

and leant on the elbow, others peered from among the rugs like the wild beast from his lair. To the

exception. "Sit up, I must see you," rung out in tones which left no doubt as to the sincerity of the speaker. All were moved without exception.

and strange to me were perfectly new. A
 sure indication, it is said, of the confirmed tramps,
 is working in the same employment in nearly
 all the towns known to have recourse to this habit.
 The old adage "Great to bed, early to rise," etc.,
 is a very good one, and the laborer who labors
 for the promised blessings in return, is not in a
 position to determine. Healthy enough they seem
 to be, and they can command board and lodgings almost
 gratuitously, and as for wisdom they have sufficient.
 On Saturday nights—no work being exacted from
 men on Sabbath.
 I have seen my tour of Lancaster Work-
 house. Thanking Mr Brotherhood for his kindness,
 I bade him good night, and groped my way to the
 Railway Station in time for the train for York.
 YOMAR.
 Backhill, April, 1852.
 WEARDALE UNION.
 NOMINATION OF GUARDIANS.

Edmondbyers Parish.—G. Hepple, Espershiels, farmer (1 required). Thunstonworth.—"Jasper Edmondbyers, farmer (1 required). Thunstonworth Rural Ward.—"John Edmondbyers, farmer (1 required). Wrange, farmer; "Joseph Cowper Cain, Weardale farms, manager of W.B. Leadmines and Smelt Mills (refuses to serve); "Vickers Hodgson, Weardale farms, contractor (refuses to serve); "J. Edmondbyers, farmer; "John Edmondbyers, farmer; "Robt. Childash, farmer; "Jas. Spark, Weardale, farmer; "John Featherstone, Burnhope, farmer; "John Dalkin, Park House, farmer; "William Watson, White House, farmer; "Matthew Reed, Edwally, farmer; "Thomas Crawshaw, Stanhope, farmer and agent; "John Edmondbyers, Stanhope, doctor of medicine; "Joseph Harrison, Freshopeburn, merchant; "Robt. Chapman, Lea Side, Frosterley, quarry agent; and "Henry

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**MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A MAN
AT DURHAM.
MURDER OF AN USHAW MOOR WORK-
MAN.**

Early on Sunday morning the quietude of the city was startled by the rumour that a brutal murder had been committed immediately on the outskirts of the city, and in a secluded spot near the old Prior's Path. The rumour unhappily turned out to be too true. The victim is a plaited man named Thomas Fyle, a married man, aged 45 years, who was employed at the Ushaw Moor Colliery. About a fortnight ago he was assaulted by two of the men on strike, but the case was dismissed for the want of corroborative evidence. A week later a man named Bailey, also

working at Ushaw Moor, was seriously ill-frosted on the highway near to Ushaw Moor Colliery. It was a singular circumstance in connection with the case, that the body was found in a position which bore a very strong resemblance to each other in build and appearance. The deceased man Pyle was known in Durham and spoken to by several persons on Saturday night. About ten o'clock he proceeded to his home, where he lay down to rest. He was found dead on Monday. When at the top of the Cemetery Bank, he appeared to have sat down. At half-past eleven o'clock, a leveller named Stephen Spirit, working at Bearpark Colliery, passed the place, and saw the body lying, as he thought, helplessly drawn across the footpath, with his face to the ground. On Sunday morning, when Spirit, who was returning to Durham the same way, found Pyle's body lying across the footpath, with his face to the ground, and his head towards the hedge. The man at once

They were informed that the police, coroner, doctor and constables had been called to the scene and that the coroner had been asked to investigate the case. The examination of the body showed that the man had been dead some time and was conveyed to the Durham County Hospital. On examining the place from where the body was found, a small pool of blood, which had gathered from a wound about the neck, and a small piece of clothing which was found on the chin of the deceased, were seen. There were also traces of a struggle from where the body was found. The deceased was seen sitting on the Saturday night at Spill, and was seen lying on the ground on the Sunday morning. The body appeared to have been dragged from the one place to the other, as there were heel marks traceable between the places. Near the body was a tough hedge stake, and on examining the hedge side the place where the body was found was seen. The body was found in a small stream leaving Durham.

