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NOTICE.

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By order of the Directors,
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NOTICE.

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By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge. October 9, 1870. 24

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Castle 1A *Pale* SHERRY *from Spain* A pure Spanish Sherry. 3 years old ..		1/6	18/	Castle UP SCOTCH WHISKEY Distilled from fine Malt. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle C *Pale* SHERRY *from Spain* A good type of nutty Sherry. 6 years old		2/4	28/	Castle SO SCOTCH WHISKEY Finest old Scotch Whiskey. Strength, proof ..	3/3	39/
Castle VP *Pale* MARSALA *from Sicily* A delicate Dinner Wine. 3 years old ..		1/4	16/	Castle UP BRANDY Has much of the fine flavor of Cognac. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
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Castle A CLARET *from France* A pure Medoc Wine. Upwards of a year in bottle		1/	12/	Castle D COGNAC An excellent Cognac Brandy of fine flavor. 33 under proof ..	3/	36/
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Castle 1 CHAMPAGNE A pure Sparkling Wine for ordinary use	Quarts Pints	2/2 1/3	26/ 15/	Castle UP JAMAICA RUM A well-matured Jamaica Rum. 33 per cent. under proof ..	2/3	27/
Castle 3 CHAMPAGNE A high class delicate Champagne	Quarts Pints	3/6 1/11	42/ 23/	Castle JO JAMAICA RUM The finest old Jamaica Rum. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle SAUMUR *Silver Foil* A fine dry Sparkling Wine	Quarts Pints	2/1 1/3	25/ 14/6	Castle 1 HOLLANDS A pure Dutch Spirit from Rye Wheat. 14 per cent. under proof	2/4	28/
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	Per Bottle	Per Dozen		Per Bottle	Per Dozen
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THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 1877.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

A sermon preached last Sunday before the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London concluded with some eloquent and practical remarks on the duties and privileges of citizenship, and which may suggest very serious reflections on the claims that belong to everyday life. It is necessary that one should occasionally pause to consider what are the principles on which we are acting, both in our private and our public capacity—that we should recall, as it were, the original constitution of our mode of life both in relation to the family and to the State which is an expansion of that family relationship. There are times when it is particularly desirable to break through the mere routine which leads us to discharge our obligations as a mere habit without regarding them from a higher and clearer point of view. It may even be healthy to change the mode of performing certain duties—

"Lest one good custom should corrupt the world"

but, above all, it is incumbent upon men who claim the advantage of citizenship to accept such responsibilities as naturally belong to the position. Perhaps the first duty of a Christian citizen is to recognise the true relationship which he holds to the state—that is to say, to his fellows; to find out the service which he can best perform in the common or public interest, and loyally to render it. That each man should render some service in return for that [protection of his personal rights and liberties which he can claim from the laws and customs of the body to which he belongs, is a proposition that surely needs no argument. The question for every individual is, in what capacity can I best work so that the talents which I have received may neither be hidden in the napkin of idle indifference, nor put out to the usuary of selfish private advantages? It seems clear that the Christian citizen who is, by his personal ability and his material prosperity, capable of accepting public office, either in the civic council or in any capacity where he may help to maintain the order and completeness of local self-government, is bound not to refuse the work unless he have very cogent reasons beyond mere personal disinclination. On the other hand, there are duties of reticence. A man is bound to refrain from entering an official position which will bring him some social distinction unless he can faithfully discharge his duties. To the neglect of these two obvious demands of true citizenship are due the scandals to which the opponents of free constitutional government point when they advocate a policy of retrogression. It is only by the honest effort of each man to render unselfish service for the common benefit, and apart frym the acquisition for the mere title of honourable distinction, that a civil community which shall also be an example of Christian brotherhood can vindicate the grand old system which has so wrought as to secure individual liberty, [the liberty of conscience and civic rights of men to join in community of interests.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

In A Beckett's comic "History of Rome" the wars of the Romans and Lamnites are described in true Telegraphese English. Every day a Lamnite army is put to the sword; but somehow or other like the combatants at Astley's, they pick themselves up behind the scenes and are ready to begin again next day as fresh as ever. There were so many Russian defeats last week that the wonder is that there are army left to fight again. For instance, a battle had been going on at Rasgrad for six days, until for very shame the Correspondents at Shumla had to drop all reference to it, and take up their pen to describe other matters. The explanation is exceedingly simply when we get to the bottom of it. At Shumla the Correspondents are interned as much as if they were in Dartmoor prison, and their letters only pass out after being opened and read. If the public care for information of this kind, they are welcome to as much of it as they can read.

A little secret oozed out quite accidentally on Wednesday last, which has been long suspected, but of which there need be no longer any pretence of mystery. The *Telegraph* was the only paper in the secret of Mr Smith's appointment to the First Lordship of the Admiralty, and its columns contained a leader on the subiect in which the puff direct was given to Lord Beaconsfield for his discernment of character, and to Mr Smith for his administrative ability at the Treasury. All this may be very true, and I have not a word to say against the theory that Mr Smith is the very fittest man in the country for the post; but it is none the less significant of what Lord Beaconsfield's policy would be but for the Cabinet and the country. The *Daily Telegraph*, with its pro-Turkish policy, is not professedly the Ministerial organ; and yet it is treated as if it were. As for the poor *Standard*, I can only say if we have tears, we must prepare to shed them now, for it is the most cruel case of wife-desertion that I know of in political annals.

The scandal of so many prisoners remaining untried during three or four months, causing expense to the country, and sometimes defeating the ends of justice, has led Mr Cross to bring in a short Bill to amend this state of things. The Winter Assizes which have come off in November are to be put back into the Autumn, and it is now lawful to hold the Assizes in September or October as well as November. It is satisfactory also that the Irish and Scotch Prison Bill is out of jeopardy. In Ireland such a consolidation of prisons is more urgently needed even than in England, as there are counties where but for the staff the prison might as well be closed. Besides, the Reformatory system has been in force for a much longer time than in this country, and, on the whole, has been much more efficient. County prisons are little needed in England; scarcely at all in Ireland.

North London, or, rather, the N. E. district, will soon become fashionable, as the Princess of Wales has selected Clessold Park, Stamford Hill, as the residence of the royal children when in London. The sanitary arrangements of Marlborough House leave much to be desired, and, though the drains are to be thoroughly overhauled, and repaired where defective, it is not to be supposed that it will ever come up to the standard of modern requirements. If *Vanity Fair* is an authority, it would be well for the pocket, as well as the health, of our upper Ten if they moved off to the N.E. district. In the West the cost of entertainments is something excessive. An evening party small and early costs two or three hundred pounds, a ball more than twice that sum and a concert with a star or two to sing about £600. This is paying for their whistle with a vengeance!

The *Times* made a ridiculous flourish the other day in announcing the very commonplace fact that Lord Francis Cecil, a younger son of the Marquis of Exeter, who has married a daughter of Mr Gunliffe Brooks, the Manchester banker, has been taken into the firm as a junior partner. I cannot see anythink out of the ordinary in this arrangement, and can only say, fortunate Cecil, who has stepped on such easy terms into one of the first commercial connections in Lancashire!

The Midland Railway is going to make another step forward, and to provide a dining saloon for its Pullman cars. I wish the directors success in this experiment; but the necessity is not so great in this country as in America, where a passenger gets on board literally at New York and disembarks at San Francisco, after a week's run across the entire Continent.

An article in the *Spectator* a week ago threw a somewhat lurid light on the decline of rents, and the general disinclination of agriculturists to take farms under stringent covenants as to game and other matters. The same change is, in fact coming about with regard to land which has been long remarked with regard to labour. Formerly there were three men after one master; now it is the reverse. Precisely so with the land: it is the landlords who have to seek tenant farmers, not the tenant farmers who have to bid against each other for land. Mr Jefferies, a well-known writer on agricultural topics, has recently depicted this silent revolution in the *New Quarterly Magazine*. "There was once," he says, "a popular impression that farmers went about on their knees begging for farms It certainly is not so now. A man of experience and skill can always get a farm, but a landlord cannot always get a tenant." This is the silent revolution of which the daily Press tells us nothing. What a pity that some of those Correspondents shut up in Shumla, and seeing only through spectacles of Turkish green, are not sent into our rural districts to tell us what is going on comparatively at our own door!

There was a great rage a few years ago, especially among temperance advocates, for erecting drinking fountains. They were built in pleasant thirsty streets of towns, and in many cases their achitectural pretensions gave them the appearance of miniature temples erected to some beneficient water-nymph or to the modern Goddess of Teetotalism. The multiplication of such fountains was perhaps by no means retarded by the fact that the portrait of the generous donor not unfrequently appeared in the *British Workman* or the *Band of Hope*. I wish some new body of charitable fanatics would get hold of the idea that a plentiful supply of merely ornamental fountains was essential to human well-being and would forwith make it their business to provide them throughout London. How delightfully cooling to the sight in Summer, and how soothing and refreshing to both eye and ear in Winter and in Summer, are the fountains in Trafalgar-square, that in the Temple, and that in Bishopsgate Churchyard! The latter, by the way, had been removed from the Bishopsgate end of the yard, and rebuilt, in a handsome form, in the centre of ground. For individual charity to take a purely æsthetic form is rare in these days, and ornamental fountains are not so seldom presented to the people as Peals of Bells, which were so common and beautiful a benefaction among our forefathers.

Most people will remember that when the Crystal Palace was established we were told that it was to be a great school of science and art, for instruction in which the great mass of the nation was supposed to be yearning. But it was gradually found that the people did not want instruction which they voted bore but what they really wanted was amusement and entertainment. The same lesson was taught us in the establishment and failure of innumerable Mechanics' Institutions, where scientific lectures and classes for instruction in the "ologies" were gradually found to be a signal failure. The Royal Polytechnic Institution is another illustration of the fact—and, regret it as we may, fact it is—that science don't pay, and so recourse has been had to "lectures" which have just the semblance of being scientific on the surface, but which are really entertainments. The Alexandra Palace and the Westminster Aquarium are further instances of the unpopularity of science and art, for at neither institutions has there been any attempt to encourage either, and amusement and agreeable entertainment have at both places been the order of the day and evening. Both institutions, as is well known, have had a hard time of it, and if either succeed—and I sincerely hope that both will—it will be mainly owing to theatrical and musical programmes. By the way, it may be added that the Royal Albert Hall, with all its royal patronage and aristocratic surroundings, does not succeed so well as its promoters could wish. In fact, if I were to say that it is a splendid failure, I doubt whether the remark would be too strong.

There is such a thing as sleight of mind, as well as sleight of hand, if indeed, the latter be not merely a manifestation of the former, according to the theory of Dugald Stewart. But I was thinking of what a friend on the staff of the *Times* told me yesterday. He assures me that the leaders of your colossal contemporary are frequently written off-hand, immediately on the receipt of foreign telegrams, and put into the printer's hands within an hour, and this between two and three in the morning! Some of us would find it difficult to do the mere mechanical ink spilling within the time, I fancy, Mr Editor, you would find my chirography as much more legible as my matter is less weighty than that of these giants of the Press. But this is small consolation!

WALLSEND COLLIERY,

In undertaking this our purpose of putting on record some of the most distinguishing features and most interesting recollections of the great northern coal-field, it cannot be otherwise than opportune that we should give the premier place to that colliery which above all others has caused the district of Tyneside to be celebrated, not alone at home, but even more abroad, as the most famous centre of the English coal trade. For close on a hundred years, Wallsend coals have ranked *par excellence* as the finest household coals in the kingdom. For at least one half of the period the metropolis took more Wallsend coals than any other, and metropolitan consumers are even now content to pay a considerably higher price for coals to which this conjuring name is applied than for any other. In not a few cases, those who can afford it use the so-called Wallsends for their drawing-rooms, and relegate all other coals to the use of the kitchen. But the original Wallsends have come to be numbered among the things that were. The substance has ceased to be tangible or apparent, but the shadow remains. Other seams and other collieries furnish the fuel that erewhile came from Wallsend, and although it may be that the quality of the coals to which the name of Tees, Wallsend, or some other distinctive title is applied, will not come far short of that formerly sent out of the colliery that bore the original name, the spell of the name itself is broken; and we are reminded even by so prosaic and inarticulate a thing as an old and disused colliery of the mutability and finality of all human affairs.

The royality of Wallsend Colliery was leased by Messrs Chapman and Co., from the Dean and Chapter of Durham, in 1788. The winning of the High Main Seam was then begun, but this seam had hardly been attained when financial necessity induced Messrs Chapman to sell the colliery to Messrs Russell and Wade. The latter gentlemen were bill-brokers or bankers in Newcastle and Sunderland. The story goes that Russell, who was the principal of the firm, foreclosed the mortgage on the Colliery, because Chapman, who was a Quaker, and who had spent a great deal of money over its developement, had failed to pay the interest with due punctuality. Russell thus got the colliery, and won it at a trifling cost, thereby founding the fortunes of the family which for many years afterwards played a prominent part in the political and commercial affairs of the North. Matthew, the eldest son of William Russell, was put forward as a candidate for the representation of the city of Durham in March, 1800. During the progress of the election, which was hotly contested, the following caustic squib was published, to the great annoyance of the house of Russell:—

"THE RISE AND FALL OF MAN;
OR, BILLY THE PITMAN BLASTED."

Unfeeling Billy; fy! oh, fy!
Thus to desert thy native sty,
And raise thyself upon another's fall.
Had Providence it so ordained
That Chapman's purse had not been drained
A little house had now been Russell Hall.

The site of Wallsend Colliery is said to be the Roman fort of Segedunum, the most easterly station on the line of Severus' Wall. The winding of the colliery was effected by two engine pits, placed 95 yards asunder, and called the A and B pits. A few fathoms from the surface a quicksand was found, causing so much trouble and difficulty that it was seriously proposed to abandon the undertaking. The first pit came to grief in this quicksand, and the second nearly shared the same fate. Piling was employed to sink through this second shaft, reducing its diameter to 5 feet 11 inches within the timber. Considerable feeders of water were met with, but none of any importance below a depth of 70 fathoms or the three-quarter coal. The feeders of water were stopped back by tubbing and wedging, and yet we are informed that when the sinking of the pits was completed, there was as much water to drain as sufficed for the employment of two pumping engines, each delivering a 12-inch bore to the surface. The royality acquired by the proprietors of Wallsend extended to 1,250 acres, including one-half of the river Tyne abutting on the shore. The colliery was bounded by the Tyne on the south, by Bigge's Main Colliery on the north-west, by Willington Colliery on the north and north-east, and by Howdon Pans Colliery, belonging to the Corporation of Newcastle, on the east. In no part of the great northern coal-field has such a variety of excellent seams of coal been found. It may, indeed, be said that every seam in the district from the three-quarter coal down to the Beaumont seam, has been brought together at Wallsend. Several beds of ironstone were met with in sinking, as well as a few scattered threads of galena in the roof of the high main seam. The high main, the metal coal, the yard, the Benwell, the low main, and the Beaumont seams were each found of a workable thickness. The high main coal, through the whole extent of the royality with the exception of a few acres in the north-east angle, was found in the highest perfection, as well in height and quality as in the hardness of the coal, and hence nine-tenths of the whole quantity produced took the form of what is known as round merchantable coals. Varying in thickness from six to nine feet, exclusive of the ground coal, only about two-thirds of the entire area of the royality was inter-stratified with the black slaty band so commonly found in connection with this valuable deposit. The thickness of clear merchantable coal throughout the whole extent of the royality was, on an average, about 5ft. 6in. exclusive of the ground coal. The following is a section of the high main seam:—

	ft.	in.
Good coal	6	6
Swad	0	2
Coarse coal	1	4
Very coarse slaty coal	1	2
	9	2

Next to the high main came the yard coal, which was of workable thickness, but so hard and coarse as hardly to be of merchantable quality. The total thickness was 3ft. 4in. thick. The Bensham Seam, which was largely worked, yielded coals of a good second-rate quality, suitable for gas making. In the A pit it showed the following section:—

	ft.	in.
Bad coal	0	2
Good coal	2	10
Band	1	4
Splint	0	4
Good coal	0	9
Coal mixed with stone	0	8
Total	6	1

The low main seam was about six feet thick, with two thin bands of slate intermixed. It has been described as "a very fine-looking seam, but the coal is very tender and burns white" An enormous quantity of inflammable gas was discharged from this seam. The thickness of the Beaumont seam, also largely worked, was 8 feet 6 inches, interstratified with grey stone and thill to the extent of 3 feet 7 inches.

Wallsend Colliery will ever be memorable in mining annals for the many terrible disasters of which it has been the source and scene, and the hecatombs of victims that have perished within its cavernous workings. The most appalling of these calamities happened on the 18th June, 1835, when an explosion of foul air caused the death of no less than 101 of the workmen. The hewers had on this occasion withdrawn from the workings, leaving the putters, who consisted chiefly of young men and boys, to bring the coal to bank. But for this fortunate circumstance the whole of the 250 men employed in the colliery would undoubtedly have shared the fate of their companions who remained. An inquest held relative to this catastrophe failed to throw the light upon it that was desired. Mr John Buddle, who was then the viewer of the colliery, stated that the Bensham seam, in which the explosion occured, had always been considered very dangerous, and therefore the owners of Wallsend Colliery—who, by the way, at the time consisted of Wm. Russell, Thomas Cargill, and Sir Thomas Shafto Hawks, assignees of of Thomas Wade and Christopher H. Basely Wade—had adopted the most improved system of ventilation, and employed no less than five ventilating shafts, being more than any other colliery then possessed. The jury pronounced a verdict that was afterwards severely criticised by Sir John Fife and others, namely, that the men had been killed by an explosion of inflammable air, but how or in what part of the mine it originated there was no evidence to show, and they added that there had been no want of precaution on the part of those who had the management of the mine. Previous to this explosion there had been many others. One of these, in 1785, was the first distinctly traceable to the steel mill. Some doubt had existed up to this time as to whether firedamp would explode by a spark from the steel mill, but the explosion that occurred at this time put that doubt at rest. In 1818 the first explosion known to have occured by the use of the Davy lamp happened at Wallsend. One of the hewers had extinguished his Davy in trimming it, and sent a boy to the stationary light in a safe part of the mine for the purpose of getting it relighted. Returning with the lamp the boy fell, and striking the lamp against the corner of a cast-iron tram plate a hole was burst in the wire gauze cylinder of the lamp, and an explosion ensued, causing the death of four persons. On the 23rd October, 1820, another explosion happened in the new pit, Wallsend, by which fifty-two men lost their lives; and on the 19th December, 1838, an explosion that occured in the G Church pit, where 101 persons had been killed three and a half years before, caused the death of eleven men. This accident was attributed to one of the Davy lamps having gone wrong or fallen down, as two of them were afterwards found much bulged and broken, but it is needless to say that no one returned from "that bourne," to throw definite light on the matter. Of the many minor explosions at Wallsend we will not stay to speak. Unfortunately, their name is legion, and hence the old colliery has become as famous in the annals of disaster, as it is celebrated in the history of successful commercial adventure, proving to the hilt the great price at which the otherwise cheap luxuries of heat and light are obtained.

But the old Wallsend Colliery has other reminiscences that are less harrowing and equally full of interest. One of those, which has a sigularly appropriate bearing on the events of the present time, was the celebrated trial of 1828, in which the owners of Wallsend were indicted for obstructing the River Tyne, by erecting staithes or spouts, somewhat projecting into the river, for the conveyance of coals direct from the waggons above into the vessels below. The real prosecutors were the keelmen of Newcastle, for whom Mr (afterwards Lord) Brougham was council, Mr Scarlett being retained for the defence. No witness was called for the defence, and after a trial of four hours the jury found "that the navigable portion of the Tyne opposite Wallsend had been straightened, narrowed, lessened, and obstructed by the gears described in the indictment, but nevertheless that the town and trade of Newcastle, and the harbour of the Tyne, had been benefitted thereby." Hence a verdict for the defendants.

It will be within the memory of many readers that an attempt was at one time made to utilise the gas generated at Wallsend Colliery for the purpose of lighting the streets of Newcastle in pipes, and some lamps were lighted with it on the railway near Carville. The experiment, however failed to answer. It was necessary that the enormous quantity of gas required to light up Newcastle should be permanently secured, which was impracticable in dealing with the varying and variable quantity found in colliery workings. It was also necessary that the gas should be purified, which, although perhaps easy enough, would have involved a greater cost than the otherwise uncertain character of the experiment warranted.

