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Business Announcements.

B. MOODY,
WATCHMAKER, EBCHESTER.

J. BATES
HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, UNDERTAKER, HARDWAREMAN.
HARVEY STREET, CONSETT. 6758

JOSEPH OLEY,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
10, WOOD STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 228c

JOHN JENKINS,
AUCTIONEER,
HOUSE AGENT, AND APPRAISER,
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

PARTIES leaving the Neighbourhood can have their Furniture, &c., turned into Cash on the shortest notice. 660a

HATS! HATS!! HATS!!!

E. BROOKS,
59, CLAYTON STREET, NEWCASTLE.

LARGE ARRIVAL OF STOCK FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.
Splendid FELT HATS at 3s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. 850g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.
By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M RICHLEY, Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE SEXTON OF BENFIELDSIDE CEMETERY

BEGS to inform the Inhabitants of Blackhill and surrounding district that he can supply HEADSTONES, TOMBS, and MONUMENTS, in Stone, Marble, and Granite; also, TOMB-RAILING in great variety. For Designs and Prices, apply at the above address. 855g

E. FARNSWORTH,
Wholesale and Retail
FRUIT AND POTATO MERCHANT,
NEWMARKET AND VICTORIA STREETS, CONSETT,

HAS always on hand an excellent supply of FRUIT in season. Fresh BUTTER and EGGS and CHEESE of excellent quality. Fresh RABBITS daily. Licensed Dealer in TOBACCO and GAME
Garden Seeds and Flower Seeds.

GEORGE WARD,
CARTWRIGHT, JOINER, AND UNDERTAKER,
KNITSLEY LANE, CONSETT,
(Adjoining Mr. Glendinning's, Blacksmith,)
AND MEDOMSLEY,

RESPECTFULLY announces that he has recently commenced Business at Consett, as above, and hopes, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit public support. Orders received at either of his establishments, will meet with prompt attention. 244g

MAIN AND ROBINSON,
MILLWRIGHTS AND ENGINEERS,
GIBSON STREET, CONSETT,

BEG to announce that they have commenced business as above, where they are prepared to execute all Mill Work, together with the Manufacture of Crushing Machines and Circular and Endless Saws, Thrashing Machines, Reaping Machines, together with every description of Agricultural Implements. All orders promptly attended to. 6874

IMPROVED CONCRETE FLOORING.

JOHN DOVE & CO.,
35, CLOSE, NEWCASTLE.

BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and others supplied with any quantity of PORTLAND and other CEMENTS, PLASTER, HAIR, LATHS, LATH TACKS, &c.
CONCRETE FLOORING executed in all its Branches.

OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE, 35, CLOSE.

A. RICHARDSON,
CABINETMAKER, FURNITURE BROKER, IRONMONGER, &c.,
POST OFFICE, 56 AND 58, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,

HAS always on hand the largest, cheapest, and best made Stock of Furniture in the Locality.
Iron and Brass Bedsteads in great variety.
Feathers, Flocks, Rabbit Down, Mattresses, and Bed Ticking.
Perambulators, Wringing and Mangling Machines, Hardy's Patent Picks, Hardware, and Fancy Goods.
Paraffin Lamps, newest designs.
A. R. would specially call attention to the new Patent "Doty" Lamp. The most superior Lamp that has been invented and gives a light equal to sixteen sperm candles and more brilliant than gas, while it consumes no more oil than an ordinary Lamp. 72g

NOTED FOR GENUINE ARTICLES.

JOHN MADDISON,
GROCER, PROVISION DEALER AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
DIPTON,

RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district for the liberal support accorded to him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to intimate that he has now on hand
SPIRITS OF THE FINEST QUALITY,
Which he purposes to dispose of at the following moderate rates:—
Fine Gin (superior quality)........2s. 6d. per bot
Real Irish Whisky ....2s. 6d. and 3s. „
Fine Scotch Whisky..2s. 3d., 2s. 6d., and 3s. „
Superior Rum..........2s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. „
Excellent Brandy, 3s. 6d., and the very best quality ....4s. 6d. „
A trial is respectfully solicited.

THE NOTED BOOTS AND SHOES.

THOMAS CRESSWELL,
BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,

RESPECTFULLY announces to the Inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and surrounding District that, in order to supply the increasing demand for
HIS NOTED BOOTS AND SHOES,
He has OPENED SHOPS in
VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT;
DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL;
AND
FRONT STREET, LEADGATE.

At any of these Establishments parties can at all times rely upon being supplied with a good Article at a moderate price.

Repairing executed on the premises.
AN EARLY CALL KINDLY SOLICITED.

Business Announcements.

SMOKE

DICKINSON'S	Rough Cut Returns	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Bird's Eye Returns	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Best Returns	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Golden Bar	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Irish Roll	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Bird's Eye	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Virginia	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Nail Rod	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Black Bess	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Brown Roll	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Pure Turkey	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	Cut Cavendish	TOBACCO
DICKINSON'S	"Our Mutual Friend"	TOBACCO

STARS AND STRIPES FINE CUT CHEWING TOBACCO.

MANUFACTORY:— 822g
BIGG MARKET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THIRD YEAR OF ATTENDANCE AT CONSETT.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

MR. R. L. MARKHAM, DENTIST, attends at DR. SAVAGE'S SURGERY, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, from Eleven a.m. till Three p.m., where Persons who have been imposed upon by Unskilled Pretenders to Dentistry may have their ARTIFICIAL TEETH REMODLED and made to Fit the Mouth, thus ensuring true comfort and mastication.
Single Tooth from 5s. to 10s.; Sets from £2 10s. to £12.
Established at 40, Northumberland Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, A.D. 1832. 586g

NEW MUSIC WAREHOUSE.

THOMAS WOODS,
MANUFACTURER AND IMPORTER OF ALL KINDS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
22, COLLINGWOOD STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

PIANOS, Harmoniums, Concertinas, Violins, Flutes, Drums, and all Instruments in the Music Trade.
Depot for Messrs. T. Besson and Co.'s celebrated Instruments and all kinds of Appurtenances.
Bands supplied with Instruments and all Requisites in any quantity, and on special terms of payment.
Pianos, Harmoniums, Concertinas, &c., Tuned and Repaired. Brass Instruments Repaired and Regulated on the premises. 552g

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

GEORGE HOBSON

TAKES this opportunity of thanking his numerous Friends for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to inform them that he has now got his Mill under thorough repair, and, with the addition of extra CRUSHING and SPLITTING MILLS, he is now in a position to fully meet the requirements of his Friends and the Public. Particular attention will be paid to Grinding, Crushing, or Splitting Grain for Farmers and the Trade.

Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED MIXED HORSE FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED COW FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED PIG FEED.
Pure BARLEY MEAL, PEA MEAL, INDIAN MEAL, and every other Article in the Trade on the most reasonable terms.

HARPERLEY STEAM AND WATER CORN MILLS
(Warehouse, Catchgate),
NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN.
ESTABLISHED, 1817. 238g

THE LANCHESTER COMMON ACT with the AWARDED ROADS, QUARRIES, WELLS, WATERING PLACES, &c., set out by the Commissioners by their Award, dated 13th June, 1871; also a note of the various
CUSTOMS OF THE COPYHOLD OF MANORS
OF THE SEE OF DURHAM.
Edited and Compiled by ROBERT JACKSON, for upwards of thirty years Managing Clerk in the Copyhold Office, Durham, and late Bailiff of the Manor.
The whole of the remaining copies of this useful work, which was published at 3s. 6d., having been purchased by ROBERT JACKSON, *Guardian* Office, Consett, he has determined to reduce the price to *Three Shillings* per copy (post free) in order to effect a speedy clearance.
Also on hand a few copies (being an exact facsimile) of the *Original* LANCHESTER COMMON ACT, recently published by Mr. JOHN CALVERT, at the reduced price of *Two Shillings* (post free).
Every owner or occupier of property within the boundary of Lanchester Common should possess a copy of either of these editions.
Mr. JACKSON will be glad to forward copies of either of these editions by return of Post. For which Halfpenny Postage Stamps or Post-Office Orders made payable to ROBERT JACKSON, Consett, must be received.

THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA AND THE CITY OF LONDON.—His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia has conferred on Mr. J. W. Benson the appointment of Goldsmith to the Imperial Court, in appreciation of Mr. Benson's artistic production of the Gold Casket presented to the Emperor by the Corporation of the City of London.

J. W. BENSON. To the Queen and Royal Family.
To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (special appointment).
Inventor and maker of the Chronograph by which the Derby and all great races are timed. Prize Medals: London, Dublin, and Paris.
Steam Factory and City Show Rooms:
LUDGATE HILL, LONDON, E.C.

J. W. BENSON invites attention to the unequalled advantages which he is enabled to offer to purchasers by the use of steam power and the employment of a large staff of skilled English and foreign workmen. The highly satisfactory performance of his Watches and Clocks is recognised as an established fact by the Press; whilst the rapidly augmenting demand, both at home and abroad, affords satisfactory evidence of increasing appreciation by the public. The prices charged, in every instance, are the lowest compatible with sound workmanship and high finish.
NOVELTY.—English Clocks, far superior to foreign, designed by English artistes, manufactured on the premises, and to be obtained only at the above establishments. Clock Cases made to harmonize with the architecture of mansions, country houses, &c., and with their furniture.
CLOCKS.—1 to 1,000 Guineas. Carriage, Church, House, Presentation, Office, and Shop.
WATCHES.—From 2 to 200 Guineas. Chronographs, Chronometers, Keyless, Levers, Presentation, Repeaters. Railway Guards, Sailors, Soldiers, and Workmen's Watches (of extra strength).
JEWELLERY.—Special Novelties for Presents. New designs at moderate prices. Bronzes, &c.
PLATE.—Household, Presentation, Prize, and Regimental (designs and estimates furnished), &c.
Watches and Clocks repaired by skilled workmen.
Old Jewellery, Silver, and Watches exchanged.
Watches sent free to all parts of the country.
Merchant and Shippers supplied.
The new Pamphlets on Turret and Church Clocks (with testimonials), Watches and Clocks, Jewellery and Plate (profusely illustrated), sent post free each for two stamps.
J. W. Benson's New Work, "Time and Time-Tellers, published by Hardwicke, Piccadilly. Plain, 2s. 6d.; Gilt, 3s.
CAUTION.—The Public are cautioned against misrepresentations and attempts to sell Spurious Imitations. 603g

Business Announcements.

THE SECRET OF OUR SUCCESS.

THE people who don't use our Indian Tea, wonder at our success and even doubt the extent of our transactions. The people who use it, cease to wonder as soon as they sip the first draught of this life-sustaining cup of pleasure. We would have been surprised had the people not appreciated this, our great effort, to secure for them the greatest luxury in the world. Years ago, when Indian Tea was little known and its cultivation little understood, we discovered in the Native Tea Plant of India a great future for the Tea Trade in that Empire. At first, the Growers were cautious and slow. Year after year New Parcels were shown in our Markets, which were readily bought by those who could appreciate real worth. At that time the supply was so limited that we could not offer this Tea alone; we, therefore, commenced by mixing Indian and China Tea together. Demand set in—English enterprise and capital stepped forward to aid the new country and opened fresh Tea Gardens. The sharpest competiton existed amongst the new Growers, their great ambition being to produce the finest quality. This healthy competition has secured a supply of the finest Tea in the world. (We write this advisedly after 30 years' experience as Dealers in Tea.) To support the views of the Growers, we resolved to sell the finest quality only and no other. This we fixed at 4s. per lb., a high price we admit. We had confidence in our judgment and faith in the public. You will think we trusted confidently when we inform you that last year we sold 136.337 lbs. of Tea. We believe, we are now doing the largest Indian Tea Trade in England. We are now in direct communication with the Indian Tea Growers. Years of careful observation have made us acquainted with most of the Tea Gardens under cultivation on the hills or in the valleys of India. The extent of our sales has made it to the interest of Growers and Importers to forward us samples under offer of the finest Teas, as soon as they arrive in England. These advantages are not lost sight of by us. After we have written all this about the development of our Trade, we must now answer the question as to the secret of our success. We answer, it has taken us many years of careful study to learn the peculiar character of the produce of every Tea Garden, and, what is more, we are still learning. This knowledge helps us to combine in our present 4s. Indian Tea, the produce of 17 Tea Plantations, each having a distinct character. This combination only known to ourselves, is the Tea that charms and makes the evening meal an hour of pleasure to thousands of the tea-drinking public. We should like you to set aside your prejudice and test the correctness of our judgment as to the strength, lasting power, and economy of Indian Tea.