was observed to be carrying a parcel. Near their apartment where his dead body was found were a lot of torn pieces of paper and pieces of cord. The police have taken possession of these, which may be of some value in the investigation of the crime. On being admitted to the County Hospital the body was immediately examined by the house surgeon (Dr Oliver). He did not think the smell of gas was so strong as it was reported to be, and that the outward appearances of Pyle rather indicated that he had been suffocated. The face was of a bluish colour, and his neckerchief was very tightly fastened round the throat. At the foot of the bed were a pair of shoes and a pair of socks, and the Rev. Hill Villa, but none of the residents heard any cry of distress during the night. On Sunday the scene of the outrage was visited by a great number of persons.

The further facts brought to light on Monday

that a brutal murder has been committed. A. already reported the examination of the body at the County Hospital showed that death was caused by the external wound visible on the forehead, and that the lungs were badly bruised about by suffocation. This naturally led to the theory that Pyle, being 'drunk on the Saturday night when last seen, and found next morning with his face to the ground, had suffocated himself. The post-mortem examination, however, was held on Monday by Dr. Oliver and Dr. Edward Jeph, has entirely dissipated that theory. Several marks of violence were discovered in the neck, and there was a wound over the jaw which exposed the bone. There was another large oval wound on the forehead, three inches long, and this wound internally was a fracture of the cartilage of the windpipe, which injury alone is

and learn the show, others peered from under the fringe like the wild beast from his lair. To the last-named mode of procedure my conductor took exception, and I was obliged to tell the audience of the tones which left no doubt as to the sincerity of my speaker. All were young men without exception, and I was particularly struck by the earnestness of their indication, it is said, of the confirmed tramp working man in quest of employment is rare in the ranks of the unemployed.

The old adage "Early to bed, early to rise, the day will be long, and the work will be easy," these tramps fulfill to the letter, but whether they intend to do so, or whether they are forced to, is another question to determine. Healthy enough they seem to be, and wealthy enough they might be, save for the fact that they are without money, and are dependent, gratuitously, and as for wisdom they have sufficient to enable them to flock to the Unions of their own accord, and work hard, and get a check-out on Sabbath.

This terminated my tour of Lancaster. Worthless as the day was, I had a good night's sleep, and groped my way to the Railway Station in time for the train going north.

Blackhill, April, 1882.

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On Monday afternoon, Mr John Graham, coroner, opened an inquest at the Cents Hospital, on the body of Thomas Pyle. Mr Brignall, auditor, watched the proceedings and the relatives of the deceased; and the owner of Ushaw Moor Colliery—Mr Chaytor—was also represented.

Robert Pyle said he was a miner, working at Framwellgate Moor Colliery. The body the jury had viewed was that of his father, Thomas Pyle, who was about fifty years of age, and a coal-miner employed at Ushaw Moor Colliery.

Stephen Spirit, who first found the body of Pyle and eight witnesses, were then bound over to appear and give evidence at the inquest on Tuesday.

The Coroner said he was sorry he could not take

Markets.

MEAT, POULTRY, PRODUCE, AND PROVISION.

DURHAM PROVISIONS, Tuesday.—Butter, 6d to 10½d; mutton, 8d to 10½d; veal, 9d to 10d; pork, 6d to 10d; bacon, 6d to 7½d; hams, 6d to 7d; cheese, 7d to 8d; lard, 6d per lb; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; turkeys, 3s 6d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; geese, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; guinea fowls, 3s 6d to 3s 6d; hares, 9d each; rabbits, 9d to 10d to 9d per couple; butter, 12s to 14s per cwt; ditto salt, 12s to 13s per cwt; eggs, 12 to 14 per dozen; potatoes, 5d to 6d per stone.