On the 20th November, 1847, Wallsend Colliery, which had been advertised to let for some weeks previously, without inducing a customer, was finally closed. It was then stated that the Low Main and the Beaumont seams, which had been bored to, remained throughout untouched. On the 15th and 16th of May in the following year the whole of the colliery plant, machinery, &c., was brought to the hammer, and from that time to the present the workings have never been reopened. A company was formed some years ago for the purpose of reopening and working Wallsend Colliery, which had in the meantime been "drowned out." That company has erected powerful pumping machinery, and made provision otherwise for a resumption of operations, but up to the present time their efforts have not been attended with success. It is probable, however, that when the coal trade takes a decided turn for the better, the new owners of the colliery will make a vigorous attempt to carry out the project they have undertaken, and that the Low Main, Beaumont, and Bensham seams will yet be made to yield many thousand tons of real Wallsend, the ancient name and fame of which will thus be revived. —*Newcastle Daily Chronicle.*

I have reason to believe that in the course of a few days, an announcement will be made that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to view with favour extenuating circumstances in the case of Michael Davitt, one of the Fenian prisoners, and has directed his immediate release.—*Mayfair.*

Violent Attack upon a Woman by a Doctor's Assistant.—At the County Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr A. Wilkinson and the Rev. H. Barratt, a young man named Hopburn, assistant with Dr Macdonald, of Coxhoe, was charged with having violently assaulted a woman named Tuttit, the wife of a pitman at Coxhoe. It was proved that the defendant had gone to the house and demanded 36s., alleged to be due to him for medicine and attendance. The complainant gave him a sovereign in part payment, but he demanded the whole, seized her by the throat, and threw her down. The magistrates fined the defendant £5 and costs.

The Invalid's Friend—Todd's Quinine Wines.—Dr Wheatley, writing from the Crescent Carlisle says:—"I have much pleasure in giving my testimony to the efficacy of Mr Todd's, Quinine Wine, I consider it a valuable and pleasant mode on taking Quinine." This valuable and renowned preparation of genuine English Quinine is the most pleasant and certain remedy known for indigestion, and all derangements of the stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, chemist Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government stamp.

Epps's Cocoa.—Grateful and Comforting.—'By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bill. It is by the junicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with Boiling Water or Milk.—Sold only in Packets labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

CONVICTION OF AN ASTROLOGER.

Considerable excitement was manifested in the neighbourhood of South Molton, North Devon, on Monday, in consequence of an old man, aged 86, living at Westdown, near Barnstaple, being charged with "using certain subtle craft, means, or device by palmistry or otherwise, to deceive and impose on certain of Her Majesty's subjects." For some time past a woman named Elizabeth Saunders, living at Bishopsnympton, has been ill. Doctors have been of no avail, and on Saturday, the 4th inst., her husband sent for a man named Harper, who is known by the name of "The White Witch," but who calls himself an herbalist. He went to the house of deceased, felt her pulse, and said he did not know whether he could do her any good, as he was only a humble instrument in the hands of God. He gave her four or five iron rods in succession, with which she tapped a piece of iron held by her in the other hand, while lying in bed. At the end of the rods were the names of the different planets, such as Jupiter and Mercury. He also asked the age of the woman, and the hour she was born, saying he wanted to find out under what planet she was born. He gave her some bitters to take, but she died a few days afterwards. The defence was that the rods and piece of metal were a rude means of using electricity, by which means the defendant had made many cures, but no explanation was given as to the meaning of the names of the planets. It was stated that "The White Witch" charged the woman 25s for his services, stayed in the house five hours, and had a glass of rum and some biscuits. Several witnesses were called, who said they had been cured of complaints in the legs and arms by the defendant's magic rods when nobody else could cure them,—The bench sentenced the defendant to a month's imprisonment.—Notice was given of appeal, and he was admitted to bail.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES

The twenty-seventh biennial conference of th above Order was held at Newcastle last week under the presidency of Mr John Dale Woodcock, Leeds High Chief Ruler. Forty-six districts were represented. The report of the Board of Directors stated that the Order now numbered 32,000 members, being an increase since the last conference of over 3,000 members. The Order had been introduced into Barbadoes and Demarara and St. John's, Newfoundland. It was resolved in future conferences to allow a second representative for districts having 1,800 members. It was agreed to give a member leave to increase his shares in the sick and funeral fund on the production of medical certificate, providing he was not over 50 years of age when application was made. Mr Thomas Cunliffe, of Bolton, was elected high chief ruler of the order for the next two years; Mr William Whitfield, of Dublin, high deputy ruler; Mr Woodcock, of Leeds, past high chief ruler; Mr Christopher Hodgson, of Manchester, high treasurer; and Mr Robert Hunter, corresponding secretary. Thirteen gentlemen were nominated for the board of directors, and the following were elected:—Messrs Zechariah Catlow (Bradford), John Dimond (Southport), Henry Sharples (Manchester), Thomas Lewes Green (Sheffield), John Joughin (Peel), Richard Pexton (Hull), and James Lawton, of the Lancashire and Yorkshire district. Messrs Henry Roper, Jonathan Milner, and Thomas Ellis, of Manchester, were appointed trustees; and William Atkinson, of Liverpool, and John Stanton, of Nottingham, the auditors of the accounts. The following annual levies were passed:—Threepence for management purposes; one penny for distressed tents; twopence for adult extension; one penny for juvenile extension; and one penny for capital account. The twenty-eighth Moveable Conference will be held in the city of Manchester on the first Tuesday in August, 1879. The retiring High Chief Ruler was thanked for his services, and having installed the officers, the conference closed in the usual form.

EXTRACTS FROM "PUNCH"

HOLIDAY TASKS FOR THE RECESS.

Lord Beaconsfield.—To "recuperate" from the heavy labours devolving upon him as a member of the House of Peers.

Lord Salisbury.—To set his agents right in *re* the Metropolitan Improvement Bill.

Lord Derby.—To get up the geography of Europe with a view to devise a British foreign policy that shall not be at once feeble and bumptious.

Sir Stafford Northcote.—To write an essay. Subject—"Sparing the rod and spoiling the Irish Members."

Mr Gathorne Hardy.—To find some substitute for his favourite setting up-drill, "The goose step."

Mr Cross.—To spend his leisure in detecting the detectives.

Mr W. H. Smith.—To make the British Navy something stronger than a paper fleet.

Mr W. E. Gladstone.—To cut down some branches of his labours and most leaves of his pamphlets.

Mr W. H. Gladston.—To refrain from talking politics before excursionists when "papa" begs him "to be seen and not heard."

Sir Wilfrid Lawson.—To discover a new argument or a fresh joke in favour of the Aermissive Bill.

Captain Nolan.—To apply his own "range finder" to the duties of an officer and gentleman.

Major O'Gorman.—To take six lessons in the art of writing after dinner.

Mr Biggar to grow smaller, and

The small fry of both Houses to have as little to do with "extra-Parliamentary utterances" as possible.

A NEW PROFESSION.

Very Small boy (in answer to inquisitive lady).—"Oh, Ted's going into the Church, and Tom's going into the Army, and Malcom's going into to the Navy, and Jack's going into the Civil Service, and Bob's going into medicine, and Author's going into law, and Gus's going into business, and I'm going into *knickerbockers.*

INOPPORTUNE.

De Brown (on a visit in the neighbourhood, thought he'd like to see his friend Lord Wickworth's collection of old masters).—"Gan I see the pictures?"

Upper Servant.—"Well, I 'ardly think you can—just now. We're just a goin'to 'ave our luncheon. 'Ad'nt you better look in again by'mby?"

CATCHING A TARTAR.

Governess.—"Do you know, Ernest, that I heard of a little boy not older than you who could read and write well, and who has begun Latin?"

Ernest.—"Oh, I say! what a jolly good teacher he must have!"

The Clyde Shipbuilder's Strike.—There is at last some prospects of the unfortunate lock-out of the Clyde shipbuilders being settled. It has lasted nearly three months, and has driven away an enormous quantity of trade from the river, besides causing great misery and distress in towns on the banks of the Clyde. The men interested in the dispute are holding meetings this week, and a settlement of the quarrel on some basis mutually fair for employers and employed is confidently expected.

Strike at Wardley Colliery.—The men and boys at Wardley Colliery, in the county of Durham, to the number of 250, on Tuesday gave in their notices to terminate their work in a fortnight (unless certain changes are made in the meanwhile) from the commencement of the present week. The matter in dispute is a claim made by the men, who allege they are paid below the county average, which is denied by the employers. The latter having refused to go to arbitration, a strike has resulted.

Notes and Queries.

[NOTE.—*All communications to this department which reach us up to Tuesday morning, will appear under ordinary circumstances, in our succeeding issue. Correspondents (who must in all cases give real name and address, though their papers may appear anonymously) are requested to write legibly and on one side of the paper only. This, and a reference to authorities, when quotations are made, will oblige.*]

NOTES.

THE LEGEND OF THE FELT HAT.

There is a legend among the hatters that felt was invented by no less a personage than St. Clement, the patron saint of their trade. Wishing to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre, and at the same time to do penance for sundry unexpiated peccadilloes, the pious monk started on his journey afoot. As to whether he was afflicted with corns or kindred miseries, the ancient chronicle from which this information is derived is silent; but at all events, a few days successive tramping soon began to blister his feet. In order to obtain relief, it occurred to him to line his shoes with the fur of a rabbit. This he did, and, on arriving at his destination, was surprised to find that the warmth and moisture of his feet had worked the soft hair into a cloth-like mass. The idea thus suggested he elaborated in the solitude of his cell, and finally, there being no patent laws in existence in those days, he gratuitously presented to his fellow-mortals the result of his genius in the shape of a felt hat.

J. B. J., Howdon.

ANSWERS.

26.—SALT.

As a great amount of interest has been aroused, through the articles, which have appeared in the columns of your paper, I am led to think the following extract from the Christian Globe will be of interest:—"We are very apt to seek some far-fetched cure for our bodily ailments, and to overlook the simpler remedies, quite as affective, it may be, which are to be found even in the humblest household. Common salt is one of the specifics of various diseases, which many loose the benefit of, because they are not aware of its value. For sore or inflamed eyes, wash them with a weak solution of salt and warm water. This is also useful to remove the inflamation caused by extraneous substances in the eye. For sore throat and a hacking cough, take one salt spoon of salt, two teaspoons of vinegar, to half a goblet of water (ice water preferred), sip this frequently, and relief will be felt at once. This same preparation will remove nausea, and settle the weakest stomach. It is also beneficial in attacks of colic. Nothing is more useful in sickness than a small flannel bag filled with salt. For toothache, colic, or any disease requiring warm application it is invaluable, as it retains its heat a long time, and it is greatly to be preferred to hot, wet emolients which so soon get cool and uncomfortable. The bag and all can be put on a tin pan and warmed in the oven but it is better to rip a small hole in the bag, and empty the salt into the pan to heat. After it is hot it can be put back with a large spoon, and the hole sewed up in a moment. We have recommended this to several of our friends while they were suffering severe pain, and we have had the satisfaction of knowing they experienced almost immediate relief from it. Our family physician prescribed it years ago for a case of severe colic; the effect was magical and ever since the salt bag has held an honoured place in our domestic pharmacy. A mixture of ice and salt in the proportion of one to one-half applied to the head frequently gives instant relief for acute headache. It should be tied up in a small linen cloth, like a pad, and held as near as possible to the seat of the pain."

PRO BONO PUBLICO, Lanchester.

62.—WHIG AND TORY.

In answer to W.R.'s question ahout the above, the word Whig originated from whey or sour butter-milk, called in Scotland "whig," and said to be the favourite drink of the Covenanters; they were the remains of the old Roundhead party, but most of them conformed to the Church of England, and were afraid of the King gaining the power which they wished to see in the hands of the Parliament. The Tories wished to see the king powerful and to maintain the dignity of the Church. Many were Jacobites, though not openly, for fear of the danger which they would have incurred. Tory was the Irish word for robber, and the name was probably applied to them because Ireland was the stronghold of Jacobite principles.

S. S., Shotley Bridge.

76.—HAIR.

Crinkled and wavy and close curling hair indicates vivacity and excitability, if not brilliancy. Regular curls symbolise ideality, and, when only part of the hair is worn in curls, are instinctively disposed over the organ of that faculty. Straight hair may be said to indicate in cultivated persons evenness of character and a straighforward honesty of purpose, as well as a clear head and good natural talents. The dark-haired races are physically the strongest, but less endowed intellectually than the fair-haired. The first are more inclined to manual labour and active exercise, and the last to mental exertion. The dark races are workers, the light races thinkers, poets, artists, &c. Black hair indicates strength and predominence of the bilious temperament, as in the Spaniard, the Malay, the Mexican, the Indian, and the negro. Red hair is a sign of ardour, passion, intensity of feeling, and purity of character, and goes with the sanguine temperament, as in the Scotch, the Irish, the Dane, &c. Auburn hair is found most frequently in connection with the lymphatic temperament and indicates delicacy and refinement of taste, and, if the mind be cultivated, fine moral and intellectual power. It is common among the Germans, the Danes, and Anglo-Saxons. Dark-brown hair combines the strength of the black with the exquisite susceptibilities of the light hair, and is, perhaps, all things considered the most desirable.

C. T., Hebburn.

80.—THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA.

This celebrated tower, likewise called Campanile, on account of its having been erected for the purpose of containing bells, stands in a square close to the cathedral of Pisa, Tuscany. It is built entirely of white marble, and is a beautiful cylinder of eight stones, each adorned wish a round of columns rising one above another. It inclines so far on one side from the perpendicular that in dropping a plummet from the top, which is 188 feet in height, it falls 16 feet from the base. Much pains have been taken by connoisseurs, to prove that this was done purposely by the architect; but it is evident that the inclination has proceeded from another cause, viz., from an accidental subsidence of the foundation on that side. The pillars there are considerably sunk; and this is also the case with the very threshold of ambition, meant to shew how far he could with safety deviate from the perpendicular, and thus display a novel specimen of his art, he would have shortened the pilasters on that side, so as to exhibit them entire, without the appearance of sinking.

E. J. H., Jarrow.

83.—THE MICROSCOPE.

Roger Bacon, to whom is attributed so many discoveries respecting the present position of science and the welfare of mankind, is held by some to be the inventor of this valuable and now important instrument—the microscope. By others it is attributed to Janson, a spectacle-maker of Holland. One of the instruments made by this optician came into the possession of Cornelius Dabbel, mathematician to King James's II., who immediately began to make similar ones, and called the invention his own. Galileo seems to have deserved, but has somehow missed, the honour of being considered the inventor of the microscope. Hooke was among the earliest and best of English microscopical observers; he observes that as the geometrician begins with a point, so it seemed natural for him likewise—and accordingly he began with the point of a needle; he also appears first to have perceived the vast difference which this instrument reveals to us between the works of man and those of God; and he shows in a clear and satisfactory manner that works of art, however exquisite, when examined by an organ more accute than that by which they were made, disclose to us the fact, that the more we see of their shape, the less beautiful they appear; whereas, in the works of nature, the deepest discoveries reveal the greatest excellencies.

INFORMER.

84.—COLUMBUS.

I remember reading, a considerable time ago, that the proper name of this navigator was Christoval Colon. Columbus is also the name of the capital of Ohio, United States, which stands on the Scioto river.

T. S., Walker-on-Tyne.

85.—AMERICA.

This name was taken from Amerigs Vespucci, a Florentine, who directed an expedition in 1499.

T. S., Walker-on-Tyne.

86.—MIRAGE.

In optics, Mirage is a phenomenon arising from the unequal or irregular refraction of light, through strata of air of various densities, by which objects considerably beyond the visible horizon are seemingly brought within it, and oftentimes exhibited reversed, and in very peculiar combinations.

T. S., Walker-on-Tyne.

89.—COINS PLACED IN FOUNDATIONS.

The following passage shows this practice to have prevailed as early as 1658, though it may probably be traced to an earlier date:—"But, the ancient custome of placing coyns in considerable urns, and the present practice of burying medals in the noble foundations of Europe, are laudable ways of historical discoveries in actions, persons, chronologies, and posterity will applaud them."—Browne's "Hydriotaphia."

W. CHADWICK, Newcastle.

90.—STEAM SHIPS.

For the information of Ignoramus, Jarrow, and other readers of your valuable Notes and Queries, I send the following extract from the *National Encyclopædia*:—"As to the use of steam power for the propulsion of vessels, it appears from the correspondence between Papin and Leibnitz, that the former was present, in 1698, at a trial of a boat propelled by a machine contrived by Savery, in which paddle wheels were driven by a water wheel, which was itself driven by water raised by means of Savery's steam-engine; and also that Papin himself, in 1707, made either a vessel or a model of a vessel (it is not clear which), on a similar plan, with which he was on his way by the Fulda and Weser to England, when it was taken from him and destroyed by boatmen. . . . The establishment of steam navigation as a remunerative art was first effected in America, by Fulton, in 1707, on the East river; and in Europe, by Bell, in 1812, on the Clyde. Fulton's vessel, the Clermont, was propelled by paddle wheels, driven by an engine made by Boulton and Watt. Bell's vessel, the Comet, was propelled by two pairs of paddle wheels, driven by an engine of peculiar design. Since that period the advancement of steam navigation has consisted not so much in the development of new principles, as in the improvement of workmanship, arrangement, and economy of fuel, and the progressive increase of size, power, and speed of steam-ships; and the extent of their voyages—the climax at the present time being the Great Eastern, 680 feet long, 83 feet broad, drawing 30 feet of water when loaded, displacing 27,000 tons of water, having engines that work at about 8,000 indicated horse power, and being capable of carrying coals for a voyage round the world—which last quality, as Mr Scott Russell has stated, is the object of her enormous bulk. The highest speed attained by steamers is about 18 nautical miles, or 21 statute miles an hour."

VOLO NON VALEO, Jarrow.

92.—NINE TAILORS MAKE A MAN.

The following humourous account of the origin of the above saying is from *The British Apollo*:—"It happened ('tis no matter in what year) that eight tailors, having finished considerable pieces of work at the house of a certain person of quality (whose name authors have thought fit to conceal), and received all the money due for the same, a virago servant-maid of the house, observing them to be but slender built animals, and in their mathematical postures on their shop-board appearing but so many pieces of men, resolved to encounter and pillage them on the road. The better to encompass her design, she procured a very terrible great black pudding, which, having waylaid them, she presented at the breast of the foremost. They, mistaking this prop of life for an instrument of death, at least a blunderbuss, readily yielded up their money; but she, not content with that, severely disciplined them with a cudgel she carried in the other hand, all which they bore with a philosophical resignation. Thus, eight not being able to deal with one woman, by consequence could not make a man; on which account a ninth is added."

J. G., Consett.

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For the benefit of your readers I extract the following from a note in "Democritus in London, with the mad pranks and comical conceits of Robin and Molly Goodfellow," in which the following version of the origin of the above saying is given. It is dated 1682:—

"There is a proverb which has been of old,
And many men have likewise been so told,
To the discredit of the Taylor's Trade:
Nine Taylors go to make up a man, they said;
But for their credit I'll unravel it A'ye:
A draper once fell into povertie,
Nine Taylors joined their purses together then,
To set him up, and make him a man again."

P. D., Jarrow.

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This saying, it is believed, had its origin in the following manner:—In 1742, an orphan boy applied for alms at a fashionable tailor's shop in London, in which nine journeymen were employed. His interesting appearance opened the hearts of the benevolent gentlemen of the cloth, who immediately contributed nine shillings for the relief of the little stranger. With this capital our youthful hero purchased fruit, which he retailed at a profit. Time passes on, and wealth and honour smile upon our young tradesman, so that when he set up his carriage, instead of troubling the Herald's College for his crest, he painted the following motto on the panel: "Nine tailors made me a man." Another, but a different version of this adapthegm, will be found in *Blackwoods Magazine*, vol. xxv. p. 345.

J. K. W. GASCOIGN, Consett.

93.—HARVEST MOON.

I extract the following from Olmsted's *Mechanicism of the Heavens*: "About the time of the autumnal equinox, the moon when near the full, rises about sunset a number of nights in succession: this occasions a remarkable number of brilliant moonlight evenings; and as this is in England the period of harvest, the phenomenon is call the *harvest moon*. The sun being then in Libra, and the moon, when full, being of course opposite to the sun, or in Aries; and moving eastwards, in or near the ecliptic, at the rate of about thirteen degrees per day, would descend but a small distance below the horizon four or six days in succession; that is for two or three days before, and the same number of days after, the full; and would, consequently, rise during all these evenings nearly at the same time, namely a little before, or a little after, sunset, so as to afford a remarkable succession of fine moonlight evenings."