WILLIAM STEWART, THE TEA DEALER,
CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENT, 33, GRAINGER STREET,
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 33, SANDHILL, } NEWCASTLE.
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 32, MOSLEY STREET,
SUNDERLAND BRANCH, CORNER OF FREDERICK ROAD, HIGH STREET. 644

COMB AND BRUSH MAKER TO THE QUEEN.
V. R.

C. ROUGIER,
PERFUMER AND DEALER IN TOILET REQUISITES, ORNAMENTAL HAIR, &c.,
29, GREY STREET, NEWCASTLE,

NOW invites special attention to his handsome STOCK, just received from Paris and London. The HAIR-DRESSING and BRUSHING SALOONS are represented by French and London Artistes; and Ladies can be attended to by Female Artistes, at Counter and Rooms, in all kinds of Hair and Head-dressing and Ornaments.
WHOLESALE HOUSE, YORK. 851g

W & A GILBEY'S WINES & SPIRITS—The undermentioned WINES & SPIRITS, bottled by W & A GILBEY, and bearing their Seals and Labels, can be obtained from their Agents at the same prices as at Head Establishments.
From W & A GILBEY's List of 200 varieties two descriptions of each class of WINES and SPIRITS are quoted below, one on account of its moderate price, and the second for its fine quality combined with greater age

AGENT—
Wm. AYNSLEY, *Grocer*, CONSETT & LEADGATE

WINES

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle 1A **PORT** *from Portugal* A good-bodied Wine with excellent flavor, well matured. 4 years old at time of bottling	1/9	21/
Castle 8 **PORT** *from Portugal* A fine full-flavored fruity Wine, well matured. 8 years old at time of bottling	2/4	28/
Castle 1 **SPANISH PORT** A fruity Wine of good body, from the north-east of Spain. 2 years old at time of bottling	1/3	15/
Castle 8 **SPANISH PORT** The finest Red Wine produced in the north-east of Spain. 5 years old at time of bottling	1/9	21/
Castle 1A *Pale* **SHERRY** *from Spain* A pure Spanish Sherry suitable for Luncheon or Dinner. 3 years old at time of bottling	1/6	18/
Castle C *Pale* **SHERRY** *from Spain* A good type of nutty Spanish Sherry, moderately dry. 6 years old at time of bottling	2/4	28/
Castle VP *Pale* **MARSALA** *from Sicily* A delicate flavored Luncheon or Dinner Wine 3 years old at time of bottling	1/4	16/
Castle C *Pale* **MARSALA** *from Sicily* The finest dry and delicate Wine produced in Sicily. 7 years old at time of bottling	1/8	20/
Castle A **CLARET** *from France* A pure sound Medoc Wine; an excellent beverage at all meals. Upwards of a year in bottle	1/	12/
Castle C **CLARET** *from France* A fine-flavored and well-matured Medoc Wine, possessing bottle character	1/6	18/
Castle **SAUMUR** *Silver Foil* A Sparkling dry Champagne, with fine flavor and delicacy — Quarts	2/1	25/
— Pints	1/3	14/6
Castle **SAUMUR** *Gold Foil* A Sparkling dry Champagne, with fine flavor, great delicacy and age — Quarts	2/6	30/
— Pints	1/5	17/

SPIRITS

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle UP **GIN** Distilled from the best unmalted Corn, and highly rectified at our own Distillery. 33 per cent. under proof	2/	24/
Castle PROOF **GIN** Distilled from the best unmalted Corn, and highly rectified at our own Distillery. Strength, proof	2/10	34/
Castle UP **IRISH WHISKEY** Distilled from fine Malt, and matured in our own Bonded Stores. 33 per cent. under pf.	2/3	27/
Castle DO **IRISH WHISKEY** The finest old Dublin Whiskey, matured in our own Bonded Stores. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle UP **SCOTCH WHISKEY** Distilled from fine Malt, and matured in our own Bonded Stores. 33 per cent. under pf.	2/3	27/
Castle SO **SCOTCH WHISKEY** The finest old Scotch Whiskey, matured in our own Bonded Stores. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle UP **BRANDY** Possessing the wholesome qualities and much of the fine flavor of Cognac. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle PROOF **BRANDY** Possessing the wholesome qualities and much of the fine flavor of Cognac. Strength, proof	3/	36/
Castle D **COGNAC** An excellent Brandy of fine flavor, from the Champagne districts of Cognac. 33 per cent. under pf.	3/	36/
Castle FO **COGNAC** The finest Champagne Brandy, well matured by great age Strength, proof	4/9	57/
Castle UP **JAMAICA RUM** A well-matured Jamaica Rum, and of a soft mellow flavor. Strength, 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle JO **JAMAICA RUM** The finest Jamaica Rum, well matured by great age. Strength, proof	3/3	39/

SPARKLING CHAMPAGNES AT REDUCED PRICES

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle 1 **CHAMPAGNE** A pure Sparkling Wine for ordinary use, from the Champagne district — Quarts	2/2	26/
— Pints	1/3	15/
Castle 3 **CHAMPAGNE** A class of Champagne usually sold under special brands and at high prices — Quarts	3/6	42/
— Pints	1/11	23/

All Bottles (except for Sparkling Wines) are charged 1d. each, which is allowed when returned.

MRS. I. ELSDON,

RESPECTFULLY intimates to her Friends and the Public that she has commenced business as GENERAL PROVISION DEALER, in VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT, and has always on hand HOME-MADE BREAD, TEA CAKES, &c.
SOUP and BROTH ready every day.
TEA, COFFEE, and other Refreshments provided on the shortest notice. 177g

NOTICE.

TO THE AFFLICTED.

MR. JOHN MAUGHAN, residing at the Old Toll Bar House, near Edmondbyers, by Blackhill, undertakes to Cure the following Diseases:—Erysipelas, Ringworm, Wildfire, Jaundice, Cholera, Scurvy, Piles, Gravel, and Diabetes.
References can be given in the locality. Terms on application. 998g

BLACKETT STREET TEA AND GROCERY WAREHOUSE,
91 & 93, BLACKETT STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

JAMES JOHNSON, Family Grocer and Tea Dealer. Teas, Coffees, and Spices of the Choicest quality. Good Useful Teas from 2s. per pound. Coffees, 1s. per pound. Household Soaps from 3d. per pound. All kinds of Drysaltery Goods cheap and of the best quality. Hotels and families supplied at wholesale prices.
TERMS—CASH. 879a

WILLIAM HALL,
MACHINE AGENT, DIPTON.

EUROPEAN, HOWE'S, BELGRAVIA, TAYLOR'S, or any other SEWING MACHINE in the Trade; also KNITTING MACHINES. WASHING MACHINES, MANGLING MACHINES, WRINGING MACHINES, and SAUSAGE MACHINES.
Any of these Machines on Hire; the Hire to go as Payment.
Sewing Machines Cleaned, Adjusted, Repaired, or Exchanged.
Instruction Free by an Experienced Machinist.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM KNOX

HAS much pleasure in announcing that he has entered upon his NEW PREMISES, at MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he intends carrying on Business as HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, &c., and trusts, by strict attention thereto and keeping a staff of good Workmen, to merit a share of Public support.
N.B.—Estimates given for general Repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 617

VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE
VILLA AND OTHER BUILDING SITES
FOR SALE,
IN LARGE OR SMALL PLOTS,
ON THE BENFIELDSIDE ESTATE.

APPLY TO
WILLIAM RAW,
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, SURVEYOR AND COMMISSION AGENT,
BLACKHILL,
178g CO. DURHAM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

BEFORE YOU FURNISH,
GO TO
WILLIAM WILKINSON'S
FURNITURE WAREHOUSE, AT CATCHGATE.

THE Largest and Cheapest Stock of HOUSE FURNISHINGS in the District always on hand. Well-seasoned Household Furniture; Brass and Iron Bedsteads, in great variety, from 14s. 6d. upwards; Flocks, Feathers, and Rabbit Down; Ready-made Ticks; Paraffin Lamps, from the best makers; and Paraffin Oil.
Agent for the Home Washing and Mangling Machines and Hardy and Bury's Patent Picks.
Pianofortes, Harmoniums, and other Musical Instruments; also, Clocks, Watches, and Jewellery at wholesale and retail prices.

ADDRESS:—
CATCHGATE, OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL.

Business Announcements.

THOMAS ROWE, BAKER & CONFECTIONER, LEADGATE AND CONSETT.
PIC-NICS AND TEA PARTIES SUPPLIED OR CONTRACTED FOR.

JOSEPH HOWARD,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKER, INSURANCE AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
MONEY advanced upon approved security. 267g

R. GRAY AND SON,
OXHILL,
HORSE SHOERS AND GENERAL SMITHS.

STEEL PICKS LAID, DRILLING GEAR LAID AND REPAIRED. 983g

P. OSBORNE,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
FRONT STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
Valuations effected for Probate, &c. 227

ARTIFICIAL TEETH, Quality and Construction unsurpassed, fixed with every recent improvement in Gold, Silver, Coralite, and all pure material known to the profession. Mineral Teeth from 5s. each. Scaling, Stopping, &c. Children's Teeth regulated, and every other operation in Dental Surgery skilfully performed.—DE LACY, Dentist, 57, Grainger Street, Newcastle.

JAMES PALLISER,
FAMILY GROCER, PROVISION MERCHANT, AND COMMISSION AGENT,
AND 6, FOUNDRY ROW, BLACKHILL.

Agent for the Royal Life and Fire Assurance Company and the Union Permanent Building Society. Meeting night, on Monday Evening, August 21st, 1876. Agent for the Sale of Pianofortes and Harmoniums.

JOHN AITCHISON & CO.'S
CELEBRATED
SCOTCH AND INDIA PALE ALES.
Office and Stores—
LISLE STREET, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
JOHN BORTHWICK, Agent.

NEWCASTLE BOOT AND SHOE WAREHOUSE

J. BLENKINSOP AND SON,
LEATHER MERCHANTS AND BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURERS,
113, PILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE, AND
4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,

HAVE now on hand a large variety of Gentlemen's Boots from 8s. 6d., Ladies' do. from 5s. 6d., and Children's do. at exceedingly low prices.
Repairing done on the premises. 759g

JOHN STREET AND PITT STREET
ALE AND SPIRIT STORES,
CONSETT.

SPARKLING EDINBURGH & BURTON ALES
(Family Casks, 9, 12, and 18 Gallons).
A FINE SELECTION OF SPIRITS.
DUNVILLE & CO.'S WHISKEY,
653g 3s. per Bottle, or 35s. per Dozen.
H. NICHOLSON, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

FOR CLOVER, GRASS, and TURNIP SEEDS of every description, including HOBSON'S Celebrated MIXTURES for PERMANENT PASTURE, which have been tested and approved by the leading Agriculturists of the County, apply to
GEORGE HOBSON,
MILLER, SEEDSMAN, &c.,
HARPERLEY STEAM AND WATER CORN MILLS.
WAREHOUSE:—CATCHGATE, NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN.
ESTABLISHED 1817. 716g

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

JOHN DAWSON,
PLUMBER AND GAS FITTER,

RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public of Consett and surrounding district, for the patronage already accorded to him, and begs to intimate that he has now
REMOVED
To more commodious premises,
No. 7, SHAKSPEARE STREET,
(below the Town Hall)
CONSETT,
Where he has always on hand a large assortment of Chandeliers, Water Closets, Spouting and Gas Fittings.

TODD'S QUININE WINE.

THIS elegant and renowned Preparation of genuine QUININE stands unsurpassed for Purity, Strength, and Flavour, and is universally approved by the Medical Profession. It is the best, safest, and most agreeable Remedy known for Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Nervousness, Tic or Neuralgia, Ague, Debility, Spasms, and all derangements of the Stomach.
The genuine is manufactured only by JOE TODD, Chemist, Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government Stamp. Sold by all Chemists, Grocers, and Wine Merchants. Ask for and have only
TODD'S QUININE WINE.
Agents—W. Aynsley, Grocer, Middle Street, and D. Ituris, Chemist, Front Street, Consett; J. A. Curry, Grocer, Dipton; T. J. Muse, Castleside; and Joseph Robinson, Chemist, Stanley.

R. C. WHINFIELD,
4, DERWENT PLACE
(Within Two Minutes' Walk of Central Station and Facing the Sheep Market),
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

DIARRHŒA Mixture, Tonic Drops and Pills for Nervousness and Indigestion, Specific Oil and Eclectic Liniment, Drawing and Healing Salve for Dry and Wet Scurvy, Cough Drops, Breast Ointment, Certain Cure for Asthma and Bronchitis, and Miraculous Mixture for Gravel.
The above to be had of Messrs. TAYLOR, GIBSON, and Co., Druggists, Bigg Market, Newcastle; Co-operative Society, Consett; Mr. HENRY POSTLE, Stationer, Leadgate; Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, Grocer, Tow Law; Mrs. MYERS, Grocer, Cornsay; and Mr. WM. DAVISON, Castleside. 375g

JOHN W. DAVISON,
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THE GUARDIAN.

