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FRIDAY, August 17th, 1883.

THE CLOSING SESSION.

The arduous work of winding up the Parliamentary session is being energetically performed by industrious legislators, who are influenced not only by patriotic zeal, but by anxiety to join their truant fellows on the grouse moors or at other scenes of holiday recreation. With practically all the time of Parliament devoted to Government business, and with everybody eager to get the work finished, it is remarkable at what an express rate of speed legislation can be carried on. Business that a month ago would have provided the staple for half-a-dozen sittings is now readily disposed of in one. Yet with all the criticisms uttered on this high-pressure rate of speed, there are not many obvious signs of careless and faulty work. If ministers were apprehensive of any such defect in the Lower House, they would hardly have added to the mass of business by introducing the Irish Tramways Bill and by proposing the restoration of the Criminal Appeal Bill substantially to its original position before the Grand Committee took it in hand. The presumed necessity for undoing the work of a Grand Committee cheifly composed of legal experts dealing with a legal subject should perhaps not surprise us; for if there is one thing about which a body of lawyers can seldom agree (as instanced by the abandoned Criminal Code Bill), and which they appear incompetent to handle when they can agree, that one thing is law reform. The faculty of interpreting old laws by no mean implies that of making new ones. This defect of legislative capacity in the legal mind has virtually added one to the team, or rather drove, of measures which Ministers have to urge forward with all the careful distribution of attention which Sir Walter Scott considered to be alike required by a drover conducting his pigs to market and by a novelist bringing up his individual "characters" to a common climax. The Lords, too, by their modifications in the Agricultural Holdings Bill, have added an extra subject for discussion in the Lower House; so that, altogether, things are not now exactly what they seemed likely to be when the Premier mentioned the week ending on the 25th of August — that is, next week — as likely to witness the prorogation. Still, more progress has probably been made than Mr Gladstone himself could have felt warranted in anticipating when he put forward his estimate; and now that a sop has been thrown to Irish Home Rulers in the shape of the Tramways Bill, it is likely that Parnellite forbearance will have been secured in taking the remaining votes in Supply. As for the supposed marplot energy of the Lords, it will be time enough to cry out when their Lordships insist upon all their amendments in opposition to the dissent of the Commons, and thus wreck the Holdings Bill by obstinate insistence upon their own views. This is a kind of thing the Peers have rarely done in recent times with regard to any great measure; whereas it is not uncommon with them, during the final rush of a session, to fix upon one Bill in order to exemplify their legislative ability and energy, to return it to the other House with considerable amendment, and then to come to a compromise by which the measure is both saved and improved. We have no good reason to apprehend that it will be otherwise this time. The Agricultural Holdings Bill will probably be benefited rather than injured by passing through the ordeal of some extra considerations and re-considerations. And then, having blown off their excess of steam over this Bill, their Lordships will doubtless, again according to their general custom, let other measures pass with only such judicious verbal improvements as often occur to our hereditary legislators. Let our Radical friends see the end before they commence an onslaught on the House of Lords, and our Conservative ones exercise similar restraint before they venture to criticise the legislative achievements of the Government Violent attacks only make self-willed men more obstinate, and taunts of failure only rouse the energies of resolute statesmen. The end of the session will probably be disconcerting to the assailants of both the House of Lords and the Ministry.

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What with statements volunteered at the Mansion House dinner, and answers to questions in Parliament, there has been a good deal of ministerial utterance with respect to the two different questions of the Tamatave incident and the evacuation of Egypt by the British troops; but it would puzzle anybody to learn much in the way of fact from anything that has been said. Indeed, nowadays, with special correspondents everywhere employing the facilities of telegraphic communication, there is not much exclusive information left for ministers to give; and that little they do not care to impart, until they come to lay despatches before Parliament, after the interest in a subject has cooled and criticism has been discounted. Meanwhile, it is curious how much a subject may be talked about without anything definite being told. The Premier himself is especially an adept at fencing with questions, by substituting for plain answers explanations of what he did not mean in some previous utterance; and by criticizing the terms of queries put to him.

In the House of Lords during the discussion of the new Agricultural Holdings Bill much was said about the mutual relations of kindness and friendship now existing between landlords and tenants. In spite of cynical assertions to the contrary, such relations do exist perhaps in more instances than is generally believed. A paragraph has just appeared announcing that the Earl of Yarborough has recently granted a permanent reduction of rent to his tenants, having already for some years returned rent to the total of £10,000 a year. It is no more than right. If any man in the country ought to do the generous thing to his tenants, it is Lord Yarborough. Years ago he was in heavy pecuniary difficulties, from which he appeared to have no means of extrication. His tenants met together, and voluntarily subscribed an amount which completely relieved him. He ought to be a good landlord, and apparently he is.

The published statement of the fees paid by the Archbishop of Canterbury upon his appointment has startled and rather scandalized those who were unacquainted with the exactions of petty state and ecclesiastical offices, which appear to be rapacious in proportion to their obscurity. It is not only Archbishops, however, who are fleeced in this manner. A man cannot be made a knight without having to pay a heavy list of fees. Thirty years ago an eminent judge, now long deceased, who did not wish to be knighted, but was compelled to accept the honour, steadfastly refused to pay the fees, and was, I believe, finally successful in his resistance. But honours of that kind are not usually thrust upon a man. As a rule the recipient of a dignity is willing to pay the piper without enquiry as to technical right. After all, £800 is not much out of an income of £15,000. But it must be remembered that a newly-appointed ecclesiastic does not at once enjoy his full income. Under the name of First-fruits the first year's profits go to the Crown, or rather, since the reign of Queen Anne, to the Queen Anne's Bounty Fund. Usually this imposition is arranged for by charging it over four years, so that Archbishop Benson, for example, will only receive three-quarters of this income this year and the next three years.

Amid all the turmoil and whirl of the closing session—which could only be physically illustrated by the rapids and the vortex which proved fatal to poor Captain Webb—Mr Gladstone could yet find time and energy on Monday afternoon to inspect the so-called "new," but apparently very old, Manuscript of Deuteronomy at the British Museum. Probably the Premier made this visit to Great Russell Street as a brief relaxation from the laborious task of wading through the "voluminous" Tamatave papers. At all events, he was able, amid the stress and worry of his own legislative efforts, to seek recreation by inspecting the new-found record of the labours of a long-antecedent legislator. Truly, and without pleasantry, the plusquamseptuagenarian statesman who can find diversion in such change of occupation is a grand old man; and even those persons who cannot yield him unqualified respect as a statesman, may unreservedly admire him as the still active student of Mosaic or Homeric antiquities. As for Mr Sapira's M.S. itself, I may remark here that it is as yet generally treated as a matter *sub judicibus*; but if the ultimate verdict of experts should be in its favour, results may be, not necessarily to destroy, but greatly to modify the received theory of Biblical inspiration.

Considering everything, the late Duke of Marlborough has been able to provide well for his son Lord Randolph. It is plain now why the two great family Libraries were sold. In addition to the moderate income which he now enjoys, Lord Randolph will become entitled on his mother's death to a sum of £70,000.

The long Mackonochie litigation is far from ended yet. In the "tortuous and ungodly jumble" of ecclesiastical law—so it might well be called, for it deserves Cromwell's opprobrious epithets better than the Common Law—there seems to be no certainty and no finality. It is, it appears, a debatable point whether Lord Penzance has any authority as an ecclesiastical Judge until he has received a new commission from the new Archbishop, or any authority at all to sentence a parson to privation. The Bishop of London hesitates to act upon the sentence recently pronounced, and the next move in the complicated game will be an application on the part of the Church Association for a mandamus to compel him to turn Mr Mackonochie out of St. Peter's.

Economy in the manufacture of coke must be a serious consideration if as we are told the amount exported alone reaches the value of £400,000 per annum, while the amount consumed in the iron furnaces of the North is enormous. By a new style of oven which is an improvement on the ordinary beehive, Messrs. Pease, of Darlington, save two shillings a ton on the coke produced, and by utilizing certain by-products, of which sulphate of ammonia is one of the most important, being a valuable manure, they calculate that toey will save altogether another 4s 6d per ton or 6s 6d on each ton of coke. Nor is this all, since an inferior kind of coal can be coked in these ovens, and so certain thin seams may be worked which are not now available.

In regard to alleged modification in the climatic conditions of Great Britain, an octogenarian observer of the seasons, while giving it as the conviction of his long experience that our summers are becoming decidedly cooler year after year, seeks to find a cause for this change in the vapor given off by the innumerable steam engines of our manufactories, railways, navigable rivers, and coasts. If the supposed cause were adequate, what an improvement might be made in tropical India by turning it into a manufacturing and railway-intersected country! But is it adequate? Is the combined vapour from all our steam-engines worthy of consideration beside the quantity which the sun raises from the Atlantic, for prevailing westerly winds to bear into our skies? If it were, then the artificial heat which generates the artificial vapour would be equally considerable in comparison with the solar heat, and would make up for our loss of the latter through the increased density of our cloud-screen. In the thickly peopled areas of a few large towns, and especially in London, steam and smoke do not intercept summer sunshine, and multitudinous fires do raise the winter temperature; but over the great expanse of the country neither effect can be appreciable.

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Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of Camperdown reported, on behalf of the select Committee on the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, that they had decided that it was not expedient to proceed further with the Bill. Lord Carlingford move the second reading of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill, which after some criticism was agreed to. A large number of bills were advanced a stage, and the Railway Passengers Duty Bill passed through the House.

In the House of Commons, Lord Hartington informed Sir G. Campbell that the statement made a few weeks ago in the public journals that it had been determined to send to Egypt the families of the British soldiers there was not true, but inquiries had been made as to the accommodation available in the event of a prolongation of the occupation of Egypt. In reply to Mr J. Cowen, Sir W. Harcourt stated that he had been furnished with reports on the circumstances attending the execution of James Burton at Durham on Monday last. The medical officer who was present informed the coroner's jury that it was an accident which could scarcely have been foreseen, and as they returned the usual verdict he considered they were satisfied with the account. Mr Cowen asked if the Home Secretary had no supervision over the public hangman, and whether he could not apply some scientific mode of killing, such as electricity or poison, rather than hanging. Sir W. Harcourt assured the House that no one was more shocked than he was at these terrible occurrences, and if anything could be done to prevent them no effort would be wanted on his part. In answer to Sir H. D. Wolff, Mr Gladstone said he could not give any information as to the report in the papers of the meeting of the directors of the Suez Canal Committee, but he could state that the Government had not given any instructions to the English directors with reference to the claim of M. de Lesseps to an exclusive right to cut a canal through the Isthmus. Sir W. Barttelot asked the Prime Minister if he would state the contents of the Tamatave despatches referred to at the Mansion House as giving a different aspect to the matter. Mr Gladstone replied that there had not been time for the perusal of these despatches by the members of the Government, and therefore he could give no answer about them. All he said on Wednesday night was that the impression the Government had was that the matter need not lead to any misunderstanding and this was confirmed by the longer despatch. Mr Yorke asked the Under-Secretary for the Colonies whether he had received any news of Cetewayo. Mr Ashley said he had received a telegram from Sir H. Bulwer, and he said Mr Osborne had received information that Cetewayo was now in "the Reserve." The House then went into Committee of Supply, and Mr John Morley proceeded to call attention to the question of our occupation of Egypt.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Salisbury asked whether the official correspondence from Madagascar corresponded with the telegraphic information received some short time ago, and which created so much attention in this country at that time. Earl Granville, in replying, said voluminous correspondence had been received and was now under consideration. The French Government were daily expecting to receive their despatches, and as it might not contribute to a perfectly satisfactory solution, which he doubted not would be arrived at, if he were to express any premature opinion regarding the matter at present, he hoped the noble Marquis would not press for an answer. The subject then dropped. Their Lordships then discussed in Committee the English Agricultural Holdings Bill.

In the House of Commons, Mr J. Collings gave notice that on Monday he would ask whether it was the intention of the Government to propose a vote sufficient to bring up the total amount available to the sum necessary for the acquisition of the whole Ashburnham MSS. with the exception of the library. Colonel Colthurst asked Lord Harrington to allow men who had taken their discharge at the expiration of either the first or second period of service, or who have purchased their discharge at any period of service to re-engage within six months, reckoning their former services, and also to consider the advisability of issuing their deferred pay on re-engagement, instead of withholding it until their discharge. Lord Hartington stated that the number of men who had extended their services with the colours was not large. Both the suggestions in the question would be fully considered, but they were both in principle opposed to the short service system, and they both tended to defeat the object the Government had in view. In reply to Baron De Worms, Mr Childers said he had no reason to depart from the statement he had made that the Government had come to conclusion that M. De Lesseps or his company had an exclusive right by water through the Isthmus to the Gulf of Suez. In reply to Sir M. H. Beach, Mr Ashley said he could not undertake to state without further notice as to what measures should be taken to prevent Cetewayo from recommencing war. Mr Gladstone made an appeal to those members who had motions on the paper to let the Government business have precedence. Sir S. Northcote supported the appeal. Mr A. Bartlett said, although the Government deserved no mercy at his hands after their unusual conduct of Friday last, he would yield to the appeal of Sir S. Northcote and withdraw his motion. Other motions were also withdrawn, so that the Corrupt Practices Bill and the Parliamentary Registration (Ireland) Bill might be taken. Mr Chamberlain stated that there were 255 amendments to the Bankruptcy Bill in the name of six members for Ireland, but, as the Government believed that it was the general wish in Ireland that the Bill should be applied to that country, the Government meant to persevere with it. The House then went into Committee on the Corrupt Practices Bill.

SATURDAY.

In the House of Commons, the debate was resumed on the motion of Sir R. Cross, asking that an address should be presented to Her Majesty praying that the rules of the Supreme Court of Judicature (1883) might be annulled. Sir H. Giffard, the Solicitor-General, Mr H. H. Fowler, Mr Inderwick, the Attorney-General, and others, took part in the debate, Mr Fowler moving an amendment. On a division both the amendment and the original motion were rejected, the former by a majority of 77 and the latter by one of 22. The Bankruptcy Bill was re-committed in respect of clause 2 and new clauses and amendments relating to the extension of the bill to Ireland. On the motion that the Speaker leave the chair, Mr Patrick Martin proposed that it was, in view of all the circumstances, inexpedient and unreasonable at this period of the session to propose that by new clauses the Bill should be extended, and the substantial control in the administration of estates in bankruptcy in Ireland vested in the English Board of Trade, and the abuses and evils incident to the already too widely extended governmental centralization in Irish affairs increased. In the discussion which followed considerable difference of opinion was manifested. Mr Gladstone said that to the Bill itself the Government attached the greatest importance, and it would be a heavy responsibility indeed if, in their desire at once to extend the Bill to Ireland without delay, they were to entail upon the House such a prolongation of labour as might even end in endangering the passing of the Bill as a Bill for England, but which he hoped next year to see extended to Ireland. Under the circumstances, the debate which had taken place had been quite enough to show that the field opened by the extension to Ireland would be a wide one. He had on the part of the President of the Board of Trade and of the Government, to say that, whilst at once they would prosecute the measure, they would desist from their attempt to extend its operation in the present year to Ireland. He asked leave to withdraw the motion made three hours before by the President of the Board of Trade. Mr T. P. O'Connor expressed regret that the Government had not persevered with the measure. Mr Dixon declared that seventy Irish members were in favour of the bill, and it was only opposed by some half-dozen. The interests of the people of Ireland had been sacrificed to a clique of Dublin lawyers. Mr Callan congrulated the Government on their decision, and after some further discussion, in the course of which Mr O'Brien said that what had occurred would serve to show the Irish people the power of half-a-dozen resolute members, the motion for recommittal was withdrawn, and the order was discharged.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords the consideration of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill was resumed in Committee, and an amendment made both by the Duke of Argyll and the Duke of Richmond was agreed to providing "that always in estimating the value of any improvement in the schedule hereto there shall not be taken into account as part of the improvement made by the tenant what is justly due to the inherent capacities of the soil." Another amendment was also carried to the effect that no tenant should be entitled to compensation for outlay in excess of the sum stipulated in his license. The remaining clauses having been considered, the bill was ordered to be reported to the House.

In the House of Commons, Mr E. Ashley, replying to Sir M. Hicks-Beach, said the Government had no information later than that which he read to the House some days ago, and the Government would not view with indifference any attempt to make the reserve territory a basis for military operations. In reply to Mr M'Arthur, Lord E. Fitzmaurice said the Government were aware of the arrest and detention of Mr Shaw by the French Admiral at Tamatave; and they understood that he had been refused permission to communicate with his friends. Her Majesty's Government had yet received from the French authorities any formal statement of the charge against Mr Shaw, but they had reason to believe that he was accused of what the French Admiral considered a very serious offence. Mr Hibbert informed Mr B. Hope that the report of the Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts would not be ready for distribution for ten days. Sir H. Wolff asked with reference to a telegram in nearly all the newspapers to the effect that when the directors of the Suez Canal Company held their monthly meetings in Paris, M. de Lesseps presiding and the three English members of the Board being present, they gave their unqualified approval to the letter of M. de Lesseps to Mr Gladstone of the 20th July, whether the three English directors concurred in this unqualified approval. Mr Gladstone replied that the language of the telegram was certainly not correct. What was asked by the council was a general approval of the letter, but a special approval was asked for the last paragraph of the letter, which only related to the intention to give increased accommodation along the line of the present canal. That did not commit the Government in any way. Mr Gladstone, in reply to Sir S. Northcote, said he could not name a time when he could make a statement. Lord E. Fitzmaurice informed Sir W. Barttelot that the cholera was certainly abating, except in Alexandria, where there was still an increase. The House then went into Committee of Supply.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Lords, the report of amendments to the Agricultural Holdings (England) Bill was agreed to.

In the House of Commons, Mr Holland gave notice that early next session he will call attention to the report of the Select Committee of 1871 upon the Vaccination Acts, and moved a resolution that it was expedient to limit the penalties imposed upon parents for non-compliance with those Acts. Mr Courtney, in reply to Sir Geo. Campbell, said that the balance of the Irish Church Temporalities Fund amounted at lest £2,000,000, and the total charges upon it amounted to about £1,300,000. Lord Hartington in answer to Mr A. O'Connor, stated that vaccination had acted most successfully in protecting soldiers from small-pox, and it was not his intention to abolish or modify the regulation requiring the vaccination of recruits. In reply to Mr Dawney, Lord Hartington said he proposed as soon as possible after the closing of the session to examine carefully the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Army Hospital services, with a view to considering how far its recomendations should be adopted. He could not undertake, however, that no steps would be taken in reference to particular recommendations until the House had an opportunity of discussing it. In reply to Mr J. Collings, Mr Childers said the Government could not see their way to propose an additional vote of £55,000 to make up £90,000, the total amount of purchase money necessary to secure to the nation the whole of the Ashburnham collection, with the exception of the library. Replying to Sir E. Wilmot, Mr Gladstone said the question put to him was whether there was a state of things that would lead the Government to support a ship canal across the Isthmus of Suez, and what he had to say was that no project of that kind could be said to be before the Government. In reply to Sir H. D. Wolff, Mr Gladstone stated that the Government had received a letter from the English directors of the Suez Canal in reference to what took place at their meeting relating to the letter addressed by M. de Lesseps to Mr Gladstone, but he did not think it desirable to produce it. In answer to Sir W. M'Arthur, Lord E. Fitzmaurice stated that no appointment of a Consul-General had been made at Madagascar, but the Government had appointed Mr G. Annesley, Consul at Surmam, as successor to Mr Parkenham. Replying to Sir W. Barttelot, Lord Hartington stated that the Army Estimates would be taken after the Civil Service Estimates are concluded. Mr Gladstone stated that the Scotch Local Government Bill would be the first order for to-day (Wednesday). The Parliamentary Registration (Ireland) Bill and the Bankruptcy Bill was afterwards considered.