STUDENT, South Shields.

QUERIES.

95.—RAISING THE WIND.—Could any of the readers of Notes and Queries explain the origin of this term either when applied by seamen when they whistle at sea to raise the wind, or by "fast men," who seek the assistance of money lenders or pawnbrokers for a similar purpose?—QUERIST Leadgate.

96.—CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—Some information as to the size, weight, and particulars of Cleopatra's needle will be read with pleasure.—VOLO NON VALEO, Jarrow.

97.—PROTOPLASM AND PROTOZONE.—I would feel much obliged if one of the your scientific readers will oblige me, through the medium of you valuable Notes and Queries, with a definition of the above terms?—VOLO NON VALEO, Jarrow.

97.—ARISTOTLE.—What was Aristotle's profession?—JOCELIN, Jarrow.

98.—SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—I would feel much obliged if any of your correspondents would favour me with a short account of the early history of Shotley Bridge. I have heard that at one time it was a notable place for first class Cutlery.—VOLO NON VALEO, Jarrow.

99.—THE HAIR OF THE HEAD.—What is the average number of hairs on the human head?—VOLO NON VALEO, Jarrow.

100.—TEETOTALLERS.—How and when did tempearnce men receive the name of teetotallers?—P. J., Hebburn Quay.

101.—OLDEST NEWSPAPER.—The following particulars as to the oldest newspaper will be read with interest. When was it commenced? What was its size? What was its politieal opinion? What was its price? Who was its editor? And is it still in existence; and, if so, under what name is it now issued?—G. J., Jarrow.

102.—SYNONYMOUS NAMES.—How does it come to pass that there is, in several instances, two places of the same name—as, for instance, Howdon in the county of Durham and Howdon in the county of Northumberland; Willington in Durham and also in Northumberland: Temple Town close to South Shields and Templetown beside Consett; also Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Newcastle-under-Lyne; and several others too numerous to mention. An explanation of the above will oblige.—VOLO NON VALEO, Jarrow.

103.—LIGHTNING.—What is the best precaution to take in order to avoid accident by lightning—BEDA, Jarrow.

104.—THE VENERABLE BEDE.—I shall feel very grateful for any information in answer to the following queries:—1, Is it more correct to write the name, *in English*, of this illustrious man, *Bede* or *Beda*; and the reasons for the answer? 2, A list of the different editions of his works, distinguishing home and continental editions; as also those of his complete works, and of portions of his works? 3. What were the remaining lines of the epitaph over his tomb commencing—"Hac sunt in fossa Bedæ venerabilis ossa?" I have met with a translation of them thus—

"Here the remains of Beda rest in peace:
Grant him, good Lord, the joys that never cease:
Grant him to drink, from wisdom's fountain clear,
Those living streams for which he panted here."

4, What churches, chapels, chapels in churches, or altars in churches, were formerly dedicated under his invocation?—J. W. G., Jarrow.

105.—LEASE FOR NINETY-NINE YEARS.—What is the reason of granting a lease for ninety-nine years, and when did the custom arise?—CONSTANT READER, Blackhill.

106.—"BOMBASTES FURIOSO."—Who was the author and when first published?—CONSTANT READER, Blackhill.

107.—JACK ROBINSON.—What is the origin of the expression, "Before you could say Jack Robinson," so often employed in conversation, to convey the notion of a sudden and startling occurrence?—J. J., Consett.

108.—WHERE WAS THE FIRST PRINCE OF WALES BORN?—Would any reader give their careful perusal to the above, and oblige—J. J., Consett.

A SINGULAR STATEMENT FROM THE PULPIT.

The Rev. John Howard, vicar of Onchan, Isle of Man, gave a short address to his congregation on Sunday morning. He said he was suffering from physical weakness, and could not then preach a sermon. It had been spread throughout the length and breadth of the land that he was a dangerous criminal lunatic; but the great majority of his parishioners, who had known him for the last thirty years, did not believe it. In the lunatic asylum he had been examined no fewer than eleven times, but in the first instance always by incompetent persons, disqualified even by the law of the land; and he thought the community would own that they were utterly incompetent, mentally as well as otherwise, to undertake the task of such an examination when he published the questions they put to himself and the answers he gave. After a while he was visited by two medical men he had never seen before who acknowledged they had come to examine him—not like the others, who stated they had only come as friends to visit him—and he adjured them by the living God that if they saw any taint, or trace, or shadow or phase of lunacy, as they valued their own souls to speak it out. He said that if suspicion dwelt in the minds of the people of Onchan that he had ever been insane, he would never preach any sermon, much less administer the Holy Communion. Thank God, the testimony those men gave was so explicit after asearching examination, lasting over three hours, that there could not be a suspicion on any man's mind, and therefore he stood before them, honestly beleiving that he was not only now, but always had been, a sane man. The reverend gentleman added that he felt he had not the meekness to qualify him for being a minister of the gospel of peace. He was more fitted for the bar, a medical practitioner, or the army; but he could not help it now. A man having put his hand to the plough and looking back was not fit for the kingdom of God.

STONE BUTTER.—The quarrymen and miners of parts of Germany are in the habit of spreading on their bread a fine unctuous clay found in the crevices of the rocks, which they call "stone butter," and eat with apparent relish.

Lord Charles Wellesley, whose daughter, as we announced last week, is shortly to marry Mr Ion Hamilton, M.P., once had occasion to judge pretty accurately what is "in a name." His father, the great Duke, being Premier, sent him to whip in several Peers for an approaching division, and, amongst others, Lord Charles called on the old Bishop of Kilmore (Beresford). The prelate in question, who had not the sweetest manners or serenest temper, was sitting in the twilight of a winter's day in London, engaged in nursing a gouty foot, when a servant announced a visitor, whose name he failed to catch. Lord Charles having courteously bowed, and received a scantily civil salutation in return, and no invitation to be seated, began to deliver his message. "My Lord, my father desired me——" "And who the d—l, sir," roared the Bishop, "I'd like to know, *is* your father?" "My Lord," returned Lord Charles, repeating himself, "my father, the Duke of Wellington, desired me——" "God bless my soul!" exclaimed the Bishop, kicking over his gouty stool. "Take a chair, my Lord—take a chair!" (N.B.—Irish archbishoprics were at that period in the gift of English Premiers.)—*Truth.*

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THE ROWLAND'S GILL MYSTERY.

On Friday afternoon, Mr Coroner Graham held an inquiry at Mr Smith's, the Townley Arms, Rowland's Gill, touching the death of William Hewart, colliery overman at that place. The evidence given at the inquest on Friday does not in any way assist the public and the police to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to how Hewart came to be in the position he was found. A number of people seem to think that Hewart was thrown over the bridge, but there are others who believe that deceased and others had been drinking on the railway underneath the bridge, that Hewart had become insensible, and that his companions had dragged him along the line and placed it where it was found to be out of danger of the trains. Rain fell during Tuesday night, and this, together with the fact that a number of matches are said to have been found underneath the bridge on Wednesday morning, rather strengthens the supposition that Hewart and others had taken shelter under the bridge. It is also a remarkable fact that when deceased was found one of his shoes was off, and his coat was on the reverse way, the buttons being behind, and one arm being fastened to the lining of the sleeve. The friends of the deceased, as will be seen by the evidence, think that the police know something more about the matter than has at present been made public. Deceased's son and a couple of brothers of the deceased were present at the inquest, and put questions to several of the witnesses. The body having been viewed and the place where the body was found examined, the following evidence was adduced:—

Thomas Hewart, son of the deceased, said his father was an overman at Lily Drift, Rowland's Gill, and was 56 years of age. The clothing produced by P.C. Johnston is the same that my father wore when he left home at five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The trousers were not then worn through at both knees. Witness could not say how much money his father had on him when he left home. George Robinson, who lives at the Toll Gate, between where deceased lived and Smith's public-house, joined his father near the Toll Gate and walked along the road with him towards Rowland's Gill. The next time witness saw his father was at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, when he was insensible. The witness gave the names of several men who were said to have been drinking with the deceased at Rowland's Gill that night, and said that P.C. Smith, of Westwood, knew something about him. The witness also produced a shirt button which had been found near where his father's body was lying. The clothes which deceased wore when he was found were examined, but there was the full number of buttons on the shirt, those on the deceased's shirt being of a different pattern to the one found.

William Smith, landlord of the Townley Arms, Rowland's Gill, deposed that deceased entered his house about seven o'clock on Tuesday night. Robert Charlton, Matthew Emmerson, Edward Robson, and George Carr were along with him. Robson and Carr left between eight and nine, and Emmerson stayed till a quarter to ten. Charlton and Hewart remained till about half-past ten, and then left by the back door. Charlton lived at Victoria Garesfield Cottages, and the nearest way to his house was by the back door. Hewart's nearest way home was by the highway, and not along the railway. Witness saw Charlton and the deceased part at the back door immediately after they left. Witness could not say how much money deceased had on him that night, neither could he tell how much drink he had in witness's house, but when he left he was perfectly sober. Charlton had had drink, but was not drunk. His wife, son, and daughter filled drink that night, but he could not say which of them filled the drink to deceased.—By the Foreman of the Jury (Mr Nixon): When deceased and Charlton left the house they did not take any drink with them.—In answer to one of the brothers of deceased, the witness said he was not aware that the deceased and others had been in the habit of taking drink away at closing time. He was certain that no drink went to Charlton's house that night.—The deceased's son said a policeman told him that it was ten minutes past eleven when his father left Smith's, and he also understood that Smith was in bed at the time he left.—Witness, in answer to a juror, said when deceased and Charlton left he was sitting in the back kitchen. About half-past ten his wife told Charlton and Hewart that she was not going to sit up till eleven for them, and Hewart then said they would go home.

Robert Charlton said he was a retired farmer and lived at Victoria Garesfield Cottages. On Tuesday night last he was in Smith's public-house when Hewart entered. It would then be about seven o'clock. Emmerson, Robson, and Carr entered after Hewart, and left before witness and Hewart did. The deceased and witness left at half-past ten, and on getting to the back door Hewart asked witness if he could manage to get through the wood without assistance. Witness, who was then the worse for drink, said he could, and then shook hands with the deceased. Witness went through the wood, and deceased proceeded in the direction of the turnpike leading to his own home. When deceased first went into Smith's he had a glass or two of ale, and a glass or two of whiskey after it. Witness could not say how much he had. He went into Smith's between three and four in the afternoon and remained there till he left with deceased. He had perhaps twelve half-glasses of whiskey during that time.—By the Jury: When they left Smith's they did not go and make a night of it. He heard Mrs Hewart at the window between four and five o'clock on Wednesday morning, but witness was not then lying on the floor.—A juror remarked that witness appeared to have had so much drink that he would remember very little of what occurred.—Deceased's son said he had been told by Mrs Emmerson, Charlton's daughter, that witness very often got so much drink at Smith's house that he had to crawl home on his hands and knees.

Matthew Emmerson, platelayer, Victoria Garesfield Cottages said he was son-in-law of the last witness. On Tuesday night, between seven and eight, witness went into Smith's public-house alone. Hewart was then in the tap-room. Witness sat down beside him, and his father-in-law, who had been in another room, joined them. Witness went home between half-past nine and ten o'clock, leaving the deceased and Charlton together. He did not see Hewart again that night. Witness could not say what time his father-in-law, who lodged with him, returned home. When witness left Smith's his father-in-law was under the influence of drink, but Hewart was quite sober.

Edward Robson, waggon-rider, High Thornley, near Rowland's Gill, said he was in the Townley Arms public-house on the night in question. He went in with Carr about half-past eight, Hewart being then in the tap-room. Charlton, Emmerson, and Bates, were also there. Hewart and Charlton were in the tap-room when witness left. Hewart was then sober, but Charlton was "drunky." They had some drink before them when witness entered, but had nothing more to drink while witness, who remained half-an-hour, was there.

George Carr, weighman, Thornley, gave similar evidence.

Thomas Plane, signalman, Rowlands Gill, said on Wednesday morning he went to his cabin about six o'clock. After being there some time he noticed a couple of marks, running parallel to each other, in the ballast ashes on the sixfoot way in front of his cabin. The marks commenced under the parapet of the bridge, about fifty yards below the cabin, and continued past the cabin. He went to the bridge-end of the marks first, and found the wooden pipe produced (which was broken into three pieces) lying on the sixfoot way. There were two or three foot-marks near where the marks began. Witness after picking-up the pipe, followed the parallel marks along the six foot way, and after going about sixty yards he saw a man, whom he recognised as the deceased, lying outside the fence. He was lying on his left arm, and his feet were near the railway. His coat was on the reverse way, the back being over his chest. Witness shouted to him, and asked him if he was not going to get up. Receiving no answer witness went back to his cabin. Shortly afterwards the deceased's son asked witness if he had seen his father, and he then told him where Hewart was lying. Witness afterwards assisted to remove deceased to his house.—By the Jury: The reason he left deceased was to attend to his work. The parallel lines were about a foot from each other, and were continuous. He lived in a house which is only a few yards from the bridge, but heard no noise during the night.

Dr Sutherland, of Burnopfield, said he saw deceased about nine o'clock on Wednesday morning at his own house. On examining the body externally he found no marks of violence, with the exception of a slight abrasion on the side of the right temple, merely sufficient to ruffle the skin. There was no blood then, but it had been bleeding. He did not attach any importance to the abrasion he had named. Deceased was completely insensible, his breathing was stentorian, both eyes were largely dilated, his pulse was weak, and the action of the heart was irregular. Deceased was a man of full habit of body, had a wide chest, rather short neck, and had an apoplectic tendency. Witness attended him till three o'clock, and treated him for apoplexy. He was guided by the symptoms he had described. In the absence of marking or external violence, he thought that death had resulted from apoplexy induced by drink and exposure. If he had been thrown or fallen from the bridge crossing the railway he would have expected to find some marks on the body. Had he been knocked down on the railway prior to being dragged along the line to the place where he was found, he would also have expected to find marks on the body. Witness had examined his knees, but there was not the slightest abrasion, although the trousers and drawers were worn through as though he had either been dragged or had trailed himself on his hands and knees.—In answer to the Coroner, witness said when there was a tendency towards apoplexy slight things would induce it. He understood that the deceased had had a good deal of drink that night, and had been in the habit of taking it, and this was likely to provoke apoplexy, exposure to the weather would further increase it. Moreover, his neckerchief was tightly fastened, and his shirtband was also tight. The deceased's throat was considerably congealed and swollen.—A juror said deceased could not have crept along the railway, as his hands were quite clean when the body was found. Another juror said the deceased's testicles were enlarged.

William Hewart, son of the deceased, said, in consequence of what the witness Plane told him, he went to the edge of the wood near Plane's cabin and found his father lying. His head was lying on his arm, and the other arm was entangled to the lining of the sleeve of his coat. The left hand, which was under his head, was rather dirty on the outside, as if it had come in contact with the ashes. He did not notice the other hand as it was in the coat sleeve. There was a little blood on the right cheek. His right shoe was off, and was, together with his hat, lying under him. Witness went and told his mother, and they got assistance and had him taken home.

Joseph Bates, labourer, said he was in the Townley Arms on Tuesday night. He went in about nine o'clock. The deceased, Emmerson, Charlton, and other two men were there. Hewart, Emmerson, and Charlton, were rather "fresh." Witness stayed at Smith's till ten minutes past ten. Hewart and Emmerson had three glasses of whisky each while witness was there, and Chorlton had three bottles of pop. When witness left the house Hewart, Emmerson, and Charlton were in the taproom. Witness had only one glass of whisky in the house.

John Smith, police constable stationed at Westwood, said he knew the deceased. Witness did not see him on Tuesday night, but did see him on Wednesday. The first time witness saw him was between twelve and one. He also saw Hewart at eight, but he was never conscious. In answer to deceased's uncle, witness said he was at Rowlands Gill on Wednesday. The reason he knew that deceased had 4½d. in his pocket when found was because he was told so at Burnopfield.—The son of the deceased said P.C. Smith was at Rowland's Gill first thing on Wednesday morning and he understood that he had been at the publichouse all night and all day on Wednesday.—The Coroner (to P.C. Smith): Were you here on Wednesday? P.C. Smith said he was at Rowlands Gill on Wednesday between eleven and twelve o'clock.—Deceased's son: He was here soon after the body was found. I saw him between nine and ten.—Deceased's uncle: If you call Mr Parkin, the stationmaster, he can tell you something.—The Coroner: What do you want to prove by calling Mr Parkin?—Deceased's son: I understood that Smith was at Rowland's Gill all night.—The Coroner: We have nothing to do with that. If he was here that is a matter for his superior officer to investigate.—P.C. Smith said he could bring witnesses to prove that he was not within miles of Rowlands Gill on Tuesday night.

Elizabeth Emmerson said the witness Charlton was her father. On Tuesday night he arrived home about eleven o'clock. He was the worse for drink, but he was able to hang up his hat and coat which were wet.—In answer to the friends of the deceased, witness said Mrs Hewart went to her house at five o'clock on Wednesday morning in search of her husband. She told witness that she had been to Smith's house and heard someone groaning.

Jane Gossett, 29, Victoria Garesfield Cottages, said at twelve o'clock on Tuesday night she was awoke by a noise near her house, which is a short distance from where Hewart was found. The noise was like a person walking amongst ashes.

The friends of the deceased here made some observations respecting the evidence, one of them remarking that the officer Smith had been seen there drunk.—The Coroner said this had nothing whatever to do with the case.—Mr Supt. Oliver, of Consett, who has charge of the division in which Smith is stationed, here entered the room, and on the Coroner informing him that the friends of the deceased suggested that Smith had been at Rowlands Gill on Tuesday night, Mr Oliver said that he had made every inquiry and was quite satisfied with the account given by Smith.—A friend of the deceased's said Smith was taken away from the Townley Arms in a cart on Wednesday. It was evident, he said, that there had been some fou play.—Mr Oliver said he was quite satisfied with the account that Smith had given of himself.—One of the uncles of the deceased said they had got the evidence of the witnesses but they had not got the truth.—The Coroner said that was not a proper observation to make. It was ultimately decided that Dr Sutherland should make a *post mortem* examination of the body to put beyond a doubt the cause of death. Mr Supt. Wood, of Gateshead, was present during the inquiry.

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GLOVERS,
HABERDASHERS, &c.

The Latest Novelties in every Department.

Hawkers and the Trade supplied at Manufacturers' List Prices.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRAPERS,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT; AND FRONT STREET, DIPTON 991h

WONDERS NEVER CEASE.

RE-OPENING OF THE SHOP,

15, NEWMARKET STREET,
ON PAY FRIDAYS AND MONDAYS AND EVERY SATURDAY,
WITH A LARGE STOCK OF PROVISIONS, WHICH WILL BE SOLD CHEAP.

LAKE'S WONDERFUL TEA AT 1s. 6d. PER LB.

Better than Prize Tea, at 3s. per lb.

To be had at the Central Tea Shop, 6, MIDDLE STREET, or at the Branch Shop, 15, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT.

22k JAMES LAKE, PROPRIETOR.

CHEAP AND FASHIONABLE READY-MADE CLOTHING.

WE intend offering on Saturday First, July 21st, and following days up to August the 18th, an enormous STOCK of READY-MADE CLOTHING of every description, suitable for Men and Boys.

Our main object in holding this Sale, is in consequence of being considerably over-stocked in this particular department, owing to closing our Branch Shops at Annfield Plain and Front Street, Consett, which has thrown us into about £1,500 more Stock than is necessarily required; therefore, we would strongly recommend our Customers and the Public in general to take advantage of this rare opportunity of getting Clothing at a mere nominal price.

N.B.—We have just finished Stock-taking, and are, therefore, in a position to give almost the exact quantities we have on hand.

COATS.

63 Black Doeskin and Super Coats, bound and double-stitched, from 15s. 6d. to 27s. 6d. Those at 27s. 6d. are equal to bespoke which would probably cost 50s.

225 Tweed Coats of every description, and almost any shape, prices ranging from 12s. 6d. to 27s. 6d. All sizes in Stock

A lot of Blue and Black Diagonals and Satarras, with or without Velvet Collars, at a great reduction.