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EXTRADITION.

One of the subjects of debate lately in the House of Lords is a matter that concerns all civilized nations, and it is expedient that all should come to an agreement upon it. Yet, if our own lawyers of the foremost rank cannot agree upon the subject of Extradition, regarding it only from the point of view of our own laws and of our side of a treaty, is it to be wondered at that the Secretaries of State of two different countries find room for divergence of opinion upon the matter? A misunderstanding had arision between the United States Government and our own regarding the interpretation of the Extradition treaty between the two Governments. By that treaty, as by all similar treaties which we conclude with foreign Powers, criminals are only to be surrendered for certain grave offences, excluding many misdemeanours and all purely political offences. Under that treaty it would of course, be preposterous for the United States to claim the extradition of a man who had committed only a common assault, or a petty larceny, or an act of sedition, for we should not listen to any such demand. But the question that has arisen is this: whether, having obtained the extradition of a person upon an accusation of murder or forgery, the United States Government would be able to put the extradited person also on his trial for any miner offence he may have committed. For instance, suppose an accusation of murder to fail, could the extradited person be tried and convicted of manslaughter; or suppose in addition to forgery he had committed a common theft, could he tried for both offences or either at the discretion of his Government? That there are two different opinions on this subject was shown by the fact that the present and the ex-LORD CHANCELLOR held diametrically opposite view on some points involved in the matter. The LORD CHANCELLOR took up the case on behalf of his Government in a debate that has been adjourned in consequence of his temporary indisposition, and he laboured to prove that it was contrary to the spirit of all extradition treaties that a person should be punished or even tried for any other offence than that for which he had given up. LORD SELBOURNE, on the other hand, did not see why a Government, when it had once got hold of an extradited person, should not have him tried for any purely criminal offence he might be supposed to have committed. But both noble and learned lords agreed in one thing, and that was, that a person delivered up upon a criminal should not be tried on a political accusation, and it is in this that they both are really representative of the nation; for we believe the British people would rather let their own runaway criminals go free than violate the right of political asylum. Yet there ought to be some medium by which we could protect political offenders, and yet not cast our ægis over a common thief merely because an accusation of forgery upon which he was extradited happen to fail. On the part of the Government it has been contended that we merely *lend* an accused extradited person to undergo his trial upon a specific charge; and that, if this charge fails, or the person is convicted and undergoes his punishment, he ought then to be sent back to this country without further molestation, if he desires to return. It might thus arise that a person who had been extradited for forgery, but against whom an accusation of murder arose during his trial or the period of his punishment, must be set at liberty to satisfy the spirit of the treaty. But, in fact, the treaty is silent upon such points, and equally affords ground for the American or the British view on the matter. The Americans say, We are aware that an accused person can only be extradited for certain offences; but when we have got hold of our own citizen, it would be unreasonable, whether he were acquitted or convicted of the primary charge, if we could not try him upon any other criminal accusation. The treaty does not say we must not, and therefore we claim to follow any rational course which is not forbidden by the treaty. But the British Government says, The treaty specifies certain crimes, and for those only you must try an extradited person, because such was the intention in specifying those crimes in the international agreement. There is obviously something to be said on both sides; but we do not see why the criminal classes should get the best of it out of an international dispute. We were glad, therefore, to learn from the LORD CHANCELLOR that our Government had offered to enter into negotiations with that of the United States for a revision of the treaty. All that we, on our side, want to do is to prevent persons charged with criminal from being tried for political offences. Now, the United States have no political offenders, and would therefore be likely to meet us readily in framing a treaty which should exclude political offences in respect to extradited persons, without unduly fettering Governments as regards criminal charges. The United States is very generally the refuge of our political offenders, and of those from various other European countries, while, as we have said, it has none of its own. It is therefore just the country with which a model extradition treaty could be framed excluding all political offences, but allowing rational latitude with regard to criminal ones.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The official announcement on Saturday morning that Mr Disraeli had chosen to change his name and to become Viscount Beaconsfield was a surprise even to best-informed club-men—the few who still linger about St. James's until Parliament has fairly expired—although it had been evident for some time past that the physical strength of the Premier was scarcely equal to another Session's leadership in the House of Commons. Mr Disraeli has therefore, determined to die with dignity becoming the author of Lothair. His passage to the Lords is, however, of course, regarded as political suicide, and all sorts of rumours are afloat as to the probable consequences of this last move. Sir Stafford Northcote will probably lead next Sessions, and it is thought that the Premier will, long ere Parliament meets again, ask Her Majesty to relieve him from the cares of office which he will doubtless advise in one course the Queen to impose—the Marquis of Salisbury being impossible—upon Lord Derby. We are also on the eve of other changes involving a partial re-construction of the Ministry and an enlargement of the Cabinet. It will bear a little enlargement, as the number was fixed at 12. In Mr Gladstone's last Cabinet there were 16 members. Lord Malmesbury is retiring on account of ill health, and poor Lord Henry Lennox has had to resign on account of the Lisbon Tramways scandal. Sir Charles Adderley and Lord John Manners are to go to the Upper House, and Mr W. H. Smith is to receive some advance in the official hierarchy, though what post he is to fill and in what department is not yet quite settled. Sir M. H. Beach and Lord Sandon are both to be admitted into the Cabinet, and considering Lord Sandon's services to his party in the Education debate, and the amount of humiliation he has had to go through from Mr Pell and the Brass Band uniting their forces, the reward is not too great.

So at last the Premier sees his way out of the mess which has arised from the want of accurate information as to the atrocities committed in Bulgaria. Sir H. Elliott is going to resign the Embassy at Constantinople, and, considering how ill we have been served there, and how slow our ambassador has been to inform himself of the exact state of affairs there, we cannot say that the sacrifice is too great. Nothing less would have satisfied public opinion in this country, which is now thoroughly aroused by the report of the atrocities which the *Daily News* Correspondent has dragged to light. Mr Forbes has been fortunate twice in life, and his reputation as "Special" is now made for ever. His account of Sedan was the first to reach London, and now he has outstripped the Embassy and actually stripped up an ambassador. Why should we not follow Mr Carlyle's advice, and offer the vacant post to a "Special." I know one who is ready to set out on twenty-four hours' notice, whom to name modesty forbids.

Many people suppose that Mr Whalley is a monomaniac—that he is in fact, sane enough except on the subject of Roman Catholicism. Others, indeed, and notably the extreme Ritualistic party, affect to believe that he is a Jesuit in disguise. The latter do as much injustice to the sincerity of his heart as the former do to the expansiveness of his mental aberrations. This championship of the Claimant can scarcely be reckoned a separate branch of hallucination, for he regarded Castro as a victim of Popish tyranny, and his incarceration as part of a vast Romish conspiracy which is to end in the subjugation of the country. But Mr Whalley is scarcely less hostile towards the Police force than he is towards Pius the Ninth. Underneath every felt helmet he sees an abandoned ruffian ready for all violence and perjury. In his view the existence of the Bobby is an unconstitutional encroachment on liberty of the subject. Mr Whalley is indeed, a member and a main promoter of a Secret Society for protection against the members of the force, and I have heard him recently declaiming in his most hysterical tones and most involved periods in favour of this institution, with pathetic reference to his own imprisonment for contempt of court. The debate on Wednesday night brought out a third branch of Mr Whalley's derangement. The third reading of the Appellate jurisdiction Bill gave him another opportunity of denouncing the system of Equity and enlarging upon superior claims and merits of the Common Law. The Court of Chancery, according to him, is incompatible with free institutions. I am afraid, by the way, that he scarcely knows the distinction between Law and Equity. It is true he is a barrister, and dines occasionally in Gray's Inn Hall; but he has never practised and in his day a call to the bar involved but little legal learning. I fancy it must be a hazy recollection of the Ecclesiastical Chancellors and masters in Chancery which has prejudiced his mind. The poor gentleman cannot learn that he is not living in the Dark Ages; but, without, he is an honest man.

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THE BLACKBURN MURDER.

DOUBLE EXECUTION.

On Monday morning, at eight o'clock, William Fish was executed within the precincts of Kirkdale Gaol, Liverpool, for the murder of the child Emily Mary Holland, at Blackburn, on March 28th last. The culprit was 26 years of age, and had a wife and two children, the youngest of whom was little more than two years of age. Along with him was also executed Richard Thompson, for the murder of a companion named Blundell, in Liverpool. Thompson was only twenty-one years of age, by trade a stonemason, and the murder for which he was executed was one in which premeditation was clearly shown.

THE EXECUTION.

WILLIAM FISH'S LAST STATEMENT.

On Sunday the two men attended divine service at the chapel in the prison, and the Rev. F. O. Piggott, chaplain, preached the usual sermon. He took for his text St. Luke xxiii. 32—"Father forgive them." The service was a very impressive one, and in the afternoon Mr. Piggott read the Litany for the Dying and special hymns were sung. Both culprits were very attentive, and Fish cried out several times in a half hysterical manner—"I know I'm saved, I know I'm saved." The sacrament was administered to both men on Sunday, and the chaplain expressed himself much pleased with the manner in which they had conducted themselves since their condemnation. They had been quiet and exceedingly attentive to everything that was said to them, and never displayed the least bravado. Mr. Piggott asked each of them if they wished to say anything, through him, to the other prisoners, and Fish wrote on a slate the following statement:—"While there is a chance lead a new life. You can see my bad end through breaking off Sunday school and keeping bad company. Those were happy days when I attended Sunday school. When I neglected it I went from bad to worse, and so I have been brought to this sad end. If I had time over again I would lead a different life. It is not too late for you to mend. If I had served God instead of Satan I should not have been here. Avoid those bad cheap journals, on which I spent all my spare time. May we meet in Heaven, through God's mercy."

Thompson did not make a statement of so great a length, as he was very illiterate. He asked Mr. Piggott, however, to say to the prisoners: "Attend your places of worship regularly, avoid drink, and keep out of bad company. I was death always on the drink." This was a slang mode of saying that he was excessively fond of drink; and he also wished it to be known that the man who first asked him into a public-house to have a glass of beer was the first witness called to give evidence against him on his trial. This was certainly a very strange coincidence.

On Sunday night the two culprits retired to rest about nine o'clock. Thompson slept well, but Fish was very restless. They were called at half-past five o'clock, and at six breakfast was offered them, of which both partook sparingly. Mr. Piggott, with whom was the Rev. George Hays, formerly curate of St. Michael's, Blackburn, but now at Canon Birley's church in Manchester, prayed with them for some time, and at seven o'clock they proceeded to the chapel and again partook of the Sacrament. The demeanour of both Fish and Thompson was everything that the clergymen could desire, and the former more than once repeated the phrase, "I know I'm saved." Mr. Hays was constantly with Fish at Blackburn Town Hall when he was on remand, and Mr. Piggott willingly accepted the assistance he offered in the responsible duties devolving upon him. It may be further mentioned that, at the request of Mr. Piggott, prayers for the two condemned men were offered up in the Liverpool churches on Sunday, and also by the Vicar of Blackburn for Fish in that town.

It was about a quarter to eight on Monday morning when the representatives of the press were admitted into the prison yard, and the utmost care was displayed by the officials in excluding all who had not special orders from the chairman of the visiting justices (Mr. Neilson). On the last occasion of an execution at Kirkdale only some half-dozen reporters were present, but the number on Monday morning was twelve. The jealousy displayed in keeping all outsiders from witnessing private executions is one of the most remarkable features in connection with the new arrangement, which does not permit the legal taking of life to be made a public spectacle. But even on Monday the morbid curiosity which will induce many persons to sacrifice convenience and comfort in order to gratify their passion for the sensational, had caused a crowd numbering about a thousand to assemble outside the prison walls waiting for the hoisting of the black flag. The morning was rather dull, and a light mist served to hide the sun. The day was not strikingly different from the dark and cheerless one on which Heap was executed in the same prison yard. The permanent scaffold was not as usual, singular to say, draped with black so as to convey an idea of solemnity and sombreness in keeping with popular ideas of death. Only a stray prison official in uniform was to be observed in the neighbourhood of the open gravelled space in front of the scaffold, and he did not seem to take much heed of the slow tolling of the bell. The effect of this dismal tolling was far from comfortable, especially as it was the only sound which broke the silence of the place. Several of those who had gathered in the yard knew from experience the position of the door from which the procession would proceed, and it was with no slight display of anxious feeling that all waited for the striking of the hour fixed for the execution. There was nothing uncommon in the scaffold, the customary noosed ropes depending from three or four strong iron links, securely rivetted into the beam. This is to prevent such fearful accidents as the breaking of the rope—accidents by no means uncommon when Calcraft was the executioner. The agony that a culprit must endure who has in such a case to submit practically to being hanged twice, more than justifies so simple a precaution. This arrangement of chain and cord seems now to have been generally adopted in all our prisons, and is an improvement on the older and more clumsy method of the rope itself being tied to the beam. Marwood was the executioner, and it was plain from the length of the ropes that he would employ what is known as the "long drop." One rope was six feet long, and this was for Thompson, who was the heavier culprit. The rope for Fish, who was a diminutive man, was about seven feet in length. The carpenter having tried the scaffold and drop to see that all was in readiness, the procession was formed from the pinioning room to the scaffold.

