inmates or any that may chance to be near.

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

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

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

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

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

GREAT SALE

OF

HUTCHINSON'S STOCK,

4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,

TO-DAY (FRIDAY) AND FOLLOWING WEEK.

Public Notices.

25 IS the WINNING NUMBER for Trap, belonging to F CLENNELL, Oxhill, Stanley

58 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the Case of Indian Flies raffled for at Blackhill, on the 17th April. 1101

LOOK OUT for ESH SPORTS, Whit-Monday, £20 in Prizes. All Applications for Refreshment Tents, Switchbacks, Shows, Stalls, &c., to be made to the Secretary, WILLIAM SHAW, Esh Colliery, Waterhouses. 1111

BROOMS SPORTS, LEADGATE, June 17th, £10 120 Yards Foot Handicap; Quarter-Mile, Quoit Handicap, High Leap, Hop-step-and-leap, Sack and Obstacle Races Bugle for largest attendance. Entries for Handicap to R McCUBLEY, Leadgate, or to the General Secretary, J COSTELLO, Leadgate

PARISH OF BEAMISH.

VESTRY MEETING to Audit Burial Board Accounts, to Elect Three Members on the Board, and other Business, in the Parish Vestry, on Wednesday, 3rd May, at 6·30 p.m.

1091 JOHN CRENNELL.

BLACK HORSE INN, BURNOPFIELD.

THE SNAKE referred to in our news columns is on Exhibition at the above Inn for a few days only. Students of nature and lovers of the curious ought to see this beautiful reptile. 139k

MISS SHAW,

WILL RE-OPEN HER DAY SCHOOL AT POPLAR COTTAGE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE,

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD. 1141

CAUTION. — Beware of the Party offering imitations of MACNIVEN & CAMERON'S PENS.

"They come as a boon and a blessing to men, The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen."

6d and 1s per Box, at all Stationers.

Sample box 1/1 by Post. WAVERLEY WORKS, EDINBURGH. 21

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

FURTHER REDUCTION IN PRICE OF COKE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

April 19th. 1893. M. RICHLEY, Secretary. 461

CHEAP SALE.

MRS. A. SHIPLEY.

47, FRONT STREET, CONSETT, Will Commence ON SATURDAY FIRST.

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

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

MR. JOHN USHER,

LATE

MR. GEO. RICHARDSON, DENTAL SURGEON, 6, BLACKETT STREET, begs to call special attention to the Prices of his PRIZE MEDAL ARTIFICIAL TEETH 2s 6d, 5s, 7s 6d per Tooth, £1 to £10 per Set, being lower than what is usually charged for inferior workmanship and common material. EVERY TOOTH GUARANTEED. PLEASE NOTE THE ONLY ADDRESS. 724h

£1 TO £10

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLACKHILL.

THE

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Of the above Church will be held

ON SUNDAY & MONDAY, APRIL 30TH & MAY 1ST, 1893,

WHEN THE

REV. J. M. CHRISTIE, B.A., Of Carlisle,

WILL PREACH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, In the Morning at 10·30, and in the Evening at Six o'clock.

THE

REV HUGH FALCONER, B.A., Of Jesmond,

WILL PREACH ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 1ST, At 7·30 o'clock.

A Collection at the close of each Service in aid of Church Funds.

All are Invited. 1161

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR AND

LORD GEO. SANGER.

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

At the head of these and above all the Charming Sights which figure in the Programme, will be found the lovely

GEORGINA,

Said to be the Handsomest Female of the Age, in her New Performance— Walking upon the Air 80 Feet from the Ground.

WILL VISIT

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

Men, Women, and Children, 295 Persons of all Nations.

320 HORSES AND PONIES.

12 CARRIAGES OF WILD ANIMALS.

Thrown open on the encampment ground free of charge.

HERDS OF ELEPHANTS!

FLOCKS OF CAMELS!

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

THE PROCESSION

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

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

TWO PERFORMANCES, at 2·30 and 7·30.

GRAND PROCESSION at One o'clock each day.

PRICES—3s, 2s, 1s, and 6d.

Advance Agent - - J. D. HUMPHREYS.

Tickets may be booked at Ramsden's Music Warehouse. 42

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT
FOR THE GREAT
PICNIC & SPORTS
AT BLACKHILL MILL,
ON SATURDAY, MAY 20TH.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company will b prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order,
M. RICHLEY Secretary.

PARISH OF TANFIELD.

A MEETING of the RATEPAYERS will be held in Tanfield Vestry, on Monday, the 1st day of May next, at 6 p.m., to make a Poor Rate, Sanitary Rate, Burial, and Highway Rates and to sanction the payment to the Collectors of the same.
JOSEPH WATSON, } Overseers.
GEORGE RIDLEY, }
April 25th, 1893. 1201

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE

ON SATURDAY, 29th of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett and Blackhill, at 2·30 p.m. (with Bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE.

For further particulars, see Bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
General Manager.
York, April, 1893. 1321

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

POULTRY SHOW AND BRASS BAND CONTEST AT FROSTERLEY.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd of April, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett & Blackhill at 9·55 a.m. (with Bookings from Lintz Green, Ebchester, Shotley Bridge, Tow Law, Crook, &c), for FROSTERLEY.

For further particulars see Bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, April, 1893. 1311

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS FROM MAY 1st.

ON and from May 1st, the TRAINS at present leaving Durham for Lanchester at 7·50 a.m., and Lanchester for Durham at 9·40 a.m., on Saturdays only, will be discontinued.

Additional Trains will leave Newcastle for Durham via. Consett, at 8·5 a.m., and Durham for Newcastle via. Consett, at 9·40 a.m.

The train at present leaving Newcastle for Consett at 4·5 p.m. on Saturdays only, will run daily (Sundays excepted).

An additional Train will leave Consett for Newcastle at 5·25 p.m. on week days.

For other alterations see the Company's Time Tables.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, April 1893. 1331

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

SECOND-CLASS TICKETS.

NOTICE.

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

Passengers holding Second-class Tickets will not be conveyed by through trains without Second-class Carriages attached, running over the above-mentioned lines, unless they elect to travel in the Third-class Carriages attached to such trains.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
General Manager.
York, April, 1893. 601

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a Meeting of this Authority, duly convened, held at the Board-room, Shotley Bridge, in the County of Durham, on Wednesday, the 19th day of April inst., it was resolved:—

"That Special Notice of this Meeting, and of the intention to propose this Resolution, having been duly given to each Member, this Authority hereby adopts the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889; and that this Resolution come into force on the 17th day of May, 1893."
By Order of the Board,
JOHN BOOTH,
1521 Clerk to the said Authority.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CONSETT.

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.
"IRISH LIFE."

Friday, May 5th, the
"COLLEEN BAWN."

Saturday, May 6th, the
"SHAUGHRAUN."

Monday, May 8th—The Juvenile Comic Opera Co. May 15th.—National Grand Opera Company.

ST. IVES' CHURCH, LEADGATE.

AN
OLDE ENGLISHE FAYRE
Will be held in the
NATIONAL SCHOOL, REDWELL HILLS, LEADGATE, ON MAY 9TH, 10TH, & 11TH.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
THE MOST HONOURABLE THE
MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY,

Mrs Dale, Mrs James Annandale. Mrs Ainsworth, Miss Balleny, Mrs Booth, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Cockin, Mrs Douglass, Mrs Evans, Mrs Glyn, Mrs Hedley, Mrs Ingham, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Murray, Mrs Priestman, Mrs F. Priestman, Mrs Peile, Mrs Pumphrey, Mrs Walton-Wilson, and the Misses Ross-Lewin,

When a Large Collection of USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL ARTICLES will be Exposed For Sale.

There will be a series of VARIETY ENTERTAINMENTS, which will be duly announced.

THE FAYRE will be opened on Tuesday, May 9th, at 2·30 p.m. by MRS DAVID DALE, who will be accompanied by Alderman Dale, and supported by a number of ladies and gentlemen of the locality.

The STALLS will be presided over by Ladies and Gentlemen in OLD ENGLISH COSTUME.

The Proceeds will be devoted towards Defraying the Cost of the Repairs and Additions to the Church National School, and School House.

ADMISSION.—Tuesday, 2·30 to 6·0 p.m., One Shilling; 6·0 to 10 p.m., Sixpence. Wednesday, 4·0 to 7·0 p.m., Sixpence; 7·0 to 10 p.m., Threepence. Thursday, 4·0 to 10 p.m., Threepence. Children, Half-price.

THOMAS VARLEY, VICAR.
WILLIAM BREARS, SECRETARY.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Town Hall Sale Room, Catchgate.—Saturday, April 29th, 1893.

THE usual SALE of Household FURNITURE, Draperies, Groceries, &c., also, a Safety Bicycle, good as new, will be held on the above date. Particulars in Posters.
Entries respectfully solicited.
Sale to commence at Two p.m. prompt.
1191 GEO. R. HOBSON, Auctioneer.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Lowes.

Peth House Farm, Lanchester.

MR JOHN LOWES, honoured with instructions from Mr OSBORNE, who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday, May 4th, 1893, at the above Farm, the following FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, and part FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

HORSES:
Lot 1—Black Mare "Jess," aged, 16 h.h.
" 2—Brown Mare, 7 y.o., 17 h.h.
" 3—Colt, 2 y.o., by "Theologian."
" 4—Colt, 1 y.o., Ditto.
" 5—Colt, 1 y.o., by "Glengary."
" 6—Grey Horse, 7 y.o., 17 h.h.
" 7—Chestnut Pony, 5 y.o., 13·2 h.h.

CATTLE:
2 Milch Cows.
11 Steers and Heifers, from 6 months to 2 y.o.
8 Calves.

SHEEP:
80 Ewes, 1, 2, and 3 Shear, and Followers.
20 Three-parts-bred Heggs.
Also, quantity of Implements and part Household Furniture.

Sale at One o'clock.
Refreshments on the Premises.
See Posters,
Rose Villa, Stanley. 1301

By Mr. William Raw.

Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.—Friday, May 12th, 1893.

MR. WM. RAW, instructed by Mr WILLIAM WILSON, who is declining Business, will SELL BY AUCTION the following FURNITURE, JOINER'S TOOLS, WOOD, &c., comprising—Very Good New Kitchen Press; 2 New Round Tea Tables; New Washstand and Dressing Table; 2 Clothes Horses; Painters' Steps, New, 7 feet; New Wheelbarrow; Lathe, in good order; Rests and Tools; New Ladder, 25ft.; Do., 15ft.; 2 Do., 9ft. each; 100ft. F. and G. Flooring; 2 Oak Boards, 16ft. long, 16in. by ¾in., and other Wood; Joiners' Cramps; Carpenters' and Iron Locks; Joiners' Tools; Large Yard Door, 2 Halves; Pitch Pine Balk, 18ft. long, 10in. by 10in.; 5 Centres for Arch, 8 feet Span; Plumb Rules; Gauges, &c.; Room Fender; 3 Light Gas Chandelier; 7 Tea Table Trestles; and numerous other Lots.

Also, belonging to Mrs MOSLEY—Mahogany, Oak, and Ash Boards; Lathes, Rests, and Tools; 6 feet large Double Joiners' Bench, with Screws; 11 Augers; 6 Planes; Whip, Hand, and Keyhole Saws; Gauges; Chisels; and a Valuable Lot of Joiners' Tools; Two Cramps; Grindstone; Set of Bands; 18in. Square Oven; Hand Barrow; Hat Rails; Bath; and many other Lots.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock prompt.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

By Messrs. Elsdon & Wylam.

Re-John Bevington, deceased.—To the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Hotel Proprietors, Visitors, Farmers, and General Inhabitants of the District.

A highly important unreserved Sale of PORCELAIN, DRESDEN and SALOPIAN CHINA, FANCY GOODS and EARTHENWARE, and the famous VELLOTINA WARE, after Worcester.

MESSRS ELSDON AND WYLAM, have received instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late above-named deceased Manufacturer, of Hanley, in the Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1893, at Two and Six o'clock each day.

Crests, Monograms and Badges made a speciality, either for families, or for hotels, schools, etc. Prices by asking the Manager at the Sale, or by writing direct to the Works. Dinner, Tea, Breakfast and Chamber Sets all to match.

Sale days on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1893, at 2 and 6 o'clock each day, thereby giving ample time for viewers to take an inspection of the costly stock.

Ladies who are unable to attend the Sales can be dealt with by Private Treaty.

The Immense Stock may be viewed between Nine and Two o'clock each day of Sale.

A grand chance for Marriage and Birthday Presents, or those people who are just about furnishing. 135k

MESSRS. ELSDON & WYLAM intend holding a SPECIAL SALE of HORSES, CATTLE, VEHICLES, HARNESS, POULTRY, &c., at Consett, on Wednesday, May 10th, 1893. Entries respectfully solicited. Particulars next week. 951

By Messrs. Iveson.

Highly Important Farm Sale.—Wednesday, May 3rd—Castle Hill, Half-a-Mile South of Wylam Station.

MESSRS IVESON, favoured with the preference of Mr CHARLES ANDERSON, who is relinquishing the above Farm, after an occupancy extending over half-a-century, will submit to PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his valuable FARM STOCK, each item of which has been bred upon the place. Epitome.—

60 Head of SHORTHORN and HALF-BRED POLLED ANGUS CATTLE, viz.:—
10 Cows and Heifers, calved or to calve.
12 Prime Fat Steers and Heifers, S.H. and H.B.
2 Fat Bulls. 1 well-bred Bull Stirk.
30 Good Grazing Steers and Heifers, 2 years old, S.H. and H.B.
4 S.H. Steer and Heifer Calves.

153 SHEEP, viz:
32 Young Border Leicester Ewes, 28 Mules, and their followers.
92 Fat and Grazing Hoggs (Shrop. cross.) 1 Shropshire Tup.

14 HORSES, viz.:—
1 Bay Draught Mare, 5 years, 16 h.h.
1 Bay Draught Mare, 8 years, 16 h.h.
1 Bay Draught Mare, 8 years, 16 h.h., with foal by "Rule Britannia."
1 Brown Draught Horse, 4 years, 16 h.h.
4 Draught Colts and Fillies, from yearlings to 3-year-olds, unbroken.
1 Well-bred Brown Mare, "Polly," by "Lord of the Marches," in foal to "Good Sort."
1 Brown Gelding, 4 years, 15·3, by "Even," dam "Polly," broken to ride. "A perfect sensation."
1 Brown Filly, 3 years, 15·2, by "Even," dam "Polly," broken to ride and very promising.
1 Bay Mare, 5 years, 16 hands, by "Claremont."
1 Bay Mare, 8 years, by "Lord Lisburn," dam "Polly."
1 Colt (unbroken), 3 years, by "Even."

IMPLEMENTS.—3 Coup Carts and Shelvings, 2 good Long Carts (1 new last year), 3 Single Ploughs, 1 Double Mouldboard Plough, 3 Pairs Zigzag Harrows, 1 Pair Iron Harrows, Wood Harrows, Saddle Harrows, 2 Grub Harrows, 1 Grubber, 3 Scufflers, Metal Roller, Stone Do., 1 Turnip Cutter, 3 Turnip Cutters, 1 Corn Crusher (new, for steam or horse-power), Combined Reaping Machine, Grass Cutter, 2 Horse Hay Rakes, Winnowing Machine, Cake Mill, Potato Riddle, and Shovels, Weighing Machines and Weights, Wheelbarrow Sheeprack, Sheep Nets and Stakes, Turnip Drill, Corn Bins, Long Ladder, Metal and Stone Pig Troughs, Grapes, Forks, Ropes, Hand Rakes, Sacks, Pokes, Hand Tools, also Thrashing and Winnowing Machine, 5 horse-power; Dipping Tub, Cow Chains, 3 Sets Cart and Plough Gears, Full Set of Breaking Tackle, Set of Gig Harness, Side Saddle and Bridles.

100 Head of POULTRY (of various breeds); a grand lot; also 5 Ducks.

Part HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and DAIRY UTENSILS.

REMARKS.—This dispersion of Mr Anderson's stock will doubtless prove an historic event in the agricultural annals of Tyneside, as the pristine merit of the several classes deserves more than an ordinary attention from the aristocratic and farming community. The fat cattle, being ripe as cherries, should evoke a spirited competition. The grazing stock, both cattle and sheep, give promise of certain, if not early, profit. The 4-years-old gelding by "Even" and his three-years-old sister are of uncommon excellence.

The Luncheon, including wine, 2s 6d, provided by Mr Birrell, of Dr Syntax Hotel, Prudhoe.
Sale at 11 o'clock prompt with Implements.
Luncheon at One, to resume with Sheep at 1·30.
Terms Cash.
April 18th, 1893. 112k

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

TOWLE'S PENNYROYAL & STEEL PILLS FOR FEMALES, quickly correct all irregularities, remove all obstructions, and relieve the distressing symptoms so prevalent with the sex. Boxes, 1s 1½d. and 2s 9d of all chemists. Sent anywhere on receipt of 15 or 34 stamps by the Maker, E. T. TOWLE, Chemist, Nottingham. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, May 1st, 1893.—40 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 23 Fat Cattle; 115 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; 5 Fat Lambs; 7 Store Cattle, 9 Finger Calves; Half-bred Chestnut Horse, 16 h.h.; Bay Pony, 8 y.o., 14 h.h.; Spring Cart and Harness.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Rusnby Lea Farm, Wolsingham.