250 Pilot and Beaver Jackets, left over from last Winter, will be offered at about half their original price.

COATS AND VESTS.

35 Men's Brown and Black Velvet Coats and Vests, fashionably made and extra good quality, original price, 39s. 6d., will be offered at 29s. 6d.

MEN'S SUITS.

We have just received 25 Men's Tweed Suits of a new style, which look very graceful, and suitable for either summer or winter wear, price only 30s. All sizes and splendid patterns.

50 other Suits of different makes, which will be disposed of cheap.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS.

In this Department our variety and amount of Stock is something enormous, and we are determined to clear out whatever we possibly can, and if temptation in price will be any inducement to purchasers buying freely, we may depend upon a speedy clearance.

Boys' Suits in all the different styles, including the Cheltenham, Danish Kilt, and other styles, from 3s. 11d. to 19s. 9d.

Youths' Suits in all sizes and different makes of cloth, at prices from 14s. 6d. to 39s.

MEN'S TROUSERS AND VESTS.

75 Men's Light Fancy Trousers and Vests, newest shapes and all wool, to be cleared at 15s. 11d., worth 26s.

25 Grey Doeskin do., splendid quality, former price, 28s. 6d., reduced to 22s. 6d., very cheap.

About 850 of other different kinds, from 12s. 6d. to 19s. 6d., must be cleared.

MEN'S TROUSERS.

25 Pairs of light all-wool Trousers, good patterns, at 11s. 6d., worth 18s. 6d.

A lot of Bedford and Worsted Cords from 8s. 11d. to 13s. 6d., lined or unlined.

Black Trousers, 9s. 6d. to 15s. 6d.

550 Dark Fancy Trousers, from 6s. 11d. to 14s. 6d., splendid range.

A large quantity of Men's Partridge, Printed Moles and Drab Cords. Drab and White Moleskins, &c.

BOYS' TROUSERS AND JACKETS.

55 Boys' Dark Cloth Trousers at 3s. 6d. per pair, worth double, a great bargain.

165 Boys' best quality Cloth Trousers, 4s. 11d. to 9s. 6d.

Boys' Drab and Partridge Cords, Drab Moleskin and Printed Trousers, &c.

Boys' Brown and Black Velveteen Jackets and Vests, all sizes.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Men's Linen Jackets and Trousers; Cotton, Swansdown, and Flannel Drawers; Hats, Caps, Shirts, Hosiery, Scarfs, Collars, Braces, Pit Flannels. &c.

N.B.—We keep a large Stock of Fashionable Woollen Cloths, Diagonals, Worsted, Coatings, Serges, Doeskins, Superfines, &c., of which Patterns can be sent to any address on application, and have also a Practical Cutter and an efficient Staff of Workmen on the the Premises to execute the bespoke department.

SHAW AND ATKINSON,

THE FASHIONABLE CLOTHIERS,
22, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

READ THIS.

Let woman be evermore grateful
For the age, with its blessings untold,
For its bountiful harvest of stitches,
More precious than jewels or gold.
In this, our delightful transition,
Every woman is more than a queen,
And at pleasure is covered with stitches,
With her beautiful Sewing Machine.
Long flounces all gracefully fashioned,
With ruffles and trimmings untold,
Adorn all conditions and figures,
Which are shaped to the comeliest mould.
Then be grateful to "Howe" and to Singer,"
Pioneers in the race they have run;
For, when poverty stared at their windows.
Their genius still battled and won!
The "Wheeler and Wilson" soon followed,
With well-founded claims for a share;
The "Willcox and Gibbs" and the "Florence,"
Are gems of mechanical care.
The "Grover and Baker" and "Cyclops,"
The "European," inflated with zeal,
The "Europa," the "Belgravia," and others
To our confidence warmly appeal.
Then let us be evermore grateful,
When all can be decked like queens
With the changes and charms of the season,
By William Hall's Sewing Machines.

READ ON.

W. HALL begs to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has Removed from his old place to the Shop, lately occupied by Mr. Stark, next door to Dr. Benson's Surgery, Dipton, where any of the above mentioned Machines may be had at the Lowest Prices, with a Liberal Discount for Cash. Also all Parts and Fittings for any kind of Sewing Machine, together with Needles, Oil, Oil Cans, &c. Agent for The Home Washer, Coventry Bicycles, Mangles, Wringers, &c. Sewing Machines exchanged. 85k

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ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

IT is FIVE Years since Mr. MARKHAM's first attendance at Consett, and during that time he has Re-modelled and made to Fit the Mouth 218 Sets, and partial Sets of Artificial Teeth, which have been obtained from unskilled pretenders to Dentistry, who seek to give no satisfaction but to get payment, not caring whether the Teeth Fit or not. Sufficient testimony can be given by some of those patients, who would not scruple to make answer for the manner in which they have been imposed upon.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH FROM 5s.; OR FULL SETS FROM £2 10s.

Attendance every Monday, from Eleven until Three o'clock, at the Surgery, Mount Pleasant, Consett, and at 40, Northumberland Street, Newcastle, where Mr. W. MARKHAM has been established Forty-seven Years. 126k

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Business Announcements.

ONE TRIAL WILL PROVE,

AS IS DAILY THE CASE, THAT PARTIES WISHING TO BUY
DRAPERY OR READY-MADE CLOTHING,
CAN BUY CHEAPER THAN BY GOING TO NEWCASTLE, AT

J. M. BEAVAN'S,

THE WHOLESALE SHOP, DIPTON. 242k

BUY SCOTTER'S BOOTS.

ADMITTED by thousands to be the Cheapest and Best Boots ever offered to the Public. To be had only at his own Shops,

3, SHAKESPEARE STREET, CONSETT;

23 and 14, Nun Street, and 46, Dean Street, Newcastle; 103, High Street, Gateshead; 121, Bedford Street, and 13, Union Street, North Shields; Station Road, South Shields; 58, Ormonde Street, Jarrow; 7, South Street, Middlesbrough; and Bridge Street, Morpeth. 32k

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NORTHUMBERLAND STEAM DYE WORKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

JOHN BRADBURN & CO.,

DYERS AND CLEANERS,

BEG to inform the Ladies of Consett and District that they have appointed the

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY,

As their Agents, in place of Mr. JOHN PROUD, Draper, who is leaving the town. Goods for Dyeing and Cleaning, left at the Co-operative Stores, will be forwarded to Newcastle every Friday and returned to Consett within Fourteen Days.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Wearing Apparel, of every description, Dyed and Cleaned in the most skilful manner. House Draperies, in all materials, Cleaned and Dyed. Prices the same as at our Town Offices. 728h

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GOOD NEWS

FOR THE
INHABITANTS OF CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

LONGSTAFF IS COMING
IN A FEW DAYS TIME.

LONGSTAFF, the NOTED PEOPLE'S BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER, will OPEN a BRANCH SHOP, in MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, with the Largest and Handsomest Stock of BOOTS and SHOES, of every description, in the neighbourhood.

The Inhabitants of Consett and District will now be able to purchase the best quality of Boots and Shoes at lower prices than are usually charged for very inferior Goods.

☞ The time of Opening the Cheap Boot Shop will be duly announced.

LONGSTAFF,

Next Door to Mr. WILLIAM AYNSLEY, the Tea Dealer,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT. 244k

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!!

ALEXANDER MOLTENI,

CABINETMAKER, UPHOLSTERER, &c.,
76, PILGRIM STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

HAS made special reductions in the price of his large Stock of WELL-SEASONED FURNITURE, so that parties furnishing during this term will save considerably by purchasing at this establishment.

A very large choice of splendid Mahogany and other Chairs, in a great variety of patterns; fine Sideboards; Dining Room and Drawing Room Wardrobes, and Bedroom Suites; every description of Brass and Iron Bedsteads kept in stock. Also, a very fine choice of Mantel Mirrors and Toilet Glasses, the whole of which will be sold at 20 per cent. below the regular prices.

A. M. begs to inform all his friends and the public generally of not being able to find purchasers for his business, so he intends to keep it on himself, and, at the same time, he must return his most sincere thanks to all for the liberal support that he has received for the last forty years in Pilgrim Street. By strict attention to all orders entrusted to him, in future he hopes for a continuance of their patronage.

The favourite 3d. Cigars are the Duke of Wellingtons and Lord Nelsons, both registered brands.
Only to be had Wholesale at
JOHN TELFER & SONS,
TOBACCO, SNUFF, AND CIGAR MANUFACTURERS,
33, CLAYTON STREET, AND 11, NUN STREET,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
Try Telfer's Dark London Shag, fine cut, 4d. per oz.

WILLIAM TODD'S
EASY SHAVING AND FASHIONABLE HAIR-CUTTING ESTABLISHMENT,
FRONT STREET, LEADGATE. 579h

HENRY AMOS

RESPECTFULLY intimates to the Public that he will commence Business as HORSESHOER and GENERAL SMITH in the old-established Shop at the foot of Church Bank, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, August 15th, 1877, and hopes by strict attention to Business to merit a share of their patronage. 156k

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D. DOVER,

RESPECTFULLY intimates to his Friends and the Public that he has Opened a New Shop, near to Dr. Benson's Surgery, Wesley Terrace, Dipton. Jewellery, Watches, and Clocks sold, cleaned, or repaired. Dealer in Hardware, Books, and Stationery. Agent for "Stokes' on Memory."

DRAPERY AND MILLINERY.

H. THOMSON

BEGS to inform the Inhabitants of Consett and Neighbourhood that he has Opened the premises formerly occupied by Mr. J. Proud, in Front Street, with a Stock of MILLINERY and DRAPERY.

N.B.—Straw Hats and Bonnets, Cleaned, Dyed, and Altered into present Fashions. 888h

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MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.

GEORGE HOPE,
SCULPTOR, GENERAL CARVER, AND MARBLE MASON,
BURNOPFIELD.

MONUMENTS, TOMBS, HEAD STONES, AND TABLETS
EXECUTED IN MARBLE, STONE, OR GRANITE.

HAYMARKET COACH WHEEL WORKS.

GEORGE HOGG,
COACHBUILDER AND CARTWRIGHT.

ALL kinds of Cabs, Dog Carts, and Spring Carts made to order, repaired, painted, and done-up. Springs and Patent Axles made to order and repaired. Lancewood Shafts and Bent Timber always on hand. The largest Spring Cart Works in the North of England.

All orders punctually attended to. 929h
HAYMARKET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

QUEENSLAND EMIGRATION.

SAILINGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

The next Ship, the "Saraca," for Queensland will sail from Glasgow on the 20th August, and from Queenstown on the 25th August. The "Scottish Hero" is to sail on 5th September.

Female Domestic Servants free.

Apply to the Local Agent, J. T. Appleton, Auctioneer, Spennymoor; or to the Agent-General for Queensland, 32, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 844h

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A. PHILLIPSON,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,

WILL be happy to supply Household Furniture, Ironmongery, Paper Hangings, Mangles, Music and Musical Instruments, of all kinds, of the best quality, and at prices which will recommend them to all who will make an inspection at his Show Rooms, Front Street, Dipton.

Pianos tuned, Harmoniums, Concertinas, Watches, Clocks, &c., neatly repaired.

A Liberal Discount for Ready Cash. 235k

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BLACKHILL.
JON. C. WYLIE, MASTER.

DAY-SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on Monday, July 30th, 1877; Evening School, August 15th.

Terms from 6d. per week upwards.

To Young Men, Sunday-school Teachers, &c.—Conferences and Discussions every Wednesday Evening, on Literature, History, Politics, and Theology. As Standards of Appeal, Mr. WYLIE's Library of a thousand volumes will be open. 133k

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JOHN STREET AND PITT STREET WINE, ALE, AND SPIRIT STORE.

WINES.

Old Port from 1s. 6d., 2s. 7d., and 3s. 10d. Finest Sherry, 1s. 10d., 3s., and 3s. 10d.
Sparkling Champagne.

Edinburgh and Burton Ales, in Sparkling Condition.
Matured Malt and Glenlivet Whiskeys.
Dunville and Co's Fine Old Irish Whiskey.

H. NICHOLSON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER. 231k

THOMAS RAINE,
JOINER AND CABINET-MAKER,
DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL,

BEGS to to thank his Friends for their support during the past Three Years, and wishes to intimate that he has taken his brother CUTHBERT into Partnership.

T. and C. RAINE have also pleasure in announcing to the Public that they have secured the commodious workshops lately occupied by Mr. A. Richardson, where they intend to carry on the business of Contracting, Joinering, and Cabinet-making. Furniture of every description always on hand, or made to order. Orders will be thankfully received, and promptly executed. Workshops immediately behind the Post-office, Durham Road. Show-rooms, Derwent Street. 835h

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IMPORTANT!

THE attention of the Public of Consett and Neighbourhood is drawn to the large Stock of Ladies' Quilted Skirts, Fashionable Long Jackets, &c., as manufactured by J. GREEN and Co., which for style and neatness cannot be surpassed; also, a large assortment of Dress Materials very cheap, and Draperies of every description at very low prices. Patterns, &c., can be seen at Mr. SIMON TURNBULL's, Cort Street, Blackhill. All Orders left there will have prompt attention.

J. GREEN AND CO.,

DRAPERS, &c.,
HEBBURN NEW TOWN. 114k

Business Announcements.

EMIGRATION.—The Canadian Government grant assisted passages to Canada.—For particulars, apply to GEORGE LEADBITTER, Accountant, Catchgate, or ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Agents for the Government of Canada. 144k

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JOHN MILBURN,
BUTCHER,
MEDOMSLEY,

BEGS to inform his Friends and the Public generally of Medomsley and surrounding neighbourhood that he intends commencing Business on his own account, and trusts to receive the same support as was accorded to his late father. 241k

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

CHARLES D. SCOTT,
PLUMBER AND BRASS FOUNDER,
NEWCASTLE,

HAS been requested by some of the leading business men of this locality to OPEN A BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT in Consett. He has now much pleasure in stating that he has taken the Shop,

10, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT,

Which will be opened in a few days. All orders entrusted to his care will receive his best attention and will be executed by competent workmen. 240k.

Public Notices.

TO TRESPASSERS.

AS the GAME upon East Farm, Medomsley, and Allendale Farms is strictly Preserved, Trespassers will be Prosecuted. 880h

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NOTICE.

ANYONE found TRESPASSING on the Estate of Medomsley, belonging to Miss ALLGOOD, will be Prosecuted according to Law. 973h

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CASTLESIDE CHURCH.

ON Sunday next, August 19th, 1877, the REV. W. A. McGONIGLE, of Crook, will preach. Morning Service at Half-past Ten; Evening Service at Half-past Six. No Collections. 243k

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW,
SATURDAY, AUG. 25TH, 1877.

GRAND BALL

IN THE
TOWN HALL,
Commencing at Eight o'clock p.m.

MR. TELFORD, M.C. 236k

LANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW, ATHLETIC SPORTS, AND BALL.

LANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW, ATHLETIC SPORTS, and BALL, will be held on Thursday, September 6th, 1877. Tenders required for local or other Brass Bands to play during the Afternoon. Tenders to include number of performers and amount required.

For Schedules of Prizes and other particulars, apply to T. DUNN, the Schools, Lanchester.

Lanchester, August 15th, 1877. 238k

CASTLESIDE WESLEYAN NEW CHAPEL.

A BAZAAR, in aid of the Funds of the above, will be held in the old Chapel, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, August 29th and 30th, and September 1st, 1877.

The Bazaar will be opened at One o'clock on the Wednesday, by REV. W. H. MILWARD, Superintendent, and HENRY RITSON, Esq.

A large quantity of Plain and Fancy Articles will be exposed for Sale.

Refreshments provided at moderate charges.

Admission each day:—From One to Five, One Shilling; after Five, Sixpence. Children, Half-price.

TANFIELD FLOWER and POULTRY EXHIBITION will be held on Saturday August 25th, 1877. Good Prizes given for Quoit-playing, Three-legged Race, and Wrestling (Men not exceeding 12 stone weight).

Special Prizes given for best Greyhound, Dog or Bitch—First Prize, 15s.; Second Prize, 10s.; Third Prize, 5s. Entrance, 2s. Entries close August 18th.

Grand BALL at Seven o'clock p.m.

Efficient Bands in attendance during Afternoon and at the Ball.

JOHN BREWIS, Secretary, Tanfield Lea,
192k Via Lintz Green, Newcastle.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR BENFIELDSIDE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT—

1.—The above School Board have (subject to the approval of the Education Department) made certain Bye-laws, in pursuance of the powers given to the School Board by s. 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870.

2.—A printed copy of the proposed Bye-laws will continue deposited, for inspection by any Ratepayer, at the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, the Offices of the said School Board, for one month from the date of the publication of this notice.

3.—At the expiration of the said month, the said proposed Bye-laws will be submitted to the Education Department for approval.

4.—The School Board will supply a printed copy of the said proposed Bye-laws gratis to any Ratepayer.

R. GRENFELL BARCLAY, Clerk.

July 28th, 1877. 146k

UNDIMINISHED ATTRACTIONS.

BISHOP AUCKLAND

FLOWER SHOW,

ROSE SHOW,
AND

MUSICAL FESTIVAL,

IN
AUCKLAND PARK,
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 1877.

The full Band of the
SECOND LIFE GUARDS,
From London;
And the Band of the
NEWCASTLE ENGINEERS.

OUTLAY NEARLY £1,200.

MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF
ROSES, PLANTS, FLOWERS, AND FRUIT.

GRAND
MORNING AND AFTERNOON CONCERTS
IN THE PARK.

ADMISSION:—Morning, 2s. 6d.; Afternoon, 1s.

CHEAP TRAINS. 239k

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872—1874.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Collierley and Pontop, in the County of Durham and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, GEORGE BULMER, now residing at Dipton, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, Retailer of Spirits and Beer to be consumed off the Premises, do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice-room, in Lanchester, on the 22nd day of August next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to Sell by Retail, under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, 1828, all Intoxicating Liquors, to be consumed either on or off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Dipton, aforesaid, in the said Parish, of which Premises Robt. Clark, of Dipton, is the Owner, and which said Premises are now in my possession.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven.

229k GEORGE BULMER.

Public Notice.

GO TO BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW, on Saturday, August 18th, 1877, for a real day's enjoyment. Cricket Playing, Dancing on the Sward, &c. 234k

To Let.

TO LET, a HOUSE, in Sherburn Terrace, Consett.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 211k

TO LET, a HOUSE and SHOP, with Back Yard, situate in Front Street, Annfield Plain.—Apply to Mr. JOHN SUDDES, East Butsfield, near Satley. 210k

TO LET, at Templetown, a HOUSE, containing Four Rooms and every Convenience.—Apply to Mr. A. MAXWELL, Templetown. 194k

TO LET, a TENT, 120 Feet by 30 Feet or less.—For conditions, apply to Mr. EDWARD LOVAT, Medomsley, 809h

TO LET, a Butcher's SHOP and HOUSE, situate at the foot of Front Street, Consett.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 644h

TO LET, for Entertainments, the Co-operative Hall, Dipton.—Applications to be addressed to the SECRETARY. 350h

TO LET, a HOUSE and SHOP, situate in Victoria Street, Consett.—Apply to M. MCGURK, Duke of Wellington Inn, Consett. 23k

TO LET, at Templetown, a HOUSE, containing Five Rooms and every Convenience.—Apply to Mr. R. DICK, Templetown. 167k

TO LET, and entry at August Term, a HOUSE, containing Six Rooms and other Conveniences, situate in Delves Lane, Consett.—Apply to WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer, Blackhill. 207k

TO LET, new TENTS, 120ft. by 30ft. and 60ft. by 30ft., on reasonable terms.—For conditions of letting, apply to EDWARD LOVAT, Medomsley, *via* Lintz Green. 33k

TO LET, or FOR SALE, at Templetown, a pleasantly-situated HOUSE, containing Five Rooms and every Convenience.—Apply to WILLIAM KNOX, Joiner, &c., Mount Pleasant, Consett. 967h

TO LET, a HOUSE, SHOP, STABLE, and other Conveniences, situate in Front Street, Leadgate, now occupied by Mr. W. Tait, Watchmaker.—For particulars, apply to Mr. HENRY POSTLE, Front Street, Leadgate. 165k

NOTICE.

MARQUEE TENT TO LET, 60ft. by 30ft., will hold about 300 at Tea.

