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CORRESPONDENTS are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

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

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS AND VACCINATION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As the above election is upon us again, and there are a goodly number of candidates to choose from, it would be a very great help to the ratepayers in deciding who to vote for, if the candidates would be kind enough to publish their views on Vaccination, and say whether they would vote (when on the Board) for prosecuting people, who, in the supreme interest they have in their own flesh and blood, refuse to have their children vaccinated. The three candidates who will vote against such prosecutions shall have my vote, and I guess many others. I am, sir, yours faithfully,

PATERFAMILIAS.

Templetown, Consett, April 5th, 1893.

CONCERNING CALF-LYMPH.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The pro vaccination propagandists "*a la fanaticism*" of to-day are very busy circulating various erroneous statements, hoping, no doubt, to induce the unwary into believing that vaccination, as claimed for it by Jenner, *is a preventive* against the dread disease of small-pox; that it *is not* dangerous to the person—or rather, that it is no longer so, because of the perfect system of emb..lism according to the latest research and discovery, namely, calf-lymph; that before the introduction of methodical vaccination small-pox killed 40,000 yearly in this country; that thorough vaccination in infancy is an almost complete protection; that of the unvaccinated one out of every three attacked by small-pox die; that every soldier and sailor being vaccinated, the result is that small-pox is almost unknown in the army and navy, even amid surrounding epidemics; and that you can be vaccinated free of charge by the public vaccinator. Now, regarding the bulk of the improvable assertions which I have enumerated, I am not here directly concerned. To the least initiated they are by no means of a crucial character, even to anti-vaccinators they are arrant nonsense, and were it incumbent on me to refute them, evidence lies at hand which need only be adduced in a condensed form to give a genuine and thorough proof of their fallaciousness. But there is one statement to which I grant pre-eminence, and it is that of calf-lymph, the use of which to the hypnotised is regarded as of the loftiest importance, for the calf-lymph is *supposed*, or taken for granted, to be healthy, and by a strange freak of inductive reasoning is therefore a sure vaccinifer. On further investigation, however, the result is disastrous. The fact of the matter is we have but an absolute fraud, and in this I am borne out by men of science who at one time were the most pronounced among the believers in calf-lymph salvation. I am afraid in many cases it is a *deliberate* fraud, too, and its intended use is to answer the purpose of the proverbial red herring to the utter nothingness of noble-minded philanthropists and reformers, and in a like manner to blind the public to the real dangers of vaccination; but then, this is consequential of the pro-vaccinator's policy.

I would call the attention of your readers to the following reference—one instance will suffice—which appears at page 946 of the *Lancet*, 1892:—

"In a herd of choice Jersey cattle kept near Philadelphia one cow died, and, on examination, she was found to have had tuberculosis. A veterinary surgeon examined the herd, but could detect no evidence of the disease in the other cattle. But, as an aid to diagnosis, he employed tuberculin, and found re-action in six cases. These animals were slaughtered, and all but one were found to be suffering from tuberculosis. The exceptional case was not fully determined. These six cattle were believed to be in perfect health by experts who subjected them to thorough examination. This herd had been selected with the greatest care . . . ."

Mr Alfred Milnes, M.A. (London), F.S.S., commenting upon this excerpt in the *Vaccination Inquirer*, June 1st, 1892, page 44, says:—"If the whole herd had been slaughtered there would have been something to say as to the efficacy of tuberculin reaction as a help to diagnosis. As it is, all that is proved is, that experts cannot tell whether cattle are suffering from tuberculosis or not. Does not this alone dispose of the whole case for calf-lymph? If no expert can tell whether a calf is healthy or not, the use of it to create a healthy disease-product is absurd—as absurd as the healthy disease itself."

Just so, Mr Milnes' logic is truly *au fait*, and it answers my object admirably. That comment on this head would be superfluous if enlarged, is obvious. Thus the *Lancet*, of relentless medical tyranny, aids us a little in our endeavour to enlighten the public into destroying this vaccino-impertinence of belated subterfuge.

Further dealing with this grotesque subject of calf-lymph we may remark that Mr Jonathan Hutchinson has conclusively established one case of syphilitic calf-lymph, and that Dr Cory made a public confession of disease and death following the embolismic application of calf-lymph, the actual operation of the lancet or puncturing aside. In good truth the plea is without a bottom, and of what value are the hoops? for unanimous is the conviction of all medical investigators, who have studied the question in the light of rationalism, that vaccination from calf-lymph is more dangerous than either human-lymph or the bovine of the mature suppusative vaccinifer, and under such guidance we hope to emasculate, and ultimately to eradicate its vitality for pernicious chimera.—I am, yours truly,

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

Front Street, Wolsingham, March 28th, 1893.

IS SPIRITUALISM TRUE?

AGNOSTICISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—"Soranus" says that "Agnosticism itself is simply a method of thought, and has no bearing whatever on morality." Now, sir, I entirely differ with him; because facts speak louder than words; because all actions are proceded first by thought—evil thoughts produce evil actions and good thoughts the opposite, and loose actions take root first in loose thoughts. The wise man knew full well what he was talking about when advising his son. He said, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." All biography will bear testimony that all evil actions were the fruit of evil thoughts. Well now, "Soranus" mentions several names in his last contribution, and challenges me to say anything against the public or private character of the men, and further, "If I cannot, then I ought in fairness to withdraw the accusation." I beg to remind "Soranus" that I was speaking of principles rather than men, generally rather than particularly; but if "Soranus" wants *particular* instances of Atheism being everywhere calculated to generate and foster 1st, loose thoughts; 2nd, loose principles; 3rd, immoral actions; I refer him to an able lecture (to which I have already called attention) "Mistaken signs," by Rev W. L. Watkinson. There he will find proof of my accusation against Atheism; proof which the late Joseph Barker and others ex-Atheists confirm; proof which all experience and observation goes to substantiate. In fact, it is quite in accordance with natural law and the order of things, that Atheists who retain their moral principles with their loose creed are exceptions rather than the rule, and are very extraordinary men in spite of their creed, not because of it. That such exceptions have been known I fully admit, as Joseph Barker, G. J. Holyoake, and Jno. Morley as witnesses, but these men never drew support from their creed to help or assist them. One word more, Joseph Barker said (I believe in Newcastle) that one thing disgusted him very much with respect to Atheism, viz., the immoral lives of many of its desciples.—Yours, &c.,

ORDER.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—We all admire real fairness and breadth of view. The tendency of the age is to exalt everything that calls itself catholic and broad, without any very close scrutiny into the justice of its claims to catholicity. With some men this passion for doubting every proposition and considering nothing as certain has developed the critical spirit until it has become a veritable disgrace. We believe this critical disposition to be an extremely unfortunate habit of mind. Better be too credulous that too sceptical. Better see one side of the shield than to put one's neck out of joint trying to see the other side. The most unpleasantly conceited assumptions are usually made by those self-appointed doubters. They are the people; wisdom will die with them; the world could hardly turn on its axis correctly unless they gave the word of command and allowed it to turn aright; other people are "narrow-minded and bigoted"; they "lack the judicial spirit," according to the latest favourite expression. Surely it is unreasonable folly to stand in this wondrous world and doubt the being of a God. Men sneer at the argument from design; but the argument will grasp and hold as long as men have eyes with which to see and brains with which to think. I stood listening to the exquisite singing of a bird. Light, air, water, tree twigs, seeds, fruits, foods of various kinds—these were for it and around it. But here is the egg whence the bird came. Its shell shuts its contents out from all the external world; and here, inside this shell, and within these contents, is going on inexplicible transformation, clots of biophlasm within that shell are doing their wonderous weaving. Here an eye is woven; there an ear is woven; here the complicated bones and muscles and nerves of the larynx are woven too; here also a stomach is woven, within the walls of which are glands secreting, dissolving, and digesting juices; here a wing, with hollow bones for lightness and with pointed shape for speed, and with leverage of bone and wrapping of strong muscle for swift moving, is woven too; here, besides, a foot with which to grasp a perch is woven. And when your egg-shell is broken, and your bird which has been woven within that shell out of *all* relation with the external world comes forth, you find the most precise adjustment between that bird and this hitherto shut-off external world. The light enters the eye and the bird sees; the waves of air strike against its ear and the bird hears; the air itself is flung forth by the bird's larynx in pulsations of melodious song; the stomach digests the seeds and the bird lives and grows; the wing is found to be a most perfect instrument of flight; and the clawed foot grasps the tree twig, oscillating there in the summer breeze. Fortuitous concourse of atoms! No! God wrought it. Another point is this: no scientist doubts that there was a time when man could no more live on the earth than he can now live in a furnace where iron is boiling hot. There is, therefore, no denying the statement that the appearance of man on the earth was something contrary to the order of things then existing. Indeed, in some respects, the origin of man on the earth is one of the oddest things that ever happened here. It is more of a wonder than any or than all of the alleged miracles of the Old or New Testament. In some respects it is a miracle of miracles, and sceptical science is seemingly no nearer solving that riddle of man's advent than it was fifty years ago. And the creation of the first woman is fully as puzzling as is the creation of the first man. Woman is now here, and we shall be pardoned for adding that she is more and more making herself felt to be an important and indispensible factor in the world's progress and development. But, how came she here? There could have been no child here without a woman, unless the child came in a way supernatural, or, at least, unnatural, and there could have been no woman unless she had grown from a child. The first child or the first full-grown woman, so far as we can judge, was unnatural; certainly they were interruptions in the order of things then existing. Once they were not here, afterwards they were here, and are here now. And we defy the whole world of sceptics who have assailed Bible miracles to throw one ray of light on the creation of the first man or woman, apart from creation by an unnatural or a supernatural interposition. The creation of the first man and woman is a solid granite wall against which an infidel philosophy will yet beat its brains out, provided it continues to make its assaults on the possibility of Bible miracles. In regard to a creator, I believe that God is a conception of man derived from a response of his intellectual and emotional organisms to certain objective premises. When man seriously contemplates his environments, and notes the sublimity, power, method, law, harmony, and wisdom displayed therein, he is irresistibly forced to say there is an infinite intelligence greater than his. Among all nations and peoples, and at all times, we learn that a belief in a supreme power has prevailed, and this universal concurrence of belief in the existence of a God who eludes our physical perceptions, to my mind is highly significant, and is one of many reasons for my believing that such a being exists.—Yours, &c.,

WM. SIMPSON.

Beamish Air Pit.

MR BRADLAUGH AND THE WORKING MAN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In reply to Mr John Robinson, of Sunniside, Tow Law, I beg to say that as he is pleased to style the account given (of the above circumstance) as a "childish story," embodying, he considers, a "ridiculous question," and suspects it to be "a pious myth," I shall briefly answer in my *own* way and not *his*. As I am not at all amenable to Mr J. R. First, if the story be "childish, ridiculous, and pious myth," why trouble about it? But it cannot be what he professes to designate, otherwise it would be unworthy of notice, whereas he wants all particulars respecting it; therefore it must be a story of considerable importance, moreover one which no Atheist can grapple with. I therefore elect to give Mr R. a different answer to the one he asks for, but in substance the same, and instead of going further afield for the proof required, I will come nearer home, and instead of one isolated case, I will give several. I therefore wish to direct the attention of Mr Robinson, to the resident Wesleyan Minister, Primitive Methodist Minister, and Salvation Army Captain, *all* of Tow Law, to challenge these three persons to produce on a given day not *one* but *scores* of instances of men (including working men) of all ranks, who have been changed by the power of the gospel from bad men to good men, a power which only Christianity possesses, and which Atheism never had. Mr Bradlaugh, says Mr R., "during his career had some of the most ridiculous questions put to him it was ever the misfortune of anyone to listen to." Very likely he might. But did Mr Bradlaugh himself never make ridiculous statements? Personally he was a "jolly good fellow," a useful and acceptable politician. His lecture on "England's Balance-sheet" was a masterpiece.' But when he touched upon religion he was at sea. His statements regarding the eternity of matter is absolute twaddle, and his assertions (in his debate with Mr Harrison, held in Newcastle) that Christianity "had been most powerfully obstructive to human progress," are absolutely false, vague, and groundless; inasmuch as Christianity has and does encourage *all* that is good, and denounces *all* evil. But because a few misguided and mistaken bigoted zealots and fanatics have been guilty sometimes of censurable practices, under a cloak or garb of profession of Christianity, instead of its actual possession, a sweeping charge is made in consequence against Christianity generally; whereas Christianity condemns everything which commonsense, justice, and moral feeling would naturally censure, and inculcates all that is good, and pure, and true. And for *all* the good that is in the world to-day, it has its source, origin, and spring, directly or indirectly, from Christianity. And *all* the evil that is in the world to-day, may be traced, directly or indirectly, to its opposition and hostility to Christianity.—Yours,

LIGHT V. DARKNESS.

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Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

South Moor Exiles 2nd beat Kyo Navvies 2nd, on the former's ground, by six goals to one.

Kyo Rascals beat East Kyo Navvies by three goals to one, on the Navvies' ground.

South Moor Young Rovers beat Burnhope Albion, at Burnhope, by four goals to three.

Tanfield Lea Stiff-'Uns beat Kip Hill 2nd by two goals to nil, at Tanfield.

Shotley Bridge Rovers and Tanfield Lea Stiff-'Uns played a draw of one goal each, at Shotley Spa, on Good Friday.

Lizzie Celtics defeated South Moor Violets, on the ground of the latter, by three goals to two, on Good Friday!

Lizzie Celtics and South Moor Violets played their return game at the Lizzie on Monday, the home team winning easily by six goals to nil.

TANTOBIE HEROES V STANLEY TRUE BLUES.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to one.

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES V EAST CASTLE ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground, the Heroes winning easily by five goals to one.

CATCHGATE ALBIONS V KYO NAVVIES.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a victory for the Albions by two goals to nil.

SOUTH MOOR EXILES V KYO NAVVIES.—Played at Kyo on Good Friday, when the Exiles won a fast and exciting game by two goals to one.

SOUTH MOOR EXILES V ANNFIELD PLAIN ALBION.—Played on the latter's ground, the Exiles winning by five goals to four.

DICKENSON'S HEROES V FLINT HILL ALBION.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a win for the Heroes by three goals to one.

LIZZIE CELTICS 2ND V KYO GEMS 2ND.—Played on the Celtics' ground, and resulted in a victory for the Gems by five goals to three.

TANTOBIE HEROES V CATCHGATE LILYWHITES.—Played at Catchgate. At half-time the ball bursted, and the game came to an end, with the Heroes leading by one goal to nil.

CATCHGATE LILYWHITES V CATCHGATE SCRATCH.—Played at Catchgate, and ended in a victory for the Lilywhites by two goals to nil. E. Rutherford and Watchman played a splendid game for the winners.

HOBSON YOUNG WANDERERS V BUSTY BANK ALBION.—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game resulted in a win for the Wanderers by seven goals to nil.

CATCHGATE ALBIONS V EAST CASTLE WANDERERS.—Played on the ground of the former, the home team winning a very enjoyable game by six goals to nothing.

ANNFIELD PLAIN ALBION V EAST CASTLE ROVERS 2ND.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a good game the Albions were victorious by four goals to one.

LEADGATE YOUNG EXILES V LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in an easy victory for the Exiles by five goals to one.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES JUNIORS V LEADGATE ST. IVES.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by four goals to two.

FLINT HILL ALBION 2ND V DIPTON ATHLETIC.—Played on the ground of the former, when the home team gained a very easy victory by four goals to none.

FLINT HILL ALBION V WHITE-LE-HEAD RANGERS.—Played on the former's ground on Good Friday, and after a rough game ended in a win for the Albion by one goal to nil.

LINTZ BOARD SCHOOL V TANTOBIE HEROES.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a quarrelsome game on the part of the home team ended in a win for the visitors by three goals to two.

ST. PETER'S ALBION V CORNSAY ROVERS.—Played at Cornsay on Easter Monday, and after a splendid game resulted in a draw of two goals each. Cornsay provided tea and dinner for the visitors, who greatly enjoyed their outing.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S V BRANDLING ROVERS.—This return match was played at Newcastle. The "Saints" were weakly represented, but proved too good for the Rovers, and ran out winners by four goals to two.

LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART V LEADGATE BOYS' BRIGADE.—Played on the former's ground on Easter Monday, and after a fast game Science and Art were victorious by three goals to nil. Referee, Mr Wm. Brears.

KIP HILL WANDERERS V TANFIELD LEA STIFF-'UNS.—Played on the former's ground on Easter Monday, the visitors winning a hard game by one goal to nil. Thompson, Donald, and Milburn played a good game for the visitors, as did Carroll, Fairbairn, and Nicholson for the Wanderers.

LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART V EAST CASTLE WANDERERS.—Played on the former's ground, and after a fast game Science and Art proved victorious by three goals to nil. The winning team played an excellent game.

TOW LAW WANDERERS V WOLSINGHAM INSTITUTE 2ND.—Played on the former's ground on Friday, and after a pleasant game ended in a victory for the Wanderers by six goals to two. Walton played exceedingly well for the winners.

LANGLEY PARK RISING STARS V BURNHOPE JUNIORS.—Played on the former's ground. The visitors left the field ten minutes before time, when the score stood as follows:—Langley Park, two goals; Burnhope, nil

COLLIERLEY BOARD SCHOOL V PICKERING NOOK.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for the home team by five goals to nil. The following represented the winners:—Goal, Settrey; backs, Freek and Thornton; half-backs, Kelly, John Hodge, and Harrison; forwards, Hogg and Gill, right wing; Waggott, centre; Hodge and Coulthard, left wing.

ANNFIELD PLAIN WANDERERS V LANCHESTER.—Played at Lanchester. After some even play, the Wanderers scored from a corner. The visitors nearly scored again, but the home custodian saved grandly. The home forwards got to the other end, but were repulsed, and the visitors led at the interval by one goal to nil. In the second half, each side scored once, the Wanderers thus winning a good game by two goals to one.

BLACKHILL PARK V LINTZ ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground. The home captain won the toss, and elected to play against a slight breeze. Lintz kicked off and ran up, but shot pass. The home forwards ran down, and had hard lines in not scoring. The visitors forced a corner, but nothing resulted, the home team clearing their lines; but the Rovers returned to the attack, and after a scrimmage scored their first goal. Even play followed, and half time found the score standing—

Lintz ....One goal
Park ....Nil

The second half opened very evenly, and midfield play was carried on for a while, but the Park broke away, and Tindle equalised with a grand long shot. The home team continued to press, and Lindsay and Tindle put in some grand shots, but could not score again. Result—

Lintz ....One goal
Park ....One goal

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. V CORNSAY ROVERS.—This match was played on the ground of the former in two "45's." The home team kicked off, and for fully 30 minutes the game was evenly contested, some smart work being shown for the Y.M. by Sanderson at half-back, and Simpson, the visitors' outside left, the latter being the means of Cornsay scoring their first goal, and soon after a second goal was notched by the centre man. Half-time score—

Cornsay ....Two goals
Consett ....Nil

On the resumption of the game, the Rovers had decidedly the best of it, and quickly added to their score, despite the clever defence of Shaw and Jones (goalkeeper), who saved some beauties. Sanderson also was again conspicuous. The final result was as under—

Cornsay ....Five goals
Consett ....Nil

LINTZFORD V HIGH HEWORTH.—Played on the ground of the latter in beautiful weather. Lintzford won the toss, and the homesters commenced with the hill in their favour. The opening exchanges were of an even nature, until a miskick by Andrews let the home team in, and they scored a clever goal. This was all the scoring up to half-time, when the record read—

Heworth ....One goal
Lintzford ....Nil

On resuming, the visitors pressed, and the home defence was severely taxed. Stephenson headed a dangerous shot out of the Heworth goal, but Henderson returned, and Nixon headed through a beauty, thus equalising. Each team afterwards pressed, but the Heworth men were unable to add to their total. Just before the finish, a corner fell to Lintzford, which was splendidly placed by Swinburne, and Jas. Andrews shot the winning point. A pleasant game concluded as follows—

Lintzford ....Two goals
Heworth ....One goal

SOUTH MOOR ROVERS V ELSWICK WANDERERS.—Played at Stanley on Good Friday. The home team won the toss, and decided to play against the wind. The Wanderers started the globe, and made a dash away, but the Rovers' backs were on the alert, and pulled them up. The home forwards made a capital run, and Potts shot against the cross-bar. However, he made amends for this shortly after by scoring the first goal. The visitors rushed off and sent in a high shot which was saved at the expense of a corner. This was well placed, but came to nothing. The Rovers' forwards secured and ran the length of the field, and scored. Half-time arrived soon after with the score standing—

Rovers ....Two goals
Wanderers ....Nil

Play became fast and exciting on resuming, each end being visited in turn. Eventually, the visitors broke away and scored their only goal. The game continued pretty even until the homesters gained a corner, and Brydon headed through. The Rovers had now all their own way, and added four more points to their total. Result—

Rovers ....Seven goals
Wanderers ....One goal

DIPTON WANDERERS v. DARLINGTON ATHLETIC.

Played on the Dipton ground on Easter Monday before a large gathering of spectators. A good game ended in a victory for the Wanderers by three goals to one.

TOW LAW v. DARLINGTON ST. AUGUSTINE'S.

Played at Tow Law on Saturday. The "Saints" arrived four men short, substitutes being provided for them from the reserves. The game needs but little description, as the homesters never exerted themselves, winning easily by five goals to nil.

LEADGATE EXILES v. DARLINGTON ST. AUGUSTINE'S.

This match, which had been eagerly looked forward to by the Exiles' supporters, was decided at Leadgate on Easter Monday. The game turned out to be of the most one-sided nature, the home team having much the best of matters. Although the Exiles did not win by a large score, on the day's play they were five or six goals better than the "Saints." The final result was—

Exiles ....Four goals
Darlington ....One goal

LEADGATE PARK v. TRAFALGAR (NEWCASTLE.)

This holiday fixture was brought off on the Park ground on Easter Monday in grand weather, before a large assemblage of spectators. The home team were without four of their regular players. A pleasant game ended as under—

Park ....Two goals
Trafalgar ....Two goals

The following was the Park team:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Mansell; half-backs, T. Snowdon, J. B. Robson, and Geo. Walton; forwards, R. Graham and Rev R. S. Hay, right wing; R. Wilson, centre; J. Hunter and G. Lock, left wing. Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun., Medomsley.

LEADGATE EXILES v. HOBSON WANDERERS.

This game was played on the Exiles' ground on Good Friday, the home team being only poorly represented. The Wanderers had the wind at their backs in the first period, and at the interval the score was one goal each. The Exiles pressed most of the second half, the visitors seldom being dangerous. Two goals were added by the homesters, and a somewhat uninteresting game ended as under—

Exiles ....Three goals
Hobson ....One goal

Referee, Mr J. Robson (Leadgate Park.)

BISHOP AUCKLAND AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

TOW LAW v. WITTON PARK.

This return game was played on the latter's ground on Good Friday. The home team was only weakly represented, whilst the visitors were minus Blair. Tow Law had much the best of matters, and after scoring four goals, Hildreth, in taking a goal kick, struck one of the home forwards with the globe, from whom it rebounded through. The visitors still held the upper hand, and finally ran out easy winners as under—

Tow Law ....Ten goals
Witton Park ....One goal

TOW LAW v. WILLINGTON ROVERS.

Played at Willington on Easter Monday. In the previous game, Tow Law won by four goals to none. The visitors scored in the first minute. Willington afterwards indulged in roughness, and drew level, offside being appealed for but disallowed. With a long, lofty shot the homesters obtained the lead, the score at half-time being—

Willington ....Two goals
Tow Law ....One goal

It was some twenty minutes after the resumption ere the visitors got on even terms, but once having done so the result was never in doubt, and pressing heavily Tow Law quickly registered six additional goals, and ultimately gained a most decisive victory. Final score—

Tow Law ....Eight goals
Willington ....Two goals

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FOURTH ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v. BILL QUAY ALBION.

This re-played tie was brought off on the Park ground before a large number of enthusiastic spectators. The Albion captain won the toss, and elected to give his team the advantage of playing with the wind and sun at their backs. The visitors held the upper hand in the first half, and at the interval the score was—

Albion ....Three goals
Park ....One goal

On resuming, the home team took up the running, and the Bill Quay defence was most severely tested. Hunter, Hay, and Wattsford each scored for Leadgate, while the visitors failed to again break through the Park defence. A fast and exciting game ended as follows—

Park ....Four goals
Albion ....Three goals

The following team represented the Park:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and Wm. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, A. Little, J. B. Robson, and G. Walton; forwards, H. Wattsford and C. T. Foreman, right wing; J. A. Burnhope, centre; Rev R. S. Hay and J. Hunter, left wing. Linesman, F. Jackson. Referee, Mr J. R. Douglas, Gateshead.

RUGBY.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. STARGATE ROVERS.

The above game was played at Shotley Spa on Easter Monday. The Blackhill men played a splendid game, J. Brown, Anderson, McElrue, Annandale, and Robson being especially prominent throughout. Score—

Blackhill ....Two goals and one try (12 points)
Stargate ....Nil

Referee, Mr J. McTaggart.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. SUMMERHILL.

These teams decided their fixture at the Shotley Spa grounds on Easter Tuesday. The game proved a much closer one than the previous day's, and was admirably contested. Both teams displayed some very good football, and the result at the end of an exciting struggle was—

Rovers ....Two goals (10 points)
Summerhill ....One goal (5 points)

Referee, Mr M. Hobday.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

LEADGATE PARK V BILL QUAY ALBION.

Everything was favourable for a grand exhibition of the dribbling code last Saturday, when these teams again met at Leadgate to settle the question of superiority, and also to decide as to which should oppose Boldon Stars to-morrow in the semi-finals of the Junior Cup. The game was one of the best and most exciting I have seen on the Park ground, the interest being maintained from the kick-off till the whistle finally sounded for time. The visitors were the first to score—a somewhat simple affair by the way—but the Park soon equalised. Bill Quay responded with two additional goals, and with a clear lead of a couple of points at half-time the tie was booked a certainty for the Albion.

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The play had been fast in the initial "45," but after crossing over it became even faster. The Park quickly wiped off one of the points against them amid loud cheers, which were renewed later on when Hunter, after a splendid piece of individual play, made the scores level with a grand shot. Then came the struggle for the winning point, each team doing all they knew to get through. Just as everyone was predicting another draw, the ball was shot into the Albion goal. The custodian had plenty of time to clear, but dallied somewhat, and before he could recover himself the leather and he were rushed through by the home forwards, to the accompaniment of such a torrent of enthusiastic cheers as has rarely been heard on the Park ground.