A few minutes past eight o'clock the voice of Mr. Piggott reading the Litany for the Dead could be heard inside as the procession started on its way, and presently Mr. Hislop appeared in the doorway some half-dozen yards from the foot of the steps leading to the scaffold. Immediately behind him was Fish, with his arms tightly pinioned to his sides. His head was bare, and the common woollen shirt he had on was open at the throat. He was dressed in the same suit of black he had worn all through the trial. He was ghastly pale, and his usual cadaverous face seemed pinched and shrunken. It was plain that he was under the influence of excessive emotion, and as is usual with most prisoners about to be executed, he looked up at the scaffold before ascending the steps. He was apparently praying, as his lips moved, but no sound could be heard. Two other wardens came next, with Thompson between them. He was a powerfully-built man, and looked younger than he stated his age to be. He was also bareheaded, and his shirt was likewise open at the throat. He was dressed in his ordinary working clothes. He seemed perfectly self-possessed and calm; and did not display the least sign of fear. The Governor of the prison, Major Leggett; the Under-Sheriff, Mr. D. Harrison, of Kendal; the Deputy-Coroner (Mr. Barker, of Southport), and Mr. Henry, the assistant-medical officer of the gaol, and the Rev. Mr. Hays, followed in the rear of the prisoners. In the room at the top of the steps a halt was made for a few seconds, and Thompson was then led on to the drop. He took up his position to the left, immediately in front of Mr. Piggott, and Fish was then placed close beside him. Marwood came forward and strapped Fish's legs tightly together, and just at this moment the culprit seemed to be in a state of great terror. His head was thrown back and on one side, and Mr. Hislop placed his hand upon his shoulder in order to support him. He beat the air constantly with his hands, and moved them convulsively to and fro, as far as the pinioning straps would permit him. He moaned repeatedly, and then began to pray. Thompson stood as erect and firm as if he had been on the ground, and he had somewhat of a soldierly bearing as he waited for Marwood to strap his legs. Just as this was done he commenced singing Moody and Sankey's well-known hymn, "Safe in the arms of Jesus." He continued this faintly as the white cap was drawn over his head and the noose fixed. Fish had then another white cap drawn over his face, and Marwood having fixed the rope securely about his neck examined the pinioning straps, and seen that the men were on the drop, drew the bolt. The men appeared to die without a struggle, and no doubt this was the case, as the fall would be sufficient to cause dislocation of the neck. Fish's body swung round, as the rope had been twisted. After the bodies had hung an hour they were cut down, and Mr. Barker held a formal inquest. The usual verdict was returned.

At the inquest, the coroner commented upon what is known as the "long drop" given by Marwood. In the present instance the drop in the case of Fish was seven feet and six feet for Thompson.—The Coroner said that he had a doubt as to whether this was legally carrying out the sentence of the law. The men had been sentenced to be "hanged by the neck," and he questioned whether, by giving them such a drop, was hanging them by the neck. He asked the opinion of the gaol surgeon, Mr. Rendry, who expressed his belief that the long drop was the more humane course.—The Coroner said his object in bringing forward the matter was that he wished to have it brought before the proper authorities, as he understood that no other coroner had drawn attention to it before.

THE VANGUARD.

Tuesday's *London Gazette* contains the Admiralty's offer to receive tenders, on November 1st next, for the purchase, under certain conditions, of the ironclad frigate Vanguard.

RIOTING AT BELFAST.

Some Nationalists, marching through Belfast on Tuesday, were attacked by the mob, and nine persons were severely injured. The police then separated the combatants, and the mob then stoned the police.

THE MURDER OF A POLICEMAN NEAR MANCHESTER.

Two of the brothers Habron were committed on Tuesday, at Manchester, for trial for the murder of Police-constable Cock, at Whalley Range, on August 1st.

A STATUE OF DR. LIVINGSTONE IN EDINBURGH.

On Tuesday a bronze statue of the late Dr. Livingstone, erected in Prince's street Gardens, Edinburgh, was unveiled by the Lord Provost of the city, in the presence of a large assemblage. The other speakers included Dr. Moffat, father-in-law of Dr. Livingstone, and Mr. M'Laren, M.P. Two daughters of the celebrated traveller placed floral wreaths on the monument, and a number of young ladies decorated it with garlands of bay leaves. Dr. Livingstone is represented in travelling costume, with a Bible in his right hand and an axe in the left.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

The half-yearly report of the London and North Western Railway Company, to be submitted at the general meeting to be held on Saturday next, is issued. It shows a net disposable balance, including £39,043 brought from last account, of £1,365,222, out of which a dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum is recommended, leaving a balance to the credit of the next half-year of £40,219. The passenger receipts amounted to £1,710,376, showing as compared with the corresponding half of last year an increase of £18,090; whilst the goods and mineral receipts were £2,646,815, exhibiting an increase of £8339. A hope is expressed by the directors that in the next session the Chancellor of the Exchequer will take steps to give effect to the recommendation of the Select Committee upon the question of the passenger duty, and the report of the committee is appended.

SERIOUS DISTURBANCE AT AN IRISH NATIONAL CELEBRATION.

Eight thousand Irishmen assembled on Glasgow Green on Saturday, and marched in procession to Springburn, where several resolutions in favour of Home Rule and the release of the Irish political prisoners were adopted. Whilst one of the leaders was addressing the assembly, a shot was fired, striking a boy. Mr. Ferguson, who presided, alluded to the fact that a number of Volunteers were practising at a range in the vicinity, and expressed strong indignation at their conduct in firing into a field where were assembled peaceful citizens. He said he would hold the police responsible for the death of the boy, and called upon them to stop the firing. A large number of Irishmen thereupon proceeded to the rifle range and seized the rifles of the Volunteers, whom they abused so much that several had to be assisted home. The disturbance assumed a serious aspect, and a body of Glasgow police had to be sent for. The boy who is shot is named Maxwell. He was conveyed to the Western Infirmary. It is strongly believed that the shot was fired not from a rifle, but from a revolver.

TRIAL OF R. BANNER OAKLEY.

THE SENTENCE.

The trial of Richard Banner Oakley, for obtaining money by false and fraudulent representations, was resumed in the Central Criminal Court on Saturday. The Solicitor-General replied on the whole case for the prosecution.

The learned Recorder, in summing up, expressed his dissatisfaction at the course taken by the Rev. Dr. Good, one of the trustees of the bank, who had not only been duped himself, but had promised to induce the Rev. W. Robinson, who had applied to him for information relating to the bank, to deposit money with the defendant, on condition that half the money so deposited should be applied to a claim he himself had upon the bank. The Recorder, in reading the evidence of five of the witnesses, pointed out that they had deposited their money with the prisoner on the representations contained in the balance-sheet. He also called their attention to the circumstance that at the time the prisoner said, "all expenses are made out of the earnings," there was a loss amounting to £15,000. The jury would have to consider—First, if all the statements of the balance-sheet were true, and, if they were untrue, were they so to the knowledge of the prisoner, and made to induce persons to pay money into his hands, he knowing, when he made these statements, that if the truth had been told, the depositors would not have entrusted their money with him. Then, were they of opinion that any of these persons were induced by these false statements to place their money in his hands. If they entertained any reasonable doubts on these points—if they entertained any doubt as to whether these witnesses had placed their money in the prisoner's hands, not trusting to specified statements in the balance sheet being true, but in the general belief and hope that they would obtain 18 per cent. for their money, they would give him the benefit of that doubt. If, on the other hand, they thought the statements were untrue, to the knowledge of the prisoner, they would then find him guilty of this indictment.

After three minutes' consideration, the jury found the prisoner guilty.

The prisoner, in reply to the usual question whether he had anything to say, made the following statement:—If I had means to bring forward witnesses to show the value of these securities, you and the jury would have come to a different decision to what you have. I had the fullest ground for believing in the value of them, and I am sure it will ultimately be seen that my opinion upon them is just and true.

The Recorder: The Court cannot come to the conclusion that any evidence you could give would justify the statement in the balance sheet. It is clear that you made statements that you must have known were false at the time, and, by means of them, you obtained sums of money from persons of all classes that enabled you for a time to carry on this concern. It is just possible that you may have believed, in your wildness, that you would be able to keep up for a considerable time, but that does not justify or extenuate this criminal act—this continued system of fraud, as it seems. The sentence of the Court is that you be kept in penal servitude for five years.

SUCCESSFUL ELOPEMENT.—A few days ago the wife of a publican, named Beldam, eloped from Blenheim, Hampshire, with a cattle salesman named John Archer. The latter is a married man with four children, and on the day he disappeared he had been entrusted with a large number of sheep by various farmers in the neighbourhood. The woman also appropriated a considerable sum of money belonging to her husband, and took away with her the whole of her wardrobe. Hearing of the affair, and determined not to be deceived, one old farmer traced the pair to Liverpool, and came upon them near the docks. His threat to give Archer into custody had the effect of making Mrs. Beldam open her purse in the interest of her new love, and the determined farmer went away well satisfied with the proceeds of the sale of his 30 fat sheep. The two then hastened to one of the Cunard steamers, and had sailed for New York before the police had time to prevent their departure.

THE LIBERATION SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION ACT.

The Press Association understands that the Parliamentary Committee of the Liberation Society have passed a series of six resolutions respecting the new Education Act. The committee express their conviction that the alterations made in the bill have made it more unjust and more dangerous. By the increase in the Parliamentary grants to schools and the payment by poor-law guardians of the fees of indigent children, denominational schools will in a large number of cases be maintained without any voluntary contributions, while the public will not be adequately represented on the management. The committee further believe that the Act will put fresh obstacles in the way of a system of education which would be national alike in spirit and administration, and will engender much ecclesiastical strife. The committee counsel their supporters vigilantly to watch the operation of the Act, with a view to counteract, as far as possible, its mischievous tendency, and to prepare for such efforts as will be needed to reverse the policy which it embodies.

HOW MR. BRAVO'S DEATH MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED.

A correspondent of the *Daily News* gives this version of the death of Mr. Bravo:—"It is a well-known fact that either from motives of economy or for the sake of her health, Mr. Charles Bravo objected to Mrs. Charles Bravo drinking so much wine. We had, once upon a time, the same objection to a person, unknown to us, who drank our wine and brandy. Of a friend (a young country surgeon) we procured several doses of tartar emetic, which we put into a bottle of brandy, then waited eagerly to find out who the thief was. Next evening the pallid countenance, the eyes starting out of the head, in consequence of the severe vomiting, betrayed the culprit. She found out that the brandy disagreed with her, so left off tippling. The surgeon supplied us with the tartar emetic under the most stringent injunctions to keep the matter a secret, and I feel convinced that had we caused that woman's death not one of us (especially the young surgeon) would for thousands of pounds have given evidence as to how it happened. Moreover, it would have been impossible for all the police in the world to have traced where the tartar emetic came from. Now, may not Mr. Charles Bravo have confided his trouble to a friend, and may not Mr. Charles Bravo have received the tartar emetic in much the same way as we received ours? He evidently was an evil-tempered, weak, mean man, and in a fit of rage at the trouble he had brought upon himself he was likely to swallow the antimony he had procured for his wife."

With regard to the offer of a reward of £250 for the discovery of the murderer of Mr. Bravo, made by the Home Office, the *Daily News* says: "Whatever may be the opinion of the Government or their advisers as to the death of Mr. Bravo, the verdict of the coroner's jury left them no choice of courses. No measure that can in any way be supposed likely to elicit the truth concerning one of the most obscure cases that have perplexed the public of this generation ought to be omitted by those who are responsible for the administration of criminal justice. This is now the second reward that has been offered for the discovery of the person supposed to have been concerned in Mr. Bravo's death. More than two months ago the friends of Mrs. Bravo offered, in her name, a reward of £500 to any one who should make known where the antimony was bought which was the cause of Mr. Bravo's death. The reward now offered is smaller, but it is not restricted to the discovery of the origin of the poison. The offer of this reward shows that the advisers of the Government do not regard the evidence produced at the inquest as affording sufficient grounds for a prosecution, while at the same time they recognise the duty of evoking any testimony which until this time may have remained latent."