D. LOGAN, of the "Hat and Feather" Inn, near Medomsley, will Let his Marquee Tent on the following terms:—£1 10s. per each time out. Parties engaging the above will have no trouble with it, as the Owner carts it to the place of erection, puts it up, and takes it down for the above charge. 932h

For Sale.

FOR SALE, a WHITECHAPEL CONVEYANCE; used only a few times.—Apply to JOHN POTTS, Delves Lane, Consett. 896h

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE, Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811g

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Adam Brodie.

THE SALE OF FARM STOCK, HAY, and BUTCHER'S UTENSILS, by order of the Executors of the late John Milburn, as advertised by Posters for Monday, August 20th, 1877, will NOT take place.

247k MR. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer.

18, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

Well-situate and thoroughly accustomed FREEHOLD SHOP and DWELLING-HOUSE, with COTTAGE and STABLE, for SALE, with immediate possession.

MR. A. BRODIE is instructed by Mr. PHILIP MATTHEWS, the owner, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mrs. Worth, Queen's Head Inn, Consett, on Thursday, August 23rd, 1877, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then and there produced, all that well-situate and thoroughly accustomed FREEHOLD SHOP and HOUSE, with Two-roomed COTTAGE and STABLE behind, and large Yard with all the usual Convenience, recently occupied by Mr. Charles Docherty and others at an annual rental of £53.

The attention of Investors and others is directed to this very valuable Property, which is situate in a commanding position in the leading business thoroughfare of the district. Two-thirds of the purchase money, if necessary, may remain on mortgage at 5 per cent. interest.

Further particulars may be had from Mr. Philip Matthews, the owner; or, from the Auctioneer, at his Office, Town Hall, Consett. 233k

VICTORIA SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

Important Sale of First-class LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY, belonging the Estate of W. J. MCCLELLAN, 46 and 48, City Road, Bradford, in Liquidation.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. THOS. WILSON, of Harrogate, to remove the entire Stock of LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY belonging the Estate of W. J. MCCLELLAN, of 46 and 48, City Road, Bradford, amounting at Cost or Stock Book Prices to £1,002 6s. 8½d., as taken down by Messrs. A. and W. Morris and Co., Accountants, Manchester, and offer the whole for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, without reserve, in lots to suit Purchasers, in the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, August 18th, 20th, and 21st, 1877.

ORDER OF SALE:—Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each Evening, and to be continued on the Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of each week until the whole is cleared out. Particulars in Bills. 116k

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY AND BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise, of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744

By Mr. William Raw.

FOG TO LET.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mr. WILLIAM TURNER, will LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, August 22nd, 1877, the EATAGE of about 14 Acres of Good Old-Land FOG, on Blackfine Farm, in Three Lots.

Letting to commence at Five o'clock precisely in the Fields.

Sale-office, Blackhill. 246k

1, DIXON STREET, BLACKFINE.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mrs. H. NATTRESS, who is about to leave this neighbourhood, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, August 20th, 1877, her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Kitchen Press; 2 30-hour Clocks, in Oak Cases; Desk Bedstead; 2 Kitchen Tables; 2 Camp Bedsteads; Four-poled Bedstead; 7 Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; 2 Bed Ticks; 2 Straw Mattresses; Quilting Frames; Smoothing Irons; Garden Spade and Rakes; Fenders and Fire Irons; Round Table; Tea Trays; Pans, Kettle, Tubs, Ware, &c.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock precisely.

Sale-office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 225k

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Jenkins.

CATCHGATE.

IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, August 20th, 1877, in Mrs. Welch's Long-room, Catchgate, a large assortment of Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, removed to the above place for convenience of Sale, comprising magnificent Mahogany Wardrobe, with large Glass Pannels; large Mahogany Sideboard, with Glass Back; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; 2 Easy Chairs, in Hair-seating; 6 Balloon-backed Chairs, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Press; 2 Mahogany Lobby Drawers and Bookcases; Walnut Drawers and Bookcase; Walnut Bed-room Drawers; Mahogany Centre Table; Card Table; Toilet Table; Washstand and Dressing Table; 2 Mahogany Towel Rails; Mantlepiece Mirror; 2 Swing Glasses; Eight-day Clock; 2 excellent Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Feather Bed; Down Bed; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fire Irons; Lustres and Vases; Stair Rods and Carpeting; Longsettle, in Hair-seating; Windsor and Cane Chairs; together with a quantity of Hardware.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

The Auctioneer respectfully calls the attention of the public in general to the above Goods, which are of first-class make and in excellent condition, and will be on view on the morning of Sale. 223k

Lost.

LOST, on Saturday last, about Six o'clock p.m., between Dipton and Lintz Green Station, a CARRIAGE RUG.—Anyone returning the same to W. COWARD, Stationer, Dipton, will be rewarded. 245k

Wanted.

WANTED, a Strong, Active GIRL, as GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply personally to Mrs. JOHN POTTS, East Parade, Delves Lane, Consett. 158k

THE Directors of the Prudential Assurance Company are prepared to engage Respectable, Energetic Men as Agents. Good references and security required.—Apply to THOMAS PATTERSON, Superintendent of Agents, Cemetery Road, Blackhill.

EDITORIAL NOTICE.

Several letters, cricket matches, and Lanchester police news left over till next week.

The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 1877.

Local and District News.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT STANLEY.—On Saturday and Monday evenings the Royal Handbell Ringers gave an entertainment in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley. There were good houses on both occasions, and the proceeds were for the Chapel fund.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary monthly meeting of this Board was held on Monday afternoon, in the Board-room. Mr. T. J. Muse in the chair. There were also present Messrs. E. Leybourne, and R. Walton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The chairman read a number of bye-laws proposed to be enforced within the School Board district, which met with the approval of the members present, and which were adopted by the Board subject to the approval of the Education Department. There was no other business, and the meeting terminated.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.—The anniversary services of the Sunday School in connection with the above Chapel were held on Aug. 12th and 13th. On Sunday sermons were preached morning and evening, by the Rev. J. Wilson, Highgate. In the afternoon an address to parents and teachers was delivered by the pastor, Rev. R. Herries. At each service the children gave recitations, and sang a selection of hymns assisted by the choir. On Monday, a public tea was spread in the Chapel at four o'clock, but the weather being most unfavourable, a smaller company than usual sat down. A public meeting was held at seven, and short addresses were given by the following gentlemen:—Mr. Edwards, Mr. Turner, Mr. A. Lowes, Rev. J. Wilson. The pastor presided.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary monthly meeting of the Board was held on Thursday evening, in the Board-room, Mr. W. H. Hedley inthe chair.—There were also present—the Rev. W. Cockin, Messrs. J. E. Simpson, W. Richardson, and J. Turnbull.—The minutes of the last meeting and those of an adjourned meeting were read and confirmed.—The Chairman read a code of bye-laws proposed to be enforced within the distict, which met with the approval of the members present, and were accordingly passed.—The Chairman read the report of the Finance Committee, showing the amount of accounts presented for payment to be £27 5s., for which cheques were ordered to be signed.

GROUSE SHOOTING. — EDMONDBYERS AND BLANCHLAND MOORS.—The weather on Monday was thick and foggy, it being impossible to see more than a couple of hundred yards. Colonel Joicey (of Newton Hall), Dr. Tristram, L.L.D., (of the Temple, London), Mr. J. W. Barnes (Durham), Mr. Joseph Dodds, Mr. M. B. Dodds (Stockton), and Mr. Kearney and Mr Holdforth (The Ford, Lanchester), were on the Blanchland Moors at an early hour, and had average sport, grouse being plentiful and healthy. Captain Rowlandson, Mr. J. Hutchinson (Durham), Major Monks (Aiden Cottage), and Colonel Scurfield (Hurworth), shot over the Edmondbyers district, and although large bags were not the order of the day, on account of the drizzling rain, fair sport was obtained.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia or gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials, resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

EBCHESTER WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The above anniversary was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday last. On Saturday afternoon an excellent tea was provided and was well patronised. The tables were gracefully presided over by the following ladies:—Miss Hunter, Mrs. Anderson, and Miss Wood. In the evening a public meeting was convened which was well attended. Mr. G. Johnson, of Leadgate, occupied the chair. In an able and deeply impressive address, the chairman reviewed the history of Sunday schools, and feelingly adverted to several cases that had come under his own observation, in which the subjects of Sunday school tuition had been enabled to rejoice in the Saviour when passing through severe affliction. The speaker also dwelt on the duties of parents to assist the teachers in bringing the children to a knowledge of the truth. The interest of the meeting was further sustained by addresses from Messrs. W. Goudie, Consett, and F. Raine, Shotley Bridge. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Cheesman, sang select pieces of music, Miss Jameson ably presiding at the harmonium. On the motion of Mr. Jameson, the superintendent of the school, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the chairman and speakers. On Sunday, two services were conducted by Mr. J. Bell, Consett. At each service the scholars recited portions of scripture, catechism, and poetry. Liberal collections were taken.

CAMP MEETING.—The Primitive Methodists at Allansford held their annual camp meeting on Sunday last. Mr. J. Proud presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. A. McKean, J. Charlton, J. Leadbitter, R. Charlton, and A. S. Coates. The weather was not as fine as could be desired, the air being rather chilly, yet a very pleasant and profitable day was spent.

EBCHESTER FLOWER SHOW.—We beg to remind our readers that this popular floral fete will be held to-morrow (Saturday). The committee have made arrangements for a cricket match, and, in addition to other sources of amusement, have added a novelty in the shape of an open boat race, upon a beautiful stretch of water adjoining the site of the flower show, in which several notable Tyneside oarsmen will compete.

CONFERENCE AT BLACKHILL.—As announced, Mr. J. C. Wylie's first conference was held on Tuesday evening last. The subjects handled were of much interest, involving, as they did, among other matters, a free criticism of the incertainty of much that passes for profane history. In this part the widely differing views of Macaulay, of Lingard, of Hume, Carlyle, and Littleton, were passed in review, with telling effect especially upon the characters, political and religious, of Charles the First, Cromwell, and the unfortunate Louis 16. Here Mr. W. wisely abstained from developing his own views, but left the subject entirely to the free conference of his auditors, thus forming a basis for a general and interesting discussion. Again resuming, Mr. W. passed on to sacred history, giving a rapid *resume* of events from early Babylon down to the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus. Here he exhibited its various points of contact with secular history, and contemporaneous events, showing its marvellous unity amid the diverse and progressive civilizations of over two thousand years. Mr. Wylie concluded by showing such continuous unity simply impossible on the basis of any merely human device, involving as it does the unifying not merely distinct periods of time and changing phases of civilization, but a consecutive series of authors utterly unknown to each other, living at widely different eras, and yet all culminating in the unific totality of the Christian faith. We believe the next conference will be on "Robespierre," during which Mr. Wylie will recite Robespierre's famous speech in defence of the existence of God, and immortality, before the French Convention. As this defence is very little known in England, we would advise our readers to go, and, like Captain Benjamin Cuttle, "make a note of it."

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

A meeting of the members of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon sen., in the Reading-room, Leadgate. There were present—Mr. Shaw (chairman), Mr. Davison, Mr. Bland, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Teaney, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carss, and Mr. Lamonby.

PROPOSAL TO BUILD A BOARD-ROOM.

The CHAIRMAN read the following report which had been prepared by the Building Committee:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Building Committee of your Board having met to consider the advisability of building a Board-room and other offices for the convenience of the public, have the pleasure to report as follows:—1st. That a building is very much needed, and your committee recommend that steps be taken as early as convenient to have suitable offices built. 2nd. Your committee instructed Mr. Shaw to write to the Consett Iron Company about a site for the proposed building, and to ascertain the price at which they would sell a piece of ground opposite the West Row, which your committee suggest would be the most eligible position. If the proposed building be proceeded with, your committee would advise that the necessary funds be either borrowed for a number of years, or else spread over at least two years, so that it might not come so heavy on the ratepayers.—We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants,

R. W. SHAW, G. NICHOLSON, C. TEANEY.

A reply had been received from the Iron Company, in which they said they were not unwilling to sell a site for 3s. 6d. a-yard.

In answer to Mr. CARSS, as to the general price of land in the neighbourhood, Mr. NICHOLSON said the site which the Company referred to was by the side of the main street, and it was perhaps better than another site which might cost only 2s. 6d. a-yard, but which would probably cost another half-crown levelling.

Mr. TEANEY thought 3s. 6d. a-yard a big price. Cheaper land, he thought, might be obtained in the district.

Mr. NICHOLSON said they had the chance of five sites, but they thought that that mentioned in the report was the most suitable.

After a general discussion, Mr. CARSS admitted that a Board-room was desirable, but thought that the price asked for the land was high.

Mr. TEANEY agreed that a Board-room was desirable, but said the ratepayers were not at the present time prepared to spend a thousand pounds.

It was eventually decided to refer the matter back to the Building Committee, who will give an estimate of the probable cost at the next meeting.

THE RIVERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT.

The Clerk (Mr. Coupland) was instructed to obtain a copy of the above Act, which has just come into operation.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Renton) reported that the district was entirely free from all forms of zymotic disease, and, sanitarily, might be pronounced to be in a most satisfactory condition.

There was no other business of public interest before the meeting.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was little or no wheat from the farmers, and trifling arrivals coastwise and abroad. Fine reds, being scarce, commanded more attention at fully last week's prices, while other descriptions were in slow request, but not quotably lower. Barley firm. Oats dull of sale at late rates. In other spring corn no change. Flour firm but quiet.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At our market this morning there was only a fair supply of wheat, and was cleared out at late rates. Average supply of other kinds of grain. Barley met a good inquiry at 23s 6d to 24s 6d, and oats at 18s to 20s per Hexham boll.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 200 beasts, but a decline of 1,800 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, there is an improvement to note in cattle, more especially in the foreign, while sheep and lambs were middling. The supply of beef comprised 1,700 head. The number of sheep and lambs was 8,800. Pigs: 550 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 10s 6d to 10s 9d; secondary sorts, 9s 0d to 9s 6d; good oxen, 10s 3d to 10s 6d; middling, 8s 6d to 9s 0d; cows and inferior, 6s 9d to 7s 9d; pork, large, 4s 9d to 6s 0d; do. small, 6s 9d to 7s 9d; sheep, good vendable wedders, per lb., 9¼d to 9½d; middling, 8d to 8½d.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 100s to 132s; this year's growth, 80s to 106s; new land hay, 105s to 140s; this year's growth, 90s to 110s: wheat straw, 4s 0d to 5s 0d; barley straw, 3s 9d to 4s 0d; oat straw, 3s 10d to 4s 8d per thrave.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 9d to 8s 9d; barley, 8s 3d to 8s 6d; Indian corn, 7s 3d; beans, 9s 6d to 11s 0d; peas, 10s to 11s per boll. Beef, 8d to 11d; mutton, 8d to 10½d; veal, 8d to 10d; bacon, 5½d to 6½d; hams, 7d to 8d; cheese, 7d to 8d per lb. Chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 8d to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 8d each; butter, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb.; eggs, 9 to 10 for 1s; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 6d per couple. Gooseberries, 4d; strawberries, 8d to 1s; red currants, 4d to 6d; black currants, 6d to 8d; rasps, 8d; plums, 6d to 8d per quart. Cherries, 4d; grapes, 1s; apples, 3d to 4d per lb. Green peas, 1s to 2s; beans, 10d; onions, 2s 6d per peck.

NEWCASTLE POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 16s per load of 20 stones. New potatoes, kidneys, 1s 0d to 1s 4d per stone.

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—Potatoes, 1s to 1s 6d per stone.

ACTION AGAINST THE TREASURER OF THE CONSETT HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

An important action, in which the decision of the stewards who officiated at the Consett Hunt Steeplechases in April last was challenged, was heard before Judge Meynell at Shotley Bridge County Court, on Monday. The plaintiff was Mr. Thomas Todd, butcher, Byers Green, Durham, the defendant being Mr. George Brown, the promoter of the above meeting, and the action was to recover the value of a stake which plaintiff's horse was said to have won, but which the stewards awarded to another horse on account of plaintiff's animal having, as was alleged, run at a meeting where the Grand National Rules were not in force. Mr. Maw, of Bishop Auckland, appeared for plaintiff, while Mr. Granger, Durham, represented Mr. Brown and the stewards.—Mr. Maw applied to have the names of the stewards added to the present action, but Mr. Granger objected.—Mr. Maw said his Honour had power to do so.—Mr. Granger said he did not deny Mr. Brown's liability for the stake, if his Honour decided to give it to plaintiff's horse.—His Honour observed that Mr. Brown was secretary and treasurer of the meeting, and the stewards might have a totally different defence to set up.—Mr. Granger said Brown was stakeholder, and therefore the proper person to sue.—His Honour said he could not consent to Mr. Maw's application.—Mr. Maw remarked that his object in making the application was to get certain letters admitted.—His Honour said that being so he was glad he had not acceded to Mr Maw's request. (Laughter.)—Mr. Maw then stated the facts. He said the plaintiff was owner of Little Bill, and in April last the horse was entered to run for the Selling Stake, value £25, for duly qualified hunters. Little Bill won the race, but immediately afterwards Mr. Ramshaw, Durham, raised an objection against the horse receiving the stake on the ground that he had run at steeplechases where the Grand National Rules were not in force. That objection, he might say, was based under the 84th rule of the Grand National Rules, which said that no horse which had run at any meeting where the Grand National Rules were not in force was to be allowed to run where these rules were observed. In consequence of that objection, the matter came before the stewards who were present. They did not entertain it, however, but decided that the matter should be referred to the ensuing Hexham meeting which took place on the 8th May.—His Honour: Was the objection sent to a different set of stewards?—Mr. Maw: Yes. The matter came before the Hexham stewards, and after Mr. Brown had produced some letters purporting to come from Messrs. Wetherby, the stewards at Hexham referred the dispute to the stewards of the Spennymoor meeting. These races were held on the 22nd June, and were attended by the plaintiff and his witnesses. Mr. Todd saw Mr. Brown and one of the stewards (Mr. Dickinson) in the ring, and they then told him that the stake had been awarded to Merlin, the second horse. Plaintiff then went to the stewards who were acting at Spennymoor, and was told that they had never been consulted in the matter.—His Honour: What had the Spennymoor stewards to do do with it?—Mr. Granger: Nothing at all.—Mr. Maw: The matter was referred to them by the Hexham stewards.—Mr Granger: The meeting at Hexham was an adjourned meeting of the Consett stewards.—Mr. Maw: We were never called on to say anything at Hexham, although my client was prepared to say that his horse never ran where the Grand National Rules were not in force. We have had no notice of a decision having been come to, except by word of mouth at Spennymoor.—His Honour thought that was quite sufficient.—Mr. Granger submitted that his friend had proved his (Mr. Granger's) case out of his own mouth.—His Honour said if the stake had been awarded by the stewards his jurisdiction was at an end.—Mr. Maw said he could prove that the stewards had no knowledge in this case.—His Honour: Why?—Mr. Maw: Because the fact does not exist.—His Honour said that was begging the whole question. If the stewards had decided, he could not go into the case. There had been a race, and the horse was disqualified by the stewards. Chief Baron Kelly said where there had been a race the Court had not power to interfere with the decision of the referees. If it could be proved that plaintiff had been told that the stewards had given their decision, then there was an end to the case.—Mr. Maw said the stewards had decided without any evidence at all.—Mr. Granger said they had not done so.—Plaintiff was then called, whereupon his Honour said before going into the merits of the case they had better see if there had been a decision. If there had he would nonsuit the plaintiff, but if there had not it would be another matter.—Plaintiff, examined by Mr. Maw, said when his horse came in first Mr. Ramshaw, the owner of the second horse, Merlin, posted up the following objection:—"I object to Little Bill, who came in first for the Hunters Selling Stake, on the ground of having run at a meeting where the Grand National Rules were not in force." Plaintiff went and saw Mr. Brown, and asked him if the objector had deposited the necessary £5, and he replied in the affirmative. Mr. Brown also told him that the stewards would adjourn the matter to Hexham, and the stewards at that place would decide it.—His Honour: Were there any stewards present at Consett?—Plaintiff: Yes.—Mr. Maw: Were you before them on this objection?—Plaintiff: No.—Mr. Maw: Did you see any of the stewards about?—Plaintiff: Only Mr. Brown.—His Honour: He was not a steward.—Plaintiff (resuming) said he attended at Hexham, but Mr. Straker was the only steward he knew there. The stewards enquired into the matter, and said they would adjourn it to Spennymor to give plaintiff time to get the Racing Calender from Messrs. Wetherby to see whether Tow Law Races, where Little Bill had run, and which were said not to be under the Grand National Rules, were under the latter rules or not. Between being at Hexham and Spennymoor plaintiff had obtained a Racing Calender, which he produced, from which it would be seen that the meeting at Tow Law was under the Grand National Rules.—His Honour said what they wanted to know was whether there had been a decision of the stewards.—Plaintiff (continuing) said he went to Spennymoor and took the Racing Calender with him. He saw Mr. Brown and Mr. Dickinson, and the former told him that he and Mr. Dickinson had disqualified Little Bill and awarded the stake to Merlin. Mr. Dickinson was the only Consett steward that he saw at Spennymoor.—In cross-examination by Mr. Granger, plaintiff said he saw the objection put up, but did not tear it down, nor did he see Gilroy, the jockey, do so. Mr. Dickinson was present when Mr. Brown told him that Little Bill had been disqualified. He was before Mr. Brown and Mr. Straker at Hexham, but was not told that Mr. Brown was acting for one of the stewards. He was told if he did not produce the official Weekly Racing Calender that his horse would be disqualified.—Mr. Maw said the Weekly Calender was the same as the Calender which was bound into a volume.—Mr. Granger said the Weekly Calender was a sheet containing the advertisements of all the meetings held under the Grand National Rules, while the Racing Calender was only a record of past races.—His Honour (looking at the volume before him): This does not say that the meeting at Tow Law was not under Grand National Rules.—Mr. Maw said no meeting was put in the Calender unless it was under the above rules.—His Honour said the official card would prove whether the races were under Grand National Rules or not.—Plaintiff, in answer to Mr. Granger, said when Mr. Brown met him at Spennymoor he did not ask him if he had got the official Weekly Calender.—By Mr. Maw: Little Bill run at Tow Law meeting in 1876, and the races were under the Grand National Rules.—His Honour said it did not appear to be a question whether the meeting was under the Grand National Rules or not. What they wanted to know was—had there been a decision of the stewards?—Mr. Maw was about to examine a witness named Robert Henderson to prove what took place at Consett and Hexham, when his Honour interposed and said it was no use taking up the time of the court if it could be proved that the stewards had given a decision.—Mr. Maw: Then we had better have Mr. Brown called.—Mr. Brown, the defendant, was then examined. He said when the objection was made to Little Bill, Lieut.-Col. Cowen, on behalf of the stewards, adjourned the objection to Hexham for the consideration of the Consett stewards. At Hexham, Mr. John Straker acted for Mr. Maynard, and Mr. T. T. Smith for his brother, Mr. G. Taylor Smith. Another of the stewards, Mr. Van Haansbergen, had sent his decision to Hexham. The stewards told plaintiff that if he did not produce the official Weekly Calender, containing the programme of the races at Tow Law in 1876, his horse would be disqualified. When at Spennymoor witness saw Mr. Todd and asked him if he had got the Weekly Calender, and he replied that he had not. Mr. Dickinson, who was with witness at the time, then told plaintiff that his horse would be disqualified, the rest of the stewards authorising him to do so.—Cross-examined by Mr. Maw: He did not know whether he told plaintiff that Mr. Straker was acting for Mr. Maynard, at Hexham, or that Mr. Smith was acting on behalf of his brother. Mr. Straker told plaintiff that unless he produced the Weekly Calender at Spennymoor Little Bill would be disqualified. The half-yearly volume of the Racing Calender was not the same as the Weekly Calender. Tow Law Races for 1876 were not under Grand National Rules.—His Honour said there was evidence to prove that the stewards had decided, and he therefore gave judgment for the defendant.