MR JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with instructions from Mr George Wright, who is emigrating, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, May 13th, 1893, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, DAIRY UTENSILS, Household FURNITURE, &c.

Full particulars in Posters and next week's issue.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 1491

Chatterley Farm, Wolsingham.

MR JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from Mr George Stobbs, who is relinquishing the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Thursday, May 11th, 1893, the whole of the FARMING STOCK, &c., including Horses, S.H. Cattle, Mule and Black-faced Ewes and Followers by Leicester Tups, Implements, Dairy Utensils, &c.

Full particulars in Posters and next week's issue.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 1501

By Mr John S. Murray.

SALES BY AUCTION BY J. S. MURRAY.

Who is removed from the Royal Hotel to Whitehal Lodge, Cemetery Road, Blackhill.

Monday First, May 1st.—Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside, Fat and Store stock.

Wednesday, May 10th, for Mr Wm. Brown, Rock Cottage, Iveston, Furniture, &c.

Friday, May 12th, Mrs Smith, Broomhill, Cows, Dairy Utensils, and Furniture

Saturday, May 20th, The Mart, Special Sale Store Stock.

Wednesday, May 24th, Let of Little Greencroft Grass Parks.

Saturday, June 3rd, for Mr Clark, Shotley Bridge, Greenhouse and other Plants, Shrubs, &c.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

MONDAY, MAY 1st, 1893.

15 to 20 Prime Fat Cattle, including an extraordinary grand Fat Bull, big weight

120 Prime Fat Sheep, including a consignment of grand north-country Clips
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
A few Store Cattle
Poultry, Traps, Harness, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.
Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. 331

Rock Cottages, Iveston.—Wednesday, May 10th, 1893.

MR. J. S. MURRAY, instructed by Mr WM. BROWN, who has declined Cow-keeping, to SELL on Wednesday, May 10th, a Sow and Litter of 12 Pigs 7 weeks old, 12 Minorca and game hens and cocks, a lot of Hay Rakes, Forks, Gripes, Shovels, Cow Bands, Cow Tubs, Stackyard Ladder, 21ft., 2 Chaff Cutters, Hay Knife, Meal Basins, Riding Saddle, Dairy Utensils, comprising Barrel Churn, Milk Bowls, Cream Mugs, Scyles, Dishes, Cans, Lead Bowl, &c.

FURNITURE—2 Desk-beds, 4 Bedsteads, 3 Mattresses, 2 Longsettles, 2 Sewing Machines, Perambulator, 3 Hair-seated Chairs, 3 Bedroom Chairs, 2 Arm Chairs, 3 Tables, Dressing Table, 2 Chests of Drawers, Handsome Oak-case Clock, Map of British Isles, Fenders, Fireirons, Plates, Dishes, &c.

Sale at 2 o'clock.

Little Greencroft Grass Parks.

THE ANNUAL LET of these PARKS will be held on Wednesday, May 24th.
J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

A Special Sale of STORE CATTLE will be held at the Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside, on Saturday, May 20th, for which early entries are respectfully invited by Mr J. S. Murray.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

THE CLEARING-OUT SALE of GREENHOUSE and OTHER PLANTS, FLOWERS, &c., at Shotley Bridge, will be held on Saturday, June 3rd.
J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Broomhill, near Ebchester, Friday, May 12th, 1893

MR J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mrs SMITH, Broomhill, who is declining Cow-keeping, will SELL the whole of her STOCK, &c., viz., 6 Milking Cows, 2 S.H. Stirks, Pony, Trap and Harness, Pony Coup Cart, Hayshed, 10 yards x 5 yards, Hay Rakes, Forks, Shovels, Gripes, American Hay Rake, Wheelbarrow, Meal Tubs, Cow Tubs, Bins, the whole of the DAIRY UTENSILS and part HOUSEHOLD Furniture.

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

By Mr James Turnbull.

Lough House Farm, near Lintz Green.

MR JAMES TURNBULL having received instructions from Mr J. ANDREWS, who is retiring from farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Thursday, May 4th, 1893, the whole of the FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, &c., comprising:—

DRAUGHT HORSES.
LOT 1—Black Mare, aged, 16·2 h.h.
" 2—Bay Mare, aged, 16·3 h.h.

CATTLE AND SHEEP.
White Cow in calf, a grand milker.
Red Cow, 3 months calved, a good butter cow.
4 S.H. Steers and Heifers, 1½ years old.
40 H.B. and H.B. Cheviot Ewes, with followers.
2 Border Leicester Rams.
20 Head of Poultry.

IMPLEMENTS.
2 Coup Carts and Shelvings; Hay Bogie, complete; 2 Combined Reapers; Colman's Cultivator; Hay Rake; Hay Chopper; Oilcake Crusher; Turnip Drill; Corn Crusher; Winnowing Machine; D.M.B. Wheel, Swing, and other Ploughs; Seed Harrows; 4 Bull Harrows; Zigzag Harrows; Chain Harrows; Grubber; Scrubber; Scuffler; Metal Roller; Sheep Racks and Troughs; Potatoe Riddle; Turnip Cutter; Grindstone, and the usual assortment of Stable, Byre, and Grainary Utensils; Cart, Plough and Trace Harness for 2 Draughts, in capital condition.

Also, a portion of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c.
Sale at One p.m.

The attention of agriculturalists is respectfully invited to this Stock Sale. The Implements and Harness are almost new, only been in use 7 years.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

THE SECOND SPECIAL SALE of GRAZING STOCK will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, 1893, at 11·30 a.m. Early entries are respectfully invited.
145k JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Mr. John Crawford.

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

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WEATHER CHART FOR MAY

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for May:— A wet and rather cool month, with however bright warm weather round the 8th and 18th. Boisterous round the 12th and 22nd.

TEMPERATURE.—About the average.—50°—for the first few days, then a much warmer period sets in, lasting about a week, with high readings about the 8th. A cold period round the 14th, and much warmer weather round the 18th. For the remainder of the month cool weather, especially round the 27th.

RAIN.—Three inches; over average. Chiefly round the 2nd, 6th, frequent and often heavy for a week round the 12th, and 22nd. [Average rainfall: London, 1·8 in.; Glasgow, 2·2 in.; British Isles, 2·0 in.]

PREVAILING WINDS.—S.W., N.E., and N.W. Southerly winds predominate.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

B. C. WOOD, BURNOPFIELD.—Next week.

"AN EMPLOYEE" writes:—"I note in your issue of 21st inst. that the members of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society made Mr A. Brown a presentation of a testimonial on completing his twentieth year as general manager on April 12th, 1893. Kindly allow me to contradict that statement, as it was the employees of Annfield Plain, Langley Park, Dipton, and Medomsley Stores who made the presentation, and not the members at all. We also wish Mr Brown and family long life and happiness, and may he always look upon the testimonial as a token of respect."

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 1893.

JOITINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGNITO."]

AN AMUSING SPEECH.

The speech given by Mr Joshua Lax, of Shotley Bridge, on the occasion of the dinner and presentation to Mr Wm. Logan, Chairman of the Lanchester Union, is a notable illustration of how in good hands a mere matter-of-fact subject can be invested with a colouring of interest closely bordering upon the comic. In common with not a few of my readers, I had sorrowfully come to the conclusion that Mr Logan had hung his harp on a willow tree, and bidden a final adieu to the entrancing companionship of the Muses; but the speech under note goes a long way to indicate that, as the poets phrase it, "he has not yet in love grown cold.' The address was clever in conception and detail, and well worthy of the poetic temperament of a son of the Muses. With no fewer than eight "suns" in the Union, it may well be assumed that not a vestige of a shadow will ever fall athwart the course of such an array of luminaries. The members may want many things, not to mention such luxuries as the gifts and the graces, but it is as plain as a pikestaff that, unlike Ajax, they have no need to cry for light.

AS IT SHOULD BE.

"Handsome is that handsome does" says the adage, and the gentlemen who gathered around Mr Logan on the occasion referred to in the preceding note, played a right worthy part. Not only does the event mark an epoch in the annals of the Union, but it goes further and brings into bold relief a commendable feature of the age in which we live. In the "good old times" few thought of giving a deserving fellow a pat on the back. It was the fashion to allow men of talent to go down into the dust with perchance only a solitary voice to whisper "well done." When the "last destroyer" had done his fell work, great then was the lamentation, and the graves of the departed worthies were bedewed with tears, and cold marble and the lettered pages told the world of the virtues which in life met with but scanty recognition. Happily, however, this spirit of false decorum is giving place to a more desirable state of things. Mr Logan has passed through the fire of affliction, and on again emerging on the stage of life, his numerous friends have killed the fatted calf and welcomed their beloved friend back into the arena. It was a graceful action, and as Mr Logan is known to be a gentleman of fine sensibilities, the influence radiating from such an auspicious event will give the rein to pleasing ideas and fancies as the eventful years come and go.

"THE OLD THINGS ARE PASSING AWAY."

Such, my good reader, was the text chosen by the Bishop of Durham the other Wednesday on the occasion of the re-opening of the fine old church at Ebchester, in the valley of the Derwent. The old things are passing away in good truth. There needs, as Shakespeare says, no ghost come from the grave to tell us this. One of our English poets puts the same idea into the subjoined beautiful form:—

"The old order changeth, giving place to new,
And God fulfils himself in many ways—
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

—Strange as it may appear, the passing away of the "old things" have been, and are, more perceptible, perhaps, in the even tenor of the life of Bishops than in the work-a-day existence of less illustrious mortals—such as the writer, and his unpretending readers. Being a student of history, the Bishop's text reminded me of an incident in the annals of our country when the Bishop of Durham rode forth, armed *cap-a-pie* at the head of ten thousand gallant Englishmen. What a contrast between riding at the head of an army, clad in steel from head to heel, and exhorting men and women to righteousness in the peaceful church of Ebchester, with the mellow rays of an April day casting tinted shadows on altar and aisle—well may the Bishop reiterate "Old things have passed away, and everything has become new.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

Since folding the sheet on which the above note was written, it has occurred to me that a passing reference to the days when the Bishops of Durham girded on the sword and rode forth with the intention of spilling blood would be read with interest. The incident narrated above dates from the time when the brilliant engagement, known the wide world over as the Chevy Chase, was fought and won. A detachment of the Scotch army under the fiery Earl Douglass encamped on the Town Moor, Newcastle, the city being strongly garrisoned under the noble Earl Percy of Northumberland. Not a few of the English knights rode out to break a lance with the leaders of the Scots, the crowning duel being between Douglass and Percy, better known as Hotspur. Historians are agreed that both the heroes named were ranked as the most accomplished and gallant knights of the age in which they lived. The fight took place under the city wall on the north, the Scots eagerly watching the issue from the camp, and the ladies and *elite* of of Newcastle from the summit of the walls. Douglass eventually proved the victor, wrenching the spear and pennon from the grasp of Hotspur. "By heavens!" shouted the enraged Percy, "you'll never carry my pennon into Scotland." "I will," replied Douglass, "and place it on the highest turret of my castle; but should you wish to redeem it, it will be placed in front of my tent door tonight; come and take it if you can." These high words led to the battle of Otterburn, or Chevy Chase, in which Douglass lost his life, and Hotspur and his brother their liberty, the Scots proving masters of the field. After the battle, the Bishop of Durham came up in command of ten thousand men, and although he outnumbered the Scots by three to one, his reverence deemed discretion the better part of valour, not daring to attack the victorious Scots, in whose camp the English leaders were prisoners. With glimpses of light from those distant days, the text: "All things have become new," is naturally invested with singular significance.

WHERE DOES THE GAIN COME IN?

It is quite natural that the Bishop of Durham should hinge much upon the antiquity of the Church which he represents; but after all is said and done, there is no ignoring the fact that there is no royal road to heaven, any more than there is a royal road to knowledge. The Church, said the Bishop, embodied many elements of all ages. Their prayer book was a wonderful symbol of the truth for the many elements which were combined therein—Hebraic, Greek, Latin, no less than the English language. The Psalter had been used for 2,000 years, and the Collects in the Churches of the West for 1,500. The prayer book he went on to say, really represented the spirit of the old Church. Well now, my readers know well enough that my pen is never used in a depreciating way in relation to any object calculated to cast a ray of sunshine along the pathway of human life. But such expressions as recorded above are by far too narrow for the range of my vision. It is not so much the "spirit of the Church" that men need, as the spirit of God. I will never forget that cold wintry morning when on being abroad before the dawn, I heard a poor old man, who knew nothing of the Psalter nor the age of the prayer book, praying earnestly for a blessing on the labours of the day, and pleading with his Creator for a larger measure of grace and truth. The honest fellow knew in whom he had believed, and to such a man and to every man for that matter, that was the be-all and the end-all of the matter.

VESTRY MEETINGS.

MEDOMSLEY.—The annual vestry meeting too place in the Board-room, on Friday night. The vicar (Rev Wm. Cockin) presided, and in his opening remarks congratulated his parishioners on the satisfactory state of church affairs, and on the good results achieved during the past year. A new church (Christ Church, Hamsterley) had been opened in the parish by His Lordship the Bishop of Durham. The congregations had been good, the collections had increased, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £4 17s 0d. Altogether, the state of church work in the parish was a matter for deep thankfulness. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the churchwardens and sidesmen for their services during the past year, and the following gentlemen were chosen to fill these offices during the ensuing year:—Medomsley Parish Church—Churchwarden: Messrs W. H. Hedley and W. Charlton; sidesmen: Messrs Morris, Thompson, Milburn, and Mulcaster. Christ Church, Hamsterley—Churchwardens: Messrs W. Allan and J. Aderson; sidesmen: Messrs Potts, Miller, Wallace, and Geggil. Schemes for the cleaning of the interior of the Parish Church and for an addition to the architectural decoration of the east window were discussed at some length, and were left over for further report. The usual votes of thanks concluded a successful meeting.

DROWNED IN A WELL AT CASTLESIDE.

On Tuesday afternoon, the village of Castleside was thrown into a state of consternation when it became known that a little boy named Dixon Proud, aged about four years, son of Joseph Proud, clerk to the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board, had been found drowned in a well in a field situate behind his parents' house at Castleside. He was seen playing about the bank-side of the well at 12 30, and some time later he was found by his mother, having fallen head foremost into about six inches of water, and is supposed to have been suffocated. The greatest sympathy is expressed for the parents in their sad bereavement, as it was just within the last week or two that the child was able to go out of doors, owing to having suffered from a severe illness.

Yesterday (Thursday), Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Smelters' Arms Inn, Castleside, touching the death of deceased. Mr W. Pattinson was foreman of the jury.

The evidence showed that the deceased was seen playing by a little boy in the field in which the well is situate. The well, which is less than a foot deep, is where the cattle are accustomed to drink. It is supposed that the little fellow was reaching over for some object, when he overbalanced himself, falling head foremost into the well. There was about six inches of water therein, just sufficient to cover his face. He was unable to extricate himself, and was suffocated. It was in this position that his mother discovered him a few moments later, life being quite extinct. The mother was so much put about that she was not able to attend the inquiry, and the Coroner and jury had to go to the house to take her depositions.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned," and at the suggestion of the foreman, a vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved parents in their dire affliction.

CONSETT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

INAUGURAL MEETING.

On Wednesday evening, the members of the Consett Young Men's Christian Association—who have their rooms in the Old Town Hall, Middle Street, Consett—which has now become affiliated with the northern section of this well-known institution, held their inaugural meeting in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. The chair was taken by Mr Thos. Swainston (president), Consett, who was supported by Messrs R. C. Foster, Blackhill, Wm. Goudie, A. S. Coates, R. Ritson and H. Goudie (secretaries), Consett. There was a fair company present, but the speaker, Mr H. Armstrong, secretary of the Newcastle Y.M.C.A., who was announced to address the gathering, failed to put in an appearance, and substitutes had to be provided, which caused a little inconvenience.

The CHAIRMAN explained the object of the gathering, and said the Association had now been established on unsectarian principles. (Applause.) He was exceedingly sorry that Mr Armstrong was not present, as this gentleman was expected to impart to the gathering a good deal of valuable information with regard to the rules and the general working of the Association. He considered the young men of the town ought to bind themselves together for the good of the cause, and make the Association flourish in their midst. (Applause.) They had now secured premises where all young men could come to, who had the desire of either becoming members or associates of the Association, and be able to receive such instruction that would be beneficial to their future welfare. (Applause.) He desired to see the moral, as well as the spiritual tone of society kept up, and he was confident, if the principles of the Association were carried out, it would do this. He trusted that many members would be enrolled, and that the Association would be a credit to town. (Applause.)

