SINGULAR ADVENTURES OF A CONSETT MAN.

Great excitement prevailed in Consett on Sunday and Monday, owing to the circulation of a rumour, to the effect that a man named James Rafferty, living in Queen Street, Consett, had disappeared. It appears that Rafferty has been labouring under great excitement, and wandered about the house and locality, while the remainder of the family were at rest. On Sunday morning, Rafferty went out, and was seen by a number of men going in the direction of an old drift, belonging to the Consett Iron Company. The drift is situated in a field in Brickfist Lane. Passing these men, one of them spoke to him, but he took no notice, and he had a very wild appearance. They came to the conclusion that there was something wrong, and they informed his friends of what they had seen. Time elapsed, and the man did not appear, and his family began to think that the information they had received was true. They instantly gathered a party and went in search of Rafferty. Having examined all the different places were they thought he might have resorted to, but without any result, it was surmised that he must have gone into the drift. Having procured candles, they at once ventured to enter, getting over the loose stones, they began to find trace of the missing man. Travelling the workings for a considerable distance, they deemed it advisable to return, whether for want of courage, or something else, it cannot be ascertained, but the story goes that they just had sufficient candle to bring them out again. When they returned, the excitement became greater, when the tidings spread of what they had seen. Fears were entertained that the missing man, if he went in one direction was sure to fall a victim, as there was a swamp. The exploring party agreed to stop for the present, and leave the missing man alone, thinking that he might return before dusk. Their expectations were doomed to disappointment, however, no Rafferty turning up. Watch was kept right through the night, and another special effort was made to find Rafferty's whereabouts. By this time the man had been away from home fully 24 hours, and the greatest anxiety was felt amongst his friends. Now, what was to be done? It happened, by chance, to strike the mind of Rafferty's brother-in-law that he would go to the Police Station and ask them to help him. He was there informed that they could do nothing in exploring an old working, but Supt. Oliver instructed one of his men to go down to the Consett Iron Company's offices and help the men to get to the right quarters, and try to rescue the man. Efforts were made to explore the workings. About six o'clock on Monday night the news went through the town that the "prodigal" had been found. It is stated that Rafferty was discovered by some miners under an old shaft on which Christ Church is built, in an exhausted condition, with part of his clothing stripped off. He was very much cut and bruised, the result of travelling in the dark. It is to be hoped the "wanderer" will be benefitted by his 30 hours in the old pit shaft.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST BAND OF HOPE.—On Saturday night, Mr G. Tomlinson, of Newcastle, addressed a meeting in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Stanley, under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist Band of Hope, who are connected with the League. Mr Tomlinson was in good order, and gave an interesting and instructive address—one that cannot soon be forgotten by those who heard it. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Atkinson, of Stanley.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached in the chapel, in the afternoon and evening, by Mr Philip Reay, of Annfield Plain, to large congregations; and on Monday night the Rev J. Magee preached in the Schoolroom.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

CONSETT.—2, Constance Street, on the 27th inst., the wife of James Alexander Thompson, of a son.
BLACKHILL.—Foundry Row, 26th inst., the wife of P.C. Robert Newton, of a son.
WHICKHAM.—Mount House, 19th inst., Mrs John Cook, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HAMSTEELS.—St. John's Church, 12th inst., by Rev F. G. Wesley (vicar), William Kent Hardy, Cornsay, to Elizabeth Gertrude, daughter of James Fearby, York.
WATERHOUSES.—Parish Church, by Rev C. H. Barton (vicar), John Archer, miner, Esh Winning, to M. H. Taylor, daughter of Mrs Taylor, Waterhouses.
CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Register Office, 16th inst., John Gowland to Ann Redshaw, both of Pelton Fell — Same day, David Bankhead, Chester-le-Street, to Eliz. Ann Robinson, Edmondsley. — Same day, Joseph Martin to Eleanor Pinkney, both of West Pelton.
Primitive Methodist Chapel, 16th inst., by Rev J. Taylor, Henry Wilson to Emma Jane Stennett, both of Pelton Fell.—Same day, Nicholas Forster, of Chester-le-Street, to Rachel Mills, Birtley.
RYTON.—Holy Cross Church, 23rd inst., by Canon Chester, M.A., rector, Richard Beattie, to Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Thomas Coulson, Hedgefield Cottages, Blaydon.
GATESHEAD.—Bensham Road Wesleyan Chapel, 24th inst., by Rev G. Hobson, Edward Reay, Dunston, to Margaret (Meggy), youngest daughter of J. H. Ryle, Swalwell.—Same day, J. W. Spencer, Swalwell, to Isabella, eldest daughter of J. H. Ryle.

DEATHS.

LEADGATE.—Bottle Bank, 27th inst., aged 83, Felix Curley. To be interred at St. Joseph's, The Brooms, on Saturday, at Four o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.
BENFIELDSIDE.—St. Cuthbert's Terrace, 22nd inst., aged 77, John Dixon, sen. (mason).
DIPTON.—22nd inst., aged 21, Christopher, only son of Thomas and Mary Bates.
KYO.—21st inst., aged 67, Hannah Wilkinson.
TOW LAW.—20th inst., aged 56, Matthew Wilkinson.
HOBSON COLLIERY.—Aged 54, accidentally killed by a shot, George, husband of Barbara Anderson.
EAST TANFIELD COLLIERY.—26th inst., killed by a fall of stone, aged 28, Matthew Connelly.
SOUTH PONTOP.—24th inst., aged 73 years, Jane Iceton.
25th inst., aged 8 months, Elizabeth Gibson, the dearly-beloved daughter of John and Isabella Gibson ate of Dipton.
CHESTER-LE-STREET.—23rd inst., aged 76, Hannah, wife of George Henderson.
19th inst., aged 73, Mrs Ann Raine.
Prospect Cottages, 19th inst., aged 87, Hannah, widow of John Wilkinson.
WATERHOUSES.—18th inst., aged 75, Jonathan Hewitson.
ESH WINNING.—15th inst., aged 58 years, William Gibson.
HEDLEYHOPE COLLIERY.—16th inst., aged 10 months, James Johnson.
ESH.—Ushaw Farm, 18th inst., aged 2 years, Margaret E. Richardson.
STANHOPE.—15th inst., aged 79 years, Hannah Coulthard.
URPETH.—15th inst., aged 65 years, Mrs Ruth Lowden.
EDMONDSLEY.—12th inst., aged 39 years, Joseph Cowey.
LUMLEY.—6th Pit, 15th inst., aged 63, Joseph Ramshaw.
PELTON.—17th inst., aged 3 years, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Wm. Selkirk.
DURHAM.—16, Flass Street, 23rd inst., aged 30, Harrietta Hannah Bulman.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 27th.—Before H. W. KERICH-WALKER, Esq (chairman), and LINDSAY WOOD, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Richard Core, who did not appear, was fined 2s 6d and costs for being drunk at Birtley on the 6th of March.

John Woodruff pleaded guilty to being drunk at Chester-le-Street, on the 16th March.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

Robert and *Hannah McDonald*, husband and wife, did not appear in answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Chester-le-Street, 6th March.—Fined 7s 6d each and costs.

Aaron Smith pleaded guilty to a similar offence at Chester-le-Street, on the 2nd March.—Fined 5s and costs.

John Pigford did not answer to his summons for being drunk and disorderly at Ouston Square, on the 17th of last month, and was ordered to pay 5s and costs.

Matthew Palmer pleaded guilty to a similar charge at Pelton Fell, and was mulcted in a penalty of 10s and expenses.

John Hardy pleaded guilty of disorderly conduct at Urpeth, on the 9th March.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

George Place and *Thomas Wright* pleaded not guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Lamesley, on the 10th ult.—P.C. Banan said he saw defendants on the road; they were knocking at a door, both men being drunk and very noisy. One of them had his coat off.—Defendants said they were going to a house where they were welcome, when Banan came up and struck at them.—The Bench ordered them to pay a penalty of 5s each and expenses.

THEFT OF A HORSE RUG.

Hugh Needham was charged with stealing a horse rug, the property of Elizabeth Gibson, of Chester-le-Street, at Pelton, on the 18th February.—James Hepple, manager for Mrs Gibson, said that she went to the Fleece Inn, at Pelton, on business. He threw the rug over the horse, and was in the house about three minutes. When he came out he saw prisoner disappearing round a corner with the rug in his hand. Witness followed, overtook prisoner, and brought him back to the house, when the landlord told witness who he was. Witness then let him go. The rug was worth 12s 6d.—William Dixon, landlord of the Fleece Inn, gave corroborative evidence.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and said that he picked the rug up off the ground, and was bringing it to Mr Hepple, when the latter seized him.—Fined 15s.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

The magistrates appointed the overseers for the several townships in the division from the vestry meeting nominations as follows:—

Chester-le-Street—John Jopling and Fred Harle.
Harraton—Thomas Kirkup and George Forster.
Birtley—Alexander Ramsey Fleet and Robert Kerr Wilson.
Urpeth—John Nicholson and Charles Adamson.
Pelton—Septimus Thomas Kirkup and John Watson.
Ouston—John Davison Wilson and Edward Hunter Wilkinson.
Lamesley—David William Robson and Hugh Munro, jun.
Waldridge—William Morris and George Swinburne.
Plawsworth—John Gibson and John Edward Coxon.
Edmondsley—George Turnbull and Thomas Young.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr John S. Murray had again a fair supply of stock forward at this mart on Monday, comprising 9 fat cattle, 29 fat sheep, 3 calves, 7 cows, 3 stirks, 19 pigs, 1 horse; about 40 head of poultry, a quantity of hay, harness, chains, bacon, patent blocks, &c. Prices:—Fat cattle, £15 to £17 10s; top, Mr Johnston, Unthank. Sheep (hoggs), to 58s 6d; top, Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak. Pork pigs, to £3 12s; small pigs, 17s 6d to 30s. Cows, to £19; stirks, to £6; calves, 20s to 30s. There was a fairly representative company present, and a fairly good sale for all stock, with the exception of cows, for which the demand was slow. Quotations:—Beef, 8s per stone; mutton, 9d to 10½d per lb; pork, 6s 6d to 7s per stone.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 44 cows, calved and to calve, up to £19; 18 fat cattle, up to £17 2s 6d; 5 store cattle, up to £11 17s 6d; 7 calves, up to 33s; 25 fat sheep and hoggs. Fat sheep, up to 61s; top, Mr Emerson, Stanhope; fat hoggs, top, Mr Love, Wolsingham; 15 black-faced ewes, in lamb, to 29s.

SALE AT RYTON.—The stock on Maiden Hill Farm, Ryton, belonging to Mr G. N. Johnson, who is removing to the South, was dispersed on Monday, by Messrs Robert March and Son. The stock comprised 45 sheep, 1 fat and 13 store cattle, 8 cows, 3 horses, 2 pigs, poultry, together with the usual implements, hay, straw, and potatoes. A large and representative company assembled, and a very dear sale all through was the result. Prices:—Fat hoggs (rough), from 45s 6d to 51s 6d, or 10d per lb. Fat mule shearlings, 51s to 57s 6d, Mr Fewster, Greenside, buying at the latter figure; store sheep, 33s 9d to 46s 6d; fat heifer, £14 7s 6d, to Mr T. Wallace, Ryton; farrow cows, £10 15s and £11 7s 6d; grazing cattle up to £9 for two-year-old steers; new-calved cows, £19 15s, £18, and £14. Mr Slater, Lucker, bought a pair of blue-grey in-calving heifers at £14 and £14 5s. A powerful black horse, four years old, went at £47 to Mr Hankin. A black cob mare was secured by Mr Taylor, East Heddon, for £28 10s. Mr J. Younger, Fawdon, paid £37 10s for a clever black draught mare, six years old. A sow and seven pigs sold at £8 2s 6d, to Mr Baxter, Wylam; sow in pig, £7, Mr Charlton, Stott's House. 40 head of poultry averaged 2s 6d per head.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd.—Before His Honour E. J. MEYNELL (Judge).

FORGOT THE BOOK.

HERDMAN *v.* CULLY.—Nathaniel Rutherford Herdman, grocer, Kyo (administrator of the estate of the late Henry Herdman), preferred an action against James Cully, cokeman, living at Black Boy, near Bishop Auckland, for goods sold and delivered. Mr J. McCartan (Consett) appeared for plaintiff.—The case was adjourned from the last court for proof of the probate of administration, but unfortunately plaintiff had forgot to bring the book showing the payments on account. Mr McCartan accordingly applied for an adjournment.—Defendant (who did not attend the previous sitting) stated that he was a poor man, and had lost a day's work in coming there, besides paying his railway fare (3s 1d). He was about 10s out of pocket.—His Honour stated that plaintiff certainly ought to have had his books there. However, he would adjourn the case if plaintiff paid the defendant 9s costs.—This was accordingly done, and defendant was advised to attend the ensuing Court.

ADMINISTRATION ORDER.

Re DAVID SMALL, miner, Dipton.—Defendant appeared for an order for the administration of his affairs, his total indebtedness being less than £50.—Mr McCartan, on behalf of Messrs Cooke and Hall, grocers, Annfield Plain, opposed the request, while a third creditor also objected.—His Honour said that there were neither a majority of the creditors nor did their bills represent the larger share of the liabilities.—Small stated that his wages averaged 35s per fortnight. He had a wife and three children to support, his eldest boy being seven years of age.—Mr McCartan: Haven't you been twice committed to Durham for refusing to pay your debts?—Applicant: Yes; I could not really pay, and I thought this was the best way of getting clear of them.—His Honour ordered Small to pay 5s a-month till his creditors received 5s in the pound.

Before Mr JOHN BOOTH (Registrar).

A DISPUTE ABOUT COSTS: A MATTER OF "TRUTH AND JUSTICE."

ROBSON *v.* LAYBOURNE.—Nicholas Robson, of Consett, who is employed at the Consett Iron Works, claimed 18s from Thomas Laybourne, of Crook, under the following circumstances. In July last, plaintiff entered an action against defendant for the recovery of £6 10s. On the day previous to the sitting of the Court, Laybourne came to him at the Works, and in the course of conversation with plaintiff, asked him to withdraw the summons and he would pay the £6 10s alleged to be due, together with 18s costs incurred. Plaintiff agreed to this course, and defendant only wanted to defray one-half of the expenses incurred.—Defendant's story was that he never knew what was the actual amount owing until he received the summons. He asserted that plaintiff and himself agreed to bear the costs equally between them.—Plaintiff repudiated this statement, and the registrar said it was most likely the true version of the transaction. He made an order for the defendant to pay 18s costs in 14 days.—Defendant: I came here to-day simply in the interests of "truth and honesty." (Laughter.) I find, however, that my friend is not telling the truth.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "ANNFIELDITE."]

The ladies in connection with Stanley Primitive Methodist Society held another of their social teas on Monday, when they were again very fairly patronised, realizing the sum of £2 13s. Only let them keep going on in this way and they will soon pay off the debt which at present rests upon their place of worship. The ladies at Stanley are in earnest; they are prepared and willing to do all they can, and have arranged a series of social teas in furtherance of their object.

The Primitive Methodists of White-le-Head have had a visit from Rev J. G. Binney, Congregational minister, Gateshead (late Primitive Methodist minister). His lecture on "Home Rule," I hear, was only thinly attended. It was, however, a good lecture, and I am sure that all who know Mr Binney are aware that he is an able and efficient speaker, and it is a great pity that so few availed themselves of hearing his excellent lecture on the important Home Rule question. Mr Binney preached two able sermons in the same place of worship on Sunday—morning and evening—while Rev M. Johnson (circuit minister) occupied the pulpit in the afternoon. There were fair congregations. The chapel has recently been repaired, the ceiling having fallen down owing to the pit workings. The trustees therefore need timely help to assist in clearing off the expense thus incurred.

I learn that the South Derwent Coal and Coke Company are making preparations for exhibition samples of their coke at the Paris Exhibition And a fine sample it appears to be—bright and clear, in large pieces about 4ft. 6in. long. I hope they will be highly successful, for I am sure Mr Rutherford, the manager, is doing his utmost to push on the business of the company. He is a man of determination, and is worthy of success. I believe, with one of our great writers: if a man would have success, let him deserve it. Mr Rutherford and all his officials appear to work hard with the same object in view.

Another old resident of this district has been called away, namely, Mrs Jane Iceton, of South Pontop Colliery, at the advanced age of 73 years. Her end was peace. She has been connected with the Primitive Methodist Church for over 30 years, and has now gone to the Church Triumphant beyond the skies. She leaves a grown-up family to mourn her loss. Her husband, the late Mr John Iceton, died in the faith a few years ago.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT CONSETT.

A fashionable wedding attracted many persons to Christ Church, Consett, on Monday afternoon. The contracting parties were Mr Charles William Banks Walby, West Rainton, and Miss Dorothy Ann Wade, eldest daughter of Mr George Wade, butcher, Front Street, Consett. The wedding guests who assembled in the tastefully decorated chancel were a numerous party, and there was a large attendance of friends and well-wishers to witness the interesting ceremony. The bride, who was attired in a grey satin dress, with steel trimmings, and a cream-lace bonnet, was given away by her father. There were four bridesmaids, viz.: Miss Elizabeth Wade (sister of the bride), Miss Walby and Miss J. Walby (sisters of the bridegroom), and Miss Hartley (cousin of the bridegroom). These attendants wore pale apple-green habit-cloth dresses, with velvet trimmings and antique lace, the hats being to match. The groomsmen were Mr John Geo. Wade, Mr Geo. Wade, jun., and Mr Wm. Wade (brothers of the bride), and Mr William Thurlow, Durham. The nuptials were performed by Rev F. Steggall (vicar). After the ceremony the invited guests proceeded to the residence of the bride's father, and partook of an excellent tea. Mr and Mrs Walby left Consett by the 6·15 p.m. train for Redcar, where they will spend their honeymoon. In the evening Mr and Mrs Geo. Wade gave an evening party, setting apart a room for the purpose of showing the presents made to the happy couple, which were very numerous. The following are a portion of the gifts received from relatives and friends:—Mr and Mrs Wade, Consett—Set of breakfast china, silver spoons and sugar tongs, flower case, and a set of china water jugs. Mr and Mrs Walby, Rainton—Set of dinner ware. Mr J. G. Wade, Consett—Dozen cut-glass tumblers and two dozen wine glasses. Mr G. Wade, jun., Consett—Dozen silver forks, and three cabinet photo stands. Mr Wm. Wade, Consett—Silver breakfast cruet-stand. Miss Walby, Rainton—Silver jam bowl. Miss J. Walby, Rainton—Silver butter-knife and pickle-fork. Mrs Hall, Rainton—Silver butter-cooler. Miss E. Wade, Consett—Silver jelly stand. Miss Mary Wade, Consett—Album, with silver clasps. Miss I. Wade, Consett—Silver butter-knife, with pearl handle. Mr and Mrs Wade, Birtley—Worked quilt. Mr Wilkinson, Newcastle—Hand-painted flower jars. Mr Suddes, York—Mahogany bracket mirror and plush pin-cushion. Mr Herbert Banks, New Hartley—Silver and coloured glass jelly-bowl. Mr G. Banks, New Hartley—Picture in oak frame. Miss Banks, Hartley—Hand-painted cheese dish. Mr and Mrs Pearson, Gateshead—Sett of glass water-jugs, four large glass dishes, and salad bowl. Mrs Humble, White Lodge, Chesterfield—Silver five o'clock tea set. Mrs Suddes, Newcastle—Glass water-bottle. Miss Anderson, North Shields—Half-dozen flowered china dessert plates. Mrs Almond, Consett—Chinese cheese dish. Mr Meynell, Hartlepool—Gentleman's hunting whip (silver-mounted). Mrs Meynell, Hartlepool—Silver cake-basket. Mr and Mrs Taylor, Selby Lodge—Two silver salt-cellars in morocco case, with spoons to match. Mr J. Cathralts, Newcastle—Silver sugar-basin and sifter. Miss Robson, Consett—Worked cushion, antimacassar (silk-worked), and glass bowl. Miss Burnett, Gallow Hill—Silver butter-knife and jelly-spoon. Miss J. Wade, Consett—Ornamental flower jug. Miss W. Wade, Consett—Glass sugar-basin and milk-jug. Master H. Wade, Consett—Half dozen knives and forks. Master F. Wade, Consett—Two bracket ornaments. Master T. E. Wade, Consett—China breakfast cruet-stand. Miss Longstaff, Leadgate—Silver-mounted china biscuit-barrel. Mr and Mrs R. Evans, Beech Grove, Consett—Silver butter-cooler. Mr and Mrs T. Siddell, Viewfield—Sugar-basin cream-jug, salt-cellars, jelly and cake dishes. Miss Richardson, Alston—Handsome tea-cosey and kettle-holder. Miss Wade, Hetton-le-Hole—Pair of gentleman's worked slippers, and a cream satin apron. Mr and Mrs Hardy, Templetown—Massive china flower jar. Miss Brown, Blackhill—Large glass cake-stand and two worked tidies. Mr and Mrs Dickinson, Washington—Coal vase. Mr Coates, Newcastle—Pair of china vases, mounted with gold.

The joyous proceedings finished with a grand ball, held in the ante-chamber of the New Town Hall, and dancing was kept up with much vigour until the early hours of the morning. Music was supplied by Mr Alex. Parker.

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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING.

On Saturday night, a meeting of ratepayers for the Consett Local Board district was held in the Co-operative Hall. There was a moderate attendance. The chair was taken by Mr George Lowes, chairman of the Working Men's Election Committee. The meeting was called together to hear the selected working-men candidates (Messrs R. C. Forster and Thos. Elliott Shotton) express their views.

The CHAIRMAN explained that, after hearing the candidates, the meeting would be thrown open for anyone to ask any questions they might think fit. They would be glad if any gentleman would suggest anything that would further their candidature. The election was going to be a keen one. The candidates that were nominated would not all go to the poll, but the candidates that they had nominated would certainly go—(applause)—and, he hoped, would be returned at the head of the poll. They all knew the action of the Board with regard to the seat lately occupied by Mr T. Dunne, and how they had been treated. The Board had ordered the seat to be filled up at the request of their clerk. Now, they had taken action, and the Local Government Board had directed that the seat had not to be filled up till the forthcoming election, when they would have to vote for five members instead of four. (Applause). The Board needed some reform, and he trusted that some new blood would be introduced at the pending election (Applause). He hoped that every ratepayer would do justice to himself, and return the right men. (Applause).

Mr SHOTTON said his position that night was at the request of the ratepayers. Twelve months ago he was solicited by a large number of ratepayers to come forward as a candidate at the Local Board election. Of course, the result was known to them: he stood at the head of the non-successful candidates by a considerable majority. However, he had been again nominated by the ratepayers. He was a working-man himself, and had taken a great deal of interest in social matters (Applause). With regard to the duties that would devolve upon him if elected, he would support measures that would result in the greatest good to the majority of the people. (Applause). There were one or two things that stood at present with regard to the Local Board that he would like to say a few words about. First of all, there was the sewerage scheme, which he considered to be a very large undertaking. The ratepayers had to lay out £16,000. Of this sum, £7,000 or £8,000 had been called upon to be paid forthwith. This he considered to be enormous, as the ratepayers had not been made fully acquainted with what the Board were really going to do with the land. They ought to know something more about it. If he was elected he would go in for saving as much money as he possibly could (Applause). There was another scheme, and that was the covered market. This he thought would be a benefit to the town. (Applause). He would not go in for a large and expensive building, but he would advocate a nice little market. The tolls through time would cover the expense. The more commerce they got into the place the better. (Applause). He might say that he would support any measures that would be to the benefit of the ratepayers at large. (Applause). The Park, he considered, was a great gift to the ratepayers by the directors of the Consett Iron Company. Unfortunately, the Board had not used the ground as they ought. They had not worked amicably together. Every obstacle had been thrown in the way. What they wanted, with respect to the Park, and what he would advocate, was to have proper entrances, and to have a suitable footpath made through it. He was sorry to see the place in such a state as it was at present. The Park had his fullest sympathy, and he thought, if rightly used, would be an ornament to the neighbourhood. (Applause). He was in favour of supporting every measure that would be to the improvement of the town. The election was going to be a severe test, and such an one as had not taken place for years. He was pleased to see the sympathy shown him by the ratepayers in his efforts. They wanted to be fairly represented. He trusted that they would place men on the Board at the forthcoming election of the right sort—men who knew their requirements. (Applause).

Mr FOSTER'S rising was the signal of loud applause. He stood before them for the first time, seeking for a public office. He well remembered the time when he was asked some years ago to stand for the Local Board, but through a little modesty, he declined. (Laughter). He came to the meeting held a short while ago to procure some information, and never thought of being nominated as one of the working men's candidates, and when his name was mentioned he was pleased, yet he was taken by surprise. As tradespeople they could not do without the sympathy of the working class, and the latter could not exist without their's. He had made up his mind to be nominated as a candidate for the forthcoming contest; but never thought of being chosen by the working-men as their representative. He accepted it as a spontaneous call on their part. (Applause). His qualifications were not great, but his sympathy was thoroughly with the people. He believe it was quite possible to criticise, and he was not going to find fault with a single action that the Board had done, and he thought that they, as working people, had done right in bringing men forward whom they thought fit. He would feel proud if he was returned for the first time as one of the working-men's candidates. He would give them the attention, time, and intelligence that were required for the work, and would do everything in an upright and straightforward manner. (Applause). He was not going to pledge himself to anything that he did not know. For he believed their were duties upon the Board which could not be understood until they were placed upon it. (Hear). He would now leave himself in their hands, and if they thought fit and proper to elect him, he would be very happy to represent them. (Loud applause).

The CHAIRMAN having invited questions Mr W. GRAINGER asked: Are the candidates in favour of a fresh Clerk for the Board?

Mr C. ROUTLEDGE would like to ask the candidates if they were in favour of continuing the Park?

Mr SHOTTON said that the first question was one that he could not really answer that night, as he had not given it his consideration. He was certainly in favour of continuing the Park. It was a valuable place for keeping the children off the dusty roads, and likewise a place for old and young to resort to.

Mr FOSTER said that he had not the requisite information on the first subject, and therefore he would not answer it just then. He was quite in favour of keeping up the Park, and hoped it would be so.

Mr GRAINGER: The reason I asked the question is that I wanted to show the Board and Clerk that we, as ratepayers, were taking notice of their conduct.

Mr CARR moved the following resolution:—"That, hearing the views of Messrs Foster and Shotton, this meeting pledges itself to use its utmost endeavours to successfully return those two gentlemen to seats on the Local Board." He trusted that the gentlemen whom they placed upon the Board would do their utmost in trying to secure a decent park for the place. There was another thing he would like to see accomplished, and that was a covered-in market. They all knew the necessity of such a place, and he hoped the Board would do something in this direction. (Applause). He felt sure it would be a benefit to those who patronised their market, and likewise to the town at large. (Applause).

Mr WM. DODDS seconded the motion. The candidates, he said, whom they had just listened to, had promised to do all they possibly could for them, they could do nothing less but try to elect them on the Board. Looking over what the Board had done, he (the speaker) thought the sewerage was a great blunder from beginning to end. It ought to have been done with less money. (Applause). There candidates would have to see what they could do, if the were returned successfully. (Applause).

Mr M. MCNALLY also spoke, but his ideas were not in sympathy with the meeting, and he was over-ruled by the Chairman.

Mr JAMES FROSDICK (also a candidate) said that he had great pleasure in supporting the candidature of the two gentlemen who had expounded their views, and he would promise them his votes. There was just one question he would like to ask them, and that was would they support him? (Laughter). He was one of the principal candidates in the forthcoming election—(laughter)—and was determined to be placed at the head of the poll. (Loud laughter).

The CHAIRMAN thought that Mr Frosdick was furthering his own candidature, instead of supporting the motion.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously, and the proceedings terminated.

MR. FROSDICK'S CANDIDATURE.

A meeting of electors was held in the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday night, in promotion of the candidature of Mr James Frosdick, who is seeking a seat on the Local Board. The meeting, which was called for 7·30, was delayed for an hour and a half by the non-appearance of the candidate. Mr Michael McNally occupied the chair. There was a fairly good company present.

Mr FROSDICK, in the course of his observations, said that every person who paid market tolls ought to receive a proper receipt of the same, and full particulars should be published for the information of the ratepayers. The amount of tolls paid did not exceed £1 6s per month, but he was willing to offer the Board £5 monthly and accept the contract for the tolls. (Applause.) He urged that stalls should be allowed to stand on both sides of the Middle Street, and thus encourage trade in the town, and if any private tradesman in Consett wished to have a stall in front of his premises, he ought to pay the same as any other individual. The railway was now being constructed from Annfield plain to Birtley, and he expected in the course of a few weeks to see a station opened in Delves Lane, Consett. (Applause.) He spoke in favour of a covered-in market scheme, and asserted that he would be third on the poll at the ensuing election. (Voice: "I hope the prophecy will be right.") He was in favour of doing away with the Park and allowing Mr McNally to regain possession and convert the ground into a cabbage garden. (Laughter.) He condemned the extravagance of the contemplated sewerage scheme, and said that if Mr J. H. Hudson's suggestion had been carried out some years ago, the sewerage could be disposed of at a cost of less than £4,000. (Applause.) He was prepared to carry out the whole job, to the satisfaction of Messrs Annandale and all concerned, for this sum, and not expend £17,000 or £20,000 over the same. (Applause.) The candidate next referred to the disgraceful state of Bath Lane (which was almost impassable); to the want of proper conveniences, &c., in Nile and William Streets (belonging to the Consett Iron Company); to the filthy condition of the back of Harvey Street (which was traversed daily by 1,000 persons); and to the neglected state of Rippon's Lane and Raglan Street. He advocated the cementing of Medomsley Road footpath as far as Barr House; and the cementing of the footpath in Pasture Drift Road, which was travelled over by 11,000 persons on Sunday before noon. It would not be more dangerous than the footpath in Brickflat Lane.

In reply to questions put by Messrs J. LOCHRANE, P. COYLE, A. THOMPSON, and others, Mr FROSDICK said he was in favour of every person, whether ratepayer or not, being permitted to stand in Middle Street on payment of 3d toll. He would engage a competent person to collect these tolls. If any tradespeople wished to place boxes or anything else on the street in any other day of the week, he would certainly charge 3d fee. He would also charge the auctioneers' stands and the fish stalls the same price. (Applause and cries of "Whoa.")