THE NORTH-COUNTRY PAUPER ROLL, AND PAUPER MAINTENANCE.

From an official return just issued, giving the state of pauperism in England and Wales at midsummer, as compared with Christmas, we take the following:—

Durham.—In this county, with a population of 774,507, there were 3,295 in-door paupers at midsummer, against 3,614 at Christmas. Of the former, 139 males, 310 females, and 365 children were able-bodied, against 173 males, 391 females, and 474 children. The not able-bodied numbered 814 males, 429 females, and 829 children, against 967 males, 452 females, and 828 children. There were 83 males, 126 females, and 14 children idiots, lunatics, &c., against 84 males, 128 females, and 11 children. The out-door paupers numbered 16,749, against 16,818. Of the former, 408 males, 2,321 females, and 6,389 children were able-bodied, against 407 males, 2,365 females, and 6,388 children. There were 1,573 males, 4,012 females, and 990 children not able-bodied, against 1,571 males, 4,023 females, and 990 children. The idiots, lunatics, &c., numbered 555 males, 496 females, and 4 children, against 561 males, 487 females, and 7 children.

A further return shows the cost of the maintenance of paupers during the year 1882 as compared with those of the previous return:—

Durham.—In this union the in-maintenance cost £1,822, against £1, 827, and the out-relief, £4,911, against £5,035.

Weardale.—In this union the in-maintenance cost £647, against £626, and the out-relief £3,068, against £3,143.

Lanchester.—In this union the in-maintenance cost £1,779, against £1,723, and the out-relief, £3,241, against £3,283.

Chester-le-Street.—In this union the in-maintenance cost £861, against £850, and the out-relief, £2, 833, against £2,845.

Gateshead.—In this union the in-maintenance cost £4,338, against £4,332, and the out-relief, £9,308, against £9,523.

PRESENTATION TO A SHOTLEY BRIDGE GENTLEMAN.

On Sunday se'nnight the anniversary of the Gawber United Methodist Free Church Sunday school was held. In the afternoon a service of song, entitled, "Gems from the life of John Ashworth," was given by the Buckley-street Primitive Methodist choir. Mr J. E. McLintock presided, and the chapel was quite filled. Mr H. Swift conducted, Mr Littlewood presided at the harmonium, and the Rev. F. Raine read the story. In the evening a sermon was preached to a large congregation, by the Rev. F. Raine, Barnsley. Special hymns were sung by the choir and children, and recitations were given by the scholars. On Monday afternoon a goodly number of persons pratook of an excellent tea, after which the scholars enjoyed themselves in a field, kindly lent by Mr C. Jepson, for whom three hearty cheers were given. In the evening a numerously-attended public meeting was held in the chapel. Mr W. Gaimster, Barnsley, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by the Rev. F. Raine, Messrs W. Gelder, J. Charlesworth, and J. Machen. The first part of the evening's proceedings was taken up in presenting the Rev. F. Raine with his portrait. The testimonial, which is a splendid specimen of the photographer's art, is from the studio of Mr Rushforth, Barnsley, and has been artistically executed for him by the London Autotype Company. It is encased in a gold frame, with the following inscription printed on the mount:—"Presented to the Rev. F. Raine (on the occasion of his leaving Barnsley) by the members, teachers, and scholars of the United Methodist Free Church, Gawber, in recognition of his valuable services in connection with the above church, during his three years' appointment in the Barnsley Circuit. July 31st, 1883. E. Gelder, class-leader; J. Gill, superintendent; G. Abbott, secretary."

Mr Gelder, who was called upon to make the presentation, stated that their meeting to him partook of a painful, and, yet in some measure, a pleasing character. They were about to lose the services of a gentleman for whom he had not a high regard and esteem merely, but the strongest feeling of attachment and affection. He had painful recollections of Mr Raine's advent to the Barnsley Circuit three years ago. During the whole of Mr Raine's stay in their midst, he had manifested the deepest interest in the welfare of their church, and had conducted the whole of the anniversary services as well as getting up concerts, entertainments, and tea meetings for the church funds. Had it not been for the special attention and encouragement they had received from Mr Raine, they would have been compelled to close the chapel. However, the school was now fairly prosperous, and if there were only "five righteous persons" in the place their souls were precious in the Saviour's sight. (Applause.) Many young ministers devoted the most of their spare time to the larger and more important parts of the circuit, but he could assure them, that no one had ever laboured with such tireless activity for the Gawber church as Mr Raine had done. The members, teachers, and scholars deeply regretted that he was about to leave them, and they had determined to evidence their appreciation of his labours by presenting him with what he hoped would always remind him of his association with Gawber.

Messrs J. Charlesworth and J. Machen, Barnsley, also bore testimony to Mr Raine's usefulness both in the town and country churches.

On rising to acknowledge the testimonial, Mr Raine seemed visibly affected, and was received with enthusiastic and vociferous applause. He thanked the friends for the unmistakeable and practical proof of their appreciation of his services with which they had furnished him, and assured them that nothing would please his mother more than to look upon the presentation they had made him, and also to know the manner in which he had become possessed of it. In reviewing his three years' ministry in the circuit, he stated that during the united services a series of concerts and tea meetings had been held in the country places, and resulted in a little over £70 extra being paid to the quarter board. A connexional grant had also been dispensed with, and both the ministers' stipends had been increased, and, notwithstanding the large number of members who had removed from the circuit, they had a good increase in the membership. Apart from any financial benefits accruing from concerts and social tea meetings, he believed that they proved remarkably conducive to the prosperity of the churches in the country, and had been the means of attracting many to their regular services who otherwise would never have been induced to attend.

Special hymns were sung by the choir, and several recitations were also given during the evening, and one of the most memorable meetings in connection with the Gawber Free Church terminated.

On Thursday evening, Mr Raine was entertained to supper by the Barnsley Temperance Committee, and on Sunday evening preached his farewell sermon to a very large congregation in Blucher Street Church, many of the country people having come in to the service, and nearly all the churches in the town were represented. The text was Phil. i. 27; the anthem was "They have washed their robes," and many of the friends were visibly affected.

On Tuesday evening, Mr Raine was presented with a handsome mounted inkstand with silver, and suitable inscription from his Blucher Street friends, together with a splendidly illuminated portrait album by Mr Councillor Lingard, proprietor of the *Barnsley Chronicle*. Mr Raine had been privately presented with a superb dressing gown by Mr Councillor McLintock, together with several valuably books from the members of the congregation.—Abridged from the *Barnsley Chronicle*.

Sudden Death at Stanhope. — On Monday afternoon, Geo Bainbridge, of Stanhope, platelayer, died suddenly near a cabin near Stanhope. Deceased was seventy-two years of age, and a very old servant on the railway, having gone on the Stanhope and Tyne Railway fifty-one years ago.

Alleged Breach of Horse Warranty.—At Wolsingham County Court, on Saturday, before Mr Meynell, John Watson, farmer, Witton-le-Wear, and Joseph Wilson, innkeeper, St. John's Chapel, sued Joseph Egglestone, farmer, Huntshieldford, for £12 6s, the loss sustained in the purchase of a horse of defendant, who, it was alleged, had warranted it quiet to ride and drive in all gear. The horse was bought for £26 15s by plaintiff, who sold him by public auction for £30. Watson stated that the horse was warranted that it would suit, whilst Wilson swore that the words used were that it was "like suiting." His Honour held that as it stood he could not take either statements as a guarantee, and entered a non-suit. The case has created a good deal of interest in the dale.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SHOW AT GATESHEAD.

The annual exhibition of cattle, sheep, horses, &c., in connection with the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society was held yesterday, in fields adjacent to Saltwell Park, Gateshead. The fields, though some little distance out of the town, were by no means so far away as to be in any sense difficult of access. They formed a spacious and convenient show ground, and, situated on the east side of the Team Valley, they afforded, or rather would have afforded, had the atmosphere been clearer, an agreeable view of the ornamental grounds of which the people of Gateshead are justly proud, and the beautiful estate of Ravensworth, on the opposite side of the stream which lends its name to the valley. The entries were fewer in number than at the last of the society's shows at Gateshead and also of subsequent exhibitions, but they were still numerous and afforded a good representation, alike in quality as in numbers, of the various classes of animals usually shown at affairs of this kind. The arrangements of the show-yard were such as only experience could suggest. The management was excellent, not only in respect to the arrangements made, but also in respect to the faithful manner in which they were carried out. To the energetic secretaries (Mr J. Richards, Beamish, and Mr George Ridley, Stanley) especially, and also to the local secretaries (Mr T. Pearson and Mr J. G. Smith, Gateshead) and the committee, too much credit cannot be given for the zealous manner in which they threw themselves into their work, and the geniality and courtesy which remained unimpaired throughout the day, notwithstanding the frequent annoyances to which persons holding an official position in connection with such undertakings are subject. The society may be congratulated upon the hearty manner in which tradesmen and other inhabitants of Gateshead came forward and rendered assistance, pecuniary and otherwise, and the town may be congratulated upon the public spirit it displayed on the occasion. The premiums offered for competition amounted to £404 14s, and these produced 507 entries. The following table compares the number with those at previous shows:—

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Horses.	Donkeys.	Pigs.	Butter and Eggs.	Poultry.	Dogs.	Implements.	Other Prizes	Total
1873	49	30	70	—	18	20	54	173	—	15	438
1874	55	46	188	5	17	42	46	325	—	18	742
1875	53	44	142	7	15	20	35	255	—	—	571
1876	75	56	117	4	18	16	54	181	—	—	521
1877	50	34	144	2	12	24	57	202	—	—	525
1878	48	33	177	7	15	25	78	200	7	—	590
1879	71	29	164	4	26	47	83	288	12	—	671
1880	50	52	125	5	20	29	80	219	59	14	656
1881	39	34	125	3	24	60	63	189	7	4	539
1882	53	34	131	4	23	35	66	225	11	3	585
1883	43	36	125	2	16	40	36	196	11	—	507

In 1873 the society held the show at Lamesley; 1874, Shotley Bridge; 1875, Birtley; 1876, Whickham; 1877, Shotley Bridge; 1878, Chester-le-Street; 1879, Gateshead; 1880, Shotley Bridge; 1881 Lanchester; 1882, Chester-le-Street.

It will be noticed that the number of exhibits is 164 less than in 1869, when the society previously visited Gateshead, 149 less than in the succeeding year at Shotley Bridge, 32 less than at Lanchester in 1881, and 68 less than last year at Chester-le-Street. However, though there is this diminution in numbers, the quality of the animals submitted to the judges was quite up to former years, and altogether the show was a very satisfactory one in all except the attendance of the public, which was more or less limited by a heavy downpour of rain which continued during the major part of the day, with only one or two brief intervals.

The following were the judges:—Cattle, sheep, and pigs: Mr John Heppell, Stelling Farm, Stocksfield; Mr Robert Herritt, Kirkwhelpington; Mr Jno. Angus, Whitefield, Morpeth. Draught horses: Mr George Wilkinson, East Herrington, Sunderland; Mr John Heslop, Heddon Banks, Wylam-on-Tyne; Mr John Heslop, Newbottle, Fence Houses. Horses for the field and road: Mr Richard C. Forster, White House, Heworth; Mr Jacob W. Annett, Togston, Acklington; Mr J. B. Nesbit, Bowes House, Fence Houses. Butter and eggs: Mrs Caris, Gateshead; Mrs Crozier, Gateshead. Poultry: Mr G. Wilson, Crook, Darlington. Implements. Mr John Dodds, Springwell, Gateshead; Mr George Burnett, Washington; Mr R. B. Forbes, Picktree, Chester-le-Street. Dogs: Mr J. D. Caris, Gateshead; Mr James Hedley, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr Alan Greenwell, Bow Lane, Durham.

SHORTHORNED CATTLE.

Bulls, above two years old, 1st, £10 10s, Mr J. Swan, Bedlington; 2nd, £3 3s, Mr Wm. Dodds, Mill Farm, Ponteland.

Bulls, above one year and under two years old. 1st, £5 5s, Mr George Heppell, Newfield, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £3 Messrs W. J. Taylor and Co., 1, Sandhill, Newcastle.

Bull calves, under two months old, 1st, £3 3s, and 2nd, £1 10s, Messrs John Annandale and Sons, Lintz Green.

Cows, in calf or milk, 1st, £5 5s, Mr Jos. Pumphrey, Elm Park, Shotley Bridge; 2nd, £2 10s, Messrs John Annandale and Sons, Lintzford; 3rd, £1 10s, Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, Woodlands Hall, Consett.

Heifers in calf or milk, above two and under three years old, 1st, £5 5s, Mr George Thompson, Hedley West House, Marley Hill; 2nd, £2, Mr R. Laycock, Winlaton.

Heifers above one and under two years old, 1st, £5 5s, Mr Joseph Pumphrey, Elm Park, Shotley Bridge; 2nd, £2, Mr Henry Potts, Harbour House, Chester-le-Street.

Heifer calves under 12 months old, 1st £3, Messrs J. Annandale and Sons, Lintzford; 2nd, £1 10s, Mr Wm. Forster, Tyneside Terrace, Newcastle.

Cows of any breed for dairy purposes, 1st, £5 5s, Mr John Clark, High Crown Inn, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £2 2s, Mr Wm. Forster, Tyneside Terrace, Newcastle; 3rd, £1 1s, Mr Thomas Pattinson, Derwent Crook, Gateshead.

Grazing steers or heifers of any breed under two years and six months old, 1st, £3 3s, and 2nd, £1 1s, Mr John Kirkup, Pelton House, Chester-le-Street.

LEICESTER SHEEP.

Aged tups, 1st, £4 4s, and £2 2s, The Right Hon. the Earl of Durham, Bowes House Farm, Fence Houses

Shearling tups, 1st, £4 4s, Mr Thos. White, Fotherley Buildings, Riding Mill; 2nd, £2, Mr Thomas Simpson, High Bradley, Medomsley; 3rd, £1, Mr Joseph Jewitt, Mickley Grange, Stocksfield.

Tup Lambs, 1st, £3 10s, Mr Nicholas White, Hedley West Riding, Stocksfield. 2nd, £1 10s, Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, Woodlands Hall, Consett.

Pens of three ewes that have reared lambs this season, 1st, £4 4s, Messrs John Annandale and Sons; Lintzford; 2nd, £2, and 3rd, £1, Mr E. Hutchinson, Lanchester.

Pens of three shearling gimmers, 1st, £3. Messrs J. Annandale and Sons, Lintzford; 2nd £1 10s, Mr Nicholas White, Hedley West Riding, Stocksfield.

Pens of three gimmer lambs, 1st £3, The Right Hon. the Earl of Durham, Bowes House Farm, Fence Houses; 2nd, £1 10s, Mr Nicholas White, Hedley West Riding, Stocksfield.

Pens of three ewes of any other breed or cross breed that have reared lambs this season, 1st, £3, The Right Hon. the Earl of Durham, Bowes House Farm, Fence Houses; 2nd. £1, Messrs James Joicey and Co., Pelton Farm Chester-le-Street.

HORSES FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Brood mares with a foal at foot or in foal at time of show, 1st, £10, the Marquess of Londonderry, Seaham Hall, Seaham Harbour; 2nd, £4, Mr Edward Charlton, Shaw House, Stocksfield-on-Tyne.

Brood mares with a foal at foot or in foal at time of show, for tenant farmers only, 1st, £5 5s; and 2nd, £3, Mr George Turnbull, Twizel Hall, Chester-le-Street; 3rd, £1 10s, Mr J. J. Hutchinson, Eden Hill, Chester-le-Street.

Pair of dray or draught mares or geldings, 1st, £10 10s; Mr E. Charlton, Shaw House, Stocksfield; 2nd, £4, the Marquess of Londonderry, Seaham Hall, Seaham Harbour; 3rd, £2, Mr Richard Laycock, Winlaton, Blaydon;

Pair of draught mares or geldings, for tenant farmers only, 1st, £5, Mr Charles Charlton, East Denton Hall Farm, Newcastle; 2nd Mr G. Turnbull, Twizel Hall, Chester-le-Street.

Mares or Geldings of any age, suitable for dray or draught purposes, 1st, £5 5s, Mr Richard Laycock, Winlaton, Blaydon; 2nd, £2, Mr C. Charlton, East Denton Hall Farm, Newcastle.

Geldings, three year olds, 1st, £3 3s, Mr R. Laycock, Winlaton, Blaydon; 2nd, £2 2s, Mr W. R. Rutherford, Pelton East House, Chester-le-Street.

Fillies, three years old, 1st, £3 3s, Messrs the Tenants of Marley Hill Farm, Gateshead: 2nd, £2 2s, Mr John Dodd, Hollin Hill, Rowlands Gill, "Meg."

Geldings, two years old, 1st, £3, Mr Richard Laycock, Winlaton, Blaydon; 2nd, £2, Mr Henry Potts, Harbour House, Chester-le-Street.

Fillies, two years old, 1st, £3, Mr Thos. Hall, Fatfield House, Washington Station; 2nd, £2, Messrs the Birtley Iron Company, Ouston Farm, Chester-le-Street; c, Mr Richard Laycock, Winlaton, Blaydon.

Geldings, one year old. 1st, £3, Mr John Hunter, Medomsley Grange, Lintz Green; 2nd, £2, Mr Robert Armstrong, Mountsett, Lintz Green; c, Messrs the Tenants of Marley Hill Farm, Gateshead.

Fillies, one year old. 1st, £3, Mr George Turnbull, Twizell Hall, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £2, Mr Richard Laycock, Winlaton, Blaydon.

Colt foals, 1st, £2 2s, Mr Thos. Hall, Fatfield House, Washington Station; 2nd, £1, Messrs Jas. Joicey and Co., Pelton Farm, Chester-le-Street, "King."

Filly foals, 1st, £2 2s, Messrs the Birtley Iron Company. Ouston Farm, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £1, Mr G. Turnbull, Twizell Hall, Chester-le-Street.

Foals by "Sovereign," prize, £3 3s, Mr Thomas Hall, Fatfield House, Washington Station, h c, Messrs James Joicey and Co., Pelton Farm, Chester-le-Street; c, Mr G. Turnbull, Twizell Hall, Chester-le-Street.

HORSES FOR THE FIELD AND ROAD.

Hunters, mares or geldings, equal to carry 12 stones, 1st, £7 7s, Mr M. Liddell, Sandhoe High House, Hexham, "Banker," 2nd, £3 3s, Mr W. M. Renton, M.D., Orchard House, Shotley Bridge, "Farquin;" h c, Messrs Spraggon, Nafferton, Stocksfield.

Hackneys, suitable for a lady, 1st, the Ladies' Subscription Cup, value £5 5s, Mr Arthur Kidson, Grey Road, Sunderland, "Lady Bella;" 2nd, £2 2s, Mr M. Lister, Bishop Auckland; h c, Mr M. Wright, Charlton, Bellingham, "Lucy."