Mr R. C. FOSTER followed with a practical address. He said he was pleased to be present, but he would much rather have been one of the audience than a member of the platform. However, if they had to do their duty under all circumstance, it was his duty on that occasion to fill the gap for those who were not present. (Applause.) He wanted to venture into the region of prophecy and say that the next time the members had a meeting of this description the building would be packed. The reason he said this was because he did not think the people were aware of what kind of a programme was going to be before the meeting, or they would have been present. At the same time he wanted to say that he was glad so few were present, because the young men would see that it rested with them if the Association had to succeed. He had every confidence in the young men of the town, and he had no hesitation in saying that they were going to work, and make the Association prosper in their midst. (Applause.) They all knew that young men required society, and they could not very well do without it. This was one reason why they should have this Association, because the young men required it for their own sakes, so as to draw them out and do other people good. Young men had a great deal of energy, and this was displayed by the enthusiasm on that occasion. (Hear.) They now wanted, by the Association, to gather the young men together and have that energy put to a right source. If they got such into right channels it would do good. If not, it would do incalculable harm. Another reason why they required the Association was because young men could help each other better than anybody else could do. There was freemasonry against young men, more than there was against any other class in the community. One thing that demonstrated young men was the spirit of democracy. (Applause.) Young men need guidance, because they had special temptations. There was only one rule to guide young men, and that was by taking heed to God's word. They were forming the Association on principles laid down by the guidance of that book, and he trusted the young men would enroll themselves into the same, and that the Association would prosper. (Applause.)

Mr W. GOUDIE also spoke, and gave a brief *resume* of the Y.M.C.A. which ceased to carry on operations a number of years ago, and also embodied some good advice to the young men present.

During the evening, songs and recitations were given by Miss Williams, Blackhill; Messrs Thos. Munn, Glasgow; G. T. Hyden, A. H. H. Wallace, and A. S. Coates, Consett. Mr T. Elsdon, Consett, officiated at the piano.

On the motion of Mr RITSON, seconded by Mr A. S. COATES, the customary votes of thanks were accorded, which terminated a successful meeting.

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

Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT SCRATCH v CONSETT RISING STARS.—Played on the former's ground, the Stars winning by four goals to two.

WHITE-LE-HEAD RANGERS v LINTZ ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the home team, after a one-sided game, by seven goals to nil.

WHITE-LE-HEAD RANGERS v HILL TOP HARBOUR LIGHTS.—Played on the former's ground on Monday night, and resulted in a win for the Rangers by five goals to nil.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS v DIPTON ATHLETIC.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a fast and exciting game the Cæsars were victorious by four goals to one.

COLLIERLEY BOARD SCHOOL 2ND v PICKERING NOOK BOARD SCHOOL 2ND.—Played on the former's ground on Friday, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 12 goals to nil.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v BLACKHILL PARK.—This return fixture was played on the ground of the former before a good attendance. A fast and exciting game ended in a victory for the "Saints" by two goals to one.

TANFIELD LEA STIFF-'UNS v ALLENDALE COTTAGES.—Played on the Tanfield Lea ground before a good number of spectators. The home team were weakly represented, but played a hard game, and won by two goals to one.

LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART v LEADGATE BOYS' BRIGADE.—The return match between these teams was brought off on Monday night in Leadgate Park, and after a rough game Science and Art succeeded in winning their last match by three goals to two. The following represented the winners:—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, J. Paul and T. Rowe; half-backs, J. Birtley, R. Rowe, and C. Todd; forwards, W. Crowther, B. McGee, W. Turnbull, A. Shield, and G. Jopling.

COLLIERLEY BOARD SCHOOL v LINTZ BOARD SCHOOL.—Played on the Dipton Wanderers' ground before a large number of spectators, who manifested great interest in the clever play shown by these youngsters. The visitors having won the toss, elected to play up the incline with the wind and sun in their favour. At first the Lintz boys held the advantage, but the combination of the home team soon made itself felt, and the play was much in their favour till the arrival of the interval, when the score read—

Collierley .... Four goals
Lintz .... Nil

On changing ends, the game became more even, but the Lintz forwards lacked their opponents' dash and science, and never really became dangerous, while Coulthard, with a magnificent shot from the extreme left, added another point for the home team. Hogg shortly afterwards followed suit by scoring with a smart shot from a scrimmage in the goal mouth. The final result was—

Collierley .... Six goals
Lintz .... Nil

For the winners, all played a splendid game, and it would be unfair to single anyone out for special mention. Middleton, Nevin, Harrison, and the custodian were most conspicuous for the Lintz, the last-named making some very smart saves. The following represented the winners:—Goal, Settrey; backs, Thornton and Thompson; half-backs, Kelly, Freek, and Harrison; forwards, Jos. Hodge and Hogg, right wing; Gill, centre; Walker and Coulthard, left wing.

SOUTH MOOR ROVERS v GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH.—Played at Stanley for the benefit of one of the home team. The visitors won the toss, and defended the entrance goal. The Rovers set the globe in motion, and after some even exchanges Bolam drew first blood for the homesters. This appeared to rouse the Black Watch, who made several rushes, which were checked by the opposing halves. The Rovers' forwards then put in a grand run, Potts heading just past the upright. After a fruitless corner to South Moor, Mason shot just over the bar. From the goal-kick, Bolam secured and sent in a beauty, which was well saved. The visitors now made a good attempt to score, but had to be content with a corner, which proved useless. Soon afterwards, Mason added a second goal for the Rovers, and was also responsible for a third with a fast shot. The homesters continued to have the best of matters till half-time was sounded, the score then standing—

Rovers .... Three goals
Black Watch .... Nil

On resuming, the visitors started with more dash, and Argyle fired in a shot which was nicely cleared. The Black Watch kept up the attack, and experienced hard lines, the leather hitting the upright and rebounding into play. The visitors hit the post again shortly after, and then Bolam made a capital run and shot No. 4 for the Rovers. Greencroft made another good try to get through the home defence, but a shot from Argyle was saved. Brown ran the length of the field with the leather, passing to Mason, who added a fifth point for South Moor. Then Brown scored for the visitors, and Potts put on another for the Rovers, the game ending as follows—

Rovers .... Six goals
Black Watch .... One goal

TANFIELD LEA v. TRAFALGAR (NEWCASTLE.)

Played on the Tanfield Lea ground before 300 spectators. The day was very fine, and the ground in splendid condition. The visitors won the toss, and Smith kicked off for the home team, who ran down and shot behind. After each end had been visited in turn, the Tanfield forwards got possession, and passing the backs scored their first goal. Play ruled even for a long time, when the home forwards found an opening, and added their second point. Score at half-time—

Tanfield .... Two goals
Trafalgar .... Nil

On play being resumed, the visitors began to press, but found a stubborn defence, Milburn at back and Baker at half showing up prominently. Eventually Fox, one of the Trafalgar halves, got possession, and sent in a dropping shot which went just under the bar, which Gailes could not see owing to the bright sun shining in his face. At this reverse the home team woke up, and gave the Trafalgar defence any amount of work. Hands was given against the visitors near their goal, and Gaffney taking the kick, passed on to Smith, who scored with an overhead kick. The Newcastle men pressed, and Mudd put the globe through his own goal ten minutes from the finish. After this the homesters played very carelessly, and the visitors added two more goals, the game finally ending as under—

Trafalgar .... Four goals
Tanfield .... Three goals

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FINAL TIE.

LEADGATE PARK v. TOW LAW.

These teams met on the Bishop Auckland ground in glorious summer weather, the turf being in grand condition. Excursions were run from various places, which were well patronised, and about 2,000 spectators lined the ropes. The teams were heartily cheered on turning out, the Park playing in maroon and Tow Law in light and dark blue shirts, and were made up as follows:—

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

TOW LAW.—Goal, J. Hildreth; backs, J. W. Temperley and T. H. Potts (capt.); half-backs, F. Blair, Wm. Waites, and W. Simpson; forwards, J. Coulson and R. Wilson, right wing; T. Hobson, centre; T. Conroy and J. McIntosh, left wing.

Linesmen, Messrs T. Bryson (Bishop Auckland) and J. T. Lowthian (Shildon.) Referee, Mr S. Kemp, Redcar.

Leadgate won the toss, and Hobson kicked off for Tow Law up the incline and with the sun shining in their faces. The Park soon took up the running, and tested the opposing defence, who had all their work cut out to prevent a score. The Tow Law left came away with some pretty passing, but Robson came to the rescue in fine style. Wilson made a good attempt to score at the bottom end, the ball just skimming the bar. Conroy got away from the goal-kick, and gave to McIntosh, who centred, and Crowther saved marvellously with two or three forwards on top of him. Tow Law returned to the attack, and Crowther had just saved when he was charged through the sticks. Hay made a grand single-handed run to the low end, and the Park should have scored easily, but they were too eager, and sent past. After Mansell had stopped Coulson and Wilson, the Tow Law forwards returned in a body; Crowther repelled two or three hot shots in grand style, but was eventually beaten by McIntosh, who rushed the globe through amidst deafening cheers from the Tow Law supporters. Encouraged by their success, Tow Law pressed again, but Foreman, Mansell, and Crowther defended gallantly, and would not be beaten again. The game hereabouts became rather rough, and Tow Law were penalised on several occasions for foul play. C. Foreman got nicely away and gave to Wattsford, who centred, and Burnhope was only robbed just in time by Temperley. Leadgate had several favourable openings at the low goal, but shot wretchedly. Some warm attacks were dealt with in grand style by Foreman and Crowther, and the half-time signal went with the record standing as under—

Tow Law .... One goal
Park .... Nil

After a well-earned rest, Burnhope re-started for the Park, who now had the brilliant sun in their faces. Tow Law pressed at the outset, McIntosh and Conroy being very troublesome, and Robson and Foreman stopped some dangerous runs by this pair. C. Foreman and Wattsford sprinted up the right, and forced a corner off Potts, which was easily cleared by Waites, and the Tow Law forwards travelled to the other end, Crowther neatly saving a fast shot from Hobson, who was playing a capital game. The Leadgate forwards were now showing much improved form, Burnhope, Hay, and Hunter being especially prominent, but Temperley, Blair, and Waites were in tip-top form, and repeatedly averted danger. Wilson was playing grandly at centre half for the Park, and after cleverly stopping Hobson, passed the leather on to Hay, who, on being tackled by Temperley, gave to Hunter. The latter ran up and centred finely, and after two or three exchanges in the goal-mouth, Foreman headed a beautiful goal, this being the signal for a prolonged outburst of cheering. Tow Law appealed for off-side, but Mr Kemp pointed to the centre. Having thus drawn level, Leadgate played up grandly, and nearly got through again a minute or two later, when Potts only partially cleared under the bar, and Hildreth just got the globe away as Foreman dashed in. After an attack at the bottom end had been repelled, Wattsford had a nice opening, and steadying himself he shot in swiftly, but Waites headed by, and the corner came to nothing. The Tow Law forwards now pressed, and during the last ten minutes the Park defenders had an anxious time of it, Conroy, Hobson, and McIntosh making desperate attempts to score, but they could not pierce the strong defence. Two minutes before the close, Hay and Hunter made a splendid run, and from the latter's centre Wattsford had a good chance, but sent past. Hildreth had just taken the goal-kick when the whistle went, and a fast and exciting game terminated with the score—

Tow Law .... One goal
Park .... One goal

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

THE JUNIOR CUP FINAL.

LEADGATE PARK V TOW LAW.

The great fight is over, and honours remain easy—a fitting termination to a most even and exciting encounter, in which the chances fluctuated considerably, and up to the last minute it was anybody's game. The play was of an even nature throughout, both sides missing some good openings, and each at times having the inevitable "hard lines." Towards the close both teams put forth an extra effort to bring about a definite issue; but it was not to be, and the battle will have to be fought over once more to-morrow, when no doubt the resting-place of the trophy till next April will be settled. Had the Park men only shot as well as their opponents, I fancy they would just about have pulled off the cup.

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The North-Eastern Railway Company seem to be awakening to the fact that football brings a large increase to their funds, and now take but little persuasion to run a trip. That of Saturday was well patronised, between 400 and 500 leaving Blackhill Station. The Park team travelled by the excursion, and we had a most enjoyable journey. All along the route signs were not wanting that great interest was being manifested in the tie, and at Tow Law a crowd of youngsters had taken possession of the platform, and greeted us with various choice expressions. On arriving at Auckland we found the place all astir, and the probable result of the match was the sole topic of conversation. The Auckland ground is a splendid one, and I should say that there were about 2,000 people present, the stand being packed. The arrangements were all that could be desired, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch.

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And now to say something about the players. If I were asked to name the best man of the twenty-two, I should unhesitatingly give my vote to Crowther, who gave a marvellous display between the posts for the Park. Better goalkeeping I have seldom seen, and neither a Doig or a Trainor could have done better. One enthusiastic Aucklander remarked to me, "If we had had him (Crowther) in goal at Shildon, we would have won the senior cup." Foreman and Mansell both played a safe game, the former shining in the kicking line and the latter in tackling. It was a great trial for a young player like Foreman, and it says much for him that he came out of the ordeal in a more than creditable manner. There was little doubt as to which was the best of the halves in the initial "45," as Robson was always prominent during that period, and saved finely on many occasions. His untiring efforts seemed to tell on him after the interval, when, although he still had the measure of the wing opposed to him, he was outshone by Wilson, who had not been very conspicuous before half-time, but fully made up for it afterwards. Both Robson and Wilson played up to their very best form, and if they only do as well to-morrow, no one need grumble. Walton was hardly as good as I have seen him, and seemed inclined to go in for dodging instead of getting the ball away to his forwards.

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Among the forwards, Hunter and Hay can always be depended on to play a good game on the left, and Saturday's match proved no exception to the rule. Hay got in several pretty runs, and fed his partner most judiciously, the equalising goal being the result of good work by this pair. Foreman did well, and had the honour of notching the Park goal, which he neatly headed through. Wattsford seemed rather off-colour, and did not shoot with his accustomed accuracy. Burnhope made an excellent centre, and was a worker from start to finish. Wherever the fight waxed hottest, there you were sure to find Burnhope. Although a little slack at first, the forwards woke up in a surprising fashion, and gave the Tow Law defence rather more than they were prepared for.

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Coming to the Tow Law men, Hildreth impressed me as being a pretty safe custodian, and disposed of some capital shots in taking style. Temperley played a splendid game, and was the best back on the field. He never appeared at a loss what to do, and his kicking and tackling were of a high order. Potts was not nearly as good as his partner, and when pressed was not at all sure. He seemed to be a trifle nervous. Blair and Waites treated us to an admirable exposition of half-back play, and were difficult to pass. Simpson also did fairly well, and all three fed their forwards in clever fashion.

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The forwards are a very dangerous quintette, and do not stick at trifles, but dash in whenever a chance presents itself. They indulged in some exceedingly pretty passing, and likewise know how to shoot, as Crowther can testify. I liked Conroy and McIntosh best, and the latter, who is very young, should develope into a first-class player. He is smart on the ball, and centres nicely. Hobson is a centre who does a lot of work with his head, at which he is extremely clever. He passed out well to his wings, from whom he was always ready to take a centre. It would be hardly fair to criticise Coulson, as he was suffering from a severe domestic affliction, and under ordinary circumstances would not have been playing. Nevertheless, he put in some very effective work; but I like his partner (Wilson) best at half-back.

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TANFIELD LEA V TRAFALGAR.

Tanfield Lea were fortunate in securing a visit from the famous Trafalgar team, who last week defeated Newcastle United A in the semi-final of the Charity Shield. The visitors are a fine set of young fellows, who play a most gentlemanly game. Gailes kept goal fairly well for the home team, but is nervous. Milburn at back has never been seen to greater advantage, but Mudd was in very poor form, using poor judgment, and the team were thoroughly disheartened at his display. Baker and Christopher played a splendid game at half, Gaffney being but little behind them. The pick of the forwards were Gailes and Holmes on the left wing, who dodged and dribbled in faultless style. Smith in the centre has improved much of late, and gave a capital exhibition. Fletcher and Christopher also did good work.

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The Trafalgar custodian stopped some exceedingly warm shots, while Lockey showed meritorious form at back. Fox was the best of the intermediate division, and Patten shone amongst the forwards. The visitors were entertained to tea, and spent a pleasant evening at the club's headquarters, Mr J. Irwin's, Tanfield. The Newcastle men declared that Saturday's game was the most pleasant they have played this season, and expressed a desire to return next season.

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DICK BOUSTEAD'S BENEFIT.

The Park had intended to play a match to-morrow with Newcastle Albion for the benefit of the above player; but owing to the draw at Auckland last Saturday, and the tie having to be re-played to-morrow, the game has had to be abandoned. However, the Park committee have determined to promote a concert for the same object, and those who have bought tickets for the match will find them available for the concert, due particulars of which will be announced in our advertising columns in a short time. I sincerely trust that Boustead will have a "bumper" benefit. He deserves it.

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NEWS.

Leadgate Science and Art brought a successful season to a close by defeating the Leadgate Boys' Brigade.

Science and Art have played 26 matches, won 20, lost 3, drawn 3, and have scored 93 goals against their opponents' 34. Well done, Science and Art.

A Tanfield Lea correspondent wants to know the reason why the Exiles are not going to play the return match with the above club.

The gate at Auckland last Saturday amounted to about £40. To-morrow the Association and the two clubs will each receive a third of the gate, the teams paying their own expenses.

A noticeable and gratifying feature at the final was the large number of ladies present. Football seems to be getting quite popular with the fair sex.