Mr LOCHRANE complained that it was unjust that non ratepayers should be allowed to stand in Middle Street at the same charge as tradespeople who paid for gas, rates, &c., but the candidate pointed out that the Consett tradespeople used the roads of other people in seeking orders for their goods, and were thereby reaping the benefit at other people's expense.

Questioned with regard to the sewerage scheme, Mr FROSDICK spoke in favour of joining their mains with the pipes of the Benfieldside Local Board. This would obviate the pollution, and satisfy Messrs Annandale and Sons. (Applause.)

After considerable discussion, a resolution was moved by Mr P. COYLE, seconded by Mr ALEX. FRAZER, and carried unanimously, that Mr Jas. Frosdick was a fit and proper person to represent the ratepayers on the Consett Local Board, and promising to do their utmost to secure his return.

An expression of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

RAILWAY SERVANTS' ORPHANAGE FUND.

CONCERT AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening, a grand concert was given in aid of the above fund, in the New Town Hall, Consett. Owing to the unpropitious state of the weather and other meetings, there was not a large company present. The artistes were Miss Kate Bellas, Newcastle; Miss Symn and Miss Dent, Castleside; Miss Lumsden, Consett; Misses Harker, Blackhill; Mr G. T. Hyden, Consett; Mr Thomas Dunn, Lanchester; Mr George Arkless, Catchgate; Mr P. E. Surtees, Consett; Mr C. Stephenson, and Master G. Stephenson, Blackhill, as pianist. The object of the concert was a deserving one, and needs all the support it possibly can secure. There was only one drawback with the above concert, and that was the lack of sympathy shown by the public, as the talent for the evening was really good, and the arrangements had been admirably carried out. In opening the first portion with a part song, "Ye Mariners of England," the company acquitted themselves exceedingly well. Mr C. Stephenson in his song "The river of years," was heard to the best advantage, and was loudly applauded. The song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," received full justice at the hands of Miss Bellas. The singing of the piece was universally admired by the assemblage. Mr Dunn sang "The little hero," in first-class style. The song, "Dear Wifie," by Miss Symn, and her efforts were greatly appreciated. "Come back to Erin," was splendidly executed by Miss Dent. The violin solo, "The last rose of summer," by Miss Harker, accompanied by her sister on the piano, was really a rich musical treat. The playing of this talented young lady was brilliant in the extreme. Miss Harker is a rising musician, who,—though as yet quite young—has already acquired more than local fame, and is assured of a successful musical career. Her efforts on this occasion, were awarded an enrapturous *encore*, which she acknowledged by giving "Home, sweet home," with variations. Miss Bellas sang very sweetly, "In the chimney corner," for which she received a recall, and favoured the company with an Italian song. The song (humorous) "Come John," by Mr George Arkless, fairly brought down the house, and was the recipient of an *encore*. He gave in response the comic song, "On Monday I met Mary Ann," with equal success. The second part commenced with a part song, "The bells of St Michael's Tower," by the company with good effect. The song, "Daddy," by Miss Bellas was very affectionately executed, and was loudly cheered. Mr P. E. Surtees rendered "Ever of thee," in admirable style, and was well received. The song, "The kissing bridge," by Miss Symn was contributed in good style. Mr Hyden was at home with the grand old Scotch piece, "John Peel," and was well taken with. The chorus was joined in by the remainder of the artistes. Miss Harker again appeared in the violin solo, taking from an operatic selection, including "Martha," "Il Trovatore," and "Masaniello," and was performed in a masterly style. The song (serio-comic) "Harry Brown's sister" by Mr Dunn, was well rendered, and received the approbation of those present. Miss Dent sang "Cleverly caught" in good style. The duet, "The sailor's sighs," by Miss Bellas and Mr Stephenson, was well taken with, and their voices, which blended well together, was heard to advantage. This young lady's voice is of great power and compass, and was well taken with during the evening. The evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by Mr Arkless, who gave another of his popular comic songs, "The row in the gutter," in his affable manner. A word of praise is due to the accompanist—Mr G. Stephenson—for the way in which he infused a sympathetic sweetness into his notes, and not the least of his recommendations is that he is at all times ready to give his services to any deserving cause.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY WEARSIDER.]

Without wishing to set up as a rival against *Punch*, with his famous "tip," which is always supposed to be given after the race is over, I may be allowed to relate that a night or two before the Lincoln Handicap was run for a sporting man held forth as to the prospective chances of various horses, and wound up a learned discourse on the subject by informing his audience "That Thunderstorm is sure to win, because I know a man what has £300 to investigate upon him!" Then he couldn't for the life of him understand why the company laughed.

The annual vestry meeting "of the ratepayers of the township of Chester-le-Street," held last week, fairly eclipsed all the previous performances of the sort. No adequate description can be given of it in writing. No idea can be given of the various feelings which went through the souls of those present, and who took a prominent part in it. A disturbing element had been introduced, but the majority of the ratepayers appeared to have made up their minds to resent such mendacious meddling. And resent it they did, to the tune of effectually and effectively snubbing and silencing the offender.

Many of the scenes were both touching and comical. It was touching enough to hear Dr Duncan resent what he said was an attack upon the Clerk of the Guardians and himself. And it was comical enough in all conscience to hear him inform the meeting that although his whilom friend Peter did come from Glasgow, it did not by any means follow that he was a Scotchman. It was dramatic, almost tragic, to see the Doctor standing pale with excitement, pouring out his charges against Peter's public actions, and Peter turning green with envy, and grinding his teeth with the same unholy passion. The meeting caught up the Doctor's enthusiasm—cheered him and jeered at Peter, who winced under every stab the Doctor and the meeting gave him. Then when the Doctor had completed his castigation, Peter had so far forgot himself that he brought the indignation of the meeting with overwhelming force upon himself in the very first sentence he uttered. It proved to be his last, so far as that meeting was concerned. What he said was considered to be an insult to the meeting, as well as a personal insult to the chair; but then he said the same thing to the respected Chairman of the Guardians at their meeting the week before. He said that Mr Pickering, as a chairman, was unfair; and he said that Mr Robson, as Chairman of the Board, was unfair. He knows now, however, that Chester-le-Street folk are tired of that sort of thing, and that they will not tolerate it any longer. However, the outcome of the meeting was that Mr Hay got three votes, out of a meeting of six hundred people, and Mr Mitchell got the rest, thus being once more elected to the office which Mr Hay is so exceedingly eager to oust him from—that of waywarden for the township.

Another outcome of the meeting is that as there is not to be a Guardian election this year, nor next, it has been decided to get up a requisition asking Mr Hay to resign his seat on the Board. A large number of the largest ratepayers have already signified their intention of signing it.

Mr John Barn, of the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, is, besides an innkeeper, a successful feeder and breeder of stock, and is this year justly proud of his crop of lambs. He has twenty gimmers and seven ewes, and they produced him fifty four lambs, three of which are dead, leaving a grand total of fifty-one for the twenty-seven mothers. This is considered to be a most extraordinary crop.

There was an interesting wedding at our ancient Parish Church last week. Mr Robert W. McLean, son of Mrs McLean, of the Crown Inn, was married to Miss M. A. Domakin. Mr McLean holds an important appointment in Manchester, and the bride also hails from the Lancastrian city, and they travelled from that place in order to be married at the ancient Parish Church. The bride was accompanied by Miss Greenwell, of Chester-le-Street, and Mr McLean by his brother, and the popular curate of the parish (Rev W. A. Hunter) performed the ceremony. After leaving the church the party, accompanied by the officiating clergyman and a small party of friends, sat down to the wedding breakfast at Mrs McLean's. The health of the happy pair was proposed in a felicitous speech by one of the guests, who said that he was quite sure that they would be able to give a practical demonstration showing that "marriage was *not* a failure." The bridesmaid was also toasted in right royal style. Mr and Mrs McLean left by an early train for Eccles, where they take up their abode—a festive time being spent by the guests in a manner which only Mrs McLean's well-known hospitality can ensure.

Warning: You must not buy a hare from any person not having a license to sell game. If you do you are liable to a penalty of forty shillings for each hare so bought. That at any rate is the decision of the Chester-le-Street in a case heard by them on Wednesday. And they ought to know, you know.

STANHOPE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

According to the balance sheet of the year 1888, issued by the Stanhope Agricultural Lodge of Oddfellows (Chapel District), Manchester Unity, it appears that the whole of the sick and funeral fund now amounts to £1,070. During the year there has been paid to sick members some £215, and for funeral gifts to three members and one wife, £18. The contributions of members amount to £185, and the deficiency of £48 has to be met by the interest of capital, rents, &c. There are now 207 members in the lodge, and although the number has been doubled in four or five years, there has been no increase in the reserve fund, consequently the financial position of the lodge can hardly be said to be satisfactory. How is this? If the reserve fund does not increase correspondingly with the increase of membership, something must be wrong. As the new members grow older they will, as a natural consequence, come upon the club more and more, so that in a few years the reserve fund will rapidly diminish and grow beautifully less year by year. The history of the club itself furnishes an answer to the question. When it was formed fifty years ago, it was principally composed of agricultural labourers and others who came upon the club disabled from work very rarely, their occupation being healthy. At their rate of contribution, which was the same as at present, in the course of years they accumulated over £1,000. In accordance with the bye-laws of the order, they were enabled to raise the original amount of sick pay from 8s to 10s per week, which rate is at present obtained. During recent years, however, the new members have consisted almost altogether of limestone quarrymen—men who are subject to greater risks arising out of the more dangerous nature of their employment, both as regards accident and disease, which renders them more liable to lie upon the sick funds of the lodge, both much longer at a time and oftener too. In consequence of these two factors, viz.: the increase of sick money from 8s to 10s per week, and the much more dangerous occupation of the members, the sick pay has so increased as to prevent the reserve fund keeping pace with the increased liabilities of the lodge. To remedy this evil, and to make the lodge solvent, the officials ought to adopt the table of contributions for members engaged in dangerous occupations issued by the Board of Directors of Oddfellows, instead of the present low scale. At present there are about six members of the lodge in permanent receipt of 6s per week sick pay, whereas in page six of their rules stands the following: "Any member afflicted with blindness or loss of limb, permanent disability, chronic disease, or any other cause, to such a degree as to prevent him following his employment, shall for a period not exceeding the first six callender months of such affliction, at the discretion of the lodge when summoned, receive the full sick allowance of 10s per week, but after that period his allowance shall be reduced to 4s per week so long as such affliction may last, and be allowed to follow any employment to assist him in procuring a livelihood," &c. From this rule it is plain that each of those aforesaid sick members are receiving 2s per week more than they are entitled to, or a sum of £5 4s per year each, in all £31 4s annually—a sum which, if saved to the lodge, would greatly improve its financial position. 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AN EJECTMENT ORDER.

Mr John H Hudson, of Castle Dene Farm, applied for and obtained an ejectment order against Mrs Mary Wilkinson, of Medomsley Road, Consett. Mr T. W. Welford represented the applicant, and the service of the statutory notices was proved by Sarah Browell, the tenancy being determined at 14 days.—Mrs Wilkinson admitted receiving the notices to quit, but explained that the reason she did not leave the premises was because she had not been able to get another house. She had now obtained one which would be ready for her to remove into a fortnight hence.—The Bench said they had nothing to do but make the order. Mrs Wilkinson ought to have made some arrangements with the landlord.—Mrs Wilkinson: I offered him the rent but he would not accept it.—The Chairman: Well, he had a perfect right to turn you out, and you ought to go.—The Clerk: You have three weeks to go in, and if you do not clear out in that time, the police will come and eject you. You had better go as soon as possible.

ASSAULT AT CASTLESIDE: FRITTERING AWAY TIME.

Wm. Robinson, a youth, was placed in the dock charged with assaulting a girl named Jane Ann Young, at Castleside, on Sunday, 24th March. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted; while Mr J. McCartan (Consett) defended.—Complainant's testimony, which was borne out by her mother and sister, was to the effect that she was proceeding to the Sabbath school on the morning in question, when the defendant rushed out of the house, and catching hold of her by the hair of the head, he accused her of "daubing" their doorway with excreta. Complainant denied the charge, and defendant dragged her by the hair towards the door, and showed her the dirt. He hurt the girl so much that she began to cry.—Mr McCartan questioned the girl with the object of eliciting from her an admission that she had, on three or four occasions since 1st February "clagged" Robinson's doorway with dirt, but he failed to succeed.—The Magistrates said they were just wasting time over a most trivial case.—Defendant admitted that he took hold of the girl by the collar of her jacket, and asked her if she stuck the dirt on the door, and when she denied the allegation, he merely led her to the place and showed her the nuisance.—Mrs Robinson also gave evidence to the effect that her son caught hold of complainant, and told her that she had again been plastering their door with filth. The girl set up her impudence to him. He simply took her and showed her the dirt, and advised her not to do so again. Complainant also told her, before this date, that they had rare fun in "clagging" up Robinson's door.

Nicholas Robinson, mason, Castleside (father of the last defendant), was likewise summoned for having committed an assault, at the same time and place, upon Elizabeth Young, a widow, and the mother of the complainant in the preceding case.—Prosecutrix attested that just after the last occurrence defendant came up and called her an old b—— and other offensive names, and declared that it was nobody else but her daughter that "dirtied" their door. He then struck her several blows and knocked her down with the "trunk" of his cork arm, discolouring her face and causing all the marks thereon.—In reply to Mr McCartan, complainant denied that she called him a liar or other opprobrious names.—Margaret and Jane Ann Young adduced similar testimony.—Mr McCartan admitted that Robinson hit the complainant, after receiving great provocation—not with his "crook," however, but with the doubled fist of his left hand.—The Bench: But his left hand is the one with the iron hook upon it. (Laughter)—Mr McCartan: Oh, I beg pardon, I thought it was the right hand. (More laughter). I have a witness present, your Worships, but, unfortunately, he's not here. (Loud laughter).—The son William was called, and said that the complainant aggravated his father so much that he struck her with his fist. Complainant had not been bedfast, but had been running about all the time.—Mr Welford: My client has been very ill and has been attended by a doctor.—The Magistrates observed that a great deal of time had been wasted over what had arisen out of a very trivial affair. William Robinson had no business to take hold of complainant, as there was no evidence that she put the nuisance on the door, but as it was merely a trifling assault, he would only be fined 5s and costs. The other assault, however, was much more serious, and the man would be mulcted in a penalty of 20s and expenses, or undergo seven days' imprisonment.—Defendant: I never hit her with the hook at all.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON THE POLICE AT BLACKHILL: A "SUP TOO MUCH."

John Toole, a young fellow, employed at the Consett Iron Works, was brought up on charges of being drunk and disorderly and committing an assault upon P.C. Alfred Phillipson, at Blackhill, on the previous Saturday afternoon. The officer displayed an ugly-looking black eye; the left side of his face was scratched and bruised, and was much swollen. Prisoner's head was covered with a bandage, he having received a nasty wound on the top of the head.—The policeman deposed that about 4.30 p.m. he was on duty in Durham Road, Blackhill, when he perceived the prisoner, along with other young men, in a very drunken state. They were proceeding towards a public-house, but Toole was in such a condition that he (Phillipson) advised him to go off home. Prisoner retorted, "I'll not go home for a b—— like you", and the officer said that he would be obliged to lock him up. Prisoner was going into the public-house, and the policeman entered for the purpose of warning the landlord not to supply him with any more liquor, when the prisoner tackled him on the street. Phillipson closed with his antagonist, but the latter struck and kicked him with all his might. While they were struggling together, one of prisoner's companions attempted to rescue him, and he also beat the officer. Both men were badly used in trying to get away. Toole's mother, moreover, rushed out of the house and attacked the officer with a poker; meanwhile his other assailant effected his escape. Prisoner resisted with the utmost violence, and the policeman had to obtain assistance to get him taken to the lock-up.—Prisoner at first admitted that he knew nothing about the affair, and afterwards added, "I don't believe I ever lifted a hand to him." (Laughter).—Alexander McKean (schoolwarden) spoke to the prisoner being "dead drunk" and using the officer very roughly.—Toole stated that his skull was fractured three years ago. He had been getting a sup too much drink, and the liquor flew into his head, and he had no remembrance of what he did. He was exceedingly sorry for what he had done, and would never get tipsy again.—The Chairman: Oh, you always say that.—Mrs Toole explained that when her son came home from work with his money on Saturday afternoon, he wanted a "sup" of beer. She advised him that he had had plenty; nevertheless he went out, and Phillipson stopped him by holding him by the coat, and knocked him down. A scramble ensued, and the policeman drew his baton and felled her son with a blow upon the head. He was injured on the crown some years ago, and two men were each committed for six months for wounding him. Whenever he took too much drink it affected his head.—The Justices pointed out that it was really no excuse for a man to say that he was intoxicated and did not know what he was doing. The police, in the exercise of their duty, must be protected from ruffianly conduct like this, and prisoner would have to pay a fine of 40s and 8s 2d costs, or in default be imprisoned for one month's hard labour. The charge of drunkenness was dismissed.—Prisoner applied for time, remarking that he was the sole support of his mother.—The Chairman: Then you ought to behave yourself.

THE WOUNDING CASE AT CONSETT: THE SEQUEL.

William Stewart, ironworker, appeared (on remand) to answer a charge of unlawfully wounding James Quinn, also an ironworker, during an affray at their lodgings in Victoria Street, Consett, on Saturday night, March 23rd. The case was adjourned from the court held a fortnight ago, when the prosecutor wanted to withdraw the charge, and refused to tender any evidence. It was alleged that, during the course of a racket, prisoner bit off a portion of Quinn's lower lip, besides wounding him upon the forehead.—It was now reported that the prosecutor had disappeared, and their worships consequently dismissed the charge on payment of costs (amounting to £1 8s 8d) by the prisoner.—The Magistrates' Clerk stated that the Bench had power to issue a warrant, and fetch the prosecutor back again, and compel him to give his testimony.

NIGHT POACHING NEAR SATLEY.

William Davison, leadminer, residing at Castleside, was fetched up charged with night poaching. Prisoner was represented by Mr Welford.—John Walton, a gamekeeper in the service of Mr John W. Taylor, of Colepike Hall, testified that on the previous (Sunday) morning, between twelve and one o'clock, he along with another game watcher, were lying behind a fence, on land belonging to Mr John Kirton, Lyre Dene, between Satley and Tow Law, Mr Taylor having the right of shooting thereon. They observed three men—prisoner and two others, one of whom witness knew, but he could not recognise the third man—place a net 90 feet long, in a field just above them. They pursued the men, who ran away. Prisoner, however, was captured, and lodged in the Police Station. The other man was Adam Toward, while the third man got away unidentified. The poachers were accompanied by a lurcher dog, but did not carry any firearms. They had no ted a rabbit.—Witness stated, in reply to Mr Welford, that they might perhaps be four yards away when the men were fixing the net. They ran off and left the net. The men were after rabbits or hares. He sent P.C. Lewis to Toward's house to arrest him, but witness did not go himself. He would have brought the net had he known that the case was to be tried that day. They watched the operations of the men for about five minutes. Prisoner was under the influence of drink, and said that if it had not been for Toward he would never have been there at all.—Mr Welford: Why wasn't Toward arrested? He was in court this morning.—Walton: Because I expect Mr Welford signalled to him for to get out of the road (Laughter).—Mr Welford: I did not.—William Fracker, game-watcher, substantiated the foregoing testimony.—Mr Welford explained that prisoner had never been guilty of anything of the sort before, and trusted that the Bench would deal leniently with him.—The Chairman regarded this as a very serious offence. The justices were inclined to send him to gaol, but they had ultimately decided to impose a fine of £5 and 16s 3d costs, or one month's imprisonment. It seemed to be quite an organised party—three men going off on a Sunday morning with a net 90 feet in length. It was a very bad case.—A cousin of the prisoner asked for an extension of time to pay the penalty. He declared that the prisoner was innocent, and that the men had merely gone to look after some land they had taken there.—The Chairman: But how do you account for having the net?

THE EDUCATION ACT.

Robert Moore, of West Row, and *John Moore*, of Derwent Street, Blackhill, were severally proceeded against by Mr Alex McKean, acting on behalf of the Benfieldside School Board, for the irregular attendance of their respective children at school.—In both cases it was sworn that the mothers had been indisposed, and the magistrates adjourned the summonses for a month.

A MARVELLOUS TRANSFORMATION: COULDN'T RECOGNISE HIS PROTÉGÉ.

The case of the boy *James Connor*, of Shotley Bridge, who was remanded to Lanchester Workhouse preparatory to his admission to an Industrial School, came before the Court. When the case was called on, Supt Oliver stated that he did not think that Inspector Davison had brought the boy up from Lanchester.—The Clerk (Mr Granger) said that it could be disposed of in the lad's absence.—In the meantime a little fellow who had been perched on one of the witness's seats at the Court, kept moving along upon hearing his name called. The lad had been well clothed and cleaned and smartened up, his attire being set off by a clean white collar and a piece of mauve-coloured ribbon, evidently the handiwork of the kindly matron who presides over the destinies of the inmates of the Union Workhouse. The youngster seemed so bright and intelligent that there was not the slightest semblance to the ragged little urchin who was observed to be so often wandering about the streets of Blackhill and Shotley Bridge barefooted and in tattered garments. Neither Mr McKean (the schoolwarden), the police authorities, nor the magistrates were able to recognise the lad, who had apparently been deposited in the Court unknown to anyone therein. He was asked if he was Connor's boy, and he replied "Yes," the Court being fairly convulsed with laughter. When Mr McKean was giving his evidence, he was so "mystified" that he could not tell whether this was the youngest boy of Connor's, or the eldest one, who had been in the Workhouse for the past six months.—The Clerk said they were dealing with the youngest boy only. He mentioned that he had received a letter intimating that there was no room for a boy in Bishop Chadwick's Memorial School. In another week, however, there was sure to be a vacancy.—The Chairman: We had better remand him to the Workhouse again. It seems a great pity to let the boy go back to his mother.—Connor said he did not want to go back home.—Mr McKean stated that he really had no home. There was a vital change in the appearance of the lad.—The Chairman: Of course there is. If we remand him to the Workhouse the School Board cannot object to pay the 2s per week.—The Clerk: Oh, there will be a vacancy in the Chadwick Memorial School some time this week.—Connor was accordingly returned to his quarters at Lanchester.

SINGULAR CHARGE OF THEFT AT CONSETT.

"CHANGE" FOR A SOVEREIGN: THE PUBLICAN COULDN'T SEE THROUGH IT.

James McCann, of Consett, who is employed at the Consett Iron Company's foundry at Crookhall, was placed in the dock charged with stealing 19s 10½d the moneys of John Proudlock, landlord of the Commercial Hotel, Consett, on Friday last. Mr McCartan conducted the defence.

Prosecutor attested that on the 29th March, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

PRISONER CAME INTO THE BAR

and asked to be supplied with a "small lemon," which cost 1½d. He gave prosecutor a sovereign to pay for the drink. He turned the coin over to his wife, and requested her to give him "change" for a sovereign. At the same time John Hogg and Thos. Batey came into the bar, and he (prosecutor) waited upon them. They ordered a "half" of whiskey and a glass of ale,

BATEY PAYING FOR THE DRINK

with a sovereign. He (Proudlock) turned round about, and asked his wife to give him "change" for another sovereign, and handed the coin to her. She gave him the "change" for the first sovereign, which Proudlock tendered to the prisoner. He next counted another sovereign (less cost of the drinks) at the back side of the bar, and handed it to Batey. Prisoner at the very time

DRANK OFF HIS "SMALL LEMON,"

and was on the point of going out, when Hogg said, "Hold on Jim, have another drink." McCann said, "I've had sufficient," and walked out. After the man went out, his wife told him that she wanted another sovereign. In consequence of what his wife said, prosecutor went at and ascertained where the defendant lived. He saw McCann, who said he

REMEMBERED PROSECUTOR CHANGING A SOVEREIGN,

but when asked if he recollected that his wife also handed his "change" for a sovereign, he hesitated and said "No. I got it once from you." Prosecutor informed him that he received the money from his wife as well, but he denied the allegation. Prosecutor took out a warrant against prisoner, and had him arrested.—By Mr McCartan: His wife was talking to Harrison, carrier, of Dipton, at the time. Prisoner was a respectable person. He was not dressed up.

Margaret Proudlock, wife, said that she gave 19s 10½d to prisoner, while her husband was filling the "drops" for Hogg and Batey. She turned about and talked to the carrier, but

DID NOT SEE WHAT HER HUSBAND DID WITH THE "CHANGE."

After the prisoner had gone out, Proudlock went and got "change" for another sovereign, and gave it to Batey. She complained that prisoner had received the "change" twice for his sovereign, and her husband went and sought the man. While Proudlock was out, prisoner came to the house and asked if they were

GOING TO HURT HIS CHARACTER?

She replied "No, but you had better turn up that 19s 10½d you got over and above your proper 'change'." Prisoner asservated, "I haven't got the 'change.'" Witness asked, "Do you remember me giving you the 'change'," and he assented, "Yes, but I did not get it from your husband."

In answer to Mr McCartan witness did not say to McCann that his character was far enough hurt already. She was standing across the counter talking to Harrison while her husband attended to those in the bar. She

NEVER MOVED FROM THE PLACE

where she was standing.

Thomas Batey, labourer, King Street, Consett, said that he went to Proudlock's, on Friday afternoon, in company with John Hogg. Witness

CALLED FOR "DRINKS,"

and saw prisoner receive "change" from Mrs Proudlock off the counter. He (Batey) also gave Proudlock a sovereign, and saw him get "change" from his wife, and gave the money to prisoner. The latter hurriedly drank off his "small lemon," and marched off. Hogg asked him to have another glass, but he declined.

By Mr McCartan: The carrier was at the window talking to Mrs Proudlock. The landlord was filling the "drops," when his wife handed McCann the "change." Witness knew that prisoner was receiving his "change" twice over.

The Clerk: Why did you not

STOP PRISONER FROM GETTING YOUR CHANGE?

—Witness: I had nothing to with it.

The Bench: Did you know he was getting this money twice?—Yes.

Why did you not say so, then, at the time?—I did not think it was my business.

The Bench: It is your duty to prevent the man getting into this mess. You should have spoken up.

Proudlock recalled, stated that his wife first mentioned the subject to him. She said that she

WANTED ANOTHER SOVEREIGN FROM HIM.

He did not see his wife give him his change. Batey told him that McCann had received his "change" as well, and he scolded Batey for not saying so at once. Batey retorted that it was no business of his to do so.

P.C. Lawson spoke to apprehending prisoner on a warrant, and on charging him he replied, "I just got once change."

Prisoner denied his guilt, and wanted the case to be summarily disposed of. He averred that he was at work that day. He

RECEIVED £2 5s 7d WAGES AT THE OFFICES

at Crookhall, and he came up with it in his hands till he reached Proudlock's. He asked for a "small lemon." He took change from Proudlock, and drank off his liquor and walked away. The wife never came near him at all. He was owing 5s, and wanted some silver to pay with.

Mr McCartan dwelt upon the excellent character hitherto borne by his client. This was the

FIRST CHARGE OF ANY DESCRIPTION

ever preferred against him, and he had now resided in Consett for nine years.

After consultation with his colleagues, the Chairman said: We have given this case our careful consideration, and come to the conclusion you were

PROBABLY LED TO SUDDEN TEMPTATION

to take money lying upon the counter. There has been a great deal of carelessness in the way of managing the business by the landlord. We think the justice of the case will be met by a fine of £1, including costs, the alternative being one month hard labour.

Proudlock: What about my 19s 10½d?

The Chairman: We have no power to make an order in the matter.

The Clerk: The magistrates cannot do anything. You should have sued the defendant in the County Court if you wished to recover the money. Now you have got him convicted.

Prosecutor quitted the court, presumably not quite satisfied with the decision of the Bench.

RUFFIANLY ASSAULT AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

A SATURDAY NIGHT'S "SPREE."

Luke Armour, miner, of Allendale Cottages, was placed in the dock on charges of having assaulted Joseph Bowman, an elderly man, and his married daughter, Frances Lawther, at that place, on the 16th ult. Mr C. M. Dix (Newcastle) appeared for the prosecution and in recounting the circumstances of the case, declared that it was a case of assault which could not occur anywhere except in a pit village.

A MORE BRUTAL AND UNPROVOKED ASSAULT

had never been investigated at that Court, and after hearing the evidence to be produced, he would call upon their worships to mete out such punishment to the defendant as would commend itself to their better judgment. Defendant had taken out a cross-summons, and alleged that Bowman had assaulted him. A more improbable story could hardly be conceived. Even were this to be true, Bowman, he contended, was perfectly justified, under the circumstances, in defending himself from the violence of Armour.

Bowman said that he lived at No. 54, Allendale Cottages, and defendant resided next door. He never had a wrong word with Armour in his life. He had been

LAID OFF WORK FOR 15 WEEKS

with a broken leg. On the night in question, he went to bed along with his wife, about nine o'clock; leaving his married daughter (Mrs Lawther), and the lodger (Joseph Routledge) downstairs. He fell asleep, and did not hear the threats and other foul language used by the defendant. He heard someone

BURST THE DOOR OPEN

about 10.30 o'clock. He prevented his wife (who was very much alarmed) from getting out of bed. Prosecutor arose and proceeded downstairs, where he saw the defendant and his wife at the door. Armour threatened to "knock his guts in" and taking hold of prosecutor by the hair of the head, and turning him around, tossed him flying on to his back upon the floor in the middle of the house. Defendant then

GAVE HIM SOME SEVERE BLOWS,

while he was prostrated upon the ground. His wife, daughter, and the lodger came to his assistance. The wife and daughter endeavoured to protect the complainant, while the lodger tried to turn defendant out of the house, and shut the door. Defendant, however, managed to catch hold of his lamed leg, and dragged him out into the street. At length they succeeded in

EJECTING DEFENDANT FROM THE HOUSE.

He (complainant) in no way assaulted the defendant, or gave him the slightest provocation.

Defendant: How did you get your leg broken?—Complainant: While I was at work.

Defendant: Was it not broken while you were

FIGHTING WITH TOM CANT?

—Complainant: No.

The magistrates said this had nothing to do with the assault.

Further questioned by defendant, Bowman said he would be in Mace's, Royal Oak, Medomsley, at seven o'clock that night, and he returned home at eight p.m. He was not drunk, having only partaken of two glasses of whiskey at Mace's, and two "beers" at Minto's.