Hackneys, mares or geldings, 1st, £5 5s, Mr John Lawson, Gateshead, "Pincher;" 2nd, £2 2s, Mr N. Clark, Beamish Park, Chester-le-Street, "Rory."

Cobs or ponies, not exceeding 14 hands, 1st, £5 5s, Mr Wm. Gregory, Bishop Auckland, "Lady Burdett;" 2nd, £2 2s, Mr M. Lister, Bishop Auckland.

Ponies, not exceeding 12 hands, 1st, £3 3s, Mr M. Lister, Bishop Auckland; 2nd, £1 1s, Mr Farquhar M. Laing, Farnley Grange, Corbridge, "Sunbeam."

Harness Horses, of either sex, to be driven in the presence of the judges, 1st, £5 5s, Mr F. Stevens, Western Hill, Durham, "Quicksilver;" 2nd £2 2s, Mr Herbert E. Coxon, St. Mary's Mount, Newcastle, "Varro."

Mares or geldings that leap the fences most to the satisfaction of the judges, 1st, £7 7s, Mr J. Hopper, Langley Moor, Durham, "Jessie Mowbray;" 2nd, £3 3s, Mr Thomas Forster, Stanley, Chester-le-Street, "Billy."

Donkeys, mares or geldings, 1st, £1 10s, Master N. Buglass, 26, Little Blagdon Street, Newcastle, "Tom;" 2nd, 15s, Mr A. Errington, Chopwell Hall Farm, Lintz Green, "Skipping Jinny."

SWINE.

Boars of any breed, 1st, £3 3s, Mr Joseph Robinson, South Benwell, Newcastle; 2nd, £1 10s, Mr F. Jackson, Pit Hill, Chester-le-Street.

Sows of any breed, in pig, 1st, £3 3s, and 2nd, £1 10s, Mr Jos Robinson, South Benwell, Newcastle.

Sows of any breed, with litter of pigs under ten weeks old, 1st, £3 3s, Mr Wm. Armstrong, Pelaw House, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £1 10s, Mr John Aitchison, Team Valley Lane, Bensham.

Fat pigs in the district of the society 1st, £3, Mr N. Clark, Beamish Park, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £2, and 3rd, £1, Mr Jos. Robinson, South Benwell, Newcastle.

BUTTER.

Two pounds of fresh butter in half-pound prints, 1st, £1 10s, Mr J. Moody, Mill Shields, Riding Mill; 2nd, £1, Mrs Hutchinson, Urpeth Mill, Chester-le-Street; 3rd, 10s, Mr J. Hutchinson, Easington, Castle Eden.

Two pounds of fresh butter in artistically displayed devices, 1st, £1 10s, Miss Maggie Hedley, Hole Mill, Woodburn; 2nd, £1, Mrs Bell, Whittle Dean Cottage, Stocksfield.

EGGS.

Basket of not less than 12 eggs, 1st, 10s, Mr James Moody, Mill Shields; Riding Mill; 2nd, 5s, Mrs H. Dales, Brick Lane, Low Fell; 3rd, 2s 6d, Mrs Dodd, Hollin Hill, Rowlands Gill.

POULTRY.

Cochins. 1st, 15s, and 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham; 3rd, Mr John T. Sanders, High School for Boys, Gateshead. Brahmas, 1st, 15s, Mr Robert Swalwell, Gateshead; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr John T. Sanders, High School for Boys, Gateshead. Dorkins or Spanish, 1st, 15s, Mr R. Miller, Railway Cottages, Coxhoe; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Thomas Shield, Swalwell, Gateshead. Any variety of game, 1st, 15s, Mr R. S. Southeran, Northallerton; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr J. Dargue, Blue Hill Cottages, Crook; 3rd, 2s 6d, Mr John Johnson, Sheriff Hill Colliery, Gateshead. Any variety of Hamburgs, 1st, 15s, Messrs T. and G. Kidson, 62, Richardson Street, Middlesbrough; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr G. Holmes, Great Driffield. Any other variety of poultry, 1st, 15s, Mr John Dargue, Blue Hill Cottages, Crook; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr J. Christison, Tow Law; 3rd, 2s 6d, Mr John Caldcleugh, Sadler Street, Durham. Any variety of poultry except game bantams, single birds, cocks, 1st, 15s, Mr G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham. Any variety of poultry except game bantams, single birds, hens, 1st, 15s, Mr G. Proctor, Flass House, Durham; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr John Christison, Tow Law. Turkeys, 1st, 15s, and 7s 6d, Mr George Bulman, Lustrum House, Norton Road, Stockton. Geese, 1st, 15s, Mr George Hobson, Harperley Mill, Lintz Green: 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr W. Bearpark, Ainderby Cottage, Northallerton; 3rd, 2s 6d, Mr Geo Bulman, Lustrum House, Norton Road, Stockton. Rouen ducks, 1st, 15s, Mr W. Berrpark, Ainderby Cottage, Northallerton; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Geo Pounder, Kirby Moorside, York; 3rd, 2s 6d, Mr G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham. Aylesbury or Pekin ducks, 1st, 15s, Mr Joseph Hall, Holmside, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr George Barker, Broad Meadows, Stanhope. Any variety of cross-bred ducks, 2st, 15s, Mr George Pounder, Kirby Moorside, York, 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Matthew Clark, Crawcrook, Ryton; 3rd, 2s 6d, Messrs Finkle and Stelling, White House, Northallerton. Selling class, price not to exceed 40s, cock and hen, cockerel and pullet, or drake and duck of any variety, 1st, 15s, Mr John Dargue, Blue Hill Cottages, Crook.

DOGS.

Rough-haired shepherds dogs. 1st, £2, Mr Simon Dodd, Rouchester, Wark-on-Tyne; 2nd, £1, Mr W. Atkinson, Winlaton, Blaydon.

Rough-haired shepherds' bitches, 1st, £2, Mr William Smith, Cleadon, Sunderland; 2nd, £1, Miss Lightfoot, The Avenue, Durham.

Smooth-haired shepherds' dogs, 1st, £2, Mr Edward Wylam, Lanchester; 2nd, £1, Mr Thomas Patterson, Easington, Castle Eden.

Smooth-haired Shepherds' bitches, 1st, £2, Mr Tom B. Swinburne, Darlington; 2nd, £1, Mr Enoch Hutton, Columbarian House, Pudsey.

Pointer dogs, 1st, £2, Mr John Shorthose, Newcastle-on-Tyne; 2nd, £1, Mr J. E. Crofts, Muncaster House, York.

Pointer bitches, 1st, £2, Mr J. E. Crofts, Muncaster House, York; 2nd, £1, Mr Charles Drury, Aldin Grange, Durham.

Black and tan setter dogs, 1st, £2, Mr John Shorthose, Newcastle.

Setter dogs, other than black and tan, 1st, £2, Mr J. Shorthose, Newcastle.

Setter bitches, other than black and tan, 1st, £2, Mr John Shorthose, Newcastle.

Retriever dogs or bitches 1st, £2, Mr J. E. Crofts, Muncaster House, York; 2nd, £1, Mr Wm. Rodham, Cheeseburn Grange, Stamfordham.

Greyhound dogs, 1st, £2 and cup, Mrs R. Clark, Buller's Green Mills, Morpeth; 2nd, £1, Mr Edward, Dent, Shortflatt Tower, Belsay.

Greyhound bitches, 1st, £2, Mr T. B. Swinburne, Darlington; 2nd, £1, Mr J. G. Dixon, Wansbeck Place, Morpeth.

Greyhound dogs or bitches, pupped in 1882, 1st, £2, and 2nd, £1, Mr Edward Dent, Shortflatt Tower, Belsay.

Smooth-haired fox-terrier dogs, 1st, £2, Mr P. H. Chapman, Silksworth Hall, Sunderland; 2nd, £1, Mr G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham.

Smooth-haired fox-terrier bitches, 1st, £1, Mr J. E. Crofts, Muncaster House, York; 2nd, £1, Mr G. H. Proctor, Flass House, Durham.

Wire-haired fox-terrier dogs, 1st, £1. Mr Geo. Renton, M.D., Viewlands, Blackhill; 2nd, £1, Mr A. P. Stoker, Birtley, Chester-le-Street

Wire-haired fox-terrier bitches, 1st, £2, Messrs Maxwell and Cassel, Croft House, Croft; 2nd, £1, Mr A. P. Stoker, Birtley, Chester-le-Street.

Black and tan terrier dogs or bitches, 1st, £2, Mr J. E. Crofts, Muncaster House, York.

Bedlington terrier dogs, any colour, 1st, £2 and medal, Mr Nicholas Wilson, Humbert Street, Jarrow; 2nd, £1, Mr D. Ross, North Frederick Street Glasgow.

Bedlington terrier bitches, any colour, 1st, £2, Mr A. Armstrong, Bacchus Inn, Newgate Street, Newcastle; 2nd, £1, Mr H. Burnett Watson, Millfield House, Newcastle.

Bull terrier dogs or bitches, any weight, 1st, £2, Messrs. Whittingham and Scott, Eskdale Street, Darlington; 2nd, £1, Mr H. Burnett Watson, Millfield House, Newcastle.

Mastiff Dog, 2nd, £1, Mr George Gill, Trevelyan Lee, Gateshead.

Mastiff bitches, 1st, £2, Mr George Renton, M.D., Viewlands, Blackhill; 2nd, £1, Mr John Todd, M.C.R.S., Walker Terrace, Gateshead.

St. Bernard's dogs, any variety, 1st, £2, Mr Sydney W. Smith, York Road, Leeds; 2nd, £1, Mr Isaac Winter, Roker Avenue, Sunderland.

St. Bernard's bitches, any variety, 1st, £2, Mr Sydney W. Smith, York Road, Leeds; 2nd £1, Mr T. Everitt Low Friar Street, Newcastle.

Dogs or bitches of any breed not classed over 30lb weight, 1st, £2, Mr John Harrison, West Street, Gateshead; 2nd, £1, Messrs Maxwell, and Cassel, Croft House, Croft; 3rd, 10s, Mr Enoch Hutton, Columbarian House, Pudsey.

Dogs or bitches of any breed not classed under 30lb weight, 1st, £2, Mr E. Hutton, Columbarian House, Pudsey; 2nd, £1, Mr H. Stephenson, Park Road, Newcastle.

Pointer puppies, under 12 months old, 1st, Mr J. R. Henderson, West Pelton, Chester-le-Street.

Any variety of puppy under 12 months old, 1st, Messrs. Maxwell and Cassel, Croft House, Croft, deerhound; 2nd, Mr G. Renton, M.D., Viewlands, Blackhill, mastiff.

FLOWER SHOW AT KYO.

The fifteenth annual exhibition of plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables, under the auspices of Kyo Floral and Horticultural Society, was held in a field belonging to Mr Irwin, of Catchgate, on Saturday last. This being the first show of the season in that particular district, it was looked forward to with great interest, and the day being exceedingly propitious, crowds of people from the adjacent villages wended their way to the field. There were 500 stands exhibited in a spacious pavilion, and considering that the season is somewhat early, the exhibits were indeed creditable, reflecting greatly on the industry of the working people of the neighbourhood in getting up their exhibits to such a degree as to make the show even a greater success than last year. The judges for flowers, plants, and vegetables, were Mr Stoddart, gardener to T. T. Smith, Esq.; Mr Tewdale, gardener to Geo. Humble, Esq.; and Mr Atkinson, seedsman, Winlaton. Farmer's class, Mr Hobson, Harperley Mills. Butter and eggs, Mrs Hobson, Harperley Mills, and Mrs Turnbull, Springfield House. The judges' awards were received with the greatest satisfaction, and we here append a complete

PRIZE LIST.

AMATEUR'S CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, dissimilar, in bloom —1st John Scott; 2nd R. Kirsopp; 3rd Wm. Ambler.

One pot of liliums—1st R. Kirsopp.

Two fuschias, dissimilar—1st R. Kirsopp; 2nd C. Holmes.

Two petunias, dissimilar—1st John Scott, 2nd R. Kirsopp.

Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1st Wm. Ambler.

Two tricolor geraniums, dissimilar—1st Joseph Robinson.

Two balsams—1st R. Kirsopp.

Two foliage plants—1st Wm. Ambler; 2nd J. Robinson; 3rd C. Holmes.

Best three ferns, dissimilar—1st J. Robinson; 2nd R. Kirsopp; 3rd Wm. Ambler.

Best window plant (to be grown in window)—1st R. Wheatley.

Four stands of cut flowers, hardy and half-hardy—1st R. Kirsopp.

Best six bloom roses—1st R. Kirsopp; 2nd Joseph Robinson.

Six globe asters, four dissimilar—1st John Ward.

Six French marigolds—1st J. Ward.

Twelve show pansies, six dissimilar—1st John Ward; 2nd J. Robinson.

Twelve fancy pansies, six dissimilar—1st J. Robinson; 2nd J. Ward.

Four stands of cut flowers—Jos. Robinson; 2nd R. Kirsopp; 3rd J. Scott.

Four stocks, dissimilar—1st John Scott; 2nd John Anderson.

FRUITS.

Basket of fruit—1st G. R. Hobson; 2nd Thomas Ridley.

Six kitchen apples—1st G. R. Hobson; 2nd Thomas Ridley.

Six dessert apples—1st G. R. Hobson.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1st G. R. Hobson; 2nd Thomas Ridley.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Thos. Ridley.

Pint of white currants—1st Wm. Armstrong.

Pint of red currants—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Thos. Ridley.

Pint of black currants—1st C. Holmes; 2nd John Scott.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes (white)—1st J. Wilson; 2nd Jos. Robinson.

Six kidney potatoes (coloured)—1st J. Robinson; 2nd M. Bates.

Six round potatoes (white)—1st J. Robinson; 2nd J. Ward.

Six round potatoes (coloured)—1st John Ward; 2nd Jos. Robinson.

Two cucumbers—1st Wm. Ambler; 2nd C. Holmes.

Three turnips—1st J. Ward; 2nd R. Kirsopp.

Six summer onions (shown as grown)—1st J. Ward.

Six winter onions (shown as grown)—1st Thomas Ridley; 2nd M. Bates.

Three leeks—1st J. Scott; 2nd W. Richardson.

Three carrots—1st Jas. Wilson; 2nd W. Richardson.

Three parsnips—1st J. Wilson; 2nd Jos. Ward.

Three roots of red beet—1st Jas. Wilson; 2nd John Ward.

Two plants of celery—1st Joseph Ward; 2nd George Murray.

One early cabbage—1st John Anderson; 2nd James Wilson.

One savoy cabbage—1st John Anderson.

One cauliflower—1st P.C. Minto; 2nd G. R. Hobson.

Twelve pods of beans—1st George Murray; 2nd Jos. Ward.

Twelve pods of peas—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd G. R. Hobson.

Best twelve eschalots—1st Thomas Ridley; 2nd Jas. Wilson.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1st John Ward; 2nd G. R. Hobson.

Collection of vegetables—1st Geo. Murray; 2nd John Ward; 3rd Joseph Robinson.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Best six ears of white wheat—1st W. Rutherford.

Best six ears of red wheat—1st W. Rutherford.

Best six ears of barley—1st W. Rutherford.

Best six ears of early oats (short)—1st W. Rutherford.

Best six ears of Tartar oats—1st W. Rutherford.

Best three Swede turnips—1st W. Rutherford.

Best three white turnips—1st W. Rutherford.

Best six white potatoes—1st W. Rutherford.

Best six hen eggs—1st Wm. Rutherford; 2nd Jos. Lumley.

Best pound of butter, to be salted—1st S. Dart; 2nd Mrs Wilson; 3rd, John Scott.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

FLOWERS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom—1st Joseph Robinson; 2nd John Scott; 3rd R. Kirsopp.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1st Joseph Robinson; 2nd Wm Armstrong.

One light fuchsia—1st Joseph Robinson; 2nd R. Kirsopp.

One dark fuchsia—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd Wm. Ambler.

Three cut roses—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd John Ward.

One pot of liliums—1st Jos. Robinson.

Two zonales, in pots—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd John Scott.

One tricolor geranium—1st Jos. Robinson.

One double scarlet geranium—1st George Ledger; 2nd Wm. Ambler.

One balsam—1st R. Kirsopp; 2nd Jos. Robinson.

Best window plant (to be grown in window)—1st R. Wheatley; 2nd R. Johnson; 3rd R. Holmes.

Two cockscombs—1st Geo. Ledger.

Six spikes of antirrhinums—1st Wm. Armstrong.

Six globe asters, three dissimilar—1st Geo. Ledger.

Pink geranium (extra award)—1st John Scott.

Six French marigolds—1st Geo. Ledger; 2nd Joseph Robinson.

Six African marigolds—1st Geo. Ledger.

Four stocks, dissimilar—1st John Scott; 2nd R. Wheatley.

Six pansies, dissimilar—1st John Ward; 2nd Joseph Ward.

Six fancy pansies, dissimilar—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd John Ward; 3rd R. Kirsopp.

Six picotees, three dissimilar—1st R. Wheatley.

FRUITS.

Six kitchen apples—1st Thos. Ridley.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Thos. Ridley.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Geo. Ledger.

Pint of white currants—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Geo. Ledger.

Pint of red currants—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Thos. Ridley.

Pint of black currants—1st George Ledger; 2nd C. Holmes.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes (white)—1st John Scott; 2nd Jos. Robinson.

Six kidney potatoes (coloured)—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd John Scott.

Six round potatoes (white)—1st Jos. Robinson; 2nd John Scott.

Six round potatoes (coloured)—1st John Scott; 2nd Jos. Robinson.

Two cucumbers—1st Wm. Ambler.

Three early turnips—1st John Ward; 2nd James Wilson.

Six summer onions—1st J. Ward; 2nd J. Robinson.

Six winter onions—1st Thomas Ridley; 2nd James Wilson.

Three leeks—1st John Scott; 2nd M. Bates; 3rd Geo. Ledger.

Three carrots—1st Jas. Wilson; 2nd Jos. Ward.

Three parsnips—1st Jas. Wilson; 2nd Jos. Ward.

Three roots of beet—1st John Ward; 2nd James Wilson.

Two plants of celery—1st Joseph Ward; 2nd John Scott.

One early cabbage—1st George Ledger; 2nd Wilson Richardson.

One savoy cabbage—1st Geo. Ledger.

One cauliflower—1st Jas. Wilson; 2nd P.C. Minto.

Twelve pods of beans—1st Wm. Armstrong; 2nd Thos. Ridley.

Twelve pods of peas—1st Wm. Ambler; 2nd John Ward.

Twelve eschalots—1st Thomas Ridley; 2nd John Ward.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1st Geo. Ledger; 2nd R. Holmes.

Best collection of vegetables—1st Jas. Wilson; 2nd John Ward; 3rd Jos. Robinson.

SPECIAL PRIZE LIST.

(OPEN TO AMATEURS AND COTTAGERS).

A miscellaneous group of plants arranged for effect not to exceed 5ft. by 4ft.—1st Joseph Robinson, £1 1s; 2nd C. Holmes, 10s 6d; 3rd Wm. Ambler, 5s.

For collection of vegetables, six distinct varieties—1st John Ward, 5s; 2nd Jos. Robinson, 3s 6d.