The fiery, untamed poet always seems to bloom when a final tie is on hand. A genius of this description, who hails from Dan's Castle, found no rest last week until he had thrown some alleged "poetry" off his chest, in which Tow Law were heralded as the winners of the cup. A friend of mine has kindly forwarded me a copy of this supreme effort, and to give my readers a faint idea of the sublime and beautiful spirit embodied in the composition, I append a verse of the same (all rights reserved):—

"So now to finish up my song,
And bid you all good-bye,
Let us give a hearty cheer
For the lads upon the Wear.
They did their duty manfully,
And everyone did try,
And they won the cup with honour and renown,
So then fill it to the brim and drink it down."

As I once heard the clown in a pantomime say, "If you can stand that, you can stand anything."

It is untrue that the vacant Laureateship has been offered to the Dan's Castle "poet."

Is it true that "Teddy" Buck will next season be seen in the Tow Law ranks? I have it on good authority that such will be the case.

NOTES FROM THE SPEN DISTRICT.

BY "WATCHMAN."]

BAND OF HOPE.

There was a crowded house in connection with the High Spen Band of Hope, on Monday night week. Mr Robertson presided, and, in the course of his address, stated that 85 per cent of the beer now used was water. An excellent programme was given.

COUNCIL MEETING.

In Mr Emmerson's report, Dr Rutherford says that drunkenness is a disease, and urges upon parents to abstain from drinking so that this disease may not be handed down to their children. Dr Rutherford believes in sending men and women who have become inebriates to hospitals instead of prisons, so that they can be properly nursed and cared for. Mr Troupe, in giving the report at the Council, said that there had been an increase of 22 Bands of Hope and about 2,000 members for the year, and said that the members of the Spen Band of Hope were energetic in the cause of Temperance. Mrs Spence Watson gave an essay on "Flower culture among Bands of Hope," and wished the children to take an interest in flowers, and promised to give prizes should a show be got up.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Those who read Mr Collinson's letter on "How some animals bear pain," in your last issue, will agree with me when I say it was a splendid article. There are cruelties which were not mentioned by him, one of which is the horning of cattle. Some farmers put their cattle to intense pain when "horning" them. It is to be hoped that our inspectors will keep a strict look-out in the future.

INFLUENZA.

The influenza epidemic has visited Victoria Garesfield, but I am pleased to say that no serious case has occurred.

DEBATING CLASS.

It would be well if a debating class was started at Victoria Garesfield, which could meet for an hour or two each week. I have no doubt of its success. Perhaps some of our leading gentlemen will make a move in the matter.

LECTURES.

A few weeks ago a hint was thrown out in these columns for some gentlemen to try and get the County Council lecturers into our midst, but so far we are left out in cold. As we cannot have lectures on mining, perhaps we can have some on gardening, or the ladies might have lessons on cookery.

A CORRECTION.

In my notes last week some slight errors have occurred. In connection with the Winlaton School Board election, read Isaac Clark instead of J. Clark; also, Mr Clark should have 865 votes, and Rev A. B. Tebb 758. Mr Young gave his election address at Victoria Garesfield on Tuesday night.

LENDING A HELPING HAND.

On Saturday se'nnight, a few young men, who some time ago took upon themselves the duty of looking after cases of extreme need, held a concert in the Miners' Hall. I am glad to hear that it met with a glorious success. Our friends made a capital hit when they secured the services of Mr G. J. Franks, of Victoria Garesfield, as chairman. The brothers who are to be made the recipients of a handsome sum, have been off work for a long period, and this act of kindness will no doubt relieve them considerably. On behalf of the brothers Brown, I desire to thank those who have assisted them in their time of great need.

SPEN TEMPERANCE MISSION.

There was a large audience in connection with the above mission on Saturday night last, in the schoolroom. Mr Emmerson ably presided, and Mr E. Lowden and Mr Midgely each gave a short address, which was well received. An excellent programme was afterwards given.

ENTERTAINMENT.

On Saturday last, we had a grand treat in connection with the "Lily of the valley" Band of Hope, at Victoria Garesfield, in the shape of an entertainment by some friends from Blackhill and High Spen. Mr T. Scott opened the proceedings, then vacated the chair to Mr W. Archer, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

The meeting of the above Society on Monday evening se'nnight was a great success, the special features of attraction in the programme being a dialogue, entitled "Our debating society," given by seven young men, members of the Society, in which a debate was held on the question "Is the married or the single state the more desirable?"—the two sides maintaining their positions with a fervour and eloquence so nearly equal that it was found necessary for the chairman to give his casting vote to decide the matter. This he did in favour of Hymen, to the general delight of the fair sex in the audience. Then followed "A mesmeric farce," by Mr Appleby and a friend. It was very cleverly done, and was both life-like and laughable. The other items of the programme were the songs "Love's old sweet song," and "Strangers yet," by Miss Burnip; and "Ora pro nobis," and "Killarney," by Miss Riddle; recitations "I'd rather not go," by Miss Williams; "The teetotal mill," Master Appleby; "On the line," and "An awful tragedy," by Mr Ross; also, an introduction to "Billy's Rose," by Master Pearson. All received well-merited applause. Miss F. Robinson accompanied.

THE LADY KILDARE;

OR,

THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS;

BY MRS. HARRIETTE LEWIS,

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CHAPTER XXIV.

FOGARTY SEES HOW TO MAKE MONEY.

For hours the young Lady Nora Kildare slept on, in the little swift-sailing sloop, under the dark night sky, her small head drooped low on her bosom; and for hours her fellow-voyager Fogarty sat at the tiller, watching her, and debating the fearful problem of what should he do with her?

On the one hand was the reward offered him by Michael Kildare for his ward's destruction—a trivial reward, and considered only because behind it lay the threat of a betrayal into the hands of the law. On the one hand were riches and safety, Fogarty thought, with advantages and pleasures innumerable.

Long before the Lady Nora awoke, Fogarty had decided that she should live, and live for his benefit.

"I'm out of the lawyer's reach here," he mused. "I can hide where he can never find me. I have found a mine of wealth, and I shall be a fool not to work it. Why should I play into Michael Kildare's hands when my own pockets are empty?"

And with these thoughts came projects of gaining wealth for himself out of the coffers which he supposed might, after all, belong to the Lady Nora.

"My days as valet are over!" he thought exultantly. "Bassantyne will find that I am as clever as he. He managed, by some legerdemain, to induce an heiress to elope with him. I shall get money, and not be tied down to the whims of any fine lady!"

The morning broke at last over the waters—a dull, gloomy, sunless morning, with a firm breeze. The little sloop was heading her way gallantly to the north, and making fair progress. Fogarty was content, and ate his breakfast, which he procured from the basket, with a good appetite. He had no conscience to interfere with his digestion.

An hour or so later, the Lady Nora awakened. She aroused herself with a start, and looked around her with a frightened gaze.

"Oh, I had forgotten I was on my way to England," she said, as the colour slowly tinged her pale cheeks. "I fancied myself still in my prison at Yew Cottage. How glorious this free, strong air is! And we are out of sight of land?"

She stood up and surveyed the waters on every side with dilated eyes.

"Yes, my lady," returned Fogarty, "we're bowling along at eight knots an hour, as near as I can make out. The wind is shifty. We'll do better when she settles."

"But there is no sun," said the Lady Nora, looking up at the dun clouds. "How can you tell our course? Have you a compass?"

"No, my lady," answered the pretended sailor. "But I can tell our course by the wind. And all night I told it by the stars. We're all right, my lady. Tim. Fogarty knows this 'ere channel as well as he knows the way to his mouth!"

The Lady Nora was reassured, yet for a long time she looked thoughtfully at both sea and sky. At last she asked:

"Ought we not to get to Liverpool by noon, Mr. Fogarty?"

"With this wind, my lady?" asked Fogarty, in apparent astonishment. "It's well we'll be doing if we get there by sunset. But it's not for Liverpool I'm making! Mr. Kildare, when he discovers our flight, my lady, may send by the steamer, or telegraph, to Liverpool and Holyhead to intercept you. And so it would be better to put in to some small bay on the English coast near Southport, and you can take the train to Manchester from Southport."

The Lady Nora's face brightened.

"You are very thoughtful, Mr. Fogarty!" she exclaimed. "You shall be well rewarded for all your kindness to me, if I have to sell my jewellery to repay you. I am poor, you know, but if ever I should be rich, I shall know how to reward your goodness."

"It's not helping you for money I am!" said Fogarty hypocritically. "It is out of pity. It's not in a sailor's heart to look on calmly and see an innocent girl persecuted. But eat your breakfast, my lady. This air makes sharp appetites!"

The Lady Nora, weakened by her meagre prison fare, felt the need of complying with this suggestion. She got out the provision basket, and took from it a slice of bread and piece of cold meat, these being the chief edibles it afforded. There was a large can of fresh water, which had been placed in the half-cabin by the owner of the sloop, and to this can was attached a rusty tin cup.

The Lady Nora moistened her meagre breakfast with the water, and both food and drink had a delicious taste to her which pretentious feasts had formerly sometimes lacked.

Her breakfast over, she resumed her seat and the contemplation of the heaving, white-capped waters.

As the morning deepened, the clouds lifted. At noon the sun showed itself, and the chill October air had a tinge of warmth imparted to it. The young girl ceased to shiver under her wrappings.

"Are you sure we are going in the right direction, Mr. Fogarty?" asked the Lady Nora, at length, when the sun had begun to descend the afternoon sky. "We do not seem to be going east."

"We are all right, my lady," said Fogarty. "I shall tack presently. It's on the tack I am now. I've been wondering, my lady," he added, "why Mr. Kildare should have treated you so ill. It's not altogether to make you marry a nobleman, I'm thinking!"

"No; that was not all he shut me up for," said the young heiress. "I happened to overhear a conversation in which he took part, the last evening of my stay at his house, and the discoveries I then made and the revelations I overheard were full of danger to him. He discovered my presence in the adjoining room, and that very night brought me to Yew Cottage, informing me that I should never be released until I agreed to marry Lord Kildare! A promise to do so would alone give him safety, after what I had overheard!"

"And what was it you overheard, my lady?" asked Fogarty, with pretended indifference.

"That I cannot tell you, Mr. Fogarty. I can tell no one until I have seen my principal guardian, Sir Russel Ryan."

Fogarty looked chagrined.

He had expected to find it an easy matter to induce the Lady Nora to tell him all she knew concerning her kinsman; but something now in the grave, sweet face and lovely resolute mouth told him that she was not one to open her heart to every one. Not even the supposed service he had rendered her, and was rendering her, could induce her to make him her confidant.

"If you was to tell me, I might help you," he suggested.

"The only help I need is in getting to England," said the Lady Nora, with a bright, warm smile. "You are rendering me the only and the greatest service now that you can, Mr. Fogarty. Once on English soil, I can take care of myself. Once with Sir Russel, he will take care of me."

"And so you won't tell me?" said Fogarty, a little sullenly.

The young heiress opened her sunny eyes more widely. Such pertinacity was as singular as it was disagreeable.

"I cannot tell you!" she said gravely.

Fogarty scowled, but was silent. The change in his looks impressed the young girl, but she also was silent. Presently the man spoke again.

"I heard Mr. Kildare say, as he went down the stairs at Yew Cottage last night, that you 'knew too much.' How did you know too much, my lady? You have got some hold upon him. You have got track of some secret of his, the disclosure of which will injure his reputation?"

"I cannot answer your questions now, my friend," returned Lady Nora. "My confidence is due, first of all, to my guardian."

Fogarty scowled again. The *role* of virtue was becoming irksome to him. He was a reckless, bad-hearted fellow at best, and was capable of few good deeds, except when such deeds were likely to prove profitable. He began to think now that a disclosure of the facts in the case, and of her helplessness, might make his girl passenger more confidential.

"She's got to tell me the whole story," he thought. "And as she won't tell me out of friendliness, she must out of fear. I know I can terrify her into a complete revelation."

He studied how to tell her the truth, how to reveal to her his true character.

And while he was thus engaged, the young girl was studying him. The fact that there was something strange about this pretended sailor was just forcing itself upon her attention.

"I didn't tell you that I knew Mr. Kildare personally, did I?" asked Fogarty. "Did I mention to you that I had a long interview with him alone last night in my mother's parlour?"

The young heiress started. She replied in the negative.

"It's so," said Fogarty, smiling evilly. "You never heard of me, you said. My past is nothing to boast on, and Kildare knows it. He knows, too, that I am wanted out in the colony. You see, I had an engagement to stay there a certain number of years, and I broke the engagement and came home. Kildare knew that too."

The girl did not understand. She continued to regard him with grave, innocent eyes, sweet and fearless, vaguely conscious only that there was something wrong.

"Well, you broke your engagement?" she said, a little impatiently.

"Yes; I broke it," exclaimed Fogarty, laughing boisterously. "And its against the law to break an engagement of that sort. Kildare knew he had the whip-hand. And so he tries to make me do his dirty work. He has a ward, says he, that 'knows too much.' And he says he wants a bold fellow to dispose of her. How? says I. Here's your plan, says he, and you're the man to do it. And with that he says as how his ward is as innocent as a baby, having been brought up in the country. And it would be easy to get rid of her, and twenty pounds to the man that sinks her in St. George's Channel"

The young Lady Nora leaned forward, breathless, eager, panting. Her sunny eyes shone like stars from out of the whiteness of her face.

"He wanted to kill me!" she ejaculated. "Oh, Mr. Fogarty! You are not deceiving me! He really offered you money to drown me?"

"He really did. Twenty pounds, and to go scot free. And if I didn't do it, a betrayal to the police on account of my past offences."

"He wanted to kill me!" repeated the girl, in a piteous voice. "Oh, heaven! I have loved him so. The discovery of all his baseness and treachery wound me to the soul. Oh, Michael! Michael!"

Her voice broke down in a wild, wailing sob.

"What did he say when you refused to fall in with his plans?" asked the Lady Nora, a little later, when she had grown calm again.

"I didn't refuse, my lady."

"Ah! You pretended to consider them? Your words gave me such a start then, Mr. Fogarty! You made Michael think you would kill me?"

"Yes, my lady."

"And how—how was it to be done?"

"I was to wait twenty-four hours, till last night, my lady, and then I was to go to your room. No—I am getting ahead of my story. Mr. Kildare was to send me a disguise yesterday morning, my lady—a suit of sailor's garments, so that I could pretend to you that I am a sailor—"

"But you are a sailor, are you not, Mr. Fogarty?"

"No, my lady."

The young girl looked at her companion with two terrible eyes. They seemed to be burning, and they were opened to their widest extent, giving them a wild look.

"Not a sailor?"

"No, my lady. The character is put on with the clothes."

There was a long silence. The young Lady Nora covered her face with her hand. At last she spoke again.

"Go on," she said in a strange voice.

"Yes, my lady. Mr. Kildare said that I must steal the key to your room, and not let my mother know of your intended escape. He did not want her to know hisplans. He's a cautious man, is Mr. Kildare. He said I was to open the door and go in and offer to rescue you out of pity. He said you would be sure to fly with me. Then I was to take you to the sea coast, where I was to have a boat hired and in readiness."

"This boat is hired, then? It is not your own?"

"No; it's not mine. I hired it yesterday of the man we found on board last night. Mr. Kildare gave me money to pay him."

"Ah! And what else?"

"On reaching the boat we were to go on board. We were to set sail ostensibly for England—"

"We are not headed for England, then?" said the Lady Nora, still in that strange voice.

"No. Mr. Kildare said you would be wearied and worn, and would soon fall asleep. While you were asleep, I was to toss you overboard! I was then to return to Dublin and keep silence, while he would make loud inquiries after you and loud lamentations about your unknown fate!"

The terrible gloom on the girl's fair brows lifted. Into her despairing, horrified eyes crept a quick gleam of light. A heavenly smile gathered about her lovely mouth.

"You rescued me as he ordered," she said; "you took me to sea in a boat—I fell asleep—and you did not drown me! You have let me live. You have even betrayed to me all the plans of your would-be employer! Oh, Mr. Fogarty, I dared to doubt you while you were telling me this story! I feared and dreaded and despaired! But you pretended to obey Michael Kildare only that you might save me! You knew that he would find some other way to destroy me if you utterly refused to do his bidding! And while pretending to carry out his villainous schemes, you are befriending me and taking me to my guardian!"

She drew near to him in a glow of gratitude, and raising one of his hairy, dirty hands from the tiller, she clasped it in both her own dainty pink palms, pressing it fervently.

Fogarty drew his hand away with some confusion.

"I'm not so good as you think," he said roughly. "I don't mean to kill you, my lady. But I'm a poor man, and I can't afford to lose by you. I want to make my fortune out of you."

The girl retreated a few paces.

"I am poor and friendless," she said. "My jewels are in Michael Kildare's house. They are valuable, but they are beyond my reach."

"Just so!" said Fogarty coolly. "And you've got no money?"

"Only a little in my pocket."

"You've got a rich lover, may be?"

"No," replied the Lady Nora, her face as pale as the dead. "My lover is poor—poorer than I, because he is in debt."

"Sir Russel Ryan is rich, perhaps?"

"No; and he has a large family dependent upon him. He has nothing to spend on me."

"Then there's only one way you can pay me for letting you live. You must tell me this secret of Michael Kildare's. He has got money, and I will get a share of it by trading on his secret."

"And if I tell you?"

"You may live."

"And you will take me to England?"

"Yes. I will land you at Southport."