The Bench again cautioned defendant to confine his questions to the assault.

By defendant: He (complainant) never saw him in Mace's or Minto's. Armour did not

"STAND" HIM SIX OR SEVEN GILLS OF BEER.

He treated him, however, to a "half" of port wine. Had not a poker in his hand.

Mary Ann Bowman, wife, adduced confirmatory testimony. They were disturbed in their sleep about 10.30 p.m. Defendant came to the window, and called Bowman an "old b——," and dared him to come out, as he (Armour)

WANTED TO FIGHT HIM.

He shouted that if he did not come out, he would burst the door open. He kicked the door in with his feet, and witness became alarmed. Having spoken as regards the attack upon her husband, she said that defendant twice struck at Mrs Lowther. All the household were naked, just as they had retired to bed. Her husband never had the poker that night, nor had anyone else hold of any weapon.

By the Bench: Her husband was sober. He had only been to Medomsley to see Mr Hogg's funeral start.

By defendant: Her husband was not standing at the door when he (Armour) passed, nor did he shout,

"MARY ANN, FETCH ME THE POKER."

(Laughter).

Francis Lowther, wife of Thomas Lowther, of Witton Gilbert, stated that she only came on a visit to her father that night. She spoke to the defendant striking her twice, during the scuffle, and tearing her night dress. She had been ill for some time, and had been attended by a doctor.

Interrogated by defendant, complainant denied that she sent for Dr Spencer. This gentleman called on the Sunday to

SEE WHAT THE ROW WAS ABOUT

and to attend her father.

Defendant averred that Lowther sent for Dr Spencer, and he told her that there was nothing the matter with her. She remained at her father's house till the following Thursday, without being attended by a medical man. When she returned to Witton Gilbert however, she got a doctor.

Mr Dix produced a certificate from Dr Stewart, Witton Gilbert.

Jos. Routledge, lodger, desposed that hearing cries of "Murder!" he ran downstairs, and saw Bowman being attacked by defendant, and rendered the complainant some assistance.

Armour took out a cross-summons against *Bowman* for having assaulted him on the same occasion. Mr Dix defended in this case.

Complainants testimony showed that about a quarter past 12 at night, he was returning home a

LITTLE BIT DRUNKY,

and was singing. Bowman was standing upon his doorstep, and ridiculed his singing, telling him that he could not pay "Creggs." He next exclaimed to his wife, "Mary Ann, fetch me the poker," and having been provided with this weapon, he began to attack Armour. The wife also armed herself with the coalrake, and the daughter with the tongs, which they brandished about very freely. They came into the street and

"CRACKED HIM OUT TO FIGHT."

Complainant was very roughly ill-treated. In running backwards into the house, Bowman fell backwards over the door-step.

Cross-examined by Mr Dix: He had never been brought up at Court for fighting. He had been imprisoned for six week's for "blacklegging"—that was for intimidating the men during the strike at Burnhope Colliery 10 years ago.

Mr Dix: Have you ever been brought up at Lanchester for fighting?—Defendant: You're wrong there.

Mr Dix (severely): Don't be impertinent, sir. Answer my question, I shall ask the magistrates to

COMMIT YOU FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT,

if you are insulting.

Further cross-questioned, Armour stated that he suffered from erysipelas. He had not a certificate from the doctor, but was told that erysipelas was likely to set in. (Laughter). Bowman dealt him

THREE BLOWS WITH THE POKER

He tried to get hold of his assailant, but he always ran into the house. He could call a witness to prove that Bowman was drunk.

The Chairman: He is not being tried for drunkenness.

Annie Johnson was called, and Mr Granger asked her if she was the wife or Armour? She replied "I am pretty much the same as his wife. I have been living with him for the past ten years.—She bore out Armour's version of the affair, and said that

BOTH MEN WERE DRUNK.

Isabella Milburn averred to hearing Armour indulging in bad language and threats, and hearing blows struck. She also heard the door burst open. She was standing 40 yards away, and could not see anything that transpired.

The Justices characterised the first case as a most brutal and unprovoked assault. It was monstrous for a man to

FORCIBLY BREAK INTO ANOTHER PERSON'S HOUSE,

pull the inmates out, and afterwards maltreat them. The magistrates doubted very much whether they ought not to send Armour to prison without the option of a fine. However, he would have to pay a penalty of £2 and costs (£5 14s 6d in all) for each assault, or be sentenced to two months' hard labour in default.

The counter-charge was dismissed.

SECOND COURT.

Before J. W. Swalwell-Wilson, Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Hugh McHee, miner, Leadgate (who was represented by his mother), was charged by Sergt Bain with being drunk and creating a disturbance in the streets of Consett, on the 18th ult.—The officer stated that he found the defendant fighting with another man, and he ordered him away. A short while afterwards, however, he came across the man in Sherburn Terrace, and he was compelled to take him in charge.—Fined 5s and costs.

Patrick Ward, pitman, of Leadgate (who did not appear), was also proceeded against by Sergt Bain for having been drunk, in Sherburn Terrace, on the 16th ult.—Fined 10s and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.

William Tinkler, miner, pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly in the streets of Leadgate, on the 16th March.—P.C. Crisp spoke to finding the defendant very drunk.—Fined 5s and costs.

Anthony Graham, miner, was summoned by P.C. Stubbs for being drunk and causing an uproar in the streets of Leadgate, on the 16th March.—Fined 5s and costs.

Matthew Clark was accused by P.C. Lewis of having been drunk and using very bad language.—The officer stated that he found the defendant very drunk, on the 12th ult, at Castleside, and had been using obscene language to the school-mistress of the village, and who had complained to him about the matter.—Mrs Clark, who represented her husband stated that he was lying seriously ill at home, suffering from bronchitis and inflammation.—The Bench: Does your husband often get drunk?—Mrs Clark: Well, he takes a glass now and then.—The Bench, after due consideration, said that they would only fine defendant 2s 6d and costs, seeing that he was ill, and advised Mrs Clark to be good to her husband and make him as comfortable as she possibly could, and see if that would have any effect in making him give up the cursed stuff.

Owen Rice was summoned for being drunk in Queen Street, Consett, on the 19th ult.—Sergt Tranmer preferred the charge.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

Patrick Boyle was fined 2s 6d and costs for having been drunk and causing a disturbance in the streets of Blackhill, on the 16th ult.—P.C. Newton stated that he requested the defendant to get away home on several occasions on the night in question, but he came across him again later on in the evening, and he was shouting and knocking people about.

Henry Jones was proceeded against by P.C. Richardson for having been inebriated and creating a noise in Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday night,—Fined 5s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

William John Murphy was charged with being drunk, in Middle Street Consett, on Saturday night.—P.C. Million proved the charge, and defendant was similarly fined.

RATHER TOO GOOD.

Charles Brodie, of Blackhill Mill, a respectable-looking man, was accused of being drunk and causing a disturbance in Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—P.C. Scott stated the facts of the case, to which the defendant pleaded guilty.—Fined 5s and expenses.—The Chairman told defendant, on leaving the Court, that he was rather too respectable to be charged with such an offence, and he ought to think himself better than an ordinary tramp who went about doing nothing else. He hoped that this would be a warning to him.

A NICE LITTLE RACKET ALL TO HIMSELF: "MORE MISCHIEVOUS THAN DRUNK."

Owen McNally, labourer, was summoned for refusing to quit the Zetland Inn, Durham Road, Blackhill, and doing damage to a large plate-glass window to the value of £4.—Mr W. Dickinson (Consett) appeared for the prosecutor, while Mr J. McCartan represented the defendant.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—William Aitchieson, landlord, said that on the 16th ult., shortly after ten o'clock at night, defendant came into his house and ordered some drink, which he refused to supply, and told the defendant that he had better go away. He refused to do so, and prosecutor had to eject him from the house. Shortly afterwards defendant came back, and threw a stone (produced) through a large plate-glass window. Prosecutor followed the man for a considerable distance, but he lost him.—By Mr McCartan: Are you sure that defendant is the man that threw the stone?—Prosecutor: Quite sure. I did not know his name at the time, but I ascertained it afterwards.—Mr McCartan: Why have you not taken out the summons before now?—Witness: Simply because I wanted to get to know the value of the damage from the insurance company before I took action.—Mr McCartan: You say defendant refused to quit—he was not drunk?—Witness: I know that; he was more mischievous than drunk.—Mr McCartan: Was there no one about at the time?—Witness: There were two strangers in the street, but I did not know them. I am quite a stranger to the place, having only occupied the house since December.—Mr Van Haansbergen: How far were you away from defendant when he threw the stone?—Witness: About 15 yards. I made a complaint to P.C. Lawson.—The Bench, after a short conference, said that they would dismiss the summons for refusing to quit, and for the damage done defendant would have to pay a fine of 6d and the value of the plate-glass window—£4 0s 6d in all.

A LENIENT BENCH.

Hugh Thompson failed to respond to a charge preferred against him by P.C. Crabb, of being drunk and causing a disturbance at Burnopfield, on the 19th ult.—The officer stated that he was on duty near the Black Horse Inn, when he came across defendant, in company with a number of men, creating an uproar. He ordered them away, but defendant declined to go, and threatened to assault him. He was really to pest to the place, although he was a person who held a good position at the colliery. While trying to get defendant off home the latter urged the rest of the company to give the constable a good "leathering."—The Bench said that this was a most serious case, and the police must be protected while performing their duties. If fining was not a remedy, they would have to use a stronger force.—Defendant was sentenced to undergo 14 days' hard labour.—After the Court had proceeded with its business for a considerable time, a woman with a child in her arms entered the room, and informed the Bench that she had come to appear for Thompson, who was at work.—The Bench informed her that they had passed a sentence of 14 days' imprisonment upon him.—Mrs Thompson: No fine at all; well, that is a queer way of doing business: fourteen days for being drunk.—The Bench: Well, let us see what we can do for you. You know that your husband is charged with a serious offence, and the constable is really frightened of him. (Laughter).—Mrs Thompson: You might impose a fine, I think.—The Bench: We will fine him 10s and costs.—The woman paid the money and then left the Court, evidently satisfied with the result of her diplomacy.

THE WRONG MAN IN THE BOX.

Hugh Morgan, of Murton Colliery, who failed to appear, was charged with being drunk and assaulting P.C. Crabb at the same time and place as the previous case.—The officer stated that he really thought that this defendant was worse than Thompson. Defendant attacked an old man who goes about the place selling nuts, and upset the contents of his basket. While prosecutor was attempting to save the man, defendant struck at him.—Defendant was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.—Shortly afterwards a young man appeared and told the Bench that he stood before them as Hugh Morgan, of Murton Colliery, and was charged with an offence that he knew nothing about. He had never seen the place in his life where the offence was committed.—P.C. Crabb was called into the room, and was asked if that was the man whom he charged with assaulting him?—The officer: No; he is not the man whom I charged.—The Bench: Well, how does it come about that he is here this morning?—Crabb explained that he sent a description of the man whom he wanted, to the sergeant at Murton Colliery, and his name likewise, and he received an answer by post, saying that he had captured the man. He made the summons out and sent it. He did not know at the time what his christian name was, but was told afterwards that his name was Hugh Morgan. The officer thought that they should have some other proof that this was the man whom the summons was served upon.—The Bench: The man is here, and we think it is quite sufficient proof.—Morgan stated that he had not come to impose upon anyone; he merely came as the man who was summoned. He could assure their worships that he did all that he possibly could to try to convince the sergeant at Murton Colliery that he was not the man. He had never been in a police court in his life before, and there was another thing, he had lost a day's work, and at the colliery where he worked they were very strict, and he stood a good chance of getting his notice when he went back. He had travelled around by Sunderland, and stayed at Lintz Green all night to get there that morning.—The Bench: The case against you will be dismissed.—Witness: What about my expenses?—Mr Van Haansbergen: I think you should have them; it is a pity this thing should have happened.—At this juncture, Mr Van Haansbergen went into the first court, and held a consultation with the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr Granger), and when he returned he said that they were sorry that there was a defect in the law, but they could do nothing for him, unless they gave him something out of their own pockets, which they would gladly do.—The magistrates presented the man with half-a-crown apiece, and Morgan returned thanks for their generosity.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Thomas Dougherty, *John Robson*, *Charles Thorpe*, and *Frank Johnson* were all proceeded against for a breach of the peace by fighting in Durham Road, Blackhill, on the 16th ult. Thorpe and Johnson pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Lawson attested that when he first saw the defendants fighting, he would be about 200 yards away, but got a good deal nearer before they discovered him. They had their coats off and were shouting and fighting.—The Bench thought it would be impossible for the officer to see the defendants fighting at the distance of 200 yards away.—The officer: That was when I first saw them. I got a good deal nearer, and saw them scuffling together.—P.C. Newton gave corroborative testimony.—Thorpe and Johnson were dismissed; but the other defendants who pleaded guilty, were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months.

AN UNLICENSED PEDLAR.

Thomas Ferguson, of Leadgate, was summoned by P.C. Scott for hawking in the streets of Consett without having taken out a license.—The case was dismissed.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

James Bradley, *Thomas Bradley*, *Dominic Bradley*, *George Lamb*, *James Hagan*, *John McQuade*, *James McNally*, *Patrick Salmon*, *Michael Ward*, *James McGlynn*, *Patrick McGuire*, *John McDermott*, and *Henry Burns*, all belonging to Consett, were charged with playing at pitch and toss, on the 16th of last month, in the back of Princess Street. The whole of the defendants pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Richardson said that on the afternoon in question, along with P.C. Lawson, he discovered the defendants gambling. He watched them, and got their names, and then chased the offenders.—P.C. Lawson corroborated and added that they watched them for fully two minutes. They watched them from the middens, and the defendants were all gambling.—Thomas Bradley, Ward, Dominic Bradley, and McGuire all declared that they were never near the school, all being at different places, and the mother of Dominic Bradley asserted that she would bring witnesses to prove that he was not there if they would adjourn the case.—The request was accordingly granted.—Ward was dismissed; McGuire and McDermott were fined 5s and costs; and the rest of the defendants were mulcted in a penalty of 2s 6d and expenses.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

THURSDAY, March 28th.—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (chairman), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

Robert Robson and *William Charlton*, both of Oxhill, were proceeded against by Mr Wm Ward, on behalf of the School Attendance Committee for the Lanchester Union, for the irregular attendance of their children at school.—Charlton was fined 2s 6d and costs, while Robson's case was adjourned for one month.

The same committee instructed Mr John Gibson to summons *Robert Reed*, Burnhope Colliery, *Thomas Wright*, Holmside, and *John Bennett*, Biggen Colliery, Lanchester, for a similar offence.—All these cases were postponed till the next Court.

A PROTEST FROM THE BENCH.

Mary Vaughan was accused of assaulting Martha Smith, at Railway Terrace, near Newhouses, on the 15th inst.—After hearing the conflicting evidence, the Bench said it was quite clear that defendant assaulted the woman. It was a remarkable thing that women folks could not live quietly and peaceably together. They had tried half-a-dozen cases that day arising out of quarrels amongst females. Defendant would be fined 2s 6d and 9s costs, or go to prison for seven days.

DOG LICENSES.

A labourer named *J. Charles*, of Annfield Plain, *William Maughan*, farmer, Esh, and *Elizabeth Reand*, Satley, were proceeded against for keeping dogs without licences or procuring exemption papers.—All the defendants pleaded that they had forgotten the licenses and certificates, and the magistrates let them go on payment of the costs incurred.

ALL ABOUT A GIRL.

John White and *James McCabe* pleaded guilty to committing a breach of the peace, at Cornsay Colliery, on the 19th ult.—P.C. Kettlewell proved the case, and McCabe explained that they had some differences with regard to a female friend of White's, and they had a "set-to." (Laughter.)—Both men were bound over to keep the peace for six months, and defray the Court expenses.

ALLEGED ATTACK UPON THE POLICE.

Arthur and *Alfred McKeevil*, father and son, were placed in the dock, charged with fighting at Cornsay on the same date, and also with committing an assault upon P.C. Kettlewell.—The officer alleged that he was attacked while separating the combatants in the previous case.—Defendants, who appeared to have been on very familiar terms with the policeman, and frequently told him "Thoo's telling lees, Jim," called a witness, "Mary Ann," who averred that Kettlewell was the aggressive party.—The magistrates eventually dismissed both summonses.

SECOND COURT.

Before Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

James Linsky and *Henry Dodds* were proceeded against by P.C Lambert for being drunk and disorderly, at Craghead, on the 4th inst.—They were fined 5s and costs.

George Watsinson was summoned by Sergt Davidson with committing a similar offence, at West Stanley, on the 2nd inst.—He was fined 10s and costs for non-attendance at Court, or 14 days' imprisonment.

John Davison was charged by the same officer with being intoxicated, on the 14th March, at West Stanley.—Sergt Davidson stated that he found the defendant drunk on the licensed premises of Mr Geo. Watson, Commercial Hotel, and he had to eject the man.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

John Lowes and *Thomas Richardson* were both found guilty, upon the testimony of P.C. Jackson, of being drunk at Ushaw Moor, on March 16th.—Neither defendants put in an appearance, and were fined 10s each and expenses, with the alternative of 14 days.

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On Wednesday morning, about six o'clock, an elderly woman named Jane Kidd, aged 73 years, living with her married son, Mr John Kidd, at No. 6, Mount Pleasant, Consett, expired from injuries sustained by the effects of a fall. Deceased, who has been blind for some years, while attempting to walk downstairs on Wednesday, March 27th, slipped her footing and fell down a number of steps upon the landing, and received such injuries that she only lingered a week. She received professional attendance from Dr R. C. Richards.

COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATIONS AT HAMSTEELS.

On Thursday se'nnight, the attainment of the majority of Mr J. B. Johnson, eldest surviving son of the late Mr Joseph Johnson, of Durham, was celebrated. In the afternoon Mr Johnson received the congratulations of the *employes* of the City Brewery. Mr A. Thompson proposed the health of Mr Johnson, which was heartily pledged. In the evening the officials and workmen of Hamsteels Colliery assembled in the Schoolroom for the purpose of presenting Mr Johnson with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver salver, a gold diamond ring, and a large-sized photograph of himself. The salver bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr John Burgoyne Johnson, son of the late Joseph Johnson, Esq., of Hallgarth House, Durham, on his 21st birthday, by the agents and workmen of Hamsteels Colliery and other friends in the district, as a token of their respect and esteem. March 28th, 1889."

Mr J. T. TODD, colliery manager, occupied the chair, and read letters expressing regret at their inability to be present from Messrs R. S. Johnson, Sherburn Hall; T. M. Reay, Whitworth House; James Todd, Hetton; J. Patrick, Durham; Rev F. G. Wesley, vicar, and Mr Raw, Waterhouses Station. The Chairman expressed pleasure at presiding that evening, for the name of Johnson had been for years connected with their local industry. They were proud to be able to mark their esteem for Mr Johnson by presenting him with a testimonial.

Rev FATHER HARRIS (Esh) in the absence of Mr James Todd and Rev F. G. Wesley, made the presentation. The rev gentleman thanked the company, and said that although he took no part in public proceedings, it was with pleasure that he performed the ceremony that evening. The character and qualities of Mr Johnson were well known to all present to be of the highest description, and the proceedings that evening showed the respect in which he was held both by those at the colliery and in the neighbourhood. He wished Mr Johnson health, wealth, and prosperity, and made the presentation on behalf of the subscribers.

Mr JOHNSON, in replying, said it was with feelings of pleasure that he accepted and thanked them for the valuable testimonial they had presented to him. He was very proud to be the recipient of these tokens of their goodwill, and he should remember that as one of the happiest days in his life. He had been at Hamsteels about four years, and during that time he had always been on the best of terms with whoever he came in contact. He hoped that that good feeling which had hitherto existed would continue. (Applause). He gave them one and all his sincere thanks for their good wishes and handsome presents, which he should always prize amongst his choicest treasures. (Applause).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr J. ATKINSON, Cornsay.

The Schoolroom was crowded, and the proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic character. Liquor was afterwards distributed freely, and a beacon-fire was lighted in a field opposite the Schoolroom. Flags were also placed at various parts around the colliery, and remained there for a few days.

CHURCH MISSIONARY MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Tuesday evening, an interesting lecture was given in the Infants' National School, Consett, by Rev H. E. Fox, M.A., Durham, upon "The Customs and People of India," which he saw while on a visit in connection with the Special Winter Mission. There was a good attendance. The chair was taken by Rev F. Steggall (vicar).

Mr Fox observed that the Church Missionary Society was not only represented in India, but existed in very many other countries where their labours were commanded. He had witnessed what missionary work really was in India during the past twelve months. It would occupy too much time to explain to them the rapid strides made by the missionaries in different lands. The field of the Church Missionary Society was an extensive one, and it might be said that the sun never sets upon the missionary territory. The lecturer explained his voyage to India, which was a very happy one, there being 50 of them upon the ship, and they all belonged to different denominations. They had their services, in which everyone took a part. When he got to India, the first thing that he did was to conduct a mission service in a native church—a beautiful building. The congregation, numbering about 400, was an intelligent one. They were all heathens, and had been brought up amongst the very depths of idolatry and heathenism. He felt it a great difficulty to have to preach through an interpreter, but after a few more attempts, it became much easier. Every Christian in India obeyed His Master's command. They all knelt down together in the communion service, and partook of the Lord's Supper. It gladdened his heart to see those men and women kneeling together and worshipping the true and living God. People talk at home of the mission cause being a failure. It is so, but the failure does not connect itself with the mission, but with those at home. Every Sabbath that he had spent in Madras he had had a true Christian communion. He described very graphically the mode of partaking of a Christmas dinner in India, which was highly amusing. He had been told that there were more than 100 different languages in India, and while he was on his visit he preached in no less than 13. On the first Sunday in 1888, he took part in service at another missionary station, and the Church in which the service was held was a very curious building. It stood in the woods, as a kind of centre, about a quarter-of-a-mile away from any village. It had its advantages and disadvantages, because a congregation could stand outside and hear all that was going on just as well as those inside. They had a very happy service there. He did not know any Christian who made such sacrifices as those poor people did when they became truly religious. He asked those present if it was possible for a people who earned 2s a day to carry on the work of Christ, and he never realised until he reached India what a field God had opened out for them, and he was determined to go from place to place and arouse Christian enthusiasm to help those poor people. God was blessing their work in India, and they were breaking down heathenism, and were trying to give the people something better. They were not supplying India with missionaries as they should do, and it behoved them, as a people who professed to be Christians, and living in such an enlightened age, to arouse themselves and help those poor people. (Applause.) The lecturer explained some pictures, dresses, idols, and other curiosities which he had brought home.

Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

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HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION AND RHEUMATIC CURES.

TESTIMONIALS.

57, Haws Street, Newcastle, March 4, 1889.

MR G. HANDYSIDE.

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

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

13, Hill Street, Newcastle, Jan. 10, 1889.

MR G. HANDYSIDE.

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

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

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

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

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

ISABELLA STOREY.

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

44, Handyside Street, Newcastle, Feb. 1889.

MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

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

25, Tweed Street, Newcastle.

MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

JOHN McQUIN.

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

71, Tullock Street, Newcastle, December 16th, 1888.

MR G. HANDYSIDE,—

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

Believe me to be, yours faithfully,

CHARLES SARGEANT.

[I have known Mr C. Sargeant for three years. For eleven months he has been the victim of acute Rheumatism in the knees and legs. He had put himself under several medical gentlemen, and applied their remedies without any beneficial result. Turkish Baths and hot salt and water baths proved equally fruitless in his case. Hearing of Mr Handyside's medicine and its wonderful effect upon other patients, he procured it, using it alone. After a regular course of it for two months the pains were driven from his knees, and finally they have almost left him entirely. At his request I make this declaration of Mr Handyside's medicine.]

March 1st, REV FATHER DUNN.

LOOK OUT for a book shortly to be published. "EVERY MAN HIS OWN DOCTOR." Price:—One Penny.

Two Bottles Consumption Cure, 5s. 6d.

Blood Purifier, 2s. 6d. which is equal to the Consumption Cure, except in chronic and long-standing cases.

Rheumatic Cure, 1s.

Agent for Consett—Messrs. HUGHES & CO., Chemists, Front Street.

Public Notices.

RATEPAYERS kindly remember the MEETING in Iveston School, on the 15th inst., at 7.45 p.m. 98a

CHEAP GARDEN SEEDS.

MR. J. MARTINDALE, Seedsman, Westgate, has sent to MRS. SANDERSON, NEW BANK, STANHOPE, FOR SALE, a Large and Varied Stock of VEGETABLE and FLOWER SEEDS. From experience of Mr Martindale's Seeds, we can say they are reliable, and are much Cheaper than those of other houses. He deserves encouragement in his efforts to place at the disposal of the public seeds of excellent quality, at a very cheap rate

ANNFIELD PLAIN POULTRY, PIGEON, RABBIT, and CAT SOCIETY will hold their ANNUAL SHOW on April 13th, 1889. FOOTBALL CONTEST (Open)—1st, £1; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s. WRESTLING, for Men not to exceed 11 stones—1st, £1; 2nd, 10s. LOCAL HOMERS, within a radius of 5 miles of Annfield Plain. Entrance, 2s.—1st Prize, 12s.; 2nd, 6s.; 3rd, Ornamental Card. Entries close April 5th, 1889. Entrance to field, 6d.

F. THOMPSON, Secretary, Annfield Plain.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

EASTERTIDE HOLIDAYS.

GRAND FOOTBALL MATCHES under Rugby and Association Rules.

TUG OF WAR (Teams of Five—1st Prize, £2; 2nd, £1.

WRESTLING (11st)—1st Prize, 30s.; 2nd, 15s.; 3rd and 4th, 7s. 6d. each.

The Celebrated SOUTH DERWENT PRIZE BRASS BAND will be in attendance both days.

THE BLACKHILL AND CONSETT DISTRICT "MODEL" BUILDING SOCIETY.

"BRITAIN'S HOMES: PAST AND PRESENT,"

PUBLIC LECTURE BY MR. ARTHUR CONNER. (Illustrated by Lime-light). TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 1889, IN THE CO-OPERATIVE HALL, CONSETT, AT 8 P.M.

CHAIRMAN - - - COUNCILLOR R. MURRAY.

Admission Free. Ladies Specially Invited.

Prospectuses and all Information of the Secretary, Mr WM. RAMSAY, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill. 87a

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Contracts.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY DISTRICT.

TO BE LET THE CARTING & BREAKING OF THE FOLLOWING LOTS OF ROAD MATERIALS.

LOBLEY HILL MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—From High Stoop to Satley, Limestone. 80 tons.
,, 2—From High Stoop to Satley and Browney Bridge, Limestone. 40 tons.
,, 3—From Lanchester Union to Black House and Browney Bridge. 60 tons.
,, 4—From Lanchester Union to Cadger Bank and Black House. 50 tons.
,, 5—From Lanchester Union to Howdon Bank. 100 tons.
,, 6—From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank Top. Whinstone. 100 tons.
,, 7—From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 8—From Annfield Plain to Hare Law, Whinstone. 100 tons.
,, 9—From Annfield Plain to Hare Law, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 10—From Hare Law to Bounder House, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 11—From Tanfield Moor to Bounder House and Crook Bar, Limestone, 300 tons. Whinstone, 100.
,, 12—From Crook Bar to the Leazes Church, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 13—From Crook Bar to the Leazes and Pont Burn. 60 tons.
,, 14—From Medomsley Depot to Medomsley and Pont Burn, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 15—From Medomsley Depot to Medomsley and West to Boundary of Benfieldside Township. 100 tons.
,, 16—Annfield Plain to Hare Law, &c., Slag Screenings. 60 tons.

AUCKLAND MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—From High Stoop to Dover House, Limestone. 40 tons.
,, 2—From Salters' Gate to Dover House and Butsfield Bank Foot, Limestone. 30 tons.
,, 3—From Rowley Station to Eliza Road End, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 4—From Rowley Station to Eliza Road End and Butsfield Bank Foot. 20 tons.
,, 5—From Rowley Station to Castleside, Limestone. 60 tons.
,, 6—From Rowley Station to Castleside and Allansford. 50 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

DURHAM AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROADS.

Lot 1—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Fen Hall and Esp Green, Limestone. 50 tons.
,, 2—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Esp Green and Woodside Bank, Limestone. 50 tons.
,, 3—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to the Church and Park House. 100 tons.
,, 4—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Park House and Kays Burn. 100 tons.
,, 5—From East Carrhouse Depot to Number One, Whinstone. 40 tons.

EDMONDBYERS MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—From Park Head Depots to the East Cabin, Limestone. 80 tons.
,, 2—From Park Head Depots to the East Cabin and Edmondbyers Bridge, Limestone. 60 tons.
,, 3—From Park Head Depots to Edmondbyers Bridge and the River Derwent. 30 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of the above Lots.

DERWENT AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROAD.

Lot 1—Ebchester Station to the village of Ebchester and boundary with Benfieldside Local Board, Limestone. 60 tons.
,, 2—Ebchester Station to the village of Ebchester and boundary with Benfieldside Local Board, Whinstone. 30 tons.
,, 3—Ebchester Station to Ebchester and Westwood Plantation, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 4—Bradley Slag Heap to Ebchester and Westwood Plantation, Slag. 100 c yards.
,, 5—Ebchester Station to Westwood Plantation and the Cement Houses, Limestone. 100 tons.
,, 6—Ebchester Station to Westwood Plantation and the Cement Houses, Whinstone. 60 tons.
,, 7—Medomsley Depots to the Cement Houses and Long Close Toll Bar, Limestone. 130 tons.
,, 8—Bradley Slag Heap to the Cement Houses and Long Close Toll Bar, Slag. 80 c yards.
,, 9—Medomsley Depots to Long Close Toll Bar and Derwent Bridge, Limestone. 100 tons.

Also, the BREAKING of Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Tenders to be sent to the Surveyor's Office, on or before Tuesday, April 16th, 1889, marked "Tender for Carting," or "Tender for Breaking." The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order,

WM. DIXON, District Surveyor.

Surveyor's Office, The Lodge, Lanchester, April 4th, 1889.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

MR. J. VICKERS' PRESENT SALE APPOINTMENTS.

April 6th—FARMING STOCK, 180 MOOR SHEEP, IMPLEMENTS, and Household FURNITURE, Holly Bush, Stanhope.

,, 8th—ANNUAL FAT STOCK SALE, Tudhoe Moor Farm, Spennymoor.