Best three stalks of rhubarb and six onions—1st, preserving pan, G. R. Hobson; 2nd J. Wade.

Best three parsnips—1st J. Wilson, 2s 6d; 2nd M. Bates.

Collection of vegetables, six varieties, two of each kind—1st M. Bates, leg of mutton; 2nd G. Murray.

Basket of flowers, not to exceed 9 in.—1st R. Kirsopp, 5s; 2nd J. Robinson, 2s 6d.

Best three heads of celery—1st J. Wilson, small alarum clock; 2nd J. Ward.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

Best collection of vegetables, four varieties—1st J. Robinson, a steel spade.

For vegetables, three varieties, two of each—1st J. Wilson, brass comb box 2nd J. Ward, brass rolling pin.

Collection of vegetables, six varieties, two of each kind—1st J. Scott, leg of mutton; 2nd J. Ward.

Best two heads of celery—1st J. Ward, 2s 6d; 2nd, P.C. Minto

Best three heaviest leeks—1st J. Scott, 2s 6d.

Best three heads of beet—1st J. Ward, bottle of whiskey.

Best early cabbage and two heads of celery—1st J. Ward, 2s 6d; 2nd J. Wilson.

Best two cauliflowers and two heads of celery—1st J. Wilson, bottle of whiskey; 2nd. G. Bullerwell.

Best bouquet of flowers—1st J. Scott, silk umbrella, 2nd R. Kirsopp.

Best two heads of celery and two leeks—1st J. Wilson, 3s; 2nd J. Scott, 2s.

Best three leeks—1st J. Scott, a steel spade.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Best pound of butter, salted—1st S. Dart, copper kettle; 2nd Mrs Wilson, a silver-plated jelly dish; 3rd J. Scott.

Six heaviest hen eggs—1st J. Scott, bottle of rum.

Besides the exhibition there were other attractions provided for the visitors, chief amongst them being the music rendered throughout the day by the South Derwent Colliery Brass Band, under the direction of Mr J. Castle. Three years ago this band had a very high reputation, and was considered second to none in the district, but through the removal of some of the members from the district, it gradually sank into seclusion. However, now that it has again put in an appearance, and made such a good impression on Saturday, there is no doubt that it will soon gain well-merited laurels. Amongst the various sports indulged in were the following:—120 yards handicap foot race. There were twelve entries, the 1st prize (£1 5s) was won by W. P. Moore; 2nd (10s), G. Ledger; 3rd (5s), J. Chapman.—Quoiting, handicap, 1st (£1), W. Embleton; 2nd (10s), T. Curry; 3rd (5s), R. Armstrong.—Football match—eight entries—1st (ball, worth 10s 6d), Hobson team; 2nd (7s 6d), Dipton 1st team; 3rd and 4th (5s), Hamsterley and Catchgate teams.—Kite contest, 1st (7s 6d), Wilkinson; 2nd (5s), Palmer; 3rd (2s 6d), Cassell. These sports created great interest amongst the spectators, and when they were concluded other harmless games were indulged in until the azure sky became enshrined in night's sombre robes, when those who delighted in "tripping the light fantastic toe" adjourned to the tent, where a ball was held, and enjoyed it to the full by gracefully floating round the place to the sweet strains of an efficient string band that was in attendance. The entire arrangements of the show was under the management of a committee, headed by the industrious secretary (Mr Geo. Bullerwell) and treasurer (Mr R. Henderson), and the great success of the affair reflects much on their assiduous exertions.

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FLOWER SHOW AND MUSICAL FETE AT STANHOPE.

On Saturday the annual exhibition was held in the Castle grounds. The exhibition and musical fete consisted of a fine display of flowers, fruits, and vegetables, a choral contest for £25, and the Stanhope Saxhorn Band performed a choice selection of music. The choral contest had a great attraction, six choirs competing. The test piece was "Stand up and bless the Lord," Goss, and the judge, Mr J. F. Stewart, Middlesbrough, awarded the first prize to Burbank Chapel choir, West Hartlepool, £12; second, Spennymoor Choral Society, £8; third, Tow Law Choral Society, £5. The other competitive choirs were Gloucester Street Part Song Choir, Newcastle; St. Helens Auckland Choir and Toft Hill Choir, all which were complimented by the judge. The show of flowers presented some good stands. The first prizes in the open class for stove and greenhouse plants, foliage plants, specimen plants, coleus, fuchsias, and zonale geraniums, were taken by Wm. Tweddle, sen., Stanhope. Native wild flowers was won by W. Tweddle, jun. Native wild fruit by John Bainbridge, Newlandside Hall. The ladies' bouquet was won by Miss F. A. Sinclair. Amongst the cottagers' stands of plants the first prizes for fucshias, zonale geraniums, and liliums, were taken by W. Tweddle, sen.; George Moses won for balsam and petunia. Amongst the extra prizes, George Robinson won for window box, W. Westgarth for window plant, Mrs W. Sinclair for pot plants, J. G. Bainbridge for collection of fruit, W. Brown for collection of vegetables, and James Wallace for best potatoes.

MINERS' DEMONSTRATION AT WEST STANLEY

A demonstration of the members of the Shield Row, Stanley, East Stanley, Beamish Air Pit and Tanfield Lea lodges of the Durham Miners' Association was held on Saturday in a field adjoining the Co-operative Stores at Stanley, kindly granted by Mr Charlton for the occasion. The Rev. William Bowe, of Stanley, presided.

Mr JOHN ORR, President of the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, proposed the first resolution, which was as follows :—

While we recognise the great good union has been in the past in securing better wages for workmen and more equitable labour laws, yet we believe there is as great need now as ever for such organisations, not only as districts, or among special classes, but as a nation, and we pledge ourselves to keep our local unions intact, and strive to the best of our ability to bring about a national federation of labour in and about mines.

Mr WM. ATKINSON, of Stanley, seconded the motion.

Mr L. TROTTER, secretary to the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, proposed the second resolution, which was as follows :—

While we remember that the Government have promised to bring in the Franchise Bill yet we are aware that attempts will be made by both Conservatives and Whigs to modify the measure, and would urge upon the labouring classes to unite in an agitation and thus strengthen the hands of the Government in their endeavour. And further, when we see the efforts of the Liberty and Property Defence League to retard legislation, and the tendency of many Liberal members to forget their duty, and when we consider that there are many important reforms needed which will collide with the interest of numbers of the members of Parliament, we would urge upon workmen to prepare for the return and support of labour representatives.

Mr JOHN WILSON, treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association, seconded the motion.

The resolutions were carried by acclamation, and a vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers brought the meeting to a close.

CONSETT BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The celebration of the anniversory of this school took place on Sunday and Monday last. The interior of the chapel had been tastefully adorned by Mr W. Moss with flags bearing emblematical mottoes for the occasion, and on entering the place on Sunday, these, together with the happy beaming faces of the children on a platform erected at one end of the place, gave it a very pleasing appearance. Special services were held morning, afternoon, and evening, conducted by Mr Thomas Wagstaff, of Newcastle. The day was exceedingly fine, and consequently there was a good attendance at each service, especially so in the evening, when the sacred building was filled in every part, many having to return, not being able to gain admission. Mr Wagstaff pleaded the cause of Christ with his usual soul-inspiring and eloquacious effusions, and the advice he tendered to the teachers, scholars, and parents would no doubt take deep root into their hearts, and be remembered for some time to come. The scholars during the day recited portions of scripture, dialogues, poetry, &c., in a very creditable manner; while they also rendered choice hymns, under the leadership of Mr J. Cockburn, of Consett, the harmonium being presided over by Miss Dick.

On Monday, a public tea was held in the chapel. At three o'clock the scholars were regaled with tea and sweetmeats free, after which tea was provided for the public. Rain descended in torrents best part of the day, and as a natural sequence, there was not so many present as was anticipated, although a goodly number partook of a well-spread repast, presided over by Mrs Moss, Mrs Bird, Mrs Farnsworth, Miss Oswald, and Miss Dick.

In the evening a public meeting was held, at which there was but a poor attendance. The chair was occupied by R. Evans, Esq., Beech Grove, Consett, and he was accompanied on the platform by the Rev E. W. Jenkins (Highgate), Rev J. Roach (pastor), and Mr Edwards (Highgate). After the meeting had been opened, the children again gave recitations, &c., even in better style than on the former day, seeming to have more confidence, and the manner in which the pieces were executed throughout was synonymous of exceedingly good training from the teachers, on whom it reflects great credit. After the children had exhausted their programme, the speakers in turn addressed the meeting, and spoke of the good results that had accrued from the Sabbath school since its formation by Robert Raikes—a name that would be held up, honoured, and revered throughout countless ages. The Sunday school was the noblest institution that had ever been known; it not only fitted man to stand in a good social position in this world, but it also fitted him to stand before the Almighty and Omnipotent God in the world to come. The attention of the audience was greatly absorbed by the speakers, whose remarks were indeed very edifying. Special hymns were rendered during the evening in excellent style, and Mr Cockburn deserves meritorious honour for the state of perfection he got the pieces to. After the usual votes of thanks had been accorded, a most pleasant evening terminated.

A collection was taken at each service in aid of the school funds, and we are informed they were even larger than any year previous, and the whole proceedings were declared to be a success. There was also a stall for the sale of useful and fancy articles in the chapel, in aid of the contemplated new Baptist chapel to be built at Consett, which was fairly patronised.

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

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Public Notices.

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Entries for all Classes Close August 18th, Monday's Post in time.
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Dated the 10th day of August, 1883.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Ordinary HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Green Street, Shotley Bridge, on Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 1883, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and the Accounts for the past Half-year, to declare a Dividend, and to transact the General Business of the Company.
The Transfer Books will be closed from 21st day of August to the 4th day of September.—By order of the Board.
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge, August 15th, 1883. 79s

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A NOTE!

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 1883.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

There is a saying to the effect that desperate diseases require desperate cures, but the members of Consett Local Board seem to think otherwise. The over-crowding business which so alarmed their medical adviser has no terror for them: they do not wish to have recourse to stringent measures, but prefer rather to do the thing gently just to see, no doubt, what effect the laws of civilization will have upon those benighted beings who pass their nights laid away in horizontal files like so many Egyptian mummies. A few men with the moral courage of Dr Wm. Renton, M.D., would soon give the finishing touch to over-crowding. It was a master-stroke of policy to beard the offenders in their dens. The spirited action of the worthy doctor deserves more than a passing notice: he did not hand in a blue letter to the Board to be read and thought over at some convenient season. Knowing that a deadly foe might at any moment swoop down upon his prey, he knocked at the Council Chamber door and compelled the senators to follow him. Many a knight has won his spurs for a less meritorious action, and although the days of chivalry have passed away the spirit which gave them birth still lingers with us, and so long as men of the stamp of Dr Renton are on the watch tower the pestilence that walketh in darkness will hardly find a resting place within a respectable distance of the Blue Mountains.

It is somewhat strange that in these days of high rents so few working men should take advantage of the numerous facilities afforded them of building on their own account. The General Manager of the Consett Iron Company astonished the members of the Local Board the other night by declaring that some ten years ago he had, on behalf of the Iron Company, offered to working men suitable land at Blackhill for nothing if they would only build houses upon it, and that not one had accepted the generous offer! The fear of being buried in the workings of some ancient coal pit is not what restrains working men from building at Consett, nor elsewhere: the great motive power in every enterprise, good or bad—the will—is wanting; and then there is the way which, in the case of ordinary working men, cannot be said to be very clear. The desire among working men to possess houses of their own is not very wide spread, and comparatively few are in a position to carry out the wish did it even exist. The few who could, prefer to buy an egg, rather than to keep a hen. Building is one of the most profitable of investments, and the man who can calculate upon a local habitation will do well to invest in that line, but the majority of working men are subject to the fluctuating winds of circumstance. Ask twenty working men why they do not make an effort to get houses of their own, and nineteen will answer: "What's the use, we might not be twelve months in the place." These scruples could doubtless be to some extent overcome were the system reformed, but that would be no easy task unless recourse was had to the system now popular on the lower reaches of the Tyne. Working men might take up the matter more heartily if, as on Tyneside, instead of offering sites houses were built, both by speculators and employers of labour, and offered for sale to the toiling crowd. The terms upon which sales are effected are usually £20 down, and weekly or fortnightly instalments which amount, I believe, to little more than what is in most cases paid for rent. In thirteen or fourteen years the house becomes the property of the purchaser; but even this system is not so popular as it might be. There is an impression prevalent among working men that by the time the money is paid the houses are so badly built that something like half the sum paid in will be required to put them in repair. This is no doubt slightly overdrawn, but it gains ground and has the effect of deterring men from giving the subject the consideration which they might otherwise be disposed to do. Like most popular errors there is rather more than a germ of truth in the saying, and it is only one among the many ways by which deception is checkmated; and the thousand and one tricks of trade kept from assuming more hideous proportions. The manner in which new buildings spring up mushroom-like is too glaring to escape the notice of the curious. If preference was given to local men we would have better houses to live in; but too much stress is laid on the lowest tender, and the work is performed by men who were never in the district before, and may never be again. They are birds of passage, and have not the reputation at stake which local men necessarily have. My attention was drawn the other day to a block of houses, in course of erection, in which the brick wall dividing the tenants was being built without lime or mortar of any description, while in many places there were holes which would almost admit a man's hand. Of course when pointed and plastered the wall would look well enough, but the fact shows pretty clearly that there is very good ground for complaint on that score.

Apropos to the above, is a story which has been creating some sensation in a certain circle lately. A lodger, having been worshipping at the shrine of Bacchus, went upstairs to bed and losing his equilibrium tumbled against the wall, and the frail structure giving way the gallant, accompanied by a shower of bricks, made a somewhat unceremonious appearance in his next door neighbour's bed-room! So much for building without mortar.

A gentleman writing from your district, Mr Editor, alludes to my notes on the University Extension Scheme in terms which your humble servant is too modest to reproduce here, and while of opinion that there might be worse themes than geology, he believes that the subject which is best calculated to benefit the class for whom the lectures are intended is—political economy. I have no doubt whatever on the point, because the gentleman referred to knows much more about the matter than I do. The committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements is a thoroughly representative one, and they will, I am sure, give the subject their very best attention.

Local and District News.

STRANGE DISCOVERY IN A WATER CLOSET.—The body of a newly-born male child was on Monday found in the privy at the Brewery Inn, Quarry Burn, near Crook, by two girls, named Mary Ann Deighton and Esther Walton.

The jury of the Amsterdam International Exhibition have awarded Messrs Joseph Cowen and Co., of Blaydon-on-Tyne, a gold medal in class 46 and a silver medal in class 48 for their exhibits in fire clay retorts, fire bricks, and other fire clay articles.

The remains of the late Mr William Alder, printer and publisher of the *Blyth Weekly News*, were on Tuesday afternoon interred in Blyth Cemetery. A large number of friends and tradesmen of the town followed to the place of interment. The Rev Peter Baker, of Blyth, performed the ceremony. The deceased was 55 years of age.

GROUSE SHOOTING.—Mr C. M. Palmer, M.P., and his eldest son shot 35 brace of grouse on the Cleaveland Moors, and on Tuesday they brought down 13 brace. There appear to be a fair number of birds on the Weardale Moors. Mr. Hildegard's party, Horsley Hall, bagged, on Tuesday, on Bolihope Moor, 114½ brace of grouse. Good bags have been obtained on the other moors. The weather has been very favourable for sport.

WANTED, MAGISTRATES AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—For some weeks past considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting magistrates to try the police cases at Chester-le-Street. On Wednesday there were some thirty or forty cases awaiting jurisdiction, and a large number of solicitors and witnesses attended the court, but not a single magistrate was present, and the whole of the business had to be adjourned. There are only about half-a-dozen magistrates for that district altogether.

DEATH OF A NEWCASTLE DETECTIVE OFFICER.—It is with regret we mention the death of Mr Geo. Anderson, an old member of the Newcastle Police Force. On Sunday morning, the deceased, who had only been ailing for about a fortnight, died at his residence, 19, Lord Street, Newcastle. About ten or twelve years ago, the deceased, who was a well-known member of the detective force, happened an accident, which compelled him to give up active duty. He had been in the force about 25 years, and was highly respected. Deceased formerly resided at Beamish, and left there to join the police force at Gateshead.

SERVICE OF SONG AT PELTON.—On Monday evening, a service of song, entitled "Eva" (from "Uncle Tom's Cabin"), was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Pelton, by the members of the Edmondsley Primitive Methodist Choir under the leadership of Mr John Todd, of Daisy Hill. The Rev M. A. Drummond, of Chester-le-Street, presided, and gave the recitative part of the service, which was of an impressive character throughout. The proceedings were under the auspices of the "Glory of Pelton" Lodge, I.O.G.T., and the amount realized by the entertainment will be handed over to Bro James Wilson, who lost a leg whilst following his employment at Ouston Colliery three months ago.

SURCHARGING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SPENNYMOOR LOCAL BOARD.—At yesterday's annual audit of the accounts of Spennymoor Local Board by Mr Radford, Mr J. T. Proud, on behalf of the Ratepayers' Association, objected to certain items, and asked that they be subcharged. They based their action on principle, and as the result of the recent law proceedings in the County Court. They chose as a test £13 odd expended on Thomas and James Streets, and the auditor surcharged that amount on the four members who signed the cheque, viz., the Rev. J. Gaskel, Messrs T. Archer, T. Starforth, and W. Wilson. He said he had never met a case like it before, and he would send it up to the Local Government Board for their consideration.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—An increase of £764 is reported in the receipts of the North-Eastern Railway for the week ending the 11th inst. This result is arrived at by the increased amount from passengers, £365; merchandise and cattle, £825, dock dues, £279; and a decrease of £705 from minerals. The net increase up to date is £20,637.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The scholars attending the Sunday-school in connection with the Wesleyan Chapel, Chester-le-Street, assembled at noon on Wednesday, it being the intention of the teachers to take them to Finchale Abbey. The heavy downpour of rain, however, frustrated these arrangements, and the children were detained in the school-room, where singing and indoor amusements were resorted to. An excellent tea was provided by Mr Joseph Witherspoon, which teachers and scholars alike heartily enjoyed.

GOOSEBERRY SHOW AT BURNOPFIELD.—On Saturday afternoon last, the second annual gooseberry show was held at Mr Richard Witty's, Grapes Inn, Burnopfield. It exceeded its predecessor both in exhibits and quality, and was without doubt one of the best of its kind held this season. Amongst the principal prize-takers were Messrs Hunter 1st, Turnbull 2nd, and Cuthbertson 3rd. Heaviest berries — Messrs Marley 1st, Hunter 2nd, Turnbull 3rd. Best-flavoured berries —Messrs Cuthbertson 1st, Hunter 2nd, Marley highly commended.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.—We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the annual *fete* of the Shotley Bridge Floral Society to be held on Saturday, the 25th inst. This show, which is always well worth visiting, is to be rendered unusually attractive this occasion by the presence of the 1st Northumberland Artillery Band and the Newcastle Union Juvenile Band, both of whom are too well known to require any introduction from us. We trust the weather will prove favourable, and that Shotley Spa will be visited by thousands of residents as well as happy visitors, for whom special trains are to be run from Sunderland and Newcastle.