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The winners deserved their victory if only for the plucky fashion in which they played up when defeat seemed certain. But I attribute the result mostly to the great improvement amongst the Park forwards, who appeared an entirely different set to the quintette that did duty in the first tie. They combined and passed cleverly, and worked very hard all through. Wattsford and Foreman did capitally on the right, while Hunter and Hay were equally successful on the left, the latter being ubiquitous. I don't think I ever saw Burnhope in better form in the centre, and he never seemed to tire. Robson filled Wilson's position at centre half in admirable style, and the only fault that could be urged against him was that he kicked rather too powerfully, his forwards thus being unable to reach the ball before the opposing backs were on it. In every other respect, his display was worthy of the greatest praise. Walton and Little supported Robson in grand fashion, and are entitled to a full share of the honour that attaches to the brilliant victory gained by the Park. Mansell played one of his very best games, kicking with great precision, while Foreman is rapidly developing into one of the most reliable of backs, and only needs time to be able to hold his own with the best. Crowther, except for one mistake, kept goal brilliantly, and in the second half especially averted numerous dangerous attacks, when the least suspicion of "funk" on his part would have proved fatal to his side.

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Although the Albion had a fresh goalkeeper with them, I cannot say that I think he was much improvement on the old one. The backs played a splendid game up to the time when the Park equalised, but after this they became rather erratic. Martin was again the pick of the intermediate division, and is a really capable half, albeit the other two by no means did badly. The forwards, as in the previous game, were the best part of the team, and were responsible for some beautiful runs and shots. Monaghan was very nearly the best forward on the field, and was generally dangerous when he got the globe. He has a fine turn of speed, and was a little bit too fast for his colleagues. The centre man also did capital work. I am pleased to say that the match was played out in a friendly manner, thanks to the impartial refereeing of Mr Douglas, and so far as I could see, neither team had any cause to complain with regard to that gentleman's decisions.

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LEADGATE EXILES V HOBSON WANDERERS.

I had not had an opportunity of seeing the Wanderers perform before last Friday, and after all the glowing accounts I had heard about them, I am bound to admit that I was somewhat disappointed at their display. Undoubtedly the high wind had a prejudicial effect on the play, but then the Exiles had by no means their best team, and I certainly think the Hobson should have made a better show. The Leadgate men fully deserved the verdict on the day's play, and did most of the pressing, besides showing the superior football. I cannot believe but that the Wanderers are capable of better things than what they showed us on Friday at Leadgate.

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The visitors had Keith, of Byer Moor, in goal, and he saved really well. He is rather inclined to run out of his goal too much, but nevertheless he is by no means a poor custodian. The brothers Henderson at back are the strongest part of the team, and are a couple of able defenders, who kick powerfully and cleanly, and altogether play a very judicious game. McNeil is a good half, and tackles fearlessly and effectively, while the other two were very fair. The forwards have a lot to learn yet. They simply go in for a long kick and a rush, and very seldom indeed indulge in passing or combination. Maddison and Beck certainly did initiate one or two passing runs, but the effort was not sustained. Maddison was the pick of the five, and only wants careful coaching and a good partner to be equal to any forward in the district.

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Neither the Exiles' goalkeeper or backs had much to do, owing to the effective defence of the halves. Monaghan and McGrachan again came off, and it is simply wonderful how these two players maintain their splendid form week after week. I am getting almost tired praising these two men, who appear to preserve the secret of always being in form. Considering how they were made up, the forwards gave a very creditable exhibition, McMahon and Hill being most prominent.

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WELL DONE, TOW LAW.

Tow Law have without doubt gone through their Easter programme in a business-like manner. To score 23 goals against 3 is a splendid record. Their opponents, however, were only a moderate lot. The game at home against St Augustine's (Darlington) was eagerly looked forward to, and great disappointment was felt when it became known that they had only sent seven men. The vacancies were filled from the home Reserve, who gave a rare exhibition against their elders. Willington was visited on Monday, when in glorious weather the Tow Lawites again won easily. The homesters indulged in a great deal of horseplay, and were the roughest lot that Tow Law have met this season, only two or three of the visiting team escaping without injuries. Conroy was kicked in the chest and had to retire early in the second period, and unless the players can pull themselves together before Saturday, when they play St. Helen's in the Junior Cup, it may go hard with them.

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LEADGATE PARK V TRAFALGAR.

The weather was of the most sultry kind on Monday, and no doubt affected the players in the above game, which at times became somewhat slow. The Park lacked the services of four of their regular eleven, and consequently four of the reserve were found places. The home men missed several easy chances, and the result was draw of two goals each. The most conspicuous men on the Park side were Snowdon, Robson, Hay, Mansell, Walton, and Wilson. The visitors showed some pretty football at times, but were undoubtedly lucky to get off with a draw.

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NEWS.

The semi-finals of the Junior Cup will be decided to-morrow. The matches are Leadgate Park v Boldon Star; Tow Law v St. Helen's (Auckland).

I shall not be at all surpised to see the final fought out by the Park and Tow Law.

The defeat of Darlington St. Hilda's by St. Helen's was a great surprise, and especially by such a decisive margin as three goals.

Tow Law have been most successful in their holiday games, having won every one in easy fashion.

An old footballer in the person of Mr Wm. Walton, of Sunderland, was married at Medomsley on Monday.

Mr Walton, who at one time was one of the most prominent forwards in the Medomsley team, now holds a responsible position in the Higher Grade School at Sunderland, and I feel sure that all his old football acquaintances will wish Mr and Mrs Walton every prosperity.

Byer Moor 2nd write to say that they will play Burnopfield Temperance either for silver medals or £5 a-side, on neutral ground. Burnopfield are requested to be at the house of Mr R. Pace to-morrow night to make the match.

South Moor Rovers also state that they are willing to accept the challenge of Greencroft Black Watch.

The final of the Senior Cup will be played at Shildon on April 15th.

MATCHES WANTED.

South Moor Young Rovers have some vacant dates, and would like them filled up at once. Ages, 10 to 12. Apply to Richard Wilson, Smith Arms, South Moor.

Lizzie Celtic 2nd have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Apply to J. Coyle, 41, South Pontop Colliery, Annfield Plain.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Monday being a holiday mart there was only a limited supply of stock forward, several lots arriving after the conclusion of the sale. There was a good company of buyers present, and prices were good for all classes of fat stock, many of the hoggs making up to 9d per lb, and beef of ordinary good quality 7s 6s to 8s per stone. Twelve fat cattle to £18 15s; 75 sheep to 52s 6d; 13 pork pigs, 50s to 90s each; cows to £14. Hay, £4 10s per ton.

TOW LAW.—On Monday, Mr J. Vickers had forward 33 dairy cows and heifers, 13 fat cattle, 12 calves, 94 fat sheep and hoggs. Cows made up to £18; fat cattle to £15; calves to 35s 6d; fat hoggs to 38s—top, Mr Holmes, Witton Hall; fat black-faced wethers to 38s 6d—top, Mr A. Walton, Landue, Wolsingham.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull had forward on Monday 90 fat cattle, 5 grazing cattle, 15 milch cows, 180 fat sheep, 12 pork pigs, 10 young pigs, 1 bacon pig, 2 saddles, gig, blocks, &c. There was a fair attendance of buyers present, and trade for cattle was not quite so brisk as last Tuesday's market, but were a shade up from last sale held at this mart. Sheep were fully 1d per lb up from last sale. Milk cows were a slow, dull trade. Prices as follows:—Fat cattle: Bullocks to £20 2s 6d—top, Mr L. Wood, The Hermitage; heifers to £19—top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme; cows to £19—top, Mr H. Potts, Harbour House. Milch cows to £17 10s. Grazing cattle to £6 10s. Fat sheep: Shearlings to 40s; hoggs to 58s—top, Mr T. Young. Pork pigs to 77s; young pigs to 29s; bacon pigs to £6 12s 6d.

Trade Notes.

THE DURHAM COAL TRADE.

HEDLEYHOPE COLLIERY.

Sir B. Samuelson and Co., of Middlesbrough, have, we are informed, given all their employés at Hedleyhope Colliery a fortnight's notice to terminate their engagements.

MEDOMSLEY BUSTY PIT.

A large number of men, including between 60 and 70 hewers, received their notices on Thursday at the Busty Pit, at Medomsley, belonging to the Consett Iron Company.

Cycling Notes.

ALLENDALE AND DISTRICT CLUB.—The above club held their first meeting for the season in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, on Tuesday night, when the following officers were elected:—Captain, Thomas McDonald; vice-captain, T. Robson; treasurer, E. Jones; buglers, T. Burns and A. Dodds; committee, T. Gallaghar, B. Saunderson, W. Leighton, J. Burke, and J. Browne; secretary, R. Bell, 40, Allendale Cottages, Medomsley, R.S.O.

CHURCH PARADE AT LEADGATE.

On Sunday morning, a parade of cyclists, organised by the newly-formed Leadgate Park Cycling Club, took place at St. Ives' Church, Redwell Hills, Leadgate. There were present members of the Consett "Charlie," Allendale Cottages, Consett and District, and Leadgate Park Clubs, together with several unattached wheelmen, to the number of over sixty. Under the direction of Mr J. Rogerson, the captain of the Leadgate Park C.C., the riders started in single file from the new Co-operative Stores, and proceeded to the sacred edifice, which was filled by a very large congregation. The Rev R. S. Hay, curate of the parish, who is himself a prominent athlete, preached an excellent sermon from the words:—"What mean ye by this service?" (Exodus xii., 26). In the course of his remarks the rev. gentleamn warmly commended cycling as a noble and invigorating pastime, and as this was practically the opening of the season, he was glad to learn that the local wheelmen had begun so well by attending church. He impressed upon his hearers the necessity of using their influence in purifying all athletic pastimes, and advised them not to countenance the corrupt practices which were now associated with certain forms of sport. The cyclists made a collection amongst themselves for the school funds, the sum of 26s being raised as follows:—

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Consett "Charlie" (8 members)	8	0
Consett and District (9)	5	6
Allendale Cottages (5)	2	6
Leadgate Park (20)	10	0

Sporting Items.

QUOITING AT THE COMMERCIAL INN, TANTOBIE.—A large company assembled at the quoit ground adjoining the above hotel, on Good Friday, to witness the first stages of a quoit handicap on the award, promoted by W. Embleton. Results:—R. Williamson beat T. Baker, J. Sortees beat J. Embleton, Wm. Holmes beat J. Scott, T. Baker beat R. Williamson, M. McGuire beat J. Embleton, D. Morris beat J. Atthey, Tones beat T. Sortis, McGuire beat J. Scott, D. Morris beat Wm. Holmes, Wm. Holmes beat McGuire, T. Sortis beat R. Williamson, D. Morris beat Tones, D. Morris beat T. Baker, McGuire odd man. The handicap was resumed on Saturday, and concluded on Monday.

RABBIT COURSING AT DIPTON.—On Saturday, afternoon, a rabbit match between Rudd's Nip and Smith's Dominic, the best of 21 courses, was arranged to take place, for £15 a-side, on the grounds connected with the house of Mr Samuel Ledger, Bird Inn, Hill Top, Dipton. Nip had 8 courses awarded to him, and Dominic had got 5 courses when a dispute arose, which brought the match to an abrupt termination, the stakeholder (Mr George Moseley, of White-le-Head), returning the money to the depositors. J. Forster, of Dipton, acted as referee, George Moseley being the pistol-firer.

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"HOW TO BEHAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

Eastertide Festivities

The works and collieries being idle on Easter Monday, and delightful summer weather prevailing, the people in this locality wholly gave themselves up to pleasure. Large numbers travelled to Newcastle, Durham, and Sunderland, while people teemed in from all parts to the Shotley Spa Grounds, which are very pretty just now. The following reports of festive gatherings are to hand:—

CONFERENCE OF "CHRISTIAN BRETHREN."—On Easter Monday, "a conference of Christians," under the auspices of the Consett Church of Christian Brethren, was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There were present delegates from London, Liverpool, Newcastle, &c., including Messrs Blackburn, Blonsbow, and Robinson, prominent members of the Society. There was a fairly large attendance at each sitting.

WEARDALE.—Beautiful sunny genial weather prevailed during Eastertide in Weardale, such as has seldom been seen these late years. Good Friday was a general holiday; places of business, quarries, and mines were closed, and it had the appearance of being a Sunday, except that a number of people were busy with their gardens. A number of Sunday-school anniversaries were celebrated in different parts of the dale. The Frosterley Wesleyans, as usual, held their school anniversary. Mr Slee, of Gateshead, lectured in the evening to a large company on Good Friday—Dr Livingstone presiding. The Wolsingham Primitives held their Sunday-school anniversary, and the Stanhope Primitives their chapel anniversary. Rev Mr McPhail, of Waterhouses, preached twice on the Sunday to large companies. Miss Bulmer preached on Sunday for the Westgate Primitives. The Stanhope Wesleyans held a bazaar on Good Friday and Saturday, opened out by Mr Smith, architect, of Shotley Bridge, and at other places in the dale similar gatherings took place. Football was indulged in at Stanhope.

CONSETT CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The annual tea party in connection with this Church was held on Easter Monday in the National Schools, West Victoria Street, Consett, a fairly good number of people partaking of the repast. In the evening, a public meeting was held, under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. F. Steggall), when an address was delivered by Rev. C. Newman, of Low Fell, Gateshead. Selections were rendered by the Band of Hope choir.

LEADGATE WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOLS.—On Good Friday, Rev. J. Crawshaw, of Annfield Plain, delivered a lecture in the Wesleyan New Schools, on "The significance of the insignificant." Mr L. Nicholson, presided and there was a large assemblage. The proceeds were on behalf of the Bottle Bank Day Schools.—[In our report of the rummage sale last week, the name Mrs Harrison was printed instead of Mrs Atkinson as an attendant at one of the stalls.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A highly successful entertainment was given in the above place on Good Friday evening, at which the following artistes' services were much appreciated:—Misses Elliott, Consett; Misses F. Richardson, M. Holland, Charlton, and Hocking, Allendale Cottages; Miss Brodie and Mr E. Robinson, Blackhill; and Mr R. Campbell, Shotley Bridge. The choir, under Mr Urwin's leadership, was also in attendance. Mr W. Campbell occupied the chair. A supper was provided in the school-room at the close of the entertainment, of which a large number partook. On Easter Sunday, special sermons were preached in the afternoon and evening by Mr T. S. Johnson, of Gateshead. The proceeds of the whole of the services are to be handed over to the New Chapel Building Fund. We may add that every credit is due to the young ladies of the church who have specially interested themselves in making these services a success.

BURNOPFIELD UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.

The Free Methodists at Burnopfield held their chapel anniversary services on Easter Sunday, when Mr T. Thompson, assisted by Mrs Thompson and some local brethren, conducted two very interesting and profitable meetings in the afternoon and evening. Collections were taken on behalf of the chapel renovation fund. On Easter Monday, the ladies held an "apron fair" in the school-room, when a very large quantity of aprons tastefully adorned a huge table, and were offered for sale to the many admiring purchasers. The saleswomen were Miss Brown, Mis Kyle, Mrs Thompson, and Mrs Turnbull. The "fair" was opened by Mr Thompson, when the company sang the well-known hymn out of Sankey's selection, "To the work, to the work." During the sale of aprons, a splendid tea was served to a large number of friends who came together to enjoy themselves for an hour or two. Here again the ladies were foremost, Misses E. Bell, J. Brewis, E. J. Young, and M. Turnbull doing duty as waiters, and Mrs Young, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Lawson, and Mrs Dixon bread-cutting and tea-making. Mr J. Cooper kindly looked after the provisions. After tea, a public meeting was held in the chapel, when a large and enthusiastic company assembled to listen to addresses given by Messrs T. Thompson, G. Cowie, and J. Purdy. Mr Wm. Boyd presided. The choir sang several anthems, and the proceedings closed with the singing of the doxology.

MEDOMSLEY WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The anniversary of the above school was celebrated as follows:—On Good Friday, a public tea was held in the Temperance Hall, and was largely attended, the tables being presided over by Misses M. J. Chatt, E. J. Watson, A. Wilson, and I. Bramley, assisted by Misses M. J. Henderson, M. E. Walton, E. Watson, and M. Graham, the tea arrangements being carried out by Mrs Henderson, Mrs Armstrong, and Mrs Calvert. After tea, a public meeting was held in the chapel, when Mr J. Lowrie and Mr J. G. Eltringham gave addresses. Mr J. Lowes, of Consett, presided. On Easter Sunday, three services were held in the Temperance Hall, conducted by Mr R. C. Foster, of Consett, who is a very earnest Sunday School worker. Large congregations were present at each service.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BURNHOPE.

In connection with the Primitive Methodist Society at Burnhope, a *cafe chantant* and entertainment were held on Saturday night, in the school-room, kindly lent by Mr J. T. Forster, when a lengthy programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, was gone through by the following talented artistes:—Messrs G. Heslop, H. Hovvells, J. Hovvells, H. L. Burgess; Mrs H. L. Burgess; Misses M. H. Heckels, M. A. Heslop, M. A. Keers, and R. Keers. Miss Tunstall also contributed recitations; and the choir was in attendance. The under-named ladies attended in costume:—Misses Heckels, Gibson, Greener, Pattinson, Garthwaite, Lawson, Smith, Moffatt, Dyson, Lees, Hopper, and Cowins. Mr G. Guy acted as leader. The trustees and members wish to express their warm thanks to the above ladies and gentlemen, who so willingly and generously gave their assistance in making the entertainment not only a profitable one, but also in providing a pleasant and instructive night's amusement. The proceeds, which were in aid of the trust fund, amounted to over £8.

BAZAAR AT TOW LAW.

On Easter Monday, a grand bazaar, in aid of the funds of the Wesleyan day school, was opened by Mr John Urwin, of Lanchester. The stalls were crowded with a splendid array of useful and ornamental articles. There were numerous attractions, including a capital art gallery, electric battery, and an excellent programme of songs, &c., at intervals, which greatly enlivened the proceedings. There was a good attendance throughout, the sales at the close of the first day amounting to about £80, while £45 was taken on the second day. The proceedings were opened on Tuesday by Councillor Vickers, Tow Law. For the past few months suppers have been held, the amount taken being about £30, so that the total proceeds reaches the very respectable sum of £155, which is most creditable, considering the pits are working very badly at present. The managers and workers are to be heartily congratulated on the splendid success of the undertaking.

TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT AT TOW LAW.

On Good Friday, the annual tea and entertainment was held in the Presbyterian Church, Tow Law, when about 200 persons partook of the good things provided. In the evening, an excellent concert was given to a large company, the chair being occupied by the Rev George Samuel, pastor. Mr M. N. Robson, of Willington, gave an excellent address, and also sang some beautiful solos. The Rev C. Chisholm, of Newcastle, was also present, and addressed the meeting, which passed off in a very satisfactory manner, everyone present being delighted with the enjoyable evening spent.

HIGHGATE BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

On Good Friday, the teachers of this school celebrated their anniversary. In the afternoon, the children were regaled with a free tea, after which a public tea was provided in the school-room, and was largely patronised. The tables were presided over by Miss Stokoe, Miss Jones, Miss Seed, Miss Watson, Miss Robson, Mrs Whittle, Mrs Stokoe, and Mrs Watson.

In the evening, the usual public meeting was held in the church. There was a good company present, presided over by the Rev E. W. Jenkins (pastor). Addresses were delivered by Messrs J. L. Walton (Blackhill), J. W. Golightly (Castleside), and Rev Thos. Durant (Consett). Portions of scripture, poetry, &c., were recited in a creditable manner by the children, and reflected great praise upon Messrs Hall and H. Peacock (superintendents). Appropriate hymns were also well rendered by the children, assisted by the choir. Mr J. Sanderson (Blackhill) conducted, whilst Mr J. E. Thompson (Blackhill) presided at the organ.—On Easter Sunday, the anniversary was continued. The Rev W. M. Hudson, Jarrow, preached two eloquent sermons—morning and evening. In the afternoon, the rev gentleman delivered an address to parents, teachers, and scholars. Large congregations were present. Collections were taken in aid of school fund.—The star cards have been adopted in this school, which has improved the attendance very much.—On Monday night, a Band of Hope supper was held which was well patronised.

CONSETT WESLEYAN NEW CHURC

THE SACRED CANTATA, "KING HEZEKIAH."

On Good Friday evening, the members of the Consett Wesleyan choir, with the assistance of a few friends, gave their annual concert in the Wesleyan Church, Front Street. The work for rendition was Mr J. Allanson Benson's new cantata, "King Hezekiah." In previous years, the choir have performed such works as "David and Goliath," "Holy City," &c., but on this occasion the committee determined to produce a composition somewhat heavier in character. The work deals with the reign of Hezekiah. After the prologue, Part I. commenced with the cleansing of the temple, and showed that Hezekiah, in his pious zeal for God's honour, forbade the people to worship the brazen serpent. Part II. deals with Hezekiah's sickness. At this time Hezekiah was in the midst of his usefulness and reformation, which, he feared, if he should die, through the corruption of the people, would fall to the ground. Part III. treats of the invasion of the Assyrians, and the whole concludes with an epilogue. The various characters were represented as follows:—

Hezekiah .... Mr Jos. Siddle (tenor.)
Isaiah .... Mr G. H. Williams (tenor.)
High Priest .... Mr J. S. Moon (bass.)
Rabshakeh .... Mr J. W. Swainston (bass.)
Jewish women ... Miss Harwood (contralto), Miss Grainger, Miss Adamson, Miss Swainston, and Miss Lennox.

There was a large audience, presided over by Mr R. C. Foster, Blackhill. The cantata, which opened with a most vigorous introduction on the organ, was well rendered throughout. The work met with warm appreciation from the audience, and it would be invidious on our part to criticise severally each item on the programme, seeing that all engaged in the production of the work were amateurs. Each and all did their parts well, and the performance was really a most creditable one. The well-written accompaniments for the organ were given with good taste by the organist (Mr C. Stelling), and in many instances the fine passages were greatly admired. The whole of the choruses were exceptionally well rendered, and displayed ability of no mean order. The principal were: "I was glad," "Rend your hearts," "All through life's most troubled maze," "Rise, O Lord, unto Thy rest," "All Thy works shall praise Thee," "Keep not silence, O God," "This day is a day of trouble." Mr Jos. Siddle was in capital voice, and his rendition of "I mourn as a dove" was considered one of the gems of the whole work, being beautifully and tastefully sung. The piece was re-demanded. Mr Williams gave his recitative parts very creditably, although he showed indications that his voice required a little more cultivation. The singing of Miss Grainger in "I will extol Thee" and "O sing unto the Lord," in spite of a little nervousness, was really creditable. Miss Adamson acquitted herself fairly well in the solo part of "When shadows o'er our pathway," and was loudly applauded. The trio, "Pray for the peace," by Misses Swainston, Adamson, and Lennox, received a full share of approbation. Miss Harwood, who has a richly-toned contralto voice, gave a most perfect rendering of "When He giveth quietness," and soon secured the ear of the audience, the piece being loudly cheered. Mr Moon and Mr Swainston did equally well in their parts, and their efforts were repeatedly applauded. The abilities of Mr Stelling are widely known, and it is unnecessary for us to comment on the same. Assuredly much of the credit of this successful performance is due to the choirmaster (Mr William Lowrie) and the organist (Mr C. Stelling), who must have taken infinite pains before they were enabled to bring the choir out to sing such exacting music in the manner they did. The proceeds were in aid of the new church fund.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

Easter Monday was observed as a general holiday in North-West Durham, and some 6,000 people, tempted by the genial weather, visited the Shotley Spa Grounds, which is always looked upon as a pleasure resort at holiday times. The lessees (Messrs Wilson Brothers) had provided a very interesting programme for the occasion, and all present seemed to have a very happy time. The scenery surrounding the ground was really picturesque. During the afternoon, music was discoursed by the Abbot Memorial Band, and many indulged in tripping the "light fantastic" on the green sward. Mr G. Short (Darby's pupil), the renowned back and front jumper, gave two excellent performances. The various feats were watched by large crowds of people, and vociferously cheered. Two football matches were played. The first was between Blackhill Rovers and Stargate Rovers. The first-named team winning. Owing to St. Augustine (Newcastle) not putting in an appearance, a scratch team was raised to play against Shotley Bridge. After an exciting game, the scratch team won by three goals to one. *Refreshments* were provided in the pavilions, and a large number partook of the same.

On Tuesday, some thousands of people again visited these grounds. Two football matches took place. The first was under Rugby rules, between Blackhill Rovers and Summerhill, which, after an exciting game, resulted in a win for the Rovers. The second was an Association game, between Blackhill Park and Blaydon Albion Reserve, which resulted in a draw of one goal each. For the two days there had been quite a record gate, nothing being known to equal it for a considerable number years. Mr G. Short again gave two performances. The Abbot Memorial band was present and discoursed a programme of music.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The anniversary services, in connection with the above school, were held on Sunday, and were conducted by Rev M. T. Pickering, Cockermouth, who preached in the morning and evening. A children's service was held in the afternoon, which proved very interesting. There were large congregations at each service, the chapel being crowded at night. The singing was under the leadership of Mr H. P. Thompson, and at intervals the children gave very appropriate recitations.

On Easter Monday, the annual tea was held in the school-room, when the scholars partook of a substantial tea, after which a large field was placed at their disposal for enjoyment by the kind permission of Mr John Crawford. Afterwards a public tea was provided, which proved one of the most successful of recent years. The tables were presided over by Misses L. J. Thompson, M. Wharton, A. Ramsden, M. J. Morgan, M. Hewitson, E. Brodie, A. Brodie, and Annie Lowes.

In the evening, an entertainment was held in the school-room. Mr C. C. McColvin, the superintendent of the school, occupied the chair. Songs were given by Mr A. S. Coates, Miss M. Wharton, and Mr I. Pratt, who all did justice to their allotted parts. Two recitations were given by Mr W. Gibson in his usual thrilling manner, which caused much laughter, and a trio was very justly given by Messrs Thompson, McColvin, and Coates. Mr T. Jones proving his ability as pianist. The principle item in the programme, however, was a presentation of a bible and a purse of money to Mr John Topham, who is leaving Consett for America. Mr Topham was a rising young layman in the Shotley Bridge Circuit and assistant secretary to the Sunday-School Union in the circuit, and one of the most active workers in the Sunday-school, being one of the secretaries and treasurer of the Young People's Guild. Rev T. J. Watson, in making the presentation on behalf of the Sunday-school and friends who had subscribed, wished him God-speed in his new life and work, and hoped that their loss would be the gain of the church in the neighbourhood in which he (Mr Topham) would cast his lot. Mr Topham suitably replied, after which Mr C. C. McColvin also spoke, and the meeting was brought to a close by the benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR AT BLACKHILL.