April 15th—The remaining STOCK, CROPS, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, at Ridden House, Stanhope.

,, 15—SPECIAL SALE OF STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, Tow Law Mart, in conjunction with usual weekly.

,, 23rd—FARMING STOCK, SHEEP, &c., late Ralph Hall, Shipley, near Harperley Station

,, 25th—SALE OF SHEPHERD'S HOUSE FARM, near Eastgate, Weardale.

,, 27—FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, and Household FURNITURE, Castleside, Mr. John Proud.

May 2nd—FARMING STOCK, CROPS, IMPLEMENTS, &c., Low Row Farm, Cornsay.

In May—SALE OF FREEHOLD FARM, at Westgate, Weardale.

Others indefinite.

TOW LAW MART EVERY MONDAY.

Grove Villa, Tow Law. 22a

Ridden House Farm, midway between Frosterley and Stanhope.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. Frances Atkinson, will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, on Saturday, April 13th, 1889, the remaining FARM STOCK, HORSES, IMPLEMENTS, BLACKSMITHS' and JOINERS' TOOLS, POULTRY, DAIRY UTENSILS, and part Household FURNITURE. See Bills.

Sale at One o'clock.

Mart Office, Tow Law. 93a

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

A WEEKLY SALE every Monday for Fat and Store Cattle and Sheep, Dairy Cows, Horses, Conveyances, Farm Produce, &c., commencing at 12 o'clock with Cows, Fat and Store Stock to follow. Entries should be sent on Wednesday each week.

JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Grove Villa, Tow Law. 885

By Mr. Thomas Blandford.

Broadwood and Colpike Grass Parks, near Lanchester.

MR. THOMAS BLANDFORD will hold the ANNUAL LET of these Feeding and Grazing Pastures on Thursday, the 18th day of April, 1889, at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

Corbridge, March 28th, 1889. 82a

By Mr. Thomas Wetherell.

The Ford Grass Parks, near Lanchester.

MR. THOMAS WETHERELL begs to announce that he has received instructions from MATTHEW KEARNEY, Esq., to LET the above PARKS BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 17th of April next. The Parks comprise 214 Acres, in 15 different lots.

Full particulars to be had of the Auctioneer.

Sale Offices, 45, Saddler Street, Durham.

By Mr. William Nicholson

PRESENT SALE APPOINTMENTS OF MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON.

Wednesday, April 10th—PROPERTY and LAND SALE at Wolsingham and Redgate Head.

Friday, April 12th—Mr Thompson's FARM STOCK, &c., at Greenwell Hill.

Monday, April 15th—TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

Dates not fixed:—

Mrs Eldon's Farm Stock, Sunniside, near Iveston.

Valuable Copyhold Land and Dwelling-houses for Sale.—Redgate Head and Wolsingham.—To Capitalists and Others.

MR. WM. NICHOLSON will offer for SALE BY AUCTION, at Mr PETER WATSON'S, King's Head Inn, Wolsingham, on Wednesday, the 10th day of April, 1889, at Two o'clock in the afternoon (subject to such conditions as shall be then and there read):

Lot 1.—All that DWELLING-HOUSE situate in the Upper Town, Wolsingham, containing 3 Bedrooms, Parlour, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Yard, and other Conveniences, and now in the occupation of Mr THOMAS HUTCHINSON, at an annual rental of £10.

Lot 2.—All that DWELLING-HOUSE, with Garden in front, adjoining Lot 1, containing 4 Bedrooms and Dressing-room, Sitting-room, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Yard, and other Conveniences, as now in the occupation of the Rev. ROBERT SCOTT, at an annual rental of £14.

Lot 3.—All that DWELLING-HOUSE adjoining Lot 2, containing 3 Bed-rooms, Sitting-room, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Yard, &c., and a good Garden, as now in the occupation of Mr JOHN RUTTER, at an annual rental of £8.

Lot 4.—All that GRASS FIELD adjoining Lot 3, containing about 2 Acres, and now in the occupation of Mr JOSEPH RIDLEY.

Lot 5.—All that MEADOW FIELD, known as "Bankfoot Field," situate at Upper Town, Wolsingham, containing 2½ acres or thereabouts, and now in the occupation of Mr JOSEPH RIDLEY.

Lot 6.—All that FARM situate at, and known as, "Redgate Head," near Wolsingham, adjoining the Lobley Hill turnpike road, consisting of 10 acres or thereabouts, with the DWELLING-HOUSE, containing 4 Bedrooms, Parlour, Kitchen, Large Scullery, Cellar, and other necessary conveniences; Stable, Byre (with stands for 8 Cows); Hay-house and Granary, Coach-house, and other necessary Outbuildings, and an excellent Garden.

Lot 7.—All that MEADOW LAND situate at Redgate Head, and known as the "Three Nooked Field," consisting of 5½ acres or thereabouts.

Lots 1, 2, and 3 are pleasantly situated, command an excellent western view of the Wear Valley, and have a plentiful supply of spring water in the yard. Lots 1 and 2 are of recent construction, and the whole is in a capital state of repair.

Lots 4 and 5 are situated in close proximity to the town, and are admirably adapted for building purposes. The annual rental of these two lots is £15.

Lots 6 and 7 are splendid Meadow Land, in an excellent state of cultivation, and in the occupation of Mr JAMES WILKINSON, at an annual rent of £45.

The whole of the above property has always commanded good tenants, and possession can, if desired, be given at May-Day next.

The tenants will show the property, and further information may be obtained of the owner, Mr WILLIAM RUTTER, Bounder House, near Tow Law; the AUCTIONEER, Hill House, Lanchester; J. T. PROUD, Solicitor, Bishop Auckland; or J. J. DEVEY, Solicitor, Wolsingham. 88a

Greenwell Hill, 1½ miles from Tow Law and Wolsingham Station.

MR. WM. NICHOLSON, instructed by Mr THOMAS THOMPSON, who is declining farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Friday, April 12th, 1889, the whole of the very Valuable FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, HAY, STRAW, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c.

Inventory:—

Lot 1—Powerful Bay Mare, 16 hands, 3 years old.
,, 2—Grey Mare, 15·2, in foal to King George.
,, 3—Bay Yearling Filly, by King George.
1 S.H. Cow, due to calve in May. 1 do Geld.
4 2 years old S.H. Bullocks. 1 do Heifer.
1 Fat Bullock, 3 S.H. Steers, 1½ years old, 1 do Heifer.
3 S.H. Stirks, from 6 to 10 months old.
41 Mule Hoggs, forward in condition.
2 Young Sows, in pig, time up.
30 Head of Poultry.

IMPLEMENTS.

Coup Cart; Do, with Shelvings; Combined Reaper, by Brigham; Wheel Plough; Swing Plough; Double Mould Board Plough; Ribbing Plough; Scuffler; pair of Chain Harrows; pair of Seed Harrows; pair of Four-bulled Harrows; Drag Harrow; Clod Crusher; 2 Turnip Cutters; Chaff Cutter; Winnowing Machine; Corn Crusher; Sheep Troughs; Cart and Plough Harness for 2 pairs of Horses; Ladders; Rakes; Forks; Shovels; Cow Tubs and Chains; Anvil; Bellows; and a quantity of Blacksmiths' Tools.

DAIRY UTENSILS.

Barrel Churn; Scales and Weights, Bowls, &c.

A Stamp of Old Land Hay, and a quantity of Straw.

Extra Stock, the property of Mr JOHN PRICE, Wolsingham, who is declining Cow-keeping—2 Milk Cows and 1 2 years old Heifer.

Also, a quantity of Old Land Hay, standing at Redgate Head, belonging to Mr JAMES WILKINSON, Tow Law.

Sale at One o'clock.

JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Sales by Auction

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Property for Sale in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

MR JOSEPH OLEY is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday the 17th day of April, 1889, at Mr Moffatt's, Commercial Inn, Cross Swords, Shotley Bridge, all the valuable

FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

No. 61, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, comprising, DWELLING-HOUSE, containing 8 Rooms, Three Stalled Stable, a self-contained Yard with all the necessary Out-offices, and now occupied by Mr THOS. GLENDINNING as tenant, who on application will kindly show the property. Conditions at the time of sale.

Sale to commence at 6 o'clock p.m. prompt.

For further particulars apply to Messrs Davies and Bellkwill, solicitors, 84, John Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer, 68, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Fortnightly Sale at the Sale Room, Town Hall, Catchgate.

MR. G. R. HOBSON, instructed by Mr Lennox, who is leaving the neighbourhood and others, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, a large quantity of Excellent Household FURNITURE, and Miscellaneous EFFECTS.

Sale to commence at 6 p.m.

Goods can be inspected at any time previous.

Sale Office, Town Hall, Catchgate.

By Messrs A. & R. J. Brodie.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ADAM BRODIE and ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors, and of the Institute of Estate Agents, are prepared to execute all Orders for the SALE of FARMING STOCKS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCKS-IN-TRADE, and other Property, in the Best Style, and on Reasonable Terms. Being professionally associated with the above-named Institutions, they are unable to tout for commissions as many others do, but they will be glad to execute those with which they may be favoured on Reasonable Terms. Distress for Rent, under the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1883, and also under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888, duly carried out.

NOTE THE ADDRESS:—A. and R. J. BRODIE, Certificated Auctioneers, Town Hall, Consett.

By Mr. John Crawford.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. McMAHON, Eltringham Terrace, Blackhill, to SELL the whole of his Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE at an early date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

PEOPLE that are leaving the District can have their FURNITURE TURNED into CASH, at once, by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 891a

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Business Announcements.

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TOWN HALL CONSETT.

SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY.

Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property repayable as arranged, or for fixed periods.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., Secretary.

What a beautiful carriage
Where did you get it?
From ALFRED BOAG,
St. Mary's Place, Newcastle.
I was perfectly astonished to see his Stock of New and Second-hand Carriages and Harness, and more so when I heard his prices. Thanks for his address. I want my carriage repaired and painted.
Good morning. 716z

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MADE FROM GLENDENNING'S INVALID PORT, LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF BEEF, AND KEPLER MALT EXTRACT.

THIS valuable preparation is composed of a stimulative, a nutritive, and a digestive.

Thus the invalid has here "tissue formers" and "force producers" in a form ready for and easy of assimilation into the system.

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"FAIRPLAY."—Next week.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 1889.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY

[BY "INCEDO."]

AIDS TO THRIFT.

The *Sunderland Herald & Daily Post* of Saturday contains report of the floating of the fourth Starr-Bowkett Building Society originated in that town. Flattering allusion is made to the committee of management under whose *regime* the society has not only held its own during the late trade depression, but grown and multiplied until even the fourth society bearing the name has a membership of 163. Mr George Shimmin, formerly of Blackhill, is the district secretary, and that gentleman's friends will be pleased to note that he is controlling his affairs with so much success. There are numerous aids to thrift in these latter days, and the Starr-Bowkett Building Society seems to be obtaining a goodly share of what in advertising circles is modestly termed a share of public patronage and support. It is stated that the rules of the latest Sunderland addition to Mr Starr's long roll of Societies have been amended to suit the special requirements of that town and district, and the substantial support given to the movement by the public is the best proof that the system is in pretty close touch with the popular thought and feeling.

THE LAND QUESTION.

Most people have but a very superficial knowledge of what is usually spoken of as the Land Question. This may possibly be owing to the fact that commerce is the golden pillar upon which the wealth and greatness of our little island rests. Our friends of the New World speak of us as being a nation of shopkeepers, and those acquainted with our mode of life, and the ways and means by virtue of which we earn our bread and cheese will not be disposed to fall out with the applicability of the appellation. Small profits and quick returns seems to be the watchword of to-day. The present is a fast age in every sense of the term. Men have not patience to wait for the undeviating resolution of the season. Hence, they invest their capital in commercial pursuits, and labour in season and out of season to become rich. The land for the people sounds very fine in theory, but the tinsel quickly vanishes when reduced to practice. The people of Consett and district will however, shortly have an opportuntiy of hearing what an expert—Mr Henry George—has to say on the subject of the land question; and, as knowledge is power, those of my readers who can spare the time, and afford the necessary outlay will do well to hear this celebrated exponent of the land question.

AN OPPORTUNE VISIT.

The miserable failure of the three-acres-and-a-cow business affords a grand opportunity for the re-opening of the land question agitation. Should Mr Henry George succeed in demonstrating how the land of this country can be handed over to the custody of the population he will confer a favour of no mean order upon the people of this generation. The absolute collapse of the recent small allotments scheme ought to supply the lecturer with an excellent text out of which he will no doubt make the most. There may come a time when it will be absolutely necessary that men should learn to till the soil just as they did in that halycon age to which the poet refers when he penned the lines:

> "When Adam delved and Eve span,
> Where was then the gentleman?"

Historians assert that nations, like individuals, have a childhood, so to speak, a manhood, and lastly, that they sink into the decreptitude of tottering age. If that is so, then will a knowledge of how to handle spade and hoe be very useful indeed. I allude, of course, to the days when our coal-fields shall have become exhausted, and when, as Macaulay dolefully remarks: Some traveller from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London Bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's.

THE NEW STORY.

The proprietor of this popular journal has again been taking steps to provide for the varied tastes of his many friends and patrons. The fact is no family newspaper is complete now-a-days without a serial story, and wise in his day and generation, the proprietor has prudently resolved, not only to keep abreast of the requirements of the times, but to forge ahead of them. This he has done, not merely by publishing a story, but by introducing a tale of thrilling interest by an author of exceptional literary attainments. Few authors in the field of fiction possess the art to enthral and instruct; but it may justly be said of Harry Blyth that he has succeded in attaining the happy mean. The author of "Saved from Shame" is master of his art.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The gentleman whose fickle fair lady absented herself when the time came when the nuptial knot should have been tied the other day at Lanchester, had a narrow, one might almost say, a hairbreadth escape. It would be a good thing for many an honest fellow did birds of the same changing plumage wing their flight before entering the sacred portals of matrimony. Did they do so, then would the world hear less than it does about marriage being a failure. No man or woman with well-balanced minds would make fools of themselves by acting in so erratic a manner. Let no such person be trusted. As I regard the incident, the gentleman is to be congratulated rather than pitied. A woman wanting in stability of character is but a sorry companion for a man to begin the journey of life with, and as there is said to be "a providence that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we may," it may be that the gentleman referred to has as much cause to exclaim "God bless providence" as had the British tar who one day had a miraculous escape from death. There are scores of excellent women about who would have more sense than lose a good chance. It is a most unaccountable thing that the women who would make the best wives are frequently left until their bloom is shed, while the less deserving are led to the altar. Society seems out of joint in relation to this curious business, out of which there does not seem to be at present any very clear method of reform—not to say escape.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

On Wednesday se'nnight, Mr T. R. Dolphin, of Delves Farm, who is about to remove to Dyke Nook Farm (in the occupation of Mr T. Carr) had a ploughing day. About 30 draughts were brought into action, with highly successful results.

ACCIDENT TO A WORKMAN.—On Friday afternoon, while Robert Stokoe, a young married man, living in Havelock Street, Consett, was employed in the steel mills at the Consett Ironworks, a heavy iron trough fell upon his feet, crushing him very badly. He was taken home on horseback, and received medical attention from Dr Scurfield.

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.—The following elementary teachers in this district passed the examination for certificates held in December, the results of which have just been received:—Mr R. R. Herdman, Collierley Board Schools, Dipton Schoolmaster; Miss M. J. Dunne, Roman Catholic Schools, Consett, Schoolmistress.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday morning, as Mr A. Bolton, son of Dr Bolton, Ebchester, was proceeding to Consett, his horse shied at a barrow on the footpath when opposite Mr Shell's, Barr House, and swerving across the road tripped on the grass, and falling upon its rider severely bruised his leg. He was, however, still able to mount and continue his journey.

Amongst the local representatives who attended the first meeting of the Durham County Council on Monday were: Ald. U. A. Ritson and G. P. Wilkinson; Councillors James Annandale, C. Berkley, J. A. Curry, T. Douglas, Col. Leadbitter Smith, Dr Livingstone, R. Murray, G. Nicholson, W. Paxton, Col. Sheppee, &c.

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.—This society, which has established an energetic committee in Consett, has issued an urgent appeal for funds. Subscriptions may be paid to the secretary (Mr Wm. Wiles, Sherburn Terrace) or the treasurer (Mr T. L. Gledstone, North-Eastern Bank, Consett). Already the beneficial effects of the operations of this society are transparent.

Mr Thomas Williams, of Consett, presided on Saturday at a meeting of the operative members of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the North of England Iron Trade and of delegates elected by the various lodges held in the Mechanics' Hall, Darlington, to consider the recommendation of the Joint Sliding Scale Committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Board on January 20th. Among other delegates were Messrs W. Maund (Consett) and W. Smith (Consett Tinmill).

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Monday evening, the teachers of the above school held a very successful fruit banquet in their schoolroom. There was a capital attendance. The following performers took part during the evening:—Miss Symm, Castleside; Miss Williams, Blackhill; Mr Duckworth, Castleside; Mr Robinson, Leadgate, and Mr G. Broadbent, Consett. Part songs were given by a select party. Rev John Alderson and Mr M. Jackson were present. Fruit was served at intervals. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN IRISHMAN.—Mr Wm. Whelan, well known in local Irish circles, died on Thursday se'nnight. For over eleven years he was an active and energetic member of the Irish Literary Institute, and for upwards of five years honorary secretary. He was also hon. secretary to the No. 1 branch of the Irish National League, and was an active worker in everything pertaining to the welfare of his native land. Deceased was a native of Tipperary, and came to England some 14 years ago. The funeral took place on Sunday, the *cortege* leaving his residence, 59 Douglas Terrace, at 2 p.m., for Gateshead Cemetery. There was a large attendance.

THEATRE ROYAL.—We are having this week a visit from Mr Lester Collingwood's Company with *In Fear of the Law*. It is an Irish drama, and very suitable to the present time, embracing, as it does, the actions of the various parties in Ireland. It is written by Mr Wm. Manning, and gives evidence of very great ability on the part of the author. Mr Geoffrey Broughton is particularly good as "Philip D'Arcy," and as "Phimus Magra" Mr Percy Grey is very successful, while Mr R. C. Buchanan and Mr F. G. Woodhouse do full justice to the parts of "Justin" and "Walter O'Malley" respectively. As "O'Dwyer," Mr L. J. Ward faithfully pourtrays the villain of the piece, and as "Father O'Grady," Mr F. Stirling excellent. Miss Emily Stevens was very attractive as "Peggy Blane," while the wronged "Mona" found an able exponent in Miss Dolly Cutts. The same may be said of Miss Bella F. Stewart as "Kathleen," the other parts being also well sustained. During the week, *Kathleen Mavourneen* has been produced, and for to-morrow (Saturday) night, *In Fear of the Law* is billed for the last time.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr R. J. Brodie held an important property sale at Mr Patrick Coyle's, Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett. There was a large company present, including a County Councillor, some members of Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards, and Mr J. Frosdick (the people's candidate for the forthcoming election), &c. At the outset, Mr Thomas Wm. Welford, jun., Consett (solicitor for the vendors) read the conditions under which the sale was to be carried out. Lot 1 consisted of a freehold dwelling-house—9, George Street, Consett. The bidding began at £150, and the house was eventually sold for £235. Lot 2 consisted of a freehold dwelling-house—2, St. Aidan's Terrace, Blackhill, in the occupation of Mr W. Ramsay. This erection had to be sold as it stood in the Starr-Bowkett Building Society. The bidding began at £50 and rose to £100, but as the reserve bid was £180, it was not sold.—Lot 3 was a free hold dwelling house in Gibson Street, Consett, together with two cottages. Mr Jos. Eltringham started the bidding at £150, and it rose by sums of £5 to £240. The reserve bid was £550, so the property was not sold. Lot 4 embraced two freehold tenemented cottages in Green Street, Consett. The bidding opened with £150, and the lot was eventually sold for £225. At the conclusion, Mr Frosdick paid a high tribute to Mr R. J. Brodie for the able manner in which he had conducted the sale.

BLACKHILL.

As Councillor Murray was riding along Foundry Row, Blackhill, last (Thursday) night, a little boy named David Wylie, who is about seven years of age, ran in front of the horse and was knocked down, but was not seriously hurt.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Monday night, a lecture on "Mission work in Africa" was delivered by Rev Mr Walmsley, in the United Methodist Free Church, Blackhill. The chair was occupied by Rev Jas. Martin, and there was a large audience. The lecturer, who was a missionary in South Africa for a considerable period, spoke eloquently of the good done in that, as yet, little known continent, and hoped they would all aid as much as they could the good work that was going on.

ROOKHOPE.

Mr Jennings Foster, of Lintz Garth, Rookhope, has a black-faced ewe with three lambs, all doing well.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES.—On Tuesday evening a confirmation was held in the Chester-le-Street Parish Church, Bishop Sandford, rector of Boldon, officiating. There were 84 candidates from Chester-le-Street, Waldridge, Plawsworth, Birtley, and Fatfield.—At Pelton Church on Wednesday afternoon Bishop Sandford confirmed about 120 candidates from Pelton, Pelton Fell, West Pelton, and Perkinsville.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH MAGAZINE for April contains another chapter of Parish Records and other interesting local items. The general portion of this magazine is both instructive and interesting.

STROLLING MUSICIANS IN TROUBLE.—At Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Saturday,—before Councillor Jas Annandale—*Robert McNeil* (23), musician, and *Jane Alice McNeil* (29), pianoforte player, both on tramp, were brought up by Sergt Tranmer charged with being drunk and disorderly in Trafalgar Street, Consett, about 10·15 on Friday night. They had been playing and singing at several public houses, and had imbibed rather too much liquor.—The man was fined 3s., and the woman 2s. 6d and costs; or 7 days imprisonment each.

HAMSTEELS COLLIERY.

On Saturday evening, Professor Aikman, mesmerist, galvanist, and phrenologist, gave an amusing entertainment in the British Schools, Quebec. On Monday evening another entertainment was given by the professor on behalf of John Healy, of Hamsteels Colliery, who has for some time past been subject to taking fits. On each occasion the spacious school-room was well filled with people.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

SILVER WEDDING.—On Wednesday se'nnight a number of the inhabitants of Cornsay assembled at the house of Mr Atkinson, for the purpose of making him a presentation in commemoration of his silver wedding. Mr L. P. Wherly, Tow Law, presided, and remarked that he had great pleasure in discharging such a pleasant duty. He had attended many of those social gatherings, and in consequence had known them as residents of Cornsay for upwards of eight years. The presentation consisted of a splendid self-pouring teapot, butter-cooler, and a magnificent silver knife. Mr and Mrs Atkinson having suitably responded, the rest of the evening was spent in singing, in which the following took part:—Messrs L. P. Wherley, Robinson, Mrs Batey, and Miss Misto. A most enjoyable evening was spent and a vote of thanks to the chairman was passed.

TANFIELD LEA.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—Last Saturday evening, an entertainment was given by this Band of Hope in the Wesleyan School room. The programme consisted of readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music, and amongst other friends who gave their services we noticed Messrs F. Haughan, G. Bloomfield, H. Cotton, and T. Jones.

INFANT SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.—The Educational Committee in connection with this scheme have arranged with the Wesleyan Trustees for the use of their school-room for that purpose, and a deputation of gentlemen interested in the matter have had an interview with some of the educational authorities, who are also in favour of the project. There is every prospect of the school being commenced during the summer.

CATCHGATE.

LAW OF DISTRESS AMENDMENT ACT, 1888.—Mr E. J. Meynell, county court judge, has granted a general certificate to Mr J. Geo. Hobson, under this Act, as bailiff.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—The choir of the Greencroft United Methodist Free Church gave a service of song at Catchgate on Saturday night. The connective readings were given by Mr J. G. Ward. There was a good audience present, and the chair was taken by Mr Chapman, of Catchgate.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH.—On Wednesday night, a grand concert was given in the above church, Catchgate, by local talent. There was a good audience. The following were the artistes:—Messrs T. Brown, M. Richardson and company, McIntyre, H. Greener, W. Harrison and company, G. Oliver, Misses P. Humble, J. A. Stephenson, and Masterman. The chair was taken by Mr J. Smith, Annfield Plain. The proceeds were for the trust fund. An enjoyable evening was spent.

DIPTON.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—During the week, special revival services have been conducted in the Dipton Wesleyan Chapel, by Mr H. Lee, *Joyful News* evangelist, Rochdale. The services have been well-attended.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Friday and Saturday nights, Mr Howard, with his pictorial, musical, and combination company, gave two of his entertainments in the Co-operative Hall, Dipton. The company on each occasion was very large.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

TABLEAUX VIVANTS.—On Monday night, the church party of Dipton, gave a repitition of their instructive wax-works entertainment in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain. The building was packed by an enthusiastic audience.

Y.M.C.A.—On Saturday night, in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Annfield Plain, on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr J. Tomlinson, secretary of the North of England Temperance League, gave a very interesting address on the principles of the league. There was a moderate attendance. Mr C. Graham, Annfield Plain, occupied the chair.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.—On Saturday night, the Irish National League held a meeting in Mr Miles Handy's Long-room, Catchgate. The meeting was largely patronised. Addresses were given by Professor Curry, the Felling and Tyne District, Mr E. McConvey, Whitehaven, and others. The meeting also formed a branch of the National League, which was named the "Thomas Sexton." The following were elected officers:—Mr M. Sculley, president; Mr M. Gardner, secretary; Mr John O'Neil, treasurer; along with a strong working committee. Mr Sculley presided.

SALVATION ARMY.—This body held a public tea in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, on Saturday, and at night they had a great torch-light procession, when contingents from Consett, Dipton, and Stanley took part. Afterwards, a "blood-and-fire" meeting was held in the hall, the building was packed to overflowing. On Sunday, special services were held in the barracks, South Pontop, which were well-attended.

WOLSINGHAM.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Wednesday evening, an organ recital and sacred concert was given in Wolsingham Wesleyan Chapel. There was present a large and fashionable assemblage. The following artistes took part:—Miss Bell, soprano, Leadgate; Miss M. Bell, contralto, Leadgate; Mr C. Stelling, tenor, Consett; and Rev H. J. Sugden, bass, Tow Law. Messrs C. Stelling and G. W. Goulden acted as accompanists. Mr Stelling also favoured the company with organ recitals during the evening. The chair was taken by Rev G. Miles. The proceeds were in aid of the choir and trust funds.

TOW LAW.

On Saturday night, a successful concert was given in the Mechanics Hall, Tow Law.

LANCHESTER.

CHURCH MISSIONARY MEETING.—In connection with the above, a public meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, in the Schools, Lanchester. There was a very large attendance, the place being filled. Rev F. W. Glyn (vicar) presided. An interesting address on missionary work amongst the Esquimaux was delivered by the Right Rev Bishop Moonsonee, D.D.

A farmer's son in the neighbourhood of Rookhope was sent to Lanchester to look after some sheep. While there a buxom heifer belonging the good-natured host engaged his attention so much that he could only give a very moderate account of the state of the sheep. He little suspected his attentions being more taken up with heifer than the sheep.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

Collections were taken in Holy Cross Church, Ryton on Sunday, at the request of the Bishop of Durham, on behalf of the Lord Mayor of London's Mansion House Chinese Famine Fund. The collections amounted to £29 1s 5d.

PRUDHOE.

CO-OPERATION.—At the sixty-eigth quarterly meeting of the West Wylam and Prudhoe Independent Co-operative Society, held on Saturday night in the National School, the members of the society presented Mr H. R. Bailey, of the Newcastle branch of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, with a case of cutlery and a cruet-stand, and to Mrs Bailey a gold brooch and earrings, value over £12, the whole being suitably inscribed. Mr Henry Thompson, of West Wylam, president of the society, made the presentation on behalf of the members, to which Mr Bailey suitably replied.

WEARDALE.

Rev J. Watson (Primitive Methodist), a native of Weardale, is now on his way home from South Australia, where he has been stationed for several years. His place is to be taken by Rev Hugh Gilmore, formerly of Darlington.

NEW MEMORIAL DEPARTURE.—A chaste memorial tablet for the late Mr George Race, has been placed in a wall of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Westgate, by the members of the family, who have also inscribed upon it the name of the geologist's brother, Nathan Race, the veteran miners' delegate, who died last year. This is the first memorial-stone placed in a Dissenting place of worship in the valley.

A FRIDAY-BORN FAMILY.—A certain couple of thrifty habits residing about the upper part of Weardale, at present have a family of four pleasant-looking children, three boys and a girl, all of whom were born on a Friday. This family incident, if not something unique, is at least very singular. According to the line—"Friday's child is free in' giving'—they must grow up to be a charitable family.

RATE OF MORTALITY.—For the last month (March), in the St. John district, population last census over 3,000, 13 deaths (and no particular fever cases), and 11 births were registered, being 2 more deaths for the month than births. For October, November, and December, 1888, only 14 deaths were recorded for the whole three months. The death-rate of last month has been higher than it ever has been in any March month—at least since 1880.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.—The parishioners' vestry meeting was held in the Town Hall, and was characterised by scenes most absurdly amusing. Considerably past the announced time the audience, growing weary of waiting, suggested to call the section of ratepayers out of the ante-room, where they were in conclave, while it was agreed to start the business to draw them out. Mr T. Pentland was pressed to take the chair, but declined, and moved Mr Walton, who accepted it.—Mr T. Wilson informed those in the ante-room that business was commenced, and a general exit was the result.—Mr Joshua Dawson read the minutes of last year's meeting, which were accepted. He produced the ratebook, which showed that he had received only the sum of £3 13s 10½d, which was a meagre amount considering the work there was; moreover, as no opportunity had been missed at recent meetings of referring to the "huge amount"—(laughter)—he'd been receiving, he wished to disabuse the public mind on the matter.—After a lively scene, the waywarden, Mr W. H. Featherstone, read a tabulated cost of the roads, which was £120 less than last year. (Applause.) Mr Featherstone intimated his wish to be relieved of office.—Mr Featherstone was re-elected.—The meeting separated amid expressions of disgust at the method of doing business.

WEST STANLEY.

SEWING MEETING.—The Primitive Methodists at Stanley held a tea in connection with their sewing meetings, on Monday, and it was well patronised.