CHESTER-LE-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—On Sunday last, the anniversary services of the Congregational Sabbath-school, Chester-le-Street, were held. The church was well filled in the morning, when the Rev R. M. McClumpha (Ryton) preached. In the afternoon a flower service took place, when the whole of the scholars conveyed beautiful floral wreaths to the sacred edifice. Mr G. Pickering addressed the children, who subsequently sang several appropriate hymns, under the able direction of Mr Pearson Hall. Portions of Scripture, poetry, and dialogues were also recited in a praiseworthy manner, reflecting the utmost credit upon the superintendent, Mr John Jennings. The Rev R. M. McClumpha again preached to a crowded congregations. Collections were taken at the close of each service in aid of the Sunday-school fund.

NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL AT CHESTER MOOR.—On Saturday, the foundation-stones were laid of a new Wesleyan Chapel at Chester Moor. The day proved fine, and a large concourse of people attended the ceremony. After the usuaal service of song and prayer, and a short address by the Rev A. T. Kinnings, the following ladies and gentlemen laid the corner stones:—Miss Mitchell (Chester-le-Street), Miss Hodgson (Edmondsley), Messrs Longbottom, Pickering, and Hedley, and, owing to the absence of Mr Morris, the last stone was laid by Mr Magee, of Waldridge, who liberally subscribed towards the chapel funds. The Rev H. Oakley (Congregationalist), Mr A. Drummond (Primitive), and J. Duff took part in the proceedings. An able address was delivered by the Rev S. T. Bosward, B.A., of Sunderland. After a sumptuous tea, a public meeting was held, over which Mr J. W. Hodgson presided, supported by Revs J. Duff, S. T. Bosward, B.A., A. T. Kinnings, Messrs. Magee, Chambers, &c. An enjoyable day closed with the very satisfactory results of over £75 realised, making a total of £275 already contributed towards the erection of the chapel.

There is in many quarters an impression current that trade outrages are peculiar to Sheffield workmen. The experience of the Amsterdam Exhibition, however, shows that employers of labour and rival exhibitors are not guiltless in this matter. At the show in the Dutch city, a Newcastle firm—Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson—exhibited, in the English section, a brougham and landau, with two sets of harness, that were very much admired. On the very day the judging for prizes was to begin, however, these carrages were maliciously and wilfully damaged and defaced by some person or persons unknown. Writing on the 16th July, Professor Simmonds conveying the news to Messrs Atkinson and Philipson in these words: "Your landau has the reputation of being the best carriage in the building, and it had evidently got wind that it was intended to be bought as one of the prizes in the lottery. Jealousy, I fear, has prompted the act of damage. The panels of both carriages have been scratched all over with a piece of glass or some sharp instrument. The same thing, I find, was done at the Frankford Exhibition by some one." Unfortunately, these middle-class Broadheads managed to escape detection and exposure.

THE ALLEGED POLLUTION OF THE DERWENT.—Some commotion is manifest in the Consett and Shotley Bridge district over the alleged pollution of the Derwent. The crystal stream that winds its way by hill, ford, and valley—by turns gliding peacefully 'neath frowning rocks, hiding among overhanging woods, or sailing by pleasant harvest fields—is justly a favourite with tourists and anglers, and it is no wonder that the inhabitants should regard its pollution with something akin to horror. It is stated that owing to defective sanitary arrangements, for which the local boards of the district are to blame, foul and poisonous sewage finds its way into the stream. A conference on the matter among the local authorities has unfortunately led to no beneficial result, and that being the case, it is deeply to be regretted that the Local Government Board have not seen their way to send, as requested, an inspector to inquire into the matter. But if this step is not is not possible, public opinion should insist that, by means of settling beds and other agencies, every precaution be taken to preserve the charming little river from further contamination.—"Robin Goodfellow" in the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*.

DURHAM MINERS AND ACCIDENTS IN PITS.—At the Durham County Police Court on Wednesday, the Weardale Iron and Coal Company claimed 5s compensation from six miners, for absenting themselves from their work, at Tudhoe Colliery, on Friday August 3rd. Mr C. E. Barnes appeared for the owners; and Mr H. J. Marshall for the men. It was agreed to take one of the cases as a test case.—The facts having been proved, Mr Marshall said he must admit that the men in absenting themselves from work had technically rendered themselves liable to pay the amount, but he submitted that they erred in ignorance. It was the custom that whenever any serious or fatal accident occured to any of the men working in the mine, for the rest of the men to come to bank and cease work for the remainder of the day as a mark of respect to the person who had sustained the accident. On the present occasion, a man had been killed in the pit on the Thursday, and the defendants not having heard of the occurrence till they ceased work for the day, had laid idle on the Friday to show their sympathy for the deceased man.—The Chairman of the Bench (the Rev A. D. Shafto) regretted that such a case should have been brought into Court. He would make an order for the defendant in the case before them to pay the 5s compensation, but he hoped that the remainder of the men would not be proceeded against, but allowed to go.—This course was followed by the prosecutors.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR AT CONSETT.

Great excitement prevailed in Consett and district last Saturday night, on account of a report getting abroad that an old man had been foully murdered in the streets of Consett. Most ridiculous assertions were spread about, and it was the prevailing topic during the week end. However, on application to the proper authorities it was found that on Saturday evening the attention of P.C. Raine was called to a man lying in the rear of Princess Street, Consett. On proceeding to the spot, the officer found an elderly man named Michael Tracey, lying in a pool of blood, and bleeding profusely from a wound on the head. With the assistance of P.C. Crabb, the wounded man was conveyed to Dr Renton's surgery, where he was attended to by Dr O'Donnell (assistant to Dr Renton). On examination a severe cut was found on the left temple, about 1½ in. long, and penetrating to the skull, one of the arteries being completely severed, and but for the prompt action of the officers in attending to the man, there is no doubt that death would have resulted from excessive bleeding in a very short time. The police are making investigations into the case, and there is no doubt the perpetrators of the dastardly act will be brought to account. Tracey is still in a precarious condition.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, presided over by the chairman, Mr James Annandale, J.P. The other members present were Messrs J. Lax, J. Smith, H. Carss, J. Dowson, G. Eltringham, R. Murray, and F. Priestman. In the absence of the clerk (Mr Booth), Mr Lazenby asked as his deputy-clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

MR W. V. THOMPSON'S CASE.

The Surveyor stated that he had withdrawn the summons against this gentleman for not doing certain repairs required to be done to property for which he was agent, with the understanding that he would commence with the work at once, but there had been nothing done as yet.

The CHAIRMAN: Before withdrawing the summons, did you not receive a telegram from Mr Thompson?

The Surveyor: Yes; he sent a telegram asking me to withdraw the summons, execute the work required to be done, and charge the same to him. Mr Booth advised me to get a written order from Mr Thompson before commencing with the work. I have written twice for this, but have had no reply.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps he thinks we are going on with the work.

The Surveyor: He might, but it hardly seems likely, as I have written twice asking for a written order to do the work. He had not replied, although when Mr Booth applied to him for the cost of the summons, &c., he remitted the same directly.

The CHAIRMAN: By Mr Thompson forwarding that remittance, he acknowledges the work to be his to do, and I think we might do the work as per instructions from the telegram.

Mr LAX: Mr Booth, as our legal adviser, does not seem to think that the telegram would be so equally binding as a written order, and I think we had better not proceed with the work until we consult him upon the matter.

Mr MURRAY thought the telegram would be equally binding; but still he would propose that the Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs required to the property occupied by Mrs Elliott, and charge the same to Mr Thompson, if the Clerk approved of the course.

This was agreed to.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that the Surveyor's monthly pay sheet amounted to £75 10s 8d, and the Medical Officer's yearly account, £15 15s, which they recommended to be paid.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr LAX, cheques for the same were signed.

The Committee also reported the balance in bank to be £86 16s 1d.

NEW RATE.

The Finance Committee also intimated that to meet an estimate of £718 10s, a rate of 1s in the £ on houses, and 3d in the £ on land would have to be made out.

Mr CARSS moved that this be carried out, which was seconded by Mr MURRAY, and agreed to.

DOCTOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the quarterly report and statistics presented by the medical officer (Dr W. M. Renton):—

To the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—I have rarely had occasion to present you with a cleaner bill of health than that which I enclose for the quarter ending June 30th. The zymotic death-rate has been nil, and the general death-rate has only reached 12·6 per 1,000, whereas the birth-rate has been 36·9 per 1,000. No cases of zymotic disease calling for any comment from me have been reported either to the Inspector or to myself.

The memorandum of the Medical Officer of the Local Government Board was duly received by me and precautions against the infection of cholera have been posted all over the district.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BENFIELDSIDE FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1883.

51 births, representing an annual rate of 36·9 per 1,000: 30 males and 24 females.

31 deaths, representing an annual rate of 12·6 per 1,000: 13 males and 18 females.

	Deaths.
Pulmonary Consumption	4
Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy	7
Tubercular Diseases other than Pulmonary Consumption	1
Disease of the Heart	2
Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord	4
Diseases of the abdominal viscera	3
Inquest Cases	1
Other Diseases not named	9
Total deaths from all causes	31

(Signed) W. M. RENTON.

The CHAIRMAN: That report is most satisfactory; it is the lowest death-rate we have ever had.

Mr LAX: It is indeed a gratifying report, and shows that the district is in a clean state.

Each of the members expressed their extreme satisfaction at being completely clear of zymotic diseases.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month the workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district water-tabling and dressing up.

The stone-breakers have prepared about 40 yards of slag for the ensuing season.

Your workmen are employed getting kerbstone, and stone to bottom the several footpaths in your district.

I have had the main drain extended to meet the requirements of Mr Houliston's new house at Shotley Bridge.

Two sets of plans have been laid before your Building Committee—one for alterations to property belonging to Mr Hutchinson. The other is a four-roomed house intended to be built by Mr J. Stokoe, of Blackfine.

I have paid into bank during the month

	£	s	d
General district rate	17	7	3
From other sources	16	17	8
Total	34	4	11

I am, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Aug. 15th, 1883.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

The CHAIRMAN informed the Board that Dr Renton's term of office as Medical Officer had terminated, and suggested that he be re-appointed.

Mr SMITH proposed that Dr W. M. Renton be re-appointed to the office of Medical Officer of Health for the Benfieldside Sanitary District for the coming twelve months, and that the same be made known to the Local Government Department.

This was unanimously agreed to on being seconded by Mr DOWSON.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the Inspector's (Mr Dixon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month strict attention has being paid to your district. I have inspected it several times. The ashpits are well cleaned out, and on the whole your district is in a good condition.

The gulley traps and grates in your district have been well cleaned out and covered with disinfectant powder several times during the month.

Your main drains are all in good working order, and have been well flushed by the late heavy rains.

No 1 Mill Street.—This work has been completed.

As instructed by Mr Booth I withdrew the summons taken out against Mr W. V. Thompson, with the understanding that he would commence with the work. There is nothing done to this property yet.

The alterations to the property occupied by Mrs Hobday have been completed during the month.

Messrs. Frankland and Oxley's cellars.—Nothing has been done to these cellars during the month. On the 14th of this month I met Mr Raw, the owner, and he told me he intended doing one of these cellars out at once.

Mr Taylor has completed the necessary alterations to his property during the month.

Mr J. Hunter's property.—This work has been carried out very satisfactorily during the month.

Mr Emmerson has got the spouting of his property done during the month.

Messrs. R. Ward and Scott have commenced with the alterations of their property. This work will be completed shortly.

Mr Armstrong has completed the necessary alterations to his property during the month.

Mrs Clements has given orders to spout her property.

Messrs. J. Annandale and Sons are progressing with the work required to be done to their property.

According to your Medical Officer's instructions I had posted round your district 100 bills relative to the cholera, copies of which are lying on the table.

Messrs. Taylor's and Carss's plans have been stamped, duplicates having been supplied and deposited with the Board.

According to instructions, I met Mr R. Clark about the wall at Snows Green. He promised to write, after he consulted the trustees of the estate about the matter. He is prepared to recommend to the trustees that they be at one half of the cost of putting this wall right,—I am, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Aug. 15th, 1883.

MR RAW'S PROPERTY.

At last meeting the Clerk was instructed to write to the Medical Officer, asking him if, in his opinion, he did not think there was a nuisance injurious to health existing in the cellars of the property occupied by Messrs. Frankland and Oxley, in Derwent Street, Blackhill. The Sanitary Committee were of an opinion that there was a nuisance, as when they were there the liquid filth that was in the place took them over the boot tops, and the stench was something abominable. Dr Renton had replied that he was of opinion, since the place had been ventilated and was not at all used, that it was not injurious to health, and did not need cementing, as the Committee had suggested. However, he would keep an eye on the place, and if he found any nuisance existing, he would order it to be cemented.

A discussion here ensued, but on the Surveyor mentioning that Mr Raw had promised to put one of the cellars right as soon as possible, the matter was allowed to stand over.

THE BROKEN WALL AT SNOWS GREEN.

The Surveyor reported that according to instructions he met Mr Clark, agent for the owners of the land which the fence wall joining the bridge protects, and he promised to write after consulting the trustees on the matter. He also said he was prepared to recommend to the trustees that they be at one half of the cost of putting the wall right.

Most of the members thought this would be very fair.

Mr LAX proposed, and Mr DOWSON seconded, that the Board undertake to bear half the cost of repairing the wall and bridge at Snow's Green, and the adjoining property owners the other half.

This was carried, only Mr Carss dissenting.

POLLUTION OF THE DERWENT.

At last meeting the Clerk reported that he had forwarded a copy of the proceedings held by the two Boards and others connected with the river pollution question, to the Consett Board. Their Clerk, sent a very lengthy one in return, and which the Chairman read. The result of the conference we have already reported.

The CHAIRMAN said it was satisfactory to them to see through the *Consett Guardian* that some of the Consett members considered the settling ponds at Howden Burn almost useless.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: Yes, they seem to think they have not been properly managed.

Mr SMITH: I believe Mr Steggall has undertaken to manage them for a month.

Mr MURRAY: Yes, he is sanitary engineer for a month. (Laughter).

After a little reflection, it was resolved to take the matter off the books.

APPLICATION FOR A SECOND DELIVERY.

The deputy-clerk stated that the memorial from the inhabitants of Cutlers Hall and adjacent villages praying the Postal Authorities to grant them a second postal delivery in the day, had received the Board's seal and had been sent to the Postal Authorities, but no answer had been forthcoming.

The matter was allowed to stand over.

THE LIGHTING SEASON.

The Lighting Committee recommended the Board to make all necessary arrangements with the Shotley Bridge Gas Company relative to commencing the lighting season, as it was very close at hand.

Mr CARSS said the Committee should have brought this question before the Board at least a month ago, as there were several important things connected with the gas arrangements that wanted discussing. He was of opinion the expense of lighting the district could be lowered about five per cent; not that the gas was too expensive, but there were other things which, if properly considered and improved upon, there was no doubt whatever that they could lower the lighting expenses five per cent. However, as the lighting season was so near, they could not go into the matter just then, but might do so next year.

Mr MURRAY then proposed that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements with the Gas Company for lighting the district.

This was seconded by Mr SMITH, and agreed to.

PLANS.

Plans had been laid before the Building Committee from Mr Hutchinson for alterations to property belonging him, and from Mr J. Stokoe for a four-roomed house intended to be built at Blackfine. The Committee found various defects in each, and attached notes giving alterations to be made to them. The Committee suggested that the plans should not be passed until they had been put right.

On the motion of Mr LAX, seconded by Mr CARSS, it was resolved to allow the Building Committee to stamp the plans on being found in accordance with the bye laws.

The Board shortly afterwards adjourned until that day fortnight.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Aug. 9th.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq., Major E. LEADBITTER SMITH, and GEORGE HEDLEY, Esq.

USING THREATENING LANGUAGE.

A young man, named *William Southeron*, was charged with having threatened to kill Jane Thompson, a married woman, at Greencroft, on the 30th of last month.—It was stated by the complainant and her witnesses that because she happened to have a "few words" with his wife, the defendant threatened that he would kill her. He also asserted that the next time he went to Durham would not be for an assault, but it would be for murder. The charge was denied by Southeron, who called two witnesses to rebut the complainant's testimony.—Several previous convictions were recorded against the defendant, who was bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for six months, besides ordered to pay 12s as costs.

Mary Brown was summoned for having used threatening language towards Esther Hall, at Esh Winning, on the 16th June.—Mr W. H. Oliver (Durham) appeared for the complainant.—The parties are both married women, and it appears that on the day named the complainant met the defendant as she was returning from the Co-operative Stores. Mrs Brown accosted her in a very abusive manner, telling her that if she did not pay the fourpence she owed her she would "pull her —— pluck out."—The defendant emphatically repudiated the charge, and called witnesses to prove that the complainant threatened her.—The Bench considered one party as bad as the other, and dismissed the case, each side defraying 8s 6d costs.

ALLEGED DAMAGE TO A FENCE.

Mary Robinson, a respectable-looking middle-aged woman, was charged on remand with wilfully and maliciously damaging a certain fence, the property of Mr Joseph Henderson, publican, of Shield Row, on the 15th ult. Mr Oliver prosecuted; and Mr Wilson (Bush and Wilson, solicitors, Newcastle), represented the defendant.—It will be remembered that this case was tried a fortnight ago, when it was adjourned for the purpose of seeing whether the owner of the defendant's property (Messrs Joicey) would uphold her claim of right, as it was alleged that the fence in question caused an obstruction to the view from Mrs Robinson's back premises. Major Joicey had sent a telegram to the Bench informing them that he considered the defendant was entirely in the wrong in the step she had pursued. A letter had also been received from the agent taking a similar view of the matter.—A lengthy argument ensued between the Bench and the solicitors on both sides. Mr Wilson strongly pressed the magistrates to hear the facts of the case, and said that he should then be able to prove that the defendant did not "wilfully and maliciously" damage the fence.—The Bench, however, declined to re-open the case, but imposed a nominal penalty of 1s and 7s expenses. Defendant refused to pay, and said she preferred to go to prison for a week. She was afterwards lodged in the cells.

A FOOLHARDY PASTIME.

Robert Gardner and *William Parker*, miners, were charged with wilfully damaging certain fences, and destroying several notice boards, which were affixed to the trees to warn trespassers, the properties of Messrs Hedley Bros., at Cement Cottages, near South Moor, on the 17th June. Mr Oliver was for the prosecution; and Dr Carr defended Parker. Gardner failed to put in an appearance, but the Bench decided to proceed with the case.—From the evidence of a witness named Traile, it seems that on the night in question he was in the company of the defendants, who were under the influence of liquor. Without any apparent cause, the men pulled up a number of stakes in a garden fence, and pitched them into an adjoining field. Subsequently they tore down some notice boards, and smashed them to pieces.—In reply to Dr Carr, Traile denied that the defendant's acted according to his instructions, or that he assisted them in any way in destroying the fence. He had not turned an informer, although he was giving evidence against his confederates.—Mr Welch, the colliery engineer, estimated the damage to amount to 18s 6d.—The charge of damaging the fence was admitted; but Dr Carr asserted that his client did not touch the notice boards. The learned doctor asked the Bench to deal leniently with the defendants, as they merely did this for a drunken freak.—The Chairman said it was a most wanton and malicious act for men to destroy property in this way.—Parker was fined 20s, besides pay damage and costs (£2 2s 6d) or fourteen days' imprisonment; Gardner for non appearance was ordered to pay 30s and expenses (£2 12s 6d), in default, to be committed for three weeks.