It is a curious fact, to which attention has not yet been drawn, that Mrs. Bravo's first and second husbands were connected with Jewish families. Of course the late Mr. Charles Bravo was only the stepson of Mr. Joseph Bravo, his real name being Turner. But the Bravos are an old West Indian Jewish family, and Mr. Joseph Bravo's partner in business is Mr. M. Solomons, a respected co-religionist residing in Jamaica. The Ricardos are a purely Jewish family of Italian extraction.—*Jewish World.*

FAILURE OF CAVILL'S ATTEMPT TO SWIM ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

Punctually at 1.40 a.m. on Tuesday, Cavill, amid the cheers of the crowd on the pier at Dover, jumped from the steps at the end of the pier into the water. He instantly drifted in a westwardly direction, apparently towards Folkestone. His strokes, which average 29 to the minute, propelled him at a most rapid pace. Before starting the swimmer was detained over half an hour, while his friends anointed him from head to toe with porpoise oil. His medical man (Dr. Walters, of Dover) examined him on Monday evening, and states that he is a strong man generally, but has a slightly enlarged liver. Captain Webb, describing Cavill, said he was a "thundering good swimmer," and that he would be all right if he could stand the cold. A short time after one o'clock the Ostend boat came in and reported smooth water in the channel. Cavill's only article of apparel was a Guernsey saturated with porpoise oil. This he wears to prevent the chafing of his unusually stout arms against his sides. He complained on Monday evening of rheumatism, and that generally he did not leave as well as he could desire, but he expressed himself sanguine as to the success of his venture.

A telegram despatched from Calais on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock stated:—The two luggers piloting Cavill across the Channel are in sight off the Calais pier, about eleven miles distant, and steering an admirable course for the French coast. The sea is perfectly calm and most favourable for the swimmer. The Castalia passed the swimmer at 9.30 this morning. He was then swimming with astonishing speed, although he had been eight hours in the water. He now appears to be making direct for Calais.

Eventually Cavill failed in his attempt. He was taken out of the water about twelve miles from the English shore. He met with a strong westerly breeze off the French coast, and this necessitated his being taken out of the water. When he was lifted into the boat it was evident that he had suffered greatly from his prolonged immersion; indeed, he was in a condition not far removed from collapse. His jersey having been cut off and the porpoise oil removed, he was rubbed over with brandy. Some brandy and champagne were also given him to drink, and he lay down. His temperature, when he came out of the water, was 25, and he had scarcely any pulse. Dr. Walters states that he maintained a fair temperature and good condition till noon. Shortly before one he became perfectly white, and began to roll about the water like a struggling dog. The doctor then said he would not hold himself responsible for the swimmer's life, and preparations were at once made to get him out. A sheet was cast under his body, and he was lifted into the boat—a matter of some difficulty with so heavy a man. He was perfectly unconscious, and remained so for over twenty minutes. Notwithstanding that every effort was made to resuscitate heat, he was for a time almost entirely pulseless, and the temperature, so far as could be ascertained, had sunk to the low level of 28·2. Toms, the pilot, asserts positively that when taken out of the water Cavill was within 11 miles of the French coast off Blackness. Cavill, when landed at Dover, looked very weak and chilled. At a quarter to nine in the evening he was visited in bed by Dr. Walters, who reported him to be rather feverish, and suffering from a bad headache, which he says can only be expected after having been so many hours exposed to the great heat of the sun.

Monday's *Globe* says the Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Company have received the following telegram, dated Melbourne, August 5th, from their agents, Messrs. Bright Brothers, Melbourne:—"The Queensland, which arrived here on the 29th ult., and cleared again on the 2nd inst., presumably for Sydney, was run into and foundered on the 3rd inst. The crew were all saved except the second steward."

Poetry: Original and Select.

LUCY LANNON.

TUNE—"Bells of Shannon,"—By Father Prout.

On banks of Shannon, with Lucy Lannon,
My true love gay, I've often strayed,
When laughing roses and smiling posies
Our pathway pretty and cheerful made,
While groves were ringing with sweet birds singing
Their wild notes flinging from bush and tree,
Oh! sweet Lucy Lannon,
Of Glinn on Shannon,
Sweet as these songsters was then to me.

Her brown hair streaming, her blue eyes beaming,
Oft in my dreaming I see as then,
Her lips like cherry, I've kissed so merry;
While angry watching was suitor Ben.
Poor soul Witty was moved to pity,
But dear love pretty would not him see.
For sweet Lucy Lannon,
Of Glinn on Shannon,
Loved not a mortal more dear than me.

I've seen sweet faces in many places,
Of earth's fair places, both far and near;
And ladies fairest, dress'd gaudy rarest,
In silks and satins and jewels dear.
Circassian lasses we're told surpasses
All other classes in real nicety.
But sweet Lucy Lannon,
Of Glinn on Shannon,
A beauty seemeth more dear to me.

On the Sabbath morn as the bells would warn
The congregation church to attend,
Then with my honey, o'er Glinn hills bonny—
Sweet and sunny, to prayers we'd wend,
Where, oh, my darling would sing like starling,
While Father Marling the mass would cite.
Oh, sweet Lucy Lannon,
Of Glinn on Shannon,
You were the object of my soul's delight.

August, 1876. J. DUNDON.

THE BLOOMING HEATHER BELLS.

The bonny blooming heather bells,
In splendour waving red;
The mountain bee its blossoms sucks—
The blooming heather bells.
By the bonny banks of Tyne
The lark sings loud and high,
And the grouse they lead their young to feed
By the blooming heather bells.

How oft I've wandered by the Tyne,
And up the Chirdon burn,
To listen there the cuckoo's note
And here the black-cock's crooing.
The muircocks oft I've heard them beck
On Irthing's heights so high,
Where swiftly flies the mountain bee
By the blooming heather bells.

On Christinbury's heights so high
Its gladsome there to stand,
And see the crimson heather wave
Over proud old Cumberland.
Bewcastle with its vales so sweet,
Its murmuring streams which shine,
And the rippling Liddel rolling deep
By the blooming heather bells.

Then down the Irthing's gliding streams,
Tho' crooked is its path,
It is here you see the violets clear
Which gleam among the moss;
The primrose with the daisies sweet
By nature deck'd so gay,
Where round and round the heather waves
By the blooming heather bells.

W. T., North Tyne.

The colliers at the Brookall Ditches Colliery have resumed work, after a short stoppage, at a 5 per cent. reduction. The men are in the employ of the Parkend Colliery Company.

At a Home Rule meeting held recently at Donaghmore, near Dungannon, about 40,000 persons were present. A vote of confidence was passed in Mr. Isaac Butt and the Home Rule M.P.s. A resolution in favour of Home Rule principles was also adopted.

Thomas Jabez Norton, a member of the Reformed Medical Institute, was on Monday fined 30s., or a month's imprisonment, by the Banbury magistrates for refusing to vaccinate his child. He said he would go to prison.

At the Canterbury City Police Court, on Saturday, Lord Ogilvy was charged with wilfully damaging a public gas lamp. A constable deposed that the accused resisted very much, and assistance had to be procured to take him to the police station. Lord Ogilvy was fined £5 and 5s. costs, and 2s. damages.

The *Portsmouth Times* understands that the Ven. Archdeacon Wright, who retires from the chaplaincy to the forces in Portsmouth garrison in December next, has been offered, and has accepted, the Archdeaconry of British Columbia, and will proceed to the scene of his future labours early in the ensuing spring.

The builders' labourers' strike at Bristol still continues, though several masters not connected with the Employers' Association have given the advance required, viz., three farthings per hour, and others have offered a halfpenny per hour, which in most cases has been accepted. About 1000 men are still out.

The whaler Hope, Captain Gray, of Peterhead, arrived at Lerwick from North Greenland on Saturday morning with 50 tuns seal oil. She reports that the Eclipse, of Peterhead, has 120 tuns, having got twelve whales. The Hope brings no word of the Arctic Expedition. The whaler reached Peterhead in the evening.

SUING THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL.—At the Horsham County Court, on Tuesday, Sir Hardinge Giffard, Solicitor-General, was sued for £50, for the hire of rooms, luncheons, &c., during his late contest of the borough. The Judge allowed £47. 10s. 2d., and costs. Lieut.-Col. Aldridge, a late candidate, was also sued for £48. 18s., and the Judge allowed £31. 8s. and costs.

A correspondent informs the *Birmingham Post* that Mr. Charles Porter, of Digbeth, the inquest upon whose death was reported on Monday, was not a legally-qualified member of the medical profession. He practised on the strength of an American diploma, of no value in this country, and his name was not on the Medical Register.

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY.—The result of the poll for the election of Mr. A. M. Watkin as a director of this company was declared last week at the City Terminus Hotel. It appeared that 13,952 votes had been given for Mr. Watkin, who is elected by a majority of 336 votes.

The *Western Mail* announces that the canonry in St. David's Cathedral rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. W. B. Thomas has been offered by the Bishop of St. David's to the Rev. David Williams, B.D., vicar of Llanelly, prebendary of St. David's and rural dean, and has been accepted by him.

Last week, a monument was erected in the south transept of Dunfermline Abbey, to the memory of Lady Augusta Stanley. It is composed of a bas relief, cut in white marble, from a beautiful design of Miss Mary Grant, London. In the central panel there is a figure representing Lady Augusta Stanley being carried upward by an angelic group.

PULLING THE NOSE OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR.—At the Pertsea Police Court, last week, Mr. Moorshead, town councillor, was fined one shilling and costs for pulling the nose of Mr. Booth in the public street, another councillor, who declined to retract observations he had made concerning the defendant at the council meeting.

A CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN CRIMINAL.—A man named John Hainsford was charged before the Loftus-in-Cleveland magistrates last week, on his own confession, with assaulting Richard Goldsworthy on Saturday, the 20th February last, at New London. He was remanded for a fortnight. In the meanwhile his depositions have been forwarded to the Home Secretary. George Benfield was committed at the last York Spring Assizes for committing the assault in question on Richard Goldsworthy, on the same date, at New London, and is at present undergoing a sentence of eighteen months' imprisonment.

THE THUNDERER INQUIRY.

The coroner and jury who are inquiring into the late explosion on board the Thunderer, were on Tuesday engaged all day in hearing surgical evidence as to the cause of death of the 44 victims, and the inquest was adjourned till Monday next, when the scientific evidence will be taken.

THUNDERSTORM AT BIRMINGHAM.

A thunderstorm passed over Birmingham about nine o'clock on Tuesday. The lightning was very vivid, each flash being followed by a loud peal of thunder. Rain fell in torrents for something like half an hour, and several warehouses were flooded, but no damage of a serious character has been reported.

MR. CAVE'S MISSION TO EGYPT.

The Right Hon. Stephen Cave, M.P. for Shoreham, speaking at the Shoreham Regatta dinner, on Tuesday, gave an interesting account of his labours in Egypt. He referred to the Suez Canal as a concern likely to be highly remunerative, and praised the Government for their foresight in purchasing the shares.

LEEDS ELECTION.

The election of a member of parliament to fill up the vacancy in the representation of Leeds, caused by the resignation of Mr. Carter, took place on Tuesday. The result of the poll was declared as follows:—

Mr. Ald. Barran (Liberal)	16,672
Mr. Councillor Jackson (Conservative)	13,774
Majority for Mr. Barran	2,898

MURDER AND SUICIDE AT CHELSEA.

A shocking tragedy has occurred at Chelsea. A cheesemonger and his wife, keeping a shop in the locality, have been in the habit, according to the testimony of the neighbours, of frequently quarrelling. The husband, whose name is Bedford, was observed to come out of the house on Tuesday morning at the usual time, but shortly afterwards was seen to throw himself under a train just outside Victoria station. He was taken to the hospital, but expired in a few minutes. The police proceeded to the house of the deceased, and upon arriving there discovered Mrs. Bedford lying dead in bed, with marks of violence upon her. It is believed that Bedford first killed his wife, and then committed suicide.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE "FLYING DUTCHMAN."

After five days' sitting the inquest on the engine-driver and stoker killed in the accident to the "Flying Dutchman" express, near Bristol, was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday. The jury returned the following verdict:—"We find that the death of the deceased men was caused by the accident, and that such accident arose from the defective condition of the permanent way at and near the site of the accident, which condition was not sufficiently good for trains travelling at a high rate of speed. It appears to the jury that grave blame is attributable to the officers of the company responsible for the state of the permanent way, but upon whom the weight of blame personally rested there is not sufficient evidence to show. It further appears to the jury that there ought to be stringent instructions given to the inspectors and gangers as to their duties."