CONCERT.—On Wednesday night, a concert was given in the Assembly Rooms, Stanley, for the benefit of the Stanley Brass Band. Mr J. M. Wilson, colliery manager, occupied the chair. The artistes were the "Selkirk Concert Party," composed of Messrs W. Barrow, E. Luke, J. O'Connor, and W. Selkirk; Mrs Frazer acting as accompanist. There was a good attendance.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Saturday night, the Newcastle Excelsior Hand-bell Ringers gave one of their grand campanological entertainments with a peal of 100 bells, in the above place of worship at West Stanley. There was a capital attendance.

FIRE.—A fire occurred on the premises of Miss Mary Turner, greengrocer, West Stanley, on Saturday. About midnight smoke and flame was observed to be issuing from a closet in an upstairs room of the dwelling house. A quantity of water was brought in buckets and thrown on the fire which was got under. P.C. Thompson assisted in extinguishing the flames. Some articles of clothing and the woodwork of the closet were destroyed. How the fire originated is not exactly known, but it is believed that Miss Turner's mother (who is 83 years of age) had been smoking in the closet, and a spark from her pipe had ignited the loose paper there. The estimated damage is £7.

TANTOBIE.

TABLEAUX VIVANTS.—The members and friends of St John's the Evangelist, Dipton, gave a representation of their Living Waxworks, in the Co-operative Hall, Tantobie. There was a capital attendance. There were 67 figures shown in four groups, representing all classes of the British Empire, and each group was brilliantly illuminated. The figures were described in a splendid manner by the interpreter, Mr Henry Prevell, who was ably assisted by Sambo (Mr G. Thornton) who created roars of laughter. Music was given at intervals by the Messrs Duncan. This exhibition has been witnessed by thousands of people, and gives general satisfaction, and is really neat.

LEADGATE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—Rev John Hallam, of Sunderland, preached in the Leadgate Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, morning and evening. A service of song was given in the afternoon by the choir, with Mr John Kennedy conductor, Mr R. Daglish harmoniumist, and Rev J. Hallam reader.—On Monday night, Mr Hallam gave his lecture on "A day in Wurtemberg; or, the cradle of the Reformation." Councillor George Nicholson occupied the chair. The chapel was crowded on each occasion, and the services proved a great success. The collections were in aid of the trust funds.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Wednesday se'nnight, the members of the above chapel were honoured with a visit from the Rev. G. Talalun Newton, of Newcastle. In the afternoon the rev. gentleman preached to a good congregation, and his sermon was greatly appreciated by all present. In the evening Mr Newton gave one of his popular and interesting lectures, entitled "Burns, Scotland's greatest poet," to a packed house, many not being able to gain admittance. The lecturer held his hearers spell-bound while he related to them the poet's greatest deeds, and was frequantly applauded. The chair was occupied by Councillor George Nicholson, Leadgate. Collections were taken at the close of the afternoon service and lecture in aid of the school fund.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

JARROW ROVERS HAND BELL RINGERS.—On Saturday night, a concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Allandale Cottages, near Ebchester, in aid of the trust fund. The above ringers gave several selections and solos, the "Fairy dance," a selection, being *encored*, gave the "Legend of the bells," the solo, "Little sister's gone to sleep" with the "Gipsy's warning," Miss Williams sang "Always take mothers advice," and "No tears in Heaven"; Miss Dawson sang "There is a flower that bloometh," and "Come o'er the moonlight sea"; a duet by Misses Dawson and Williams was much appreciated, as were also the solos by Mr Dawson, especially "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Mr Cooke gave the reading "My first testimonial"; and Mr Pallister gave "The insurance agent," both causing much laughter. Mr Richardson occupied the chair. There was a large audience. After votes of thanks were given, a supper was given in the school-room by the batchelors, which was a great success.

FROSTERLEY.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The quarterly entertainment of the Primitive Methodist Band of Hope was held in the Board Schools, Bridge End, on Saturday evening, and was a thorough successful gathering. Songs, readings, recitations, dialogues, duets, &c., were given at intervals, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DEATH OF AN OLD RAILWAY SERVANT.—John Stout, an old and much-respected inhabitant of Frosterley, died on Saturday, much regretted, in the 67th year of his age. Deceased was one of the oldest *employes* on the Wear Valley branch of the North-Eastern Railway, having worked for the Company over 40 years, and was highly esteemed both by masters and men. As a workman, he was eminently skilful, industrious, laborious, and conscientiously discharged the duties which devolved upon him in a very creditable manner. As a neighbour and citizen, he was highly-respected and esteemed; as a husband and father, he was all that could be desired; and as a Christian, the golden rule of the Galilean teacher was the motive power which actuated his life and conduct. For long years he was a consistent member of the Primitive Methodist society at Frosterley, and in death they were not divided, for he was laid among the people of his choice in the churchyard at Frosterley. In politics he was a staunch Liberal, and was an ardent admirer of the Grand Old Man. His end was peace. He was beloved in life, and in death is much lamented.

MEDOMSLEY.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR GEO. HOGG.—On Tuesday evening, the colliery officials and workmen representing the various collieries of the Consett Iron Company, together with representatives from the Mechanics' Lodge at Blackhill, held a meeting at the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, for the purpose of raising a memorial fund to the late Mr George Hogg, under-manager of Derwent Colliery, whose sudden and much-lamented death was recorded in this paper a short while ago. The chair was occupied by Mr C. F. Scott, manager of the colliery, who spoke in a most pleasing manner of the noble qualities of the late Mr Hogg, which were thought worthy of some substantial recognition, and this feeling was unanimously endorsed. Mr Scott was appointed treasurer, and Mr J. Close secretary. A standing committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs J. H. Morris, W. R. Cooke, J. Walton, G. Hedley, and J. Steel, and it was arranged that the workmen at each colliery be asked to appoint a sub-committee to carry out the necessary arrangements, and also that the subscription lists shall be open to all his friends and acquaintances in the district, where he was well-known and universally respected.

CONCERT AT BURNHOPE.

On Saturday evening, a first-class concert was given on behalf of Mrs Wallace and family, whose husband died from the result of an accident some time ago. Messrs M. Stout and John Hovvels were the chief promoters, and the result amply rewarded their efforts. The large school-room was packed, *encores* being the order of the night. Mr H. L. Burgess officiated as chairman in a creditable manner. He expressed the pleasure everyone must feel at seeing so large a company taking an interest in the welfare of their late fellow-workman's family. The musical part of the programme was rendered in a most enthusiastic way by the performers. Each seemed to have his heart in the work. It would be impossible to speak in praise of any singer in particular, but the pianist deserves special mention for the able manner in which his arduous task was carried out through the whole evening.—Votes of thanks to the chairman and Councillor J. T. Forster (for the loan of the school) were responded to by these gentlemen, the latter observing that he was pleased to see such a hearty response made to the efforts of those who had got up the concert. Programme Part I.—Selection, piano and English concert, Messrs G. Burns and John Hovvels; song, "The veteran," Mr T. Burns; comic song, "Many a time," Mr T. Shotton; song, "Sweet Afton," Mr H. Bolam; song, "Balaclava," Mr J. Herron; comic song, "Shiel Row Flood," Mr G. Watts; song, "Danger signal," Mr John Hovvels; duet (comic), "McManner's band," Messrs T. Shotton and G. Watts. Part II—Comic song, "The dun cow," Mr T. Burns; song, "My Mary's asleep," Mr H. Bolam; comic song, "The girls in the school," Mr G. Herron; song, "Where are those boys," Mr G. Watts; song, "Down by the river side," Mr John Hovvels; comic song, "Clara Nolan's ball," Mr T. Shotton; comic song, "Big drum and little drum," Mr T. Burns; comic song, "The bobby and the cook." The enthusiastic singing of the "National Anthem" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD TAYLOR SMITH, J.P., OF LANCHESTER.

It becomes once more our painful duty to record the removal of another public man in West Durham to another sphere. At 7·30 on Wednesday morning, Mr Edward Taylor Smith, J.P., of Broadwood Park and Colepike Hall, near Lanchester, passed away at the first-mentioned residence, after a lingering illness, consequent upon old age and infirmity, at the advanced age of 86 years. Very little information is obtainable relative to

HIS EARLY LIFE,

even his most intimate relatives and acquaintances professing to have very little knowledge of the exact date of his birth or his native place. We know, however, that in the prime of his youth, the deceased gentleman carried on business in Crook. After that, he farmed at Broadwood under Lady Peat, wife of Sir Edward Peat, Bart., of Herrington Hall. When this mansion was burnt down, Lady Peat (who was separated from her husband) removed to Sunderland. She was a somewhat eccentric lady, and on her demise, about 1850, she, being a distant relation of the Smiths,

BEQUEATHED HER PROPERTY

to various persons, several branches of the Smith family (including the subject of this memoir) being considerably enriched under the provisions of her will. In order to acquire this valuable property, Mr Edward Smith was compelled, by Royal Letters Patent, to assume the combined name of Taylor Smith. The deceased gentleman was

THREE TIMES MARRIED.

His first wife was a Mrs Pearson, who was buried at Esh Laude. His second wife was Miss Kitson, the daughter of a well-known family in Sunderland, and on her demise she found a resting-place in that town. Mr Taylor Smith's third marriage transpired but recently, as on the 18th January, 1883, he entered into an alliance with Madame Cicily Mary (a Frenchwoman who was a member of his household). This lady survives her husband. About three years ago, Mr Taylor Smith built a palatial residence for her in a commanding position in the ancient village of Lanchester, the interior having been luxuriantly furnished at an enormous cost, by Messrs Bragg and Co., Newcastle. By dint of perseverance and energy, the deceased gentleman attained a high social scale. As an extensive

COAL-OWNER AND LANDED PROPRIETOR,

he amassed a vast amount of wealth. Colepike, which was at that period simply a common farmstead, was purchased by Mr Taylor Smith from the late Mr Christopher Walker. He afterwards rebuilt the hall in a more modernised style of architecture. At a more recent date, the deceased gentleman acquired Broadwood, and he entailed a great deal of expense in the erection of a magnificent hall, which is one of the most picturesque country seats in the immediate neighbourhood. The park and grounds surrounding the mansion are really superb.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS.

He leaves four sons, the oldest being Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., of Partridge Close, near Satley, who for many years has acted as chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, Rural Sanitary Authority, and the various committees connected with the Union business. He is also the chairman of the Lanchester Village Improvement Committee. This gentleman will acquire all the settled estates, which are said to be very valuable. The family mansions are Colepike Hall and Broadwood Hall. Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, who was formerly connected with the management of collieries, is now engaged chiefly in agricultural pursuits. The other sons are: Rev W. Smith, Roman Catholic priest, Tow Law; Mr Thomas Taylor Smith, of Heathdale, Gosforth, and Greencroft Park, near Lanchester, ship-owner, &c. (he also being a member of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, &c.), and Dr James Taylor Smith, who resides in Yorkshire, but who is not now, we believe, practising as a medical gentleman. He is at present sojourning at Rouen. There was also one daughter, who was wedded to Captain Kay, both of whom have joined the "great majority."

PUBLIC OFFICES.

Mr Edward Taylor Smith officiated for a lengthened period on the Lanchester Board of Guardians—first as an elected, and subsequently as an *ex-officio* member. He has acted on the Commission of the Peace for the County of Durham for something like 30 years, being the oldest magistrate in the West Division of Chester Ward, since the departure of Mr Matthew Kearney. He was accustomed to adjudicate on the Lanchester Bench, but was never known to sit in Consett. He was incapacitated from attending to his magisterial duties about six years ago.

DEEDS OF CHARITY.

Mr Taylor-Smith lived at Colepike for nearly 50 years, and was therefore generally known throughout the entire district. This hall is now occupied by Mr J. W. Taylor, shipowner, Sunderland, the deceased gentleman having removed to Lanchester, and has latterly taken up his abode at Broadwood Park, which was formerly the residence of his eldest son, the place having been specially built for Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith. He was of a generous and benevolent disposition. He freely extended his charity to the poor residents in and around Lanchester, and frequently made gifts to the inmates of the Workhouse. He was a frequent visitor to that institution, and for the past eight years he has munificently provided the paupers located therein with a treat every New Year. The poor folks—young and old—were feasted in a sumptuous manner, the repast being succeeded by an ample distribution of tobacco, pipes, sweets, oranges, nuts, toys, besides other delicacies of the season. This treat was generally given in addition to the customary feast of roast beef and plum pudding furnished every Christmas day at the expense of the Guardians, and was consequently regarded as a red-letter day by the inmates of the Workhouse. The enjoyable proceedings generally terminated with a dance, a number of guests being invited to enhance the brilliancy of the gathering, and the poor folks entertain some pleasing reminiscences of these annual reunions. It is to be hoped that his successor will not forget the paupers at this particular season of the year. He occasionally furnished the Lanchester school children with Christmas festivities of some shape or other. Unfortunately, in his declining years Mr Taylor Smith's health gradually gave way, and he became almost totally blind.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Edward Taylor Smith was an ardent sportsman, and was a very keen fox-hunter. Up to a very recent date he might be seen, whenever the North-Durham Foxhounds happened to meet in the immediate vicinity, viewing the hunters from his private carriage. He was in the truest sense of the word a "self-made man," and was held in the highest esteem by all sections of the community at large. He belonged to an old Roman Catholic family, and was one of the most prominent and illustrious adherents of that body. In politics, Mr Taylor Smith was a staunch Liberal, although he did not take a conspicuous part in such matters. In later years, however, he became a Liberal Unionist. Although his end was not unexpected, his death is sincerely deplored by a large circle of relatives and friends.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman has been fixed to take place at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Esh Laude, at eleven o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) forenoon. The *cortege* will move from the residence (Broadwood Park) at 9·45 a.m., and will proceed *via* Lanchester, The Ford, and Quebec to the place of interment, the family burial vault being here.

EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians yesterday (Thursday), Mr W. Logan (junior vice-chairman) proposed that their clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) should convey from that Board an expression of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased gentleman. He stated that Mr Ed. Taylor Smith was for many years an elective Guardian, and subsequently sat as an *ex-officio* member of the Board. Some of the younger members were probably not familiar with his figure, but old Guardians like Mr John Wilkinson and Mr George Hobson knew full well that he was a regular attender at their meetings, but old age and infirmity came upon him and prevented him from fulfilling his duties. The Board could therefore not do less than record their sorrow at the loss the family had sustained.—Mr Wilkinson (senior vice-chairman) seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr Hobson, and was carried *nem con.*

Late Advertisements.

COMFORTABLE LODGINGS for Two Gentlemen.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office.

WANTED, a CARTMAN, must have a knowledge of the trade.—Apply, T. D. DRYDEN & Co., Grocers, Consett.

WANTED, a Young Lady as BOOK-KEEPER. None without experience need apply.—T. D. DRYDEN & Co., Grocers, Consett.

By Mr. John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, FIRST, APRIL 8TH, 1889.

7 Fat Cattle.
45 Fat Sheep.
10 to 15 Calving Cows and Heifers.
A number of Grazing S.H Steers and Heifers, 2 years old.
Veal and Finger Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
28 Hens, good breed.
Harness and Saddle Mare, 15h.h.
Seed Potatoes, Hay, Harness, Hams, Bacon.
Spring Cart.
Pony and Harness.
Pony, about 13 h.h.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

TO PRESERVE EGGS FOR ONE YEAR.—To each pailful of cold water add a scant pint of fresh air-slacked lime, one pint of common salt; mix well. Fill a barrel or crock half full of this fluid, and put the eggs down in it any time after June. Care should be taken to pack only fresh-laid eggs.

HOW TO MAKE GINGER-BEER.—Crush up a quarter of a pound of ginger, pour over it a quart of water; let it soak for 24 hours. Then turn it all into a saucepan containing three gallons of water; boil for an hour. Add three pounds of loaf sugar, boil a few minutes longer, skim well, and add to the liquor four ounces of cream of tartar, and a pinch or two of citric acid. Strain the liquor into an earthern pan. When lukewarm add two tablespoonfuls or so of good brewer's barm. Let the whole ferment in a warm place for 24 hours. Skim off the crust from the top, add a very little dissolved isinglass, and bottle in the course of 12 hours. Do not make the bottles too full. Cork and wire down. If it is necessary to strain the liquid before bottling, do so.

HINT FOR THE HOT WEATHER.

It has often been observed, but, unfortunately, just as often forgotten when the weather has grown cooler, that most people who are not able to enjoy the luxury of an outside sun blind in hot weather can extemporise a very good substitute by simply lowering the upper half of the window frame and turning the inside roller blind outside. The great cause of heat in a room is, of course, the glass, which under the sun's rays will become too hot to bear pressing with the fingers; but the inside-out blind not only screens the window, but creates a strong draught between the panes and the linen, and thus absolutely makes the glass cold. If there is any wind the blind can be kept steady by drawing in the cord and tassel and shutting the lower half of the window frame tight down upon it.

CARRY YOUR MANNERS ALONG.

Don't have company manners (says an American paper), but have those that are good enough for company all the time. If you get used to them they will set so much better than the article that is only put on for the occasion. If the children are allowed to scream at each other and call out rudely for what they want at the table when there is no one but the family present they will be very likely to forget when there's company, and disgrace their parents and shock the guests. Some people act as if they thought it a weakness to speak kindly to one of their family, to thank them politely for anything, or answer a question in an agreeable manner. The children in such a household take pattern from their elders, and if they do not always have on their company manners, who is to blame?

In Bukovina, where the winter is exceptionally severe, a pack of famished wolves the other day attacked the mail on the high road near Sojanastampi. The driver and the horses were devoured by the beasts.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The last meeting of the old Board took place at the Public Offices, High Street, on Tuesday evening. Councillor Joseph Ridley (chairman) presided, and there were present Messrs Wm. Ridley, Wm. Campbell, Wm. Atkinson, W. R. Teasdale, L. P. Wherly, R. Sproats, and the clerk (Mr E. Milburn).

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month, the cleaning out of ashpits, privies &c., has been well attended to. The sewer behind Bridge Street South, complained of by Mr Charlton as causing the branch drain to stop up behind his property, probably requires flushing. With reference to the nuisance complained of by Mrs Johnson, innkeeper, Wolsingham Road, which arises from stagnant sewerage or water from a disused well in the cellar, I wrote to Mr Richard Murray, Benfieldside, owner, some time ago, but no official notice has been served as yet. One of the principal complaints in my particularised list of nuisances reported to the Weardale Iron Company, and which was also enumerated in your medical officer's general report, was a privy in the wrong position at Thornley Lane Ends, which is adjoining a dwelling, and could easily be remedied.—Yours, &c.,

WM. GARRAWAY.

Tow Law, April 2nd, 1889.

The Inspector was authorised to call the attention of the owner and the lessees to the position of this privy, and ask them to remove the same.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—For the last three months, our death-rate has been exceptionally heavy, no fewer than 25 deaths having been placed on record. This gives a death-rate of 21 4. The births for the same period are 35. For the month of January, we have nine deaths from the following diseases:—2 heart disease; 1 placenta prævia; 1 phthisis; 1 convulsions; 1 scarlatina; 1 diffuse abscesses; 1 general debility; 1 pneumonia. In February, we had nine deaths—1 found drowned; 2 heart disease; 1 paralysis; 1 general debility; 1 marasmus; 1 obstruction to the bowels; 1 senile decay; 1 debility. In March, seven deaths were registered—2 debility; 1 abscesses; 1 apoplexy; 1 bronchitis; 1 heart disease; 1 pneumonia. Although our death-rate is heavy, no deaths have occurred from infectious diseases, with the exception of scarlet fever. Old people have suffered from the winter season, five of them having died from heart disease; one from old age; and one or two more from other diseases. These deaths, of course, nothing can be done to prevent, from a sanitary point of view.

I was glad to see that your surveyor has been flushing the sewers, as, although the rainfall for the last month was an average one, yet it is as well to keep the sewers sweet and clean to begin the more genial season when infectious diseases are more liable to disseminate themselves.—Yours, &c.,

GEORGE HOOD, M.D.

Tow Law, April 2nd, 1889.

The CHAIRMAN considered this a very fair report, although not nearly so favourable as in the preceding quarter.

The Doctor: Last quarter was remarkably low—only seven or eight deaths. This was the lowest ever known for 12 years.

The report was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—Respecting your main roads, which are now in good order. I have nothing specially to report, except that I have ordered loose stones to be covered with soil, to prevent having them raked off. Another fall has occured on the Helm Park Road, which has been looked to. I should like the Board to inspect the same shortly. The whinestone blocks which have been taken up beside Dans Castle, have been used to extend the channel on the Castle Bank, and I should be glad if the Board will inspect the place with a view to the completion of the channel, which is much needed for to keep the footpath in good order. The sewers on each side of High Street, Castle Bank, and other thoroughfares, have been flushed. The whole of the flags in High Street have been repaired by your roadman.

I have this day deposited with your treasurer for residuals £27 9s 10d, burial fees, £3 15s, and way-leave for telephone poles 5s.

Monthly Wages Bill.

		£	s	d
Main roads:	Manual labour	3	6	6
	Team do.	0	3	0
Other roads:	Manual labour	0	10	6
Streets:	Lamp lighting	1	4	0
Gas works:	Foreman's wages	5	16	0
	Assistant's do.	0	5	3
Cemetery:	Sexton's wages	1	12	0
	Spreading soil	0	1	9
Establishment:	Wages	0	7	0
	Total	13	6	0

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Tow Law, April 2nd, 1889. JOHN HILLARY.

THE SUBSIDENCE ON HELM PARK ROAD.

The Surveyor, in reply to the members, stated that the road had fallen about two feet. He had not given any notice to the Weardale Company, although there was doubt the subsidence was caused by the pit workings.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed the Surveyor to pay attention, and see that no mishap arose. As soon as there was any danger, he was to make application to the proper quarter to adopt remedial measures.

THE BOARD'S TEAM WORK.

Out of three tenders submitted, the Board resolved, on the motion of Mr CAMPBELL, seconded by Mr W. RIDLEY, to accept the contract of Mr Fleming, for performing the team work during the ensuing 12 months, the contract to be determined at a month's notice, if the work is not done satisfactorily.

FINANCIAL.

Cheques in payment of several accounts, representing a total of £250 6s 8d, were on the motion of Mr ATKINSON, seconded by Mr W. RIDLEY, ordered to be paid.

The Clerk reported that the balance in bank stood at £219 4s 6d. There would be a gas account collected shortly.

AN EXPENSIVE SYSTEM OF BORROWING CASH.

Amongst the foregoing accounts was an item of £199 13s 8d due to the Prudential Assurance Co., as compound interest on a loan of £3 400 granted ten years ago for a period of 30 years to the Board for acquiring the gas works. The sum of £8 had been off this year.

Mr TEASDALE considered that a heavy item, which ought to be settled as soon as possible.

The Clerk pointed out that there still remained about £2,400 of the principal to pay off. The interest would remain the same till the balance was entirely liquidated. The loan was borrowed at a rate of 4½ per cent interest, but when the came to calculate, they would find that it was very much more.

Mr CAMPBELL, having made a calculation, said the Board were going to pay about £6,000, for the loan of £3,400.

The CHAIRMAN: It almost doubles itself.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND MAIN ROADS.

The letter from Mr R. Simey, Clerk of the Peace, was read, intimating that it was the intention of the Provisional Council to request the County Council to ask all Local and Highway Boards to take charge of the main roads within their district for one year, ending March 31st, 1890, upon the old terms was read.

The CHAIRMAN said that a resolution to that effect was passed at the Council meeting on the day previous.

NEW GAS MAINS.

The CHAIRMAN said the gas pipes were reported to be bad from the Mechanics' Institute down as far as Thornley Terrace, and to the stables. It was recommended that this summer new pipes be laid from Grove Road down to the railway, and thence to the stables. The last lot of pipes were laid from the fitting shops to where they intended to re-lay the pipes. The distance was about 200 yards.

Mr W. RIDLEY: That is going to cost us £40.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, not so much as that.

The gas manager having expressed his opinion anent the matter, the Board decided to postpone consideration of the subject till next month, the Clerk being directed meanwhile to procure tenders for various sized pipes.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

The Clerk presented a compiled statement of the Board's finances during the year ending 25th March last; but Mr ATKINSON wanted a statement of the profit and loss of the gas undertaking, so that the ratepayers could see how the concern was paying.

The Clerk promised to prepare, for the next meeting, separate balance sheets for sanitary work, cemetery, and the gas works.

THE CEMETERY WALL AGAIN.

Mr ATKINSON thought it was time the Board were taking some action with regard to the re-building of the old cemetery wall.

Mr W. RIDLEY questioned whether the Board's finances would, in their present state, permit of such a scheme being carried into effect.

The Clerk stated that the gas accounts were due, this being reckoned to be the heaviest question.

Mr ATKINSON gave notice to propose at the next meeting that the Board ask for tenders for re-building the cemetery wall, unless they agreed to adopt the tenders already sent in.

The CHAIRMAN: The Board never received any tenders.

Mr ATKINSON: No; but it is pretty well under stood that there were tenders sent in.

The CHAIRMAN thought the Board might receive fresh tenders.

THE GAS WORKS.

The gas works manager (Kemp) complained that he had not the necessary retorts for the manufacture of coke. The Clerk explained that he delivered an order at Cornsay Colliery about a month ago, but he (Kemp) had been down that day, and had been informed that no retorts were ordered for the Board.

Mr W. RIDLEY said that nothing was delivered from the works without a written order.

After debating the matter, some members suggested that the Clerk and Kemp should go down to Cornsay Colliery on the following day (Wednesday) and see about the retorts, and it was humorously hinted that the Chairman should accompany them and keep the peace.

Mr WHERLY: You had better take the police sergeant with you. (Laughter.)

The Clerk was ultimately authorised to write an order for six retorts, two to be delivered as soon as possible.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

On the motion of Mr W. RIDLEY, seconded by Mr WHERLY, Dr Hood was re-appointed medical officer to the Board for the forthcoming 12 months.

THE CHANNEL ALONGSIDE THE RAILWAY.

The Inspector was ordered to keep this open channel thoroughly cleaned out, and prevent the recurrence of the nuisance originally complained of by Mr Cheeseman and the N.E.R. Company.

It was agreed to hold the usual mid-monthly meeting on Wednesday, 17th inst., at three p.m.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

LANCHESTER UNION.

We learn that Mr Philip Kirkup has withdrawn from Esh township. Mr Joseph Holroyd refuses to serve for Hedleyhope. Mr Thomas Taylor Smith is accordingly re-elected unopposed, while Father Fortin is disqualified for Esh, being insufficiently rated. In Esh township, three candidates having been nominated for the two seats. These are Mr J. Todd, manager at Hamsterley Colliery; Rev C. F. Hodge, vicar; and Rev P. C. Fortin, Roman Catholic pastor. Of these perhaps Mr Hodge is the least known, but there is still a sufficiently strong Nonconformist body in the district to give him a good chance of success. Mr Todd may, of course, rest assured of the Hamsteels vote—a very important section of the residents. Father Fortin is disqualified. This is a pity, as Father Fortin has for some years been resident pastor at the modest little church of Newhouse, near Waterhouses, and has, from his first settlement at that place, taken a prominent part in public affairs. The part he took in affording shelter in the Ushaw Moor School-room to the women, children, sick and aged of the evicted families during the strike of 1879, when he supplied the school children with a free breakfast every day, his personal exertions by which a second strike at the same place was ended, and his kindly interest in every resident, gentle or simple, and without a moment's consideration of creed or position, have deservedly made him most popular in this district, and thus he appears to have a very strong chance of success. Altogether, the Guardians' election for Esh township promises to be a most exciting and keenly-contested one.

MEETING AT SATLEY.

A numerously-attended meeting was held at Satley on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of considering the election of a Guardian for the township, Mr J. Oliver, who is not a ratepayer in the parish, having been nominated in opposition to Mr Thomas Nicnol, who has occupied the position of Guardian for the last two years, and who is the largest ratepayer in the parish. Rev J. P. De Pledge occupied the chair, and said that if any of the substantial ratepayers living in the parish, and who were necessarily acquainted with all local circumstances, had been nominated, he would not have interfered beyond recording his own vote, but when the honour and intelligence of the parish was concerned by the introduction of a stranger, he would use every effort to frustrate so disloyal a proceeding, which would cast a slur upon the intelligence of the place, and would show to the district that they were incapable of managing their own affairs. He, however, had no doubt as to the result, and that Mr Nichol would be triumphantly returned if the ratepayers would only be true to themselves. They defeated an outsider, to their great credit, last time, and they would do it again, for Mr Nichol had proved himself to be a painstaking and capable Guardian.

Mr C. RICHARDSON spoke very strongly upon the policy of going outside the parish when they had so many within who were well qualified to discharge the duties of Guardian.

Mr M. BUCKHAM, sen., made a few rambling remarks in favour of Mr Oliver, who he considered the cleverest man in the county, and knew all things even about the affairs of Satley, in which place he was not known before he was a candidate for the County Council.

On the CHAIRMAN moving a vote of confidence in Mr Nichol, it was carried with great enthusiasm, only three hands being held up for Mr Oliver.

We understand that the bulk of the ratepayers (including the most influential) object to the introduction of an outsider, and that they wish it to be clearly shown that similar tactics may not occur at any future time.

Cricket.

NEW CLUB FOR SOUTH GARESFIELD COLLIERY.—Under the presidency of Mr John Shiel, a new cricket club is in progress of formation at the South Garesfield Colliery, near Lintz Green. A field adjoining Friarside village has been secured from Mr M. Adamson, butcher, The Leazes, and already a few members have joined the club. It is expected a start will be effected at the commencement of the next season. The hon. secretary is Mr Wm. Braidford, under manager, South Garesfield Colliery, Lintz Colliery.

Trade Notes.

MEETING OF MINERS AT TANTOBIE.

A mass meeting of miners is arranged to be held at Tantobie on Good Friday, April 19th, when the whole of the collieries in the district will take part in the proceedings. The following resolution will be submitted to the meeting:—

1st—"That this meeting is of an opinion that it is imperative and absolutely necessary that a more thorough and complete state of organisation should be, by our own efforts, brought about in the county, so as to effectively resist all (both local and general) attempts to encroach on our rights and liberties, and secure for ourselves the best possible rate of wages." 2nd—"While we believe in the principle of a sliding scale, we most sadly deplore that the basis of the present scale is working so unjust and unfair towards us in not granting an advance in a rising market, that we call upon all our members to vote for abolishing the present scale, so that our agents and committee may draw up a basis for a future scale that shall be submitted to the county and accepted as satisfactory, after which they meet the owners prepared to adopt the same, and failing to do so they ask for a substantial advance of 20 per cent." 3rd—"That this meeting is of an opinion that house rent ought to be paid to men living in rented houses equal to men living in colliery houses, seeing that it is understood that all workmen have free house and coal."