The girl hastened, spurred on by her terrible fears, to tell her enemy of the secrets she had learned—how, when she was hidden in the little alcove off Michael Kildare's library, he had come in with Redmond, Lord Kildare—how the two had talked, and how the lawyer had told the new Earl that he knew of a flaw in the claims of the latter, by virtue of which the earldom and estates might be wrested from him and restored to the Lady Nora.

"What is that flaw?" demanded Fogarty.

"I don't know. But my guardian, Sir Russel Ryan, will use every exertion to discover it and to restore to me my rights!"

"Hum! Your knowledge can only benefit you and not me," said Fogarty. "The secret don't amount to much, after all, to an outsider. Michael Kildare would laugh in my face if I went to him trying to borrow money on the ground of a flaw in Lord Kildare's claims. 'What's Lord Kildare to me?' he would ask. 'And if there's a flaw, find it—prove it!' Is this all the secret there is?"

"Yes; it is all!"

"That lawyer didn't mean to kill you for overhearing that! He's got other reasons. Or else there's something behind all this I can't understand. But, my lady, I can't take you to England!"

"Not take me to England? You promised—"

"What's a promise? A breath of air. I am not such a fool as to let loose a witness who could set upon me the hounds of the law! Besides, I have other plans. I can make more money by keeping you in my possession. Michael Kildare, so long as he knows you are alive and in my keeping, will be under my thumb! Your secret is not merchantable, but you are, my lady! I may make a big thing out of this business by simply keeping you my prisoner. And I will do it!"

He set his lips together grimly. The Lady Nora's heart—brave though it was—sank to the depths of an awful despair!

(To be continued.)

LOCAL TRAIN ALTERATIONS.

A list of alterations in the running of local passenger trains, commencing May 1st, shows that the 7.50 a.m. from Durham to Lanchester, and the 9.40 a.m. from Lanchester to Durham on Saturdays only, will be discontinued. Additional trains will leave Newcastle for Durham at 8.5 a.m., and Durham for Newcastle at 9.40 a.m. The 4.5 p.m. from Newcastle to Consett, on Saturdays only, will be run daily, and an additional train will leave Consett for Newcastle at 5.25 p.m. The 7.47 from Wear Valley Junction to Stanhope, and the 8.35 a.m. from Stanhope to Wear Valley Junction, will each leave five minutes later. The 8.10 a.m. and the 3.0 p.m. trains from Consett to Darlington will leave at 8.15 a.m. and 2.35 p.m. respectively; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Consett to Darlington will be accelerated from Bishop Auckland. The 8.10 p.m. train from Bishop Auckland to Crook and the 8.45 p.m. from Crook to Bishop Auckland, on Saturdays only, will leave at 8.20 p.m. and 8.50 p.m. respectively.

THE LOCAL VETO BILL.

MEETING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A largely attended meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday se'nnight, Ald. E. S. Hindmarsh, of Gateshead, presiding.

A resolution in support of the Local Veto Bill, moved by Rev J. YOUNG, seconded by Rev WILLIAM SHARPLEY, and supported by Councillor BRADSHAW (Gateshead), and Mr GUY HAYLER (Newcastle), was unanimously carried, and copies were ordered to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr J. Joicey, M.P.

A petition to Parliament, urging the Government to press forward the measure was also adopted, and signed by the chairman.

MEETING AT BURNOPFIELD.

A METHODIST MINISTER'S VIEWS.

A largely attended public meeting was held on Saturday night, in the Co-operative Hall, at Burnopfield, under the presidency of County Councillor H. Curry Wood, manager of the Stores, in support of the Government's Local Option Bill.

The CHAIRMAN, having addressed the meeting on the social aspect of the question, called upon

Mr T. ARMSTRONG, of Burnopfield, to move a resolution heartily approving of the Liquor Traffic (Local Control) Bill, now before Parliament, and pledging those present to do everything in their power to assist the Government in carrying the measure into law. (Applause.)

Mr J. TAYLOR, also of Burnopfield, seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr THOMPSON, of Burnopfield, who took exception to the two-thirds majority clause in the Bill, and also to the fact that three years had to elapse before the inhabitants of any district could be polled to ascertain if they were in favour or not of closing the public-houses. He made an eloquent appeal to all present to support the Bill.

Rev J. TAYLOR, Primitive Methodist Minister (White-le-Head Circuit), likewise spoke in support of the resolution. He said he had heard something which had both pleased and puzzled him since he came into that room. They should fairly and candidly look on this subject without bias. He was not dishonouring Methodism by taking the duty he had that night. This question was neither a religious question, nor a strictly political question, except in so far as it tended to show which party in the State was prepared and willing to do most for the benefit of the country. (Applause.) If anything, the Direct Veto was a Bill resembling in miniature the measure just passed by the splendid majority of 43 in the House of Commons. (Applause.) It was really a social Home Rule Bill, giving to districts (irrespective of what other districts might do) the power to determine the destiny of their own locality, and the morality of their own people. (Applause.) It was a momentous question, which, directly or indirectly, effected everyone. Even on this subject, temperance men and temperance organisations took up various ideas. This was not the only measure affecting the drink traffic, which was before the country just now. The one great question for solution in this Bill by the votes of the people was—what kind of reform would it accomplish? There was hardly a single individual on the two sides—for and against—temperance and intemperance men, religious and irreligious men, Conservative or Liberal, rich or poor, but judged that some reform in the liquor traffic was an absolute necessity. (Applause.) He was not going to blackguard the publicans—they were not to blame for this sort of thing—but would it not be wise to have this traffic controlled a little bit better than what it had been in the past? What kind of legislative reform would best carry the point to an issue. These questions had not been practically answered, and he was afraid that they would not be so during his lifetime, nor even during the nineteenth century. He had no idea what scheme would effectually solve the problem, and set the question at rest. He agreed with Sir Joseph Pease, M.P., that as the Bill now stood, it must be all or none—that the people should have liberty and power to say not only whether they would shut up the public-houses or keep them open, but to determine to what extent the licensed premises might be reduced. Dealing with the historical aspect of the question, Mr Taylor said that as far back as the year 995, he learnt there was an Act passed specifying that there should only be three taverns in the Metropolis. From that period down to 1893, there were healthy, encouraging signs of the advancement of legislative enactments in relation to this great question. It had been proved that drunkenness always increased with the increase of licensed houses and facilities for obtaining drink, and there was a decrease when the number of public-houses was reduced, and when alcoholic liquors were less accessible to the people. In the reign of George II. gin was sold at 6d per quart. Signs were frequently hoisted bearing the inscription:—"Drunk for one penny (laughter), dead drunk for twopence (renewed laughter), and clean straw for nothing." (Roars of laughter). These must have been happy days when one could get dead drunk for twopence, and a pennyworth of straw thrown in for nothing. (Much laughter.) In that reign, moreover, drunkenness and debauchery, and all manner of evil, grew to such an extent that in the course of a few years select committees of both the Houses of Commons and Lords sat to consider the question, with the result that a public declaration was issued of their determination to gradually reduce, and ultimately stamp out this dreadful debauchery, misery, and crime. However, legislative enactments dealing with the liquor traffic were failures, no less than 400 Acts having been passed in reference to the drink question, with very little beneficial effect. The best methods of diminishing the evils of intemperance was by educating the people, and by the influence of moral suasion. (Applause.)

The resolution was carried, and it was decided to forward copies thereof to the Prime Minister, Sir W. V. Harcourt, etc.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and speakers ended a very satisfactory meeting.

MEETING AT FROSTERLEY.

On Friday evening, a public meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Frosterley, under the auspices of the Band of Hope. The speakers were Mr J. Cameron, J.P., Sunderland, Rev G. Chunn, Stanhope, and Mr T. Greenwell, jun., Frosterley. Mr J. Wharton, Stanhope, presided. The following resolution was submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously:—"That this meeting greatly rejoices at the introduction into the House of Commons of the Government Bill for giving to the people direct control over the liquor traffic. Believing that this Bill would be the means of greatly lessening the evils arising from the present system of granting licenses, it urges upon all friends of sobriety the necessity of giving it their heartiest support."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Glandular swellings in the throat, neuralgia, tic doloreux, rheumatism, gout, lumbago, and other diseases affecting the glands, muscles, and nerves of sensation are permanently eradicated by this healing anti-febrile and soothing preparation. It is also a perfect remedy for all skin diseases, and every kind of superficial inflammation, which soon lose their angry and painful character under this invaluable Ointment. The Pills have never been administered either by hospital or practitioner in dyspepsia or liver complaints without producing the desired result.

PROPOSED BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION FOR NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The rapid strides that have been made in the methods of bee keeping within recent years have led to a great increase in the followers of apiculture, and in most districts of the kingdom associations have been formed for mutual and general assistance. There is no lack of enthusiasm among the numerous bee-keepers in the north-east of England, although they contend against precarious atmospheric conditions, and the readiness with which they adopt the modern improvements shows a laudable desire to keep abreast of the times. The bee-keepers of Northumberland and Durham, having in common the great honey-producing plants—clover and heather—and contending with similar adverse weather, opportunities of consultation would advance the knowledge of the best methods of bee culture suitable to the districts, and thereby make way for a further development of the industry. An attempt is accordingly being made to form an association, and the promoters are confident that the proposal will have the hearty support of all true apiarians in the two counties, to whom opportunities of friendly intercourse and rivalry would be both a source of pleasure and advantage.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE

Those who are afflicted with Consumption, Tumours, Cancer, and Influenza, should go to Handyside's Rooms or Carriages and hear from the patients themselves what this medicine has done. If the lungs are eaten away all that it will do will only ease the pain, but if taken in time no one need die of Consumption or Lupus, and Cancer can be considerably reduced.

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NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

Quite a happy gathering at Lanchester the other day, wasn't there, on the occasion of the Logan presentation? It is indeed refreshing to read the report of the meeting. What a truly happy little village Lanchester—or, rather *Lax-jester* henceforth—must be! But if the people of the village are happy, what must be said of the inmates of the Workhouse? No, no, I don't mean that. What I would say is, how intense must be the happiness of the members of the Board of Guardians living and working together as they do in such unity, such amiable brotherhood. What, indeed, must it be to be there! The clever and facetious speech of Mr Joshua Lax was immensely enjoyed. But, as we all know, the speaker did himself an injustice. It was upon his own head that he levelled "the most unkindest cut of all." Mr Lax is lax only in name. And even then, what's in a name? In this instance three letters only. But, alas! a lack-a-day in his playfulness, he would seem to have mixed up his genders, as when fair luna was referred to he spoke of that popular luminous body as a "he." But, after all, he probably intended it to be regarded as Moon-*shine*. Joking apart, everybody will sympathise with the Guardians in their wish to express in a suitable manner their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr Logan as chairman of the Board for so many years past. They only expressed the sentiments of the general body of ratepayers throughout the district. There are few local public men more popular than Mr Logan.

It is very rarely one has a chance now-a-days of seeing a good circus entertainment. There are fewer shows of this description on the road now than was the case when some of us were ten years younger. I suppose there is still the same enthusiasm for these exhibitions amongst children as there used to be in days gone by. How we used to glory in the famous and gaudy processions! Have our youngsters to-day the same delight in them, I wonder, as when we were young ourselves? It is just possible, nay it is highly probable, that the same feelings and aspirations fill their youthful bosoms as was the case with us in days long gone. Has education had an influence in an opposite direction? It is difficult to imagine so. After all the circus seems entitled to the support of our youth, for the performances are inoffensive, often highly amusing, the jokes of the clowns never failing to ring from the children loud and hearty laughter; and there is just sufficient excitement about the whole entertainment to keep them awake. As will be seen by advertisement in another column, Lord George Sanger is to pitch his tent for one day only, at Consett, on Tuesday, May 9th. As everybody is fully aware, this is the biggest show travelling. The company of artistes is very large, and all of them in their respective lines particularly clever. An important "feature" is made of Georgina, a lady whose performance is represented as unusually startling. There is little doubt big business will be done at Consett.

All the best songs just now have, of course, a reference somewhere or other, either to the Veto Bill or Home Rule. In a new opera called *The Magic Ring* just produced is the following:—

Now, they tell me, in that country of the free,
That it won't be very long before the nation
Will be made as good—as good as it can be,
By a course of "maiden lady" legislation.
For they mean to close the public-houses first,
While unhappy licensed victuallers they rob, too;
But I wonder why they don't abolish thirst;
If they try it—well, I think, they'll have a job, too.
It will never happen here!

But here's a capital swinging Irish verse bearing on Home Rule really too good to pass:—

I will tell you all that happened to the thranscendental plan
For the Government of Ireland by a certain Grand Old Man;
Long years we had been groaning in coercion cold and crule,
Till he made the country prosperous by giving us Home Rule!
So an independent Parliament it met on College Green,
And the Lord Liftinant opened it with speeches from the Queen;
Says he, "For such a Parliament you voted at the polls—
You've got it now, and may the saints have mercy on your sowls!"
And then follows the chorus:—
Oh, the hear, hear, hear!
And the laughter coming afther,
Shure it nearly shplit the rapther,
And it burst the chandelier!
It was down with the whisky and down with the rint,
And that was the beginning of the Irish Parliamint.

At the Theatre Royal, Consett, this week patrons have been treated to something like variety. The "triple bill" idea is a quite new creation as to the title only, however. It is really an old idea resuscitated. The Wynne-Scarlett Co. have been appearing each evening in three distinct pieces. To most regular play-goers *A Happy Pair*, an old time farce, which opens the evening's entertainment, will be familiar enough, although no less acceptable on that account. It is followed by another amusing farce, written by Mr Wynne-Scarlett, entitled *An Awkward Dilemma*, which evokes hearty merriment from start to finish, the performance concluding with a "new and original burlesque," *Albi Baba, M.P.*, which is really the biggest item of the lot. This form of entertainment is particularly suitable for the sort of weather we are at present enjoying. There is sufficient variety, and all is light and laughter provoking as it should be.

RUPTURE.—White's Moc-Main Lever Trusses is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited), Piccadilly London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell you imitations of our Moc-Main. J White and Co. have no Agents.

Cricket.

Blackhill Park would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 15 to 18. Apply to J. G. Robinson, 5, Bessemer Street, Blackhill.

Dipton have the following dates vacant:—Home: May 27, July 15, 24, July 22; away: May 20, June 17, July 1, 29, Aug. 12, 26. Address—A. Tuson, Dipton, Lintz Green, R.S.O.

Consett True Blue Templars have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up with good junior teams as soon as possible. Ages, 12 to 14. Apply to J. Davison, 14, Nelson Street, Consett.

LANGLEY PARK v. CORNSAY.

Played at Cornsay, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. J. Lowes played a splendid innings of 39, and Cooper took five wickets for four runs, doing the "hat trick." Gray, Milburn, and Johnson batted well for Cornsay. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		CORNSAY.	
F Moss b Slater	9	J Hodgson b Moss	0
T Dixon c Raw b Slater	2	E Aston c and b J Lowes	4
T Morland b Slater	4	J Aston b J Lowes	0
J Lowes run out	39	W Gray b J Lowes	13
J Vickers c Garbutt b J Aston	3	J Milburn c Moss b J Lowes	22
G Bowes b J Aston	0	R Johnson b Cooper	10
T Eccleston b J Aston	3	W Dawson not out	5
E Eccleston b J Aston	5	J Slater b Cooper	0
W Cooper b E Aston	9	J Raw c T Dixon b Cooper	5
J Plews b Johnson	6	W. Hodgson c and b Cooper	0
J Rutter not out	4	J Garbutt b Cooper	0
Extras	20	Extras	1
Total	104	Total	60

BEAMISH v. ST. PHILIP'S (NEWCASTLE.)

Played on Newcastle Town Moor, the countrymen gaining an easy victory. Score:—

BEAMISH.		ST. PHILIP'S.	
R Hume c Mould b Boyd	6	Rev M Dee b Stoddart	19
A Kerr b Daglish	0	T Boyd c Kerr b Mas'n	1
R Dolling b Boyd	19	T Daglish st Laybourn b Mason	0
G Wilkinson b Daglish	12	H Appleby c Jackson b Stoddart	6
W Stoddart l b w b Boyd	7	P Mould b Stoddart	6
T Carr b Daglish	16	T Appleby b Stoddart	0
G Laverick b Boyd	10	W Wilson b Stoddart	3
M Laybourn b Daglish	11	E Creighton b Stoddart	0
B Mason c Boyd b Daglish	12	G Lambert not out	14
J Jackson b Daglish	16	Fryer st Laybourn b Mason	1
J Corry not out	0	W Huston b Stoddart	0
Extras	14	Extras	3
Total	123	Total	41

CHESTER MOOR v. BURNHOPE.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for Burnhope by 18 runs. Robinson did good service both with bat and ball for Burnhope, while Bambro played a capital innings of 34 (not out) for the home team. Score:—

CHESTER MOOR.		BURNHOPE.	
H Warren run out	0	J Robinson b Warren	24
W Bambro not out	34	C Cummings b Elliott	1
G Ledger b Robinson	0	W Simpson b Elliott	5
G Watson b Robinson	6	A Heckels c Henderson b Elliott	6
J Holt b Simpson	2	P Finnigan b Elliott	1
H Watson b Robinson	0	G Heslop c Watson b Elliott	3
W Thompson b Robinson	0	J Gair b Bambro	2
G Armstrong b Robinson	2	M Heslop c Thompson b Warren	2
J Elliott b Gair	3	T Dyson c Warren b Bambro	7
H Henderson c Webster b Robinson	7	R Webster b G Warren	12
B Wood c and b Simpson	1	J Dyson not out	6
Extras	8	Extras	18
Total	57	Total	75

DIPTON v. WEST PELTON VIOLETS.