THE ROWLAND'S GILL MYSTERY.

ADJOURNED INQUEST.

On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Coroner Graham and a jury held an adjourned inquest at Rowland's Gill, relative to the death of William Hewart, colliery overman at that place. Supts. Wood and Oliver were present during the enquiry, and the friends of the deceased also attended. The Coroner said the inquest was adjourned from last Friday, for further evidence as to the facts, and in order that a *post-mortem* examination might be made.—Supt. Wood said he had caused inquiries to be made, but was unable to produce any additional evidence.—The Coroner asked the friends of the deceased if they had any further evidence to offer.—The friends of the deceased replied that a woman named Emmerson had made certain statements to another woman in the hearing of a signalman named Smith, and as the latter was at Darlington, and consequently unable to attend, they wished to have the woman Emmerson examined.—P.C. Johnston said the woman had been sent for.—Dr. Sutherland, practicing at Burnopfield, was then examined. He said he made a *post-mortem* examination last Friday evening, in the presence of Dr. Brown, who attended on behalf of the friends of the deceased. The brain was congested, the heart was soft and flabby, and in a state of fatty degeneration. The liver was in an abnormal state, and presented a nutmeg appearance. The lungs were healthy. Witness was of opinion that death was due to apoplexy, induced by excessive drinking and exposure to the weather.—One of the brothers of the deceased here said that the deceased was not a drunken man.—The Coroner said the appearance of the liver was sufficient to indicate what his habits were. Some men were able to carry a lot of drink without showing signs of being intoxicated.—The brother asked Dr. Sutherland if he had examined the jugular vein?—Dr. Sutherland said he had not.—The brother said two of deceased's front teeth were knocked out.—Dr. Sutherland said he had not examined the mouth, but there were no evidences of violence on the body.—The brother said every credit was due to the Coroner and the jury for the way in which the inquiry had been conducted, but at the same time he wished to say that he thought the whole truth had not been spoken. His brother, he said, had been dragged along the railway and put over the fence. If the parties who dragged him off the line had gone and informed Mrs. Hewart, he thought it would have been more creditable on their part. He had been told that deceased was heard snoring by the bankside at two o'clock in the morning.—Supt. Wood said he had made investigations relative to that statement, but there was nothing in it.—The brother said somebody knew all about it. They did not wish to blame anybody, but the truth would come out some day.—The eldest son of deceased here remarked that P.C. Smith had been at Rowland's Gill all night on Tuesday.—Supt. Oliver said that was not true.—The brother said Mr. Oliver knew that Smith was there all night. No one, he said, saw Smith at Westwood (where he is stationed) that night.—Supt. Oliver said P.C. Smith conferred with a sergeant and three constables at half-past eleven on Tuesday night, at a place ten miles from Rowland's Gill.—Deceased's son said he was at Rowland's Gill at half-past nine on Wednesday morning.—Supt. Oliver said that was also untrue, as Smith was at Burnopfield at that hour.—The Coroner said unless it could be shown that Smith had anything to do with the matter, it was nonsense bringing his name into the case.—The brother said they wanted to find out who had been drinking with the deceased that night.—The Coroner said they had had a week to do so.—The brother said the deceased had been dragged along the railway, and those who had done so had been guilty of a cowardly action in leaving him there to die. There had been more than one, as a single person could not lift the body over the fence. Moreover, his brother's coat had been put on backside foremost by somebody.—A juror asked how long a person seized with apoplexy lived.—Dr. Sutherland said the time was uncertain.—Dr. Brown, of Blaydon, said he assisted to make the *post-mortem* examination. The deceased was a very stout, thick-set, short-necked person. He did not discover any external marks on the body whatever, with the exception of the evidence of a slight contusion on the right temple and the discolouration due to decomposition. The lungs and liver were much congested, the heart was unduly large, pale, thin, flabby, and empty. The stomach was also empty. The vessels of the brain were excessively congested, but otherwise the brain was fairly healthy. The cause of death was congestive apoplexy, accelerated by exposure. The fact of the body having been found with the collar and necktie tightly pressing the throat would act as aggravating causes of the congestive state of the brain.—The Coroner. There were no appearances of violence having been used to him?—Dr. Brown: No.—The Coroner: Supposing he had taken a fit, fallen on the railway, and somebody had afterwards dragged him sixty or seventy yards and then put him gently over the fence, would that have done him any harm?—Dr. Brown: Not any.—The Foreman of the Jury (Mr. Nixon) said there was nothing to indicate that violence had been used to the deceased, or that anybody had touched him. It was possible that deceased had fallen down and then crept along the railway.—Mr. Thompson (a juror) said it was not probable that deceased would put on his coat the wrong way. If deceased had crept, the marks left on the railway would not not have been continuous.—Dr. Brown said it was possible that deceased had mistaken his way and crept back.—A Juror said if Hewart was not drunk he could not have lost himself. Besides, the trousers would not have been completely worn through if he had crept.—The brother said the holes in the trousers and drawers had been made by dragging.—Dr. Brown said the fact of the body being dragged would not cause death. It was possible that somebody had dragged the body along the line and left it where it was found.—The Coroner thought that was the proper solution to the mastery. He had no doubt that the person or persons who had dragged the body along the line had done so to get it out of harms way, and now that Hewart was dead they were afraid to come forward and say anything about it. It was perfectly evident, however, that the dragging had nothing to do with the death.—A Juror remarked that some matches were said to have been found under the railway bridge where deceased was lying.—The Foreman said this might have been caused by the platelayers lighting their pipes.—Another Juror said it seemed as if somebody had been drinking under the bridge.—The brother said it was possible that they had been drinking nearer hand.—Dr. Brown said the deceased's liver gave evidence of somewhat intemperate habits.—The Coroner said the jury had the evidence of two medical gentlemen as to the cause of death, whose opinion they were bound to respect and believe. Whatever dragging might have taken place had nothing to do with the cause of death, and if the friends of the deceased could find out the persons that had dragged the body it would not assist the case in the least. The jury were not there to inquire how he came on the railway, or how he came to be taken off. They were there to ascertain the cause of death, and that had been put beyond a doubt by the testimony of Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Brown.—Mrs. Emmerson, daughter of Charlton, the old man who was drinking with Hewart on the Tuesday night, here entered the room, and was examined by the Coroner as to certain statements she was alleged to have made to another woman. She denied having said that her husband returned home after closing time, or that her father, who lodged with her, went home in the morning drunk and covered with mud.—The Coroner said when the woman gave her evidence she said her husband went home at ten o'clock and her father at eleven.—A Juror said Smith, the publican, in his evidence, fixed the time at half-past ten when Charlton left his house. If that was so, where had Charlton been between half-past ten and eleven?—The Coroner said as Charlton was drunk he might have been unable to find his way home for some time, although it was only a couple of hundred yards from the public-house.—A Juror said it would have been more satisfactory to everybody if the persons who dragged the body had been found.—The Coroner said he was afraid that would be a difficult matter to find out, and determinable only by the persons who did so coming forward. They had the cause of death, however, and that was all they wanted.—The room was then cleared of all but the jury. On the Coroner and others being admitted, the Foreman said the jury had unanimously returned a verdict that the death of the deceased was due to an apoplectic fit.

KNITSLEY.—The anniversary services of the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school at the above place were celebrated on Saturday and Sunday last. On the former day a tea meeting was held in the Chapel, the tables being ably presided over by Misses Cuthbertson and Turnbull. In the evening a public meeting was held, Mr. M. Spencer, of Knitsley Grange, occupying the chair. Appropiate addresses were given by Mr. M. Lowson and Mr. Coxon.—On Sunday, two open-air services were conducted by Mr. Robert Brown, of Consett. A number of pieces were repeated by the scholars in a very creditable manner.

WHERE POOR RATES ARE INCREASING.

The Local Government Board have issued a return extending to Lady-day, 1877, of the particulars of poor rate expenditure during the half-year then ended. It includes the 650 unions which make returns, and so covers 22,706,031, out of an entire population of 22,712,266 in England, according to the census of 1871. In comparison with the corresponding half-year in 1876, there is little change on the whole, there being the main figures—

	Cost of In-Maintenance.	Cost of Out-Door Relief.	Total.
	£	£	£
1877	851,435	1,283,573	2,135,008
1876	806,119	1,340,174	2,146,293
Increase ..	45,316	.. ....	..
Decrease ..	.. ....	56,601	11,285

The net decrease is only ½ per cent.; but whatever efforts may have been used to repress extravagance in outdoor relief, no check has apparently been practicable upon indoor outlay, and that is the real test of the condition of the labouring part of the community. On further examination, the distinction becomes very clear between the agricultural and the manufacturing districts—there is a decrease of expenditure in the former an increase in the latter. Taking first the agricultural divisions, there is a general decrease—South-Eastern 4·9 per cent.; South Midland, 3·3; Eastern, 5·2; South-Western, 2·8. Next, in the manufacturing divisions, there is in nearly every case a distinct tendency in the other direction; West Midland showing an increase of 0·7; North-Western, 1·1; York, 0·6; Northern, 2·2. This conclusion is enforced by a review of the districts into which these great divisions are divided. The York division, for instance, being partly manufacturing, it is interesting to note that the West Riding, that is, the manufacturing district, is put down for an increase in expenditure of 0·8, while the East Riding which can in no sense be termed a manufacturing district, shows a diminution of 0·5. Similarly, in the North Midland, the manufacturing neighbourhoods of Nottingham and Derby, have had to spend an increase respectively of 1·0 and 0·7 per cent. upon poor relief, while Rutland and Lincoln get off with a decrease of 6·3 in the first case, and 2·2 per cent. in the second. In the Northern division again, Durham with its mines and industries, shows an increase of 6·0 per cent., while Cumberland, with its farms and fields, shows a diminution of 3·6 per cent. In the Welsh division, Monmouth and South Wales—the iron manufacturing districts—show an increase of 2·7 and 1.7 per cent. respectively in the outlay on pauperism, while North Wales shows a diminution. Thus wages in agricultural districts appear to have kept up, whilst employment in the industrial quarters of the country has declined.—*Economist.*

A NEWCASTLE MEDIUM EXPOSED AT BLACKBURN.

According to the *Blackburn Times* of Saturday, a medium from Newcastle-on-Tyne, named Miss Wood, has been giving a number of seances in that town. The manifestations under test conditions were said to have been of a remarkable nature. Persons who were present asserted that the medium had been placed in a cabinet, securely tied in a chair, every knot being sealed, and that, under conditions which render it impossible for Miss Wood to be playing tricks, various forms were seen to come out of the cabinet that spoke to, touched, and, in some cases kissed the sitters, One of the spirits, named "Pocka," was represented as being no higher than the table; another took the form of a lady of about average height, known as "Maggie:" while the third ("Benny") was a big Scotchman, with whiskers. More than this the materialized spirits—two of them, at any rate—had, on melted paraffin wax being supplied them, made moulds of their feet in view of the sitters, and left them behind as an answer to unbelievers. At the beginning of last week, however, the medium was caught imposing upon the circle. The *Blackburn Times* thus described the exposure:—The committee recommenced sitting on Monday last with a smaller circle, understood to be composed of thorough-going spiritualists. The seances were held at the house of a friend; and it was believed that they would obtain such phenomena as were witnessed during Miss Wood's first visit to Blackburn. There was nothing at all on Monday; and on Tuesday night "Pocka" did something more than take possession of the medium; she took possession of the sitters by appearing in their midst, and distributed biscuits and kisses to those whom she thought worthy of such spiritual favours. The buscuits, we should explain, were handed to her; but the dessert in the way of the kisses, was all her own. One of the sitters, Mr T. E. Atkinson, of No. 76, Whalley Road, has been looked upon all along as a confirmed believer, but the fact is that he was a confirmed sceptic after all he had seen; and when he observed "Pocka" supplying him with a buscuit, he was more than ever assured that it was the medium on her knees. Shortly afterwards he disengaged one hand and lightly touched "Pocka's" garment, a circumstance which caused her to get out of his reach, and to complain when she returned to the chair that some one had been attempting to poke holes in her dress. On Wednesday night sitting was resumed under customary conditions, that is, the medium was tied more or less securily to a chair, which was placed in a recess with a curtain before it. Mr Atkinson was present with two friends in court in the shape of his wife and grown-up daughter. "Pocka" affirmed that everything was favourable, and that good manifestations might be expected. Indeed it was intimated that three spirits might appear at once; but nothing was seen until about eleven o'clock, when several present saw a form emerge from the recess, and immediately afterwards several sitters on the shadier side of the room were touched with a tube, or fan, provided for the purpose. It was really so dark that our wide-awake friend could not see "the spirit" though he could hear the taps being administered on the other side of the room. But he was not to be imposed upon any longer; and was determined, if he could, to make a seizure, as he had not signed any regulations, and was fettered by no promise. It was the last seance of the series, and his only chance of exposing the humbug; so with a courage which does him great credit, and guided by his ears he dashed across the room, and made a grasp at the form, which, however, slipped through his hands. It became a race then for the recess; but the vigilant sceptic was more alert this time, and seized the figure whilst it was still amongst the sitters. What a struggle then ensued! It was as if life and death on both sides depended upon it; though there was no screaming and not a word was said. The company seemed paralyzed; there was much to hear, but nothing to see, and they knew not what it meant. The strong man proved in the end too powerful for the desperate woman; and when matches were lighted by Mrs and Miss Atkinson, the medium was found on the floor, near the curtain of the recess, in an attire which was confined to the chemise, stockings and a pair of——! Miss Wood braved it out till the last, hardened sinner as she is, and speaking as "Pocka," after being assisted to her chair, declared that she had been controlled by an evil spirit, who had all but stripped her naked, and sent her out in the circle. This was too much for Mr Atkinson, who gave his opinion of what he called her "devilment," and went so far as to say that, unless every penny that had been paid for the seances this week and last, was returned to the sitters, he would put the case in the hands of the police. Fortunately no money had been paid to the medium, and the Committee finally assenting to these terms, Miss Wood has since signed a document foregoing all claim upon them for her services. The affair has naturally caused a good deal of stir in the town; and the prevalent opinion is that after a failure so complete, and an exposure so discreditable, we shall hear no more for some time of paid mediums in Blackburn.

Railway Time Tables

NEWCASTLE TO JARROW AND SOUTH SHIELDS.

Leaves Newcastle (Week days)—5·0, 6·50, 7·35 (*), 7·55 9·0, 9·35, 10·55, 11·50(*), 12·30, 2·10, 3·0, 3·35 (*) 4·5, 5·5, 6·5, 7·10, 8·5, 9·35, 11·0.

Leaves Newcastle (Sundays)—6·10, 8·0, 9·40, 2·0, 5·0, 7·10, 8·10, 9·30.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Gateshead, 3; Felling, 8; Pelaw, 15; Hebburn, 20 Jarrow, 25; Tyne Dock, 30; and High Shields, 3 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shield about 40 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

* First, second, and third-class express trains, stopping at Gateshead at 3 minutes, Jarrow at 15 minutes, and Tyne Dock at 18 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 25 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

Relief Trains leaves Newcastle for Jarrow on SATURDAYS at 7·5, 8.0, 9·30, and 10·50 p.m.

On SATURDAYS ONLY, a relief train leaves Hebburn for Shields at 2·20 p.m.

SOUTH SHIELDS TO JARROW AND NEWCASTLE.

Leaves South Shields (Week days).—4·55, 7·0, 8·0, 8·30(*), 9·0, 10·5, 10·40, 11·45, 12·30, 1·50, 3·15, 3·50(*), 4·15, 5·10, 6·15, 7·15, 8·15, 9·15, 10·35.

Leaves South Shields (Sundays).—6·15, 8·0, 9·35 2·10, 5·0. 7·15, 8·20, 9·35.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—High Shields, 3; Tyne Dock, 8; Jarrow, 14; Hebburn 19; Pelaw, 24; Felling 30; and Gateshead, 35 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 40 minutes after the times they leave South Shields.

ON SATURDAYS

Relief trains leave JARROW for NEWCASTLE at 1·55 3·18, 8.23, 9·23, and 10·43 p.m. calling at all intermediate stations.

* First, second, and third-class express trains calling at Tyne Dock, Jarrow, and Gateshead, leaving Jarrow 10 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 25 minutes after they leave South Shields.

Fares from South Shields to High Shields or Tyne Dock: First, 3d.; second, 2d.; third, 1d.; Gateshead, or Jarrow: First, 8d; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.

Pelaw, Felling, Gateshead, or Newcastle; First, 1s second, 9.; third. 6.

SUNDERLAND TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND JARROW.

Leaves Sunderland (Week days).—4·45, 6·50, 7·50, 8·5 9·55, 11·5, 12·15, 1·40, 3·5, 4·5, 5·0, 6·5, 7·5 8·5, 9·5, 10·25.