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CHAPTER III.—STRANGE BUSINESS.

"That's a fine day, sir. How do you get your health?"

The speaker was little Johnny MacCrab, a loquacious joiner from Byker, and the gentleman he addressed was no less a personage than Dr. Dread, to whom reference has already been made.

Standing fully six feet high, with a refined, thoroughbred, but puckered and wrinkled face, Dr. Dread's appearance was a striking one. His luminous eyes were set deep in his head, and his long grey hair trailed over his shoulders. The fine cloth garment, which fitted him closely, and appeared to be absolutely without a seam, reached down to his feet. He had wonderfully transparent hands, long and flexible.

"You are late," he answered in deep sonorous tones, consulting a miniature watch, which was set in a bracelet worn round his wrist.

"It bissent my fault. I couldn't get through my job at Scott's sooner, though I made all the haste that I could, your honour. I mind what you told me yesterday. 'Money is no object,' says you, 'so long as the thing is done quickly,' but ye see, I was bound to finish up with Scott, though he's a cantankerous old devil."

"You thoroughly understand your instructions?"

"A'm saying' its the funniest contrivance I ever saw," said Johnny, pulling a piece of paper from his pocket and studying it.

"It is as I want it," said Dr. Dread gravely, but apparently interested in the fellow's chatter.

"As you are to pay the piper, sir, 'tis but right you should have it your own way. It will be Tibb's Eve before I quarrel with a job of this kind. It's a strong interest I take in these things, your honour, for a'm in a kind of a way connected with your line myself."

"Yes?"

"Sure as death. My father was a sexton."

A faint smile flickered on the solemn face of Dr. Dread.

"How was it you did not follow that highly necessary occupation?"

"It wouldn't have suited me. My father was a man as grave as a mustard pot, and didn't talk to anyone. I'd lose my senses if I had to hold my tongue for twenty-four hours. Before he died he said to me—'Johnny,' he says, 'never follow my profession. It dries up the natural eloquence of man, and shuts him out of the convivialities of life. If you ask a man how he's getting his health he thinks you have got your eye on his corpse, and if you call on a sick friend he fancies you are getting impatient for a job. No, Johnny, never you have anything to do with burying people. You can make coffins for them if you like. That's a cheerful and respectable occupation, but let some one else do the lowering.' 'Holy Farmer!' says I to myself, 'I'll take the little boy's advice,' and sure as death, your honour, I've never buried a man yet. Doctor's and sexton's work is pretty much alike, your honour, it's soon out of sight, in both cases."

This conversation took place on the entrance-hall of a large but neglected-looking house standing in grounds of its own near Shotley Bridge. All was dust and confusion. Heavy and curious-looking cases crowded the lobbies, and the rooms were in that state of disorder which bespeaks a new tenant in the house.

"You must try and finish to-night," said Dr. Dread, leading Johnny through a gloomsome passage, which ran at right angles from the hall.

As they moved away a lithe Hindoo, wearing a big turban, emerged from the obscurity of a corner, and noiselessly followed them.

"This is the room I showed you yesterday," said the Doctor, turning into an apartment which was lighted by gas, and was without any window or means of getting outside light. "Now lose no time; I cannot unpack my chests until this is done. I am eager to do so. You had better stay all night, rather than not complete the business."

"Hokey, oh! but that's a warm order. It's a club night with me, your honour. And, anyway, I'll be wanting my tay."

"Leon will give you refreshment." The Hindoo nodded his imperturbable face.

"But as for tea, we have none. We do not take it."

"Sure," said Johnny, with a twinkling eye, "It's only another name for whiskey or rum. Faith! I'm not particular what I drink, so long as it gives the thrapple a good bite."

He threw his bag of tools on the ground, and they left him to his work. He was soon sawing and hammering away, accompanying his exertions by an elegant comic song, the chorus of which went something like this—

For Bessie, the beauty of Byker's, a darling;
She's a beautiful squint in both of her eyes.
Sure when she's not fighting, she's sure to be snarling,
And her mouth, holy Farmer, 's a good trap for flies.

Dr. Dread made his way to a room at a distant end of the building, still followed by the Hindoo. The wall were covered with heavy purple velvet hangings, and some small shaded lamps diffused through the apartment a low, soft light. The carpet was exceedingly rich and thick. One's feet sank in it as they would in a feather bed. The ornaments consisted for the most part of elaborate representations of Eastern temples and Pagan deities. The room gave one the impression of being hurriedly furnished for immediate use. There was still much to be added to it.

The doctor threw himself on a luxurious ottoman, and the Hindoo brought out a quaint-looking pipe, fashioned like a human skull, and set into a large gold stand, which rested on the floor. A long, flexible tube, with a heavy amber mouthpiece completed the arrangement.

This the dusky servant filled with a substance resembling tobacco, but almost colourless. A small spirit lamp provided the requisite light. Having fulfilled these duties he settled himself cross-legged on his haunches, and might have been cut out of solid stone for all the sign of life he gave.

"Will this new place bring me all I seek," murmured the doctor.

"Can it be possible that that which India could not grant, what I failed to discover in Japan, and Persia would not yield, is to be snatched from the commonplace commerce of Newcastle? It may be so. There is no place where the marvellous is not. The great Spirit World is as active in the Stock Exchange as among the mountains of Herat. The visions of Lydia have fixed the place, and here shall I realise the dream of my life. Oh, for rest! for perfect rest! and my task accomplished. To once possess that which monarchs cannot command, and which has only been a dream with the loftiest of our poets, would be a triumph indeed! The way has been long and difficult, but I have pushed hopefully, unflinchingly on, and the reward must come."

The substance he was smoking gave the atmosphere an aromatic sensuous odour. He closed his eyes in dreamy reverie.

The black man rose, and after a little appeared in the room where Johnny was at work, with a bottle of rum, and two glasses.

"That's the boy," cried the joiner. "Bad scran to the man who says rum's not good drinking. What say you my bonny bit of ebony. I was feeling dwamish, and that's solid."

Leon poured out two glasses and settled himself on the door in the same position as when with the master, neither speaking, nor smiling, nor even seeming to breathe.

A soft white hand, bearing one diamond set in the head of a heavy snake ring of uncommon brilliancy, roused Dr. Dread, and Lydia Wild—a woman of powerful and magnetic beauty—stood before him. She was tall and magnificently developed. Her eyes enthralled almost everyone she looked on. Black as jet, they had a weird and haunting expression. Her features were large and determined, but not coarse. Her hair was a rich auburn, and in curious contrast to her dark eyebrows, and her sloey eyes. The difference was due to Nature, however, and not to Art.

"You are back," said the doctor.

"Yes, Nadad. A strange thing has happened." She spoke in deep, melodious tones, but with a trace of excitement. "Close to the gate have I found a man lying insensible, his clothes are dripping with water as though he had crawled out of that pool we noticed yesterday. He has an ugly wound on his head which still bleeds. He is yet alive. May he not serve your purpose?"

"Exquisite woman!" He rose from his seat. "Leon" he said, so softly that the man could not possibly hear him in the far off room, where he still was with the joiner. Nevertheless, Leon immediately appeared. A look from the doctor was sufficient to make him bring a curious and most ingenious contrivance for carrying a human body. It consisted of two long bamboos. At one end they ran into one another, and, working on a swivel, formed a single pole when the two were brought together. At the other end, the poles were about three feet apart, and joined by three broad bands of a tough material strong enough to bear the weight of any man. Nothing lighter or more portable could be imagined.

Without more ado the Doctor put on his hat, and made for the road, followed by his servant bearing the bamboos. In less than ten minutes they had carried the injured man into the velvet room and had placed him on the floor for the purpose of examination.

"Oh, most powerful and all-wonderful Fate," cried the Doctor, elevating his long white hands, "what strange things have you yet in store for me. Why this man is Basil Thornecliffe."

CHAPTER IV.—A WEIRD GIFT.

"Basil Thornecliffe!" echoed Lydia. "You have often spoken of him. You have always longed to meet him. This is a good omen."

"He was once as earnest a seeker after perpetual life as myself. We studied together; and he devoted much of his wealth to our researches. Suddenly his sentiments underwent a complete revolution. He abandoned all hope of success, and we separated. 'Tis, indeed, a strange fate that has sent him here—here at my feet, almost dead."

As the doctor spoke he was making a careful examination of the body, especially of the wounded head.

"Not gone yet—not yet, but on the very verge of the grave. Leon, my room."

The impassive Hindoo again took one end of the bamboos, and with the doctor's help the body was conveyed to a luxuriously-furnished bedroom, stripped, and wrapped in hot blankets, and put to bed, when Dr. Dread administered such remedies as his science suggested. The patient remained in a state of profound unconsciousness, breathing heavily.

Motioning to his servant to keep watch at the bedside, he carefully searched Basil Thornecliffe's pockets, and carried the contents out of the room with him.

Left to himself, Leon squatted on the floor, and drew from the breast of his loose costume a pint bottle of rum, which he proceeded to consume with supreme content.

"It does not seem that robbery prompted the attack on Basil," said the doctor, returning to Lydia, and placing on the table a gold watch and chain, some loose money, a few bank notes, a pocket-book, and sundry minor articles.

"Will he recover?" asked the woman, examining each article carefully.

"I am hopeful that he will live, but his reason may be impaired."

"The object was robbery," declared Lydia, decisively. "Look at this pocket-box. It is torn, and there are bloody finger-marks on its cover. Where was it?"

"Where such things are usually carried—in the breast pocket of his coat."

"Strange," mused the woman. "The man who did this thing must have replaced it after taking from it what he wanted."

For a few minutes they remained in thought.

"I have a theory," said the grave-looking doctor. "It is this: the blow was struck when Basil was near to yonder pool of water. The would-be murderer rolled the body into the water to make assurance doubly sure, but defeated his own purpose. A sudden shock will often bring a return of consciousness to those suffering from concussion of the brain. The water gave Basil a brief time of sensibility. He managed to scramble out of the water and to walk or crawl to where you found him. Then came the re-action; again the brain became dead and the limbs powerless. If this be the position of affairs, my task will be the more difficult. One can do more for such a case at first than after a re-action."

"Ah, Nadad," cried the woman, her sonorous voice ringing with enthusiasm, "if you want him back to life, he will live."

"Yes," he answered earnestly, "I am bent on saving this time, not on slaying," and he noiselessly sought the bedside of his patient. Leon must have had the sense of hearing developed to the highest degree, for when his master reached the door of the chamber, the dark servant was there to open it for him.

Lydia Wyld's face glowed with a strange intensity as she continued to minutely examine the articles Dr Dread had brought her.

Occasionally she made brief notes on her ivory tablets, which were bound with rich Indian gold, beautiful chased. Every page of the pocket-book was scanned again and again. An hour passed in this work, and then that tall man with the marvellous eyes and the long flowing hair returned.

"There is not much change," he said, in answer to her inquiring look, "but that little is for the better. What have you discovered?"

They looked a remarkable pair sitting in that mellowed light, and Oriental magnificence, grotesque figures of heathen gods, and exquisitely carved models of mystic temples—she, with her magic beauty and her soulful eyes; he with as sombre and thrilling a face as Dante himself.

"The notes are English ones," she answered, "and we may infer that your friend had not been in England many days. The inference is borne out by a letter found in the pocket-book addressed to Basil Thornecliffe, Esq., Midland Hotel, St. Pancras.' It is dated four days back, and is from Mr Law, a solicitor, apparently of Lincoln's Inn. It is merely a formal thing to the effect that Mr Thorncliff's instructions would be duly carried out. We must ascertain what those instructions were. In the pocket-book I find the address of Mr Richard Dunlop. His house, I believe, is not far from here. It may have been after leaving the place that Basil Thorncliffe was attacked. There are some entries, too, which seem to point to your friend being the possessor of some large some of money, but I cannot discover whether he had it with him or not."

"The soul is fettered by its earthly-casement," said Dr Dread. "We must give it liberty, and you shall show me its revelations."

"Must it be Nadad?" she asked.

"Yes. It is long since you have exerted your marvellous power."

"And so the task becomes more difficult."

A slight sigh escaped her, and she turned and faced him, holding the bloodstained pocket-book in one hand.

He gazed into her eyes for some minutes, his own gradually gleaming into balls of fire. Slowly, very slowly, the ripe colour of her cheeks died away and her face became of a grey hue. Even the vermillion lips paled. The light of the eyes faded and faded until a flim appeared to come over them, or as though they looked inwards rather than outwards. They remained wide open, and there was no twitching of the lids. The hands became rigid, and the dainty pink finger nails white. Very slight was the breathing, the lovely contours of the bust scarcely rising or falling at all, like a bright and gently swelling sea hushed to the calmness of a placid lake.

"What do you see?" asked Dr Dread, in tremulous tones.

"All is darkness," was the reply, given in a strange, far-off voice. "I see figures, but through a mist. I am in a strange place. The very air seems new to me.

"You will penetrate the darkness, and pass through the mist."

A long silence followed, Dr Dreads face wearing an expression of painful anxiety.

"The mist is melting," she said, presently, "and I see two men smoking. One is Basil Thornecliffe. The other man I do not know. He looks a gentleman. He has white hair and fresh cheeks."

Another pause.

"The house is a pleasant one. There are grounds about it, and shrubs and trees. I see something near the window of the room where Basil Thorncliffe is talking. I cannot tell whether it is a human being or the shadow of a waving tree. It might be either. The two men leave the house together. When they get to the road I am lost. I can see nothing."

"Think of the pool of water—the pool you know."

"The other ground is strange to her," he murmured to himself. "After she has gone over it she will see more clearly.

All this time he was taking notes of what she said.

"Ah! yes, I see the pool. Its dark waters reflect the moon. Basil is near to it."

"And the man who smoked with him in the house?"

"Alas! I cannot tell. His back is towards me. His hat is pulled low down. I cannot even tell the colour of his hair."

The hand which held the pocket-book trembled convulsively.

"See," she cried, "the man strikes Basil with a heavy stick. There is a slight scuffle. Basil falls. The pocket-book is searched; something taken from it; all is re-placed in a coat pocket. The man with the heavy stick rolls the body over and over into the water. Still, I cannot see his face. But he is active. Fleet steps carry him from the place. All now is dark and silent. I see nothing but the drear water. I am faint."

"No more can be done to-night," said the doctor, and he rose and moved to a distant part of the room. This action seemed to break the spell upon her, and after a slight shudder she became herself.

He gave her a small, clear cut glass filled with a crystal fluid, slightly volatile, which she drank.

"Well," she queried.

He read the notes he had taken to her.

"Perhaps the house was Mr Dunlop's?" she said.

"You will make it your business to find that out to-morrow."

"Yes; but of course I do not remember anything I have seen. It will be easy, though to discover whether Mr Dunlop had a visitor last night."

"Nothing more simple. Now I must return to Basil."

Lydia sank into a deep reverie. A soft smile slightly parted her lips. Whatever form her dream took, it was a pleasant one.

CHAPTER V.—BAD NEWS.

Harry Freshton rose on the morning following his visit to Mr Dunlop's house with a light heart. Dainty, for whom he had long felt an intense passion, had practically confessed her love for him, and the future looked full of delight. To secure her father's consent to their marriage had not yet been either sought or given; but young Freshton's sanguine nature would not permit him to see any obstacles in the way to their union. He would progress in Mr Dunlop's service, and, one day, not only become his son-in-law, but also his partner. "Why not?" he asked, with the hopeful philosophy of youth.

He had never know his parents; his grandmother, a taciturn old woman, had reared him, but also had been dead some time, and he now lived in lodgings off Elswick Road.

Probably it had at first been his solitary condition that had prompted Mr Dunlop to invite the lad to his house; then, liking his frank, buoyant ways, the visits were frequently repeated.

Yes, this seemed the best of all possible worlds to him as he hurried down Westgate Hill with lively steps.

At the corner of Grainger Street he was stopped by a tall, slim man, whose hairless face wore an expression of permanent astonishment, which wrinkled the forehead and gave the eyes an appearance of open wonder. He wore a long frock coat, buttoned tightly round him, and a hat of unusual height and narrowness of brim—altogether an old-looking man of perhaps forty-five years of age.

"Sir," he said, with some formality, "can you tell me whether a Mr Richard Dunlop has an office in this neighbourhood?"

"Easily. I am going there myself. His place is on the Quayside. Indeed, I am in that gentleman's service."

"Good. I was about to consult a directory, but you have saved me that trouble. Good again!"

"Do you wish to see Mr Dunlop himself?"

"Certainly."

"Well, you are rather early. You see he lives a little way out and does not get in till about half-past ten."

"Oh. Perhaps you can tell me whether Mr Basil Thornecliffe called on him yesterday?"

"An old friend of his visited the house last evening. I think that was the name."

"Good! Do you happen to know where that gentleman is staying?"

"I have not the faintest idea."

"Mr Dunlop will know?"

"I should imagine so."

"Good. If you will give me the address I will call in at half-past ten. Good. Thanks."

"That's a queer looking fellow, and a stranger to Newcastle. I could not have missed him in the street," and Harry hurried on to the office, where he was soon deeply immersed in the mysteries of the ledgers. The figures evidently gave him a considerable amount of trouble, for he went over the same columns again and again.

"It's odd," he murmured more than once, "I can't make this come right at all."

After a time George Wave arrived, looking pale and haggard; there was a slight scratch on his left cheek.

"Hulloa," he cried fiercely, "what are you doing with that ledger?"

"Mr Dunlop asked me to go carefully through some of these accounts, as he could not make them come right."

"Mr Dunlop! When?" George was considerably agitated, and a hunted look came into his bloodshot eyes.

"Yesterday afternoon, sir, when I was up at Shotley Bridge. After you had left."

"How foolish of him not to have spoken to me. You had better get on with your regular work. I will see to this."

"But there are several things here I can't balance," Harry protested.

"Then leave the task to some one who understands figures better."

At this juncture Mr Dunlop entered with a cheery "Good morning" for all of them.

"By the way," said George, with as much composure as he could command, "I've got a little behind with the books lately. The 'Rosalie' has taken up all my time. I'll have a good go in at them on Saturday afternoon, when I shall not be disturbed."

"Do," answered Mr Dunlop readily, "there's something wrong somewhere."

"I'll soon put it right!"

"A brief respite," murmured George to himself, wiping the perspiration from his forehead. "The end is drawing near. What in the name of infamy shall I do? It seems there is nothing before me but flight or death, the one as appalling to me as the other. I was ready enough last night to ask old Dunlop for a loan if I had had the chance, but this morning I am as nervous as a child—broken, shattered. Even a worse charge than that of embezzlement might be made against me. If that had only turned out differently last night I should have been safe here, and strong enough to face any danger. My only chance is to tackle old Dunlop. I must steady myself. Brandy seems to have lost its old power."

He was leaving the office when Mr Dunlop came to the door of his room, and, in a low, husky voice, called him in.

"I have bad news," he said. "Baylis & Brown are down."

"Impossible. They are as safe as the Bank of England!"

"We all thought so. They have failed for one hundred thousand. Wills Brothers are heavily in with them, and if they go—"

"We go too. Good heavens, what a blow!"

"It is more than a blow. I am the wrong age to commence the world anew, and then my poor daughter—"

"Let us hope for the best. If Wills Brothers stand, we can pull through."

"Under the worst circumstances," cried Mr Dunlop, with sudden spirit, "I see some chance out of our trouble. An old friend of mine, Basil Thorncliffe—the gentleman who was at the house yesterday—has brought over with him a considerable amount of money. He has a purpose for it, but this purpose is not an immediate one. He will help me, I am sure, till we have tided over this crisis."

"Yes," said George faintly. Turning away, he bit his lip angrily. "What a fool I was," he muttered; "what a complete idiot."

"If you please, Mr Dunlop, there is a gentleman who wishes to see you," said Harry, entering the room at this point.

"Show him in," and there entered the quaint-looking figure who had accosted young Freshton in the street.

"You don't know me," said the stranger, taking off his hat and revealing a perfectly bald head, "so I'll introduce myself. My name's Law, literally and figuratively. Law by name and Law by nature or, perhaps, to be adequately correct, Law by profession. Law, of Law Court, Lincoln's Inn, London."

"Well, Mr Law, to what are we indebted for this visit?"

"A very simple matter indeed. You are acquainted with Mr Basil Thornecliffe?"

George started.

"Certainly."

"Good, and he called at your house last evening?"

"Yes."

"Good again. Did he stay with you for the night?"

"No. For some reasons of his own he was anxious to return to Newcastle. He said he had a bed at the Douglas Hotel."

"Very good, indeed, that is all. I want to see Mr Thornecliffe on particular business and without delay. Excuse my haste. I know the way to the Douglas;" and away Mr Law walked. "I trust there is no trouble in store for my friend," said Mr Dunlop.

"I don't think there is," answered George, with a peculiarly evil look. "I shall be back soon," he added.

George Wane looked ten years older as he crossed the street than when he had entered the office.

"Things are confoundedly crooked," he reflected. "I can't ask Dunlop for money after this failure, and if we go too, the creditors will show me no mercy. The presence of this man Law promises much danger. What a ghastly sell it was for me last night! Hang it all, I see nothing for it now but O'Neill's advice—another plunge into the banking account and a trip to a new country. It isn't a pleasant alternative, but needs must when the devil drives."

He entered the three Indian Kings, called for a glass of brandy, and drank it eagerly. Ere returning to the office he entered another place and went through the same performance.

"I can drink it like water to-day," was his thought.

At the door of the counting-house he was joined by Mr Law, and that gentleman appeared to be in a state of considerable agitation.

"Sir," said he, "Mr Thornecliffe did not return to the Douglas last night."

"No? Probably he took a fancy to some other hotel."

"But his luggage, sir, is at the Douglas."

"He may have stayed with friends."

"He has no friends here except Mr Dunlop. What can have happened to him?"

"A dozen things, none of which should occasion you, or anyone else, alarm. Single gentlemen who come ashore after a long voyage do the most erratic things. No doubt he will turn up at the hotel during the day."

"I hope so, for I cannot leave this country until he is found."

"Indeed, said George, coolly, though a slight shiver went through him.

"There is no help for it," he murmured to himself, "I must go."

He turned away from the office, leaving Mr Law to enter it. "I must walk and think," he said.

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It was Lydia Wyld.

"Are you Mr Dunlop?" she asked.

(*To be continued.*)

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NOTES FROM THE CITY.

[By "Tattler."]

Well, Mr Editor, I feel it, of course, to be my first duty to "bow my head and bend my back" to you in consideration of your selection of me to occupy the honourable and distinguished position of your first "City" representative. I know full well, and you know too, how necessary it is to "keep up with the times," as the saying goes, and that, consequently, it behoves those who have interests to look after—well, briefly—to look after 'em.

And, now, a word to the reader. It shall be my endeavour, so far as my abilities allow, to treat upon subjects from time to time to suit the tastes of all. I do not say (well, would it not be folly to say so?) that I shall always please everybody. To attempt this would mean that I should have to completely ignore that valuable little story, and its moral—the one, you know, which relates to the old man and the ass—and this I could not possibly do. At the same time, I shall use my utmost efforts to provide against the possibility of offending the most "refined taste," so long, of course, as such "taste" does not interfere with truthful exposition.

As you are perfectly well aware, my readers, there is a class of people who are satisfied with nothing. Why, there are actually some, I don't doubt, who would question the accuracy of the grammatical construction of my last sentence. In the minds of some there is profanity in everything except such as those to which they lend their every support, and on which they bestow their own particular energies. They will object if I call such ideas narrow; but candour compels me to admit that they are. It will, of course, be understood that I speak in a general sense. I will give you one example.

Football, that manly, exhilarating, and healthful sport, has been recently attacked by a gentleman who styles himself a "Converted Enthusiast." To use the words of this "converted" gentleman, football promotes a love of drink, gambling, bad language, betting, and a few other vices. Did ever anybody hear anything so perfectly absurd? A man who kicks a ball, who tussles good humouredly with his fellows, who exercises his limbs, strengthens his muscles, and invigorates his whole organism by healthful out-door recreation, must needs be, in the mind of this remarkably "converted" gentleman, a sot, a gambler, and a drunkard.

"Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?"

"Dear! give me a lock of your hair,
To treasure for ever," he cried.
Her tresses were curling and fair,
Her rivals alleged they were dyed.
"I cannot," she answered, "do that,
For my screw in the panto's not big,
And really I'm not such a flat,
As to spoil my new six-guinea wig."

The fight for the Northumberland Cup had been looked forward to with much interest, and, as far as I am able to ascertain, the Percy Park team was looked upon as the probable victor-team. But the fates ruled otherwise, the Northern showing to the best possible advantage. It was an exciting game; but in no sense really brilliant. Each team seemed as earnest in its endeavours to "take the cake," as the saying goes, that very little scientific play was exhibited. Gill, however, contrived to show out well, as he generally does, and made two or three good points, as also did the brothers Scott. The attendance, it is computed, was larger than on any previous occasion, something like 5,000 spectators being present.

Miss Patti Rosa is not likely to rival Miss Minnie Palmer. The former, who, with her company held the boards of the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, last week, appearing in the comedy *Bob*, is bright, vivacious, pretty; acts well, plays the banjo well, sings sweetly, and shows herself to advantage as the orthodox girly-girl. She is all this, and yet—and yet, there is a something too accentuated about everything she does, and an absence of that winning refinement which characterises Miss Palmer's method. You feel, so to speak, that you love Minnie, while you can only admire and be amused by Miss Patti Rosa. Nevertheless this young lady drew large houses—thanks not alone to herself, but much owing to the capital company supporting her.

The most taking song she sang—albeit not particularly elevated in tone—was "I'm what you call a jolly girl," the rendering of which was night after night greeted with much applause. Her method was, to my thinking, too reminiscent of Jenny Hill, but it went down well. Here you have the words of the refrain:—

"Oh! Hannah, Hannah,
Do come out to-night;
Hannah, Hannah, the moon is shining bright.
Just jump over the high brick wall,
I will catch you in your fall,
And then we'll go to the fancy ball,
If you'll come out to-night."

Scene: Central Station. Time—mid-day. South train about to leave.

Fond mother: "Good-bye, Jane."
Jane (going out to service): "Good-bye."
F.M.: "You've got your ticket?"
Jane: "Yes."
(Pause).
F.M.: "Don't forget to write."
Jane: "Oh! no, I won't forget."
F.M.: "Have you got your box?"
Jane: "Oh yes, it's all right."
F.M.: "Where's your ticket?"
Jane: "It's here, all right."
F.M.: "Don't forget to change."
Jane: "Oh no, I won't forget."
F.M.: "Be careful when you get out of the train."
Jane: "Yes."
F.M.: "And go straight to the house."
Jane: "Yes."
F.M.: "You had better take the train."
Jane: "All right."
F.M.: "Look after the box, now."
Jane: "Oh yes, I'll watch it."
F.M.: "Now you'll write to-night."
Jane: "Yes."
F.M.: "Don't forget."
Jane: "No, I won't forget."
Guard: "Right in front." (Whistles).
F.M.: "Good-bye."
Jane: "Good-bye."
F.M.: "Good-bye."
Jane: "Good ——."

And the train moves off leaving the sentence unfinished.

I hear loud complaints from time to time from commercial gentlemen of the poor railway facilities between the City and Consett. I am afraid this is a very old grievance, and old grievances like bad shilling pieces are not readily got rid of. It will require all the preseverance and energy of those interested in having such a state of things redressed in spite of the fact—and I feel sure that it is a fact—that those in authority are fully conscious of the injustice they are doing the populous district in and around Consett. There is probably no better paying branch in the district than that of the Derwent Valley, and it would be difficult to find a branch more neglected in the matter of passenger communication with Newcastle. Let everybody put his hand firmly to the wheel, and in time very much may be accomplished.

I have read with much interest the letters which have appeared recently through your columns, on the subject of Impure Literature, and have for a long time been occupying the attention of a very wide section of the community all over the country. In the course of a lecture delivered the other day by the Rev Walter Walsh, at Newcastle, that gentleman is reported to have made some startling statements. To hear that "the higher and middle class schools are visited by agents to induce young men and women to purchase books of an unproper kind," and that in London "there are shops where girls go to read, and are supplied with impure literature," is to hear something which few of us will have been prepared for; but for all which, unfortunately, the rev gentleman is prepared to vouch. Surely such a state of things requires that some activity greater than hitherto has been shown, should be brought to bear in this matter. But, alas how can it be done?

THE LATE MR. JOHN BRIGHT.

LOCAL REMINISCENCES.

The death of the Right Hon. John Bright will be a matter of regret to the inhabitants of the district, especially at Shotley Bridge, where he has family connections. Mr Bright's first wife, espoused in 1839, was Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Mr Jonathan Priestman, of Benwell House, Newcastle. She was installed at One Ash Rochdale. In 1840 a child, Helen Priestman Bright, was born. In the middle of September, 1840, the mother died. Mr Bright was a man of strong affections, and felt his loss very acutely. On the occasion of Miss Priestman's marriage with Mr John Bright in 1839, there were great rejoicings at Shotley Bridge, and the right hon. gentleman delivered an appropriate speech in a field adjacent to the residence of the bride. Mr Bright again visited Shotley when Mr Priestman married the eldest daughter of Mr Jon. Richardson. The distinguished statesman and relative paid his last visit to Shotley Bridge in the year 1873. Mr Bright's first wife left a daughter, now a Mrs Clark, at Street, Somerset. Mrs Clark, before her marriage Miss Helen Priestman Bright, is an occasional visitor to Derwent Lodge. When Mr Bright was so critically ill, some months ago, his brother-in-law, Mr Jonathan Priestman, of Shotley Bridge, went from Newcastle to see him, and made the remark on his return that he "did not think he would see Mr Bright again in life." The remark proved true, in an unexpected manner. Mr Priestman's death at the close of the year was recorded, and now his distinguished relative has followed him "beyond the veil." The official record of the first marriage of Mr John Bright to Miss Elizabeth Priestman is in custody of the Superintendent Registrar at John Street, Sunderland. The marriage was celebrated at the Friend's Meeting House, in the parish of All Saints, Newcastle, on the 11th month, 27th, 1839, "according to the usages of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers." The "happy couple" are registered of "full age," Mr Bright being described as a bachelor, cotton spinner, Greenbank, Rochdale. Father's name, Jacob Bright, cotton spinner. The witnesses names were William Beaumont and John Richardson, and Thomas Mounsey was the registering officer.