On Monday afternoon, a bazaar, which extended over two days, was opened in the Benfieldside Board Schools by County Councillor James Annandale, J.P., of The Briary, Shotley Bridge, the proceeds being in aid of the fund now being raised for enlarging the Sunday-school connected with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill. For some time past it has been found that the school-room at the rear of the prettily situated church has been too small to cope with the existing requirements of a steadily growing and progressive church, and increasing accommodation was absolutely indispensible if the wholesome work of instilling the blessed truths of the gospel message into the minds of the young was to be maintained as a fruitful source of good to the church. The work of extending the school-room is at present being carried out by Mr Snowdon, contractor, of Benfieldside, the total amount needed (in round figures) being about £250. It is contemplated that the accommodation will be ample for 250 scholars. It has been an "open secret" for some time past that the lady members of the congregation, under the able supervision of Mrs Baillie, the beloved wife of the pastor, have been unusually busy in making the necessary preparations to stock a bazaar of such extensive proportions, and it is gratifying to know that their labours in this direction have been favoured with unexceptional success. It is not often that our Presbyterian friends appeal to the outside public for support, as they firmly believe in the ancient adage that "God helps those who help themselves," but whenever they do embark upon any particular enterprise they are sure to meet with the pecuniary assistance of the community in general in no unstinted fashion. The stalls had been erected by Mr Thos. Kitringham, of Blackhill, and the decorations executed by the ladies, together with the large and extensive assortment of useful and ornamental articles and knick-nacks bedecking the stalls, gave the interior of the room a gay and festive appearance. The effect was much heightened, moreover, by the brilliancy of the sunshine. In spite of the loveliness of the day, which was more conducive to the success of out-door festivities, there was a large and fashionable attendance of ladies and gentlemen when the inaugural ceremony was performed shortly after 2 o'clock on Easter Monday afternoon, by Coun. J. Annandale, J.P., of The Briary, Shotley Bridge. He was supported by the pastor (Rev A. Baillie), and Rev W. Stewart, B.D., of Wallsend, who indirectly represented the Newcastle Presbytery.

The pastor, in introducing Councillor Annandale, said that they were ready to open the bazaar. They had been looking forward to that ceremony with no little interest. He would not detain them by formally introducing Mr Annandale, who had come to open their bazaar, because to any audience in that neighbourhood, the worthy Councillor was well-known. (Applause.) They all knew the object of the bazaar. For a long time they had been very much hampered in their church work, inasmuch as in pursuing their labours amongst the young, their Sunday School had become far too small—so small, indeed, that they were obliged to take several of their classes into the church. This was a very undesirable plan, because he thought they should train the children to reverence the house of God. (Hear.) It was, therefore, most essential that work of that kind should only be done in a room or rooms set apart for the purpose. The ladies of the congregation had been working extremely hard for a long time, and the results of their labours they saw before them that day. (Applause.) He had no doubt they were anxious to begin the practical part of the bazaar by clearing the stalls and emptying the purchasers' purses—(laughter)—therefore, it would not be right of him to take up any more of their time. The day was perhaps too good for their purpose in one respect, because many of their friends had been tempted to go into the country, but no doubt they would be present at the bazaar before the day closed. (Applause.) It was not the first time that Councillor Annandale had done service for them. It proved his Catholicity of spirit. Mr Annandale had rendered valuable assistance of various kinds to all the other religious denominations in the neighbourhood, and they were very much indebted to that gentleman for coming to open their bazaar. (Applause.)

Councillor ANNANDALE, who was accorded a hearty welcome, first of all congratulated the Presbyterian body upon the glorious day that favoured the opening of their bazaar. It was perhaps too fine, as many had been enticed to the lower part of the regions where amusements and such-like were going on. He trusted that the sun which shone on the beautiful landscape, the humming of the birds, the spring air, and all that which made a joy of nature, was an omen of success for their bazaar. (Applause.) He would like to congratulate Mr Baillie upon having gathered together an audience composed not only of members of his own congregation, but of other denominations as well. This was as it should be. They could not all see eye to eye. Their points of divergence, though many, and often in their own eyes of passing importance, were frequently only born of circumstances. The differences, however, were trivial when compared with the points of agreement. In those days when there was so much for Christian Churches to do, it was high time to bury petty shibboleths which separated Christian sects. (Applause.) Let each regiment of the great army cease from unseemly jealousies, and internecine strife, and advance in unbroken order against the common foe. (Renewed applause.) They met that day, not to inaugurate, but to put (he trusted) the finishing touches to an enterprise which had engaged the attention of the congregation for a considerable time. He was glad to know that they had a comfortable nest-egg in their pockets. (Laughter.) "God helps the men that help themselves." As neighbours and friends, however, their desire was to show their sympathy, and to lend them a helping hand. (Applause.) He trusted the result of the bazaar would be to complete the extension of the Sunday-school, to raise the building free from debt, and to enable them to dedicate it to the service of Almighty God. (Applause.) They would thus have a spacious hall for all the manifold church purposes, which their growing numbers required, and he hoped the new erection would prove a great benefit to the congregation of that church and the neighbourhood. (Applause.) The great cry of the age was—"Educate! Educate! Educate!"—and there were many masters in life. Education was of three kinds—the education of the hand, the education of the head, and the education of the heart, otherwise the education of the muscle, the mind, and the morals. The first kind was very popular and far from unimportant. The classes in the school of athleticism were very large, its average attendances left nothing to be desired, and the hours were not found too long, nor the tuition too exhausting. (Laughter.) They met that day in the home of the second class of education—the education of the head. There the young were trained in secular knowledge to fit them for their coming struggle in life—ever more fierce and difficult. Their intellectual faculties were stimulated and developed. This education, of course, as a matter of self-interest, was undertaken by the state, and was absolutely free. (Applause.) But beyond all these, and infinitely higher in its aims and objects, was the heart education which every active living Christian church had adopted, and which devolved upon it as one of its most pressing duties. This education included lessons addressed to the moral and spiritual natures which co-exist with mere intellect in every son of Adam. The great aims of the churches should be to get hold of the young early. Childhood and youth were the spring-time of life, when the sowing should be done. (Applause.) It devolved on the Sunday-school in a large measure to see that the good seed was sown. Depend upon it that as "The twigs inclined the tree will grow." The old book which they all loved so well abjured them to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Hear.) The Sunday-school department of church work was therefore all-important, and anything that crippled it retarded church life. He sincerely trusted that the children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church would grow up under the excellent instruction of their dear pastor to be better men and women, and would fulfil their various duties in the sphere of life to which they may, under divine providence, be called. In conclusion, he had great pleasure in declaring that bazaar open, and trusted that the results would more than justify and reward all the willing workers, and free both pastor and people from all monetary difficulties. (Loud applause.)

The PASTOR proposed that they accord Councillor Annandale a hearty vote of thanks for the very felicitous manner in which he had discharged the inaugural ceremony. He had given them an excellent speech. (Applause.) He thanked Mr Stewart, as representing the Presbytery, for his attendance.

The votes were passed by acclamation.

Coun. ANNANDALE, in responding, said he had only done his duty, and he hoped they would do theirs, so that the stalls would be cleared of all their goods. (Applause.)

Rev W. STEWART likewise acknowledged the compliment paid him. It was a great pleasure, he remarked, to be present to stand side by side with their worthy pastor. Everyone who knew Mr Baillie respected him most highly, and no words of eulogy were needed from a visitor, because they had been acquainted with their pastor so well and so long that he was esteemed and admired by every man, woman, and child in the Consett district. They were pleased to see Mr Baillie and his church progressing so well. (Applause.)

The sales were then proceeded with, the several stalls being in charge of the undermentioned ladies:—

Fancy Stall—Mrs W. M. Annandale, Lintzford; and Mrs Baillie, assisted by Mrs Blackhall and Miss Douglas. The guild stall in connection therewith was in charge of Miss Robinson, Miss Lizzie Glendinning, and Miss Annie Robb.

General Stall—Mrs McDonald, Mrs Small, Mrs Watson, Mrs Kayse, and Mrs A. Richardson.

Miscellaneous Stall—Mrs Jack and Mrs Somerville.

Flower Stall—The Misses Annandale, Lintzford.

Sweets Stall—Miss and Miss M. Lumsden, Miss McDonald, Miss M. Dibbley, assisted by Miss McKay and Miss Fowles.

Refreshments—Mrs Bain, Miss Somerville, Miss Dibbley, assisted by Miss Robinson, Miss Hopper, and Miss Glendinning.

The musical programme was under the direction of Mr J. Mathieson. The bazaar was largely patronised during the afternoon and evening, despite the loveliness of the weather out of doors.

On Tuesday afternoon, the bazaar was re-opened by Mr C. P. Douglas, of Consett.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADES' COUNCIL.

MR KEIR HARDIE, M.P., AND HIS CHARGES.

On Saturday evening, a meeting of the Consett and District Trades' Council was held in the Co-operative Buildings, Consett. There was a good number of delegates present, presided over by Mr J. Summerbell (chairman).

After the reading of the correspondence, the secretary (Mr J. Wildsmith) said he thought he was justified in saying something with reference to the recent visit of Mr Keir Hardie, M.P., in connection with their demonstration a short time ago. In making the arrangements, they would be aware that he (the secretary) received a post-card intimating that Mr Keir Hardie charged £3 3s for his address. In consequence of this he moved that the whole thing be wiped off the board, but after a letter had been produced by one of the delegates, which had been sent by Mr Hardie stating that he did not make any charge for addressing labour meetings, with the exception of his travelling expenses, the Council decided that Mr Keir Hardie should be asked to come and address a meeting. However, the time arrived, Mr Hardie delivered his address, and the treasurer was informed that for his visit his fee was three guineas. He did not object to this money being paid, but he contended that there was a want of principle on the part of Mr Keir Hardie, after he decidedly stated that he never made any charge for addressing labour meetings. He considered it was ridiculous, and they were quietly informed that he never made any difference wherever he went. In the first place, if Mr Hardie had said, when he wrote to him, that his fee was £5 5s for his visit, the Council would have had no objection in paying that sum, but after the answer they received, he would say it again, that it was a want of principle on the part of Mr Hardie to do such a thing. He would take good care that such a thing did not occur again.

Mr WALKER: What is the railway from London?

Mr COOKE: It costs £1 2s 6d for third-class single fare.

The Secretary: It is not a question of railway fare. If Mr Keir Hardie had only said in the first place that his charge was £5, he would not have thought it too much, but it was the manner in which the thing was done that he was complaining about. He brought this forward to show that he was justified in taking the action he did at the first, when several of the delegates suggested that Mr Keir Hardie should be asked to visit Consett.

Mr WALKER: When our delegates travel, they get second-class fare allowed, and he did not see why a member of Parliament should not have the same. He did not think Mr Hardie's charge was any out of the way.

The Secretary: I beg to differ. There is not a Unionist delegate gets anything of the kind. It is not a question of travelling expenses. It is the want of principle I am dealing with.

The CHAIRMAN said that he thought what had transpired would teach the Council a lesson, and learn them to be careful as to their engagements in the future. The secretary did not like the idea of having been "sat upon."

Mr COOKE said he was properly taken aback when he was informed what Mr Keir Hardie's charge would be for his visit. In fact, it came as a surprise to him when £3 3s was asked for.

Mr CASSIDY: It was nothing more or less than a want of principle.

Mr COOKE: We have to pay for our experience, and we have had to do so in this instance.

Mr SNARE: I think the Council was a little led astray by the correspondence.

The SECRETARY: It would have been a long way better if my motion had been carried, and Mr Keir Hardie had never visited Consett.

The CHAIRMAN: The whole thing is now done, and we can't mend the same.

The SECRETARY: It is only right that Mr Keir Hardie should know about it.

The matter then dropped.

A NEW DELEGATE.

Mr Thomas Knox signed the usual declaration, and took his seat as the delegate from the Consett branch of the Joiners' Association.

CHEAP COFFINS.

The SECRETARY reported that he wrote the secretary of the Joiners' Association on Feb. 8th, *re* cheap coffins, and had received a reply to the effect that in the absence of any further correspondence they could not interfere in the matter.

Mr COOKE said there seemed to be a little misunderstanding in reference to this matter. The Council wished for the assistance of the Joiners' Association, so as to enable them to find out the person or persons who made these cheap coffins.

Mr KNOX: It was not a member of our association, and therefore the secretary was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Mr COOKE: We did not expect it would be.

THE LOCAL BOARD ELECTION.

The CHAIRMAN said that as a member of another committee, he had gone into this matter, and after obtaining the feelings of a great number of working men, Messrs R. C. Foster, Jas. Palliser, and C. P. Douglas had been nominated for the forthcoming Consett Local Board election.

The SECRETARY said that seeing there were no *bona fide* working men in the field, he was of opinion that the Council should not take any action in the matter. Let the electors vote for whom they thought best.

THE GUARDIANS' ELECTION.

The CHAIRMAN: We have done nothing in reference to the Guardians' election for the Conside and Knitsley township, simply because we could not provide the "ways and means."

The SECRETARY: The expenses for this sort of thing would be forthcoming if the question was properly gone into.

THE BELFAST CONGRESS.

The question of sending a delegate to the Belfast Congress was deferred till the next meeting.

A VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by Mr HULL, and seconded by Mr COOKE, that a letter, containing a vote of thanks, be sent to Mr J. Topham for his past services as a delegate on the Council, and wishing him a safe journey to California.

Carried unanimously.

WORKMEN'S TRIP.

A notice of motion was given with reference to the workmen's trip, the same to be discussed at the next meeting.

This was all the business of importance.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—For the cure of debility, bile, liver and stomach complaints this inappreciable medicine is so well-known in every part of the world, and the cures performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. In these diseases the beneficial effects of the Pills are so permanent that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and a free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretive organs and the circulation the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay—thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.

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BENFIELDSIDE TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLASSES.

Seven of the pupils attending the French class were examined on March 17th, by Rev J. N. Williams, B.A., headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, Kirkby Lonsdale. As will be seen from his report, the work of the class, which has been under the care of Mr Geo. Raw, B.A., of Blackhill, has been highly satisfactory to all concerned. The following is a copy of Mr Williams' report:—

Royal Grammar School,
Kirkby Lonsdale,
March 21st, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I return you the French papers. They are very well done indeed for the time the students have been at work, and reflect very great credit both upon the class and teacher. Miss Oliver's paper, easily first, scores a very high percentage of marks, and is well worth the first position which I have assigned to it. The two second papers are about equal in merit, and both secure very good marks indeed. It would seem that the work covered in the time has been alike creditable to all. Where a few mistakes do occur, I find there is ample indication that the narrowest margin separates inaccuracy from accuracy. I have taken the liberty of making some remarks upon the papers by way of shewing the students how an examiner, a stranger to the papers, must of necessity look at method, style, neatness, &c., as well as mere accuracy. I have placed the candidates in the following order of merit:—

1st—Miss Oliver, Shotley Field.
2nd—Mr Robt. Kirsopp, Benfieldside } equal.
Miss M. Stephenson, Blackhill }
4th—Mr T. Forkin, Consett.
5th—Mr M. Maddison, Shotley Field.
6th—Mr W. Lubbock, Benfieldside.
7th—Mr A. E. Mackey, Benfieldside.

—Yours very truly,
J. N. WILLIAMS, B.A.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The last meeting of the old Board prior to the election was held on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding. Also present: Councillors T. J. Muse and J. A. Curry; Messrs J. Collinson, W. H. Hedley, J. Lax, C. Balleny, G. Hobson, W. Gray, T. Lowden, W. Rutherford, T. Longstaff, Luke Nicholson, Revs W. Cockin and P. C. Fortin, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

AN OFFICER'S DIETARY SCALE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that it appeared there was no officers dietary allowance at that Workhouse. The plan now usually followed was for Guardians to pass a resolution specifying the quantity of articles of goods by each officer in the House, so that they would know exactly what they were entitled to, and could not entrench upon the stores. The Board therefore strongly recommended the Guardians to pursue the course indicated above.

It was agreed, on the proposal of the CHAIRMAN, to refer the matter to the Workhouse Visiting Committee.

THE ANNUAL WORKHOUSE INSPECTION.

The Local Government Inspector (Mr C. A. Dawson) reported that on March 22nd, he inspected the Workhouse. He must again call attention to the offensive condition of the closets in the Hospital, and it was necessary that some new beds be procured. There was in the Infirmary a boy named Connor, whose right arm was useless, and he (Mr Dawson) suggested that he should be sent to the Newcastle Infirmary for treatment.

The Master (Mr W. Brotherhood) said that the lad, who came from Shotley Bridge, had been in the House about two years. Dr Wilson was also anxious that the lad should go to the Newcastle Infirmary to undergo an operation.

The Board assented to this course being pursued.

With regard to the closets, the CHAIRMAN explained that they had done all they possibly could with the facilities they had at present, to make the closets as clean as they could. No doubt it would be much better if water-closets were substituted for the present coveniences, but the difficulty was that they had not yet got a proper water supply at the Workhouse. It was necessary that some new bedding should be purchased, and it was agreed to relegate the subject to the visiting committee to report thereon.

THE UNION FINANCES:

INCREASE IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL RATE.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that at the last meeting the Board passed a resolution directing their Clerk to issue precepts upon the overseers for a poor rate of 6d in the pound. It was stated at the time that this was cutting the matter rather fine, but they felt reluctant to increase the amount to 7d, and a rate of 6½d was awkward to calculate. Since then, however, they had heard that the County Council, who were evidently not going to be the most economical people in the world (laughter), instead of asking for a rate of 2½d for their purposes intended to demand 3¼d, therefore it was absolutely imperative that the Guardians should rescind their former resolution, and empower their Clerk to issue precepts for a rate of 7d in the pound.

Mr HOBSON: Is the County Council going to build the bridge at Blackhall Mill?

The CHAIRMAN: I don't know.

On the proposal of Mr HOBSON, seconded by Mr LAX, the resolution adopted last fortnight authorising the levying of a rate of 6d in the pound was rescinded, and it was decided to issue precepts upon the new overseers for a rate of 7d in the pound.

THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that the Government had brought in a Parish Councils Bill. He did not know much about the measure, and he moved that the Clerk obtain copies of the Act for each Guardian, so that if there was anything objectionable in the Bill, they might petition against it.

The Clerk said there was no very great change respecting the Guardians, except that the elections would be by ballot.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting took place under the presidency of Mr Logan.

LAMP POSTS AT BURNHOPE.

A letter was read from the owners of Burnhope Colliery, stating that if the Authority would only erect lamp posts at that village the colliery would supply the gas.

On the motion of Coun. MUSE, seconded by Mr LAX, it was agreed to apply to the Local Government Board for urban powers to light and watch the parish of Lanchester.

A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

Rev F. G. Wesley, vicar of Hamsteels, wrote claiming from the Authority some compensation of trespassing on a field belonging to him at Quebec, by the construction of sewerage outfall works thereon, and also for drainage to the pasture.

The CHAIRMAN said his recollection of the matter was that the field was almost worthless for agricultural purposes, and Mr Wesley agreed to let the Authority have a corner for a filter bed, his tenants getting the benefit to be derived from the sewerage flowing over the land. He believed that the sewerage had tended to improve the pasture.

Mr LOWDON said that Mr Wesley would only be claiming damage for the 20 square feet of land covered by the settling pond. There had been no damage to crops; but on the other hand, where the sewerage flowed across, the grass had grown much better.

Rev W. COCKIN: Was it a grass field?

The CHAIRMAN: I should not like to say. (Laughter.)

It was agreed to refer the letter to Mr J. E. Parker (inspector).

DRAINAGE AT BURNHOPE.

A communication was received from the owners of Burnhope Colliery asking that the union should defray a portion of the expense, instead of the colliery owners bearing the whole, of laying the mains along the streets, and connecting the same with the dwelling-houses. It would cost £260 to carry out the drains in connection with the new houses and £80 for the old houses.

Mr RUTHERFORD, as chairman of the Building Committee, said that they were in favour of the Authority putting down the main sewers, and asking the owners to make the necessary connections with their houses.

Coun. CURRY stated that they wanted an expression of opinion from that Authority, inasmuch as that was a question which not only affected the Burnhope Colliery, but Annfield Plain, Esh, Dipton, and other places where drainage works were being carried into effect.

The CHAIRMAN said the Authority was legally bound to carry the main sewers through the back streets of old property. In some instances the colliery owners had generously defrayed the cost of this class of work, but now they were inclined to do nothing more than they possibly could.

Mr LAX said there was an impression abroad that anyone could build a house in an isolated place, and could compel the local authority to lay their main sewer within 100 feet of the habitation. This was a fallacy.

The CHAIRMAN: If anybody builds a single house in a field he cannot compel the Sanitary Authority to lay the sewer within 100 feet of the dwelling; there was a likelihood of there being an accumulation of houses at that place, and the lack of drainage was likely to become a nuisance, then it was the duty of the local authority to extend their main sewer to these houses.

The committee's recommendation was adopted.

BAD WATER NEAR LOGAN'S HOUSES.

The county analyst reported that the water in the wood well near Logan's Houses was totally unfit for either man or beast to drink.

The CHAIRMAN: Then this place is practically without a water supply.

The Inspector: Yes. There seems nothing but to lay the Consett Water Co's pipes thereto.

It was agreed to call the attention of the property owner to the absence of any water supply at these three houses.

DISCHARGING EXPLOSIVES ALONG THE SEWERAGE PIPE TRACK AT BURNHOPE FELL.

The Inspector further reported that some persons had been discharging some explosives along the sewerage pipe track along Burnhope Fell, where the sewer was laid the shallowest.

Mr RUTHERFORD: That is a common freak.

The Inspector said that so far the sewerage works had not been damaged.

THE ESH WINNING JOINT SEWERAGE SCHEME.

It was reported that the Esh Winning joint sewerage scheme had been about completed.

THE DIPTON GAS SCHEME.

The amended agreement with the Dipton Gas Co. for lighting the village was agreed to.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

GENTLEMEN,—A sample of water taken from what is known as the wood well, near Logan's Houses, has been submitted by me for analysis, and the county analyst states that the water is absolutely unfit for consumption by man or beast, and therefore as the other wells in the vicinity of this hamlet are polluted, the inhabitants are without a satisfactory water supply.

I recommend that Mary Bell, of Hill Top, Dipton, be registered to take in not more than five lodgers, provided that the house roof be repaired.

The sanitary condition of the colliery rows at East Castle is being greatly improved. The ashpits have been covered in and the floors cemented out, and the drains have been extended and more sinks provided.

There is a want of proper drainage to the houses at Middle and Low Friarside. Middle Friarside has no proper drains, and at Low Friarside the sewage is thrown into open channels which are in a decaying condition.

At Burnhope some persons have been firing explosive material on the sewer track at points where the sewer is shallow. Fortunately no damage has been done to the sewer itself up to the present time.

A number of lamp columns have been erected at Dipton, but no lamps fixed; and during the month several additional lamps have been fixed at Annfield Plain for the purpose of completing the lighting of the road from Annfield Place to the roads ends near the Morrison Pit.

I am of opinion that the house at the east end of Curry's Buildings, White-le-Head, is in a dangerous condition, and should be taken down, as the walls and roof are all shattered by pit workings.

There are two houses at Castleside, occupied by Ashman and Pattison, and in the joint ownership of Messrs Watson, Grey, and Newton, which are in a dilapidated condition; the roofs are broken, and the wall of one of the houses is damp.

The joint works for sewerage and sewage disposal at Esh Winning are now practically complete and in a satisfactory condition. The works for the purposes of construction were divided into three divisions, viz.:

Division I.—Joint works, including the sewer used by 242 houses in the Esh Township and 110 houses in the Brandon and Byshottles Township, together with the whole of the sewage disposal works. The contract work, and nearly the whole of the extra works, are now complete, and have been, in this division executed at a cost of £1,339 4s 4d up to the present time, and I expect that they will be completely finished by the end of this week.

Division II.—Works situated in and for Esh Township, and these have cost £200 17s.

Division III.—Works situated in Brandon and Byshottles Township, and these have cost £92 1s 7d.

Mr Edward Cook, of Flass, has applied for the ground now laid out for the sewage disposal purposes at Esh Winning. This matter was laid before the Joint Committee on the 22nd inst., and it was recommended that the management of the sewage disposal works be left in the hands of the Lanchester Authority.

I am of opinion that the well at Forest Lodge may be covered in at a cost of not exceeding two pounds.

The sewerage and sewage disposal works at Medomsley and Medomsley Edge have been maintained in a satisfactory working condition for the period stipulated in the contracts, and the contractors' liability in these cases now ceases.

On the 18th inst. your sub-committee waited upon the owners of the Dipton Gas Works for the purpose of fixing the terms of the agreement for the supply of gas for the lighting of Dipton.

At Annfield Plain and Burnhope the sewerage works have made satisfactory progress during the month.

Thirty-eight villages have been inspected since my last report.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. PARKER.

Lanchester, March 30th, 1893.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORTS.

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

Lanchester District.

MR CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—Since my last report there have been 88 fresh cases of epidemic diseases in this district, and are divided as follows:—11 cases of scarlet fever, 2 of erysipelas, and 7 of measles at Langley Park; 1 of scarlet fever, and 1 of erysipelas at Hill Top, near Esh; 1 case of scarlet fever, 1 of erysipelas, and 17 of measles at Ushaw Moor; 3 cases of scarlet fever at Durham Road, Esh Winning; 1 case of whooping cough and 12 of measles at Esh Winning; 8 cases of scarlet fever at Hamsteels Colliery; 5 cases of scarlet fever and 1 of typhoid fever at Quebec; 1 case of erysipelas at Marley's Houses; 4 cases of scarlet fever and 1 of erysipelas at Cornsay Colliery; 1 case of erysipelas at Hedleyhope; 3 cases of scarlet fever at East Butsfield, and 1 at Malton Colliery; 2 cases of membraneous croup at Burnhope; 2 cases of scarlet fever at Dorman's Cottages; and 1 of typhoid fever and 1 of erysipelas at Lanchester.

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

Lanchester, March 30th, 1893.

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

Medomsley District.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month the following zymotic cases have come under my notice:—One case of scarlatina at Derwent Cote Forge, one case of scarlatina at Templetown, one case of scarlatina at Milkwell Burn, one case of typhoid fever at Allendale Cottages, and one case of erysipelas at Hamsterley Colliery.

The Ebchester District is free from infectious disease.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, March 29th, 1893.

Eastern District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The district, as regards the more important kinds of infectious diseases, is far from satisfactory. The number of cases notified to me during the month was 23 of scarlatina, 5 of diptheria, and 1 of enteric fever. Scarlatina covers a large area, but the villages chiefly affected are Tanfield Lea, Hobson, Lintz, and Dipton. The disease, however, appears to be abating. The enteric fever case, and all the cases of diptheria were confined to the village of East Castle, and their origin was undoubtedly the result of the outbreak that began in January, as the disease has appeared at intervals ever since.

The water supply to Tanfield Lea Farm is occasionally polluted with what appears to be sewage, and the cause assigned is leakage from the main sewer, draining Tantobie.