Played at Dipton, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

DIPTON.		VIOLETS.	
H Bragg b Barrass	4	A Barrass b R Ritchie	3
J Ritchie b Brayson	7	R Pinkney b H Bragg	2
R Ritchie run out	0	J Lee st J Ritchie	7
H Kelly c Whales b Brayson	5	J Brayson run out	20
H Teasdale b Barrass	0	R Herren b H Bragg	8
Rev R Tuson b Brayson	17	J Theobald b H Bragg	8
A Bragg c Theobald b Barrass	8	J Whales b H Bragg	0
R Forster b Brayson	5	D Gloyne b H Bragg	3
J Bowes c Garhan b Hall	1	Garhan b H Bragg	0
H Jennings not out	1	J Hall c Jennings b Tuson	9
P Graham run out	0	H Taylor not out	1
Extras	6	Extras	6
Total	49	Total	64

OXHILL v. TANTOBIE.

Played at Tantobie, the visitors winning by 60 runs. Score:—

TANTOBIE.		OXHILL.	
W Keilor b Raine	2	M Ledger run out	30
D Thompson c Raine b Middlemast	0	R Henderson b Murton	6
T Murton b Middlemast	10	J Middlemast lbw b Murton	8
W Charlton b Raine	4	T Tindale b Charlton	0
F Rockett run out	0	J Siddle b Murton	1
R Foster b Raine	5	W Raine b Murton	22
W Hodgson b Raine	0	G Collins c Brown b Charlton	15
J Brown b Middlemast	0	J Middlemast b Murton	1
J Harrison not out	0	J Charlton b Charlton	0
T Atthey run out	0	R Gray c Foster b Murton	4
Wm Hall c Ledger b Middlemast	1	J Wilson not out	4
Extras	8	Extras	5
Total	30	Total	96

SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

The above club opened their season on Saturday last under most auspicious circumstances, there being a good beat up of members, and some capital cricket was shown. The match was between the captain's and vice-captain's teams, which resulted in a win for the latter. The trundling of Maddison and Mackey was very effective for their respective sides, the former taking seven wickets for eight runs. Seed (30) batted in his usual dashing style. Score:—

CAPTAIN'S TEAM.		VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM.	
J W Lancaster b Seed	7	R Cant c & b Mackey	8
T Bell c Seed b Cant	4	J Maddison b Mackey	2
W Oliver b Maddison	16	L Urwin run out	4
M Williamson b Surtees	12	T Willis b Mackey	3
J Postle c Willis b Maddison	9	J Seed b Mackey	30
J W Forster c Smailes b Maddison	0	W R Towns b Mackey	12
J K Annandale b Surtees	3	J R Surtees c Grant b Annandale	0
J Booth b Maddison	7	J Archer c Lancaster b Mackey	1
R Chaytor b Maddison	3	J Dixon retired	6
G Hall b Maddison	2	R Robson c and b Annandale	16
A Mackey c Maddison b Seed	3	H Pearson	5
A Barrass b Maddison	1	R Smailes not out	2
J Grant not out	0	C Smailes c Oliver b Lancaster	2
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	73	Total	98

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THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism. 306]

Sporting Items.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT SHIELD ROW.—A pigeon match was brought off on Saturday in a field close to the house of Mrs Heslop, Shield Row, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Joe Watson, of Shield Row Farm. The competitors were G Wardman, of Seanley, and John Coxon, of Shield Row, and they shot at 21 yards rise, 60 fall, 1¼oz of shot, the use of both barrels, G Wardmen at nine birds and Coxon at ten. The match ended in a draw. Scores:—G Wardman, 110011001; John Coxon, 1100001011. Mr A York trapped for J Coxon, and R Smith trapped for G Wardman. Mr T Foster, of Annfield Plain, was referee.

PIGEON FLYING AT CONSETT.—A pigeon flying handicap, promoted by Mr W. Quinn, of the Duke of Wellington Inn, Consett, was successfully brought off on Saturday last from the Jolly Drover Inn, Redwell Hills, a distance of about two miles, which received eight entries, and resulted as follows:—J. Lawley's Castaway, 1; W. Wilson's Steamboat, 2; W. Quian's Just too Late, 3. R. Wilkinson acted as starter, and W. Wilkinson as time-keeper.

LAST DAY OF THE BRAES OF DERWENT FOXHOUNDS.

On Wednesday week, this popular pack met at Blaydon Burn House, the residence of Col. Cowen, being the last day of the season, sooner than the Colonel's usual custom of killing a May fox, but the continued dry weather has brought the season earlier to a close. The morning was all that could be desired, the rain of Sunday having put life into the country just awakening from its long wintry sleep and putting forth its first exhibits of spring, the hedges ready to burst into a lively garland of May blossom by the time May puts in an appearance; but the thrush and blackbird warbling their welcome note from the spreading oak reminded me, alas, the season was over and we must find pleasure anew. Many sportsmen put in an appearance and found spread in the Colonel's welcome house a repast that gladdened the heart of the most exemplary gourmand. The hounds would have been welcome to the fragments that remained had not another feast been within a hundred yards provided for them in the shape of the varmint—first catch him, though. At the appointed time the hounds were brought out, and they looked in the pink of condition, and fit to run for a week without a check. The master and the huntsmen knew it, too, for their faces fairly beamed with joy as the beauties looked and welcomed his coming. What a glorious accomplishment it is to be popular—popular with every member of the hunt, a popularity extending over the horses and hounds, and, above all, popular with the fair sex, without whom a blank would be drawn in more ways than one. The plantation near the house was tried, and after going through the Brookwell, Reynard was seen making off up the burnside to Chicken's Wood, where we hoped they had got on good terms with the fox. Persevering, although at a slow pace, to Pawston Banks, where the hounds appeared to have more scent; but as soon as the fallow was touched it was all up. However, Dixon moved his hounds to the Ashtree and put them into Spenbanks. Here they hit him off again, running through the wood to nearly Sherburn Tower, where he was headed and returned back to Spenbanks Wood, where he was lost. The hounds were next cast into the east end of Chopwell, where two foxes were soon on foot, one making south, but the wretched scent prevented the hounds driving their fox at any pace, so slow hunting was the order of the day, and with Dixon's assistance they ran into Lintzford Wood, and through it to Smails Banks, and on to Derwent Bridge. Here the leading hounds ran along the north side of the Derwent to Lockhaugh, where Reynard was lost. Other foxes were found, but the hounds could make little of them, so the Colonel, finding it of no use to persevere further, he ordered his hounds home. The day was beautiful, making it agreeable and pleasant for the large field of horsemen and the many carriages attending the meet. The Colonel tried his best to show sport, but he could not command success.

Volunteer Intelligence.

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

The second shoot for the Bisley nomination given by Major Humble, in connection with the above company, took place on Stanley Burn Range, on Saturday. Conditions, seven shots at each range—200, 500, and 600 yds. Sergeant Palmer was in charge of the range, and the following were the highest scores.—Priv. J. B. Goundy, 32, 27, 30—89; Corp. J. Grundy, 29, 25, 27—81; Priv. F. Stephenson, 26, 30, 24—80; Corp. W. Kay, 23, 31, 21—75; Priv. T. Clough, 18, 27, 27—72.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

CONSETT SWIFTS v WATERHOUSES WANDERERS.—To be played on the Consett Y.M.C.A. ground. The Swifts' team will be as follows:—Goal, F. Arlott; backs, R. Wake and J. Dunning; half-backs, J. Allison, A. Angel, and T. Winter; forwards, G. Eustace and J. Turley, right wing; R. McKie, centre; M. Eustace and R. Barron, left wing.

GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH v SOUTH MOOR ROVERS.—To be played on the former's ground. The following will be the Rovers' team:—Goal, Brydon; backs, Errington and Moore; half-backs, Brydon, Rostron, and Harrison; forwards, Brown and Coxon, right wing; Bolam (capt.), centre; Mason and Potts, left wing.

BLACKHILL ROVERS 2ND v HAMSTEELS 2ND.—This match will be played at Blackfine, when the Rovers will be represented by the following:—Full back, H. Murray; three-quarter backs, W. Smith, J. Carr, and W. Leybourne; half-backs, Geo. Bell and C. Swift; forwards, J. Morgan, T. Lumley (capt.), E. Broadbent, G. Kays, J. Stokoe, E. Gibson, Bell, Carr, and Wilkinson.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. UNION BRITISH (SOUTH SHIELDS.)

This, the last game of the season, will be played at Blackfine to-morrow, when the following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, T. Elliott; three-quarter backs, E. McElrne, J. Brown (capt.), J. K. Annandale, and E. Robson; half-backs, G. Smailes and J. Anderson; forwards, J. Askew, J. Dawson, G. Davison, W. Brown, A. Taylor, G. Aitken, R. Stobbs, and A. McGhee. Kick-off at 3·45 prompt. Referee, Mr J. Askew.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. GATESHEAD TOWN.

These teams will meet on the ground of the former, when a fast and exciting game should be witnessed. The following will do duty for the Wanderers:—Goal, R. Potts; backs, T. Rowell (capt.) and J. Jordan; half-backs, T. Turpin, E. Buck, and R. Coates; forwards, H. Smith and I. Gilliard, right wing; Wm. Evans, centre; J. Leadbitter and T. Walker, left wing. Linesman, R. Brewis. Referee, Mr R. Freek. Kick-off at 3.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FINAL TIE.

LEADGATE PARK v. TOW LAW.

Owing to the above teams having played a draw at Bishop Auckland last Saturday, they will meet again on the same ground to-morrow, when a definite result is pretty sure to be arrived at. There is very little to choose between the teams, who are in strict training, and another hard and close game may be confidently looked forward to. The subjoined team will represent

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

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[illegible]: "That's my latest bust—cost me a hundred pounds." Levyson: "A 'undred pound, my dear! Why my latest 'bust' cost my creditors a 'undred thousand pound!"

JUDGE: "How did you come to rob this man in broad daylight on a frequented thoroughfare?" Highwayman: "I couldn't help it, Judge; I had an engagement for every night of that week."

A SEMI-RELIGIOUS weekly gives the following as "a true school story," which is "also new":—Question: "What is an improper fraction?" Answer: "A figure turned upside down."

CENSUS enumerator: "Have you any children?" Old plainsman: "Yes, two." Census enumerator: "Sons or daughters?" Old plainsman: Neither, confound 'em! They're both mashers."

HE (after a tiff): "So you persist in breaking the engagement?" Mature fiancée: "Certainly. What do you take me for?" He: "About forty. Better think it over; it may be your last chance."

HOLLIS HOLWORTHY (trying to grow a moustache): "I say, Tom, does it show at all?" Tom Thayer (seriously): "Well, yes, a little; but never mind, I don't think any one will notice it."

TEACHER: "You should be more correct in your composition, Johnny. You say, 'I love school.' Now, school cannot be loved. Can't you use a more correct expression?" Johnny: "I hate school."

JACK: "So pretty, impecunious Sallie Jones, whom I used to flirt with, is the wife of a millionaire, you say? Bless me, how the wheel of fortune does turn!" Bill: "Yes, especially when a pair of pretty shoulders are put to it."

A GREEK one, who had crossed the Atlantic, told a story of a storm, when the rain poured down in such torrents that the ocean rose 6in. "There's no mistake," said he, "because the captain kept a mark on the side of the vessel."

"A: "And what has become of your son, Jimmie?" B: "Jimmie's gone into journalism." A: "Why, he's only ten years old." B: "True; but, you know, he sells forty newspapers a day. He's a smart boy, that Jimmie."

AN advocate before an English bench of magistrates lately said he had two witnesses in court in support of the cause of his client, and they would be sure to speak the truth, for he had had no opportunity of communicating with them.

DAUGHTER: "Pa, Mr. Slim and I were discussing which was the preferable, 'He will go,' or 'he shall go.' What do you say?" Pa (looking at his watch): "As it is 11.30 o'clock, I should say 'he must go' was the correct expression."

SHE: "Now, John, I don't think you ought to go out to-night. This is the fourth night you have been out this week." He: "Business, you know, dear; and, besides, it will give you a chance to finish your magazine article on 'How to Keep a Husband at Home.'"

DOCTOR: "I am very sorry, sir, but I am obliged to tell you, in regard to the condition of your wife, that you have to be prepared for the worst." Husband (with a deep sigh): "So you really think that she is convalescent."

BACHELOR-FRIEND, to newly-married man: "Why this dejection, dear boy? Have you suffered a disappointment?" "Yes, my wife can't sing." "Why, that should not distress you; I think you are to be congratulated." "Ah, but she thinks she can!"

BUS' DRIVER (to director of van in front, which is blocking the way): "Jyer, get on, get on! You've bin keepin' us waitin' five minutes." Van driver (turning round): "Five minutes! Well, that ain't so long. You 'ad to wait five years once, 'adn't yer?"

"WHO was that gentleman I just saw you talking with so earnestly?" "Oh, that was the exiled Nihilist, Mr. At-choo-at-chow-at-choo-at-chiski!" "Why, what a frightful cold you have!" "Not at all; not at all. I was merely giving you the exact pronunciation of the gentleman's name. It's sneezy enough when you've learned how."

"ARE you an Oddfellow?" "No, sir, I've been married a week." "I mean, do you belong to the Order of Oddfellows?" "No, I belong to the Order of Married Men." "Dear me! how dull! Are you a Mason?" "No, I'm a carpenter." "Worse and worse. Are you a Son of Temperance?" "Confound it, no! I am a son of Mr. John Gosling." The querist went his way.

MEEK and lowly in his tattered raiment, the tramp stood before the woman of the house and breathed forth the desire of his heart. "Fear not, gentle woman," said he, "it is not work that I seek, nor is it bread, but I strongly crave the companionship of a shilling. Have you it?"

THE conversation had turned on an old beau, who by the aid of cosmetics and other artifices seemed to grow a little younger every year. "You will see," said some one, "how he will succeed in hiding the ravages of time." "And finally die of extreme youth," added another speaker.

"EVA," he said softly, as he strolled through the park, "let me call you Eve. It will make this place seem still more like the Garden of Eden." "Certainly, George," replied the bewitching maid, "but I can't call you Adam. You—you are not my first man, you know. Not by several, George."

A MAN who boarded an open car found a woman occupying one end of the seat, while all the rest of it was empty. He stood for a moment waiting for her to "hitch," but as she made no move he quietly asked—"Madame, do you wish me to step on you?" "If you dare to!" she promptly replied. "My husband tried it this morning and got left, and now I'm waiting for someone else." He went back to the last street.

OVERHEARD at the Tralee lawn tennis meeting:—She—"Well, Mr. Flannagan, I hear Mr. Tawler pays his *devours* to you regularly." He—"Devours, indeed! I should think he does. If he generally eats as much, I'd prefer to ask a travelling menagerie in to dinner, or give him a pound to go and pay for his devours elsewhere." And then she broke off the match with Mr. Tawler, who had stated in his last letter that he could "scarcely eat for very love."

A YOUNG woman, on becoming engaged for a second time, was somewhat astonished at receiving from number two the identical ring she had returned to her first love. "Why, Charles," she said, "this is the same ring I had when I was engaged to Harry." "I know it," replied the young man. "Harry is an old friend of mine, and when he heard of our engagement he came around to congratulate me, and offered to sell me the ring for half cost. He said you liked it very much and it fitted, so I took it. Good scheme, eh?" The young woman's sensations are not described.

HE: "Would it make you very sad if I told you I was going to marry some one else?" She (who doesn't show the desired anxiety about accepting him): "It would, Jack, if the girl were a very near and dear friend of mine."

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Late last (Thursday) night we were pleased to learn that Mr William Jenkins, J.P., of Consett Hall, the esteemed manager of the Consett Iron and Steel Works, was much better. We hope this will continue, and that Mr Jenkins will soon be restored to health.

POLICE PROMOTION.—P.C. Mitchell, for many years stationed at Gainford, has been made sergeant and transferred to Consett. The officer has left many real friends.

We regret to learn that Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., the general manager of the Consett Iron and Steel Works, has been lying seriously ill at his residence at Consett Hall. The latest account, however, indicate that there is a slight improvement in his condition. He is being attended by three professional gentlemen—Drs Hedley and Oliver, Newcastle, and Dr Geo. Renton, Consett.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday, Rev J. Herbert Rider, of Headingley College, preached special sermons in this place of worship to large congregations—especially in the evening, when the edifice was crowded. The new Church Orchestral Band accompanied the singing, and the new departure was well taken with. It is over 40 years since the first Wesleyan Chapel in this town was opened, and on that occasion an orchestral band made its *debut*. Collections were taken in aid of the band.