Sporting Items

Pigeon Shooting at West Pelton.—At Mr R. White's Colliery Inn, on Saturday, George Pinkney, and Robert Forster, Pelton Fell, shot at five pigeons each for £10 a-side, 18 yards rise, 1¼ oz shot, single gun, Forster winning without shooting at his last bird.

Newfield Gun Club.—A meeting was held at Mrs Emmerson's Newfield Inn, on Saturday, when a competition for a silver cup was shot off. Three of the ten competitors tied with five birds each down out of the six down.

Billiards at Dipton.—Mr W. Elliott, of the Sportsman's Arms, has just had a splendid billiard table affixed in the upstairs room of his premises, Mr Elliott has offered £6 10s for a billiard handicap, which has already received 74 entries, and before a commencement is made it is expected that there will be 100 competitors for the event.

Quoiting at Broomhill.—On Saturday afternoon, a good company assembled in a field near Mr Calvert's hostelry at Broomhill, near Ebchester, to witness a quoit match, 31 points up, clay ends, for £2 a side, between John Wright and John Armstrong, both of Allendale Cottages. The men played evenly till 27 points were reached; when Wright scored 3 more and won.

Rabbit Coursing at Rowlands Gill.—A greyhound coursing sweepstakes at rabbits for 16 dogs at 7s per lot, promoted by Mr Stephen Bewick, was brought off on Saturday afternoon, in a field belonging to Messrs Errington, near Rowlands Gill Station. The weather being beautifully fine, there was a large concourse of spectators. Details:—Second round—Give Her a Chance beat Bella, King Monmouth beat Try Again, Cross Keys beat Frigate, Just in Time beat Flying Butcher. Stake divided. This was followed by a small sweepstake for nine dogs at 5s per lot:—Final—Armstrong's Flying Butcher beat Leybourne's Frigate and won. G. Walker, of Rowlands Gill, was judge, and W. Pearson, Rowland Gill, slipper.

Ryton Rowing Club.—The annual general meeting of this flourishing rowing club was held on Monday night, in the Workmen's Club. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr T. W. Bourn. The balance sheet showed £15 3s 11d to the good, and the regatta accounts were satisfactory. The club is well supplied with boats, and the members are all enthusiastic oarsmen. The opening day will be Saturday, April 27th. The annual regatta will take place in August. The following gentlemen were elected officials and committee men:—Captain, Mr T. W. Bourn; lieutenant, Mr W. Alderson; secretary and treasurer, Mr J. Cowen, jun.; assistant secretary, Mr A. S. Wancke; committee, Messrs C. Atkinson, Geo. Bates, Geo Bourn, jun., F. Bullock, R. R. Pirrie, and T. Wallaces.

The Great Footrace at Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, at the Dipton running ground, the finale heats of the £12 10s 124 yards pedestrian handicap, which was promoted by Mr Robert Brown, of the Bute Arms Hotel, was run off under the most auspicious circumstances. Over 400 spectators paid entrance to the enclosure. The weather having been fine and dry the track was in first-class condition. The racing was exceptionally good, the distinguishing feature of the handicap being that there were remarkably close finishes. Result:—Heat 1—P Duffy, Jarrow, 9½ yards, 1; T. Brown, Dipton, 20½, 2; W. Hansom, Leadgate, 17, 3; J. G. Raine, Victoria Garesfield Colliery, 18½, 4; T. Davidson, Swalwell, 14½, 5. Won on the post, all the rest finishing in a cluster after an extraordinary good race. Heat 2—T. Scott, Deckham, 22, 1; Wm. Parker, Consett, 13½, 2; C. Douglass, Blackhill, 12½, 3; J. J. Allan, Blackhill, 17, 4. Won easily, all running in nice form. Heat 3—J. Leadbitter, Dipton, 20½, 1; G. Kennedy, Dipton, 20½, 2; I. Thirlwell, Leadgate, 15½, 3; J. Spoor, Blaydon, 14½, 4; I. Bowman, Denton, 14, 5. Won by three-quarters of a yard; a splendid race. Heat 4—J. Robson, Pontop Colliery, 16½, 1; E. Burton, Victoria Garesfield Colliery, 20, 2; A. Todd, Dipton, 22, 3; W. Mc Kenna, Westwood, 17½, 4; T. Clasper, Byermoor, 22, 5. Won by about three-quarters of a yard. After running the second ties the handicap looked a good thing for Scott, of Deckham Colliery. Speculation was very rife. Betting ruled at 5 to 2 on Scott, 4 to 1 agst Leadbitter, and 4 to 1 agst Robson. After three-quarters of an hour's rest, the final heat ended as under:—Leadbitter, £9, 1; Scott, £2, 2; Duffy, £1, 3; and Robson, 10s, 4. The men were depatched with a pretty even start. Leadbitter going off the mark like a rocket, and showing his best form. After 90 yards had been run he reduced Scott's lead to six inches, and gradually drew in front winning on the post by six inches. Less than a yard covered the four competitors at the finish. The heat was a capital one, and was run amidst the greatest excitement. Mr M. Snowdon, Tantobie, performed the duties of handicapper and judge, while Wm. Caiter, Dipton, acted as starter.—It is the intention of Mr Wm. Young, of the Red Lion Inn, to offer £20 for a big footrace to be run at Eastertide.

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

Bewicke Main School beat Pitt Hill School by one goal to none.

Tanfield Lea v Stanley.—Played on the ground of the former, and ended in an easy victory for the home team by seven goals to one.

Hobson Ranger Juniors v Dipton St. John's.—Played on the Hobson ground. Both teams showed good form, the Dipton backs kicking splendidly, but the home team managed to elude them, and won by four goals to one.

Leadgate Exiles' Reserve v Langley Park Rovers.—Played at Langley Park before a large number of spectators. The home captain won the toss, and the Exiles kicked off up the hill. The home team pressed during the first half, but the defence was too good. In the second half the visitors, with the incline in their favour, scored thrice in rapid succession. Final score—

Exiles' Reserve ....Three goals
Langley Park ....Nil

The special feature of the game was the re-appearance of R Hafferty after a long retirement from the football field, and there is no one would feel more gratified than the writer to see that gallant custodian occupy his former position. He has made rapid strides of late in the art of football, and it is my candid opinion that should nothing impede his progress ere the curtain falls on another season, he will well have earned his International cap. J O'Neale, who was also wound up to concert pitch, came in for no small amount of hand-shaking, and numerous were the inquiries amongst the eager crowd as to who he was and his address. Rovers' team—Goal, T Raper; backs, J Vickers and J Vasey; half-backs, J Agar, J Gott, and J Cooper; forwards, A Mossey, H Monsey, G Jackson, C Jackson, and T Newton. Umpire, Mr D Samuel.

Medomsley v West End Reserve.—These teams played their return fixture on the West End ground at Newcastle. There was a large number of spectators present, and the ground being in excellent condition, a good game resulted. The home team won the toss and played down the hill. Charlton started the game, and West End at once became dangerous, the visitors' backs clearing. The home team again returned to the attack, but found the defence quite equal to the occasion. The visitors now began to settle down, and their forwards gave the home defence something to do, forcing them to concede an abortive corner. West End again took up the attack, and a swift shot was sent in which Beadling only partially stopped, and it twisted through the posts, loud cheers from the "West" supporters greeting this success. Walton made a nice run up the right, but shot by. Soon after Dales made the run of the day. Securing the ball about midfield he eluded all the backs, and wound up a splendid effort by shooting through, thus equalising the scores. Medomsley now played with renewed vigour, and the "West" defenders had a lively time of it. Just before half-time the home forwards made a good run, and one of them who was waiting in the goal mouth for the ball, shot through. Medomsley appealed for what seemed a palpable case of off-side, but the point was allowed. Half-time score—

West End ....Two goals
Medomsley ....One goal

After a brief rest the game was recommenced, and the West End forwards got into the visitors' territory, but their visit was only of short duration. During the remainder of the game Medomsley kept up a continual attack on the home goal, but their shooting was rather weak, the fast ground somewhat deceiving them. Ross equalised the score about 10 minutes from the re-start, but try as they would Medomsley could not get another through. The home defence certainly played well, the goalkeeper and backs especially, but the visitors should have won. They had extremely "hard lines" on several occasions, hitting the cross-bar two or three times, and shooting just over and by the posts. The game terminated with the score as under—

West End ....Two goals
Medomsley ....Two goals

For the home team Robson kept goal splendidly, saving some hot shots, and the backs and halves were good. Bennett was the best of the forwards. Beadling was all there between the sticks for Medomsley, and Little and Cant, as usual, defended admirably. Barron played a champion game at half, and Wallace also did well. Of the forwards Dales and Walton were the pick. West End played one short during a portion of the game. Teams:—West End Reserve—Goal, E Robson; backs, T Minnikin (capt.) and W Tinn; half-backs, J Fitzgerald, McAmmond, and J Thompson; forwards, W Bennett and Robson, right wing; T Nicholson, centre; S Hardman and W Greener, left wing. Medomsley:—Goal, G Beadling; backs, A Little (right) and W Cant (left); half-backs, J Wallace (right), W Barron (centre), and G Moon (left); forwards, G Walton (outside right), J Ross (inside right), M Charlton (centre), J Hunter (capt.) (inside left), T D Dales (outside left). Umpire, Mr W G Thompson.

DURHAM ASSOCIATION CUP: FINAL.

Birtley v Sunderland Albion.—Played before 6,000 spectators at Bishop Auckland. The game resulted in a victory for the Albion by two goals to one. The crowd stopped play on two occasions, and the game had to be abandoned eight minutes before time.—At a meeting of the Durham Association, on Tuesday night, the tie was ordered to be re-played on Saturday, April 13th, at Darlington.

RUGBY

Bearpark St. Edmund's v Langley Moor.—Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a draw, each side scoring three minor points.

JOTTINGS.

Leadgate Exiles are in want of a match for Good Friday, and the secretary would like to arrange a fixture with a first-class team on home ground.—Wire or write immediately to J McCurley, hon. sec., West Street, Leadgate.

TANFIELD LEA v DIPTON WANDERERS

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Allow me to say a few words against Mr Smith's letter in your last issue. Being at the aforesaid match, I am surprised at the way he can invent lies, as I think his letter a heap of nothing else. But to business: He says Tanfield Lea will play the Wanderers for from £10 to £20 at any time they choose. Now I think Dipton will not disgrace their team by playing for a wager, as it is totally against the rules of the Association. But they will play Tanfield Lea a friendly game on May 4th, on the Hobson football ground, each club to share the expense of placing a referee on the field; no player to reside more than a mile from his respective ground. If Tanfield Lea will play Dipton on these terms, I will wager £10 on the result of the game. G. Press.

Delight Rows, Dipton.

HOW TO ERADICATE STAINS.

Fruit or wine stains are easily taken out of linen and similar fabrics if the article is stretched over a bowl of boiling water, and a thin layer of chloride of lime or salts of lemon laid on, and left for a few seconds, then washed with warm water. After this, the garments may be washed in the ordinary way. Cloth stained by fruit is more difficult to deal with; it is better in most cases to shew the cloth to a good chemist, who will give something suitable. Sometimes acid is used, which leaves a reddish mark behind; this can often be counteracted by ammonia water. Ink spots in cloth must be treated with salts of lemon, and for certain colours oxalic acid is safe. Paint stains can be removed at once with butter rubbed on with a bit of linen, changed as it becomes soiled; afterwards if a bit of blotting-paper is laid over and a warm iron pressed on, the mark will disappear. Milk stains on velvet or velveteen may be taken out by cold water if applied at once; the spot should be carefully brushed with a soft brush after sponging, then hung up to dry. Oil spots can be removed from most coloured woollen materials by benzine, but some of the new colours are not nice to tamper with. Black materials of most kinds that have lost their freshness look all the better for a good sponging with ammonia water; this takes the glossy look from some kinds of black cloth, such we mean as look greasy after very little wear. Strong cold coffee, strained through muslin, answers the same purpose. Mildew spots on silk or satin should be wiped off with a silk handkerchief, then exposed to the sun for a few hours. Mildew stains from linen should be taken out by a good soaping, followed by a paste of lemon juice and chalk. If laid on the grass, and the spots sprinkled now and then with water as the paste becomes dry, the marks will usually disappear. Greasy marks, if slight, can be removed from coloured satin or silk by powdered French chalk, rubbed in hard on the wrong side. This sometimes does for woollens. We must in fairness remind our readers that the success mainly depends on the prompt application of the medium employed for removing the stain.

A FEW RULES FOR HEALTH.

1. Keep the body clean. The countless pores of the skin are so many little drain tubes for the refuse of the system. Let us not be afraid of a wet sponge and five minutes' brisk exercise with a rough towel night or morning. Never wear at night the undergarments that are worn through the day.

2. Devote eight hours out of the twenty-four to sleep. Children should be allowed to sleep until they awake of their own free will.

3. Never go out to work in early morning in any locality subject to damps, fogs, and unhealthy vapours with an empty stomach. If there is not time to wait for a cup of coffee or tea, pour two-thirds of a cup of boiling water on two teaspoonfuls of cream, or a beaten egg, season it with salt and pepper, and drink it while hot before going out.

4. Avoid over-eating. To rise from the table able to eat a little more is a proverbially good rule for everyone. There is nothing more unwise than forcing down a few mouthfuls because they happen to remain on one's plate after hunger is satisfied, and because they may be "wasted" if left. It is the most serious waste to over-tax the stomach with even half an ounce more than it can take care of.

5. Avoid foods and drinks that plainly disagree with the system. Vigorous outdoor workers should beware of heavy, indigestible suppers. Suppers should always consist of light, easily-digested foods—being, in the country, so soon followed by sleep, and the stomach being as much entitled as the head to profound rest.

6. Never sleep in polluted air. The air in all bedrooms without an open window and not otherwise ventilated rapidly becomes impure when they are slept in. Indeed, the air in a closed bedroom is often most unpleasant without anyone in it. No one, not even the most delicate, should sleep without a portion of the window down. To practise this winter and summer tends to a sound chest. The bed should be out of a draught, and the sleeper should be more warmly covered than he need be in a sealed-up room.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

Stations.	Week Days. a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Newcastle ... Dep.	6 10	9 42	11 0	12 15	2 30	5 25	7 3
Scotswood ... "	6 17	9 49	11 7	12 22	2 37	5 32	7 37
Swalwell ... "	6 24	9 54	11 14	12 29	2 43	5 37	7 44
Rowlands Gill ... "	6 34	10 3	11 24	12 39	2 53	5 46	7 54
Lintz Green ... "	6 40	10 9	11 30	12 45	2 59	5 53	8 0
Ebchester ... "	6 53	10 18	11 40	12 55	3 12	6 1	8 12
Shotley Bridge ... "	6 59	10 22	11 44	12 59	3 18	6 5	8 19
Consett ... Arr.	7 5	10 27	11 50	1 5	3 26	6 10	8 27
Consett ... Dep.	7 10	10 34	...	1 12	3 25	6 36	
Knitsley ... "	7 21	10 45	...	1 23	3 36	6 44	
Lanchester ... "	7 30	10 55	...	1 32	3 45	6 55	
Witton Gilbert ... "	7 38	11 3	...	1 40	3 53	7 1	
Aldin Grange ... "	7 45	11 11	...	1 47	4 0	7 9	
Durham ... Arr.	7 50	11 17	...	1 52	4 5	7 15	

Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Durham ... Dep.	7 25	...	11 50	2 35	...	5 20	8 10
Aldin Grange ... "	7 32	...	11 57	2 41	...	5 27	8 17
Witton Gilbert ... "	7 40	...	12 5	2 48	...	5 35	8 25
Lanchester ... "	7 50	...	12 15	2 58	...	5 45	8 35
Knitsley ... "	8 2	...	12 25	3 8	...	5 55	8 45
Consett ... Arr.	8 12	...	12 35	3 18	...	6 5	8 55
Consett ... Dep.	8 15	9 5	12 40	3 25	...	6 10	9 2
Shotley Bridge ... "	8 20	9 10	12 45	3 30	...	6 15	9 7
Ebchester ... "	8 24	9 14	12 49	3 34	...	6 19	9 19
Lintz Green ... "	8 34	9 24	12 58	3 44	...	6 29	9 22
Rowlands Gill ... "	8 39	9 29	1 2	3 50	...	6 34	9 26
Swalwell ... "	8 47	9 37	1 10	3 57	...	6 42	9 36
Scotswood ... "	8 54	9 44	1 16	4 4	...	6 49	9 43
Newcastle ... Ar.	9 5	9 55	1 26	4 15	...	7 0	9 52

SUNDAYS.

	a.m.	p.m.		a.m.	p.m.
Newcastle ...	7 30	7 20	Consett ... dep.	8 35	8 20
Scotswood ...	7 37	7 27	Shotley Bridge ...	8 40	8 25
Swalwell ...	7 44	7 34	Ebchester ...	8 44	8 29
Rowlands Gill ...	7 54	7 44	Lintz Green ...	8 54	8 39
Lintz Green ...	8 0	7 50	Rowlands Gill ...	8 59	8 44
Ebchester ...	8 13	8 0	Swalwell ...	9 8	8 53
Shotley Bridge ...	8 19	8 4	Scotswood ...	9 14	8 59
Consett ... arr.	8 25	8 10	Newcastle ar.	9 25	9 10

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	a.m.	p.m.		a.m.
Newcastle ..	7 10	4 15	Durham ... dep.	7 55
Scotswood ...	7 17	4 22	Aldin Grange ...	8 1
Swalwell ...	7 24	4 30	Witton Gilbert ...	8 9
Rowlands Gill ...	7 34	4 40	Lanchester ...	8 20
Lintz Green ...	7 40	4 46	Knitsley ...	8 32
Ebchester ...	7 53	4 59	Consett and a	8 45
Shotley Bridge ...	7 59	5 5	Blackhill d	8 50
Consett and a	8 5	5 12	Shotley Bridge ...	8 55
Blackhill d	9 20		Ebchester ...	8 59
Knitsley ...	9 32		Lintz Green ...	9 9
Lanchester ...	9 41		Rowlands Gill ...	9 15
Witton Gilbert ...	9 50		Swalwell ...	9 22
Aldin Grange ...	9 59		Scotswood ...	9 29
Durham ... arr	10 5		Newcastle dp	9 40

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Stations.	Week Days. a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Newcastle dep.	...	6 10	...	11 0	12 15	...	5 25
Consett ...	...	8 17	...	12 15	3 0	...	6 15
Rowley ...	...	8 25	...	12 22	3 8	...	6 23
Burnhill ...	...	8 36	...	12 33	3 18	...	6 33
Tow Law ...	...	8 47	...	12 45	3 30	...	6 45
Crook ... arr.	...	8 59	...	12 57	3 42	...	6 57
" ... dep.	7 30	9 1	11 15	1 0	3 56	5 30	7 0
Bishop Auckland	7 57	9 25	11 35	1 24	4 16	5 55	7 25
Darlington	8 30	10 0	12 10	1 55	5 5	6 45	8 15
Stockton	8 56	10 30	12 40	2 28	5 34	7 16	8 41
Middlesbro' ...	9 5	10 40	12 50	2 35	5 45	7 20	8 54
Saltburn ...	10 10	11 14	1 26	3 9	6 19	8 6	9 26

Stations.	Week Days. a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Saltburn dp.	5 40	8 5	9 52	11 10	1 40	3 48	5 40
Middlesbro' ...	6 17	8 40	10 25	11 48	2 13	4 18	6 15
Stockton ...	6 27	8 48	10 32	11 58	2 21	4 26	6 22
Darlington ...	7 10	9 20	10 52	1 45	2 55	4 55	7 20
Bishop Auckland	7 43	9 46	11 23	2 15	3 25	5 31	7 48
Crook ... arr.	8 4	10 8	11 52	2 33	3 44	5 50	8 10
" ... dep.	8 8	...	11 56	2 37	...	5 51	...
Tow Law ...	8 20	...	12 5	2 49	...	6 3	...
Burnhill ...	8 35	...	12 18	3 2	...	6 16	...
Rowley ...	8 45	...	12 28	3 9	...	6 23	...
Consett ... arr.	8 55	...	12 35	3 17	...	6 31	...
N'wcastle ...	9 55	...	1 25	4 15	...	9 53	...

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THE FATALITY TO A CONSETT YOUTH AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I hope you will allow me to amend the statement that appeared in the *Guardian* of March 15th. William Henderson, father of the deceased youth, William Henderson, never had a conversation with his son. He informed me however that it was entirely his own fault that the accident had occurred I asked him on the 27th of February how the accident happened? And he informed me "That the man with him was handing him the rope, the rope some way unknown to him caught the revolving shaft and no sooner had he taken hold of the rope than he was whirled round the shaft by the right arm." I ought to have given this statement at the inquest, but I could not remember anything about it under the circumstances, and the words that I said were "he said that no one was to blame."—Yours &c.,

WM HENDERSON.

Mount Pleasant, Consett.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE STORE AND ITS MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I am sorry I am unable to accept "Anti Supposition" as a relative, but beg to tender thanks to your *Devil* or other official for providing "Dear Old Anti" with something to relieve her surprise. It must have been a case of drowning if she had not been provided with the "proverbial straw." At the same time, it was really good generalship to commence the attack from behind. Now, allow me to inform "Anti" that my letter was signed *Suppuration*, and my future aunt must make a note of it. The alteration of the signature will not, I hope, cause a serious relapse of surprise, but it will help to destroy "Anti's" notion of contents being suppositions. "Anti" says I omitted to say what the classes all passed. I was quite unaware of this, as the chairman of the Educational Committee told me, as a member, that they had failed to form a class. "Anti" must refer to the classes of 1887 and 1888. Again, "Anti" says that the *Record* is managed by an editor, but perhaps it was quite an exceptional thing for Mr Editor to shew "Reform's" first letter to the committee; but that it was shewn there need be no doubt after reading the foot-note, an extract of which reads: "There are certain charges made against the manager and committee, *which they affirm* can easily be refuted." Now, I should like to ask if any other servant than the secretary had used such discourteous language to any member what would have been the result? "Anti" asks if it would not meet the case if the holder of the mysterious letter was placed on the committee? I don't mind whether the individual who signs himself "Reform" is selected or not as a member of that *divine body* (?), but I hold it is time the management were practising reform. I trust "Anti" won't infer that I write at the instigation of anyone again, because it is naughty, unless she is shaking my coat with her dress.—Yours, &c.,

SUPPURATION.

Blackhill, March 28th, 1889.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES v TRADESMEN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Working-man" is very interesting in his communication with respect to the prices charged for goods at the above place. Why does he not accept the challenge given him by "Co-operator" to test the matter? My experience is the contrary to that of "Working-man's." I should like to caution the public against any statement published in the *Grocers' Journal*, as its special effort is to cry down co-operation, and I very much suspect "Working-man" to be one of the interested parties whom the *Grocers' Journal* is specially published to benefit. The profit put on the goods in Stores is not equal to what "Working-man" says. He says the tradesman can beat the Stores. Is a tradesman going to do his business for nothing? The thing is simply ridiculous on the face of it. Stores, as a rule, purchase their goods in the wholesale market quite as cheap as any tradesmen, and in many cases cheaper, as they always have cash to purchase with, and no bad debts to provide for through credit and other causes. The Stores have a united purchasing power of over six millions sterling annually in their own wholesale department, which is the envy of all wholesale houses of to-day in the markets of this country. It is simply impossible for tradesmen to compete with Stores, and every year tradesmen will find it harder to keep pace with the Stores' movement, and it will only be tradesmen who sell for ready money and little profit that can hold their own with Co-operative Stores, as the profit capitalises yearly, and this used in the market of the earth who supply us with our food, &c., without any cost for the use of such capital, is bound to give the Co-operative Stores an advantage over tradesmen which they cannot possess, and must, as a natural consequence, give the Stores the advantage which will result in the greatest good to the greatest number.—Yours, &c.,

CO-OPERATOR THE SECOND.

Consett, April 3rd, 1889.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I was very much interested in the discussion anent the above, commenced by your correspondent "A Working-man," and whose statements were challenged by "Co-operator," who came straight to the point by offering to put his assertions to a practical test, but I am disappointed to find that in your last issue "A Working-man" meekly backs out by saying that he did not wish to publicly debate the subject. Might I ask why does he make statements through the public press if he is not prepared to have them criticised? He says that be can endorse and corroborate every word of the statement contained in the *Grocers' Journal*, and recommends "Co-operator" to compare the prices of the Co-operative Store and the private tradesmen, and he will find that the private trader is 4s in the pound cheaper than the stores. Now sir, after carefully reading the letters of "A Working-man," I have come to the conclusion, that the sole idea and aim of your correspondent is cheapness. I make no doubt that if he goes on these lines he can obtain goods even more than 20 per cent cheaper than he would pay for them at the Stores, whose great aim is to place before its members the best possible quality of articles at a fair marketable value. Of course if "Working-man" is content to take anything placed before him, so long as it is cheap, he is quite at liberty to do so, but I don't think in all fairness he is called upon to stigmatise other working-men as gulls and fools because they are a little more particular what they eat, and from whence it is produced. He suggests a most novel way of how the Co-operative Stores should be conducted. He says:—"They should sell at the least paying profit and any small portion remaining should be carried forward to the next quarter's account and not charge enormous prices to pay large dividends which is simply taking the working-men for fools, in fact gulling them." Now, I don't think he can have studied this question much, or he would have easily seen how simple and weak his statements are. In the first place the working-men that he speaks of are the Co-perative society themselves. They unite together, employ their capital to purchase whatever they require, after paying the expenses incurred they divide equally the profits that remain. So that if they are fools and are fortunate enough to be gulled, they pay for the music themselves without assistance from your correspondent whatever. Perhaps sir, "A Working-man" will listen while I give him my experience of Co-operative Stores. I am a member of the Consett Co-operative Society with whom I deal, and after a thorough and practical test I have come to the conclusion that taking into account differences in prices (which occur in private tradesmen too), and the still greater difference of quality I have come to this conclusion, that I receive a fair marketable return for my money. I contribute my mite towards paying the *employes* a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. I have the satisfaction of knowing that the goods are purchased from the best markets, and are not picked up cheap from the downfall of some poor bankrupt merchant that cheapness has driven to the wall. I don't believe in paying for printing bills and placards, announcing that Mr So and So is selling off his wares at less than cost price, to benefit the British public, and at the same time keeps the *employes* toiling from morn till midnight, for a miserable pittance. I don't wish to push Co-operation down any man's throat, I am no philanthrophist, I am only a poor weak mortal, like the rest after the almighty's dollar, but I am trying to pick it up clean, and as long as I can purchase my necessaries so favourably at the Co-operative Store, and have returned to me a dividend of 12 or 14 per cent, I shall continue in spite of "A Working-mans" far-fetched arguments, to sing *vive la* Co-operation.—Yours &c.,

ANTI-SUPPOSITION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your issue of the last two weeks, "Private Enterprise *versus* Co-operative Stores" has had some attention. As a working-man, with a small wage, I thought I would see if there was any proof of these statements. I made it my duty to visit a few private tradesmen of Annfield Plain, to get their prices and compare them with the prices of Annfield Plain Co-operative Store, and found, to my surprise, a wonderful difference. The private tradesman sells bacon at 5s 10d per stone; the Annfield Plain Store charges 8s 9d per stone. I found a difference of 2s 11d in this article alone. Butter from the private tradesman costs 1s 3d per pound; the Store price is 1s 7d per pound. Working-men thus save 5s in the pound by purchasing this article from tradesmen. After quoting the prices of these two articles, we, as sensible working-men, who would like to do well for ourselves, must stop and think before we give another order to Co-operative Stores.—Yours truly,

BENEFACTOR.

Annfield Plain, March 19th, 1889.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Now that a selection is to be made by the ratepayers from the seventeen candidates offering their services for the above, there is one candidate who, in the opinion of many, would make a good member—viz., Mr G. T. Hyden. He is a man of sound judgment, and one who would endeavour to keep down the local expenditure as far as practicable, but would consider efficiency before economy. He is in favour of having a general playground for the hundreds of children attending the day schools in Consett—a most necessary thing, seeing that as a rule the children must play about the streets, sufficient playground accommodation not being provided at the several schools; and as to the question of the so-called Park, he is in favour of either ending or mending it. No doubt he would make an efficient and conscientious member and a good colleague for the four old members, who it is hoped will be re-elected. Apologising for taking up so much space in your valuable paper,—Yours, &c.,

RATEPAYER.

WISE OR FOOLISH—WHICH?

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As I read over the remarks of "Incedo" in your issue of last week, under the above heading, immediately there occurred to my mind a somewhat similar case, in many points, which I had read in an old book in my possession. With your kind permission, sir, for the benefit of your readers, and as a help towards the solution of "Incedo's" question, I will state the case as I remember it. It told of a young man, possessing powerful mental capabilities, who had received, under a distinguished master, an excellent training, and who was very religious. Yet his great natural gifts, his excellent training, and religious fervour led him as far from *right* as it was possible for any man to go; yet at the same time he "verily thought within himself" that he ought to act as he did. Light at last broke in upon him, and he was led to see the deep error he was in—that the course he was pursuing was *opposed* to the will of Him Whom he ignorantly supposed he served—in a word the young man was converted. But did he act as suggested by "Incedo"? Nay. *He* was not held back by false notions of propriety and prudence from telling over the story of his conversion. This, the most important event in the history of his life, he was not ashamed to tell, even before kings; and it is not a little singular that on one occasion, while repeating the story, one of his distinguished auditors should go further than "Incedo," and proclaim him to be "beside himself." But does Christendom to-day look upon St. Paul as a madman? Nay, verily, it recognises in him one of the brightest of her saints, as possessing more of the spirit of Christ than perhaps any other man. I am of the same opinion as "Incedo," that the story told by the "spiritual guide" "should have been whispered in a spot where there was no human ear to hear," and I am *certain that has been done*. At the same time I am of opinion that the gentleman alluded to would scarcely be a "guide" if, after seeing errors in his own case, he did not warn his flock accordingly.—Yours, &c.,

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ELECTION OF GUARDIANS FOR LANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your issue of the 29th ult, a statement appeared in connection with the above which is offensive and unjust to me. My nomination was certainly not for the purpose of ousting Mr Buckham. I have several times been asked to represent my district in local matters. I have at last consented without any reference whatever to Mr Buckham, and certainly without any vindictive feelings towards him. I have yet to learn that anyone has a monopoly of the office in question. I should like to know what old score could possibly exist in my mind against Mr Buckham. I certainly exerted myself in no small degree to secure the return of Messrs Ritson and Forster, as County Councillors; but seeing how success crowned our efforts one would think that the old score would be on the other side.