The mortality for the month is light, only 17 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 15 per 1,000. None of the deaths were due to infectious diseases.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

The Rural Sanitary Authority, Lanchester.
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Re THOMAS FORSTER, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having any Claims against the Estate of Thomas Forster, late of Town Head West Farm, Tanfield, in the County of Durham, Farmer, Deceased, are requested to send particulars thereof to me, the undersigned, on or before the 6th May next.

Dated the 6th April, 1893,

THOMAS WM. WELFORD,
8, Church Street, Consett.
Solicitor to the Executors. 965k

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

BUSINESS HOURS for Central and Branches, to come into operation on the 17th April, 1893:

	Open at A.M.	Close at Baff Week.	Close at Pay Week.
Consett and Blackhill.			
Mondays	8·30	7 p.m.	7 p.m.
Tuesdays	8·30	6 p.m.	6 p.m.
Wednesdays	8·30	11 a.m	11 a.m.
Thursdays	8·30	6 p.m.	6 p.m.
Fridays	8·30	7 p.m.	9 p.m.
Saturdays	8·30	10 p.m.	10 p.m.
Westwood.			
Mondays	8	7 p.m.	7 p.m.
Tuesdays	8	6 p.m.	6 p.m.
Wednesdays	8	12 a.m.	12 a.m.
Thursdays	8	6 p.m.	6 p.m.
Fridays	8	8 p.m.	10 p.m.
Saturdays	8	4·30 p.m.	9 p.m.
Castleside.			
Mondays	8	6·30 p.m.	6·30 p.m
Tuesdays	8	6 p.m.	6 p.m.
Wednesdays	8	11 a.m.	11 a.m.
Thursdays	8	6 p.m.	6 p.m.
Fridays	8	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
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Blackhill Butchering Department.—Open Tuesdays and Wednesday Mornings, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday all day.

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Public Notices.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

IN connection with the above, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be held in the Co-operative Hall, on Sunday Night, April 9th, to commence at Eight o'clock. Pledges taken, &c. Collection at the close.

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

One Week only, commencing Monday, April 10th

FIRST VISIT of MONTAGUE ROBY'S FAMOUS

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Direct from the Art Gallery, Newcastle.

Popular Prices: 2s, 1s, 6d, 3d. Every Evening at Eight. 955k

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Lessee and Manager ARTHUR JEFFERSON
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Friday and Saturday.—The last Two Nights of the "FAST MAIL."

Monday, April 10th, and during the Week,

Hardie and von Leer's Co.

"ON THE FRONTIER.

Watch for the Indian Band Parade.

PELTON FELL AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB, under N.C.U. Rules.—BICYCLE RACE MEETING, Saturday, April 8th, 1893. Prizes to the value of £30. Half Mile (Open) Bicycle Handicap.—1st, Centre-Second Watch; 2nd, Gold Albert; 3rd, Oak Clock. One Mile (Open) Bicycle Handicap.—1st, Tea and Coffee Service; 2nd, Marble Timepiece; 3rd, Cuckoo Clock. Ten Mile Bicycle Handicap (confined).—Five Valuable Prizes. On splendid Red Ash Track, Five Laps to the Mile. Entrance 1s 6d one event; 1s any other event. Entries close April 1st, to D. Beardsmore, Secretary, Front Pit Row, Pelton Fell. D. Morrison, Jarrow, Handicapper. 813k

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD ELECTION, 1893.

JAMES PALLISER

Kindly solicits the favour of your

VOTE AND INTEREST AT THE ABOVE ELECTION.

J. P. having resided within the Consett Local Board District for over 24 years, and being fully conversant with the wants of the Ratepayers, has, at the request of numerous Electors, consented to be Nominated, and trusts by their Vote and Interest to be triumphantly RETURNED AS ONE OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—I have been asked by several influential Friends to allow myself to be nominated as one of the Candidates at the forthcoming Election of Guardians. I do not lay claim to any special qualification above your previous Representatives, who have served you in the past; but if an honest endeavour to see that the funds of the Ratepayers are efficiently distributed, with a due regard to economy, and also that the welfare of the unfortunate poor has due consideration, deserve your support, I can confidently ask for the vote and interest of every Ratepayer.

Should I have the honour of being elected, I promise that all the various interests concerned, will have my attention and consideration without regard to fear or favour.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
GEORGE DIXON POWELL. 906k

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

PARISH OF CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.

TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — In offering myself as a Candidate for the office of Guardian, at the request of several of my Consett Friends, I desire to express my sense of the grave responsibility which will rest upon me, if you should do me the honour to elect me, and to assure you that it will be my earnest endeavour to assist in the Administration of the Poor Law with an impartial regard to the interests of the whole community—both the Ratepayers and the Poor. For many years past, I have taken a great interest in all matters affecting the condition of the Poor, and I have had some experience of systematic and practical work among them. But apart from this, it appears obvious that, in dealing with the Domestic Management of a Workhouse, a large proportion of whose Inmates are Women and Children, the services of a Woman must be useful.

GEORGIANA MARY GIBSON.

Snows Green House, March 27th, 1893.

LANCHESTER UNION.

ELECTION OF POOR-LAW GUARDIANS.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONSIDE & KNITSLEY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Three years ago, when a third Guardian of the Poor was granted to the Township of Conside and Knitsley, I offered myself as a Candidate for your Suffrages, and you did me the honour of electing me as one of your Representatives. Having served in that capacity to the best of my knowledge and ability, and having, as I sincerely and confidently hope, given entire satisfaction to the Ratepayers and Poor alike, I again ask for your VOTE AND INTEREST AT THE ENSUING ELECTION, and should it be your pleasure that I shall again be returned as a Guardian, I trust that I shall—by my voice and actions—continue to merit the confidence you have hitherto reposed in me.

My sole aim and desire is to carry out the Administration of the Poor Law in a thoroughly impartial and efficient manner, having due regard to the welfare of the poor and needy, and, at the same time, jealously guarding the interests of the Ratepayers—the economic and practical aspect of all questions brought forward being my first consideration.

I may state that I have now been a Public Servant for the past 25 years, as a Member of your Local Board, an Overseer of the Poor, a Waywarden of the Highway Board, &c.; and have besides taken a prominent part in all movements which have for their objects the well-being of the community at large. My words and actions being so well-known, it is quite unnecessary that I should recapitulate my qualifications for holding such an important office.

In reviewing my conduct for the past quarter of a century, during which I have been a public man, there is nothing that I have either said or done but what has, so far as my intimate knowledge extends, met with the cordial and unanimous approbation of the great bulk, if not the whole, of the rated inhabitants.

I have the honour to remain,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
WILLIAM AYNSLEY.

Consett, April 3rd, 1893.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

(44th ANNUAL).

SATURDAY AUGUST 12th, 1893.

THE COMMITTEE have pleasure in announcing that they have now arranged for the following Special and Expensive Attractions:—

SIGNORA LOUISE

In her new Hunting Act, riding without Saddle over Bars and Gates of Fire, introducing a Flight of Pigeons in which her Horse will act the part of a Retriever.

SIGNOR G. PEYRANI

In his great Performance with the Mesmeric thorough-bred Horse "Courtney."

W. G. HURST,

The Champion Trick Bicyclist—King of the Wheel

JOSE PARKER,

The Champion Back and Trick Jumper of the World

Also the

NEWCASTLE MILITARY BAND.

(Bandmaster, Mr R. Smith).

Schedules of Prizes are now ready, and can be had on application to

W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

Office:—65, Derwent Street, Blackhill. 294k

JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

SPRING SALE FIXTURES.

Saturday, April 8th.—Lead Mill, Farm Stock and Furniture.
Monday, April 10th.—Auction Mart, Fat and Store Stock.
Wednesday, April 19th—South Medomsley Colliery, Farm Stock and Implements.
At an early date.—Little Greencroft Grass Parks.

Lead Mill, near Muggleswick.—Saturday, April 8th, 1893.

MR. JOHN S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr. Joseph Sanderson, who is retiring, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, and Household FURNITURE—
6 Cows and Calving Heifers.
3 Stirks.
6 Two-years-old Steers and Heifers.
2 Finger Calves.
20 H.B. Gimmers, in Lamb to Leicester Tup.
6 Scotch Hoggs.
1 Excellent Pony, about 13 h.h.
30 Head of Poultry.
1 Our Bitch.
Coup Cart and Harness; Spring Cart and Harness; Dog Cart; together with all the Implements, Dairy Utensils, and Household Furniture.
Full particulars in Posters.
Sale at One o'clock prompt.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside 925k

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1893.
10 Fat Cattle.
100 Fat Sheep.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Dairy Cows and Heifers, including several very Prime Country Cows.
Geld Cows, Stirks.
Gig, Wheelbarrow, Harness, Poultry, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.
Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. 975k

Important Colliery Farm Stock Sale.—Wednesday April 19th, at Pontop Hall.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, favoured with the confidence of the South Medomsley Colliery Co., who have let the Pontop Hall and Pontop High Stables Farms, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 19th, 1893, the whole of the superior FARM STOCK, and IMPLEMENTS, &c., on the Farm. Abridged Catalogue:—
3 Powerful Brown Draught Mares, 1 in Foal.
1 Do. Horse, about 16·2 h.h.
(All sound good workers, and in splendid working condition.
44 Head of Cattle.
17 Head well-bred Poultry.
4 Sets Cart Gears.
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With a large Field of Implements, most of which are little worse than new.
Full particulars in Posters and future advertisements.
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JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, April 10th, 1893.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 22 Fat Cattle; 115 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; 20 Young Geld Cows and Heifers; 9 Finger Calves. The entries of Fat Stock include consignments of some prime Cattle and Sheep from the Weardale Iron & Coal Co., Ltd., Mr Isaac Allanson, and other noted feeders.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.
SPECIAL SALE for STORE CATTLE, Thursday, April 27th. Early entries solicited.
962k J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Broadwood Grass Parks, near Lanchester.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with instructions from Thomas Taylor-Smith, Esq., will LET BY AUCTION, on Thursday, April 20th, 1893, the above RICH GRAZING PARKS, nearly 300 Acres. Full particulars in future Advertisements and Circulars, to be had of the Auctioneer.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 963k

Postponement of Date to April 26th, 1893.
St. Helen's Hall, West Auckland.—Highly Important Sale of Valuable Farming Stock.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with instructions from Mr WM. WEARMOUTH, who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, April 26th, 1893, the following superior FARMING STOCK, comprising:
4 Horses.
70 Head of S.H. Cattle.
80 H.B. and Cheviot Ewes and Followers, by Leicester Tups.
Number of Pork and Store Pigs.
Full particulars in Posters and future advertisements.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 964k

By Mr James Turnbull.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

THE ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE of GRAZING CATTLE and SHEEP, Young BULLS, MILCH COWS, &c., will be held on Wednesday, April 19th, 1893.
Early Entries are respectfully invited.
887k JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

The Ford Grass Parks, Lanchester.

THE ANNUAL LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION of the above Parks, will be held on Wednesday, April 26th, 1893, at 2 p.m.
949k JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Lough House Farm, Lintz Green.

MR JAMES TURNBULL, honoured with the confidence of Mr J. Andrews, who is relinquishing Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 10th, 1893, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, &c. Particulars in due course.

By Mr J. W Berry.

Park Road Sale Rooms, Consett.

J. W. BERRY is commissioned to SELL BY AUCTION, within the above Rooms, on Monday Evening next, 10th inst., at Seven o'clock, several CONSIGNMENTS of China, Earthenware, Jams, Groceries, &c., and other Goods too numerous to mention.
Further consignments invited. 978k

NORTH-WEST DURHAM EMIGRATION AGENCY.

PARK ROAD SALE ROOMS, CONSETT.

JOHN WILLIAM BERRY, AUCTIONEER LICENSED VALUER, &c. Sales by Auction held every PAY-MONDAY, in the above Rooms, at One o'clock. Consignments of any class of Goods are invited, or will be bought outright for Cash on the shortest Notice. 310k

By Mr. John Crawford.

Notice.—To Contractors and Others.
John Crawford's Sale-rooms, 6, 13, 23, and 25 Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, April 10th, 1893, removed for convenience of sale, at the above Rooms, HARNESS, FURNITURE, &c., including 2 Sets of Heavy Harness, 2 Sets Spring Cart Harness, Trace Chains, Quarter Straps, Breast Plates, Open Collars, Pole and Splinter Bar, Hem Sticks, and Shoulder Chains, Rugs, Mahogany Drawers, Ash Press, Feather and Rabbit Down Beds, Brass-mounted Beds, Hair-seated Chairs, Washstands and Dressing Tables, 2 sets of Chins, Unredeemed Pledged Goods, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothes of all sorts, Boots and Shoes of all kinds, Watches, Alberts, and Guards of all sorts.
Order of Sale:—Furniture at One o'clock prompt; Contractor's Harness at Four o'clock; Unredeemed Goods at Seven o'clock.
The Lots will be on view on the Morning of sale.
Anyone wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it put in this sale. 979k

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE and LAND AGENT, is prepared to execute all orders for AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE SALES on reasonable terms, prompt settlement. Appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell, to levy distress for Rent under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Furniture bought for Cash.
Sale Office: 25, Victoria Street, Consett 543

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

Derwent Cottages, near Consett.

MR WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by the Executors of the late SILAS KENT, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, April 26th, 1893, all those valuable BUSINESS PREMISES, centrally situate between Consett, Shotley Bridge, Medomsley, and Leadgate, consisting of Large Front and Back Shops, Front Parlour and Kitchen on the Ground Floor, and 4 Bed-rooms on the Upper Floor, with Pantry and all necessary Conveniences, together with Stable, Cart House, and Loft, Cow Byre, and large Yard, now in the occupation of Mr THOMAS BULMAN, as Tenant thereof, who will, on application, show the Premises. Further particulars can be had on application to Wm. Mark Bybus, Esq., Solicitor, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer.
This is a grand chance for a good man of Business doing well.
Sale to commence at Seven o'clock prompt.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 980k

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Sharp Notice!—12, Kyo Lane, Oxhill.—Saturday, April 8th, 1893.

MR A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Mr J. LONGSDALE, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, a large part of his valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
See Bills.
Sale to begin at 1·30 p.m.
All the Lots are really good and useful. 943k

Commercial Inn, Tantobie.—Monday, April 17th, 1893.

MR A. PHILLIPSON is favoured with instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr SNOWDON'S, Commercial Inn, Tantobie (Goods removed for convenience of sale), a large Quantity of valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
See Bills.
Sale to begin at 1·30 o'clock. 942k

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Emigration Agent, will undertake AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and conducted in the best style. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for Cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYNELL under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Office—Front Street, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Town Hall Sale Room, Catchgate.—Saturday, April 8th, 1893.

THE usual SALE of Household FURNITURE, Draperies, Groceries, &c., will be held on the above date. Also, a quantity of Books.
Entries respectfully solicited.
Sale to commence at Seven p.m. prompt.
953k GEO. R. HOBSON, Auctioneer.

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

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
W. AYNSLEY, Esq.
JAMES OLIVER, Esq. } Trustees.
HEDLEY NICHOLSON, Esq.
The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 10th April, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place.
Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

BLINDS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION MADE TO ORDER.

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PRICE: 3s. 9d. PER BOTTLE; 2s. PER HALF-BOTTLE.
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LOCAL AGENTS:—
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WITTON GILBERT.—J. HODGSON, STATION HOTEL
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, PACK HORSE INN.
BLACKHALL MILL.—T. ARMSTRONG, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
SOUTH MOOR.—R. DIXON, THE OAK INN.
TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE.—JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. 989h

WEATHER CHART FOR APRIL.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for April:—A rather wet month. Depressions round the 2nd and 7th; a low pressure area of considerable extent in time round the 21st. Barometer falling at the close.

TEMPERATURE.—Below the average. Fairly high at the beginning; low for some days round the 10th; high for a week round the 17th—for the most part a bright period. Cold round the 23rd; fine and warm the last few days.

RAIN.—Two-and-a-half inches; over average. Much above average in the western area, especially Ireland. Chiefly round the 2nd, 7th, and 21st. [Average rainfall: London, 2·1 in.; Glasgow, 2·1 in.; British Isles, 2·6 in.]

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

LANCHESTER.

On Thursday week, Mr J. Moon, relieving officer for the Consett district of the Lanchester Union, completed his 25th year of office under the Board of Guardians. A month previously, Mr Ralph Walton, the relieving officer for the Eastern division of the same Union, also completed his 25 years' service.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGNO."]

THE HOLIDAYS.

"She who from April dates her years
Diamonds should wear, lest bitter tears
For vain repentance flow."

Such was the opinion of the poets in the olden time, while the philosophers assure us that April is from the Latin word *Aprilus*, derived, they say, from *aperio*, I open, because in this month the earth opened its bosom for the production of grass and flowers. I am sure we are all very much indebted to those clever gentlemen for their learned deductions, and it will be well for us if we also are like nature susceptible to influences from without, assuming of course that the tendency in our wayward natures is such that we feel disposed to crush the meaner thoughts and bid the nobler soar. However that may be, we are at least at one in enjoying the luxury of a holiday even at Eastertide, when the winds, as a rule, blow stronger than they do later in the season. My Consett readers seem to have had their share this year of holiday-keeping, seeing that the ironworks were closed for the nonce, in order that there should be neither bridle nor restraint placed upon the seasonable proclivities of the people. In view of the alleged existing distress, this state of things reminds one of the graceless grace ascribed to the pen of Robert Burns:—

"Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat, sae lat the Lord be thanket."

The inference is of course that one section of toilers are in want, and that the other can well afford to keep holiday. Such a state of things cannot be said to indicate a very complete system of organisation, but as there is nothing better on the *tapis*, we must, I suppose, go on our way and wait for the turn of the tide.

BURSTING ASUNDER.

The sun shines on the evil and the good, so we were told in the olden times, nor has the fleeting years with the changes they have brought in their train had the effect of in any way turning the tide into other channels. If, as Shakespeare says—and he borrowed the idea from the bible—the quality of mercy is not strained, it may well be asserted that the rays of truth are not confined to this particular channel nor that. God fulfills himself in many ways, says a favourite poet, and it may reasonably be assumed that the burst asunder of of the Consett Y.M.C.A. will be conducive in the long run to the broad interests of Christian men and women. That Churchmen and Church-goers were the salt of the earth is a phantasm that has forever vanished. It was high time the spell was broken at Consett, for the time was—and doubtless is yet, for the leopard does not often change his skin—when boys who had attended the National School from infancy until the seventh standard had been reached were disqualified from rising higher, unless they bartered their birthright and forsook the Church of their fathers. With such recollections before me, my readers will quite understand me when I regard the bursting asunder of the Consett Y.M.C.A. as the dawn of a brighter and nobler existence for those sleepless souls who, strengthened by God-given impulses from within strive by self-denial to reach that better country where:—

"Brighter suns dispense serener light,
And milder moons imparadise the night.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

On Tuesday morning, a man named Bainbridge, an engine-driver, employed at the Consett Iron Company's works, had his foot severely crushed. He was taken home where his injury was attended to by Dr. Shannon.

THE MIDGET MINSTRELS.—Montague Roby's famous Midget Minstrels who are announced to make their first appearance at the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday evening, are a real treat. Parents will do well to take their children to listen to this—one of the most pleasant entertainments we have attended.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONVALESCENT HOME.—We are informed that the local association of the Grange-over-Sands Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home are endeavouring to arrange for a united demonstration—to be held this summer—of all the Friendly Societies in this and the neighbouring districts, in support of the "Home."—It is to be hoped that a ready response will be given for such a worthy object.

ACCIDENT AT THE CONSETT WORKS.—On Thursday afternoon last week, a married man named William Wake, of Consett, and employed as a fireman on one of the locomotive cranes, met with a serious accident in the new steel angle mills belonging to the Consett Iron Company. Wake was so severely crushed through the "jibbing" of the crane as to necessitate his removal to the Infirmary, where he was medically treated by Drs Geo. Renton and W. J. Shannon.

ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENT.—Rev D. Bryson, senior curate of Horton, who has been offered the living of Holy Island by the Bishop of Newcastle, was educated at Durham and St. Bees, and has consecutively laboured as curate in the parishes of St. Andrews, at Sunderland; Christ Church, Consett; Shadforth, Lyons, and lastly at Horton, Blyth. An earnest and energetic worker, Mr Bryson is deservedly popular wherever he has yet been, and his hosts of admirers will rejoice in his promotion. Since he became curate of Horton, the Parish Church has undergone considerable renovation, whilst improvements have also, mainly through Mr Bryson's instrumentality, been effected at the Cowpen Mission Church. In the same parish the erection of St. Bede's Church at New Delaval became a necessity, and in the building of this edifice the rev. gentleman, and some friends who had partaken of their curate's enthusiasm, actually filled cart-loads of stone, cut trenches, and otherwise helped on the work.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The "Fast Mail" by Hardie and Von Leer's Company has proved a genuine holiday attraction, good houses being present almost every night in spite of the beautiful weather we are experiencing, and the other numerous attractions prevalent at Eastertide. Mr Gerald Spencer is a great favourite as "Walter West" and he plays the part with excellent taste. Mr Arthur Keand also does full justice to the part of "Philip Martin" and received his due share of the applause generally given to the stage villain. Mr Hugh Lawrence is very good as "James Reed," and as "Macaroni" Mr Jas. Buchanan was most favourably received. Miss Julia Listelle as "Mary Martin" created a very favourable impression and was rewarded with well-deserved applause. Miss Eva Faber also does well as "Mother Macaroni." Mr Bertie Wright as "Samuel Sleuth" and Miss Naomi Neilson as "Belvy Ann" are responsible for the comedy elements and they succeed in keeping the house in roars of laughter. Mr Wright's songs and dances are loudly *encored*. The scenery, which is carried by the company, is lovely, and the freight train with steam up, and as realistic as possible the lightning mail train, and the view of Niagara Falls are received nightly with tremendous enthusiasm. To-morrow (Saturday) is the last night of this company's stay and those desirous of seeing a really good scenic production such as has never been seen in Consett should not miss it. Next week "On the Frontier" is announced, and we are to have another novelty in the shape of a real Indian Band parading the streets daily. The drama is taken from Fenimore Cooper's novel "The last of the Mohicans," and is full of excitement besides being interspersed with just sufficient comedy to make it enjoyable. The engagement is a most expensive one, and in order to make it a payable one alike to lessee and to the company there should be full houses every night next week.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The 119th quarterly meeting of this Society, was held on Saturday evening, in the Co-operative Hall. The chair was taken by Mr G. Lowes, who made a few introductory remarks and then called upon the secretary to read the minutes of last quarterly meeting. These were passed and confirmed. The special meeting minutes for revision of rules were read and confirmed, then the Committees' minutes for past quarter were read and discussed at some length but ultimately confirmed. The balance sheet for the quarter was then taken into consideration. This shows the sales to be under the corresponding quarter last year by £1,569 3s 7½d, but above the previous quarter by £357 5s 2d. The total profit from all sources is shown to be £2,785 15s 10d, which is absorbed in interest on capital grant to Educational Department, and reduction of fixed stock and property, and a dividend of 2s 10d. in the £ on members' purchases. The number of members are 1,668, purchasing members 1,501.—It was decided not to send a delegate to the Co-operative Congress at Whitsuntide. —It was resolved to call a requisition meeting three weeks hence to consider the position of the Society with regard to its rules.—Mr R. Brown gave notice to propose at the next meeting a resolution to the effect that the Education Committee be abolished and the publication of the *Record* be discontinued.—Messrs W. Hogg (Westwood), and Starford (Medomsley), were elected committeemen, the latter in the place of Mr W. R. Cook resigned.—The notice of motion with reference to a shoemaking business at Blackhill was repeated. —The meeting did not separate till a late hour.

BLACKHILL.

THE PROMOTION OF SERGT. TATE.—At the Consett Petty Sessions, on Monday, Mr J. T. Potts, J.P., warmly complimented Sergeant Robt. Tate, of Blackhill, on his promotion to the rank of Inspector, to suceed Inspector (now Supt. Rutherford) at Durham, and trusted that he would contiuue to do his duty as well as he had discharged it in the past.—A public subscription is being raised in the district to make a testimonal to Inspector Tate, in recognition of his past services. Mr W. Ramsay, Derwent Street, Blackhill, is acting as secretary to the testimonial fund.

WEDDING.—On Monday afternoon, the marriage of Miss M. L. Turner, third daughter of Mr A. E. Turner, tailor and draper, Blackhill, to Mr J. R. Kell, eldest son of Mr Jasper Kell, building contractor, Durham, was celebrated at Highgate Baptist Church. Both parties are well-known and highly respected, and a large number of relations and friends came together to witness the auspicious event. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, after which a large company partook of the wedding repast at the residence of the bride's father. The happy couple left for Durham amidst as many wishes for their future happiness as the valuable and numerous presents received.

LEADGATE.

The other day what is known as a "bald coot," a species of bird very rarely found in the British Isles, was caught at the Bantling Lane Ends, near Leadgate. It is still alive, and in the possession of Mr Robert Logan, of Leadgate. It is said that only once before has a member of this family been caught in this part of the country, and that was some 18 years ago, the dead bird being preserved by Mr Tinkler, taxidermist, at Stanhope.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Good Friday afternoon, the Rev J. Crawshaw, of Annfield Plain, preached in the above place of worship, and in the evening delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture, entitled "The significance of the insignificant." Notwithstanding that there were numerous attractions elsewhere, there was a very good company present, who seemed to heartily enjoy and thoroughly appreciate the lecture from beginning to end. Mr Luke Nicholson, of Leadgate, presided.

WINLATON.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The following have been nominated as candidates for seats on this Board at the ensuing election:—William Atkinson, butcher and farmer, Winlaton; Patrick Carling, agent, Blaydon; Rutter Carr, commercial traveller, Blaydon; Isaac Clark, foreman moulder, Blaydon; William James Douglass, major, 5th V.B.D.L.I., Blaydon; John Howdon, iron manufacturer, California, Winlaton; Robert Scott, clerk, Winlaton; Alfred Barrett Tebb, Congregational minister, Winlaton; and Robert Young, checkweighman, Winlaton. Mr George Craighill is the returning officer.—The Catholics of Stella held a meeting in their schoolroom on Sunday evening, Mr P. Carling presiding. The following resolution, moved by the Rev. Canon Wrennall, and seconded by the Rev. Mr Fitzgerald, was carried unanimously:—That we tender our thanks to Mr P. Carling for his past services as member of the School Board, and that we use every legitimate means to secure his return at the ensuing election.

BEAMISH.