LARCENY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Ann Fenwick, an old woman, 75 years of age, was placed in the dock on a charge of stealing three aprons, a shawl, a brooch, and a purse containing 3d, belonging to Catherine Cain, at Annfield Plain, on the 4th inst.—The prisoner has been minding the house for the prosecutrix for some weeks, but unfortunately she is in the habit of drinking very heavily. On the Saturday previous she took the articles in question out of the house, and disposed of them for small sums at the second-hand clothes shops of Mrs Ellen Summerbell and Robert Thompson. The prisoner was subsequently apprehended on the highway leading from Annfield Plain to West Stanley. On being charged with the theft the prisoner at first denied any knowledge of the articles; but she afterwards alleged that they were given to her by Mrs Cain.—The magistrates committed her to gaol for one calendar month, without hard labour.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Aug. 13th.—Before ANNANDALE TOWN, Esq. (in the chair), J. PRIESTMAN, Esq., and ROBERT DICKINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Patrick Cunningham was charged with being drunk and making a disturbance by swearing and wanting to fight in the streets of Blackhill, on the 28th July.—Fined 5s and costs.

Patrick Hagan for committing a similar offence in Front Street, Consett, on the the 30th ult., was also fined 5s and costs.—P.C. Dalton Roper stated the facts of the case.

For being drunk on July 28th, at Blackhall Mill, and also being disorderly, *John Browell*, at the instance of P.C. Armstrong, was fined 5s and costs.

The same officer also preferred a charge of drunkenness against *John Yonng*, who was in a beastly state of intoxication on the 28th ult. at Blackhall Mill, and for which he was fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Farrell was mulcted in a similar amount for being drunk on the 4th inst, in Derwent Street, Blackhill.—P.C. Hudson instituted the charge.

Martin Weir, charged by P.C. Dodds with being found in an intoxicated condition on Saturday night last in Front Street, Consett, had the option of a fine of 5s and costs or seven days imprisonment.

Ann Lowe was placed in the dock charged with being drunk at Leadgate on Saturday night last.—P.C. James Roper stated that he found the defendant in a very inebriated condition, and there were about 30 men going after her. — Defendant emphatically denied ever being drunk or that any men were with her. She was a respectable woman, was going to meet her husband at the time the officer locked her up.—She was fined 2s 6d and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

David Jenkins, a boy, was charged with the above offence.—P. C. Simpson deposed that on the 29th last month he saw the defendant in the waggon shops belonging to the Consett Iron Company, and from thence he got over the rails into a grass field belonging to John Crawford, and did damage to the amount of 1d. — He was fined 5s including costs.

ASSAULTING "CANDY-HO!"

Eliza Murray was summoned for wilfully destroying a basket and its contents worth 3s belonging to a ragman named James Boyd (better known as "Candy-ho") and also at the same time assaulting him on the 27th ult. at Blackhill. — Prosecutor stated that he was going his usual rounds at Blackhill, and on getting before the defendant's door, she rushed out and dealt him two blows on the face making blood gush out of the wounds caused thereby, and also tore his basket to pieces and scattered the whole of its contents. The contents of the basket were worth 3s.—Sergt. Cruickshank said his attention was called to this affair, and on proceeding thither he found Boyd with his face all besmeared with blood and his basket and chattels lying about the road. He saw no blows struck.—Defendant asserted that for a long period she and her neighbours had been pestered with Boyd coming to their houses and using very disgusting language towards them. On the day in question, he went to her door and called her "a murderer of Ireland," and cursed and used such abusive language towards her that it was horrifying to listen to him. She went to the door and remonstrated with him, when he struck her with a rattle. She then hit him, but denied ever breaking his basket to pieces. — Other two witnesses were called and corroborated the statement.—The Bench found that an assault had been committed, and fined the defendant 1s and costs for the assault, the damage case being dismissed.

ASSAULTS.

Thomas Stoker was charged by James Gruil, a youth, with having on the 30th ult., struck him on the face twice in succession whilst sitting on a patch of grass near Tantobie.—William Charlton asserted to being present when the thing was done. Defendant was sober, and did it without the least provocation. — Defendant, (who seems to be a very respectable man) pleaded guilty. He said last Easter complainant threw a bucket of water over his son, and this had caused him to be delicate ever since. He had been continually striking him up to the day of prosecution, and it was after his son had gone home and told him that complainant had been hitting him, that he went and chastised Gruil.—The Chairman said he should not have taken the law into his own hands, but to have brought a case against the complainant; they would have to fine him him 2s 6d and costs.

John Reed, a middle-aged man, was placed in the dock on a charge of having assaulted Margaret Lochrane, on the 28th July. Dr Carr (barrister) appeared for the plaintiff, whilst Mr Dickinson (solicitor) was for the defendant.—Dr Carr opened the case by calling upon the complainant, who said that whilst her husband, herself, and some others were proceeding along the Crookhall railway they saw defendant with his coat off, swearing that he could "do for" any six men like Lochrane, and when they got a short way past him, he ran at Lochrane. She tried to stop the two men from fighting, when defendant knocked her down on to her knees.—A woman, an eye-witness of the affair, gave similar evidence.—Mr Dickinson, in defence, said that the two men were opposite in religion—one a Catholic and another an Orangeman. Previously to the night in question they had arranged to have a real stand-up fight to see who was the best man. This would have been carried out but for Lochrane's wife suspecting something, and she went with him to prevent any such thing. This she did, and to show that there had been no assault committed, he would call upon one of the witnesses for the prosecution to give evidence.—Thomas Namins said that on the day named he was in company with the complainant and her husband. On proceeding along the railway they saw Reed in the distance. He had his coat on. When they got up to him, he said he could fight any two men like Lochrane, and then divested himself of his coat and attempted to close with him. Complainant, however, got between the men, and in the scuffle fell on her knees. He swore that Reed did not knock her down.—Dr Carr and Mr Dickinson in turn addressed the Bench on behalf of their clients, when they found that an assault had been committed, and fined defendant 5s and costs.

Michael Kelly, publican, of Consett, said he had taken a summons out against *Luke Cuniffe*, for being drunk and disorderly on his premises on the 28th ult., but he wished to compromise the case.—The Chairman said the case would have to be proceeded with, as his house was a public one, and the peace of which had to be looked after.—Prosecutor then said that defendant went to his house on the day named in a drunken state and commenced to quarrel with some young men who were present. He attempted to eject him, but was not able, and he had to seek assistance from the police.—P.C. Simpson spoke to going to Kelly's public-house and putting defendant out. Mr Kelly was bleeding at the nose and mouth.—Defendant said that Kelly tried to eject him with a poker in his hand; he was frightened of his life, and took the poker off him as best he could. He was only too glad when the officers came, so that he could get away safely.—A fine of 10s and costs for refusing to quit was imposed, while the case for assault was dismissed.

Sarah Struthers was also charged with assault.—Alice E. Donnolly, said that on Sunday, 29th July, she was standing at her door with her husband watching the Hallelujah Army go past, when defendant's mother came into their house followed immediately by defendant, who started to call complainant. She said "You are a —— whore, you are unmarried, and the child you have is a bastard." Other language of even a worse nature she said, and then struck her on the mouth, the same blow hitting a seven months' old child she had in her arms. They sent for the police and had them put out.—Jane Westgarth and Mr Donnolly gave similar evidence, the latter asserting that they were legally man and wife.—P.C. Dalton Roper spoke to putting defendant and her mother out of complainant's house.—Defendant strongly denied ever striking her, but would not say that she did not give the language, which she had good grounds for.—The Bench fined her 10s and costs.

Joseph Ledger was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Robert Brown, publican, Dipton, on the 4th inst, and also at the same time and place with violently assaulting Sergeant Thornton while carrying out his duty.—Robert Brown said that on the 4th inst., Ledger came into his house drunk. He asked him to go quietly out, but this he refused to do. He accordingly sent for the police.—Sergeant Thornton deposed that he went to Mr Brown's house to put Ledger out. He asked him to go out quietly, but would not, so he had to use force. When he was ejecting him, defendant hit witness on the face with his fist and kicked him with his heel, and was very violent. Defendant was a very bad character.—He was mulcted in the sum of 10s for refusing to quit, and 20s for the assault.

AN UNCONTROLLED DOG.

Michael McNally, publican, of Consett, was brought up on a charge of keeping a dog which was not under proper control.—Dr Carr defended.—Catherine Allgood said that on Saturday night, 28th ult., she was going past McNally's public house on the middle of the road, when she suddenly fell over a dog that was lying across the road, which took hold of her leg and bit a piece out the size of half-a-crown. She had been under medical treatment ever since.—To Dr Carr: She was not drunk; she had had no liquor at all.—Susanna Skelton said that between ten and eleven o'clock on the night mentioned, she saw the dog run away from the woman into McNally's public-house. She picked complainant off the ground, and asked her if the dog had bitten her, when she replied that it had. She seemed to be sober at the time.—Dr Carr said that Mr McNally had had the dog over six years, and had only had one complaint against it, which was brought before the Court, and it was dismissed. This showed that it was a very quiet beast, and it was also a very valuable one, as it kept drunken loafers away from Mr McNally's premises. He would bring evidence to show that the woman was drunk and staggered off the footpath against the edge of a barrel that was standing on the road and then fell on to the ground.—Patrick Lochrane, sworn, said he saw complainant staggering along the footpath past McNally's public-house and she fell on to the cart road. He saw the dog run from under the woman, but could not say whether it bit her or not.—Henry Campbell gave similar evidence.—Dr O'Donnell stated that the woman came to him, when he examined the leg and found a circle wound about ½ inch in diameter. She represented it to be the bite from a dog, and as far as he could judge the representation was quite feasible. The bad state of the leg then was caused by not following out the treatment advised.—By Dr Carr: He did not think the wound could be made by falling on to the edge of a barrel.—Dr Carr then asked the Bench to be as lenient as possible as the dog was a valuable one. He had proved by two witnesses that complainant was intoxicated, and if she had not staggered on to the dog it would never have touched her.—The Chairman said the magistrates had decided to make an order to keep the dog under proper control, and if the police ever found it not so, then it would have to be destroyed.

GROSS INGRATITUDE.

Thomas Divine prefered a charge against *Rose Campbell*, living in Bottle Bank, Blackhill, for having assaulted him on the 28th last month.—It appears from evidence given by prosecutor that he lodged with the defendant, and on the night of the day named he was preparing for bed, when her husband and her son commenced to quarrel about half-a-crown, and a fight ensued. He went to part them, and when doing so, defendant struck him two heavy blows on the head with a poker. He then commenced to shout "Murder, police," and the latter broke in the door and saved him from further harm.—P.C. Joseph Young, deposed that on the 28th July he proceeded in company with other constables to Campbell's house in Bottle Bank where fearful cries of murder were heard. They tried the door, but the inmates would not open it, and they had to burst it open. They then conveyed Divine to Dr Renton's surgery, whose attention he received.—Dr Renton stated that about midnight on the day in question, Sergt. Cruickshank brought Divine to his surgery, when he found a very small cut on the back part of the head, and one about an inch long and penetrating to the bone on the front part of the head. They were very trifling, but the man was exhausted. They were caused by some blunt instrument.—Defendant said her husband, son, and lodger were scuffling over half-a-crown, when her son shouted "Good God, mother, would you stand there and see them choke me." She immediately picked up the poker and gave Divine a "welt" or two.—The Bench considered this a very uncalled-for assault and fined defendant £1 18s and costs, £2 18s in all.

OBSTRUCTING THE FOOTPATH.

Michael Calligan, Michael Shannon, Thomas Coleman, Thomas McKenna, William Toole, and *John McIver* were severally charged with obstructing the footpath at Blackhill.—P.C. Garbutt adduced to seeing defendants standing at the doctor's corner, Blackhill, and everybody that passed were insulted with language that was not fit to be spoken in a public court. Various complaints had been made to the police about this sort of thing, and they were endeavouring to put a stop to it.—P.C. Hudson corroborated.—A fine of 5s each, including costs, was imposed.

POOR LAW ACT.

Mr John Moon, relieving officer applied to the magistrates to make an order for three brothers named *Nicholas, Owen*, and *Stephen Boyle*, to contribute 2s a-week each towards the maintenance of their mother who had entered the Lanchester Workhouse. The order was accordingly made.

LARCENY AT BLACKHILL.

Jane McIntyre, an old woman, living at Bottle Bank, Blackhill, was brought up on remand charged with stealing at periodical occasions between 1st April, 1882, and 31st July last, a blue pilot jacket, cloth trousers and vest, and some bed hangings.—Mrs Christopher and other witnesses gave evidence, most of which has been already reported; and the case being fully proved, the Chairman informed prisoner that she had made herself liable to six months' imprisonment, but as this was her first offence, she would only have to go to prison for one month.

MALTREATING A FATHER.

Thomas Fallen was brought up charged with assaulting his father on Saturday night last, at Hedley Hill.—Defendant's father who is an old man, was a frightful spectacle. His head was bandaged up, while one or two keep cuts and bruises were visible on his much swollen face, giving him a ghastly appearance. He said that his son and himself had been drinking together, when they fell out, and his son knocked him down and kicked him about the head and face, doing serious damage thereto. Prosecutor did not wish them to convict his son, as it would only break up their home, and this he did not want. If the magistrates would make him promise not to do this again, he would be quite satisfied.—Defendant, who seemed very penitent said he was drunk at the time and did not know what he was doing. He was very sorry, indeed, that he had done this, he would never have done it in his sober senses.—He was fined 20s and 13s costs, and the magistrates bound him to promise not to do this again.—Defendant readily acquiesced.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

TUESDAY, Aug. 4th.—Before R. FORSTER and U. A. RITSON, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

Matthew Hood, of The Spen, who failed to appear, was charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and disorderly at The Spen, on August 4th.—Fined 5s and costs.

William Ridley and *William Logan*, of Blaydon, who failed to appear, were charged by P.C. Robson with having been drunk and disorderly at Blaydon, on August 4th.—Fined 5s each and costs.

John Morgan, of Victoria Garesfield, who sent his landlady to appear for him, was charged by P.C. Pattison with having been drunk and disorderly at Rowlands Gill, on August 3rd.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.

Matthew Best, of Victoria Garesfield, charged by P.C. Pattison with having been in a drunken state near Smales Farm, on August 6th, was fined 2s 6d and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Joseph Maddison, of The Spen, who failed to appear, and *Alexander Watson*, of Victoria Garesfield, two light-weight pugilists, was charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and fighting with each other at The Spen, on the 6th inst.—Maddison was fined 5s and costs, and Watson 2s 6d and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

William Pike, of Barlow, was charged by P.C. Farrar with allowing his horse to stray on the highway at Barlow Fell, on July 31st.—Fined 1s and costs.

ASSAULTS.

Annie Shirelock, of Swalwell, was summoned by Hannah Douglass, on a charge of assaulting her with a poker at Swalwell, on the 5th of August.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

Joseph Hodgson, miner, of Barlow, was summoned by Margaret Gills, charged with assaulting her at Barlow, on August 3rd, by striking her in the side.—Mr Robson appeared to prosecute, and Mr Dix defended.—The defendant had gone to complainant's house and demanded admission, and being refused he created a disturbance. Mrs Gills then went up stairs and threw some water out of the window on to him, and Hodgson struck her.—Corroborative evidence was also given by Mary Sarah Hall and Mrs Gills' son.—Defendant having called two witnesses for the defence, Mr Forster said that if the woman had not thrown the water on him, he would have been sent to prison.—Fined 40s and 14s 6d costs.

USING THREATENING LANGUAGE.

William White, of Victoria Garesfield, was summoned by Mary Ann Telford, on a charge of threatening to kill her at Victoria Garesfield, on July 24th.—Mr Dix appeared for the complainant.—The defendant was bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of £10, and pay the costs, 9s.

THE WHOLESALE SOCIETY AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following letter, recently received by the Co-operative Wholesale Society from the private secretary of the Prince of Wales; in acknowledgment of a copy of the Annual of the Wholesale, presented to His Royal Highness, and now published with his consent, will, we are sure, be read with gratification by all co-operators as a proof of the enlightened interest taken by the highest personage in the realm, except Her Majesty the Queen, in the efforts of the people to promote, by means of association, their own moral, intellectual, and physical advancement :—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 9th July, 1883.

GENTLEMEN,—I have had the honour of laying your communication before the Prince of Wales, and I am desired by His Royal Highness, in reply, to thank you for the copy of the "Annual of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, for 1883," which you have been so good as to transmit for his acceptance.

I am further directed to assure you that the Prince has read with the greatest interest the details of the working of the society with which you have supplied him, and he is anxious to express the extreme gratification which he experiences in finding that so large a body of the working men of this country are united in a determination to benefit themselves, both morally and physically, by endeavouring to carry out a scheme which his Royal Highness conceives is admirably adapted to raise the standard of the knowledge and intelligence, and to increase their welfare and happiness; and, in stating this opinion, he feels very strongly that such praiseworthy efforts are deserving of the highest commendations and encouragement.

He wishes your society, therefore, every success, and he sincerely trusts it will continue to increase in prosperity in the same proportion as heretofore.

I am desired, in conclusion, to add, that the Prince would be very glad if, from time to time, you would be so good as to acquaint him with the state of the progress which you are making.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

To J. T. W. Mitchell and T. Hall, Esq.

HYMNS for Sunday School Anniversaries, &c. printed on the shortest notice, and at the *cheapest* rate, by ROBERT JACKSON.

HOW ACCIDENTS OCCUR IN COAL MINES. — Thos. Martin was on Monday summoned before the Bishop Auckland Bench of magistrates charged by Mark Hall, manager of the Hunwick Colliery, with riding on the "set" contrary to the rules. — Defendant pleaded guilty, but said that they were allowed to ride in some parts of the mine. — Mr Hall said he had forbidden any person to ride where the defendant was riding.—Defendant was fined £2, including the costs.

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WEDDED, BUT NO WIFE:

A TALE OF A GREAT WRONG.

By GRAHAM PONTON,

Author of "A Daring Venture for Wealth," "Angela," "Who Killed John Royds?" &c., &c.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

VIOLET SHAPES HER FUTURE.

Violet staggered as she reached the carriage in which Aunt Crofton was awaiting her at the door of the house where Dr. Lyon De Tourville had his apartments. As she seated herself Lady Crofton saw that her face was fixed and deathly pale, and the question that rose to her lips died away unuttered. Letitia Crofton had seen that look on her niece's face before, and she knew when it was there her best plan was to keep silence.

At last as she hoped and prayed, the pent up agony found relief; Violet's head sank on her aunt's shoulder, and the bitter tears ran down her cheeks and choked her utterance.

"Oh! auntie! auntie!" she wailed, "would to God I had never lived!".

"Don't say that, my darling; don't say that," sobbed Lady Letitia, "don't say that; there's nothing so bad that it can't be mended, my poor darling. I knew it all along, dear, I felt sure you would be sorry you ever came."

"No, aunt, I am not sorry," interrupted Violet with sudden vehemence, "I am glad I went."

"Glad, my dear!"

"Yes, glad; because I now know that the man I married is the villain you and my brother believed him to be; because I know now that the love he once professed for me was false; because I know now that he is utterly cruel, utterly heartless; and because I have now learned to hate him."