HEKHAM PROVISIONS, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per lb; eggs, 1s 10 to 1s 10½d; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; turkeys, 3s 6d to 3s 6d; geese, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; guinea fowls, 3s 6d to 3s 6d; hares, 9d to 9d per couple; potatoes, 5d to 6d; carrots, 6d to 8d; apples, 2s to 2s 6d; onions,

fine, 2s 0d; mealin, 1s 10d; oatmeal, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per stone.

to advance on the week; the high price of grain tends to keep the consumptive demand. Fine malting barley steady, but the season being nearly closed the market is not very active. The quality of the grain raising better prices. Good samples of Scotch barley found at late rates; secondary neglected. Bean and peas unaltered. Flour in better demand and prices hardening.

CATTLE.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 88 head of cattle, 175 sheep and 360 pigs from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland; 2,050 sheep, 572 sheep, 166 calves, and 17 pigs from foreign; and 38 beams from Ireland.

The show of stock presented for sale exhibited a decline of 16 beasts, but an increase of 110 sheep as compared with that of the previous week. The quality, however, was not so good, and sheep was middling for the week. The subjoined statement shows the numbers and prices of stock at this market in the corresponding week of the previous year.

Number of sheep and lambs, 4,000. Prices:—Sheep in wool, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; shorn, 4s 6d to 5s. Lambs, 2d to 10d

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EPPE'S COCOA—GRAPEFUL AND COMFORTING.—
By a thorough knowledge of the natural law
governing the operation of digestion and nutri-
tion, and by careful application of the fine properties
of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Eppe has provided our
breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage
which may save us many hours of suffering
by the judicious use of small quantities of diet that
a constitution may be gradually built up until
strong enough to resist every tendency to disease.
Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us,
ready to attack wherever they find an opportunity.
We may avoid them by a fastidious keep by our-
selves well fortified with pure blood and a properly
nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Also
simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in

two words you used. "Incedo's" note finished off—

before the addition was made—"Eden's bowers." By this alteration "Incedo's" meaning was quite

altered. He commenced the following sentence with reference to the oratorio at Castleisle—"The last word but one reminds me, &c., and your readers would actually imagine that "Incedo" meant to "blarney" the good people of Castleisle. He did no such thing. The oratorio at Castleisle will be a real treat, and he hopes your readers at Castleisle and from other places will be present on Monday evening, and hear the singing of the oratorio by one of our best artists. They will all be

delighted.

Yet another musical treat is in store for us—I refer now to the oratorio of "Judas Maccabæus," which is to be performed in Consett, on Wednesday evening next; by Mr Charles Stephenson, and his select artistes, assisted by a choir of eighty voices. I hope the place will be packed.

I have not heard a word lately of the intended New Town Hall. Are the directors asleep, or are they pushing forward the interests of the New Town Hall Company silently and surely? I hope so. There is great need of a large building at Consett, and the sooner the Town Hall is erected, the better for the town.

Death has been playing sad havoc in Consett recently. But a few days ago the eldest son of our respected post-master was interred; a few days afterwards Mr Routledge, chemist; last Sunday, Miss Neale; and to-day (Wednesday) while writing, I hear that a respected townsman, Mr T. S. Atkinson, has passed away, at the early age of 36 years, to join "the great majority."

Local and District News.

The members of South Medomake Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association have at a late meeting tendered their thanks to Mr Samuel Storey, M.P., and the other Radical members for opposing the grant to Prince Leopold.

CONCERT ASSEMBLY ROOMS.—Mr Stanton's Dramatic Company which is now appearing nightly in this place of amusement, gave a performance on behalf of the undersigned, Defence Receipts

THE MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE TO A LOCAL GENTLEMAN IN AMERICA.—With reference to the paragraph inserted last week under this heading, we are requested to state that it is only three years since the deceased man, Thomas Johnston, left Derwent Cottages for America. He was 45 years of age.

subject of a lecture (a report of which will appear in our next issue) delivered in the Central Hall, Blackhill, on Wednesday night, by the Rev. F. Wood, late a minister of the Methodist Free Church. The lecturer spoke for nearly two hours, and was listened to with marked attention throughout. There was a large audience.