Leaves Sunderland (Sundays).—6 5, 7·50, 9·25, 2·0 4·50, 7·5, 8·10, 9·25.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Cleadon Lane, 7: Tyne Dock, 13; High Shields, 17, minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 20 minutes after the time they leave Sunderland.

Passengers between Sunderland and Jarrow *change carriages* at Tyne Dock.

Fares from Sunderland to Cleadon Lane: first 6d. second, 5; Third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 10d.; second 8d. third., 6d., High Shields and South Shields first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Jarrow, first, 1s 4d,; second, 1s.; third 7½d. Return ticket to Jarrow first, 2s. 3d. second, 1s. 8d. third, 1s. 2d.

JARROW TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND SUNDERLAND.

Leaves Jarrow (Week days).—5·25 7·13, 8.18, 9·23, 10·18, 11·18, 12·53, 2·33, 3·23, 4·28, 5·28, 6·28, 7·33, 8·28, 9·58, 11.23,

Leaves Jarrow (Sundays)—6·33, 8·23, 10·3, 2·23, 5·23, 7·33, 8·33, 9·53.

These trains leave intermediate Stations as follows:—South Shields 4, High Shields 7, Tyne Dock 11, and Cleaden Lane 16 minutes after the train leaves Jarrow arriving in Sunderland in about 24 minutes.

Fares from Jarrow to South Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.; High Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 2d.; Cleadon Lane, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 4½d.; Sunderland, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow, first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third 1s. 2d.

NEWCASTLE TO TYNEMOUTH.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Week days)—4·50 6·10(*a*), 7·0, 8·10, 9·0(*), 9·15, 9·45, (*c*), 10·15, 11·0, 12·0, 1·0, 2·0, 3·5, 4·0 4·45(†), 5·0, 5.50(†), 6·5, 6·45, (†), 7·0, 8·10, 9·0, 10·0, 10·40, 11·30.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Sundays).—6·10 (*a*), 9·0, 10·5, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Manors 3, Heaton 7, Walker 11, Wallsend 16, Howdon 21, Percy Main 25, and North Shields 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Tynemouth 35 minutes after leaving Newcastle.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields.

† These trains stop only at Manors and North Shields Stations.

a.—This train stops at intermediate stations when required, to set down passengers arriving from the south by either the 4.38 or 5·55 a.m trains.

b.—The 6·45 p.m. train from Newcastle will stop at all Stations on Saturdays and reach Tynemouth at 7·20 p.m.

c.—The 11·30 p.m. train stops at intermediate Stations when required, to set down passengers.

3d.; third, 2d.; Walker, first, 6d; second, 4d.; third

Fares from Newcastle to Tynemouth: First, 1s. 3d. second, 1s., third, 8d. Return, first, 2s. 0d., second 1s. 6d., third, 1s.

North Shields, first, 1s., second, 9d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 8d., second, 1s. 3d., third, 10d.

Percy Main: First, 10d., second, 8d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., Second, 1s. 2d., third, 10d.

Howdon: First, 10d., Second, 8d., third, 5d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. 2d., third, 9d.

Wallsend: First, 8d., second, 6d., third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Walker: First, 5d., second, 4d., third, 2½d. Return, first, 9d., second, 7d., third, 5d.

TYNEMOUTH TO NEWCASTLE.

Leaves Tynemouth (Week days)—5·20, 6·40 (*a*), 7·45, 8·30 (*), 9·0, 9·30 (*), 10·0, 10·30 (*), 11·0, 12·0, 12·45, 1·30, 3·0, 4·0, 5·0, 5·35 (*), 5·55, 6·30(*), 7·0, 7·30(*), 8·0. 9·15, 10·0, 10·50 (*).

Leaves Tynemouth (Sundays)—7·35, 9·55, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·0, 10·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—North Shields 3, Percy Main 9, Howdon 11, Wallsend 16, Walker 19, Heaton 23, and Manors 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Central Station, Newcastle about 35 minutes after leaving Tynemouth.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields and Manors stations.

a.—The 6·40 a.m. train stops at intermediate Stations to take up passengers booked to the Central Stations.

b.—The 10·50 p.m. train stops at Stations up to and including Walker on Saturdays, and does not reach the Central Station until 11·20 p.m.

Fares from Tynemouth to North Shields, first, 4d.; second, 3d.; third, 2d.; Percy Main, first, 6d.: second, 4d.; third, 3d.; Howdon, first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 4d.; Wallsend, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Walker first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Heaton, first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Newcastle (Manors or Central), first, 1s. 3d.; second, 1s.; third, 8d.

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TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	2,G P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45..	9·40..	12·30	2·30..	5·35
Scotswood .... „	5·52..	9·47..	12·37..	2·37..	5·42
Swalwell .... „	5·59..	9·54..	12·43..	2·43..	5.49
Rowland's Gill .... „	6·9..	10·4..	12·53..	2·54..	5.59
Lintz Green ...... „	6·15..	10·10..	12·59..	2·59..	6·5
Ebchester .... „	6·28..	10·23..	1·12..	3·12..	6·18
Shotley Bridge.... „	6·34..	10·29..	1·18..	3·18..	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.			1·25..	3·25..	
dep	6·42..	10·37..		4·40..	6·35
Knitsley.......... „	6·54..	10·49..		4·52..	6·47
Lanchester........ „	7·3..	10·58..		5·1	6·56
Witton Gilbert .... „	7.10..	11·9..		5·12..	7·7
Durham ....arr.	7·25..	11.20..		5·25..	7·20

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Durham ....dep.	7·30..		11·45..	3·40*.	8·0
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·42..		11·57..	3·52..	8·12
Lanchester .... „	7·55..		12·10..	4·5..	8·25
Knitsley .... „	8·7 ..		12·22..	4·17..	8·36
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·23	
dep	8·20..	9·10..	12·35..	3·35..	8·50
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·25..	9·15..	12.40..	3·40..	8·55
Ebchester .... „	8·29..	9·19..	12·44..	3·44..	8·59
Lintz Green ...... „	8·39..	9·29..	12.54..	3.54..	9. 9
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·41..	9·39..	12·59..	3·59..	9·15
Swalwell .... „	8·52..	9·42..	1·7..	4·5..	9·22
Scotswood .... „	8·59..	9·49..	1·14..	4·14..	9·29
Newcastle ....arr.	9·10..	10·0..	1·25..	4·25..	9·40

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Of the popularity of the system there can be no doubt, and, as a proof, attention is drawn to the fact that the Singer Manufacturing Company have sold OVER THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION OF Machines, on this system. It will therefore be seen that this is *no risky experiment*, and the easy method of payment causes such a large demand for goods, and there is no doubt that the further issues of capital will be required after the first year; for, although the system is very profitable to the Association, it is also highly beneficial to the customer, because it affords him the only possible means by which he can become the possessor of such expensive goods as Steam and other Machinery.

The profits of the Association are derived from two sources.

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2nd. The amount charged to the customers for interest.

Whilst it must be born in mind that the constant re-investment of deposit premiums and periodical payments greatly contributes to the results achieved by the working of this system.

From evidence carefully collected from various sources, a dividend of at least 15 PER CENT. may safely be relied upon.

The public press unanimously express the highest opinion of the practicability and simplicity of the system. *Vide* the following:—

A better mode of investing capital than that proposed by this Association cannot be imagined, as the business is singularly free from the usual risks of ordinary trading, because the goods remain the property of the Association until a purchase fee of One Shilling is paid after the completion of the Hiring Agreement; and it must be remembered also that in the great majority of instances the articles lent by the Association will be implements of trade, and therefore not distrainable for rent if in use at the time, or if there be sufficient other goods on the premises. In a case tried at Birkenhead, the County Court Judge held "that a Sewing Machine, being an implement of trade, was not distrainable and he made an order *that a landlord who sold for rent a machine which his tenant had hired*, SHOULD INDEMNIFY THE OWNERS."—*Vide* "The Globe." 31st May, 1876.

Attention must also be drawn to the Act 24 and 25 Vic. cap. 96, sec. 3, which provides "that the bailee of any chattel who shall fraudulently take or convert the same to his own use or the use of any person other than the owners thereof, shall be guilty of larceny." In a case tried at the Surrey Sessions, before W.F. Harrison, Esq., on the 19th October, 1876, a man and woman were charged with obtaining a sewing machine on this system and selling it to a furniture dealer; being found guilty they were sentenced to TWELVE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT WITH HARD LABOUR. *Vide* "The Standard." 20th October, 1876.

Further it must be be borne in mind that the goods are not lent to men of small means only, but to men of wealth and position, who do not want to disturb good investments, or who would otherwise take in a partner or borrow capital; but the Association having the great advantage of undisputed right and title to the goods does not require that detested instrument, a bill of Sale; and this joined to the fact that the Association charges less by way of interest than money lenders, ensures an amount of business that can hardly be calculated.

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BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The ninth annual show of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society was held on Wednesday in the Spa Grounds, at Shotley Bridge, under very favourable conditions. Established eight years ago, the society has progressed with remarkable rapidity, and its annual exhibitions have now come to be regarded as amongst the best of our local shows. Seven years ago, at the Society's second show, the premiums amounted to only £30 10s., and the entries were 102. Year by year the additions grew larger and larger until, at the exhibition immediately preceding this, and held at Whickham, the total value of the prizes amounted to £408, which, however, has been exceeded by the value of this year's premiums, which are worth upwards of £421. There was also a steady increase in the number of entries until 1874, when they reached 726; and, as at the last three shows they have been between 500 and 600, the society has probably now reached the full extent of the growth to which it cares to attain, and will be content to do a good work within safe and comfortable limits. It has been fortunate in being well managed, and the arrangements for Wednesday's show were, as usual, admirable. The space selected for the show in Shotley Spa was amply sufficient for all the numerous sections represented, and it was conveniently divided into two portions—one containing the horses, their leaping and judging ring, and the grand stand; and the other, the cattle, sheep, pigs, dogs, poultry, &c. The secretaries (Mr. John Richards and Mr. George Ridley) were assisted in the direction of the proceedings by a capable body of stewards. Judging was begun at nine o'clock and continued until finished, early in the afternoon. For several hours from noon there was a constant stream of visitors, who came not only from Consett (where there was a general half holiday), but from a wide district around, the ordinary railway facilties being increased. The leaping and general parade, which took place in the afternoon, afforded an agreeable spectacle to the visitors. Music was discoursed by the Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band. Messrs. Reid and Sons, goldsmiths and jewellers, of Grey Street, Newcastle, had displayed in the secretary's office the cups to be awarded as prizes, and a variety of plate and ornaments of different kinds. The show of cattle was not large, and we have seen a better gathering both in point of numbers and quality at this society's exhibition. Compared with last year there was a decrease on the lot of 26, the number entered being 50. Of these 34 were shorthorns, which in the older classes were of a higher order. There were only three in the class of aged bulls, but of these two were well-known animals, both exhibited last week at Newcastle, and one of them the winner on that occasion of the second prize in preference to at least one celebrated prize-taker. The judges had no dificulty in awarding the first honour to Mr. John Vickers, (Crook), "Duke of Howl John"; but the respective merits of the other two competitors, Mr. T. Reed's (Whickham), "King Whiff," and Mr. C. Wilson's (Shotley Park), "Cavalier" were not so easily decided upon. Mr. Wilson's bull ultimately got second place, and "King Whiff" was commended. Only three bulls presented themselves in the one year old class. Mr. Kearney's "Highlander" gained first honour, the second prize going to "Crown Prince," belonging to Messrs. Annandale ond Sons. The bull calves were of fine quality. "Cambridge's Prince of Mona," the property of Messrs. Swan and Gray, Lamesley, was considered worthy of the first premium, while a roan belonging to Mr. Dickinson, of Wheelbirks, had to be content with second honours, "Royalist" being commended. In class 4, cows for breeding purposes, Messrs. Swan and Gray also succeeded in gaining first money with "Sunflower," a very pretty roan four years and nine months, "Flower Girl 6," belonging to Mr. Hunter, of Whittonstall, being second. Heifers above 2 and under 3 years old were a very fine show. "Lady Linda," with a very good pedigree, gained first prize, "Buttercup," a roan belonging to Messrs. Annandale and Sons, securing second honour. In class 6, for heifers above one and under two years old, Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Shotley Hall, took first prize with "Cowslip 27th." There was a capital show of heifer calves, Mr. Hunter's "Flower Girl 8th" being the winner in this class. There was great competition in the next class, for cows of any breed for dairy purposes. First and second prizes were awarded to Mr. Tweddell, of Whickham, "Bountiful" belonging to Messrs. Annandale and Sons, being third. In class 9, for cows of any breed for dairy purposes, the property of any person residing in the townships of Iveston and Medomsley, there were three animals exhibited, the winner being a red belonging to Mr. Richardson Smith, Bradley. There were some good animals in class 10, for grazing steers. The first prize, which was given by the butchers of Consett, was carried off by a pair belonging to Mr. Charles Wilson, Shotley Park. Two pairs of steers exhibited by Messrs. Joicey, and Co., Bushblades Farm, and Mr. W. R. Dickinson, Priestfield, were disqualified, owing to being above the specified age. Two pairs of grazing heifers were shown, but these, being above three years old, were disqualified. Sheep were on the whole very good. There were twenty-eight lots shown. In class 12, for aged tups, Messrs Snowball, of Stockfield, took first prize with an animal bred by Mr. White, of Hedley West Riding, which was awarded first prize at the Tyneside Agricultural Show at Hexham a fortnight ago, and took first honour at the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Society's Show in 1875. The first prize in the class for shearling tups was awarded to Mr. G. T. Dickinson, of Wheelbirks, the same gentleman taking first and second prizes in the next class for tup lambs. Class 15, for best pen of three ewes that have reared lambs this season, was carried off by Mr. E. Young, Broomeholme, Messrs. Snowball being second. In class 16, for three shearling gimmers, four pens were shown, the lot belonging to Mr. Walker being first. Gimmer lambs were an average show. Mr. G. T. Dickinson got first prize with a pen that was shown at Hexham, where they also gained first honours. There was no competition in class 18, for pen of five ewes that have reared lambs this season, and the first prize was given to Mr. Charles Wilson, the only competitor. Horses, of which there were 144 entered, nearly 30 more than were at Whickham last year, were decidedly the chief feature of the show. Both the agricultural horses and hunters and road horses turned out well, and nearly every one of the twenty classes into which they were divided was well represented. Comment would lead us further than space permits, and we simply refer our readers to the prize list of the horse awards. The pigs do not call for any special remark. Dogs were a large and splendid show, and numerous in every class. Chief amongst them was the celebrated prize-winner "Briton," whose collar was thickly covered with mementoes of his triumphs in all parts of the country during the last six years. He was of course placed first, while a grandson of his, belonging to Mr. Kay, Chester-le Street, received a similar distinction in the "any variety of puppy class," and his son, Mr. Grist's "Sultan," was highly commended in the mastiff class. Over fifty shepherds' dogs were shown. The pointers and setters were a fine lot, and there was a good show of retrievers, greyhounds, Bedlington, fox, and black and tan terriers; while the "any variety" classes brought out some exceedingly interesting specimens. The lady visitors found the poultry and egg and butter marquee not the least attractive part of the exhibition. An excellent luncheon was provided by Messrs. Wilson Bros., the lessees of the grounds. The following is a list of the judges and their awards:—

JUDGES.—Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs: Mr John Atkinson, Hall Moor House, Stocksfield; Mr John Angus, Bearl, Stocksfield; Mr John Heppell, Harbour House, Chester-le-Street. Dogs: Mr Newton, Apperley, Leamside; Mr Randal Stevenson, Durham. Horses: Mr George Wilkinson, East Herrington, Fence Houses; Mr Jacob Annett, Ulgham Grange, Morpeth; Mr John Laws, Eachwick Red House, Dalton. Poultry: Mr William Swann, West Sleekburn, Bedlington. Butter and Eggs: Mrs Simpson, High Bradley, Medomsley; Mrs White, Pont Head Farm, Leadgate.

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Basket of not less than 12 eggs, 1st, Mr John Robson, Duddo Hill, Stannington; 2nd, Mrs Usher, Harton; c, Mr Michael Anderson, Wallish Walls.

POULTRY.

Guinea Fowls, 1st, 15s, and 2nd, 7s 6d, Mrs Mary Atkinson, Lintz Ford Farm; h c, Miss Swinburn, Beamish Mill, and Mr Matthew Reed, Beamish Burn. Turkey cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mr Henry P. Dolphin, Blackburn.—Gander and goose, 1st, 15s, Mr Henry P. Dolphin, Blackburn; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Michael Anderson, Wallish Walls.—Rouen Drake and Duck, 1st, 15s, Messrs Rowell and Waggott, Clough Dean; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mrs Mary Atkinson, Lintz Ford Farm; h c, Mr Jacob Rowell, Clough Dean, and Mr Edward Ormerod, Consett.—Aylesbury drake and duck, 1st, 15s, Mr. Joseph Coulson, Shotley Hall; 2nd, 7s 6d, Messrs Rowell and Waggott, Clough Dean.—Dorking cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mr M. S. Buston, Gladstone Street, Crook; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Matthew Reed, Beamish Burn.—Brahma pouter cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mrs J. T. Atkinson, Lintz Ford Farm; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Matthew Masterman, East Tanfield; h c, Mr Robert Sewell, Ryton-on-Tyne.—Cochin china cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mr Edward Ormerod, Consett.—Black Spanish cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mr Henry Bartle, Tanfield Lea.—Game cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mr Anthony Pearson, Shield Row; 2nd, 7s 6d, Messrs Rowell and Waggott, Clough Dean; h c, Messrs A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers, and Mr George Forster, Stanley.—Bantam cock and hen, 1st, 15s, Mr George Forster, Stanley; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr John Douglas, Bedlington Station; h c, Messrs A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers, and Mr William Harrison, 65, Stanley.—Cock and hen of any other breed, 1st, 15s, Mr. John Douglas, Bedlington Station; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Robert Sewell, Ryton-on-Tyne; h c, Mr John Douglas, Bedlington Station; Mr Henry Surtees, Edmondbyers.

DOGS.