On Monday last, in St. Paul's Church, West Pelton, was solemnised the marriage of Mr Charles William Adamson, only son of Mr Charles Adamson, of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Beamish, with Miss Emily Scott, second daughter of Mr William Scott, head-master of the Beamish Colliery Schools, the officiating clergy being the Rev Canon Mathwin, assisted by the Rev C. Tweedie. The service, which was choral, was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends, including Mr and Mrs Scott, Mr and Mrs Adamson, Mr Sinclair, Miss Adamson, Mr E. Green, Mr and Mrs Richards, Mr and Mrs Ed. Nicholson, Mr and Mrs Thomas Kay, Mr and Mrs Jas. Howden, Messrs T. Nicholson, H. I. Richards, Wm. Young, Wm. Ryder, Wm. R. Liddell, John Bidley, and Thomas Oliphant. The bride wore a dress heliotrope cloth, handsomely trimmed with passementerie, and hat to match, and was attended by Miss Adamson, while Mr James Scott fulfilled the duties of best man. During the day the usually quiet village was enlivened by the merry peals which went forth from the church belfry. During the afternoon the happy couple left amidst the good-wishes of all *en route* for Harrogate, where the honeymoon will be spent.

LANGLEY MOOR.

BAPTIST CHAPEL.—Miss Carley, the Baptist evangelist, has just concluded a five weeks' mission at the Baptist Chapel, Langley Moor, and a large number of all ages came forward and found peace by believing in Christ. The Rev E. W. Jenkins, of Blackhill, baptized twelve on Tuesday sen'night, and admitted into membership 19, with more to come. The meetings were brought to a close with a tea and public meeting on Easter Monday. A large number sat down to tea, and profits realised over £3. An account was given at the public meeting that the Baptist cause at Langley Moor was, ten years ago, about to collapse, and nine months since it did collapse. It was kept going in both instances by the Waterhouses Baptist brethren, and is now a mission of the Waterhouses District Baptist Association.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary meeting of this Board was held in the School-room, Catchgate, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr R. Mitchinson presiding. Members present:—Mr P. Reay, Mr A. Brown, Mr H. Greener, Mr W. Rutherford, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson). The minutes were read and confirmed. It was resolved that the Lay Church should have the use of three rooms on Whit-Monday on the usual conditons. Cheques were signed to the amount of £165 8s 6d. A precept for the next half-year was made at 6d in the pound. It was decided to pay the teacher's salaries every four weeks. The number of children on the books is 400; average attendance, 380.

WATERHOUSES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—Miss Wilson, evangelist, has conducted a series of special services in this place of worship. A number of converts have been added to the church.—On Good Friday, a public tea was held which was well attended. A love-feast was held in the evening.

CRAGHEAD.

On Easter Monday, the Primitive Methodists of Craghead had their annual field-day. Football and other innocent amusements were indulged in, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

STANHOPE.

CRICKET CLUB BALL.—The Stanhope Cricket Club held a grand dress ball at the Barrington Schools, on Monday evening. The schools were neatly decorated for the occasion, and some fifty couples attended. The ball was a great success.

LOCAL BOARD NOMINATIONS.—There are seven candidates for the five vacant seats on Stanhope Local Board. The voting papers were issued on Monday, and will be gathered on Friday. The candidates are Messrs J. Ashbridge, *J. Crawhall, George Moses, *Thos. Philipson, *J. W. Roddam, W. Tweddle, and *J. Wears. Those marked thus (*) are old members. Charles Emerson does not seek re-election.

ACCIDENTS.—On Thursday week, Mr Joe Bell broke his leg while getting over the garden wall. A young man named Driver, son of Mr Wm. Driver, guard on the North-Eastern Railway passenger train, broke the small bone of his leg while watching a football match, by suddenly turning around and wrenching his leg.

UNIONIST MEETING.—A Unionist meeting was held in the Town Hall, Stanhope, on Monday evening, presided over by J. A. Hildyard Esq., of Horsley Hall. The speakers were L. H. Hayter Esq., London, and Mr Wm Rolley, of Barnard Castle. Mr T. Hull, of Frosterley, and Mr F. Batute, of Stanhope, were also on the platform. Owing to some mistake of date Staveley Hill Esq., of Wolverhampton, who was announced by poster to be present did not put in an appearance. A good company was present and the meeting was considered from a Unionist and Conservative point of view, a very hearty and enthusiastic one throughout. At the close questions were invited, but none were asked. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the speakers and chairman. The Radical element was present in numbers, but accorded a fair hearing, and the meeting passed off in a very quiet and orderly manner.

THE WEATHER.—Seldom in the memory of Weardale's oldest inhabitants has there ever been such a lengthened period of beautiful, sunny, genial, delightful weather, so early in the season as what we have been experiencing these last 3 or 4 weeks. Day by day and one week after another has this magnificient weather lasted, making life more joyous, sweeter, and more worth living. It is quite phenominal in our fickle yet wet climate, and is thought on all hands too good to last, but still it continues, to the joy of all.

LECTURE.—A lecture was delivered in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Monday evening, on "The democracy", by the Rev P. McPhail, of Waterhouses. Mr T. Robinson, Shield Ash, presided. The lecturer handled his subject in a very able and masterly style frequently eliciting the applause of the audience, which by the way was only small, on account of admission charged and other attractions.

FASHIONABLE DRESS BALL.—One of the most grand and fashionable dress balls ever held in Stanhope was in the Barrington School-rooms, on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Stanhope Cricket Club, promoted chiefly and carried to a successful issue by Mr V. A. Rippon, J.P., of Rogerley Hall, Frosterley, the honorary and indefatigable secretary, who did yeoman service on the occasion, Mr J. W. Roddam, J.P., Messrs R. and J. Pulleine and others, both members and friends of the cricket club. The large and commodious rooms of the Barrington Schools were kindly placed at their disposal by the Bishop of Richmond, and were very suitable for the occasion. They were decorated in the most artistic and superb style with festoons, bunting, chinese lanterns, plants, &c. The decorators were Messrs V. A. Rippon, J. W. Roddam, R. Pulleine, J. Pulleine, R. Thompson, D. McCallum, T. Green, J. Sanderson, T. Fairless, T. Currey, J. A. Mason, J. Briggs, F. Taylor, Miss E. Pulleine, Misses Pulleine, Miss Hincks, Miss Calder, and the decorations reflected upon them the highest credit. The artistic and beautiful painting by Mr Taylor, Stanhope, at the west end of the room, behind which was placed a brilliant light, was exceeding picturesque and effective, as was also the artistic dado work on the walls, done by a Newcastle firm. Carnegie & Co., who also covered the floor with beautiful dancing material from end to endf especially prepared, and which gave the place an appearance of an exceeding attractive character in keeping with the profuse decorations everywhere present. The music was supplied by Mr E. Sloane and party. (We regret we have not space to insert the names of those present.)

WEARDALE.

SUICIDE OF A WEARDALE MAN IN AMERICA.—Intelligence has just reached his relatives at High Hotts, Ireshopeburn, Weardale, of the suicide of a miner named John Lowes, who left the valley a dozen years ago for the United States. Lowes, who was noticed by his wife and daughter to be a little depressed, went out in his shirt sleeves, and not returning as soon as expected, his daughter went in search of him, and found him hanging by a chain. Though not quite dead when cut down he shortly succumbed. No reason can be assigned for the rash act, as deceased had been fairly successful, and was in comfortable circumstances. Much sympathy is felt for his mother at the above homestead.

SWALWELL.

Through the generosity of Mr G. R. Ramsay of Swalwell Colliery, 45 tons of coal have been distributed among the poor of Whickham, Swalwell, and Dunston.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The 116th quarterly meeting of this society was held in the Co-operative Hall, on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance. The president (Mr W. Fletcher) occupied the chair. The committee's report showed that the quarter's sales amounted to £2,973 4s. 7d. The profit realised, after providing for depreciation, interest on capital, &c., was £309 16s. 8d., and a dividend of 2s. 2d. in the £ was declared. The committee recommended that on and after April 3, the *employes* work 48 hours, thus reducing the hours from 54 to 48 per week. The Chairman, in moving this resolution, briefly stated the benefits that would be derived both by the *employes* and the society, and as workers who would be glad of the eight hours themselves, it was their duty to show an example to the capitalist when they had the power to do so. The resolution having been seconded and supported, was carried unanimously.

OXHILL.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Sunday, an elderly person named Charles Russell, aged 74 years, living at Pea Row, Oxhill, died very suddenly. He went to bed on Saturday night in his usual health, but was found dead in bed at 9 a.m. the following morning by his son, John Russell. The supposed cause of death is apoplexy. No inquest was deemed necessary.

QUEBEC.

Mr J. Wilkinson, delivered his popular lecture entitled "The earth is full of the glory of God," in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Quebec, on Good Friday evening. The Rev McPhail occupied the chair. There was a good attendance.

WOLSINGHAM.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—We are pleased to chronicle another success gained by a pupil at the above school. H. E. Davison, who a short time since passed the Cambridge Local Examination in honours, has now passed the preliminary examination in arts for the degree of M.B. at Durham University.

TOW LAW.

LOCAL VETO BILL.—A well-attended conference of temperance workers, arranged by the "Beacon of Hope" Lodge of Good Templars, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, on Wednesday night, under the presidency of Mr J. E. Dixon, D.C.T., Tow Law, to discuss the above measure, which was very ably explained by Mr Edward Oliver, of Hartlepool. After some discussion, the following resolution was agreed to:—"That, in the opinion of this conference, the Liquor Traffic (Local Control) Bill is an honest attempt on the part of the Government to place in the hands of ratepayers the power to control the public sale of intoxicating liquors, which is acknowledged to be a fruitful source of crime, immorality, pauperism, and insanity, and consequently entails a large expenditure of public money for the maintenance of law and order. This conference would tender its hearty support to the Bill at present before the country, or with such amendations as may be introduced in the committee stages." It was also agreed that a petition on the same subject be signed by the chairman, on behalf of the meeting, and that a Federation Committee be formed to organise united effort, and to bring the true nature of the Bill before the working men at an early date.

WEST STANLEY.

VESTRY MEETING.—The annual Easter vestry meeting in connection with St. Andrew's Church, was held in the vestry on Monday afternoon last, when the vicar, Rev J. Crennell, presided. Major Ridley was appointed as vicar's warden, and the parishioners again appointed Mr Thos. C. Frater as their warden.

SALES OF WORK.—On Good Friday, there was a sale of work held in the Wesleyan school-room, Stanley, and another in the Oxhill Primitive Methodist Chapel. Both were fairly successful.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A temperance meeting was held in the Store Hall, and was well attended. Solos, duets, and recitations were rendered by local friends, afterwards an address was delivered in support of the Government Local Veto Bill by Mr J. Dodds, of Cornsay.

EASTERTIDE FESTIVITIES.

DIPTON.—At the Dipton Wesleyan Chapel, on Easter Sunday, Rev C. W. Barber preached. On Monday, Miss Wilson, lady evangelist, conducted the services.—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Dipton, the Easter services were conducted by Mr T. Martindale.

CONCERT AT LANCHESTER.

On Easter Tuesday evening, a grand concert was held in the school-room, which was well filled. The great attraction was Madame Catherine Bellas-Dryden, who delighted the audience with "Let me dream again," "In the chimney corner," and "Daddy." The rendering of each of these songs was received with loud applause, which was rewarded by the audience being favoured with "She wore a wreath of roses" and "Home, sweet home." With her husband, Mr T. D. Dryden, of Consett, she sang the duet, "The crooked bawbee," which so pleased that they had to sing in response "Home to our mountains." Mr Dryden also showed that he was very popular with the people in his fine singing of "The warrior bold" and "The admiral's broom." Quite a furore of applause greeted the violin solo, "The harp that once," of Miss Eva Dixon. This gifted young artiste also gave very fine selections on the mandoline, and by special request played as an *encore* her previous violin solo. Mr J. Jopling, of Midgeholme, Carlisle, in his sweet tenor voice sang in the first part, by request, "Tom Bowling," and in the second part "Only once more." Miss Sampson also sang very sweetly "Flora Macdonald's lament," and joined with Rev F. W. Glyn, Messrs T. Dixon, J. Jopling, and R. M. White in singing "The sobbing," and other quartetts. Mrs W. Cumming and Messrs George Dryden and A. Edwards presided at the pianoforte. The proceeds went to pay the debt on the school piano, which the Vicar informed the audience during the interval was now paid off. Amongst those present were Mr and Mrs and Miss Taylor-Smith, Broadwood; Miss Taylor-Smith, Colepike; Mr Van Haansbergen, Woodlands; Mr Forster, Burnhope; Mrs Glyn, and others.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ANNFIELDITE."]

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.

The oldest man living perhaps never saw such a run of fine weather during the months of March and April, so far as they have gone. Weather prophets have prophesied that we are to have a dreadful summer of hot, droughty weather, such as there has not been for some 200 years or more. They say there will be no turnips, no hay, and hence no fodder for the animal creation. We like sunshine, but not to the extent they prophesy.

EASTER TIME.

The Easter holidays are now over, and bad as the state of trade has been and is, there was a large exodus out of the district. Some by traps, others by train (but not from Annfield Plain Station), while a good number were off on bicycle tours and long tramps. The little folks have also quite enjoyed their vacations.

EASTER SERVICES.

The Primitive Methodists of Annfield Plain celebrated their annual services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On the former day, Rev J. Moffatt, of Spennymoor, preached in the afternoon. A tea was afterwards held, which was very well patronised. The young ladies were extremely attentive in supplying the wants of both young and old. After tea, a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr P. Reay, and addresses were delivered by Mr T. Gales, Mr J. Humble, and Rev J. Moffatt. Votes of thanks ended a well-attended service. On Saturday night, a temperance entertainment was given by the South Moor party—Mr M. Wilkinson and others. On Sunday, sermons were preached at 10·30 and six by Rev J. Moffatt, and at two by Mr J. Humble. The collections were in aid of the trust fund.

NOTES FROM THE SPEN DISTRICT.

[BY "WATCHMAN."]

CYCLING.

I have been asked by a wheelman to warn all new cyclists about keeping on their own side when passing each other on the highway. It is generally the case that when a new cyclist gets on the road (not knowing the rules) he runs in all directions, and the result of one not being on his proper side in this locality a few days ago was a collison, in which each had their machine broken and themselves slightly injured. A wheelman not on the left side can be sued for damages if a collision occurs.

ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary in connection with the Spen Primitive Chapel was celebrated last week-end. Last Friday, a grand entertainment was held, followed by a public tea and meeting, and on Saturday Rev Jas. Taylor delivered an excellent on "John Knox." Dr Colquhoun ably presided. Rev Mr Taylor also preached on Sunday two excellent sermons to fairly good congregations.

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WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope, on Saturday, Dr Livingstone presiding.

The Clerk intimated that the Postal Authorities had written acknowledging the receipt of petitions asking for an earlier morning mail into Stanhope, Frosterley, and Wolsingham. The authorities also said that the matter should have their consideration as well as the wall and pillar letter-boxes for the east of Wolsingham.

The authorities of Sedgefield Asylum wrote notifying the death of Ann Jamieson at that Institution. Sometime ago the Guardians fell heir to some £40 through her by legacies left by a wealthy uncle of deceased's, and more was now due to them. The Clerk was instructed to take the steps requisite to secure it.

A complaint was lodged in respect to the treatment of a recent inmate of the house named Anthony Walton. He had worn body flannels for 25 years and when he went into the house they were taken from him during the cold weather of January and a calico shirt given him.

The Master said he made no complaint to him while in the house, besides it was the rule to take from them their own clothes on entering the house and give them the Workhouse suit.

Messrs Monkhouse and Stephenson called attention to the case.

The matter was left over till next meeting when the question of the clothing of the inmates will be discussed.

There were present besides the Chairman, Messrs J. W. Roddam, J.P., Rev P. C. Jones, J. Crawhall, G. Currey, W. Love, W. Snowball, J. Maddinson, M. Reid, O. Monkhouse, G. Stephenson, J. Rutherford, J. Roddam, G. R. Wooler, Esq., W. Vickers.

SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope, on Saturday afternoon, Dr Livingstone presiding.

The Inspector's report was read. He had visited in company with the Medical Officer, Copt Hill, Wearhead, Rookhope, Frosterley, and Wolsingham. He had found nuisances here and there and had given notice of removal, but the district on the whole was in a very good sanitary condition. The small-pox patient at Crawleyside had entirely recovered and he proposed to burn the bed and thoroughly disinfect the house.

Dr Robinson's report corroborated the Inspector's.

Cricket.

Consett Excelsiors C.C. have the following vacant dates, and would like them filled up as early as possible:—Home—April 22, May 6, June 10, July 1; away—April 29, May 13, June 24, July 8, 22. Ages, 15 to 18. Address—A. R. Smith, 25, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

DIPTON v. OXHILL.

Played on the Dipton ground on Easter Monday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 14 runs. Score:—

OXHILL.		DIPTON.	
M Ledger b J Ritchie	0	A Tuson run out	1
T Siddle c Lawson b J Ritchie	2	H Bragg run out	0
G Collins b Lawson	0	J Ritchie b Murphy	3
R Henderson c R Ritchie b J Ritchie	17	R Kelly c Middlemass b Murphy	3
W Raine c A Bragg b Lawson	2	Rev R Tuson c Smith b Raine	0
J Middlemass b Lawson	6	A Bragg b Murphy	5
J Murphy not out	4	J Lawson b Raine	4
J E Smith b J Ritchie	2	T Clark b Raine	0
R Palmer b Lawson	1	R Ritchie not out	1
Rd Palmer b Lawson	0	J Allen c Henderson b Raine	0
W Collins run out	1	H Jennings b Raine	2
Extras	1	Extras	3
Total	36	Total	22

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

Consett Y.M.C.A. v Dipton Strangers.—These teams will meet at Consett. The Y.M.C.A. will be represented by the following:—Goal, J. Jones; backs, H. Symington and R. Walton; half-backs, R. Sanderson, J. Barrow, and T. Shaw; forwards, W. Todd and J. Aynsley, right wing; T. Carr, centre; J. Smith and C. Gambles, left wing. Referee, Mr A. Wilson. Kick-off at 3.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Tow Law Reserve.—To be played at Leadgate. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, R. Noble; backs, W. Bell and Joe Wilson; half-backs, J. T. Willey, T. Snowdon, and J. Day; forwards, R. Graham and H. Makepeace, right wing; Robt. Wilson, centre; G. Forster and G. Lock (capt.), left wing. Kick-off at 4.30.

Blackhill Park v Sten Albion.—To be played on the former's ground. The following will be the Park team:—Goal, H. Hobday; backs, R. Watson and J. Dempsey; half-backs, J. Butler, J. Beck, and T. Sheldon; forwards, R. Chatt (capt.) and A. Lindsay, right wing; P. Smith, centre; J. Walton and H. Tindle, left wing. Reserve, W. Askew.

Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Jarrow Borough 2nd.—This match will be played at Blackfine, when the Rovers will be represented by the following:—Full back, J. Carr; three-quarter backs, B. Laverton, W. Leybourne, and W. Smith; half-backs, G. Bell and J. Brannighan; forwards, J. Morgan, D. Aitken, E. Gibson, C. Swift, E. Broadbent, J. Stoker, G. Kays, T. Lamb, and J. Carr.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. MIDDLESBROUGH SWIFTS.

The Wanderers have been fortunate in arranging for a visit from the above clever team, who are one of the smartest elevens in the north, and those present at the Dipton ground to-morrow may rely on seeing a splendid game. The Wanderers will be represented by the following team:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, T. Rowell and J. Jordan; half-backs, T. Turpin, E. Buck (capt.), and R. Press; forwards, H. Smith and I. Gilliard, right wing; M. Brown, centre; W. Evans and T. Walker, left wing. Kick-off at 4. Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun., Medomsley.

LEADGATE EXILES v. WOLSINGHAM.

The latter team, who have earned a great name for themselves this season, will make their first appearance on the Exiles' ground to-morrow. The Exiles' team will be as follows:—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, J. Haggan and W. McGee; half-backs, W. Costello, T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, Peter Hughes (capt.) and J. O'Neil, right wing; J. Hill, centre; J. McGee and J. McMahon, left wing. Kick-off at 3.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. NORTH DURHAM 2ND.

This game will be played at Gateshead, when the following will do duty for the Rovers:—Full back, T. Elliott; three-quarter backs, E. McEtrue, J. Askew, J. Brown (capt.), and E. Robson; half-backs, Geo. Smailes and J. Anderson; forwards, G. Hewitson, J. Dawson, G. Sayers, W. Brown, A. Taylor, T. Lumley, G. Aitken, and R. Stobbs. Reserve, E. Gibson.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

SEMI-FINALS.

LEADGATE PARK v. BOLDON STARS.

This important fixture will be played at Leadgate, when a fast game is sure to result, as both teams will do their utmost to qualify for the final tie. The Park team will probably be as follows:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, A. Little, J. B. Robson, and G. Walton; forwards, C. Foreman and H. Wattsford, right wing; J. A. Burnhope, centre; Rev R. S. Hay and J. Hunter, left wing. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr J. Conqueror, Sunderland.

TOW LAW v. ST. HELEN'S (AUCKLAND.)

These teams will meet at Tow Law. The latter have been playing in excellent form lately, and should have little difficulty in reaching the final, having twice previously this season vanquished St. Helen's, although at home the score was only one goal to none. Tow Law will in all probability be represented as follows:—Goal, J. Hildreth; backs, J. W. Temperley and T. B. Potts (capt.); half-backs, R. Wilson, W. Waites, and W. Simpson; forwards, J. Coulson, F. Blair, T. Hobson, T. Conroy, and F. McIntosh. Linesmen, Messrs J. T. Lowthian (Shildon) and R. B. Buckton (Darlington.) Referee, Mr J. R. Douglas, Gateshead.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

BENFIELDSIDE.

The annual meeting of ratepayers took place in the Benfieldside Board Schools, on Thursday se'nnight. Mr W. Raw, Blackhill, presided.—Messrs W. Raw, R. Murray, and W. Telford, the old overseers, were again nominated, as also were Messrs E. Sloane, P. Teare, and T. Whinney.—Mr Robert Anderson, of Mosswood, was re-appointed waywarden for the outlying portion of the township.

MEDOMSLEY.

The ratepayers yearly meeting for the above township was held in the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, on Thursday evening. Messrs J. H. Morris, Medomsley; Thos. Simpson, Bradley; and J. Allison, Hagg Farm, were again nominated overseers of the poor; Mr Morris also being appointed waywarden. Ten candidates were nominated for the post of assistant-overseer at a salary of £45 per annum, rendered vacant by the retirement of Mr M. Coupland, of Shotley Bridge. The highest number of votes were obtained by Mr Matthew Milburn, school attendance officer, Medomsley, and Mr Robert Chaytor, cashier at Hamsterley Colliery. A poll was demanded, and it was eventually decided that the election should be conducted by ballot at the Westwood Board Schools, to-day (Friday.)

MUGGLESWICK.

The yearly meeting of the ratepayers for the parish of Muggleswick was held on Saturday, 25th March, in the school-room, when the following persons were nominated overseers for the ensuing year:—Messrs John Sherlock and John Stephen Newton, while Mr Thomas Copeland was appointed waywarden. Afterwards, a vote of thanks was passed to these gentlemen for their past services, and to the chairman (Rev J. Ingham) for presiding over the meeting.

MUGGLESWICK SCHOOL BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-elected board was held in the School, Waskerley, on Wednesday week. The principal business was the appointment of chairman and vice-chairman of the new board. It was proposed by Mr T. Copeland, and seconded by Mr J. Gaskill, that Mr John Jamieson be chairman, and it was also proposed by Mr W. Hudson, and seconded by Mr John Jamieson, that Mr T. Copeland be vice-chairman. Nothing of importance came before the meeting, and it was subsequently resolved into a special meeting to appoint a member for the fifth seat. It was moved by Mr T. Copeland, and seconded by Mr J. Jamieson, that Mr R. Sherlock, of Waskerley, be appointed to fulfil the vacancy on the board. This was carried unanimously.

RAILWAY SERVANTS' MEEEINGS.

CONSETT BRANCH.

Under the auspices of the Consett Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants an open meeting was held on Saturday night in the United Methodist Free Church School-room, Blackhill. Mr Toobey, of Blackhill, occupied the chair, and there was a fairly good attendance.—Mr John Dobson, the organising secretary, of London, delivered an address on the beneficial results which had been attained by combination, and said that the railway men in the North of England were more advanced than the men in other parts of Great Britain. They were the pioneers of trades unionism, and he hoped they would retain their character as loyal members of the amalgamated society. (Applause.)—Mr Dyball, platelayer, of Newcastle, also spoke.—On the proposal of Mr Armstrong, platelayer, of Shotley Bridge, seconded by Mr Walton, of Leadgate, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That this meeting recognises the advantages of combination in protecting the rights and promoting the welfare of all classes of railway servants; and calls upon all who are engaged on the railways in the immediate neighbourhood to at once join the society."—Votes of thanks to the speakers and chairman ended the proceedings.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A similar meeting was held on Sunday afternoon at Annfield Plain, under the presidency of Mr J. Beattie, local secretary, Consett Junction, Mr Dobson being the chief speaker.

VESTRY MEETINGS.

FROSTERLEY.

At the annual vestry meeting of this parish, the vicar (Rev F. C. Jagg) presided. The churchwardens (Messrs J. Barker and H. Pickering) were re-elected. The meeting was adjourned to consider finances.

LANCHESTER.

The annual vestry meeting of the four-and-twenty was held in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Lanchester—the vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn, M.A., J.P.), presiding. The accounts for the past year were considered very satisfactory. A balance of £8 10s 9d was carried forward. The vicar re-appointed Mr J. Cummings and Mr Wm. Logan as his wardens for the ensuing year, whilst Mr R. Walton and Mr W. Brotherhood were re-appointed people's wardens. Messrs W. W. Thompson, H. Oliver, T. Pallister, and J. Waugh were appointed sidesmen. Three vacancies having occurred in the four-and-twenty, Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Mr Edward Hedley, and Mr J. Walton were unanimously elected thereto. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar brought the meeting to a close.

ST. JOHN'S-IN-WEARDALE.

THE NEW RAILWAY PROJECT.

The annual vestry meeting of St. John's was held on Monday, in the vestry. The vicar, (Rev R. Shepherd) presided.—The outgoing churchwardens, Messrs John Waugh, and J. Harrison, were re-appointed, and Messrs Geo. W. Hodgson and Joseph Potts were elected sidesmen.—The Vicar stated that the transfer of the Church Institute and Reading-room from the Glebe Cottage on the 1st of October last to the disused Barrington School had cost for additions and repairs some expense, for which he was solely responsible. He also stated that 150 of St. John's parishoners had signed a petition against the Welsh Suspensory Bill, and the same had been forwarded to the Rural Dean.—On the motion of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed "That, in consequence of the continued depression of the lead mining industry, and entire stoppage of the ironstone quarries in Weardale, chiefly for want of transit, which causes much distress and misery, this meeting very earnestly calls upon Sir Joseph Pease and the Directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company to commence, and carry on as soon as possible, the solemn promise they gave to a committee of the House of Lords, a year ago, that they would extend the Wear Valley Railway; and on account of which pledge they obtained their Bill, to the exclusion of St. John's Chapel Railway Bill."—The Vicar made the important statement that, if the Wear Valley Extension Railway was commenced this year, he would form a scheme to light the village of St. John's with gas, and the road leading to the proposed railway station, and after that to arrange for a Temperance Hotel to meet in part the requirements of the numerous visitors who, from time to time, visited St. John's to partake of the benefits of the mineral springs which abounded there.—It was then proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed to, "That the Home Rule and Welsh Suspensory Bills are unjust, tyrannical, and subversive of the material and spiritual welfare of the British Empire."—The usual votes of thanks were tendered to the Chairman and officials.