ANOTHER RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Early on Tuesday morning, whilst an up Great Western goods train was running between Bath and Bathampton, a bale of cotton that must have been insecurely packed tumbled from a truck, and, getting against one of the wheels, threw the truck from the rails. The carriage was dragged along some distance, greatly damaging the permanent way, but the couplings separated, and the fore part of the train proceeded up the line, the driver being unaware of the occurrence. The trucks then left the rails, and ultimately got across the line and blocked the way. The impetus of the three other trucks behind smashed it badly, and, broaching several casks of brandy, the spirit was wasted. The rear guards ran up and down the line and gave information. The break-down gang was quickly in attendance from Bristol, and by six in the morning the line was clear.

FATAL BALLOON ACCIDENT.

On Monday night another balloon accident took place in the environs of Paris. In the afternoon two well-known aeronauts, M. Triquet and his son, were to ascend in a balloon from Levallois-Perret, near Asnieres, on the occasion of the village *fete*. The expansion was not completed, however, at six o'clock in the evening, and at that hour the rents in the silk of the machine were so numerous and extensive that it was with difficulty that it rose. After it had remained in the air for a short time, the balloon was seen to descend rapidly on the plain of Montrogue. When it had nearly reached the ground it began to drive along in a horizontal direction. It soon became evident that the silk had been torn by its contact with the trees and stones, and that the fall of the balloon was only a matter of time, and suddenly it came down with great velocity, striking against one of those gigantic wheels attached to the stone quarries of that district—the cradle or car coming with great violence against the sharp rocks that cover the ground there. Without loss of time the two men were rescued, but they were found in a lamentably mangled condition. The son was dead, and the father was insensible for some time. On returning to consciousness M. Triquet asked what had become of his boy, while he was lying a corpse by his side. There are little hopes entertained for the ultimate recovery of the survivor.

ALARMING ACCIDENT TO THE PULMAN EXPRESS.

As the 8.40 p.m. goods train from Bradford to Carlisle was approaching Crosby Garret Station, at about one o'clock on Tuesday morning, the coupling of one of the waggons broke and severed the train. The pointsman at Ormside, a station about 33 miles from Carlisle, stopped the first portion of the goods train, but the second portion came careering along and dashed into the first, smashing and overturning several waggons and blocking the up-line. At this time the Scotch express Pulman car train, due to leave Carlisle at 12.8 a.m., was expected, and before time was given for the proper precautions in such cases to be exercised, the Pulman was seen in the distance. At greatly reduced speed it ran into the overturned waggons. A North British Railway guard, named Barber, who was in charge of one portion of the passenger train, was injured, it is thought fatally, and two passengers complained that they were very severely bruised and shaken. Several carriages were shattered, and the damage is estimated at no slight figure. The up-line was clear for ordinary traffic purposes at 5.30 a.m., and a delay of but a few hours occurred to the up and down trains. Taking into consideration the nature of the accident, this is most satisfactory. It is a noteworthy fact that although this is the first disaster that has occurred on the Settle and Carlisle section of the Midland Railway resulting in injury to passengers, the occurrence does not appear to have been consequent upon any defect in the line itself or in its working.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir Charles Talbot, K.C.B., in his 75th year.

Mr. J. Brindley, of Boroughfield House, Spondon, near Derby, died suddenly on Saturday in a railway carriage whilst travelling from Normanton to York.

One hundred and twenty miners of Messrs. Dickinson's colliery, Annfield Plain, Durham, have received notice to leave on account of the continued depression of trade.

The *Sanitary Record* says the Pollution of Rivers Bill cannot be considered an efficient and hardly even a useful measure. It is another result of legislation in a hurry.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS AND THE SLAVE QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Guardian.

17th August, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—The following letter which was sent to the Editor of the *Watchword* on the 4th inst., after being kept until now, has only had a short paragraph inserted and the rest left out. I think it well that our brethren in this district should see the whole before their district meeting on the 21st, and, therefore, by your insertion of it, if you can find space for it.—I am, &c.,

W. M. W.

To the Editor of the Watchword.

St. Andrew's Institute, 4th August, 1876.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been very much pained by the attitude taken by the *Watchword* on the negro question. I think that on several occasions you have shown a considerable lack of charity. The printing, for example, of the slips in orthography of Brother Capper was petty and ill-judged in the extreme, and your last week's short leaders on the subject also appear to me very objectionable. I do not yield in love for the order my place to any man, but because I so love the order I deprecate the treatment of "critics" in this fashion; and if our representatives' acts are not such as will bear to be examined "after the fact," then it is not good for the order that the critics should be sneered at. We are at a crisis in our order, the importance of which appears to me to be but dimly perceived by our members. I express no opinion upon the policy or imprudence of the "ultimatum," but were I an American I would probably say "We were united by our common platform—total abstinence—and that we have separated upon another, and, as I look upon it, quite a foreign question—one which I understood we required no common ground upon." I, however, hate slavery and exclusion of races as much as any man can do; and I pray God this unhappy separation may lead to a fuller appreciation of its enormity. But what strikes me is that we are failing to realise the legal consequences of the steps taken by our representatives. It is no use for us to say we are the true I.O.G.T.'s, because we hold the undiluted and unabridged tenets of the order—for that is the assertion of every body of seceders;—but this vaunt, though true, will not avail us in a legal sense, and the simple fact that we have added "of the world" to our name would put us out of court at once. We are not the original body even in name, and yet we are using the charters, rituals, and property of the body we have left; and if, say ten members, (I don't think so many in point of law will be required) choose to refuse to go along with the seceders, then most unquestionably they can claim the funds and furniture of the lodge, and declare the members of the "order of the world" not to be of their body. The Americans with, I think, strong provocation to the contrary, are treating us with an amount of forbearance which is creditable to them, but I have no doubt that if we are not got back by and bye their attitude will be changed. The majority in the properly constituted courts of any body will, and indeed must, be the proper exponents of its own constitution in a legal point of view; nor will unanimity in a lower court in opposing the decision of the higher be of any avail. The almost unanimous vote in the Scotch Grand Lodge, for example, is of no legal value, and I am surprised that the north country brethern, with the experience of the disruption in their national kirk before them, are not more alive to the gravity of the situation. The "free churchmen" who came out from that body were exactly in the same position as we are now. The "General Assembly" ruled in favour of "the veto" which the minority held to be contrary to the letter and spirit of the constitution and they left as we have left, but the consequence was that they had to give up everything which pertained to the church of the majority in the assembly and organize themselves into a separate body. It appears to me that there is an evident wish to prevent this part of the question being fairly faced, and it requires a great amount of charity in me to believe it is done to prevent the breach from being widened, for I rather think it is a consideration which, coupled with the tremendous moral influence which will be lost by a divided order, ought to make all who have our cause pause and think whether our cause does not admit of retrogression and a fair and honourable compromise. If the worst comes to the worst, let us at least act honourably, and have no spoiling of the Egyptains, but deliver up all that belongs them and organize for ourselves. Above all things, let us feel that our organ is free to all sections of the order alike, and that its conductors are thoroughly impartial and possessed of a manly independence that cannot stoop to anything petty or unfair.

I am, dear sisters and brothers, yours fraternally,

W. M. WEBSTER, P.V.S.D.,
St. Andrew's Lodge, 1299.

STEALING £2000 FROM RICHARD BANNER OAKLEY.

Robert Summersby, a respectable-looking young man, was charged at the Central Criminal Court on Saturday with having stolen a banker's cheque for payment of £2000, the property of Richard Banner Oakley, his master. Mr. Straight prosecuted, and Mr. M. Williams defended the prisoner. The prosecution had been instituted by Mr. M'Lean, trustee in the matter of Richard Banner Oakley. Since the commencement of proceedings Mr. M'Lean had received £805 from the prisoner, who had assigned to him his furniture and the partnership of a business in which he was interested. In February, 1875, there was an advertisement in one of the papers for a clerk to Mr. Oakley's bank. The prisoner replied, and obtained the appointment. In October Mr. Cole forwarded a cheque to be invested in the bank, and soon afterwards it was paid into the Birkbeck bank to the account of the prisoner. When taken into custody the prisoner said he had been given the £2000 by Mr. Kemp, sub-manager of the bank, "to prevent his making a noise." Mr. Kemp was dead at the time the statement was made.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, and Mr. Williams hoped, under the circumstances mentioned, the Court would pass a lenient sentence upon the prisoner, who had already been imprisoned during two months.

The Recorder sentenced the prisoner to fifteen calendar months' hard labour.

PRINCE LEOPOLD.—Very recently Prince Leopold has been elected President of the Royal Society of Literature, in room of the late Bishop Thirlwall. This is an honour, to one so young, almost unprecedented. The Prince, however, has long shown, like his father, superior and refined taste, and he willingly placed himself at the head of a new Shakesperian Society, and with heart and hand promotes its objects. In every European country literature is more honoured than in England, which gives its *insignia* to the sword and not to the pen. Were Shakespeare himself to come among us he would receive from France the highest grade of the decoration of the Legion of Honour; but so averse are all our Governments to recognise mere literary talent and eminence, that it is a question if the Bard of Avon would be permitted to wear it.—*Isle of Wight Advertiser.*

MORE IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES AT POMPEII.—A very important discovery has just been made at Pompeii. It consists of a number of objects of gold and silver, and close to them the carbonised skeletons of two men, who would seem to have been borne down in the storm of ashes while endeavouring to escape with their valuables or plunder. Among the things found are eight rings, six pieces of money, two pairs of earrings, one single earring, two large armlets, each ornamented with 13 pairs of half globes, with little shells upon them, held together by chainwork, and a necklace also of chainwork, all of gold; a silver ring, 332 pieces of silver money, a *casserole* of the same material, broken in pieces, and three large bronze coins.

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT IN A CHURCH.—At the Marylebone Police Court, on Monday, William Crane, aged 42, a clerk, was charged before Mr. D'Eyncourt with being drunk and disturbing the congregation at Trinity Church, Marylebone road. It appeared from the evidence of the beadle of the church that on Sunday afternoon, about a quarter to four, he was called by one of the churchwardens to quiet the defendant, who was drunk. He found the defendant was drunk, in company with a woman who was nearly as bad as himself. He asked the defendant to be quiet, as he was disturbing the congregation, but, instead of doing so, he became worse. As he refused to desist or leave the church, a police-constable was called in, and the defendant was taken into custody. The defendant, in answer to the charge, said he was very sorry, but he was drunk, or it would not have happened. Mr. D'Eyncourt fined him 5s., or in default to be imprisoned in the House of Correction for seven days.

The South African Conference met at the Colonial Office every day last week with the exception of Saturday. The proceedings were opened each day by Lord Carnarvon, who attended during a great part of the sittings; and the members present were Sir Garnet Wolseley (vice-chairman), President Brand, Sir S. Shepstone, Mr. Froude, Mr. Akerman, and Mr. Robinson.

The man Gervais, who murdered his elderly mistress at Bois-Colombes in order to get possession of her property, and then married a young woman, has been guillotined on the Place de la Roquette. The execution was a bungle. By some accident the lunette of the fatal instrument did not work, and the man's head, instead of being cut off cleanly, was sliced almost into two. The ghastly sight was witnessed by about 200 persons.

A LADY TIGER-KILLER.—A lady, Mrs. Havelock, has just received the usual reward for destroying a tigress on the grounds near her house on the Koondahs. Mrs. Havelock had noted the proximity of the beast, and set out some poisoned food for it. The beast ate of this, and was killed. The Neighberry paper observes that all the more credit is due to Mrs. Havelock for her pluck, as her husband was away from the estate at the time.—*Times of India.*

CONVICTION UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.—At the Wednesbury Police-court, on Tuesday, John Hartill, baker, Great Bridge, was summoned under the Sale of Food and Drug Act for selling bread adulterated with alum. The county analyst's certificate was that a 4lb. loaf contained 20·72 grains of alum. The Stipendiary said the sale of bread adulterated in this way was criminal beyond criminality, and he imposed a fine of £25 and costs.

DISTRESSING DEATH BY DROWNING.—A melancholy case of drowning occurred at Stonehaven on Monday morning. A young man, who only arrived on a visit to the town on the 11th, was observed to enter the sea, and after swimming about a short time, suddenly disappear. A young lad, Macdonald, a joiner, stripped and swam out to the spot, and diving down got hold of the body, which was brought ashore. Drs. Skene and Edmond did what they could to restore animation, but their efforts were of no avail. The deceased was apparently about 30 years of age, of dark complexion, and spoke with an English accent, and with a slight halt in his speech. An address was found in a portmanteau at his lodgings, "Frank Lovell, 42, Palmerston Buildings, London, E.C.," to which address the authorities have telegraphed, but no answer has yet been received.