Rough-haired shepherds' dogs, 1st, £2, and a piece of plate value 5 guineas, presented by Lieut. Colonel Cowen for the best shepherd's dog or bitch, Mr S. W. Watson, Seaham Harber, "Tip;" 2nd, £1, Mr Thomas Hutchinson, Bolam White House, Newcastle, "Tyne;" 3rd, 10s. Mrs Mary Low, Whittonstall Vicarage, "Tay;" v h c, Mr John Banks, Spen Colliery, "Toss;" h c, Mr F. Betts, Cotham, Redcar, "Chieftain." Rough-haired shepherds' bitches, 1st, £2, Mr Cuthbert Richardson, New Ridley, "Meg;" 2nd, £1, Mr M. Wright, Charlton, Bellingham, "Wylie;" 3rd, 10s. Mr John Atkin, Twizell, "Fly." Smooth-haired shepherds' dogs, 1st, £2, James Wylam, Park House, Beamish, "Tip;" 2nd, £1, and 3rd, 10s, Mr William Wheatley, Shotley Bridge, "Laddie." Smooth-haired bitches, 1st, £2, Mr Tom B. Swinburn, Darlington, "Lassie;" 2nd, £1, Mr Robert Stott, Street Gate, Gateshead, "Lassie;" 3rd, 10s, Mr Adam Wilson, Clock Mill, Capheaton, "Meg;" v h c, Mr Mark Wood, Darlington.—Mastiff dog or bitch, 1st, £2, Mr Wm. Dickinson, Shotley Bridge, "Briton;" 2nd, £1, Captain Joicey, Tanfield Lee, "Monarch;" 3rd, 10s, Mr Robert C. Richards, Blackhill, "Clive;" h c, Miss Mary J. Hunter, Allendale House, Medomsley, "Boa;" Mr Wm. Grist, Newcastle, "Sultan."—Pointer dogs, 1st, £2 and cup, Mr W. B. Summerson, Houghton-le-Skerne, "Shot;" 2nd, £1, Mr G. H. Proctor, Durham, "Don;" 3rd, 10s, Mr John Calvert, Consett, "Dash;" v h c, Mr James Bates, Elswick Road, Newcastle, "Thunderer;" h c, Mr Thomas Livens, Bantling Castle, "Shot."—Pointer bitches, 1st, £2, Mr A. Greenwell, South Bailey, Durham, "Juno;" 2nd, £1, Mr John Richardson, Winlaton, "Nell;" 3rd, 10s, Mr. Thomas Walton, Allendale Cottage, "Clyde;" v h c, Mr James Bates, Elswick Road, Newcastle, "Meg."—Black and tan setter dogs or bitches, 1st and 2nd, £2 and £1, Mr. Ralph Anderson, Beamish, "Rob Roy" and "Bruce;" 3rd, 10s, Mr Cuthbert Weedy, Hamsterley Colliery, "Rake;" v h c, Mr Robert Wheatley, Catchgate, "Rake."—Setter dogs, other then black and tan, 1st, £2 and cup, value five guineas, presented by a friend, for the best setter, and 2nd, £1, Mr John A. Cowen, Blaydon Burn, "Rap" and "Tom;" 3rd, 10s, Mr W. M. Renton, M.D., Shotley Bridge, "Mike;" v h c, Mr Joseph Barren, Dun Cow Inn, Consett; and Mr R. Jeavens, High Well House, Winlaton, "Bob."—Setter bitches, other tnen black and tan, 1st, £2, Mr John A. Cowen, Blaydon Burn, "Sybil;" and 2nd, £1, ditto, "Bess;" 3rd, 10s. Mr Geo. Renton, M.D., Blackhill, "Belle."—Retriever dog or bitch, any colour, 1st, £2, Mr Michael Hobdy, Blackhill, "Lion;" 2nd, £1, Mr Walter Collins, Woodhouse, Shotley Bridge; 3rd, 10s, Mr John Brown, East Pontop Colliery, "Carlo;" v h c, Mr Edward Dixon, Ebchester Mill, "Sultan;" and Mr Thomas Kirkup, Blackhill, "Rose."—Greyhound biches, 1st, £2, Mr J. G. Dixon, Wansbeck Cottage, Morpeth, "Dreaded Falcon;" 2nd, £1, Mr George Brown, Consett, "Langley Castle;" 3rd, 10s, Mr Isaac Snowdon, Bradley Cottages, "Transit;" h c, Mr William Gladders, Tantobie.—Greyhound bitches, 1st, £2, Mr Michael Brown, Turf Hotel, Hexham, "Apology;" 2nd, £1, Mr William Gladders, Tantobie, 3rd, 10s, Mr Lancelot Jobling, Swalwell, "Lancer's Fancy;" h c, Mr Anthony Charlton, 5, Fines Cottages, "Rose of Allendale."—Greyhound sapling dog or bitch, 1st, £2, Mr Robert S. Garwood, Rosewood Villa, Gosforth, "Don Guillermo;" 2nd, £2, Mr Michael Brown, Turf Hotel, Hexham, "Brunton."—Fox terrier dogs, 1st, £2, Mr George H. Proctor, Durham, "Jester;" 2nd, Mr J. B. Wilford, St. George's Hotel, Warrington, "Trap;" 3rd, 10s, Mr. Thomas Marshall, Grange Iron Works, Durham, "Scamp;" h c, Mr A. Greenwell, 1, South Bailey, Durham, "Piper."—Fox terrier bitches, 1st, £2 and a cup, and 2nd, £1, Mr Geo. H. Proctor, Durham, "Patch" and "Jenny;" 3rd, 10s, Mr Matthew Bennett, Winlaton, "Patch;" h c, Mr J. G. Patterson, Westgate Road, Newcastle, "Jem."—Black and tan terrier dog or bitch, 1st, £2, Mr Tom B. Swinburn, Darlington, "Victoria," and h c, "Skipper;" 2nd, £1, and v h c, Messrs J. and W. Pringle, 15, Belgrave Terrace, Newcastle, "Young Cupid" and "Jock."—Blue or blue and tan Bedlington terrier dog or bitch, 1st, £2, and cup, Mr Thomas Wheatley, 5, Elswick Court, Northumberland Street, Newcastle, "Rock;" 2nd, £1, Mr William Ions, South Garesfield, "Rock;" 3rd, 10s, Mr John Winch, Shotley Bridge, "Piper;" v h c, Messrs Thomas B. Wall and Sons, Wilkinson's House, Byker, "Gateshead Lass."—Bedlington terrier dog or bitch any other colour, 1st, £2, Mr. Henry Young, New Elvet, Durham, "Tip;" 2nd, £1, Mr Robert S. Garwood, Roseworth Villas, Gosforth, "Jimmey;" 3rd, 10s, Messrs Thomas B. Wall and Sons, Wilkinson's House, Byker, "Pickett;" h c, The Newcastle and Gateshead Bedlington Terrier Club, Newcastle (E. A. Woodall, "Crowner."—Dog or bitch of any other variety not classed, over 30lbs weight, 1st, £2, Mr John A. Cowen, Blaydon Burn, "Dipton;" 2nd, £1, Mr W. Todd, Consett, "Jack;" 3rd, 10s, Mr W. R. Shimmin, Blackhill.—Dog or bitch of any other variety not classed, under 30lbs weight, 1st, £2, Mr Mark Wood, Darlington; 2nd, £1, Mr Henry English, Consett, "Jerry;" 3rd, 10s, Messrs J. and W. S. Pringle, Newcastle, "Colonel;" h c Mr H. Etherington, Lintz Green; h c, Miss Edith Jenkins, Consett Hall, "Jockey." Setter puppies, under nine months old, a sweepstakes of 5s each, 1st, two-thirds, Mr W. Richardson, Newcastle, "Rover;" 2nd, one-third, less ten per cent., Mr R. Weedy, Rowland's Gill; v h c, Mr R. Brown, Winlaton Mill, "Carlo;" h c, Mr N. Clark, Beamish Park, "Gordon."—Pointer puppies, under nine months old, a sweepstakes of 5s each, 1st, two-thirds, Mr John Anderson, Winlaton Mill, "Ben;" 2nd, one-third, less ten per cent., Mr J. Leyburn, Winlaton Mill, "Juno;" h c, Mr T. Allison, Winlaton Mill, "Chance;" Mr G. W. C. Young, Blaydon-on-Tyne, "Mrs Besant."—Any other variety of puppies, under nine months old, a sweepstakes of 5s each, 1st, two-thirds, Mr J. Kay, Urpeth Villa; 2nd, one-third, less ten per cent., Mr G. H. Proctor, Durham, "Hesper;" v h c, Mr W. Scott, Whitburn Hall, Sunderland.

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UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' GALA AT TANFIELD.

On Saturday last, the first annual gala of the united friendly societies of Tanfield and district was held at Tanfield, in a field kindly granted by Mr. G. Laws, when upwards of £20 was given in prizes for sports. The weather was not what might have been expected. A drizzling rain set in about twelve o'clock, but by the time the procession was formed a brighter sky appeared, and although the rain ceased, still it was anything but pleasant weather. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the gala was well patronised, there being upwards of 2,000 visitors. Tea was provided in a splendid marquee, of which about 1,000 partook. The tables were gracefully presided over by Miss J. Robinson, the Misses Smiles, Miss P. Bowes, Miss C. Oswald, Miss A. Laidler, Miss J. Laidler, Miss J. Brown, the Misses Watson, Miss J. Smith, Miss E. Smith, Miss M. Irwin, and Miss A. Pringle. There are sixteen societies within the district, eight of which joined in the procession. The members of the lodges met at their respective lodge-rooms and marched to Tantobie Co-operative Hall, where the united procession was formed and marched to the low end of Tanfield, and back again into the field. The members of the various orders, attired in their regalia, and accompanied by two bands of music and a couple of splendid banners, caused such a sensation in that part of the district as has never before been witnessed. The bands engaged for the occasion were Marley Hill (conductor, Mr. T. Bewick) and Beamish (conductor, Mr. J. Rodham), and the music they discoursed during the afternoon was highly appreciated. The following are the names of the societies and the order of procession:—Marshals of various orders; Marley Hill Brass Band; Rising Sun Lodge of Mechanics from Sunniside, 140 members present; Ancient Order of Foresters from Tantobie, 220 present; Rose of Stanley Division of Sons of Temperance from Stanley, 40 present; Maid of Derwent Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U., from Dipton, 70 present; Beamish Brass Band; Rose of Burnopfield Lodge of Oddfellows, B.U., from Burnopfield, 140 present; Working Men's Welfare Lodge of Mechanics from Tanfield, 44 present; Ancient Order of Foresters from Hobson, 40 present; Pride of Tanfield Lodge of Oddfellows, B.U., from Tanfield, 40 present. The order of procession was decided upon by a committee chosen from the various lodges, the secretary for the whole affair being Mr. J. Robinson, who is deserving of the highest praise for the energetic manner in which he overhauled the day's proceedings, and to whom the success of the undertaking in a gaeat measure depended, combined with the valuable services of Mr. W. Cunningham, treasurer, and Mr. J. Irwin, president. All credit is due to those who have officiated in any way towards making the first demonstration such a success, considering that it has been arranged within the short space of three weeks, which proves that all concerned have had but one end in view, and which end was attained, for the succcess of the day's proceedings surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. The following is the programme of the day's sports:—

STEEPLECHASE.—First prize £5; second, £2. Open to all. For this race there were four entries—Mr. M. Adamson's Barney; Dr. Simpson's Coonghul; Mr. S. Railton's Anna Bell; and Mr. J. Kay's Jumper. A great amount of fun was witnessed in this race, each horse in its turn refusing to take the hedge. Great odds were laid on Coonghul, who got away grandly at the start, and was at one time leading by a field, but on reachiug the hedge he bolted, not over the fence, but alongside, and before he got over he was overtaken by the other horses. He, however, was the first to make the leap, and was immediately followed by the others, and he kept the lead until the first round was accomplished. Jumper fell at the hurdle, the jock having a narrow escape. In the second round, Coonghul again took the lead, but was soon overtaken by Barney, who then had the race to himself, and won in a canter, Coonghul being second.

The second race, for which the same amount of money was given, was a very good one. There were four entries—Mr. H. Raws' Princess Beatrice; Dr. Simpson's Coonghul; Dr. Simpson's Paddy; and Mr. T. Railton's Anna Bell. Anna Bell appeared to be the favourite this time, great odds being laid on her. A very good start was effected, but Anna Bell proved to be the superior horse and won the first prize with ease. The second money lay between Coonghul and Princess Beatrice. Great excitement was created on account of Coonghul's jock thinking he was sure of the second prize. He was leading by a long distance, and allowed his horse to walk, when to his surprise the jock of Princess Beatrice put in the spur and overtook Coonghul at the post, winning by half-a-length.

PONY RACE, for ponies under 14 hands. First prize, £3; second, £1. For this race there were three entries—Mr. T. Cawthorne's Hobson Lad; Mr. R. Cole's Anna Bell; and Mr. R. Cole's Peter. Hobson Lad fell three times and was lamed, leaving Anna Bell to win, as Peter drew up shortly after starting, but seeing Hobson Lad fail lame, he followed round and came in for second money.

CONSOLATION SCRAMBLE.—Mr. H. Rawes' Princess Beatrice, 1st; Dr. Simpson's Coonghul, 2nd; Dr. Simpson's Paddy, 3rd. Paddy only ran about 100yds. from the starting post and then retired, and Princess Beatrice leading all the way won easily, leaving Coonghul for second place.

The judges for the occasion were—Messrs. Handcock, Watson, and Laws, whose decisions gave the greatest satisfaction. A grand ball was held in the evening, which was well attended, the Beamish Quadrille Band being engaged for the occasion. Messrs. W. Turpin and R. Brown acted as M.C.'s. The ball was led off by Captain Smith and Miss Fawcett, Mr. W. Fawcett and Mrs. Clemitson, and after an evening's thorough enjoyment had been spent, the party separated at eleven o'clock. There was also a cricket match in connection with the sports, the first prize being £1; second 10s. There were three entries, viz.: Tanfield first and second elevens and Lintz Albion. Tanfield second eleven got the bye, leaving the competition between Tanfield first eleven and Lintz Albion. The batting of Capt. Smith, E. Reay, and C. Fawcett was good, as will be seen by the score, and the bowling of Messrs. E. Reay, D. Temple, and Stobbs was very creditable.

TANFIELD.		LINTZ ALBION.	
S. Smith, b Booth	39	I. Booth, b Reay	0
E. Reay, b Stobbs	24	G. Stobbs, b Temple	2
W. Keeler, c York, b Stobbs	3	B. Peele, b Reay	0
G. Horner, b Stobbs	1	M. Stobbs, b Temple	6
W. Taylor, b Stobbs	0	J. Cuthbertson, c Fawcett, b Temple	0
C. Fawcett, b Stobbs	11	Nevins, run out	0
J. Curry, b Stobbs	8	J. York, b Reay	0
G. Cooper, c Nevins, b Cathbertson	2	R. Nevins, c and b Reay	0
D. Temple, st Beardsmore, b Stobbs	0	D. Beardsmore, b Reay	0
R. Aitchieson, c Nevins, b Cuthbertson	1	W. Ferguson, b Temple	1
J. Hunter, not out	3	J. Ferguson, not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	99	Total	12

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WHITE-LE-HEAD.—The Primitive Methodist Chapel Anniversary services were held on Saturday last. Contributions in money and provisions were given by members and friends of the church towards the tea. Owing to several counter attrrctions in the neighbourhood, the tea was not so numerously attended as in some previous years, nevertheless a goodly number sat down to a comfortable repast under the able superintendence of Messrs. J. Gladders, M. Bates, G. Oates, C. Taylor, and others, with Mesdames Bates, Watson, Crisp, and McClemon Turner waiting at the tables. After tea, a very enthusiastic public meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Richard Brown, of Dipton, who humorously and in a vigorous speech introduced the Rev. James Young, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Revs. T. Brodie and J. Hawkins, circuit ministers, and Mr P. Reay, to address the meeting. The customary votes of thanks, moved and supported by Messrs. Swinbanks, Johnson, and the gentlemen on the platform, brought the proceedings to a close. On Sunday, eloquent and impressive sermons were preached morning and evening by the Rev. J. Young, and in the afternoon by the Rev. T. Brodie. The congregations were large and proceeds by collections good.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE COUNTY COURT.

MONDAY, Aug. 13th.—Before E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

THE BURTON BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED, V. RICHARD MURRAY.

This was an action to recover the value of certain casks which had not, as was alleged, been returned to the plaintiffs. Mr. Barnes, of Durham, appeared for the Brewery Company, and it appeared from the evidence that the casks in question were sent to Mr. Murray's customers direct from the Brewery, and had not been returned. Defendant admitted that it was the custom for the barrels to be sent back by his customers, and His Honour said as Mr. Murray was liable for the casks it was clearly his duty to see that his customers returned them. He gave judgment for £3 15s., to be reduced to 1s. if the barrels were given up in seven days.—Mr. Murray asked His Honour to extend the time to three months, in order that he might sue the publicans for the value of the casks which they had not returned, but his Honour refused to alter his decision.

NICHOLSON V. JENKINS AND SEWELL.

The plaintiff in this case was Hedley Nicholson, butcher, Consett, and the action was to recover from the defendants, who are auctioneers at the same place, a sum of money which was alleged to have been paid over to them by a person named Whinfield. Plaintiff said Whinfield formerly occupied a house belonging to him, and being in arrear with his rent plaintiff employed Mr. Jenkins to distrain upon his goods. Mr. Jenkins gave him a form, which he filled up and sent to Mr. Jenkins' house. Mr. Jenkins employed Mr. Sewell in the matter, and they distrained on Whinfield's furniture. Plaintiff only received 15s. from Mr. Sewell, but some time afterwards Whinfield showed him a receipt showing that he had paid Mr. Sewell £3 6s.—Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins: I am sure I sent the distress warrant to your house. I never received any money from you. I did not give Sewell the warrant. I don't remember you recommending me to go to Sewell before the goods were seized. When I let you see the receipt you told me to go to Sewell. When I went to Sewell he admitted having received the money. Jos. Pattison, a youth in the employ of the plaintiff, said the latter gave him a letter to take to Mr. Jenkins. He took it to Mr. Jenkins's house and gave it to the servant, Polly Clifford. Witness did not see Mr. Jenkins at the time.—Mr. Jenkins said he received the letter, but it did not contain a warrant as Mr. Nicholson alleged. The letter merely asked him to distrain on Whinfield's goods. He went and told Mr. Nicholson that he did not now perform that kind of work, and recommended him to Mr. Sewell, at the same time giving him a form to fill up. He (Mr. goods.—Mr. Sewell said he made the destraint on Whinfield's goods. He got the warrant from plaintiff, Jenkins) never employed Mr. Sewell to seize the but it was made out in Mr. Jenkins's name.—His Honour: The warrant was made out in Mr. Jenkins's name?—Mr. Sewell: Yes.—His Honour: When you got the warrant did Mr. Jenkins instruct you to execute it?—Mr. Sewell: I considered that I was employed by Mr. Nicholson.—His Honour: Then what business had you to execute the warrant if Mr. Jenkins did not employ you?—Mr. Sewell: I had done work for Mr. Jenkins before that.—His Honour gave judgment against both defendants for £2 11s., to be paid in fourteen days.

JENKINS V. ALLEN.

The plaintiff was William Jenkins, confectioner Consett, the defendant was John Allen, police-officer, late of Blackhill, and the action was to recover £2 13s. 1d. value of goods supplied to defendant's wife before her marriage. Mr. Dickinson appeared for defendant. Plaintiff had recently filed a petition in bankruptcy. Mr. McAllam, of Newcastle, was appointed trustee, but plaintiff was authorised to collect the book debts.—His Honour said the action ought to have been brought in Mr. McAllam's name. He would enter a nonsuit, but would give plaintiff leave to sue again. Unless, however, plaintiff could prove that Allen got any property by his wife when he married her he would not be liable for the debt which she had contracted prior to their marriage.

LUMLEY V. REED.

Mr. Barnes appeared for plaintiff, who lives at East Castle, and the defendant, who resides at Annfield Plain, was represented by Mr. Dickinson. Plaintiff, it appeared, entered into an agreement to teach the defendant's son music, it being understood that he was to have one lesson weekly, and that the remuneration was to be a gunica a quarter. The lessons appeared to have been given somewhat irregularly, plaintiff attributing this to the young man himself, while the latter alleged that the lessons were not given on account of plaintiff's illness and his time being occupied by preparing for a concert. The total amount claimed was £2 6s., two guineas of this being for tuition and the other 4s. being the price of a book.—His Honour, after hearing the evidence, gave judgment for plaintiff for £1 3s. over and above the 23s. which defendant had paid into court.

SCOTT V. SCOTT.

Mr. Welford, of Consett, appeared for plaintiff; the defendant was represented by Mr. Granger. The facts are rather extraordinary. The plaintiff is a middle-aged woman, and the defendant is her father. According to plaintiff's statement, in the year 1858, when she was about seventeen years of age, and while she was in service, she purchased a chest of drawers and other articles with her savings. These, together with a press-bedstead which she won at a lottery at Ebchester, had remained in her father's house up to the present time, the plaintiff continuing as a domestic servant up to a recent date. Plaintiff had a sister married to a man named Walter Allison. Some time after the death of her sister, the plaintiff and her brother-in-law, Allison, were married, and now live together in Delves Lane, Consett. Defendant and his wife, who live at Cutlers' Hall, seem to have disapproved of the match. Shortly after her marriage, the plaintiff applied to her parents for the articles which she said she had bought, but defendant refused to give them up, and the present action was commenced to recover them. A number of witnesses were called on either side. Their evidence was exceedingly contradictory, defendant and his wife, who are old people, stating that the chest of drawers were bought with their money.—His Honour said it was a disgraceful family squabble. He was not satisfied about the chest of drawers and the fire-irons which plaintiff was alleged to have bought with her own money, but with regard to the bedstead and earthenware, without expressing an opinion he found for plaintiff for £1 10, which would be reduced to 1d. if the above things were given up in seven days. His Honour added that perjury had been committed either by plaintiff or her father and mother.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

The insertion of anything beyond the simple announcement of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, will be charged as Advertisements.

BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—At 12, Raglan Street, on the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. C. Almond, of a son.

TYNEMOUTH.—At the Haven Baths, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. T. Turpie, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 11th inst., Mr. D. Morgan, Witton Park, to Miss Mary Ann Morgan, Consett.

On the 13th inst., Mr. Joseph Cook, Westwood, to Miss Margaret Turnbull, Allendale.

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