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

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter evening musical service in the Consett Co-operative Hall was very numerously attended, in spite of the pleasant weather prevailing outside. Mr John Lowes was in the chair. After No. 20 (Sankey's) had been sung as the introductory hymn, the subjoined programme was rendered:—Solos by Miss J. Elliott and Miss M. Smith; recitation, "The drunkard's progress," Miss M. Craig; duet, "Victory," Mr and Mrs Kirk; solo, "The happy home," Miss A. Grainger; concertina solo, "Sing ye Jehovah's praises," Mr H. S. Milburn; solo, "Soft tender words," Miss Catherine Summerbell; recitation, "Commonsense," Mr J. Walton (Newbiggen); concertina solo, "Exalt Him all ye people," Mr Milburn. Mr J. Surtees, Blackhill, played the accompaniments. Every item in the programme was contributed in exceptionally fine style, all the artistes meeting with a hearty reception.

Rev R. Dodd, Seamen's Missionary, of Goole (formerly of Consett) gave an excellent address, in which he said he was glad that he could write "T.T." to his name. During the ten years he had been travelling hither and thither among the men that he was ministering to, he found that their greatest enemy was drink. He was glad that Consett was alive to the signs of the times, and that the meeting held last week was such a magnificent victory over the licensed victuallers. Now that the Direct Veto Bill was causing so much anxiety in some quarters, he believed it was quite in front of the Home Rule Bill, and would ultimately be carried to certain victory. He had to work very hard when at Consett, but that was only a sort of a flea-bite to what he had to do since he left. They must be aggressive. He was proud to think that at Consett they were doing the right sort of work by fighting the lion in his den. They must work the week throughout. There was the wide canopy of heaven above them, the green sward around them, and the beautiful park which they did not possess when he left. Had he time to enumerate the scenes he had witnessed during his missions, &c., in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Goole, and other places, it would almost make their hearts bleed to think of some spectacles he had come across, and which were caused by this accursed drink.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

Wether it was because Captain Newton prophesied a severe time during the holidays, as not a few are disposed, perhaps mischievously, to think we have much to be thankful for. Such weather as we have experienced lately it is scarcely in the power of even the oldest inhabitant to parallel. For the time of year indeed we have had quite a phenomenal treat in the matter of sunshine. It is a very long time indeed since such a Good Friday as that of last week smiled upon us in the north of England, and since then delightful weather has ruled. The enjoyment has been accordingly correspondingly great and holiday-makers have fairly revelled in joyousness.

On Friday, I had a trip to Tynemouth. Not by train, nor by cycle, nor by trap, nor by boat even, but a simple walk in, don't you know—a purely "leg mania" accomplishment if you like. At nine sharp we started, the sun at that early hour being remarkably warm, a warmth only slightly tempered by a gentle south westerly breeze. The roads being in capital condition, walking was exceedingly pleasant work. It was only occasionally—when a squad of cyclists would pass us, say, that we suffered any inconvenience from the dust; but at these times, it must be admitted we did get it hot. What a useful thing, by the way, would be an invention by which the cyclist could be made to consume his own dust! In view of the prospective passing of the Veto Bill it resolves itself into a matter of no little importance. A pedestrian at the present moment is not afforded the best facilities for washing down the dust, and it is with the greatest difficulty that he obtains refreshment in the shape of say, a cooling bottle of lemonade at the so-called refreshment house in the adjacent village. What will be the state of things after the passing of the measure goodness only knows. The cross-questioning on the part of landlords is sufficiently trying as it is to quite upset one's appetite, not to say, quench one's thirst.

Do any of my readers know the celebrated house going by the title of the Holy Stone? It lies some two or so miles sea-ward of Benton, and about a similar distance this side of picturesque red-roofed Earsdon. It is worth anybody's trouble to first walk from Newcastle, and make the acquaintance of the landlord of the house named. The visit would be especially interesting to the caller if made during closing hours, some fine Sunday afternoon. He is a great gaunt burly fellow is the landlord, and he has a ponderous voice which he uses in not the most refined manner. It would be likely to distress anybody suffering from chronic nervous debility. You appeal for admittance, and the great imposing figure steps to the door which he opens a few inches. "Well, what d'ye want?" "Some refreshment," you reply meekly. "Where are you from?" "Newcastle," you reply timidly. "Where are ye goin'?" "We are walking to Tynemouth." "Have ye called anywhere else afore this?" "Not anywhere else, landlord." "Are you on business or pleasure?" "Business, most certainly, landlord," with a look as if the question had wounded your susceptibilities. "Then ye may come in," says he as the door is thrown open. Once inside you will be properly entertained.

The sensational drama, *The Fast Mail* has been drawing capital houses at the Theatre Royal, Consett, this week, and has proved as big a draw as anything previously put on at the local theatre. Abounding with smart dialogues, situations both humorous and exciting, and being backed by such a lavish display of scenery, it would have been strange indeed, to have had anything but success to write against the visit of Miss Hardie and Von Leer's Company in this piece from the pen of Mr Lincoln J. Carter. The acting is all-round most capable, and although the scenery, by reason of its completeness and artistic nature attracts considerable notice, the plot is followed quite closely and the movements of the leading characters eagerly kept in view. The quick mechanical changes of scene are received with much applause. The week end should bring crowded audiences. For Monday next and during the week, another piece, scarcely less sensational or attractive, *On the Frontier*, is promised.

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

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OR,

THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS:

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CHAPTER XXI.

WHITHER?

The October night sky was bright with stars, which gleamed through the clear, frosty atmosphere with strange and glowing brilliance. There was no moon, but in the pale, chill gloom objects at some distance could be traced with considerable distinctness. There was a good breeze blowing.

The young Lady Nora Kildare, fleeing from her late prison at Yew Cottage, in charge of the escaped convict Forgarty, toward the coast, felt her heart bound exultantly within her, and her soul thrill with a joy so wild and strange and sweet that it was absolutely painful.

She breathed in the bracing air, and it intoxicated her almost as if it had been wine. After her long fortnight of imprisonment in a dark cell, everything looked strangely beautiful to her. The starlight, the shadows around her, the way-side houses, all had their charms, and her gaze lingered upon them as upon the various features of a rare and glorious picture. The wind blowing among the trees sounded to her exalted senses the sweetest music she had ever heard.

She had no doubts or fears of the sinister man who sat beside her in the light waggon, his attention fixed upon the horse. Had he not rescued her from her imprisonment? Did he not wear a sailor's garb, and were not sailors always kind-hearted and true and honest? And was he not taking her to England and to her stern old guardian, Sir Russel Ryan, who would protect her from her enemies and battle for her rights?

Instead of suspecting her rescuer, her heart was filled with a glow of gratitude toward him, and already she was planning how she would reward him for all his goodness to her.

Fogarty, as we may as well call the man first introduced to the reader under the false name of Murple, proceeded along the quiet road for some distance at a swift rate, and then turned into a road leading to the south and east.

He had gone but a few yards upon this new course, when the sound of a vehicle rapidly driven came to his ears from the road he had just quitted.

This vehicle, drawn by a single horse, was proceeding toward Clondalkin, and had evidently come from Dublin.

Forgarty looked back, as did the Lady Nora.

At the moment that the vehicle which had aroused their attention passed the junction of the two roads, both had a clear view of it.

It was simply a light dog-cart, and was occupied by a man and a woman. Both these persons had their heads turned toward Forgarty's waggon, their faces being in shadow.

For a moment or so only was the opportunity for scrutiny continued. Then the dog-cart sped on toward Clondalkin, and the light waggon hurried on its course, presently turning into another road.

Ah! if but some subtile instinct had told the fleeing girl that the tenants of the dog-dog were her lover, the young Lord O'Neil, and her faithful maid, Aleen Mahon! If only she could have guessed that they were on their way to Yew Cottage to rescue her!

And if only Wild Larry of the glen had suspected that the young girl he looked at with such idle curiosity was the imperilled lady of his love, what dangers, what sorrows, what anguish, might have been saved to them both!

But the distance between them, the soft, fleecy shadows, and the rapid motion of both vehicles, prevented the recognition, and they went their separate ways, the poor young Lady Nora driving straight to a peril from which her lover would have given his good right hand to save her.

"Thank heaven! we have left the Dublin road!" breathed the young girl. "Did you see how I muffled myself with my scarf and veil for a disguise, Mr. Fogarty? I feared that the man in that dog-cart was Michael Kildare. Oh, it would be terrible to meet him now!"

"Don't ye have no fears my lady," said Fogarty reassuringly. "If that little spider-legged lawyer was to board us, he'd find my grappling-irons fixed into his flesh in a way he wouldn't fancy. I could handle him as easily as a child!"

The girl smiled faintly, and shook her head.

"I should have said the same a month—three weeks ago," she said. "But I know Michael Kildare now, and I did not know him then, although I have been on intimate terms with him all my life. It is odd how we may be acquainted with a person all our lives and think we know him perfectly, and wake up some day to find that we have been staring at a mask all those years, and that the real person is hidden under the mask, and we know him no better than if we had never seen him! That has been my experience with Michael Kildare. I sat on his knees in my childhood! I told him all my petty, childish griefs; I have given him almost a daughter's affection, and I never once distrusted his love for me, or his nobleness of nature or purity of soul. I thought him soft and gentle as a woman, tender and kind and affectionate, with a rather weak and womanish character, perhaps, but good and honest. And now I have found, under all his flowery softness—iron! He would be a dangerous opponent even for you, Mr. Fogarty."

"I am not afraid of him," said the pretended sailor, touching up his horse.

"You would be, if you knew him better," said the Lady Nora. "He is like a glittering serpent, *deadly*! I have a horror of him now, a sickening horror! He pretends still to love me, but I believe he would not scruple to cut short my life, if he believed my death would be an advantage to him!"

Fogarty flushed guiltily, and whipped up his horse smartly. He knew only too well that Michael Kildare was capable of the wickedness of which the Lady Nora suspected his ability, and he knew also that Michael Kildare had decreed the young girl's death. Was Fogarty not now, by the lawyer's orders, conveying the Lady Nora to Black Rock, there to decoy her aboard the sloop he had chartered, and had not Michael Kildare told him that the young girl must be cast overboard in mid-channel? None knew better than Fogarty, Michael Kildare's capacities for crime!

They rode on swiftly, passing through Roundtown, and making their way steadily toward the coast. The Lady Nora sank into a reverie, and Fogarty meditated upon his work and wove plans by which he intended to enrich himself for life.

As they approached Black Rock, Fogarty slackened the speed of his horse, permitting him to walk. He was a little ahead of time, and, besides, he had no desire to arouse the town's people from their beds. It was his way, like Michael Kildare's, to move as secretly and cautiously as possible in the execution of his nefarious schemes.

"I left a man aboard the sloop, my lady," he remarked. "He's a part owner, and takes charge when I'm absent. But he can't go along this voyage, on account of his family—"

"It's just as well," interposed the Lady Nora. "I am sure that you can manage the sloop alone."

"Oh yes, my lady, I always do," said the pretended sailor. "But it occurred to me you might feel afraid to put to sea with me alone—that you might be afraid of me, like!"

"Afraid of you who have rescued me from a terrible imprisonment—perhaps from a terrible fate!" cried the young heiress warmly. "No, indeed, Mr. Fogarty; I trust you as I would a brother! You have shown your kind, good heart too plainly for me to fear you!"

"I am only an ignorant chap," observed Fogarty, after an embarrassed pause. "You wouldn't think to look at me, my lady, and hear me speak, that I am the grandson of a gentleman. Yet I am. My grandfather was a physican. His younger daughter married an architect named Liffey, and lived like a lady. She is Mr. Kildare's housekeeper, and I wouldn't wonder, to judge from what my mother says, if she were some day to be Mrs. Michael Kildare. My aunt can play the grand lady to perfection. The doctor's elder daughter married a man of inferior social rank, a thriftless, jolly, drinking fellow, named Tim. Fogarty. I was the offspring of that marriage. My father died when I was a child, and my mother made her living by various humble ways. My aunt, Mrs. Liffey, took a fancy to me and sent me to school, and I got a decent education. I wanted to be a doctor like my grandfather, but fate was too strong for me. Being of a roving disposition," he added, with ironical emphasis and concealed meaning—having reference to his transportation at government expense to a penal colony—"I set out to see the world. And I saw it! Did you ever hear of me, my lady—of Mrs. Liffey's nephew, Tim. Fogarty?"

"Never," replied the young Lady Nora. "I knew very little of Mrs. Liffey, very little of Michael Kildare's household. While papa lived I used to visit Dublin often, but we stopped at a hotel, except once when we stayed a whole season and papa took a house. And since papa's death I lived on at Kildare Castle with my step-sister, as papa desired me to do. He said he wished me to grow up among the tenantry, to know them all intimately, to win their love, and to love them all in return. He expected me to spend most of my life at Point Kildare, and he did not want me to go off to Dublin and get a taste of gayeties, such as would unfit me for my quiet future. And so it has happened that I know so little about Mrs. Liffey."

"That was a foolish question of mine," observed Fogarty, with a breath of relief, having experienced a momentary fear that his antecedents were not unknown to the young girl. "How should a great lady like you have heard of a poor fellow like me? But here we are at Black Rock. You still think, my lady, that you had better go aboard the sloop and set off immediately for England? You would not think it better to wait for the packet?"

"Oh, no, no! Before the packet sails, Michael Kildare will be at Kingstown watching for me. Escape in her would be impossible. It is not as if I were of age. My only safety lies in going to-night!" cried the young heiress impetuously.

Fogarty smiled grimly under his false beard.

"You are right," he said. "You must sail to-night. And you cannot delay, my lady, to procure a woman to attend upon you. We should be off at once."

"Yes, at once."

"I was over at Black Rock this morning," said Fogarty," and told my partner I should be off for a voyage to-night. You see, my lady, I made up my mind this morning to rescue you, and so I told my partner I should bring a young lady aboard to-night—"

"You told him that? Oh, if he should have betrayed me! He may suspect—"

"No; I took my precautions. I pretended that I was going to elope with a young woman named Flaherty, and the fellow hasn't the ghost of a suspicion of the truth. So, my lady, if you'll just put the veil over your face, my partner will think its all right and say never a word.

The Lady Nora complied with the suggestion, veiling her face. Fogarty drove down the street of the small town, halting near the pier. Here he sprang out, assisting the Lady Nora to alight.

He secured his horse to a convenient post, and, taking his basket of provisions in his hand, he conducted his fair charge down the pier, scanning the adjacent bay with keen glances.

The sloop he had engaged lay near at hand, ready to sail. A small boat from her, with the sloop-master in it, lay rocking in the shadow of the pier. There were other small craft in the vicinity, but there was no sign of life about them. Except for the three figures mentioned, the pier and bay seemed deserted of human beings.

"Sloop, ahoy!" said Fogarty, in a low voice.

"Aye, aye, sir!" returned the man in the row-boat beside the pier, in a similarly cautious tone.

"A word with you my hearty," said Fogarty.

The sloop-master sprang out on the pier, and the two men withdrew a few paces, leaving the Lady Nora alone on the end of the pier looking off upon the bay, whose phosphorescent gleams and white caps shone through the pale gloom.

"About the security for the sloop," whispered Fogarty, keeping an eye upon the slender, dainty figure at a little distance, with floating hair and garments blowing in the wind. "Here's the watch I promised," and he handed over his mother's greatest treasure, an old-fashioned gold watch, which he had purloined during the day at a convenient moment. "And for greater security," he added, "there's my horse and waggon on the street there, which, if you'll keep till I come back—"

"That I will!" cried the sloop-master, well pleased. "I'll take the horse and waggon and drive home and you can be off in the slooop. Or shall I go aboard with ye?"

"No. Is there water aboard?"

"Water and provisions a plenty. Ye said nothing about them, and thinks I, 'lovers is fools,' begging your pardon, 'and won't think of such a thing as a wind contrary, or being becalmed, or blown out of her coorse,' says I to myself, and so I made boold to put a shtoore of things aboard, which you'll find 'em in the locker."

"I'll make it all right when I get back," said Fogarty. "And now I'm off. Good-bye."

The two men separated, the sloop-master putting the gold watch in his pocket, and hastening to ascertain the value of the horse and waggon left as additional security for the sloop, and Fogarty hurrying to the rowboat, a rope from which was secured to the pier.

"Now, my lady," he said.

The slender, girlish figure turned and came toward him, the pale and lovely young face still hidden under the folds of her veil.

"I've got rid of my partner," said Fogarty, putting his basket into the boat, and assisting the Lady Nora to follow it. "He don't suspect ever a bit. We are safe, my lady, for which the saints be praised."

He sprang into the boat and pushed away from the pier with an oar. Then he rowed rapidly toward the sloop.

They were soon alongside.

Fogarty steadied the row-boat against the sloop's side, and the Lady Nora climbed over into the larger vessel.

"I'll have to let this boat trail after us," said Fogarty dropping his basket over into the sloop. "I'll make her fast."

He hastened to do so, securing the loose end of the rope attached to the row-boat to the stern of the sloop, and then crept cautiously into the larger vessel.

"Now we'll be off!" he said, pulling up the anchor. "The sails'll catch the breeze in a minute. Ah, here she takes us!"

The sloop gave a lurch and a bound as the wind swelled her sails, and moved slowly out into the bay.

The Lady Nora sat down, holding on to the vessel's side.

The sloop was a small affair, of some five or ten tons burden, and had been built exclusively for pleasure parties and excursions. She had a half-deck, occupying one third of her hull. The cabin under this half-deck was too low and small for sleeping purposes, and served as a pantry and locker. The remaining two-thirds of the vessel comprised simply an open space, around which ran a cushioned divan. When the sun shone there was an awning to serve as a roof over the passengers, but this awning of sail-cloth was now of course hidden away under the half-deck.

Fogarty unreefed his sails, the sloop swung around to her course, pointing her nose directly out into the bay, and toward St. George's Channel, and began to move like a horse warming to the race.

"Afloat! afloat!" the girl murmured. "We are leaving the dangerous land."

Yes; but to embark on the more dangerous sea. Of all the perils that had ever threatened her young life, the darkest was gathering about her now.

The girl looked back at the receding shores of the Irish coast, all her sorrow, all her anguish, and the light of a great hope shining in her sunny brown eyes.

"Farewell, dear old Ireland!" she whispered softly. "I leave you a poor, homeless fugitive. I will come back to you to resume my old place, and to take up again my old honours."

The lights gleamed from the towns along the coast, from Kingstown, Black Rock, Booterstown, Sandymount, and Dublin, and the greater lights beamed from the light-house towers at Kingstown, Dublin, and away across Dublin Bay, off the Hill of Howth, like bright eyes peering through the gloom.

Fogarty took his place at the tiller, and sank into a respectful silence, addressing every now and then some observation about their course girl passenger.

They swept on with increasing speed. The lights low on the shore died out from view. The gleam from the Bailey light-house off Howth Head grew brighter and brighter. The lights from the ships in Dublin Bay also faded. The sloop was out in the midst of the white caps and the phosphorescent gleams, and was bounding forward like some living creature, the light spray dashing from her bowsprit, and coming now and then in a shower over her sides.

An hour—two hours passed.

The shore had long since disappeared behind them. The light gloom had settled down all around them. A strange loneliness, a mighty desolation, seemed brooding over the restless waters.

The young Lady Nora gave herself up to her dreary yet hopeful thoughts. She was weak from her long imprisonment and her miserable, meagre prison fare. She was wearied with her ride and the excitements of the night. And so, by and by, the little glossy head drooped to the low bulwarks, the sunny eyes closed wearily, and over the pale, sorrowing young face crept the peaceful unconsciousness of slumber.

Fogarty's eyes gleamed with a wicked sense of power, as he lifted them toward her in a sullen gaze.

"Asleep!" he muttered. "If I was to keep to my bargain with Mr. Kildare, this is as good a place as any to chuck her overboard. Perhaps I'd better. I'd have a hold on the lawyer then, and he'd have to pay me well, but he'd have a tighter hold on me. How could I prove he hired me to kill his ward? He might have me arrested for the murder. The girl's a prize in the right hands. 'She knows too much' about Kildare to live. She must enlighten me. I can make my fortune out of her, and I mean to do it. You won't go to England, nor to Sir Russel Ryan, my lady, nor yet to any place you'd like. You are in my power, and your life and death are in my hands. Whether you'll live or die I shall decide, and I haven't made up my mind fully yet. And where I shall take you I don't yet know.

He chuckled grimly. Then he deliberately altered the course of the sloop, and they went bowling on over the waters toward the north.

Alas! poor Lady Nora!

(To be continued).

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

The last meeting of the present waywardens was held at Lanchester, on Thursday sen'night, Mr W. Logan being in the chair. There were also present:—Rev P. C. Fortin, Messrs G. Alder, J. Towns, R. Crowe, J. Cockerill, T. Copeland, W. Charlton, and T. Armstrong, besides the clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the assistant surveyor (Mr T. Dixon).

NON-PAYMENT OF CALLS.

The Clerk reported that three townships had failed to pay up their calls by the 25th March. He presumed that the reason of the Kyo and Tanfield calls not having been paid was owing to some bother over the adjustment of the accounts between the various public bodies.

It was decided to take legal proceedings for the recovery of the money with regard to one township, and in respect to Kyo and Tanfield the matter was left in abeyance.

PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT BROADWOOD.

The Clerk read correspondence which had passed between himself and Mr Thomas Taylor-Smith, with reference to the proposal to erect a bridge across the Rippon Burn, near Broadwood, the Highway Board being desirous to put up a new bridge at a cost of £150. If Mr Smith was desirous of erecting an improved bridge, the Board would assist him in any way, and would give the £150 as a contribution thereto, but the additional cost, and the expense incurred by carrying out the deviation of the road must be borne by Mr Smith himself.—Mr Smith replied that he accepted the terms, except that his contribution did not exceed £350, and this was conditional that the deviation of the roadway was also part of the scheme put into execution.

The Chairman said the Board were of opinion that a bridge that would satisfy the requirements of the public could be erected at a cost of £150. He felt convinced that the bridge could not be erected and the deviation of the road could not be carried out for less than £500. In fact, their surveyor estimated the cost to be £980.

Father Fortin said his impression was that Mr Smith expressed his intention of giving £350 towards the bridge only, and he would undertake to pay the cost of the deviation of the road himself.

Mr Towns explained that the Lanchester vestry had approved of the proposed deviation of the road, and the requisite application will be made to the Quarter Sessions.

The clerk was instructed to write to Mr Smith intimating that the Highway Board could not make any other offer than that already agreed upon.

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

THE HOME: USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

Waffles.—Take one quart flour, a teaspoon salt, a tablespoon melted butter, and milk sufficient to make a thick batter; mix thoroughly; add two well-beaten eggs, two heaping teaspoons tartaric acid, and one moderately heaping teaspoon soda; stir well together and bake at once in waffle-irons.

Egg en Caisse.—Procure some small paper cases from almost any confectionery establishment. Take a piece of the best butter and mix it with some crumbs of day-old bread, a little minced parsley, salt, and cayenne pepper. Butter the bottoms of the cases, then put in some of this mixture; break an egg into each case, cover it over with bread-crumbs—see that the cases are filled—put them on a baking-plate, and set them in the oven for three or four minutes, and then serve.

Potato Omelet.—To a large cupful of mashed potatoes allow three eggs; you may add four or five, but three will do; the yolks and the whites should be beaten separately, as they will be so much lighter in that case; a teaspoon even full of salt, half a teacupful of milk and a very little sifted flour, not more than a heaping teaspoonful, complete the ingredients, with the exception of the flavouring. Parsley chopped very fine may be used, or lemon juice, and an audacious cook may add a "trace," as the chemists say, of nutmeg. Heat and grease a large saucepan and pour the mixture into it. Brown it lightly and serve hot.

Fidelity.—Never forsake a friend. When enemies gather around, when sickness falls on the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless—is the time to try true friendship. They who turn from the scene of distress betray their hypocrisy, and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend who loves you—who has studied your interest and happiness—be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his former kindness is appreciated, and that his love was not thrown away. Real fidelity may be rare but it exists—in the heart. They only deny its worth and power who have never loved a friend or laboured to make one happy. The good and the kind, the affectionate and the virtuous, see and feel the heavenly principle.

Lemon Rice.—Boil half a teacupful of rice in a pint of milk, with sugar to taste, until it is soft, then put it in a basin or earthenware blanc-mange mould and leave it till cold; peel a lemon very thickly, cut the peel into shreds about half an inch in length, put into a little water, boil them up and throw the water away; then pour about one teacupful of fresh water upon them, squeeze and strain the juice of the lemon, add to it two ounces of white sugar and then pour on the water and shreds of peel; let it stew gently on the fire for half an hour. When cold it will be a syrup. Having turned the jellied rice into a glass dish, pour the syrup gradually over the rice, taking care the little shreds of peel are equally distributed over the whole.

Medicinal Qualities of Oysters.—It is not as generally understood as it should be that good oysters when in season have medicinal qualities of a high order. They are not only nutritious, but wholesome, especially in cases of indigestion. It is said "there is no other alimentary substance, not even excepting bread, that does not produce indigestion under certain circumstances; but oysters, never." Oyster juice promotes digestion. By taking them daily, indigestion has been cured. Invalids, who have found other kinds of food disagree with them, often discover in oysters the required aliment. Raw ones are highly recommended for hoarseness. Many of the leading vocalists use them regularly before concerts and operas, but their strongest recommendation is the remarkably wholesome influence exerted upon the digestive organs.

THE BANKER'S REVENGE.

When Godfrey Lanier was a young man he was jilted by the woman he loved and was about to marry. Everything was ready. The minister and the guests waited; the feast was spread; the bridegroom, elated with happiness, was expecting every moment the summons to escort his bride, when, instead, the news was brought him that she had gone away with another man.

A letter had come to her just as she finished dressing. It was from an old lover whom she had quarrelled with before she and Lanier ever met. She had always loved him best, perhaps. At any rate, that letter which told her the old love waited only a few steps away made her alter her mind at the last moment. Just as she was—in the bridal attire she had donned for Godfrey Lanier—she slipped unseen through a little door that led into the garden, and was off. They found the letter where she had dropped it in her haste, or they might not have guessed in a long time what had become of her.