CONSIDER AND KNITSLEY.—The annual meeting of the ratepayers for this township took place at the Local Board Room, Consett, last Thursday afternoon.—Mr. CHAR. P. DOUGLAS in the chair. The

overseers of the poor were all re-appointed, namely, Messrs. John Collinson, John Routledge, Chas. P. Douglass, and Thos. Richard Dolphin. Mr Dolphin was also elected waywarden for the township.

PRESENTATION AT CONSETT.—On Friday last the teachers, scholars, and friends of Miss Shepherd, mistress of the National Schools, made her a suitable presentation, on her removal from Consett, as a token of the love and esteem in which she was held. Her removal will be deeply regretted, and when she leaves this part for Sheffield National

Schools (her new sphere of labour), it will be with the well wishes of her friends for her future welfare and happiness. The presentation consisted of a beautiful album, a mahogany book and ink stand, a pearl card case, a book from the Rev. D. Bryson, and numerous other articles.

GREENCROFT TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The members of this Society, assisted by a few friends, gave a concert in the Preaching Room at Greencroft, last Saturday evening, for the benefit of a brother

who has been unable to follow his employment for several months past. Mr Thos. Oliver occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. The programme consisted of songs and melodies by Mrs Atchison, Miss Reay, Miss Lamb, Miss Atchison, and Mr G. Oliver ; and readings by Miss Dobbins. The various pieces were nicely rendered, some of the singers receiving a hearty *encore*. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the doxology, and the company dispersed, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be imperfect or seriously disordered without the effects of such derangement becoming visible on the countenance. These Pills at once remove the disorder and its unpleasant consequences. They stimulate the digestive and assimilative functions, and consequently promote that great blessing—a good appetite. Holloway's Pills most satisfactorily remove all deranged or diseased action of the many organs essential in extracting nourishment for our bodies.

from our various diets—as the liver, 'stomach, and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting to an early stage of the malady to those purifying and laxative Pills, the melancholy and jaundiced dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.

CONFIRMATIONS AT TOW LAW AND STANHOPE.—The Lord Bishop of Durham held a confirmation in the parish church of St. Philip and St. James on Tuesday last, at three o'clock, when about 20 con-

ditions were admitted to the holy rite. The sacred edifice was densely crowded, and numbers were unable to gain admission. The candidates were from the undermentioned parishes, viz.:—Tow Law, 30 females and 16 males, or in all 46; Thornley, 15; Stanley, 8; Firtree, 1. In the evening his Lordship delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon, which was attentively listened to by a large congregation. The service was choral throughout, and the musical portion was well rendered by a surpliced

enior of 24 voices.—On Monday afternoon the Bishop held a confirmation in Stanhope Church in the presence of a large congregation. The candidates were:—Stanhope and district, 42; Frosterley, 8; Wolsingham, 13; and Rookhope, 5.—total 68.

CONSETT BAPTIST CHAPEL.—The tenth anniversary of this place of worship was celebrated on Sunday and Monday last. On the former day sermons were preached in the morning by the Rev W. Baiter, Blackhill, and in the afternoon and evening by the Rev Mr Hanford, of Bishop

Auckland. At each of the services large and attentive audiences were present, and which were very successful.—On Monday afternoon a public tea was provided, at which there was only a meagre attendance compared to past years, and which was no doubt caused by the inclemency of the weather. The sumptuous repast was gracefully presided over by Mesdames Jenkins, Burlinson, Farnsworth, Oswald, Teasdale, and Misses Oswald, Dick, and Pattinson. In the evening a public meeting was held, when very interesting and

appropriate addresses were delivered by the Revs Mr Hanford, E. W. Jenkins, and R. Richards. Mr A. Knifton efficiently presided at the harmonium. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

or the month preceding the annual inspection in October, therefore instead of the drawing examination being held in March as heretofore, it will take place either in the months of September and November.—This was all the business transacted.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7th, 1882.

November.—This was all the business transacted.

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