"Violet," cried poor Aunt Crofton, horrified at her niece's sudden outbreak of vehemence, "for God's sake don't talk like that! You frighten me, my dear."

"Can we leave Paris to-night?"

"To-night, Violet! what can you be thinking of?" exclaimed her aunt, in astonishment; "why it is three o'clock already."

"Well, then to-morrow, aunt, the sooner the better, for I want to get back to England. I want to see Algernon and arrange a hundred things."

"My dear, Violet, you quite take away my breath; if you go on exciting yourself in this way you will make yourself ill again."

"Don't be afraid of that, aunt. I am not likely to die now."

"Violet, my dear, what things you are saying. No one supposes you will die."

"Yes, aunt, he does, and he wishes it, I could read that in his face; but I am certain now that I shall live, for I have something to live for. I have called down vengeance on Adrien Lyon, and as sure as there is a just God, I shall live to see that vengeance fall on him!"

"Violet, my darling," cried poor, gentle Letitia Crofton, winding her arms round her niece, "this is really awful; you cannot know what you are saying, darling."

"Yes, I do, aunt. I do, and I hate, I——"

"Hush! hush, dearest. Don't! don't say you curse the father of your boy. Remember you will have to forgive one day as you hope to be forgiven."

The carriage stopped at the door of the hotel where they were staying, and as soon as the door was opened Violet rushed out, ran upstairs, and locked herself into her bedroom.

When she descended to dinner the traces of terrible emotion on her face, and the extremely excited state of her nerves warned her aunt to make no further reference to the events of the day.

They passed a dreary evening. Violet engaged herself in writing letters, and Lady Letitia lay on the sofa reading.

As they parted for the night the tender-hearted woman strained her niece to her breast and kissed her: "God give you peace, my poor darling," she whispered. Violet returned her embrace passionately, and rushed from the room.

On the following morning, despite the only too evident suffering she was undergoing from having passed a sleepless night, Violet insisted on beginning the journey homeward, and her aunt, feeling that opposition would be useless, assented.

For some days after their arrival in London Violet remained quietly at her aunt's house; she gave no precise account to any of her relatives of the result of her interview with her husband; but it was generally understood how it had resulted.

Aunt Crofton, after consulting with her brother and her nephew, was beginning to arrange a scheme for the future of Violet and her child, which would consist of a residence with her during the season in London, and a sojourn in the country afterwards, at Haughton Hall or Lydstone Park; or if Violet preferred a home of her own, that some nice quiet house should be taken for her in the neighbourhood of Kensington Gardens, where she might live quietly on her income until when eventually the divorce was arranged, which Aunt Crofton made up her mind would be the case, she was free to marry Monty Faircombe.

All Aunt Crofton's castles in the air were, however, speedily dissipated by Violet herself, who had determined on a plan of her own future in which a residence with her aunt or near Kensington had no part.

The season was almost at its close, Algernon was beginning to think of the moors, and society in general was longing for the rising of Parliament, when one evening Violet somewhat abruptly said, as her aunt and she were sitting together in the twilight, "Auntie, dear, do you know how much I have to live on?"

"How much, my dear? why, don't you know?"

"Well, no, not precisely, auntie. I have an idea that I have enough, but when I was at Bilborough Gardens," she went on, with a sigh, "everything was so uncertain that I am not sure. I know it is enough for little Adrien and myself, but I should like to know the exact amount."

"Yes," replied Aunt Crofton, pausing for a moment, "yes, my dear, quite enough. It is not a large income, of course, about two thousand a year, but it will go to Adrien when you die although you have no command of the capital."

"Yes, I know that," interrupted Violet, impatiently, "and perhaps as things have turned out, it is just as well, or I might have been a beggar by this time."

"Violet!" exclaimed the old lady, horror-stricken, "you really are the most provoking girl I ever came across. A beggar, indeed! you surely don't mean to say, if you had been able you would have wasted your means on that man who——"

"Stop! aunt, remember he is my husband."

"I really beg your pardon, my dear," said her aunt apologetically.

"Well, never mind. But I am glad it is so much. It will be a good thing for poor Adrien, if he lives."

"Nonsense, my dear, *if he lives!* Why, I never saw a more healthy child. Really, if you go on in this way, I shall begin to think you are going to be ill again. You are getting quite morbid."

"Perhaps," continued Violet, wearily, "but never mind. All I was going to say is that I have taken a villa in Italy, on lease for some years, and I am going to live there."

"Taken a villa in Italy for some years and going to live there," exclaimed Lady Letitia, laying down her work and staring at her niece in blank astonishment. "Taken a villa in Italy! why you must be mad!"

"No! I am not, auntie. Heaps of people take villas in Italy."

"Yes, darling, no doubt," sobbed her aunt, seeing the castle of cards she had built for Violet's future thus ruthlessly thrown down. "But in your case it is so different. Why you know there is no reason you should go away. You might live with me. In fact, dear, I always meant you should; and that this house should be yours when I am gone. Or if you wish for a home of your own, you might easily take a house in London where we could see each other, and where you could take your proper place in society; and bring up your boy with his relations. It really must not be, Violet."

"But, I fear, it must, auntie," said Violet, putting her arms round the old lady and kissing her; "dear old auntie, do you think I would come and disturb your quiet household; and as for living in London, I have no place in society now. It is just as well to face it, aunt, and I have faced it," she continued, vehemently. "Do you think I don't know what people would say of me? Do you think I could bear to be pointed at as Viscount Proudfoot's unfortunate sister, who had married a French adventurer and who was, and yet was not his wife? A French adventurer who had deserted her and taken advantage of an iniquitous law, and married another woman in his own country. Do you think I could bear to have it said that my son, my pretty Adrien, could not claim his father's name in France. Do you think I could bear this, aunt?"

"But, dearest, how absurdly you do talk of things. Of course, you could not put up with what you imagine. But the reality would be far different. Believe me, darling, and I speak from more experience of the world than you do, there would not be the slightest fear of your receiving anything but sympathy. You have loving relatives who would do anything, dear, to promote your happiness, and help you to forget the past, even if you should persist in not taking their advice, and freeing yourself from that man, if the law enables you to do so."

"Not a word of that, aunt," said Violet, rising; "but there is the first dinner bell, so we will put off the consideration of Italy for the present."

Next morning Aunt Crofton paid an early visit both to Algernon and Lord Crofton, and unburdened herself of her latest trouble with Violet. Both were strongly opposed to the suggested Italian journey, and promised to do their utmost to dissuade Violet from it.

In fact, there was a regular family council held in Aunt Crofton's drawing-room the same afternoon. Algernon and Maud, and Lord Crofton and the Countess came, and all talked, together and separately. Lord Crofton almost stormed; Algernon very nearly lost his temper; while the Countess became quite hysterical, and Maud and Aunt Letitia wept silently. The only one of the party who kept calm was Violet herself who, lying on the sofa, uttered a quiet *non possumus* to all their arguments. "The villa was taken," she said, "and she meant to occupy it." She was willing to admit that the idea was "absurd" and even "preposterous," but she meant to go. Her relatives might visit her there, and she might come occasionally to England; but Italy was to be her home, and the home of her boy.

Finding they could not alter her resolution, her brother and her uncle at last unwillingly gave way, only insisting that she should take with her an efficient English man-servant whose presence in the house would be a protection to her. As it happened there was a young man named Weston in her uncle's service who was engaged to be married to a maid of one of the young ladies, and the young couple gladly embraced the opportunity afforded them of marrying and entering Mrs. Lyon's service.

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(*To be continued.*

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BAND PRACTICE ON SUNDAYS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—Perhaps you can afford me space in your widely circulated columns to lay before your numerous readers the above performances at Blackhill. I had occasion to be at this place on Sunday last, and I am glad to say my object was to do my little towards persuading my fellow workmen in that district to augment the numbers of those who seek to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath day and not to desecrate by unnecessary labour of any kind whatever. Anyone that knows me, knows how passionately fond I am of music produced upon any instrument, and I would be the last one to raise my voice against it; but I really do think that when a number of men meet together on a Sabbath day to practice tunes for a band contest in a building literally surrounded by places of worship, that it is only justice to all within hearing to raise their voices against such proceedings on a Sunday. Now, sir, I believe in band contests, and think that there can scarcely be a more useful employment for the mind than the development of musical talent by any or every one; but to find working men engaged in "robbing God" of his rights so that they may acquit themselves at band contests is scarcely "workman-like," generally speaking. I must admit, however, that I would rather hear and see them engaged in practising upon their instruments on a Sabbath day than find them in worse places. But two blacks do not make a white; and I want to say this that if 500 people assemble in certain places to quietly worship their Creator they have no right to be annoyed by a dozen creating a great noise about nothing. A gentleman once asked if he could be a Christian and play a trombone? The answer was yes? but he questioned very much whether his neighbour next door could remain a one when he was practising. Perhaps our friends will taunt me with "The Salvation Army Band." Well, neither they nor anyone else have any right whatever to make themselves happy at the expense of other people's happiness, and especially during church hours. I am not, sir, a lover of sects absolutely. I believe there are as good Churchmen as Dissenters, and as good Catholics as both, but I do think this: that if our friends who were playing secular tunes all day on Sunday don't believe in either Catholics, Dissenters, or Churchmen, God or Devil, Hell or Heaven, they must believe in a "fair thing." They have no right to do on a Sunday what they can do on week days, neither for their employers or themselves. I have known a great many bandsmen in my short existence, but I never yet met any except at Blackhill, who would steal a march upon their opponents to secure a prize that would only satisfy the body and ruin the soul. I'll predict, sir, that the man or men who seek to succeed in this life by unnecessary Sunday labour will go to the wall and that with rapidity. I have engaged in handicaps of every description and secured prizes in all, *but one*, and that was lost through Sunday training and practice. I dont object to brass bands, as I have previously mentioned, but the principle of desecrating the Sabbath day for worldly gain, I do, and none do more so than workmen generally. If our friends will practice during the week I am sure they will play better, please better, and do themselves no harm. I would much rather have heard them playing in the chapel sacred tunes to try and help me to

"Make earth like Heaven and men like God"

and I hope they will some day.—Meanwhile, I remain yours faithfully,

JOHN FAWCETT.

Heaton, Newcastle.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES AT CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—The above lectures at Consett during the Lent Term were a great success. No one who attended them, and knew the interest taken in them, and was able to form a true idea of the good accomplished by them would ever attempt to deny this. Their success, no doubt, may be traced to several causes. There was a first-class and fairly representative committee, with a chairman and deputy-chairman who would do credit and honour to almost any undertaking. Mr Jenkins has only to touch a question in this district to make it a burning question, and only to give it the benefit of his great influence,—*coeteris paribus*—to bring it to a happy termination. The secretary, again, was a model one, uniting energy and enthusiasm with ability and courteousness. The talented lecturer with his vast store of information, presented the subject in a very attractive manner, combining especially at question time the amiability of Joseph with the patience of Job. The subject of the lectures was eminently suited for the inhabitants of this district. The questions asked in class were mostly amusing, nearly always sensible, sometimes, profound, and almost always highly instructive; and the answers to these questions combined the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the dove. The questions asked and the replies given formed a very attractive part of the evening's enjoyment. Then there was the charm of novelty—that being the first course of University Lectures given in this district.

On the 1st inst., a meeting was held at Consett to present certificates to the successful students, and to take some preliminary steps for the next course of lectures. That meeting was not largely attended. It was not truly representative of the district. A larger number would have been present if it had been more widely known that such a meeting was held. Anyone who takes the pains to investigate this matter will know it to be a fact. It was very little known out of Consett. No one is to blame for this matter. We must remember that it takes a good deal of advertising to advertise this district from Annfield Plain to Castleside, and from Lanchester to Ebchester. It requires not an ordinary efforts, but an extraordinary one. People in this district are called to their work by the "buzzar," called up from their places in the pit by loud raps on the tubs, &c. How often do we hear cheering strains of sounding brass or clanging cymbals calling us to worship. At other times we hear the joyous sounds of bells, and sometimes *belles* inviting us to leave the busy world and feast on things Divine, and when these are not available we sometimes resort to other measures such as floral exhibitions. You will infer from these things that the district is not easily moved. Consett never goes in for halves. There is no medium between death and victory. And until the whole district is properly moved you will not have a thoroughly representative gathering.

Now after getting a fair representation of the district together, what is necessary for another successful course of University lectures? Granted a committee like the last one, with the same secretary, and a lecturer as able and as popular as Dr. Hodgson, there is only one thing essential to success. Without this all labour will be in vain, and all effort useless. It is the *sine qua non* of success. It is a *subject*—one in which the populace of the district are *deeply interested*, one which will do them good in their homes. Those who come closely in contact with working men know well that they have a strong opinion that subjects which will benefit the more cultured are out of their reach to master. I shall not suggest any subject, except this, that I think Mr W. A. Hoe suggested a subject at the meeting that would take well with the masses.—Yours, &c.,

AD REFERENDUM.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this body was held yesterday (Thursday) morning, in the Board-room, Lanchester, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. There were also present the Revs Canon Kearney, C. Gillow, and J. P. De Pledge, J.P., and Messrs T. Siddell, J. Collinson, W. Logan, G. Fairley, J. W. Hodgson, T. Taylor Smith, W. H. Hedley, R. Clark, G. Hobson, N. Clark, and W. H. Ritson (clerk).

The minutes of last meeting were read, and after confirmation, were signed.

Various cases for relief were then considered.

INSPECTION OF THE WORKHOUSE.

The Clerk stated that Mr Culley, the Government Inspector, had made an inspection of the Workhouse, and in his report thereon he stated that it was in a very satisfactory condition. The only thing he could suggest was to place swings and bars in the playground for the children to have exercise upon.

The CHAIRMAN thought the report was indeed gratifying; but as to placing swings and bars in the playground, he considered they would be very dangerous to the children.

The other Guardians also thought them unnecessary, and the matter dropped.

MR LOGAN'S MOTION.

According to notice, Mr LOGAN rose and moved that the Clerk write and ask the Local Government Board to grant three additional Guardians, one each for the townships of Collierley, Kyo, and Iveston and Billingside (combined), which would raise the number from 25 to 28. The rateable value of Iveston and Billingside, with a population of 4,040, was £12,954, and was only represented by one Guardian. Collierley and Pontop was rated at £16,045, with a population of 3,856. and had only one Guardian. The population of Kyo was 4,068, the rateable value being £19,038, and this township could only boast of one Guardian. He thought these townships were entitled to be represented on the Board by two Guardians, as there were other townships of less population and rateable value than these that were represented by two Guardians. It was important that this should be done before they laid their basis of triennial elections, as that system would then lay firm for years without fear of disturbance, seeing that these were the only townships that did require an additional Guardian. If his (Mr Logan's) motion was carried, he purposed to group the townships in the following order:—1st district, Benfieldside, Medomsley, Iveston and Billingside, Healeyfield, Conside and Knitsley, and Ebchester, with ten Guardians; 2nd district, Collierley, Kyo, Tanfield, and Greencroft, with nine Guardians; 3rd district, Lanchester, Esh, Cornsay, Satley, Hedleyhope, and Muggleswick, with nine Guardians.

A sharp discussion here took place on the subject, in the course of which Mr R. CLARK seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN put it to the meeting, when 5 voted for and 4 against the motion, which was declared to be carried.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending Aug. 8th	147
Corresponding week of last year	154
Week ending Aug. 15th	149
Corresponding week last year	160
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	12
" " corresponding fortnight last year	49

The Board afterwards adjourned.

Cricket.

CRICKET APPOINTMENTS.

Aug. 18th, Burnopfield v. Ovingham at Ovingham.
" 18th, Tanfield 2nd v. Consett White Stars 2nd at
" 25th, Tanfield v. Teacher's Association at Tanfield.
" 18th, Marley Hill v. Tanfield at Marley Hill.
" 18th, Consett v. School masters at Consett.
" 25th, Burnopfield v. Medomsley at Burnopfield.
" 25th, Marley Hill v. North Durham at Marley Hill.
" 25th, Consett v. Shotley Bridge Scratch Team at Shotley Spa.

CONSETT V. DIPTON.

The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday last, on the ground of the latter and ended in an easy victory for the visitors with five wickets to fall. The home team went first to the wicket to the bowling of Messrs. J. Stephenson and Jas. Richards, and succeeded in compiling 74, the principal contributor to this score being Rev R. Tuson who carried out his bat for a faultless innings of 36. For the visitors Messrs P. Gibson (not out), I. Richards, and P. Flynn, again played in their usual admirable style. Score:—

DIPTON.		CONSETT.	
R. Tindall c Raw b Stephenson	2	W. Brears c Murray b Tuson	3
T. Ridley c Jackson b J. Richardson	4	I. Richards c Porter b Murray	31
T. Tindall b Stephenson	4	P. Gibson not out	25
W. C. Murray c Gibson b Stephenson	1	J. Richards b Murray	0
Rev R. Tuson not out	36	P. Flynn b Tuson	14
W. Ridley b Stephenson	5	G. T. Hyden run out	0
W. Porter c and b J. Richards	1	J. Stephenson, J. Costello, W. Jackson, N. Raw, W. E. Gough to bat	
W. McKay b Richards	2		
J. W. Hodgson c. J. Richds b Stephsn	6		
H. Prevell run out	0		
R. Greenfield b I. Richards	4		
Extras	9	Extras	5
Total	74	Total	78

DUNSTON V. MARLEY HILL.

Played at Marley Hill on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Dunston by 20 runs, chiefly owing to the playing of M'Intyre (15), Wood (12), and Jas Hopper (11). and the bowling of Walls, who secured 5 wickets for 10 runs. Murton (17) batted well for the Marley Hill. Score:—

MARLEY HILL.		DUNSTON.	
J. Murton c M'Intyre	17	C. M'Intyre c Hutchinson	15
W. Coulthard b Walls	6	W. A. Leadbitter c Robson	0
W. F. Clark c Surtees	2	G. Whitfield b Coulthard	0
R. B. Clark b Walls	0	J. Donkin run out	8
J. Robson c Whitfield	2	J. G. Wood run out	12
J. Hutchinson run out	3	J. Lister b Clark	5
E. Saunders, b Donkin	4	Jas. Hopper b Clark	11
G. Charlton c Leadbitter	0	J. Dinning c Clark	4
J. Thirlaway run out	1	W. Walls c Hutchinson	2
G. Backus not out	0	R. Surtees not out	0
J. Robson b Donkin	0	John Hopper run out	1
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	42	Total	62

CONSETT WHITE STARS V. CASTLESIDE.

The return match was played on Saturday last at Castleside, and after an exciting game resulted in a victory for the visitors by 9 runs. Score:—

CASTLESIDE.		CONSETT.	
W. Walton c Wright b Cockburn	13	T. Cockburn c Walton b Toward	22
R. Toward run out	0	J. Wright b A. Toward	1
A. Toward b Willey	3	J. G. Willey b A. Toward	3
T. Duckworth b Willey	0	J. Malpass b A. Toward	0
J. Proud not out	7	Whinney b A. Toward	0
R. Grey c and b Cockburn	3	J. R. Maxwell c Duckworth b R. Toward	0
J. Robinson c Wright b Cockburn	0	T. Brownlee c Duckworth b R. Toward	1
W. Patterson b Cockburn	4	J. Patterson c A Toward b R. Toward	7
R. Davison b Willey	4	E. Harris c Duckworth b R. Toward	0
J. W. Golightly c Willey b Cockburn	2	C. Toward b A. Toward	1
H. Natress b Cockburn	1	W. Routledge not out	8
Extras	6	Extras	9
Total	43	Total	52

BURNHOPE V. TANFIELD.