It was a terrible blow to Godfrey, not only because he loved her, but because of the indignity—the shameful humiliation—of being so treated before all his friends; to be made a laughing-stock by the girl he would have died for. He swore then that he would never forgive her, and he meant it.

Years passed. Godfrey Lanier had prospered. Far and near the wealthy banker was spoken of as a very rich man. But he had never married. People who knew of that episode of his early youth said that he hated all women for the sake of that man who had wronged him then.

One afternoon, as Godfrey Lanier was going to his hotel, a little hand was suddenly thrust through his arm, and a merry, breathless voice cried:

"You bad papa, to walk so fast. I thought I should never overtake you."

The banker stopped short, with an impatient ejaculation rising to his lips; but it died there as he gazed down into the sweet, wild-rose face uplifted to his. Two beautiful great eyes met his with a frightened stare, and then the little hand dropped from his arm, and murmuring, "I beg your pardon. I thought you were my father," she hurried on. The banker's eyes followed her. She was small and slight, and wore a dark blue dress trimmed with a light, silvery fur. So much he noticed as he walked on, with an odd fluttering sensation at his heart most unusual to him.

Two or three days after he met her on the street. He knew her at once, and guessed by the swift droop of the large eyes, the rich colour that flushed the dainty face, that she remembered him.

That night he sat a long time staring thoughtfully at himself in his dressing glass.

He beheld a handsome, unfurrowed face, a mass of raven hair, unstreaked with grey; but he sighed heavily as he turned away.

"Too late," he said.

It was a year of great financial distress and panic. Many a stout craft that had been considered proof against any wind that might blow, went to pieces in that storm. Godfrey Lanier was one of the few who stood firm.

One afternoon, as he was preparing to leave the bank, a lady asked to see him, and was shown into the private office.

She was dressed in black, and closely veiled, but something familiar in her air smote him like a blow.

She put back her veil. He knew her instantly, though so many years had passed.

It was the still beautiful face of the woman who had turned the best years of his manhood to ashes. What was she here for?

Suddenly she burst into tears. The banker rose to his feet, and said, coldly:

"Madam, in what way can I serve you?"

"You can save us—you can save my husband from ruin, if you will, if you do not hate me too much, and choose rather to take your revenge for the way I treated you long ago."

Godfrey Lanier was silent.

All these years he had never thought of this woman without bitterness. He had said that day when she deserted him for another, in so public and contemptible a manner, that he would never forgive her.

Revenge! Yes, he had longed for it; he could take it now. He had heard rumours some days ago of the embarrassments of the mercantile house of Akron and Co.

"Mrs. Akron," he said, "why have you come to me?"

"Because there is no one else. My husband has tried others, but some are afraid to help him, some cannot if they would."

"Mrs. Akron, do you mean that your husband wants to borrow money of me?"

"My husband does not know that I have come. He told me this morning that if he could not raise a certain sum of money before to-morrow night he would be ruined. He said there was not one who could lend it to him but you, and he could never ask you. He would not have let me come if he had known."

Again the banker was silent. It had come to him at last—the chance to make this woman suffer in some measure as he had done. She was so sure that he meant to refuse her that she did not dare to look at him.

"Mrs. Akron," he said, after some moments, "tell your husband to come to me to-morrow at ten o'clock. If I can accommodate him I will."

The woman stared at him. She was so overcome with emotion that at first she could not speak. Then:

"Do you mean it?" she stammered.

"I do mean it," he answered, smiling and extending his hand. "Let us be friends."

On the following day, at the appointed hour, Mr. Akron came.

He entered the banker's office pale and agitated. When he came out again, he was still pale, but Godfrey Lanier was with him, and both men looked happier than they had done in a long time.

They entered a carriage and drove to the merchant's place of business.

As they went into the store, a young lady was just coming out. She wore a dark blue silk walking dress trimmed with fur, and she blushed vividly at sight of Mr. Lanier.

Mr. Akron stopped and spoke with her, and introduced her as his daughter.

As he and the banker moved on, he said, his voice shaken by emotion:

"She knows nothing of my embarrassments, and now, thanks to you, she need never know."

Godfrey Lanier said nothing, but his heart was full.

Before he left the merchant, he had learned that Lucy Akron was not an engaged young lady, and he had resolved to try and win her for his wife.

The wooing was neither long nor difficult, for Lucy was already more than half in love with the handsome, stately gentleman, whom she had met for the first time under such unromantic circumstances.

"If I had not lived with him" (Mirabeau) says Dumont, "I should never have known what a man can make of one day; what things may be placed within the interval of 12 hours. A day for this man was more than a week or a month is for others; the mass of things he guided on together was prodigious; from the scheming to the executing not a moment lost." "Monsieur le Compte," said his secretary to him once, "what you require is impossible." "Impossible!" answered he, starting from his chair, "never name to me that blockhead of a word."—*Thomas Carlyle.*

The "Five Alls" was at one time a very common tavern-sign in England. It consisted of five human fingers, each accompanied by a motto. The first was a king in full regalia, with the legend, "I govern all;" the second, a bishop in pontificals, with the motto, "I pray for all;" the third a lawyer in his gown, with the motto, "I plead for all;" the fourth, a soldier in regimentals, with the motto, "I fight for all;" and the fifth, a poor countryman with scythe and rake, having for motto, "I pay for all."

Freedom of thought being intimately connected with the happiness and dignity of man in every stage of his being, is of so much more importance than the preservation of any constitution, that to infringe the former under pretence of supporting the latter is to sacrifice the means to the end.—*Robert Hall.*

SOLDIERS' PETS.

In the absence of the refinement and love of home life, soldiers often feel the want of some object on which to lavish the affection with which most of the human race are endowed. To this end, what so convenient as a pet animal? Many and curious are the forms these pets take. Dogs, the Englishman's greatest favourite, naturally take the precedence as regards numbers, and in no place, perhaps, save in a dog show, will so many be found as in barracks, cavalry barracks more especially. There will one meet with big dogs and little dogs, clever dogs and clumsy dogs, well-bred dogs and mongrel dogs—very much mongrel some of them are, too; the dog who owns to his master, and the dog of whom all soldiers are friends, and to whom civilians are enemies; the dog who loves the horses and the dog who hates the parson (this last is a fact); in fact, all kinds of dogs. Tax! Dear me! the dogs would soon hunt the tax collector out of the barracks. Generally speaking, dogs of the same breed, or want of breed, hunt together in bands, and occasionally a pitched battle takes place between two parties. The advent of a strange dog into barracks is the signal for the cessation of all hostilities. It is the Congress of Vienna over again. All bickerings are hushed, and the hostile elements unite to give battle to the common foe of all. Some of the dogs are very highly trained. The writer has in mind three French poodles, whose performance would not have disgraced a public stage. They would, at a word of command, go through evolutions of all kinds, marching, countermarching, and wheeling like trained soldiers, either on all fours or on their hind legs; sticks being occasionally fastened to their forelegs to represent swords. In certain corps a pet has become quite a regimental institution, as in the case of the South Wales Borderers, whose gilded-horned goat is familiar to many as it marches proudly along at the head of the regiment, under the guidance of a pair of drummer boys. Cats are not much in favour, although very fine specimens are occasionally to be found. To turn to the more uncommon kind of pets, one of the most peculiar was, perhaps, a whip snake, in possession of a man returned from India. It had been rendered harmless by having its fangs and poison removed, but it was none the less startling to have the head and half the body of the animal thrust itself from its owner's sleeve, for the man carried it constantly about with him coiled round his arm. Money would not purchase the man's pet, as it had on one occasion saved him from grievous harm, if not from actual death. The man had been walking alone through one of the numerous bazaars round Delhi, the hotbed of Indian fanaticism, and had, inadvertently no doubt, but none the less outrageously, offended some of the caste prejudices of the keepers. The latter, from angry words had proceeded to blows, when the snake suddenly darted forth its head, to the horror and dismay of the crowd, and the soldier, taking advantage of the general consternation, made good his escape. A small gazelle brought home from Egypt caused at first much amusement in the regiment. A naturalist once objected to the name gazelle being given to it; but a rush at the man by the animal itself overruled the objection, and gazelle it remained until the end of the chapter. His end was violent, as the vicious temper he developed caused him to be shot. His body (tell it not in Gath) became food for the harriers, while the head and horns adorn the hall of a neighbouring house. Among the most amusing of pets, however, was a jackass, which had been purchased by a sergeant-major for the use of his son. Many were the pranks played upon the animal by the men; pranks returned oftentimes with interest. The animal would take a fiendish delight in creeping up to the sentries at night, and either charging on them or letting forth a sudden and prolonged bray, very startling, not to say terrifying, when coming unexpectedly to a man possibly only half awake. A good opportunity for the men to take revenge and repay injuries by insult once occurred. The young lad for whom the donkey had been bought, while watching some horses being clipped, expressed a wish to have his particular charger performed upon likewise. No sooner wished for than done; volunteers sprang up by the score; the jackass was caught, the shears applied, and in a quarter of an hour released, completely shorn over one half of his body from head to tail, the other side being left in its natural state. A most comical sight he presented; and neither persuasion nor threats could induce anyone to operate any further on him, and half shorn he remained. Wild rabbits will doubtless be looked upon as strange barrack-room pets; but a pair caught when a few weeks old lived for some time in one room, and made no attempt to escape. The novelty of their situation at first frightened them much, but hunger soon rendered them sociable and from the moment they overcame the first shyness no animal could be more playful than they. The dogs, strangely enough, never touched them; their only enemy was an old white cat, who, however, not being quite so active as she might have been, never managed to catch them. The rabbits were most active; they would tear round the room jumping from bed to bed in chase of one another. Whether they died from the confinement or not is hard to say, but we should rather fancy from repletion. Nothing was more common than for them to consume their own bulk of food at a sitting. Birds do not seem to be in much favour in barracks. A few are to be found in the married quarters, but otherwise they are the rarest of pets. We know of only one occasion on which a bird became actually a barrack-room inhabitant. This was in the case of an Indian crow, which, picked up lame, injured in one wing, and with but one eye, was brought into the barracks to be doctored. Good treatment soon gave it renewed strength, though it never recovered the use of its wing. It would make progress about the room by means of a kind of fluttering limp, its head turned on one side, so as to have the remaining eye to the front. The thieving propensities, so proper to Indian crows, seemed to have been abnormally developed in this bird, and its death was ultimately owing to this ineradicable failing. So much for the soldiers' pets. They are not fed and pampered so much as the favourite pug of an old maiden lady, but they are treated with kindness and get plenty of good wholesome food. A single barracks could support with ease a regiment of animals. Many an animal draws out its existence in a far rougher and less cared for manner than the barrack-room pet.

There is a belief current in all parts of India that a certain snake, called Shesh Nág, when it attains the age of 1,000 years, has a precious jewel formed in its head. This jewel, it is affirmed, possesses the quality of sucking up the poison of the deadliest snake, if applied to the wounded part.

Formerly the problem was:—Given the welfare and advantage of the few, how best to reconcile these with the welfare of the many; it now is: Given the welfare of the many, how best to secure the advantages of the few. The new astronomy transferred the centre of the world from the small earth to the mighty sun; the new sociology transfers the centre of social life from the small group of idlers to the mighty mass of workers.—*George Henry Lewes.*

Between these two blessings, health and money, there is this difference—money is the most envied but the least enjoyed; health is the most enjoyed but the least envied; and this superiority of the latter is still more obvious when we reflect that the poorest man would not part with health for money, but that the richest would gladly part with all his money for health.

There are legitimately in every human soul two opposing forces—the centripetal which draws us to our kind, and the centrifugal which causes us to isolate ourselves. We are impelled by an inward necessity to seek a social existence, and so create human society, and at the same time to vindicate the great fact of personality, and so secure individuality.

The costliest presents without love are a ghastly deception; it is yet to be proved that they may not go together. A wife has a human nature as well as a husband, and a little tender petting does her a great deal of good and the children too. Often those who get the least deserve the most. As to the husband's recompense, it is paid, and in full; if you doubt it, ask him. "Let the wife reverence her husband."—*The Bishop of Rochester.*

The more we know, the greater our thirst for knowledge. The water lily, in the midst of water, opens its leaves and expands its petals at the first pattering of showers, and rejoices in the raindrops with a quicker sympathy than the parched shrub in the sandy desert.

PLEASANT PARAGRAPHS.

"What you please," means, in many cases, "I expect much more than I can in reason ask for."

A boy, when asked what a "spectator" was, said that it was "a tater with a speck in it."

A little four-year-old, on seeing a half-moon for the first time, exclaimed—"Oh, pa, the moon's broken!"

Little Nellie was reading a lesson about ice to her grandmother. "Do you know what ice is, Nellie?" "Yes, grandmamma, it's water fast asleep."

"John, you are not listening to a word I am saying!" "Why, my dear, I am all ears." "I know you are, and that makes it all the more provoking."

The origin of the expression "raining cats and dogs" is probably the same as "hailing omnibuses."

Smith:—"I say, Jones, can your wife cook?" Jones:—"Oh, yes, she can cook; the only trouble is that I can't eat what she cooks."

Joanna, in the kitchen, waxes angry with the chambermaid, and frigidly remarks—"If there is anything that I hate, it is somebody I don't like."

Judge—"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything farther to state in your defence?" Prisoner—"No, my lord; just deal with me as you would with yourself if you were in my place."

"Johnny, I have discovered that you have taken more maple sugar than I gave you." "Yes, grandma, I've been making believe there was another little boy spending the day with me."

"She—"Why don't you dance?" He—"It tires me too much; and, to tell the truth, I am rather fond of myself." She—"Ah! well, you need fear no rival."

Said a rather frivolous lady to a friend—"It may be years and years before I find my ideal man." And what are you going to do in the meantime?" "Get married, I suppose."

Clerk (to busy employer)—"There is a gentleman outside, sir, who says that he is a very old friend of your father's." Busy employer—"Tell him I'm sorry, but my father is dead."

There is a girl who boasts of having a watch that keeps correct time. She was heard to remark not long ago, as she pulled it out, "If the sun isn't over the hill in a minute and a half, he will be late."

A short time since a disorderly Emeralder faithfully promised the magistrates of a certain burgh that, if they would let him off, "he would't be five minutes in the town after he was out of it!"

A little girl defined fan to be "a thing to wipe warm off with." And a sturdy boy said that while he was eating he was happy, and when he had finished he was tight, so that must be appetite.

A former member for Dundalk was "heckled" about running a horse in a race on a Sunday. "Yes, the horse did run on a Sunday; but," said the candidate trumphantly, "it won the race!"

Shopman in large linen drapery establishment calling boy:—"Cash!" Countryman—"Great turnips, can't you give me time to get my purse out? I don't want no credit, I don't! I'm going to pay you cash as soon as I can get at it!"

A bright little boy, saying the Lord's Prayer one evening, when he came to the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread," paused a moment, then made the unauthorised addition, "With plenty of butter on it," and went on triumphantly to the final "amen."

Trackman (to tramp)—"Sure yez had better get off the track, the fasht mail is due." Tramp—"Say boss, yer don't tink I'd let it run over me, do ye?" "Begorra, it isn't that I fear, but the engineer will take that nose of yez for a red light, and shtop the train."

"I am going to buy a light coat to match these trousers," he remarked to his wife the other day, "and a light pair of gloves to match the coat, and a light soft hat to match——" "Your head, I suppose," interrupted the wife gently, and the household knew no harmony that day.

Mr. Noddy—"Ah, Madam! Do I have the pleasure of taking in mine the hand that has penned so much charming verse?" Madam—"Poetry, sir—poetry; and I never write with a pen, but always with a type writer!"

The Duc de Morny's definition of a polite man is the hardest to realise of any ever given. "A polite man," said he, "is one who listens with interest to things he knows all about when they are told by a person who knows nothing about them."

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION AT CONSETT.

THE LOCAL VETO BILL.

On Monday night, a united demonstration of the local branches of the Sons of Temperance Order was held in the New Town Hall, Consett. The chair was occupied by Bro. Geo. Lowes, P.G.W.P., of Consett, and he was supported by Bro. W. Weightman, P.M.W.P., of London; Bro. W. Scott, P.G.W.P., of Winlaton; Bro. R. Heslop, Grand Patron of Cadets, of Newcastle, and other local temperance people. Prior to the meeting there was a procession of the members of the local lodges of the order from Blackhill to Consett, preceded by the Consett United Gospel Temperance Brass Band, who also played selections in the hall. The platform was well filled by the leading members of the order, besides a good number of cadets. Although the delightful weather militated against a big indoor gathering at holiday time, there was, nevertheless, a large and sympathetic audience, both sexes being about evenly represented.

The CHAIRMAN said he anticipated that hall would have been crowded, especially after the successful and enthusiastic meeting held in the town ten days ago. (Applause.) If the publicans had taken the same interest in that meeting as they did in the last one the building would have been packed to the doors. The licensed victuallers, however, were taken a little bit by surprise on that occasion; instead of scoring a victory they suffered ignominious defeat. (Applause.) The publicans said they had nothing to fear from the Local Veto Bill. They were solicitous of their own interest and talked a lot of nonsense about closing public-houses and depriving the poor man of his beer. They had nothing to fear if the bill was passed, because it gave the people the power to shut up any houses in any part of the district where it was deemed expedient.

Bro. W. SCOTT, P.G.W.P., moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting records its warmest thanks to the present Government for the introduction of the Liquor Traffic (Local Control) Bill, and urges the Government to press forward the bill with all possible despatch, as it is a measure closely connected with the social well-being and commercial prosperity of the country."

(Applause.) The reason, he said, that there were no publicans present was because the temperance party must have given it to them too hot on the last occasion. (Laughter.) "Once bitten, twice shy," and they knew that "Discretion was the better part of valour." (Renewed laughter.) No doubt the publicans were right, but he trusted the temperance people would do all within their power to assist the Government in passing the bill this session. (Applause.) The people of this country never had a Government more determined to do work, or better disposed towards the people generally. (Applause.) They had sufficient proof of this in the variety of important measures they had already introduced into the House of Commons. (Applause.) He looked forward to the time when the scientific teaching of the principles of temperance would be taught to their children. In the majority of the states of America it was a compulsory part of the curriculum that the teachers should be competent to impart the principles of temperance into their pupils. (Applause.) The Government measure was one which trusted the people. He had sufficient faith in the people, and he believed their hearts were sound on all social questions. (Applause.) No person who had ever joined the ranks of the temperance army had yet regretted that he became a teetotaller. (Cheers.)

Bro. HESLOP, Grand Patron of Cadets, seconded the proposition. In looking around that room he stated that he was favourably disappointed. He was informed that he might have seen quart pots, pint glasses, together with liquor flying about the room—(laughter)—and he began to think that to be on that platform was not an enviable position. (Renewed laughter.) As such was not the case, however, it occurred to his mind that the temperance party had scored a great victory on the last occasion. (Cheers.) There seemed to be a false impression amongst temperance people as well as those opposed to them, as to the scope of the Ministerial Bill. He adversely criticised a flaring placard which was to be found in the windows of public-houses, and averred that the persons who were responsible for that production certainly had a small amount of brains or commonsense. (Laughter and cheers.) The liquor trade was not respectable. It was a disgrace to their civilisation, their intelligence, and the commonsense of the country in which it was carried on. (Cheers.) In fact no person connected with the liquor trade could be respectable. In no other business could they find obscure entrances and "back bars," such as they found at some licensed premises. (Applause.)

Bro. W. WEIGHTMAN, the Chief of the Order, supported the resolution in a vigorous and weighty speech. Referring to a large poster which had been circulated by the licensed victuallers, he said it was based upon false representation and delusion. Although it professed to be issued in the interests of the people, the poster was simply a swindle from beginning to end. (Applause.) These were strong words, but these were times when it was just as well to speak clearly on this question in the interest of the people. (Cheers.) The time had gone past for people to sit upon their heads. As a teetotaller he would have supported any Government which would have introduced a measure similar to that prepared by the present Ministry. (Applause.) He was rather ashamed that the temperance party had not made a better or more vigorous response, and raised a voice from one end of the country to the other in support of the Bill. He strongly impressed upon his temperance friends the necessity of working zealously in the cause till the measure had become law. Their opponents said that the Bill would not pass, and that there was such a strong opposition to it that the Government would withdraw the measure. Well, the Bill satisfied him, and embodied all they had been fighting for for many years, and even if the Bill—should it pass—did no good, it would do no harm. Then why should there be all this outcry against the Bill? It was true the licensed victuallers were fighting for their bread and butter, but the temperance party were battling for their children—their sons and daughters, so that they could be brought up pure, truthful, and honest, and better able to resist the temptations in their midst. (Applause.) The speaker enumerated instances where landed proprietors and public companies had succeeded in doing away with public-houses on their estates, and why could not the same be done by the people of the country, if they were so disposed? (Applause.) He ventured to say that no Licensing Bench had ever granted a license to any person to sell intoxicating drinks without reducing the value of the house property in the immediate neighbourhood, and increasing the percentage of crime and immorality. (Applause.) The publicans talked about compensation, but they knew that private interests always had to give way to public interests. The only claim the publican could pretend to this line was because it had been the custom in the past to renew the licenses every year, without reference to the fact that they had judicial decisions to the effect that as licenses were granted for one year only the publican had no perpetuity on the license. The license was granted for the good of the neighbourhood, and the people could if they wished exercise their discretionary power as to whether the public-house was needed or not, and give their veto against any license being re-granted. (Applause.) That ought to be the end of the business. They would not get compensation so far as he was concerned. The brewers and publicans had received more than enough of their money in times gone by. (Applause.) The public-house clubs were only decoys to induce respectable people to enter such places. The speaker strongly exhorted Foresters, Oddfellows, Druids, and other friendly societies to hold their lodge meetings in school-rooms, temperance halls, &c., in preference to public-houses, and he cited statistics to show the members of the Sons of Temperance lived longer, and had comparatively less sickness on the average than the brethren identified with other friendly societies. (Loud applause.)

The resolution was carried without dissent.

On the motion of Mr DIXON (Newcastle), seconded by Mr HUNTER (Newcastle), copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to Mr Gladstone, W. V. Harcourt, and Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P.

Rev T. DURANT, Baptist minister, Consett, next moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers, and this having been adopted by acclamation, the enthusiastic proceedings were ended.

FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH.)

Dipton Wanderers v Middlesbrough Swifts, at Dipton.
Leadgate Exiles v Wolsingham, at Leadgate.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Dipton Strangers, at Consett.
Blackhill Rovers v North Durham 2nd, at Gateshead.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Tow Law Reserve, at Leadgate.
Greencroft Black Watch v Newcastle Albion Reserve, at Greencroft.
Esh True Blues v Hunwick Rovers, at Esh.
Kyo Gems v Marley Hill, at Kyo.
Langley Park Rovers v Wingate Rangers, at Langley Park.
Oakey's Lilywhites v Tow Law St. Joseph's, at Tow Law.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Felling Institute, at Marley Hill.
Blackhill Park v Spen Albion, at Blackhill.
Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Jarrow Borough 2nd, at Blackfine.

CUP-TIES.

Leadgate Park v Boldon Stars, at Leadgate.
Tow Law v St. Helen's (Auckland), at Tow Law.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

EASTER SESSION AT BLACKHILL.

A special session of the North of England Primitive Methodist Preachers' Association was opened in the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Blackhill, on Tuesday night, a large congregation being present at the service.

A sermon was preached by Rev J. Bainbridge, of Crook, on the subject, "Essentials and non-essentials of the kingdom of God." The Association, which is composed of both ministers and laymen, holds its annual conference every September, but the present session is a new venture for bringing the members into social intercourse with each other every Easter, with a view of creating further interest in the work of the church. There was a good attendance of travelling ministers, local preachers, circuit and society officials, and laymen generally. Rev R. G. Graham, of Middlesbrough, is the secretary of the Association.

On Wednesday, the conference was resumed. The morning sitting was occupied in hearing a paper on "The results of recent Biblical criticism," read by Rev J. Richardson (Penrith.) The paper was freely discussed, and the rev gentleman was accorded a vote of thanks for the same.

"TRADES UNIONS—OLD AND NEW."

The afternoon sitting was presided over by Rev F. Watson (Weardale.) The paper down for discussion was "Trades Unions—old and new," read by Rev G. F. Johnson (Hetton.) In the course of his remarks, Mr Johnson said:—One of the most gratifying and significant signs of the times is the lively interest which is being manifested in the condition of the toiling masses of this country. Of many, it may now be said when they "Beheld the multitudes they were moved with compassion." That within the last 50 years a great improvement in the condition and prospects of the working classes has taken place, few will deny. True, there are a few who preach another gospel, and declare that the only change is that the rich have become richer, and the poor poorer; but this is a wilful disregard of patent facts. Speaking generally, there is agreement as to facts of progress; but as soon as we endeavour to get at the cause or causes that has brought about the change, the great diversity of opinion manifests itself. The hours of labour are shorter, wages higher, the general standard of comfort greater. Mr Johnson then went on to show how these things had been secured, and went on to say that the modern Trades Union started on its pilgrimage in 1824, though what is now designated "Old Trades Unionism" only dates back to 1860, the year of the first great engineers' strike, and that was what saw the foundation of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which to-day may justly claim to be regarded as one of the most powerful trade organisations in the world. Trades unions, whether termed old or new, may be said to exist for the maintenance and advancement of the industrial interest of their members. All unions are agreed upon one point, viz., securing and maintaining the highest rate of wages, which the industry is supposed to be able to bear. To secure a definite period of time to be regarded as the working-day, and to make the number of hours in that working-day as few as possible. This, of course, raises another important question on which there is at present great diversity of opinion, viz., overtime. Up to this point there is general agreement, but the old unionism does not find favour in the eyes of the new because of its gaining and other purposes. One of the first lessons which the leaders of the old unionism learned was that the power of any union was in proportion to the number of members of the trade they could enrol. Another feature of the old unionism has been its endeavours to promote Boards of Conciliation, and to settle disputes by means of arbitration. Speaking of the new unionism, Mr Johnson remarked that up to the year 1888 most of the efforts to organise unskilled labour had proved futile until the dockers' strike, 1889, proved it possible for such to combine and to succeed. The result was that unions began to spring up like mushrooms, and elated with the success of the dockers, the tones of the leaders grew more and more militant. The new unionism differed from the old, both in its aims and methods. Another which the "new unionism" claims as one of its own children is a legal eight hours' day; but, as we before remarked, to secure a definite period of time to be regarded as the working day, and to make the number of hours in that working day as few as possible is one of the objects of all trades unions, whether they be described as "old or new." The faith of the old unionism may thus be expressed: he believed

1—The working day should be the shortest possible.

2—The rate of wages should be the highest obtainable.

3—The results can be best and most speedily gained by perfect organisation of writers, &c.