SAD DEATH OF AN OFFICER.—An inquest was held at the Weymouth Barracks on Monday, on the body of Hamilton Charles Beville, a lieutenant of the 31st Regiment, stationed at Portland, who came by his death on Saturday night under very distressing circumstances. A break and three horses leaves Weymouth every night for Portland about eleven o'clock. At that hour on Saturday Lieut.-Col. Dickens, commanding the 31st Regiment, with deceased and several other officers, were on the break, the deceased sitting on the box seat next Mr. Richard Hardy, the driver. As there were not sufficient passengers to require the use of three horses, the driver told deceased he thought he should unharness it, to which the latter assented, and whilst the former was dismounting, held the reins of the two wheelers. It seems he got up to shift his seat to the one recently occupied by the driver, when he stumbled over a footboard and fell from the box over the side of the break, first knocking Mr. Hardy down, and then falling straight on the ground on the top of his head. When taken up he was perfectly unconscious, and was taken to the residence of Dr. Rhodes, just opposite to where the accident occurred, but never regained consciousness. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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AN ENTIRELY NEW PLAN OF FIRE INSURANCE.

A further limited number of Shares are being issued at Par, *i.e.*, £5 per share.

THE GOVERNMENT SECURITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

(Incorporated pursuant to Act of Parliament.)

CAPITAL, £528,645, IN SHARES OF £5 EACH.

11,729 SHARES are to be paid up in full, and therefore, under no circumstances whatever can there be any further liability.

The remaining 40,000 shares to have 10s. per share paid up, beyond which sum no call can be made, unless authorised by a resolution of the shareholders. A goodly number of shares are held by officials of the Company. The first £25,000 of Capital issued, was taken up by nearly 250 shareholders.

Managing Directors:
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THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP JENNER, D.D.
THE HONOURABLE JOHN COLBORNE.
THE HONOURABLE CHARLES D. BUTLER.
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Auditors:
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Secretary:
JOHN J. BLAKE, Esq.

Offices:
164, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, E.C.

A few Extracts taken from the Opinions of the Press on this Company.

"It is worthy the attention of all who desire to invest their money securely, with the prospects of good dividend returns." * * * "The trustees and directors are gentlemen of the highest position, and thus present a sufficient guarantee for the careful administration of the affairs of the company." * * * "We recommend it to the notice and consideration of all who may desire a good investment for their money."

WIDE FIELD FOR A NEW COMPANY.

That there is ample room for a new Fire Office may be assumed from the following facts:—It has been proved in the House of Commons, and has been again again confirmed by statistics, that two-thirds (amounting to £3,000,000,000 sterling) of the destructive property of the United Kingdom is not covered by Fire Insurance; and it is estimated that this description of property is increasing at the annual rate of £200,000,000.

INSURANCE SHARES A VERY PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

It is believed that no other description of Public Securities produce more satisfactory results than that of an Insurance Company, which consequently is one of the very best channels for permanent investment; in fact, it would be difficult to find any class of investments presented by Joint Stock Companies comparable to a properly conducted Fire Insurance Company. The shares of some of the older Offices have increased in value from 1,000 to 7,000 per cent., and even younger Institutions are at premiums ranging from 80 to 200 per cent.

Upon taking fifty of our Insurance Companies and comparing the present market price of the shares with the amount paid-up, such total share capital stand at a premium of no less than £24,928,000 or a profit of nearly £25,000,000.

The Dividends paid by Fire Insurance Companies are as high as 82½ per cent per annum.

The published reports of the Fire Offices show that the Companies pay in losses about 50 per cent of the amount they receive in premiums; consequently Fire Offices generally pay large dividends to their shareholders, and are amongst the soundest and best of Investments.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPANY.

The Company is established on the principle of limited liability, accompanied by such guarantees as will ensure the confidence of the public, and the interest of both Shareholders and Policyholders. It is intended that not more than ten shillings per £5 share shall be called upon £200,000 of the Capital, so that from this source alone there will remain a reserve capital amounting to £180,000 available to meet the engagements of the company.

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND TO BE INVESTED IN CONSOLS.

For the additional security of Policyholders, a special Reserve Fund will be created by annually setting aside at least 20 per cent of the nett profits, and investing the same in the British 3 per cent consols in the names of of Trustees.

NEW AND IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE COMPANY.

In any year after a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on the Share Capital, the profits will be applied towards payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum to the Policyholders on the amount they have paid in premiums in the year in which such profits were made. After providing the dividend of 10 per cent. to both Shareholders and Policyholders, all further profits will be apportionally rateably amongst the Shareholders and Policyholders. It is provided that no Policyholder who shall make a claim against the Company, in respect of a Policy, shall be entitled to rank for dividend in the year in which such claim be made. By this new and important feature the Policyholder will reap all the advantages of a Mutual Office, without incurring the liability which at present attaches to Insurers in a Mutual Company.

The premium charged for the risk is made dependent on the individual features of the property to be protected instead of an arbitrary assessment of the class of interest to be insured.

DIVIDENDS TO POLICYHOLDERS IMMUTABLE.

An important fact connected with this dividend given to Policyholders is, that it is a contract entered into by the Company, and part of its constitution, and, therefore neither Directors or Shareholders can upset it at any time.

ADVANTAGEOUS ARRANGEMENT WITH THE FOUNDERS OF THE COMPANY.

The founders of the Company have agreed to leave the question of remuneration for their services entirely in the hands of the Shareholders; and they have further agreed that no remuneration shall be voted to them until the Company has paid a dividend of 10 per cent. to both Shareholders and Policyholders, and then only such sum as the Shareholders by resolution in general meeting may think fit.

By the foregoing arrangement the Founders have given the best possible proof of their faith that abundant success will be the guerdon of this important undertaking, feeling confident that at the proper time the Shareholders will not grudgingly recognise the services rendered by them as the Founders of the Company, and originators of the beneficial system now for the first time propounded.

BUSINESS.

The Company has commenced Business and, so far, the results are highly satisfactory.

This Company Insures every description of Property against Loss or Damage by Fire, the Rates of Premium being regulated irrespective of the Tariff Association, and made dependent on the nature of the Buildings and Trades carried on therein, commencing at 1s. 6d. per cent.

Household Furniture, in first-class private houses, insured in One Sum at 2s. per cent.

Prospectuses, Forms of Proposal, and all information may be obtained on application at any of the Offices or Agencies of the Company.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

Applications are invited for the remaining Shares, a limited number of which will only be allotted to the public. The new and important advantages offered to persons insuring with this office is unsurpassed, and will be the means of attracting a large amount of business.

Responsible, Energetic, and Efficient Agents required to aid in making this popular Institution one of the most successful Fire Insurance Companies in existence.

Business Announcements.

ADAM BRODIE,
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT,
OFFICES, TOWN HALL, CONSETT,

UNDERTAKES the Sale, either by Auction, Tender, or Private Treaty, of every description of Real and Personal Property, including Houses and Land, Farming Stock, Household Furniture, Merchandise, and Sundries of every kind, on reasonable terms. Accountancy in all its branches. Wills and Common Agreements of all kinds drawn. Valuations made for Probate, Dissolution of Partnerships, &c. Punctuality and exactitude may be relied on in all cases. First-class references.

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENTAL, and PLATE GLASS INSURANCES effected through the following First-class Offices:—

The London Assurance Corporation—Fire and Life. Established 1720.
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The United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, for Mutual Assurance of Lives.
The Scottish Commercial Insurance Company—Fire and Life.
The London and County Plate-glass Assurance Company.
The Commercial Guarantee Society.

Full Prospectuses, Forms of Proposal, and other particulars may be had from Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Valuer, and Accountant, Sole Agent for Consett and district. 302g

THE ADVANCE PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

THIS Society confidently relies upon a large measure of Public support from the many advantages it offers to all desirous of Purchasing or Erecting Property, and special attention is called to some of its leading features:—

Members can join at any time.
No entrance or management fees.
Investors not subject to fines.
All Members share in profits.
Six per cent. charged on yearly balances of advance.
Five per cent. allowed on repayments.
Very low legal charges.
Sums as low as Sixpence taken.

Rules, Balance Sheets, and all information required can be obtained at the Chief Office: 65, Church Street, West Hartlepool; or, from the Resident Agent: Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer and Accountant, Consett.

The next FORTNIGHTLY SUBSCRIPTION MEETING will be held at the House of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, RAILWAY HOTEL, CONSETT, on MONDAY, August 21st, 1876, from Half-past Seven to Half-past Eight o'clock in the Evening. 672g

THE PUBLIC SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ACTS, 1862 AND 1867.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

THE Distribution of all Household Requirements from the Stores.
Free Delivery (to Shareholders).
Shareholders and the Public not required to write out their own Lists or Invoice Notes.
The Annoyance of producing Membership Tickets entirely dispensed with.
Prompt Attention, as in the Best Retail Establishments.
Order Clerks in each Department.
The Public may Purchase at the Stores at the fixed tariff.

CAPITAL, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, IN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHARES OF ONE POUND EACH.

Ten Shillings per Share on Application, and the remainder, if required, in calls not exceeding Five Shillings per Share, at intervals of not less than three months. Shareholders may pay up in full, or in part, receiving interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the amount paid in excess of calls.

COMMITTEE OF DIRECTION:—
MAJOR DE WINTON, South Norwood.
DR. J. STEELE, 18, Bloomfield Road, Maida Hill.
LIEUT.-COL. T. R. H. DRUMMOND-HAY, Lee, Kent.
MAJOR-GEN. T. B. CREAGH, Hanover Square Club.
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THE CITY BANK, 34, Old Bond Street.
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SECRETARY:
J. A. MORICE, Esq.

This Association is founded to provide for the Public all the advantages of the other Stores, without the restrictions imposed by these institutions.

All have endured the annoyance and inconvenience of being compelled to fill up their orders will appreciate the abolition of this system.

The Public will receive the same prompt attention as in the best retail establishments.

For economy of time Order Clerks will be appointed in each Department.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

May be opened, in sums of not less than £5, to save the trouble of making remittances through the post. These accounts will be debited with the amount of each order, and balanced quarterly, 5 per cent. per annum being allowed on the minimum quarterly balances.

Every Class of Household Requirements will be represented at the Stores, and all Articles guaranteed of the Best Quality.

In the Civil Service, Army and Navy, and other Trading Associations, the privilege of purchasing is restricted to Shareholders and Members.

In this Association the Public can Purchase at the Stores at the Fixed Tariff.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES OF SHAREHOLDERS.

FREE DELIVERY OF GOODS within the postal district of London to Shareholders holding ONE fully paid-up Share.
FREE DELIVERY OF GOODS to any Railway Station within 25 miles of London to Shareholders holding TWO fully paid-up Shares.
FREE DELIVERY OF GOODS to any Railway Station within 50 miles of London to Shareholders holding FOUR fully paid-up Shares.
FREE DELIVERY OF GOODS to any Railway Station within 100 miles of London to Shareholders holding FIVE fully paid-up Shares.
FREE DELIVERY OF GOODS to any Railway Station in the United Kingdom to Shareholders holding TEN fully paid-up Shares.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE OF DIRECTION OF THE PUBLIC SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, Regent Street, London, W., Notify the Opening of the following Departments at an early date:—

The Grocery Department.
The Oil and Italian Department.
The Tin and Canned Goods Department.
The Fruit Department.
The India and China Tea Department.
The Butter, Cheese, Egg, and Poultry Department.
The Bacon, Ham, and Game Department.
The Wine and Spirit Department.
The Ale and Porter Department.
The Perfumery, Drug, and Patent Medicine Department.
The Tobacco and Cigar Department.
The Stationery Department.
The Jewellery and Fancy Goods Department.
The Leather Goods Department.
The Watches, Clocks, and Plate Department.
The Miscellaneous Household Department.
The Household and Domestic Implement Department.
The Brush and Turnery Department.
The Macintosh and India Rubber Goods Department.
The Coal Department.

Other Departments, in most branches of trade, will be opened up without delay and duly announced.

P. S. A., LIMITED,
140, 142, Regent Street, and 29, 30, 31, Warwick Street, Regent Street, London.
All Communications to be addressed to the Manager.

PRICE LISTS WILL BE ISSUED.

HOURS OF BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
August, 1876. 731g

Business Announcements.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRAPERS,
HATTERS,
MILLINERS,
HOSIERS,
GLOVERS, and
GENERAL HABERDASHERS,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,
AND
FRONT STREET, DIPTON. 992g

JOHNSON ROBSON,
PAINTER, GLAZIER, PAPER-HANGER, &c.,
40, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT of PAPER HANGINGS. 691i

PERFECTION IN ARTIFICIAL TEETH AND PAINLESS DENTISTRY AT MODERATE CHARGES.

MR. T. F. WATSON, DENTIST,
36, CLAYTON STREET (Corner of Newgate Street), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

RESPECTFULLY calls attention to the Superiority of his Rugosite Suction Palate and Dental Coral.
☞ TEETH STOPPED OR EXTRACTED. 55h

ART UNION OF KENT, UNDER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.