SALE OF CHINA AND EARTHENWARE.—On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next, Messers Elsdon and Wylam will offer for sale in the Town Hall, Consett, a large and valuable stock of genuine Porcelain, Dresden and Salopian China, Fancy Goods and Earthenware, which has been sent to them direct from the manufactory at Hanley. This sale, which has been rendered necessary in consequence of the recent death of Mr John Bevington, the late head of the firm, will be sold without reserve, and every piece is perfect. The stock which comprises an immense quantity of dinner services, from 15s to £15 per set, tea, breakfast, and dessert services, Jardiniers on pedestals, flower pots, &c., will be on view each morning before the sale, and purchases may be then made by private treaty, all goods being packed free of charge.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr F. Wynne-Scarlett's excellent company are the attraction at the Theatre Royal, Consett this week in a triple bill, viz., "A Happy Pair," "An Awkward Dilemma," and "Ali Baba, M.P." In the first-named, Miss Lois Carlyle and Mr Scarlett display the possession of good high comedy powers. The second item is a most amusing farce, which is received with shouts of laughter. The last and most important piece is a new and original burlesque opera, written by Mr Wynne-Scarlett, in which the author appears in the title *role*, and is supported by a most able company. Miss Nellie Howitt is a charming principal boy, and is heartily appreciated in her artistic efforts. None the less pleasing is Miss Lois Carlyle, whose fine voice is heard to great advantage. Miss Cissie French makes a dashing robber chief, and Miss Sadie Neville is a pretty and generally attractive gipsy maid. Mr George V. Wybrow makes the most of his somewhat difficult part. Mr Roman sings a good song, and acts well, as do Messrs F. Sydney and D. Barras. The trio of child dancers from the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, score a decided triumph for very clever dancing. The Misses Lockwood, Collingwood, and Crosse, contribute a graceful skirt dance, and there is a pretty and well-trained chorus. No doubt the company will continue to attract crowded houses.—For next week, Mr Augustus Creamer is announced to appear in his great drama peculiarly appropriate to the present time, and entitled "Irish life." Our musical readers must not forget the approaching visit of the "Juvenile Opera Co." in a round of comic operas which will take place in a fortnight's time. They are at present performing in Newcastle, and are being patronised by crowded houses. We hope they will meet with the same support here and so induce them to pay us a second visit.

BLACKHILL.

On Sunday, in the United Methodist Free Church, Blackhill, Rev A. Bromley, pastor, preached a sermon on the "Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church."

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—On Sunday and Monday first, the anniversary series of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, will be held. On Sunday, the Rev J. M. Christie, B.A., of Carlisle, will preach morning and evening, and on Monday evening, the Rev Falconer, B.A., of Jesmond, will preach at 7·30 o'clock. The collections are in aid of the Church funds.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—A rambling club has been formed in connection with the above chapel at Blackhill, and on Saturday last, the members held their second excursion, the route selected being Newlands Grange and Ebchester. A good company assembled, and the weather being all that could be desired, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all. An interesting part of the programme was a visit to the old weaving mill at Ebchester, where a gentleman kindly explained the working of the machines. The former outing was to the Raven's Craig, near Allansford.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

CHARGE OF THEFT.—At the Consett Police Court (yesterday)—before Mr J. T. Potts—*Mary J. Barron*, an elderly person, was brought up charged with stealing four pairs of stockings, the property of Mr R. G. Barclay, bank manager, Shotley Bridge, about three weeks ago.—She was remanded for a week.

WELSH CHURCH SUSPENSORY BILL.—At a very large meeting held on Tuesday, in Princess Hall, London, presided over by Lord Halifax, the following resolution was agreed to, "That this meeting denounces the proposal to deprive the Church in Wales of her endowments, as contemplated by the Suspensory Bill now before Parliament, and urges churchmen to do all in their power to defeat a measure so unjust in itself, and so disastrous to the moral and spiritual welfare of the country." The resolution was proposed by Mr H. C. Richards, and seconded by Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., vicar of Benfieldside. Mr Ross-Lewin addressed the communicants of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on the following evening, in the Boy's School. There were 1,400 communicants at St. Augustine's on Easter Sunday, five hundred of whom attended the early morning celebration at seven. "The Church Extension Society," or "Sisters of the Church" work in St. Augustine's parish.

MEDOMSLEY.

SUPPER.—On Monday night, a supper was given in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, by the young women attending the Bradley Cottages Primitive Methodist Chapel, on behalf of the new chapel scheme in connection with the latter place of worship. A very large number attended and partook of the good things provided. The Allendale String Band, under the able leadership of Mr R. Bewley, was in attendance and played selections of music during the evening. The proceeds amounted to £7 7s 4d.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

CHORAL SOCIETY.—The members of this society gave a performance of Hadyn's "Creation," in the Wesleyan Chapel, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday evening, to a large and appreciative audience. The principal soloists were Miss Armitage, Newcastle; Rev C. W. Birley, Chester-le-Street; and Mr Guthrie, Newcastle. The solos were rendered with skill and precision, the choruses with strength, accuracy, and effect, and the orchestra was nicely balanced and tuneful. The performance throughout was a most complete success, and reflected the greatest credit alike upon the members and their conductor, Mr L. Appleby.

BLAYDON.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING.—On Wednesday evening, at the Blaydon Hotel, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Blaydon branch of the Irish National League. Mr E. Doolan presided, and there was a large attendance. The following resolution, moved by Mr P. Carling, and seconded by Mr McArdle, was carried unanimously:—"That we place implicit confidence in the Irish Parliamentary party, and express our great satisfaction at the triumphant success of the second reading of the Home Rule Bill, and strongly condemn the recent utterances of Lord Salisbury and Mr Balfour as being unstatesmanlike, and in our opinion, as inflaming Orange ruffianism in Belfast." Mr W. G. Ryan, organiser of the Irish National League, supported the resolution.

WEST STANLEY.

ACCIDENT.—At the Louisa Pit, West Stanley, on Friday last, Joseph Sarbry was crushed by a fall of stone. He is progressing favourably.

Mr Rosbottom's Mission, so far, is a great success, large crowds of people assembling at the hall night after night. At the special concert on Saturday night, the musical part was much appreciated. On Sunday night, the place was crowded, over 2,000 people being present, who unanimously passed a vote of confidence in the Government's Local Veto Bill.

KIMBLESWORTH.

The Kimblesworth Mission Church and Institute is now completed, and will shortly be opened for divine service.

CRAGHEAD.

A CORRECTION.—In our issue of the 14th inst., it was stated that Robert Turnbull, miner, of Craghead, had been remanded for eight days. It should have been William Turnbull, blacksmith.

ACCIDENT.—At the Oswald Pit, Craghead, on Tuesday, Joseph Tomlinson was lamed by a fall of coal. The coal came over upon him while he was in the act of curying to make a "jud."

A DANGEROUS FALL.—On Tuesday, a young man, named Franklin, was hurt by falling down the staple, which, fortunately, is not deep.

CONCERT.—A concert was given in the Hedley Memorial School, Craghead, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, by the infant children of the school, who went through their musical drill, and sang and recited in admirable style. A vote of thanks to the schoolmistress and her staff for training the children, to which Miss Gordon suitably replied on behalf of herself and staff, brought the proceedings to a close.

WEARDALE.

A NOTED MUSICIAN IN WEARDALE.—The Weardale Wesleyans this week have been enjoying a special treat by having in their midst no less a personage than Mr Whitehead, the distinguished musician and lecturer. The lectures given by him are more a positive entertainment than a lecture; he is extremely humourous and can keep an audience convulsed with laughter, and he can engage and keep the attention of the young folks as few men can. He is a splendid organist, and a capital singer. Stanhope was favoured on two nights by him—Monday and Wednesday evenings. He was at Rookhope on Tuesday night, and Wearhead on Thursday night. Mr J. Smurthwaite presided at the meeting at Stanhope on Wednesday night, the Rev A. E. Dickinson being also on the platform. The congregation was large, and were highly delighted. At the close of the lecture, which was entitled "Foot passengers keep to the right," he gave an organ recital of a very high-class character, the pieces chosen being from the great masters. His visit into Weardale was brought about by the Rev A. E. Dickinson, with whom he is very intimate. It was hoped by many that it would not be his last visit among them.

TANFIELD.

At the forthcoming triennial election of a School Board for Tanfield, the number of members will be increased from seven to nine.

LANCHESTER.

LET OF THE FORD GRASS PARKS.—These parks were let by auction on Wednesday afternoon, Mr Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, acting as auctioneer. There was a large company present. The prices realised averaged about 4 per cent. below last year's figures.

LETTING OF FORD GRASS PARKS.—Mr James Turnbull, of Chester-le-Street, held the annual auction let of these parks on Wednesday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of agriculturalists, who, after partaking of a substantial luncheon, proceeded to the various fields, which were let as follows:—Pond and Park Field, 54s; part of Park, 59s; West Park, 49s; Low Walls, 51s; High Walls, 83s; Broomielaws, 53s; Oak Trees, 82s; Woodfield, 40s; Greenwell, 50s; Stone Stackyard, 53s; Lodge Bank, 70s; Burnip's Haugh, 43s. The reduction in price on last year's let is barely 3 per cent. The 12 lots comprised 186 acres.

LET OF BROADWOOD GRASS PARKS.—Broadwood Grass Parks, near Lanchester, belonging to Mr Thomas Taylor-Smith, were let by auction on Thursday week, Mr Joseph Vickers officiating as auctioneer. The total of 292 acres was let in sixteen lots. A very large company assembled, and the competition was very spirited. The prices realised varied from 20s to 52s an acre, and notwithstanding the depressed state of agriculture, last year's prices were maintained. This may be partly accounted for by the fact that the parks have all been top dressed with bone meal, &c., during the winter months. A very large company sat down to luncheon prior to the let, and were well catered for by Mr and Mrs Towns of Lanchester. The chair was occupied by Mr Vickers, C.C. (auctioneer), and the vice-chair by Mr R. Murray, C.C., Benfieldside House. The usual loyal toasts and that of Mr Taylor-Smith, the landlord, having been duly proposed and responded to, the company adjourned for business, and enjoyed a pleasant walk over the estate in charming weather. Appended are the names of the gentlemen to whom the parks were let, viz:—Mr Robt. Crowe, Hedleyhope; Mr Fairburn, Gosforth; Mr Kirkup, Chester-le-Street; Mr Lumley, Annfield Plain; Mr Applegarth, Pensher; Mr Simpson, Pensher; Mr Nichol, West Shield; Mr Urwin, Hollingside Hall; Mr W. H. Ritson, Lanchester; Mr T. Suddes, Click-em-in; Mr J. Suddes, Cornsay; Mr Lee, Ushaw; Mr Whitehead, Consett.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

AN ANCIENT WHEELBARROW.—A monthly meeting of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries was held on Wednesday night, in the Old Castle, Newcastle—Mr John Philipson presiding. Mr John Swallow, mining engineer, Lintz Green, wrote alluding to the doubts cast at the last meeting of the Society on the antiquity of the wheelbarrow. He said it had been found under circumstances which made it quite impossible for any person now living to have put it there. He also presented the wheel to the Society.—Mr James F. Robinson also wrote saying that the antiquity of the wheelbarrow had been thoroughly confirmed.

BLACKHALL MILL.

NEW BRIDGE OVER THE DERWENT.—Several meetings have been held lately to consider the best means of raising funds to carry out the long talked of project of erecting a bridge over the Derwent at Blackhall Mill. However, at a meeting held on Wednesday night it was decided to have a picnic and sports, to be held at Blackhall Mill, on Saturday, May 20th. Several parties have promised to give the scheme their assistance, and we hope that the public, most especially those in the surrounding neighbourhood, will support the committee in their endeavour to provide what has certainly been urgently needed for many years past.

STANHOPE.

SPEECH BY BISHOP PULLEINE.—In seconding a motion at Leeds, at the annual Ripon Diocesan meeting, Bishop Pulleine, Stanhope rector, emphasised the fact that notwithstanding the new demand made upon them by the Education Department not a single school had been transferred during the year; while, on the other hand, new ones had been erected, and alterations made at a cost of £10,000. He trusted that on Diocesan (last) Sunday the society would receive a considerable addition to its funds. Notwithstanding so many claims on the generosity of churchmen the society had been able to make some substantial grants for church buildings, the erection of parsonage houses, and for endowments. During the year new schools had been built at a cost of £10,000, and they could rest confident that the work done during the year in that respect had been satisfactory.

TOW LAW.

A social evening was held in the Church Schools, Tow Law, on Wednesday, and a capital programme of music and dancing provided.

Miss Connell, a member of the Gateshead School Board and the Gateshead Board of Guardians, addressed a temperance meeting in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, on Thursday se'nnight.

LINTZ GREEN.

A CURIOUS PRESENT.—On Saturday last, a curious present was sent to the master of the Lintz Board School—a huge live python, twelve feet long and as thick as a man's leg. A case has been made for it to live in, and Mr Braidford, junr., who has taken the strange captive in charge, will gladly allow any naturalist to examine it in his greenhouse, if they will make him acquainted with the time of their visit. It has not been fed for three months, and refuses any kind of food at present. The curious reptile is from Kurachee, India, and is a handsome specimen of the snake creation.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The annual meeting was held yesterday (Thursday), there being present:—Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P.; Revs P. C. Fortin, W. Cockin, and Peter Cameron; Councillors T. J. Muse and J. A. Curry; Messrs W. Logan, Geo. Hobson, J. Collinson, W. Rutherford, J. Lax, W. Gray, R. Mitchison, T. Lowdon, P. Kirkup, Luke Nicholson, T. S. Longstaff, R. Robson, James Oliver, Thos. Wilkinson; Miss Gibson; and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson.)

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr HOBSON proposed that Mr Wm. Logan be re-elected chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. (Hear, hear.) They all knew him so well—they were acquainted with his general ability and industry—that it was not necessary for him to tell his colleagues anything further about Mr Logan, who had so admirably discharged the duties of chairman for the past three years.

Mr COLLINSON seconded the proposition, and fully endorsed the observations of the preceding speaker.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN, on taking his seat, said he was much obliged to the Guardians for their renewed confidence in appointing him chairman for the next year. He could assure them that he would do his very uttermost in attending to the duties of the Board, and would perform the work as carefully and efficiently as he possibly could. In fact, he would endeavour to do the work even better than he had done during the past 12 months. He thanked them for having tolerated the somewhat imperfect way he had filled the chair during the past year. He had been frequently absent, much against his will and inclination, in consequence of illness. But as he was now restored to health, and felt better than he had ever done during the past two years, he promised them that during the coming 12 months he would be very rarely absent, if his good health only continued.

THE LATE ELECTION.

The Clerk having reported that three new Guardians had been elected at the late contests, the CHAIRMAN welcomed the new members, and hoped that they would assist in carrying on the duties entrusted to them to the satisfaction of the ratepayers and poor alike.

INTRODUCING THE LADY MEMBER.

Mr LAX introduced Miss G. M. Gibson, of Snow's Green House, who has been elected a Guardian for Consett, and said she was the first lady who has ever sat on the Board during the 56 years it had been in existence. It was a sort of era in the history of the Board. He had known the lady for many years, and her intelligence, her industry, and her readiness to help the poor in all necessitous cases would tend to make her services very useful in the future. The only tinge of regret was that their old friend Mr Wm. Aynsley had fallen in the fortune of war. He was a painstaking Guardian, and a constant attender at their meetings.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN.

Rev P. C. FORTIN next moved that Mr George Hobson be re-appointed senior vice-chairman of the Board. He remarked that they all knew his value as a Guardian, and no more suitable person could be found to occupy that position.

Mr LAX seconded, and the proposal was carried *nem. con.*

Coun. MUSE afterwards moved the re-election of Mr J. Collinson as junior vice-chairman. He was a gentleman who took very great interest in the work of the Board, and was chairman of the Consett Relief Committee, where all the principal business of the Guardians was transacted. (Laughter.)

Mr LAX seconded, and spoke of the careful attention given by Mr Collinson to the administration of the poor law business.

The resolution was also carried without opposition.

Mr COLLINSON briefly returned thanks, and said that his duties during the last twelve months had been very light and pleasant, and if he had no more to do in the future he would be a happy man indeed.

Mr HOBSON likewise acknowledged his obligations to the Board for again electing him to the position of senior vice-chairman. His eyesight and hearing were failing, and he thought that they ought to elect a younger person to fill that office.

SELECTING THE COMMITTEES.

The Board then proceeded to elect the various committees for the next 12 months.

Miss Gibson was added to the Workhouse Visiting Committee, it being considered that she would be a very valuable member thereof.

THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOLWARDEN.

The Local Government Board wrote approving of the apppointment of Mr J. Gibson as enquiry officer for the eastern portion of the Lanchester Union at a salary of 20s per annum.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding.

THE STANLEY LOCAL BOARD.

It was notified that the district auditor, Mr C. L. Hockin, certified that the sum due from that authority to the Stanley Local Board, in the adjustment of the accounts between these two bodies was £285 7s 2d.

OUTBREAK OF TYPHOID FEVER.

Mr HOBSON reported the outbreak of typhoid fever at Kyo, and it was decided to have a well in the village analysed, and to write to the Consett Water Company to ask them to extend their mains to the place.

A SMALL SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The question of carrying out a small sewerage scheme for a number of houses near Castleside, at a cost of £18 or £20, was deferred for a month.

MAIN SEWER.