—From the declaration of faith it will be readily gathered that the new unionism promises more than the old. Once let it be demonstrated that the workers can secure greater and more permanent advantages by appealing direct to the legislature, rather than by combination and persuasion. (Applause.)

On the motion of Rev J. RICHARDSON, seconded by Rev S. HORTON (Sunderland), Mr Johnson was accorded a vote of thanks for the excellent paper, and the same was afterwards criticised by the Revs Detton (Crook), M. Johnson (Hexham), M. P. Davidson (Newcastle), and others.

LOCAL VETO BILL.

On the motion of Rev S. HORTON, seconded by Rev M. JOHNSON, a resolution in favour of the Local Veto Bill was carried *nem. con.*, and it was agreed that copies should be sent to several leading Ministers of the Cabinet and Opposition, and also to Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P. for the division.

In the evening, a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr Forster, of Newcastle. There was a large attendance. Addresses were given as under:—"Women's work in the Church," by Rev J. Harding; "The Methodist forward movement," by Rev J. A. Grainger; "The reflex influence of foreign missions on the churches," by Rev Thomas Archer. Selections of music were rendered by the choir.

At close of the meeting, several of the delegates, &c., proceeded to inspect the Consett Iron and Steel Works.

Yesterday (Thursday)—Rev T. J. Watson presiding—the session closed by an essay at 9·30 a.m. by Rev W. Spedding, on the subject of "Walt Whitman."

After votes of thanks has been accorded, it was decided to hold the annual conference of the Association at Middlesbrough.

ACCIDENT.—Thomas Nattrass, of Stanhope labourer at Rogerly quarries, Frosterley, had his arm broken by taking down a gearing at that place on Thursday last.

COAL TRADE IN WEST DURHAM.

A gloomy aspect exists in this district, while there appears no immediate signs of improvement at any of the collieries. About a dozen hands at Cornsay whose notices expired on Thursday, are said now to be added to the number of the unemployed. The brick and tile works belonging to the same firm are still slack. It is hoped that as fine weather has put in the building trade will revive as well as shipping, so as to maintain the country's prosperity.

Up to the present only 149 out of 315 of the coke-ovens in connection with the Hamsteels Collieries have been lit up, the remainder being damped. A considerable stock appears on hand, indicating the depression set in.

There is some probability of the High Drift starting again, the seam having been laid in before the strike at Cornsay, if so the old hands may be retained which is ardently hoped for

NOMINATION OF GUARDIANS.

WEARDALE UNION.

Stanhope Urban Ward (two required)—Richard Mews, John Crawhall, George Moses, Wm. Rippon, and John Wears.

Rural Ward (eight required)—John Thomas Carr, Octavius Monkhouse, John Coulthard (Bridge End), Joseph Harrison (Wearhead), Thos. Livingstone, J.P., C.C., Joseph Maddison (Hill End, Frosterley), John Peart (Lanehead), George Race, C.C. (Westgate), Matthew Reid (Ludwell), J. W. Roddam, J.P. (Stanhope), Abraham Proud (Hill End, Frosterley), Joseph Roddam (Rookhope), Geo. Stephenson (Glen Whelt, Westgate), Wm. Vickers (Howl John), Ralph Watson (Irestone), Stephen Watson (Weardale House.)

Wolsingham (four required)—George Curry, Wm. Love, Wm. Snowball, George B. Wooler, Richard Geo. Wooler.

Tow Law (three required)—Thomas Wall, Robt. Rawes, W. R. Teasdale, Joseph Vickers, C.C., L. P. Wherley, Robt. Wherley.

Edmondbyers (one required)—George Hepple.

Hunstanworth (one required)—Rev P. C. Jones, Matthew Keenleyside.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING AT TANFIELD.

At the annual meeting of the ratepayers of the parish of Tanfield, held in the vestry room of Tanfield Church on Wednesday se'nnight, the vicar (Rev T. H. Archdall) presiding, the following gentlemen were appointed waywardens for the ensuing year:—Mr Nathaniel Clark, Beamish Park, for Tanfield district; Mr Wm. Jos. Handcock, of Leazes House, for Lintz Green district; and Mr George Ridley, Stanley, for Beamish district.—Messrs Joseph Watson, of Stanley, butcher and farmer, and George Ridley, of Stanley, agent, were again nominated as overseers.—It was decided to ask the Highway Authority to have a swing gate placed at the footpath leading from the Burnopfield Wood to the main road to Rowland's Gill, instead of the present very awkward and dangerous stone steps over fence wall.

LOCAL BOARD ELECTIONS.

LEADGATE.

The result of the election of four members was declared on Wednesday afternoon by the returning officer (Mr Luke Nicholson) as follows:—

ELECTED.

*a*George Nicholson, slate merchant.
Thomas Foreman, veterinary surgeon.
*a*M. D. Greener, butcher.
Wm. F. Lane, Wesleyan schoolmaster.

NOT ELECTED.

*a*John Davison, gentleman.
Nicholas Parker, newsagent.

a These were members of the old Board, the other retiring member (Mr W. H. Hedley, mining engineer, Medomsley) not seeking re-election.

STANLEY.

Mr T. W. W. Ritson, returning officer, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon announced that the election of three members had resulted as below:—

ELECTED.

Jonathan Green, butcher, West Stanley	876
Geo. Ridley, registrar, Stanley (late chairman of the Board)	861
John Smith, engineman, South Moor	807

NOT ELECTED.

Thos. Colquhoun, colliery manager, Stanley	614
Anthony Swinburne, butcher, West Stanley	280

The three old members have again been returned.

TOW LAW.

For the three seats the following have been nominated:—*J. W. Laverick, mining engineer; *A. W. Emerson, cashier; *W. Atkinson, grocer; J. T. Morton, general dealer; T. Hall, butcher; J. Graham, butcher; R. Sproates, ironmonger; T. Hull, draper. Those marked (*) are the retiring members. Dr. Wild is the returning officer, and the poll will be declared to-morrow (Saturday).

SPORTS AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

These sports were held on Easter Monday in glorious weather, and were attended by a large concourse of spectators. The sports are promoted annually by Mr John Tucker, being carried on by subscriptions, and are held in a suitable field lent on behalf of the colliery owners, by Mr Archer, the manager. Messrs Lynn and Charlton's band was in attendance. The following are the results of some of the competitions, all competitors receiving prizes:—

Schoolgirls' Skipping Competition (39 entries)—1, Amelia Gibson, 147 turns; 2, Jane Stobbs, 131; 3, Martha Hodgson, 128; 4, Eliza Donnelly; 5, Lizzie Bell; 6, Hannah Busby; 7, Anna Welsh; 8, Katie Ions; 9, H. Alexander; 10, M. J. Porteous.

Race for Drivers, Trappers, Greasers, Helpers-up, Engine-plane Boys, and Boys at Bank, 80 yds., 21 competitors—1, Geo. Urwin; 2, Robt. Bulmer; 3, John Bulmer.

Schoolgirls' Race, 70 yards, 34 competitors—A dead-heat for first place between Ethel Minks and H. Bell; 3, Isabella Clasper; 4, Henrietta Leybourn; 5, M. Welsh.

Ladies' Race, 70 yards, 17 competitors—1, Mrs McNaughton; 2, Miss West; 3, Mrs Geo. Foster; 4, Mrs Ben Nixon; 5, Mrs Tunstall; 6, Mrs John Smith.

Junior Football Competition—1st round—Lintzford Red Stars beat Lintzford by six goals to four; Uncle Stobbs's Cadgers beat the White Lillies by four goals to two. Final—Cadgers beat Red Stars by six goals to two.

120 Yards Race—Heat 1—1, J. Richardson, 7 yds. start; 2, John Crosby, scratch; 3, W. Wainwright, 2 yds. Heat 2—1, John Charlton, 5; 2, W. Lowes, 7; 3, John Tucker, 7; 4, T. Minks, sc. Final heat—1, Richardson; 2, Charlton. This was the best competition of the day.

Various other competitions ensued. About ten o'clock cheers were given for the promoters, the prize donors, the colliery owners for the loan of the field, and to the next year's gathering.

EBCHESTER.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—A grand concert was given in the above chapel on Easter Monday, by the Allendale Cottages String Band, under the able leadership of Mr R. Bewley. Solos, recitations, &c., were contributed by Misses Richardson and Hocking, Messrs Bewley and Whitfield, Miss Holland acting as accompanist. Mr W. Hogg presided. The programme was gone through in a most efficient manner. Afterwards, there was a ham and coffee supper, when a good number partook of the good things provided.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, April 5th.—Before His Honour E. J. Meynell (Judge.)

ACTION AGAINST A TRADESMAN.

PEARSON AND OTHERS v STRAWBRIDGE.—This was a claim made by Mr John Laybourne Pearson, Sherburn Hill, retired, Mary Ann Fletcher, widow, and Sarah Ann Fletcher, her daughter, of Cross Street, Durham, against James Strawbridge, shoemaker, Annfield Plain and Stanley, for the recovery of £4 13s 4d. Mr J. Mawson (Durham) was for plaintiffs, and Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) for defendant.

Mrs Fletcher said that her late husband was the owner of the house and shop occupied by defendant at West Stanley, and he died on the 29th Sept., 1891. Probate of the will was produced, and she was suing as legatee of deceased. After her husband's demise, she was dissatisfied with the terms of Mr Strawbridge's tenancy. Plaintiff told him that she required more rent. He declared that he would not pay, and she could serve him with proper notice. When she went to collect the rent, plaintiff informed him that she expected him out by the 14th Feb. He responded that six months' notice was too short to remove his business. The reason he had not left the property was because he could not get another place.

Miss Sarah Ann Fletcher said she received the November rent from Strawbridge last November, when defendant explained that he had not been able to get fresh premises.

Mr Welford submitted that according to the receipt produced, his client entered on the premises between the terms, and therefore if he paid his rent quarterly after that period, his tenancy dated from the next regular term day, consequently defendant was entitled to six months' notice, to terminate at May-day. This solicitor cited a case in point, and remarked that His Honour decided a similar action at that court a few months ago.

Mr Mawson, while not disputing the law bearing upon the question, argued that this case was different to the one quoted by Mr Welford. There was a distinct statement that the property was let from the February term, and the receipt for £7 10s was for the full quarter's rent.

Defendant said that he entered as the late Mr Fletcher's tenant in the middle of March, the rent being £28 per annum.

By Mr Mawson: He did not know why he only accepted a remission of £1, when he was entitled to £2 10s abatement.

The Judge held that the receipt went against Mr Welford's contention, and quoted a case where it was decided that in such a case, where a tenant entered in an unbroken quarter, the jury should determine as to which quarter the tenancy began. He certainly thought the tenancy commenced in Feb. Judgment was given for £4 13s 4d in 14 days, Strawbridge having to deliver up possession of the premises in that period.

Defendant considered that he had been unfairly dealt with.

CLAIM FOR A BULL'S SERVICES.

CARR v ROBSON.—John Carr, Edmondbyers, sued Matthew Robson, farmer, of the same place, for 28s, for services rendered by a bull. Defendant paid £1 into court.

Plaintiff and his son (John William Carr) both spoke to their bull serving seven cows belonging to defendant, the charge being 4s for each cow, whether the beast was in calf or not.

His Honour asked the son what defendant said when he demanded payment?—Witness: I hardly like to "word the name." (Laughter.)

His Honour: But you must tell.—Witness: Well, he told me to go to b—— and back again. (Renewed laughter.)

The Judge: That's all, was it?

Defendant acknowledged that plaintiff's bull served seven cows, but two of them missed calving, and he had to take the cattle to another bull. The agreement with plaintiff was that he should only pay 4s for the cows that were in calf.

Mr Carr said that if he made any such agreement with his clients, his charge was 5s each. They had an opportunity of going back to the bull again.

Thomas Bulman spoke to defendant's two cows being served by his bull in May last.

Defendant produced a bill, signed by Carr, in which he had not charged for a cow which was not in calf.

Plaintiff alleged that he did not strike that item out of the bill when settled. It had been done by some other person since.

Verdict for plaintiff for 8s in 14 days.

A CATTLE DEALER'S TRANSACTIONS.

NICHOLSON v WIGHAM.—John Edward Nicholson, cattle dealer, Manor House, Lanchester, sued John Wigham, farmer, Burnopfield, for £4 12s, for a couple of sheep sold in October, 1888. Mr J. McCartan (Consett) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr H. J. Field (Mr Pybus, Newcastle) defended.

The defence was that prior to the death of Mr John Nicholson, he owed Wigham £4 or £5 for "sturtage," and Mr George Thompson, his agent, gave him the two sheep in settlement of the claim.

Mr McCartan: Who is Geo. Thompson?—Defendant: Well, all I can say is that George Thompson is George Thompson. (Loud laughter.) He lives at Allansford, and has a mill, and buys and sells for Nicholson.

His Honour said he could not go behind the entry in plaintiff's pocket-book, and gave judgment for plaintiff for the full amount.

A FATHER AND HIS SON-IN-LAW.

THOMPSON v HERON.—Thomas Thompson, South Medomsley, claimed £5 odd from Thomas Heron, his son-in-law, for money lent, a watch sold, and three weeks' board and lodgings for himself and his wife soon after they were married.

Mr Welford represented defendant, and called evidence to show that the watch was given to his client; that he never borrowed any money from his father-in-law; and that during the three weeks they were staying at plaintiff's house, defendant bought most of the provisions at the Dipton Stores. Plaintiff's wife left him at the new year, and went to reside with defendant, and this had caused some ill-feeling.

Judgment for defendant.

ADMINISTRATION ORDERS.

William Milligan, miner, who applied for an administration order, was directed by the Judge to pay 4s per week till his creditors were satisfied with 5s in the pound.

Robert Graham and Thomas McNally, both of Leadgate, preferred similar requests, but as their petitions were opposed by a majority of creditors representing the largest value of the debts, the orders were accordingly refused.—Mr McCartan supported the applicants.

A FAMILY DISPUTE:

THE AFFAIRS OF AN UNDER-MANAGER.

HOLMES v WHITFORD.—Richard Holmes, miner, Hobson Colliery, as administrator of the estate of Christopher Holmes, deceased, formerly an under-manager at the Delight Pit, Dipton, brought an action against James Brown Whitford, miner, South Medomsley, to recover £153 1s for the non-delivery of a quantity of furniture goods and effects duly sheduled, £15 being claimed as special damages for the unlawful detention of such effects. Upon a counter-claim, Whitford sued Holmes for £34 12s 11d, viz.: £4 for six week's board and lodgings at 15s, 25 weeks at 22s, and £2 12s 11d paid as premiums on deceased's insurance policy. Mr Welford appeared for Holmes, while Mr McCartan represented Whitford.

Plaintiff said that Christopher Holmes, his uncle, died on the 15th Nov. last at South Medomsley Rows. Deceased was lodging with defendant at the time. Holmes was an overman at Dipton Colliery, and after leaving there he proceeded to Dipton Rows, where he got a house from the colliery, on the 9th Sept., 1889. Deceased remained there about six months, and then went to lodge with defendant. His uncle had then given up his position as overman. He was entitled to some insurance money. After his uncle died, plaintiff went and asked for a list of things belonging to his uncle, and Whitford declined to give him such a document. He enquired if there was any will, and he replied not, and if he wanted anything further he had to go to the priest. He saw Mr Tuson, who told him that there was not a will. Plaintiff took out letters of administration, and he asked defendant to turn the things up belonging to his uncle; but he refused to do so. A second appeal was likewise futile. On the 28th March, Whitford sent him a lady's gold watch and guard, and box containing some clothes, besides some ironmongery. His uncle was presented with a gold watch and albert by the Dipton miners, the value of it being over £28.

By Mr McCartan: He was not on very good terms of intimacy with his uncle during his lifetime.

Sergt. Thornton said that deceased told him in 1890 he was a shareholder in the North-Eastern Railway Company, when he was living two doors from him in the Delight Row. There were a couple of gold watches—one a lady's and the other a gentleman's. Holmes went to lodge with defendant in Sept., 1890, and in Oct., 1892, witness was sent for. Holmes made a complaint to him, and a week afterwards he made a further complaint to witness. He (the sergeant) asked him if he had any money to get anything with, and he replied, "I have sufficient to keep me. I keep the whole house going. I kept the whole family during the strike." Defendant's wife was in bed close to Holmes at the time.

By Mr McCartan: Holmes was very ill before he died.

Mary Ann Holmes, Hobson, testified that defendant was her son, and the deceased man was her husband's brother. On one occasion Mrs Whitford invited her to go upstairs and see Holmes's things. There was a wood (mahogany) French bed, a bookcase, drawers, cheffoneers, some silver tea and coffee services, and an easy chair. Mrs Whitford opened the drawers, which were filled with linen. On Nov. 7th, 1892, witness was at the house when the funeral took place. She was upstairs getting some table-cloths, and she saw that the drawers were full. Deceased had some money. On the 4th April, Holmes had seven £5 notes in a public-house at Dipton.

His Honour said it was no use going into this matter, as the date was some months before he died.

Cross-examined, Mrs Holmes said that the deceased was away at the time of the examination, and Mrs Whitford picked the locks with a piece of wire. (Laughter.) She never was on particularly good terms with her son.

George Hobson said that deceased was his uncle, and took ill in March, 1892. Witness was present with Rev R. Tuson, vicar, Carr, the sexton, and some others, on the 4th Nov., when Holmes died. Mrs Whitford pulled a purse from the drawer, and took £3 and some odd shillings out of a wash-leather bag, and, showing the money to witness, said "That's all he's left here." She then put the money into her own pocket.

James Parker, newsagent, said that Holmes asked him to accompany him to Lintz Green Station in January, 1890, when he was going to Newcastle to draw some money.

Harriet Armstrong deposed to having some conversation with defendant's wife just before Holmes died. Mrs Whitford showed her some new clothes which Holmes had bought for the children. Witness asked her if Holmes was paying his money regularly, and she replied in the affirmative.

Mr McCartan maintained that plaintiff had made no demand for the articles.

His Honour thought that having taken out letters of administration, and asked for the deceased's goods to be handed over was a sufficient demand.

Alfred Philipson, auctioneer, Dipton, said that deceased Holmes employed him to sell furniture for him in September, 1889, and again in November, 1890. Prior to 1889 he had been living in a large house, then removed into a smaller house, and finally gave up housekeeping altogether. He never noticed any silver. He saw all that was in the house except what was under cover. He took about £30 worth of goods from deceased's house to defendant's place. There was a mahogany bedstead, bed and mattress, a feather bed, sofa, easy chair, &c. The rest of the goods were sold by auction.

By Mr Welford: He removed the things himself, and he was present when they were loaded.

Elizabeth Brown Whitford, wife of defendant, said that Holmes lost his situation as under-manager at the colliery for mis-conduct. He told her to pick out such articles as she thought she needed for his own convenience, and gave her of his free goodwill a bookcase, drawers and bedstead, French bedstead, spring mattress, sofa, easy chair, looking glass, dressing-table, and a feather bed, besides a flock bed for the children to lie upon. Her husband and sister were present, and this happened a fortnight before the second sale. No silver came into the house, nor a presentation watch. He had not any linen, and never afterwards referred to the articles being his own. Just before he died, Holmes sent for Rev R. Tuson, to whom he gave instructions touching his will. Since the action was brought they had returned certain of the deceased's articles. Holmes paid them 15s a week for board and lodgings from entering to the last day of January, but from that date he never paid anything for his board and lodgings. Witness told him, after he took seriously ill in March, that she could not afford to keep him for 15s a week, as he required too much care and attention, besides delicate food. He was suffering from heart disease and dropsy. When she asked him for money, he said that he had nothing to pay with till he got his money (about £60) from a woman at Sunderland. He informed her that he had sold his shares in the North-Eastern Railway Company. He only paid her about 16s from the beginning of January to the date of his death. Holmes spent his time in gambling and drinking about public-houses.

Cross-examined: She received £10 from the Mechanics' Club after the death of Holmes. It was "nomineed" to her, and she bought "black" with it for the funeral. This money was given to bury deceased with when there was no other funds. During the strike, her husband was working at Elswick Colliery for 10 weeks out of the 15 weeks. Holmes was away at Sunderland eight weeks during the summer consulting a physician. She told plaintiff to pay her what she required for board and lodgings, and then all the things would be returned.

Re-examined: It was eight weeks before his death that Holmes signed his nomination paper.

Mr McCartan produced a number of telegrams—racing tips—showing that Holmes was in the habit of backing horses.

His Honour: He might have won money instead of losing it. (Laughter.)

Wm. Adcock, postmaster, Quebec, was next called, but first of all demanded his expenses, having had to pay 5s for a trap to bring him from Quebec.

Mr McCartan gave witness 10s.

Adcock said he was not an Atheist, but a member of the Church of England. He did not object to be sworn, but he refused to kiss the book, because it had been kissed by so many persons.

The Registrar (Mr Booth) suggested that witness should open one of the testaments and kiss it, and he was sworn in this manner.

Adcock said that in August, 1891, while assisting Holmes to remove his furniture to defendant's house, he told witness that he intended to make Lizzie a present of the things. He saw the gold presentation watch on the date of the sale. It was not amongst the goods disposed of. In August, 1891, Holmes returned from Newcastle with a pair of black eyes, and informed witness that he had been robbed.

John Glenwright and Dr Bain having given evidence,

Rev R. Tuson, vicar of Dipton, deposed to receiving instructions from Holmes about making a will, but it never was duly executed. He left the fender and fireirons to his wife Elizabeth, a gold watch, &c., to Hy. Carlton, living in America, a silver watch and gold albert to Jas. B. Whitford, £10 to the plaintiff, £20 to Elizabeth Whitford, an £5 to the daughter of defendant. On one occasion, just before his demise, witness heard an altercation between Holmes and Mrs Whitford, the latter complaining that she could not get any money from him.

Defendant was sworn, and declared that the furniture was given by Holmes to his wife and himself.

In answer to Mr Welford, he denied that he told Martin Bottoms, insurance agent, that he could not pay the insurance premium till he got the money from Holmes, who was then staying at Sunderland. He paid the £2 12s 11d out of his own pocket.

M. Bottoms was called, and declared that he was informed by Whitford that he had to get the money from his uncle before he could pup the premium in July, 1892.

M. Mason, Hobson, said the £10 nominated by the Friendly Society to Mrs Whitford was for funeral expenses.

In the result, His Honour found for plaintiff for £17 5s, to be reduced to 1s if the bedstead, bookcase, small table, sofa, easy chair, looking glasses, pair of mattress, and feather bed were delivered up in seven days. He decided also in favour of Whitford in the counter-claim.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The cricket club ball at Stanhope on Easter Monday night, was a thorough success. The decorations were superb, the music thoroughly efficient, the refreshments first-class, and the secretary, Mr V. A. Rippon, of Rogerly Hall, hereby expresses his thanks to the ladies who so generously came forward to his assistance. As he received no complaints, they may take it for granted that their efforts have met with unqualified approval.

A fashionable dress ball in Stanhope is something new, and the honour of introducing it belongs to the cricket club, and it augurs well for the future prosperity of the club, as these balls are to be annual. The success of the ball was due to the indefatigable secretary and his staff of co-workers, who each put their shoulders to the wheel and worked to make it a success with a zeal that was commendable. Somewhere about 47 couples were present on the occasion.

The Stanhope Cricket Club is looking up, and it is expected that they will play some good matches this season, with success.

There was a stiff breeze at the School Board meeting on Saturday, over the question of the reduction of the masters' salaries. It was thoroughly fought out, and at the end the *status quo* was maintained. There was to be no reduction, as it was shown up that it meant an inferior class of masters and the consequent loss of the grant.

The Stanhope Local Board election takes place this week-end. There are seven candidates for five seats.

The Weardale Guardian election takes place this week-end. The papers are delivered on Friday and gathered on Monday.

Mr W. Archer, of Darlington, late of Stanhope, burst a blood-vessel one day recently, and has been ill some time. He is now progressing favourably.

We regret to hear that Mr John Crawhall, Stanhope, is just now very ill.

Mr Smith, architect, of Shotley Bridge, who opened out the Wesleyan Bazaar, at Stanhope, on Good Friday, was also architect of the new handsome structure standing in High Street.

The Weadale railway project drags its weary way, making little progress, while many of the dalesmen in respect to it feel that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick." The vestry meeting of St. John's Chapel passed a resolution calling upon Sir Joseph Pease and the directors of the North-Eastern Railway to fulfil the solemn pledge they gave to a committe of the House of Lords about a year ago, that they would extend the Wear Valley Railway.

Stanhope is a queer place after all. On Monday evening, a landlord presided over a Unionist meeting, while at the same hour—within a stone's throw—his tenant presided over a lecture on "Democracy," and the buildings were only about 100 yards apart.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

ANOTHER TRAMP RAID IN WEST DURHAM.—The local authorities, under the direction of Inspector T. Mabon, of Consett, made a third raid early on Monday morning on vagrants sleeping in and about the cinder-ovens, in the neighbourhood of Annfield Plain, and succeeded in capturing a dozen men. The prisoners were brought before Mr J. T. Potts, at the Consett Petty Sessions, on Monday, when nine were sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour, and the remaining three to a week's imprisonment.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BEAMISH—Urpeth West House, 30th ult., the wife of T. Nicholson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 30th ult., by Rev J. Elliott, Joseph, eldest son of J. Crawford, Allendale Cottages, to Frances L., youngest daughter of Dorothy and the late J. Wigham, of Westwood.

BLACKHILL—Highgate Baptist Chapel, on the 3rd inst., by Rev E. W. Jenkins (pastor), J. R. Kell, of Durham, to M. L. Turner, of Blackhill.

MEDOMSLEY—Parish Church, 3rd inst., William Walton, of Sunderland, to Mary Whitelock, of Stokesley.

GREENCROFT CHURCH—4th inst., J. Gibson, of Bradley Fell, to Jane Robinson, of Wylam-on-Tyne.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL—8, Ledger Terrace, on the 1st inst., aged 21, John Young, son of Thomas and Susannah Young.

1st inst., aged 75, Thomas, dearly-beloved husband of Ann Telford. 960k

ALLENDALE COTTAGES—57, Dene Bank, 22nd ult., aged 19, Margaret, the dearly-beloved daughter of John and Jane Brown. Deeply lamented. 938k

DIPTON—Hill Top, 4th inst., aged 12 years, Ruth Jane, daughter of Mary Ann and the late Robert Nicholson.

TANFIELD LEA FARM—4th inst., aged 60, Thomas, husband of Mary Jane Robinson.

OXHILL—2nd inst., aged 74, Charles Russell.

WHITE-LE-HEAD—30th ult., aged 47, Margaret Ann, wife of Joseph Attbey.

LOW PRUDHOE—30th ult., aged 62, Sarah, wife of Matthew Peel.

TANTOBIE—1st inst., aged 27, Mary Lizzie, wife of John Dawson.

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