The return match was played on Saturday last at Tanfield and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 12 runs. Score:—

TANFIELD.		BURNHOPE.	
W. Taylor b Young	21	W. Dyson b Jewitt	3
E. Reay b Dyson	9	T. Brown c Newman b Laidler	0
Rev Newman c and b Young	4	J. Gair b Jewitt	23
T. Robson b Young	0	J. Masson b Jewitt	1
T. Jewitt c Knight b Young	0	J. Hunter c and b Temple	34
T. Morton c Mason b Young	8	H. Young b Laidler	2
J. Laidler b Dyson	1	P. Harkness b Jewitt	5
C. Pringle b Dyson	7	J. Watson run out	2
W. Brown not out	0	G. Turton lbw	4
H. Hancock c Harkness b Young	0	T. Burnett not out	0
D. Temple b Young	1	J. Knight b Temple	0
Extras	8	Extras	7
Total	69	Total	81

BEAMISH V. PITY ME.

Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and ended in a victory for the visitors mainly due to the good cricket displayed by Messrs. Ironside and A. Jackson. Score:—

PITY ME.		BEAMISH.	
R. Richardson jun. run out	7	A. Kerr b Scorar	0
G. Curry b J. Tennant	5	P. Carr b J. Richardson	2
R. Mann c G. Jackson	1	T. Carr b J. Richardson	0
G. Scorar d J. Tennant	4	Arch Jackson not out	26
W. Turnbull b G. Jackson	1	J. Tennant c R. Richardson b J. Richsn.	2
J. Richardson b G. Jackson	6	T. Tennant c Mann	0
G. Bamlett b G. Jackson	0	J. Jackson b Scorar	0
G. Cork c Carr	0	J. C. Ironside c and b Scorar	25
R. Richardson sen., c T. Carr	29	P. Clark not out	1
A. Smith c G. Jackson	0	G. Jackson, G. Mitford to bat	
G. Bowes not out	0		
Extras	16	Extras	22
Total	69	Total	78

WEST STANLEY C.C. v. 22 WEST STANLEY REED BAND.—This match was played at West Stanley on Saturday, August 4th, and resulted in an easy victory for the bandsmen by 45 runs and 11 wickets to fall. As the weather was fine a large number of spectators assembled to witness this interesting match. Great credit is due to Messrs. Hunter (32), Hughes (18), Fawcett (15), and Waugh (11); for their excellent batting, and the victory of the Bandsmen is chiefly due to their performance at the wicket. The bowling of Messrs. Hughes and Waugh was good. For the Cricket Club, the brothers Harkness played well, and Mr Mason bowled well. Score:—West Stanley Reed Band, 114; West Stanley Cricket Club, 69.

TRIP TO LEEDS.—Last Saturday, the miners under the employment of the Consett Iron Company had a trip to Leeds. A very good day was spent, although unfortunately there were about 30 persons left behind, some of whom are not yet back.

The members of the Chester-le-Street Branch of the Gospel Temperance Union commenced the more active operations of the season on Tuesday evening last, when an enjoyable programme was gone through in the Wesleyan School-room. The chair was occupied by Mr George Appleby, and the hall was filled in every part.

SUDDEN DEATH AT ESH.—On the 9th inst., John Mallabar, shoemaker at Esh Co-operative Society, was suddenly seized while at work with a pain in his side. He rose for a moment, then sank to the floor, and expired in two or three minutes, from heart disease. His remains were interred at Esh Churchyard on Saturday, followed by a large number of friends.

TOW LAW.—The first of a series of pianoforte recitals was given in the Mechanics Hall, on Monday evening last, by Miss F. E. Simpson, daughter of the Rev M. H. Simpson, the Vicarage, Tow Law. The programme consisted of works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Rubenstein, Chopin, Brahms, and other great masters. Miss Simpson acquitted herself in a style that highly delighted the audience assembled. Her marvellous powers of execution in the rapid passages, together with the beautiful rendering of the softer parts, proved her to be a pianist of the highest order.

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CONCERT AT DERWENT COTTAGES.—A concert of sacred music was given in the Wesleyan Chapel at Derwent Cottages, by the Allendale Primitive Methodist choir, on Monday evening last. The programme consisted of solos, hymns, and anthems, the solos and duets being rendered by Misses A. Stephenson, A. Dawson, E. Robinson, F. Whigham, J. Burrell, A. Knight, and Messrs J. Vincent, P. Quigley, M. Kennedy, and L. Fenwick. Two amusing and interesting dialogues, entitled, "Heads examined," and "The trials of a patient man," were well rendered by members of the choir assisted by Mr J. Holland. The whole of the programme was gone through well under the leadership of Mr Bewley. Miss A. Dawson and Mr J. Harbottle accompanied the several pieces on the harmonium. Mr D. Reed occupied the chair. The proceeds of the concert were in aid of purchasing a harmonium for the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Bradley Cottages. After the usual votes of thanks to the choir for their performance, and the Wesleyan Society for the use of the chapel, a pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the doxology.

DEATH OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER PROPRIETOR.—We deeply regret to have to record the demise of a well-known and highly respected of Blyth, who has been in failing health for some time, Mr William Alder, printer, and proprietor of the *Blyth News*. The deceased died at his residence at Blyth at an early hour on Saturday morning last. Mr Alder was a descendant of two of the oldest families in Blyth, and he, like them, has resided in Blyth all his life. At an early age he was apprenticed to the art of printing with Mr J. Robinson, sen., of Blyth, and on the completion of his apprenticeship he resolved to enter into business on his own account in his present premises in Ridley Street, Blyth, and by his perseverance and punctuality the deceased has been successful in his business, and succeeded in gaining the high esteem and respect of his fellow-townsmen. The deceased was a shipowner, and he always took a deep interest in such improvements connected with the port of Blyth, especially the harbour improvements, which he frequently commented on in the columns of the *Blyth Weekly News*, which paper he established some years ago, and which he published up to his death. The deceased took very little interest in municipal affairs of the town. In the political sphere the deceased was a Conservative. He also for many years discharged the duties of secretary to the Master Mariners' Society. The deceased was also an ardent and old member of the Methodist New Connexion community in Blyth, and his kindly cheery manner and familiar form will be greatly missed by all who came in contact with him.

BREACH OF THE CATTLE REGULATIONS.—At the Newcastle Police Court on Tuesday, James McCormack, a cattle dealer, was summoned for having been guilty of a breach of the Contagious Diseases (Animal) Act.—The Town Clerk (Mr Hill Motum), who prosecuted, said that on the 11th July the Local Authority found it necessary to make regulations prohibiting cattle to be brought into Newcastle from Ireland, as disease was prevalent in that country. The regulations stated that cattle could not be brought into Newcastle unless they had been 28 days out of Ireland. On the 6th August the defendant brought to Stagshawbank Fair some cattle which had been brought from Belfast only on the previous Thursday. The defendant not selling them at Stagshwbank Fair, brought them to Newcastle. Mr Hedley, the inspector of nuisances, saw the defendant and warned him not to bring them into Newcastle, but the defendant replied that he would risk it.—The Bench said the defendant was liable to a fine of £110, but they would only inflict a fine of £5 and costs.

MARLEY HILL SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The scholars and teachers attending the Church, Wesleyan, and Primitive Methodist Sunday schools, were entertained on Thursday last to a tea by Mr and Mrs Berkley, Marley Hill House. After a splendid tea the young folks engaged in various sports. Many useful and ornamental articles were presented by Mrs Berkley to the successful competitors. The prizes having been distributed, and the children assembled in front of the house, Mr Gilchrist, in a few well-chosen remarks, referred to the great kindness shown by Mr and Mrs Berkley to the respective schools for upward of 20 years, and he now asked for a hearty vote of thanks to their kind entertainers, which was responded to by acclamation. Mr Berkley, in reply, said that it was a great pleasure to Mrs Berkley as well as himself to see them from year to year, and he hoped that this would continue for many years to come. The singing of the doxology brought a pleasant day's enjoyment to a close.

GROUSE SHOOTING AT BLANCHLAND.—In the Blanchland district heavy rains commenced on Sunday evening and continued until nine on Monday morning, and were followed by showers during the day, the result being comparatively small bags. The earlier birds were found to be wild and strong, and in good condition, but the younger birds were found to be scarcely ready for shooting. Several parties were being entertained in this charming neighbourhood (Hunstanworth, Newbiggen). Mrs Joicey and her son, Mr Edward Joicey, are entertaining a party of friends at Newbiggen Hall, consisting of Mr Joseph Dodds, M.P., Captain M. B. Dodds, Mr James Joicey, of Newcastle; Mr James Joicey, jun., and Mr John G. Joicey, of Cambridge; and Mr Johnson Robinson, of North Shields. The party bagged upwards of 85 brace, the principal bags being made by Mr Edward Joicey, 9 brace; Mr James Joicey, 15 brace; Captain Dodds, 24 brace; and Mr Johnson Robinson, 9 brace. On Blanchland Moors, Major Joicey, J.P., is entertaining Mr Matthew Kearney, Mr M. Morrison, Mr Shaw, and Mr Brady, C.E., of London; and Mr Robert Clarkson, of South Medomsley. Riddlehamhope is now tenanted by Mr Philip Laing, of Sunderland, who, besides members of his own family, is entertaining Mr Robert Boyd; and Mr Ellis, Mr J. W. Barnes, with Major Rowlandson and Mr Joseph Hutchinson, are shooting the Blanchland South Moors.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING AT BLACKHILL.—On Saturday evening a successful Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the Free Methodist Church, Blackhill. The Rev G. Lord occupied the chair, and was accompanied on the platform by the Revs E. W. Jenkins, J. Roach (Baptist), Mr John Fawcett and Mr Thomas Wagstaff, Newcastle, and a large choir of ladies and gentlemen, ably conducted by Mr Ward Davison, while Master Davison presided at the organ. The choir sung during the evening several choice selections of sacred music, which was well received by the audience present. Short addresses were delivered by the above gentlemen, and solos were effectively rendered by Mr Fawcett, entitled—"Are you coming home to-night" and "Sign the pledge for mother's sake," who afterwards delivered one of his characteristic speeches on temperance. Several recitations were very ably given. On Sunday morning, Evangelistic services were conducted in the chapel by Mr McPherson, and in the afternoon an open-air gathering took place in the Cricket Field, addressed by Mr King, &c. In the evening a service was held in the chapel with a full congregation, which was conducted by Mr Fawcett, assisted by Mr King. Several choruses were sung when, after the usual devotional exercise, Mr Fawcett sang "The beautiful city," and delivered a touching discourse from the words "Without Christ" (Ephesians 26th chap. 12th ver.), treating his subject from the stand-point of a nation, a home, and individual without Christ, giving incidents of a striking character of each. The address and solos were listened to by the large audience present with great interest, and a deep impression was apparently made upon the minds of his hearers. Collections were taken in aid of the church funds at each service.

BUILDING PROSPECTS IN CONSETT.—"Elfin,' writing to the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* on the above subject says:—Consett, if recent statements are to be believed, occupies a peculiar position as a North of England town. Springing from the old-fashioned village of Berry Edge, it has made wonderful strides during the past twenty years. It has the most successful and prosperous ironworks in England. It has increased its population to a considerable degree, about 3,000 indeed, within the past two years, and yet with all this the place does not extend in size to the extent desired. This is due, it is evident, to no lack of enterprise on the part of the Consett Iron Company; for the directors have spent from £18,000 to £20,000 in building cottages within the past eighteen months. It arises evidently from lack of private speculation. Ten years ago the Consett Iron Company offered suitable land to working men *free*, if they would build upon it; but they refused, while tradesmen have also shown a reluctance to invest in bricks and mortar, and in a measure the town, which is increasing its industries, building a new town hall, and expecting to be soon thoroughly joined to other districts with railway communication, is literally at a standstill. The effect is the place is now in an over-crowded condition; in many cottages, with two rooms, from 9 to 12 persons are huddled together, and the only lodging-houses in the town are stated to be more than sufficiently filled every night. The disinclination of either working men or tradesmen, or builders to erect new houses is stated to be the fear that the land will subside. But it is denied that the land, generally speaking, in that quarter has any such tendency, and surprise is expressed at the snail-like pace with which building operations are carried on. In the meantime, the local authorities are at their wits' end, for it is clear if the over-crowding multiplies the public health must necessarily be imperilled. All things considered—the cheapness of land and the needed house room especially—there appears to be a finer opening for house-building speculators at Consett than at any part of the North of England. ["Elfin" has evidently heard more about Consett than the inhabitants, none of whom, so far as we can ascertain, remembers so munificent as land being offered *free!* The general impression hitherto has been that the Consett Iron Company were not so liberal as they might be in this respect. Some persons who were intending to build, and who made inquiries about land from officials of the Company, have retired somewhat disgusted at the conditions upon which land was to be obtained. It is only fair, however, to state that some of the workmen were offered the houses in which they reside, but from some cause the offer has not been accepted.—Ed. C. G.

The annual show of the Witton Gilbert Floral and Horticultural Society was held on Monday. The weather was unfavourable.

We are informed that two serious outbreaks of cattle disease occurred at Hexham yesterday. The animals attacked were Irish, and had been brought to Hexham on Saturday.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION AT PELTON FELL.—On Saturday afternoon, the members of the various Primitive Methodist chapels in the Chester-le-Street circuit held an open-air meeting at Pelton Fell, when, tempted by the beautiful weather, a very large number of persons were present. The choirs of the adjacent villages took part in the proceedings, and sang numerous selections during the day. Tea was also provided, of which about 950 partook. In the evening a brief public meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr John Smith, of Chester Moor, when votes of thanks to the several choirs were passed.

FUNERAL OF DR. MOFFAT.—The funeral of the Rev Dr Moffat took place on Thursday afternoon, at Norwood Cemetery, Surrey. A preliminary service was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, where an address was delivered by the Rev J. C. Harrison on the heroic life and noble work of the deceased. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev Robert Robinson, secretary of the London Missionary Society, and the funeral oration was delivered by the Rev Guinness Rogers, who, in eloquent terms, described the remarkable career and great qualities of Dr Moffat, and said he would for ever be enshrined in the memory of man as one of Africa's truest and noblest heroes. There was a large gathering of mourners and spectators, and deputations from many of the Missionary Societies and other religious bodies were present. Accompanying the mourners were Sir Henry W. Peck, Bart., M.P., Sir Bartle Frere, Mr Samuel Morley, M.P., Sir Wm. McArthur, M.P., Mr H. Lee, M.P., and Mr Hugh Exton, Mayor of Bloemfontein, South Africa. The coffin was covered with floral tokens of affection and esteem.

STRIKE OF PITMEN.—On Monday morning the whole of the pitmen at the Earl of Durham's "Lady Ann" and "D" pits turned out on strike. A resolution has been passed by the Durham Miners' Association to the effect that all non-union men had to descend to their work either before or after the union men, but not with them. As the employers did not agree with this the whole of the men working at the above pits, numbering 700, refused yesterday morning to proceed to their work. The men telegraphed to their agent at Durham, who arrived at Fence Houses by the 4·55 train, with a view to effecting a settlement. It seems the number of non-union men in the two pits is 10 and 13 respectively, and of this number a few have joined the union on Monday. The resolution causing the pits to be laid idle was passed a fortnight ago by the Miners' Council and is as follows: "All union men shall ascend and descend by themselves after fourteen days' notice being given to that effect."—Mr J. Wilson and Mr Atkinson of the Durham Committee attended in answer to the men's telegram; and Mr Baxter, the manager, sent for a deputation of the men, and informed them that he had decided to grant their request, to allow them to ascend and descend by themselves.—The whole of the miners resumed work on Wednesday morning. The manager, Mr Baxter, sent for a deputation of the men, who, after a consultation with their representatives from the Durham Council, waited upon that gentleman, and he informed them that he agreed to their terms. The cause of the strike, however, was generally disapproved of, as the non-unionist workmen were joining; and it is expected before the end of the week that all will have become members.

ALLANSFORD PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The teachers and friends of the above school celebrated their anniversary on Saturday and Sunday last under favourable auspices. On the former day a public tea took place, the tables being gracefully presided over by Misses Farrar and Martin, while Mrs Robinson and Mrs Lee acted as tea infusers. There was a good number present. After tea a public meeting was held, at which Mr Greenwood, of Blackhill, presided, and interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the Revs T. Elliott and C. Longstaff, and Mr T. Hull, of Consett. The children rendered portions of scripture and recitations during the meeting in a very creditable manner. The Allansford Temperance Choir were also in attendance and greatly augmented the proceedings by their excellent rendering of select pieces of music at intervals, under the leadership of Mr R. Hull. Miss Ramsay ably accompanied on the harmonium. After the usual votes of thanks, &c., had been accorded to the ladies, the speakers, and the chairman, the meeting was brought to a close.—On Sunday the services were held in a field near the chapel, kindly granted by Mr Wood, when the children again recited scripture, dialogues, and pieces of poetry, interspersed by selections of music by the choir, after which Mr T. Mackey, of Blackhill, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon to a large and intelligent audience, from the third chapter of Proverbs, and the 17th verse, his remarks being listened to with rapt attention, and in the evening delivered an able address to parents, teachers, and scholars. Good collections were taken at each service in aid of the Sunday school funds. Altogether the attendance was good, and the whole of the services highly successful.

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MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—At the Register Office, 11th inst., Mr R. Maddison to Miss H. Scott, both of Medomsley.—Same day, Mr Oswald Gray to Miss A. Hillespie, both of Blackhill.

HART—13th inst., by the Rev. J. Thone, Mr Robert Wade, Birtley, eldest son of Mr George Wade, Consett, to Mary Ann Douglass, daughter of Mr Thomas T. Mawston, Middleton House, near Hart.

OVINGHAM—At the Parish Church, 13th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Wray, Mr Wm. March Hopper, Winlaton, to Mary Elizabeth (Polly), eldest daughter of Mr Wm. Marshall, and grand-daughter of the late Mr Robt. Marshall, Greenside.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—At the Register Office, on the 13th inst., Mr James Sheedy, of Leeds, to Miss Jane Hannah Mohun, of Durham.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—24. Puddler's Row, 12th inst., aged 38, Jonathan Longhorn, late of Middlesbrough.

CATCHGATE.—On the 12th inst., aged 13 years, Catherine Hepple, fourth daughter of Edward and Mary Robinson, late of Dipton.

WESTWOOD.—On the 6th inst., Edward Pratt.

BYERS GREEN.—On the 9th inst., Elizabeth, widow of the late Thomas Dakers.

WINLATON.—On the 12th inst., aged 8 months, Jennie, daughter of William and Ann Scott.—14th inst., aged 72. Christianna, wife of Thomas Miller.

WEST RYTON.—On the 12th inst., aged 63, Thomas Middleton, late of Throckley.

BLYTH.—At 13, Freehold Street, on the 10th inst., William Alder, proprietor of the *Blyth Weekly News*.

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