At the request of Messrs Joicey and Company, the Authority agreed to carry their main sewer to within 100 feet of the firm's houses at Tantobie.

THE STORAGE OF GAS-LAMPS.

The Inspector was empowed to procure a suitable place at Dipton for storing the gas-lamps during the summer.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Medomsley District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The following cases of infectious disease have been noted during the month:—One case of scarlatina at Fines Cottages, Medomsley; one case of scarlatina at Allendale Cottages; one case of erysipelas at High Westwood; and one case of erysipelas at Milkwell Burn Cottages.

No cases of infectious disease have come under my notice, or been reported to me in the Ebchester district.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, April 26th, 1893.

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

Lanchester District.

MR CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—Within the past four weeks there have been 69 fresh cases of catching diseases in this district, and which are divided thus:—12 cases of scarlet fever, 1 of erysipelas, and 5 of measles, at Cornsay Colliery; 11 cases of measles at Ushaw Moor; 3 cases of scarlet fever at Esh; 0 cases of scarlet fever, and 14 of measles, at Esh Winning; 2 cases of scarlet fever, and 1 of measles, at Newhouse Cottages; 4 cases of scarlet fever, and 7 of measles, at Cornsay Colliery; 1 case of measles, and 1 of puerperal fever, at Wilk's Hill; 1 case of scarlet fever at Happy Land; 1 case of typhoid fever, and 1 of puerperal fever, at Lanchester; and 1 case of scarlet fever at Fen Hall.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, April 27th, 1893.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

LADY AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that the sewage from Maudville, Castleside, is discharging into a roadside ditch, and is at times offensive, and as more houses are in course of erection at that place, the nuisance is likely to increase. Mr Aynsley, who owns the land on the north side of the road, will agree to take the sewage from these houses and irrigate his land with it, provided the necessary works be constructed by this Authority for that purpose, and I may add that I am of opinion that the cost thereof will not exceed £20.

I have received a communication from Messrs James Joicey and Co., asking this Authority to cause a drain to be laid to within 100 feet of the houses known as Red Row, Tantobie, in order that a drain from those houses may be laid to communicate with the new sewer. At present the sewage is thrown on to the adjoining land, the subdrainage of which provides a water supply for Tanfield Leith Farm, which is said to be polluted.

I would recommend that the whole of the Medomsley irrigation area be sown with Italian rye grass seeds.

On the 5th inst., the Streets of Dipton were lighted for the first time, when 24 lamps were burning. The street-lighting season has now closed, and it will now be necessary to store the lanterns during the summer, and paint the ironwork. The well at the south side of Cornsay Village requires repairing, as at present a considerable quantity of the water is escaping through the ground near the well, and there is a danger of surface pollution.

During the month, the sewer at Burnopfield has been extended, so as to deliver the sewage on to the land of the Byer Moor Farm, for irrigation purposes, thus preventing the further pollution of the Leazes Mill Burn.

At Dipton, the sewer at the rear of the schools has been extended, so as to deliver the sewage on to the land at a point further from the village, in accordance with the resolutions of your Authority.

At Annfield Plain and district, the sewerage works are progressing satisfactorily, and a large number of houses have now been drained into the new sewers under my supervision, and the sanitary condition of the district is thereby gradually being improved.

At Burnhope, the house drainage will shortly be completed.

I have given instructions for the sewers to be extended up the colliery rows at Annfield Plain, and at Burnhope, in accordance with the directions issued at your last ordinary meeting.

Thirty-four villages have been inspected during the month.

Water certificates are required for houses which have been built at Castleside, and which are outside the jurisdiction of the Bye-laws, viz.:—One house at Maudville, and one house on the Allansford Road.

The following houses are ready, or shortly will be ready, for habitation:—

1251.—Schools at Tanfield Lea, for Tanfield Lea School Board.

1258.—House at Esh Winning, for William Penn.

1286.—Two houses at Burnopfield, for Robert Teasdale.

1292.—Chapel at Allendale, for Wesleyan Methodist Connexion.

I am, lady and gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. PARKER.

Lanchester, April 27th, 1893.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH).

Consett Cricket Club—First eleven v Next twenty-two.

Medomsley v Benwell Hill, at Medomsley.

Medomsley 2nd v Benwell Hill 2nd, at Benwell Hill.

Shotley Bridge v Shotley Grove, at the Spa.

Stanley and District v Oxhill, at Stanley.

Blackhall Mill v Greenside, at Greenside.

Whickham opening match—22 Conservatives v 11 Liberals.

West Pelton Violets v Tantobie, at Pelton.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

The opening match of the above club takes place to-morrow, when the first eleven will face the next twenty-two, the latter to have the services of the professional (Mr Wilson, of Lancaster.) A good turn out of second team players is expected, from the fact that they are to compete for the Challenge Cup this year. Wickets will be pitched at 2·30 prompt.

MEDOMSLEY v. BENWELL HILL.

The Medomsley club will inaugurate the season to-morrow by playing Benwell Hill, at Medomsley. The Medomsley team will be as follows:—W. E. Charlton (capt.), Geo. E. Milburn, M. T. Milburn, W. Cant, R. Campbell, R. Lowes, M. Murphy, M. Charlton, Jas. Veitch, W. Simpson, and G. Moon. Wickets pitched at 3.

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v. BENWELL HILL 2ND.

The above teams will meet at Benwell Hill. The following eleven will represent Medomsley:—Wm. Hunter (capt.), Jas. Hunter, John Hunter, Wm. Barron, P. Murphy, W. Brown, Thos. Cant, Jas. Pattinson, W. G. Thompson, T. Bramley, and R. Charlton.

KIP HILL CRICKET CLUB.—All clubs having dates with Kip Hill Cricket Club are requested to cancel them, as the club is broken up.

FROSTERLEY.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.—On Thursday evening, an admirable paper on "Prayer" was read to the above class by Mr J. Stephenson, junr. The essay had evidently been prepared with much care and thought, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

"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 sixpense, may be had at Robt. Jackson's bookseller, Front Street and 21 Newmarket Street, Consett.

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EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.

MR ATHERLEY-JONES'S AMENDMENT.

In committee on the Employers' Liability Bill, Mr Atherley-Jones intends to move an amendment providing that the Court, or, where there is a jury, the jury may, in assessing the amount of damages payable to the workman or his representatives, take into account the amount of compensation to which a workman or his representatives may be entitled under any fund providing any benefit to a workman or his representatives in case of injury or death to which the employer of the workman has contributed. The hon. member will also endeavour to secure the insertion of the following clause:—"In any action brought under this Act for the recovery of compensation for injury, it shall not be a defence that the workman undertook the risk of such injury, and any agreement by the workmen to bear such risk shall be void. An employer shall be responsible by reason of any defect in the condition of the ways, works, machinery, or plant connected with or used in the business of the employer."

ATTENDANCES OF GUARDIANS.

LANCHESTER UNION.

The following is a return of the attendances of the elected Guardians in the Lanchester Union, at the 26 meetings during the year ending April, 1893:—

Name of Guardian.	Township.	No. of Attendances.
Asquith, T. W.	Kyo	0
Aynsley, W.	Consett	19
Balleny, C. D. W.	Ebchester	11
Calvert, John	Consett	0
Cockin, Rev. W.	Medomsley	13
Collinson, John	Consett	23
Curry, J. A.	Collierley	15
Clark, N.	Tanfield	8
Fortin, Rev P. C.	Esh	26
Gray, William	Lanchester	20
Handcock, W. J.	Tanfield	4
Hedley, W. H.	Medomsley	1
Hobson, George	Kyo	21
Kirkup, Philip	Cornsay	10
Lax, Joshua	Benfieldside	20
Longstaff, T. S.	Iveston	13
Lowdon, Thomas	Esh	24
Logan, William	Langley	14
Mitchinson, R.	Greencroft	2
Murray, Richard	Benfieldside	10
Muse, T. J.	Healeyfield	21
Nichol, Thomas	Satley	14
Nicholson, Luke	Iveston	13
Pringle, Thomas	Tanfield	1
Robson, Robert	Muggleswick	24
Rutherford, W.	Collierley	19
Taylor-Smith, T.	Hedleyhope	7
Watson, Joseph	Tanfield	2
Wilkinson, T.	Lanchester	24

CONSETT CHURCH CHOIR CONCERT.

Last (Thursday) night, a concert was given in the National Schools, Parliament Street, Consett, in aid of the funds of the choir of Christ Church. There was a fairly large and representative attendance; but considering the fact that the members give their services gratuitously week after week, Churchmen do not appear to appreciate their efforts at the proper value, and the audience was not so large as the object sought to be benefitted would warrant. The first item on the programme was the singing of the "Soldier's chorus" from Gounod's *Faust*, which was rendered by the choir in the most praiseworthy manner. "Golden bells," a solo on the pianoforte by Miss Edith M. Brodie was clevely executed and appreciated. The next was a song "The deathless army" by Mr J. Cant, which was received with applause. A duet, "Welcome Spring," by the Misses Elliott, was one of the best features in the programme, and the artistes acquitted themselves in a style which won for them the universal approbation of the audience, the enthusiasm resulting in an *encore*, which was cheerfully responded to. Mr Rispin contributed a violin solo very skilfully, and his playing provoked an *encore*. The song "Tell me my heart," was most effectively sung by Miss Weaver, in her best fashion, so much so indeed that she was re-called, and was obliged to satisfy the company with another piece. Messrs Davison, Wilson, Cant, and Surtees then appeared in the quartette, "A Franklyn's Dogge," which was a fairly creditable effort.

The second portion of the programme embraced the subjoined items:—Chorus, "Ripe Strawberries," choir; song, "Ever of Thee," Mr A. Wilson; duet, "Over the Hawthorn Hedge," Misses Weaver; recitation, "The Bridge-keeper's Story," Miss M. Craig; song, "The Nightingale's Trill," Miss Elliott; song, "The Stars of Normandie," Miss Surtees; quartette, "Anchored," Misses Weaver and Elliott, and Messrs Cant and Wilson. Mr J. Surtees, organist of the Church, very ably conducted the choir, and also played some of the accompaniments, Mr Davison occasionally fulfilling a similar capacity.

A capital concert was brought to a termination by the singing of "The National Anthem."

METHODIST CONFERENCE IN WEARDALE.

Yesterday (Thursday), the Primitive Methodist—Stockton and Darlington District—Conference commenced its sittings in the Westgate (Weardale) Chapel.

The dalesfolk of the household of faith have issued to all visitors a cordial invitation and an assurance of hearty welcome. A mighty resolution—not altogether pacific and bloodless, perhaps—has taken place in the bonny dale since the days when the Prince-Bishops of Durham hunted the red deer in what is still officially called "The Park and Forest Quarter." Should any of the shades of the good old hunting prelates care again to revisit the glimpses of the moon within the next few days their lordships would be mightily amazed could they get a peep into the fine Primitive Methodist Chapel at Westgate. The old order changeth, truly; and, gratefully one may say it, not for the worse. Our northern dales have won an historic place in the history of the great struggle for absolute freedom of conscience in the worship of God. Primitive Methodism was introduced into Weardale 71 years ago, and a chapel was built two years later. In what is known as the "Westgate Station" there are now eight chapels, affording sufficient accommodation for 2,778 persons, and with a membership of 805. The dalespeople have for too many years had their full share of trade depression; but they can ever make a brave show for truth's sake and in the cause of hospitality, notwithstanding a decrease in population west of Westgate, between 1871-91, from 5,672 to 3,510. Westgate forms part of the old Stanhope parish, with its old rectorial income of thousands per annum. West of Stanhope there are at least a dozen Dissenting chapels and four Established churches, though the population is sparse and poor.

The Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel was opened in 1876, being almost a new structure modelled out of the chapel of 1846. Considerable additions have within these last few years been made in the addition of schools and class-rooms, and the introduction of an organ. The Society here is a strong one, and they have a block of buildings of which they have a right to be proud. Rev George Chun is resident minister.

The position of the Society will be better appreciated if we consider its present widespread ramifications with its comparatively humble commencement in the district. We read in *Stanhope and its Neighbourhood* that "the first Primitive Methodist introduced from the Hull circuit into Weardale was George Lazenby, who appeared at Stanhope in October, 1821, and preached in a joiner's shop. In the following year, F. W. Jersey, Jane Andsell, Jos. Buckle, and Thos. Batty are mentioned. They appear to have first occupied the Market shed in front of the church and further on they had accommodation at Stonehouse, Stanhope Hall, and the Long Barn, where service was conducted until the chapel was erected in 1846 at a cost of £430."

ALLEGED IMPURE WATER SUPPLY AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

At a meeting of the Durham County Council on Wednesday, the Health Committee recommended that the Clerk be directed to make a representation to the Local Government Board with respect to the dangerous character of the water supply of Chester-le-Street, as disclosed by the Medical Officer's report, and pointing out that a supply of good water sufficient for the whole place can be easily obtained from the Consett Water Company.

The Medical Officer (Dr Hill), in his report, alluded at length to the rise, progress, and decline of an epidemic of enteric fever at Chester-le-Street last winter. The water supply, with its source and liability to pollution, were carefully investigated. Chester, he found, obtained part of its water supply from the Consett Water Company, and this water was undoubtedly of good quality. But the main supply was from the Chester-le-Street Water Company, which was not a public company possessing Parliamentary powers, and which supplied two-thirds of the town. A sample of their water was analysed. Respecting this, the report of the doctor stated that the analysts reported that—"We are of opinion that the water is of somewhat doubtful fitness for drinking purposes." But, while the analysis did not point to very serious pollution, an examination of the Stanley Burn, a small stream from which the water was obtained by the company, revealed very great pollution of the most dangerous character above the intake. The report concluded by saying a purer water supply was absolutely necessary for Chester-le-Street.

After discussion, the report was adopted.

FOUND DEAD AT SOUTH MOOR.

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the body of a man was found lying quite dead on the fell near Messrs Hedley's pit at South Moor.

THE LOCAL VETO BILL

MEETING AT TOW LAW.

On Thursday sen'night, a public meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, Rev M. Cuthbert presiding. Miss Connell, of Gateshead, gave a thrilling address, after which a petition in favour of the Liquor Traffic (Local Control) Bill was adopted, Mr R. Dixon moving, and Mr Geo. Bell seconding. Mr J. R. Dixon and Mr R. Rawes also took part in the proceedings.

MEETING AT WATERHOUSES.

On Thursday week, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church, Waterhouses, under the auspices of the Dearness Valley Total Abstinence and Prohibition Association, in support of the Government Local Option Bill. Mr M. Wharton, coke manager, presided, and the meeting was addressed by Mr T. Burns, Mr J. Fitzpatrick, Mr G. Hayler (Newcastle), Mr J. Davis (Peases West), the Rev J. W. Phillpot, and Mr R. Taylor. Mr Davis also sang several sacred songs, playing his own accompaniment on the harmonium. Resolutions were unanimously carried in favour of the bill, and a petition, signed by the chairman, adopted.

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT—10, East Parade, 25th inst., the wife of R. J. Brodie, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MEDOMSLEY—Mary Magdalene Church, 22nd inst., by Rev Wm. Cockin (vicar), Joseph Cawthorn, youngest son of the late Joseph Cawthorn, to Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of the late Henry Taylor, of Consett.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 13th inst., George Burdon, of Leadgate, to I. Cawrell of Blackhill.—15th inst., J. T. Foster to I. Williamson, both of Langley Park.—Same day, W. Heslop to M. Ward, both of Allendale Cottages.

FROSTERLEY—22nd inst., Mr Douglas, of Frosterley, to Miss Taylor, of Bollihope.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—Victoria Street, on the 22nd inst., aged 6 years, John, eldest and surviving son of Thomas and E. A. Barry.

CASTLESIDE—On the 25th inst., aged 3 years and 10 month, Henry Dixon, son of Thomas and Mary Proud. Interment at Castleside Cemetery today (Friday), at 3 o'clock. 117k

EAST CASTLE—25th inst., aged 1½ years, Norrie, the beloved daughter of William and Polly Steele.
"Not lost, but gone before." 123k

CROOKHALL FARM—At the residence of her son-in-law (Andrew Smith), aged 99, Agnes Beattie.

HAMSTERLEY MILL—25th inst., in her 67th year, Isabella, wife of John Allison.

STANLEY—At the residence of his son (John Kelly), 23rd inst., aged 65, James, husband of Jane Kelley.

18th inst., aged 20, William, son of John and Maria Barke.

OXHILL—South Tanfield Villa, 19th inst., aged 19 months, Mary Ann, daughter of George and Margaret B. Naylor.

STANHOPE—Front Street, 19th inst., aged 65, John Crawhall.

WOLSINGHAM—19th inst., aged 38, John Humble.

PELTON FELL—Newfield, 22nd inst., aged 17 months, Joseph, son of Joseph Richardson.

WHICKHAM—23rd inst., aged 39, Joseph, son of Thos. and Margaret Bourn.

TANTOBIE—22nd inst., aged 78, Mary, wife of Joseph Batson.

LOW PRUDHOE—24th inst., aged 65, Mary, wife of Andrew Allen.

In loving memory of our darling son, John George Davison, who died May 1st, 1892, aged 2 years and 10 months. Sadly missed.

"We loved what God had taken,
We loved, but could not keep;
We strove, but death was stronger,
So we must cease to weep." 138k

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