Mr Buckham has not been a Guardian for 20 years. The exact time he has sat is seven years and six weeks. Twenty years ago, after endeavouring unsuccessfully to secure election, he was chosen to fill a vacant place for six weeks. After that time a long period followed, during which time Mr Buckham did not fill the office in question. I explain this simply to show that Mr Buckham is not that repository of knowledge of local matters which it appears to be the purpose of the article to imply. Of course it is quite in course to push Mr Buckham's cause even if his advocates sometimes stray off the straight line of truth, but I expect to be exempt from attacks for the purpose of unduly prejudicing my candidature. I may say in conclusion that I shall try to secure election without condescending to abuse my opponent.—Yours &c.,

WILLIAM GRAY.

THE PENDING ELECTIONS.

CONSETT.

We are authorised to state that Mr E. Wylam, innkeeper, has been nominated as a candidate without his knowledge.

BENFIELDSIDE.

The voting papers were distributed on Saturday, and gathered in yesterday (Thursday). The counting up of the votes has been commenced this (Friday) morning by Mr J. Booth, returning officer, and his assistants. The result will be known during the course of the day.

LANCHESTER UNION.

Monsignor Charles Gillow, Clerk in Holy Orders, Ushaw College, has been returned unopposed for Cornsay. This gentleman's name was inadvertently omitted from the list we published last week. The other candidates have all withdrawn. For Esh township, Rev C. F. D. Hodge (vicar) and Mr J. T. Todd, colliery viewer, are elected, the other gentleman nominated having retired. Contests, therefore, only take place in Lanchester and Satley parishes.

Mr J. Towns has been elected waywarden for Lanchester district, Messrs J. Buckham and Jas. Humble having withdrawn. The poll did not take place on Monday. Mr J. T. Todd has been chosen as waywarden for Esh.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

FIXTURES.—SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH.

Leadgate Exiles v Cornsay, at Leadgate. (Kick-off at 3-30).
Medomsley v West Northumberland Athletic, at Medomsley.
Medomsley 2nd v Newcastle North-Eastern 2nd, at Medomsley.
Medomsley Juniors v Tanfield Lea Juniors, at Medomsley.
Leadgate Park v Shotley Bridge St. Cuthbert's, at Leadgate.
Dipton Wanderers v Mickley, at Dipton.
Tanfield Lea v Pelton Fell Harriers, at Pelton Fell.
Dipton St. John's v Hobson Rangers' Juniors, at Dipton.
Birtley v Elswick Rangers, at Birtley.
Birtley 2nd v Felling, at Birtley.

MEDOMSLEY v WEST NORTHUMBERLAND ATHLETIC.—Medomsley will receive a visit from the latter club, who hail from the neighbourhood of Haltwhistle, to-morrow (Saturday). The home team will be—Goal, G Beadling; backs, A Little and W Barron; half-backs, J Wallace, J Ross, and G Moon; forwards, G Walton and M Charlton, right wing; W Cant, centre; J Hunter and T D Dales, left wing.

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v NEWCASTLE NORTH-EASTERN 2ND.—At Medomsley to-morrow (Saturday). Home team—Goal, T Rainer; backs, J Whitwell (capt.) and R Simpson; half-backs, W Hunter, I Snowdon, and T Cookson; forwards, Rev E G F Macpherson and R Cant, right wing; T Bramley, centre; J G Hunter and J Cant, left wing.

Leadgate Exiles have arranged to receive a visit from the Rendel team on Saturday, April 13th. The latter has a first-class reputation, and have this year played in the semi-finals of the Northumberland Cup. Should the weather be favourable, a good game and a large "gate" will doubtless be the result.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY April 2nd.—Before Rev G. P. WILKINSON (in the chair), and Chancellor EARLE.

THE DRUNKEN LIST.

The following persons were fined for being drunk:—*Garnett Hall*, Wolsingham, 5s 6d; *Ralph Anderson*, 7s 6d; *Margaret Kelly*, 5s.; *Joseph Raine*, 10s; *John Morris*, 7s 6d; *George Spence*, 7s 6d; *John King*, 7s 6d; *William Goodwin*, 7s 6d; *William Humble*, 10s; *Nicholas Wright*, 7s 6d—all including costs.

THE LICENSING ACT.

John McKenna, of Tow Law, innkeeper, was charged by P.C. Colling with having his house open in the forenoon of Sunday, March 17th.—Mr J. J. Devey defended.—Fined £3, including costs.

Patrick McCabe and *John Annity*, miners, were charged with being on the above defendant's premises during closing hours, on March 17th.—Fined 7s 6d each, including costs.

William Brown, of Tow Law, beerhouse-keeper, was also charged by P.C. Tones with having his house open during prohibited hours on Sunday, 17th ult.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s and costs.

John Spence, Tow Law, miner, was charged with being on the said premises on the day in question during closing hours.—Defendant was fined 7s 6d, including costs.

ARREARS OF RATES.

Harriet Carr was summoned by Wm. Rutter, rate collector, Wolsingham, for 14s 2d, arrears of rates.—The Bench made an order.

BREACH OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS' ACT.

Thomas Stobbs, shop-keeper, was summoned by Supt. Liddell for having sold him three ounces of black pepper, on the 8th ult., adulterated with 10 per cent. of sand. Mr J. T. Proud (Bishop Auckland) defended. The defence showed that defendant was in no way to blame, as the pepper was just as he received it from the wholesale dealer, and could in no way help it. Counsel showed that in the preparation of black pepper earthy matter somehow gets into it, and as this identical pepper was taken from the bottom of the jar, the sand had sunk to the bottom largely, and it contained a greater percentage than usual.—The Bench said it appeared defendant was not to blame, but the public must be protected, and they had to deal with the law as they found it. The article in question was largely adulterated. They would have to impose a fine, and he would have to get it from his wholesale dealer.—Fined 10s and expenses.

KEEPING A DOG WITHOUT A LICENSE.

William Proud was charged with keeping a dog, on March 20th, without having a license.—Fined 10s, including costs.

NON-ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.

John Anderson was charged by Mr M. Halliman, attendance officer, for neglecting to send his two children to school. One had attended 95 times out of a possible 200, and the other 29 out of 328.—Fined 2s 6d in each case.

Thomas Rutherford, of White Kirtle, was charged with neglecting to send his two children to school regularly. One had attended 41 times out of a possible 310, and the other 77 times out of 316.—Defendant pleaded poverty through low wages and ill-health.—Fined 2s 6d in each case.

Matthew Ellwood, White Kirtle, was summoned for not causing his son Stephen to attend school, he only having been there 46 out of a possible 310.—Defendant did not appear.—Fined 5s.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, March 29th.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), and Dr ARNISON.

DRUNKENNESS.

William Myers and *Joseph Milburn*, Weardale, were each fined for being drunk during the month, the former 7s 6d and the latter 10s, including costs. Milburn is an old offender, and has been before the Bench into the teens of times.

ADULTERATED PEPPER.

John Thomas Longstaff, miner and shop-keeper, Square Foot, Stanhope, was summoned by Supt. Liddell for having sold to him three ounces of black pepper adulterated nine per cent. with sand, and, according to the county analyst's report—total ash, 16·30; sand in ash, 9·83.—Mr J. T. Proud defended, and said that his client was in no way to blame, as it was just as he received it from the wholesale dealer.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 2s 6d and costs.

WAGES CASE.

George Underwood was summoned by Peter Bishop for arrears of wages due from him as agent at the Harehope Gill leadmines, Frosterley.—The Bench made an order, with costs.

UNLICENSED DOGS.

George Wilkinson, William Murray, George Bell, Roger Bell, William Paul, and *John Elliott*, of Hunstanworth Derwent, were summoned for keeping dogs without licenses. Mr Teale (Bishop Auckland) defended. Exemption was claimed on the ground of their being farmers' dogs. The exciseman, however, had looked the matter up, and they were not real farmers, and on these grounds refused exemption, and they were consequently summoned.—Fined 6d and 7s 6d costs in each case.

In Memoriam.

MRS ICETON, OF ANNFIELD PLAIN.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT].

Mrs Jane Iceton, of South Pontop Colliery, near Annfield Plain, in the county of Durham, formerly of Allendale Town, with her husband and family removed to Annfield Plain some 22 years ago. Being members of the Primitive Methodist Connexion they soon made their way to join the people of their choice in their new place of abode, and found a hearty welcome amongst those people, and all seemed to go well with them for a time, but when they had been about four years at that place, Mr John Iceton was called to suffer affliction, and death leaving behind his widow and family to mourn the loss of a dear husband and affectionate father, and soon after this Mrs Iceton was called to suffer affliction, yet she loved the Lord, for she felt the sustaining and consoling power of the religion of Jesus Christ. It pleased her Heavenly Father that she should be long afflicted. But these were borne with Christian fortitude and grace. Her extreme diffidence prevented her from taking any public part in the work of God. Domestic life was her loved and special sphere. How she fulfilled its duties can only be known to those who most deeply feel the bereavement sustained by her removal. Throughout her illness she was calm and resigned. No doubt, no fear disturbed her mind, her peace was established. She knew in whom she believed, and through Him who loved and washed her from her sins in His own blood, she calmly fell asleep, on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, 1889, at the age of seventy-three years.—On Wednesday her remains were followed to their last resting place in St. Thomas's graveyard, Collierley, by a large number of mourners and friends. She had been connected with the Primitive Methodist body for period of 46 years, having lived to a good age, she has now joined the great majority.

LECTURE.—In the Wesleyan Chapel, Medomsley, Mr R. C. Forster, of Consett, recently delivered his popular lecture on his visit to his native land, Ireland, having special reference to Killarney and its beautiful lakes. The chairman was Mr F. Priestman, Shotley Bridge, who was introduced by Mr Adamson. There was a very large audience, who listened attentively to the lecture.

LECTURE ON JOHN BRIGHT.—Professor Ray delivered a lecture on John Bright, in the High Street Chapel, on Friday evening last.

LENT SERVICES AT STANHOPE CHURCH.—Rev P. C. Jones, of Hunstanworth, preached in Stanhope church on Friday evening, and Rev T. Espin, of Tow Law, on Sunday evening.

DEATH OF THE PROPRIETRESS OF THE PHŒNIX INN.—Mrs Parkin, landlady of the Phœnix Inn, Stanhope, died after a lingering illness, on Tuesday evening. She was the widow of the late Simon Parkin, for many years the landlord of the Phœnix Inn, and was well known, especially among commercial travellers, for her hospitable and kindly disposition. Her death will be much lamented among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom she was greatly respected. She leaves an only daughter of tender age to mourn her loss. She was in the 54th year of her age.

DEATH OF AN OLD STANHOPE STANDARD.—There died in Stanhope Workhouse, on Monday, at the advanced age of 76, Miss Ann Brown, late of East Lane, Stanhope. She had been removed to the Workhouse from her home in East Lane by the authorities only on Saturday last. Her old age, with its attendant infirmities, necessitated her removal thither, she having no one to look after her temporal necessities at home.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon. There were present: Alderman Wm. Jenkins (Chairman), Councillor R. Murray, Messrs Thos. Siddell, G. Ainsworth, J. W. Davison, W. Aynsley, G. Wade, Jos. Murray, W. R. Taylor, the Clerk's assistant (Mr Jno. G. Willey), and the Surveyor (Mr Wm. Rippon).

THE LATE FIRE.

The Deputy Clerk informed the Board that no reply had been received by the Clerk to his communication respecting the pay to the Fire Brigade.

RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION AT CONSETT AND BLACKHILL STATION.

The Clerk had written to the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company, asking them to receive a deputation from the Board upon the subject of better railway accommodation, and had received the following reply:—

York, March 20th, 1889.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 11th March, I beg to say that the directors will meet at the Board-room, Central Station, Newcastle, on Thursday next, 4th April, at 3 30 p.m., when they will be prepared to receive the deputation from the Consett Local Board which has been appointed to wait upon them.—Yours truly,

H. TENNANT.

T. W. Welford, Esq., jun.,
Consett Local Board.

Messrs AYNSLEY and TAYLOR informed the Chairman that they would not be able to attend on Thursday, and it was agreed that Ald Jenkins and Messrs T. Siddell and J. W. Davison should represent the Board.

The CHAIRMAN asked what were the suggestions the Board wished them to make to the directors?

The Clerk's letter on the subject was read:—

Consett, June 22nd, 1888.

SIR,—The Consett Local Board, at their last meeting, instructed me to call your attention to the great want that at present exists of booking accommodation at the east side of Consett Station.

Considering the large amount of passenger traffic which leaves the platform on this side of the station, and the great inconvenience and danger passengers are put to in having to cross and recross the footbridge, especially when the steps are covered with ice in winter, and for aged and infirm people at all times, the Board are of opinion that some means of obviating this by allowing the passengers to book at the east side is very desirable.

The Borrd wish to call your attention to the fact that much less important stations in the neighbourhood, such as Lanchester, with considerably less passenger traffic, already possess this advantage. The Board also desire to call your serious attention to the want of accommodation at the station generally. The waiting-rooms are decidedly insufficient, and the protection afforded from the inclement weather which prevails in this district so largely, is not such as the traffic at the station should demand.

The platforms on either side are uncovered, and frequently (especially on Saturdays) the passengers are unable to get under shelter of any kind, and are exposed to the full force of the weather. The platforms for some weeks last winter were covered with snow, and were decidedly dangerous.

The Board trust that your Board will carefully take into consideration the requirements of the increasing population of the district, and that you will see your way to considerable improvements, both in the structure and the facilities generally, at the stations.—Yours, &c.,

THOS. W. WELFORD, jun., Clerk.

C. N. Wilkinson, Esq., secretary
N. E. R. Co.

It was agreed that they should take a copy of the letter, and support what it asked.

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

THE LAND.

Report of meeting of Sub-committee appointed to consider the arrangements for taking possession of the land purchased from Mr W. R. Taylor, held March 19th. Present:—Messrs Ainsworth, Collinson, Davison, J Murray, G. Wade, and Mr R. Robinson (engineer).

The committee have conferred with Mr Robinson, and learning from him that fields Nos. 186, 187, and 188 on plan will be the first to be operated upon, the said fields forming a large portion of the part of Consett Park estate purchased by the Board, recommend seeing that this land will come into the occupation of the Board in May next, the tenancy having expired, that it be retained in the hands of the Board.

The lease of Stannifordam Farm now held by Mr Aynsley, does not expire until May 1893, but seeing that it will be necessary to commence operations on this farm at three points, viz, for laying the main delivery pipe, for commencing the catch-water ditch on the west side, and for putting the affluent water pipe, as soon as the work of the scheme commences the committee recommend that the arrangements should be at once entered into with Mr Aynsley to obtain possession of the Stannifordam Farm at May next.

In order to ascertain the amount necessary to be paid to Mr Aynsley for the surrender of his lease of the farm, the committee recommend that the valuers be mutually appointed by Mr Aynsley and the Board, as suggested in the letter of February 16th, 1888.

The committee also remind the Board that the timber of the plantation which was purchased by the Board from Mr Taylor also requires to be valued, and they recommend that if possible the same person be appointed by the Board to value both.

The names of the following gentlemen have been suggested, any of whom the committee think would be suitable:—Mr N. Clark, Beamish; Mr Thomas Blandford, Corbridge; Mr Thomas Sample, Matfen; Mr Jos. Tyrer, Smelt House, Witton Junction; Mr Bolam, Newcastle.

If the above recommendations are adopted steps should be taken to obtain a tenant for the houses and outbuildings at Stannifordam.

(Signed), G. AINSWORTH, Chairman.

Mr AYNSLEY explained that the Consett Park portion would come into the hands of the Board on May 13th.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is the amount of recompense Mr Aynsley would want for the surrender of his lease. In the letter of February, 1888, he stated that he required £302. That is a very clear declaration, so little time need be spent over it.

Mr AYNSLEY: I gave the declaration a year ago, but the quest is would it stand now? Again, if it were put to arbitration, would the Board expect me to pay half the expense of the valuation?

The CHAIRMAN: You would have to pay the expense of the valuer appointed by you.

Mr TAYLOR: If Mr Aynsley accepts the same valuer as the Board, and there is therefore only one I suppose the Board would pay for the valuation.

Mr DAVISON: It would be better if there were two.

Councillor MURRAY proposed, and Mr SIDDELL seconded the following resolution:—"That Mr Nathaniel Clark be employed to value and report to this Board regarding the offer of Mr Aynsley on February 16th, 1888, to surrender lease of Stannifordam Farm, the land been required by the Board."

Carried.

Mr TAYLOR: Is Mr Aynsley willing to make the decision of our valuer final?

Mr AYNSLEY: I have given in my valuation.

Mr AINSWORTH: Mr Aynsley has made a claim of £302, and then reserves to himself the power of rejecting our valuation. Thus he has two strings to his bow.

THE TIMBER.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor MURRAY, and seconded Mr SIDDELL:—"That Mr Nathaniel Clark be employed on behalf of Mr Taylor and this Board, at the cost of the Board, to value the timber on the Consett Park plantation which consists of about 9¾ acres, which is to be purchased by this Board from Mr Taylor, and that the valuation be final. The valuation to be furnished to the Board not later than April 30th."

The CHAIRMAN: As the land is to be taken over from Mr Aynsley on May 13th, what provisions have been made for the re-letting of the land.

Mr AYNSLEY: I think it would scarcely be policy on the part of the Board to let it permanently.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not talking of the mode of tenure, but simply of the letting of the land.

Mr AINSWORTH: The land will be wanted for use within the next six months.

This memorandum was then submitted to the Boards:—

Proposed by Mr R. MURRAY, and seconded by Mr SIDDELL, "That the report of the committee on the valuation of the unexpired term of Mr Aynsley's lease be adopted, and it is understood and assented to by Mr Aynsley, that he will surrender his lease of the Stannifordam Farm, and that the Board shall enter into possession of the same on the 13th of May.

THE LIGHTING COMMITTEE

resolved to remove a lamp from one side of Puddlers' Row to the other, and to this the Board agreed.

PASTURE DRIFT ROAD.

The Surveyor placed before the Board an estimate of the cost of cementing Pasture Drift Road.

Mr SIDDELL thought the subject should be allowed to stand over.

Councillor MURRAY: As there is a great deal of the workmen's time taken up by keeping the present road fairly clean—for it is never properly clean—I think it will be a saving in the end to have it cemented. It is the most used road in our district.

The CHAIRMAN: We have often considered that, but have always been afraid of the expense; and is this the time to spend £150 on it?

Councillor MURRAY: It is a large amount, but if it saves 20 per cent. in labour, I think the people who use it should have it.

Mr AYNSLEY: We cannot refuse this, as we cemented the road between Blackhill and the Consett Iron Company's offices.

The CHAIRMAN: Who paid the cost of the cementing of that road?

The Surveyor: The Company paid half the cost.

Mr SIDDELL: Are we in a position to spend this amount?

Mr AYNSLEY: As it is the most important road in our district, I think we should spend it.

Councillor MURRAY then proposed, and Mr AYNSLEY seconded the following motion:—"That the footpath abutting on Pasture Drift Road be cemented; also that portion of Puddlers' Row abutting on the Consett Iron Company's property, and that half the cost of cementing the Row be paid by the said Company, and that Mr Murray pay half the cost for the area in front of his property."

This was carried, Mr Siddell being the only dissentient.

THE STEAM ROLLER.

The Board considered that it would not be convenient to have the steam roller at present.

THE VACANT SEAT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board pointing out the conditions under which a casual vacancy could be filled at an annual election.

This had been acted upon by the Clerk when he issued the voting papers for the present election.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Surveyor's (Mr Rippon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—All the roads in your district have had careful attention, and the road metal required for this season has been laid on, and taken as a whole, is well bedded in.

Your workmen are now engaged removing any loose stones, water-tabling, and dressing up for the spring months.

Your streets also have been properly scavenged when required.

As directed by you, I have opened the ground down to the pipes at the rear of Mr Dodd's new house, Pasture Drift Road, and taken the levels and found a depth of seven feet nine inches from Mr Dodd's floor line to the sewer.

I have also, as ordered by you, prepared an estimate of the cost of improving the footway in front of Puddlers' Row, Knitsley Lane, and Pasture Drift Road, which will be laid before you for your consideration to-day.

I observe that in different parts of your district the doors of the houses are without numbers, and in other parts where numbered are not in consecutive order. I will require your instructions with regard to having this remedied. There are also several of the name-plates on the street corners scarcely legible, owing to part of the enamelled letters having fallen off. I ask you to determine whether you will have these letters put on with white paint, or order new enamelled street name-plates to be put up.

The fence on the side of Pasture Drift Road (commencing at a point near the Auction Mart and terminating at a point where the tramway formerly crossed the highway) is in a failing condition. We have repaired it several times, but it is soon broken down again. As this fence stands on an embankment throughout the entire length, it ought to be put up extra strong if done anew.

I have closed the General District Rate and balanced my books up the 25th day of March, ready for the audit.

I have repeatedly inspected your district, and found the ashpits were looked after and the water-closets and privies in very good order. I consider your district to be in a very good sanitary condition at present.

The following amounts have been paid to the treasurer:—

General District Rate	7	11	2
Guardians' rent	5	0	0
Overseers' rent	4	0	0
Mr Dolphin, for sewage manure	5	0	0
Mr Welford, rent of offices	12	0	0
Market tolls	1	1	3

I am gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM RIPPON.

Consett, April 3rd, 1889.

MR DODDS' PLANS.

The Board considered Mr Dodds' case, and thought that there was a sufficient depth of main to drain his house if he carried his drain down a few yards. They then dismissed the subject.

A NEW FENCE.

Mr AYNSLEY proposed that the Surveyor be instructed to erect a post and rail fence from the old tramway to the Auction Mart.

This was seconded by Mr WADE, and agreed to.

THE PARKS COMMITTEE.

The Parks Committee meeting was held in the Board Room on Thursday, 27th March. Present: Mr W. Aynsley (chairman), Councillor Murray, Messrs J. Collinson, Jos. Eltringham, and Jos. Murray.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr COLLINSON, that a notice-board be obtained and erected in the Park, prohibiting football playing in the low field.

Minute No. 106 carried forward.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr COLLINSON, seconded by Mr AYNSLEY, that this committee recommend to the joint Boards the desirability of engaging a park-keeper.

For the motion—Messrs Collinson and Aynsley. Against—Messrs R. Murray and Jos. Eltringham. The CHAIRMAN then gave his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Resolved that Mr J. Dixon's account of 5s 9d, Local Board rate, be paid.

It was proposed and carried that the Parks Committee's report be passed.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd April. Present: Messrs Wm. Aynsley (in the chair), G. Wade, J. W. Davison, and J. Calvert.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr DAVISON, and seconded by Mr WADE, that Mr R. Murray's block plan of West Parade and Palmerston Terrace, as submitted, be recommended to be passed, subject to the streets being open at the end where pencilled, and that the word garden be struck out. Also, that the cross street leading from Delves Lane to Taylor Street be left for the decision of the full Board, and the Surveyor to measure the opening at Delves Lane in the meantime.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr CALVERT, and seconded by Mr DAVISON, that Mr R. W. Rippon's plan for houses in Palmerston Terrace be recommended to be passed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr WADE, that Mr Murray's plan for shop, &c., in Front Street be recommended to be passed.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, and seconded by Mr WADE, that the plans of the Consett Industrial and Provident Society, Limited, for a cowshed and piggeries at Newmarket Street and Number One respectively be recommended to be passed.

A letter from Rev F. Steggall, dated April 2nd, was read, asking to be allowed to erect flushing closets in connection with the National Schools, and the Building Committee recommended that his request be granted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr DAVISON, and seconded by Mr WADE, that Mr Aynsley's plan for extensions and improvements in Nile Street be recommended to be passed.

Resolved, that Mr Wm Ridley's block plan be referred to the full Board for consideration.

(Signed) W. AYNSLEY.

The plans were passed as the Committee recommended; but the CHAIRMAN proposed, and Mr SIDDELL seconded, a motion that the Board did not assent to the request of Mr Ridley to diminish the width of Palmerston Terrace, and to this the Board agreed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, April 2nd. Present: Messrs George Ainsworth and J. Murray.

Accounts, to the amount of £34 5s, were recommended to be paid. The expenditure for the ensuing six months is £1,235, and as there will be a balance of £200 in the bank, a rate to produce £1,035 would be required. A rate of 10d in the pound would meet this.

(Signed) J. MURRAY.

TENDERS.

Several tenders had been received in answer to the Board's advertisement, and these were carefully considered, but no conclusion was come to, as several more tenders were yet expected.

NEW RATE.

The CHAIRMAN said that from the estimate of the Finance Committee they only wanted the sum of £1,035.

Mr SIDDELL proposed that the rate be 1s in the pound.

This was seconded by Mr WADE, and finally carried.

It was then proposed, seconded, and carried, that the Finance Committee's report be passed.

THE YEARLY MEETING.

This meeting was fixed to be held on the 15th April.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr DAVISON said that as this was the last meeting of the old Board he felt great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to their old chairman for the able and courteous manner in which he had presided over their meetings.

This was seconded by Mr SIDDELL, and supported by Mr AYNSLEY.

In reply, the CHAIRMAN said he thanked them very much for their kind vote of thanks for the services he had been able to render. He had always done his best as far as lay in his power. (Applause.) They were coming to a very important time in the existence of the Board, for they were for the first time borrowing a large sum of money, but he felt sure that it was for the benefit of the district. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that they would have the same cordiality in the future as they had had in the past, and if it so happened that, if returned and selected chairman for another year—although he would prefer another to be appointed to that place—he hoped they would give him the same hearty co-operation in the future as they had done in the past. They all tried to assist their chairman, and they all carefully studied the interests of the ratepayers. So far, their rates had been kept down, and the town had greatly improved in all ways.—(applause)—and he hoped that they would always have the same desire to do their work economically and as well as they could. (Applause.)

This finished the business.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

I hear that the suggestion thrown out recently in this column to the promoters of the successful concerts at Catchgate as to the desirability of forming a Choral Society for that district, is receiving hearty acceptance I only hope that my information, as I have little doubt, is from a well-informed source. There are the "elements" without a doubt in the locality, and as far as I can learn only the energy and "go" are wanted.

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BIRTHS.

MEDOMSLEY.—31st ult., the wife of James Taylor, of a daughter.

SHOTLEY FIELD—School-house, 28th ult, the wife of Mark Maddison, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT—Christ Church, 1st inst., by Rev F. Steggall, Chas. W. B. Walby, West Rainton, to Dorothy Ann Wade, Consett.

WEARDALE—Wesleyan Chapel, 23rd ult by Rev J. Mackintosh, Alfred Brown eldest son of Thos. Brown, Middleton-in-Teesdale, to Jane Eliz. Watson, of St. John's Chapel, late of South Shields.

ETHERLEY.—Parish Church, 31st ult., by Rev J. Atkinson, John, eldest son of Joshua Bagnall, Winlaton, to Lottie, daughter of John Lundy, Toft Hill.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—20, Nelson Street, on the 3rd inst. aged 26, Nathan, youngest son of the late William Close, innkeeper, and beloved husband of Ellen Close. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday afternoon, at Four o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation

6, Mount Pleasant, 3rd inst, in her 73rd year, Jane, wife of James Kidd.

ESCHESTER.—Broad Oak 30th ult., Ann, widow of Charles Phillips, of Carlisle.

Westwood Cottages, 25th ult. (at the house of his son), aged 70, Robert Jewitt. Was interred at St. Ives, Leadgate, on the 28th ult.

LANCHESTER—Broadwood Park, 3rd inst., aged 86, Edward Taylor Smith, J.P.

EAST STANLEY—30th ult, aged 29, Barbara, wife of John Waugh.

WINLATON.—27th ult, Jane Emily, widow of the late Thomas Atkinson.

North Street, 3rd inst. aged 2½ years, Margaret Olive, daughter of William Parker.

BLAYDON—14, James's Street, 26th inst., aged 84, George Bewick.

GREENSIDE—28th ult aged 58, Jane, wife of William Fellows.

STANHOPE—Phœnix Hotel, 2nd inst, aged 54, Sarah Parkin.

At the Workhouse, 30th ult., aged 67, Hannah Thompson, of Rookhope.

Same place, 1st inst, aged 76, Miss Ann Brown, of East Lane.

FROSTERLEY.—30th ult, aged 67, John Stout, for over 40 years an *employe* on the Wear Valley railway.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—31st, ult., aged 36, William Anderson Wilkinson, butcher.

PRUDHOE STATION—27th ult., aged 76, Margaret, widow of the late Thomas White, of Alston.

PRUDHOE CASTLE — 1st inst, in her 79th year, Margaret widow of John N. Milburne, Esq., and daughter of Thomas Dodd, Esq., of Woodhouse, near Ryton.

HALTWHISTLE—On the 29th ult., aged 74, Mary Hetherington, formerly of Sound Burn, Stanhope.

HEDWORTH LANE.—27th inst., aged 33, Mary, wife of A. Fittes.

BYER MOOR.—2nd inst., aged 8 years and 10 months, son of Thomas Fenwick.

DONCASTER — 28th ult, aged 61, Rev W. Saul, Primitive Methodist Minister, formerly of Blaydon.

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Specifications to be seen, and all in[formation] to be obtained, by applying to the Surveyo[r ...] receive Tenders, Sealed and Endorsed [...] Work," from the 6th day of April, to the 1[...] April, 1889.

The Board do not bind themselves to a[ccept the] lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Board.

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5.—The CEMENTING of about 1,270 S[...] Yards of Footway on Pasture Drift R[oad ...] Foundry Row.

Conditions, Specifications, &c., may be se[en at the] Offices of the Board, Parliament Street, Co[nsett,] and after Monday, the 8th day of April inst.

Tenders, addressed to the Consett Loc[al Board,] will be received up to 12 o'clock on Tuesday [...] day of April, 1889.

The lowest or any Tender will not nece[ssarily be] accepted.

By Order of the Board.

THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Jun.

Local Board Offices, Parliament Street,
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April 11th, 1889.

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