TWENTY-THIRD Season. One Shilling per Share. Many Hundreds of Prizes, ranging in value to £100. See Prize Lists. Purchasers of Ten Tickets entitled to large Photograph. The Committee present to purchasers of Forty Tickets and upwards (in the event of their not gaining a prize) a Picture to the value of half their subscriptions. Drawing, September 9th, 1876. Tickets—One Shilling—may be had of local Agent,

MR. R. JACKSON,
"GUARDIAN" OFFICE, CONSETT. 1h

Public Notices.

CONSETT FLOWER SHOW
ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1876.

BLACKHILL TEETOTAL BAND
Will be in attendance.
MR. BOBT. SANDERSON'S QUADRILLE BAND
Has also been engaged.

Dancing on the Green, to commence at Four o'clock.

ADMISSION: From Two to Four o'clock, 1s.
From Four to Eight „ 6d. 70h

TANFIELD FLOWER AND POULTRY EXHIBITION will be held on SATURDAY, August 26th, 1876.

A Grand STEEPLECHASE will take place. First Prize, £5; Second, £2 10s. Entrance, 5s.

There will also be a FLAT RACE.

The following SPECIAL PRIZES will be given:—
Best RETRIEVER, Dog or Bitch—First Prize, £1; Second, 10s. Entrance, 1s.
Best RABBIT, any variety—First Prize, 5s.; Second, 2s. 6d.
WRESTLING, Young Men not exceeding 14 years—First Prize, 9s.; Second, 4s.; Third, 2s.

There will also be a CRICKET MATCH between TANFIELD and BURNOPFIELD CLUBS.

Entries for Poultry close on SATURDAY, Aug. 19th.

Applications to be made to
JOHN BREWIS, SECRETARY,
Tanfield Lea,
22h By Lintz Green, Newcastle.

THE GREAT BISHOP AUCKLAND FLOWER SHOW.

NATIONAL FRUIT SHOW
AND
ROSE SHOW,
IN AUCKLAND PARK,
FRIDAY, September the 1st, 1876.
ALSO,
EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL FESTIVAL,
For which the Bands of the
ROYAL ARTILLERY,
60 strong, and 79th Queen's own
CAMERON HIGHLANDERS AND PIPERS,
From Edinburgh Castle, 50 strong, have been engaged.
THE ENORMOUS SUM OF
£1,200!
Will this year be expended.
A wonderfully grand Exhibition and Fete must be the result.
☞ Cheap Trains as usual. See Bills. 54h

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872—1874.

ADDITIONAL EXCISE LICENSE,—BEER OFF.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Conside and Knitsley, 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, ROGER PARKER, now residing at Templetown, in the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, Labourer, 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 Twenty-third day of August next, for an additional Excise License to sell by Retail, at a House situate at Templetown, aforesaid, Beer to be consumed off the Premises, in pursuance of the Act, 26th and 27th Vic., cap. 33, sec. 1, of which said Premises I, the said Roger Parker, of Templetown, am the owner and occupier.

Given under my hand this 31st day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-six.
44h ROGER PARKER.

EBCHESTER FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION of PLANTS, FLOWERS, FRUITS, and VEGETABLES, of this Society, will be held on SATURDAY, August 19, 1876.

The Committee, in announcing their Second Annual Meeting to their Patrons and Friends, beg to state that the Exhibition is expected to be well supported. The place selected, upon which to erect the Marquee, is in a Field, near Ebchester (kindly granted by W. T. Bolton, Esq.), and is admirably situated, having a commanding view of wood and water, hill and dale, near the Site of the Old Roman Camp, Vindomora, on the Watling Street, within sight of the Old Church, St. Ebbs, and sundry Reminiscences of Roman Antiquities.

A BAND OF MUSIC will be in attendance.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.—Trains leave Newcastle at 5·45 a.m., 7·10 a.m., 9·40 a.m., 12·30 p.m., 2·30 p.m., 4·0 p.m., and 5·35 p.m.; returning from Ebchester Station at 5·40 p.m. and 8·57 p.m.

Trains leave Durham at 7·35 a.m., 11·45 a.m., and 4·0 p.m.; returning from Ebchester at 4·47 p.m. and 6·18 p.m.

First-class REFRESHMENTS will be provided on the Grounds.

The Exhibition will Open to the Public at One and Close punctually at Half-past Seven o'clock.

☞ ADMISSION:—From One to Four o'clock, One Shilling; from Four to Seven o'clock, Sixpence; Children under Twelve, Half-price.

A BALL will be held at the Close of the Exhibition.
46h E. DIXON and T. WILSON, Hon. Secs.

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for FELLSIDE FLOWER SHOW, SPORTS, and BALL, on SATURDAY, September 9th, 1876. 61h

BLANCHLAND FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their Thirty-fourth ANNUAL SHOW on THURSDAY, August 24th, 1876

BLACKHILL TEMPERANCE BAND
Will be in attendance. 67h

NOTICE.

ANY Person found TRESPASSING in Pursuit of Game, Gathering Mushrooms, Brambles, &c., on the Grounds of Mr. THOMAS MILBURN, Low Bradley, will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.
July, 1876. 16h

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH.

The Magnificent
BAND OF THE FIRST LIFE GUARDS,
From London; and the
BLACKHILL TEETOTAL BRASS BAND. 21h

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

ANY Person found Trespassing in pursuit of Game, gathering Mushrooms, Brambles, &c., on Middle Heads, Oliverford, Middles, Knitsley Grange, Allen Heads Lyerdeen, Rowley, Dean Houl, and Healeyfield Farms will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.
July, 1875. 7132

SHOP EMPLOYES' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING in furtherance of the above object will be held in the RED LION INN, DIPTON, on WEDNESDAY, August 23, 1876, when all Assistants, including Cartmen, &c., are respectfully requested to attend.
62h N. HUTCHINSON, Sec. Pro. Tem.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.

AUGUST 26, 1876.

GRAND BALL
IN THE
TOWN HALL.
Dancing to commence at Eight o'clock in the Evening.
63h MR. TELFORD, M.C.

INDEPENDENT UNITED ORDER OF MECHANICS.

BROTHERLY LOVE LODGE, LEADGATE.

THE MEMBERS of the above Society are respectfully invited to meet at the LODGE-ROOM, on SUNDAY MORNING, at 9 a.m., and walk in procession to St. Ive's Church, Leadgate.
By order of the Committee,
64h JAMES DAVISON, Secretary.

KYO FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW and PIG SHOW will be held on SATURDAY, September 2nd, 1876.

CLASS I.
Cottagers, Three Miles radius.
Best Fat Pig, to be under Twelve Months, 1st Prize, £1 1s.; 2nd do., 12s. 6d.; 3rd do., 7s. 6d. Entrance, 1s. each.

CLASS II.
Open Class.
Best Fat Pig, of any age—1st Prize, £1 1s.; 2nd do., 12s. 6d.; 3rd do., 7s. 6d. Entrance, 1s. each.

Entries to be sent Fourteen Days previous to Show, to G. BULLERWELL, Secretary, Harperley Mills, *via* Lintz Green. 53h

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that any Person or Persons entering into the occupation of any House, Shop, or other Building, to which Gas has been supplied to the previous occupant, upon such entry must first obtain the consent of the Secretary of the Company before consuming the Gas supplied by the said Company. In default therefore, upon proof of the use of the Gas, without first obtaining such leave, such Person or Person will be Prosecuted as the Law directs. The Secretary can be seen daily at the Company's Office, Shotley Bridge, to whom all applications must be made.

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

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

THE following places and times have been appointed by the Registrar for the requirements of Registration:—

First TUESDAY in each Month, at Mrs CHRISTOPHER'S, Blackhill, from Nine a.m. to Eleven a.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at the LOCAL BOARD-ROOM, Consett, from Twelve noon to Two p.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at Mr LAIDLOW'S, 119, Leadgate, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mrs MARY ROBSON'S, Medomsley, from Nine a.m. to Ten a.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mr STOKER'S, Westwood Colliery, from Eleven a.m. to Two p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mr WILLIAM CHARLTON'S, Ebchester Hill, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second TUESDAY in each Month, at Mr POTTS' Castleside, from Two p.m. to Four p.m.
First FRIDAY in each Month, at Mr WILSON'S, Satley, from One p.m. to Three p.m.
Second FRIDAY in each Month, at Mr THOMAS HUNTER'S, Annfield Plain Wood Cottages, from Ten a.m. to Twelve noon.
Third MONDAY in each Month, at Mr JACKSON'S, National School, Holmside, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr THOMAS WAUGH'S, Hill Top, from Eight a.m. to Ten a.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr COCKERILL'S, Quebec, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr SIDDELL'S, Old Cornsay, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
At my OFFICE, Lanchester, on WEDNESDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.; and SATURDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.

It is now compulsory for all persons to attend on the Registrar under pain of prosecution.

JOHN JAMES THOMPSON,
Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-district of Lanchester.

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW on September 2, 1876.
For particulars, see Bills. 57h

NOTICE,

ANY Person or Persons found TRESPASSING or KILLING GAME upon Derwent Grange Farm, near Castleside, will be Prosecuted according to Law.
By order,
372g WILLIAM R. DICKINSON.

Contracts.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TO LET, the MASONRY, CEMENTING, PLASTERING, and SLATING of a House at Stanley.

Plans and Specifications to be seen at the house of JOHN SUNLEY, 30, Burn's New Houses.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders will be received up to and including FRIDAY, August 25th, 1876, addressed JOHN SUNLEY, Stanley, Chester-le-Street. 68h

LANCHESTER UNION.

ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER AND MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

THE GUARDIANS of the above Union will, at their Meeting to be held on THURSDAY, the 24th inst., at the BOARD-ROOM, LANCHESTER, proceed to the appointment of a Medical Officer for the Tanfield District of the said Union, who will also be the Medical Officer of Health to the Rural Sanitary Authority. The salary for Medical Officer for the Tanfield District, thirty pounds per annum; for Medical Officer of Health, fifty pounds per annum. The district comprises the township of Billingside, Collierley and Pontop, Kyo Laws, and the chapelry of Tanfield, containing an area of 10,927 acres; population in 1871, 12,076. The above salary is exclusive of vaccination fees, and fees for surgical operations, &c., under Article 177, Consolidated Order. The Medical Officer must provide all requisite medicines and surgical appliances, "except quinine and cod liver oil and trusses," to all poor persons he may be required to attend; and to conform to the orders of the Local Government Board The appointment will be made subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Applications, with testimonials, to be sent to me not later than Ten o'clock a.m. on THURSDAY, the 24th inst.
W. W. THOMPSON,
74h Clerk to the Guardians.

To Let.

TO LET, at Dipton, a SHOP and HOUSE, with Five Rooms, excellently situated for any business.—Apply to A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton. 55h

NOTICE.

TO LET, a First-class MARQUEE TENT, 75 feet by 45 feet; will hold from 300 to 400 persons; charges very moderate; distance no object.—Apply to D. LOGAN, Hat and Feather Inn, Medomsley, *via* Lintz Green. 743g

TO LET, the SHOP situated in the centre of Annfield Plain, now occupied by Shaw and Atkinson. A splendid Show-room attached, with winding stairs. No one need apply who is not prepared to buy fixtures and fittings, which will be sold reasonably.—Apply to SHAW and ATKINSON, Middle Street, Consett. 901g

TO LET.

THE ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT MARQUEE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MEMBERS of the above Company will LET their Marquees on the most reasonable terms, in sizes from 30 feet by 30; 48 feet by 30; 84 feet by 30; or 100 feet by 30. Also, they have a small Refreshment Tent, which can be let on favourable terms.—For particulars, apply to Mr. ROBERT HENDERSON, Catchgate, *via* Lintz Green. 760g

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Adam Brodie.

FREEHOLD HOUSE, situate in MEDOMSLEY ROAD, CONSETT, immediately adjoining the Premises occupied by Mr. John Bates, Builder, offered for sale on Thursday last, at the Railway Hotel, Consett, by Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, not having been sold, may now be treated for, on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett, up to Friday, the 25th inst.

By Mr. John Jenkins.

CATCHGATE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. WELCH, CATCHGATE, on MONDAY, August 21st, 1876, a quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, taken under an execution from the County Court.

MR. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 77h

TRAFALGAR STREET SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, August 22nd, 1876, a large quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., belonging to several Persons leaving the neighbourhood, consisting of 1 Chest of Mahogany Drawers; 1 Centre Table; 6 Mahogany Chairs; 1 Easy Chair; 6 Cane Chairs; 2 Mahogany Tudor Bedsteads; 1 Mahogany Arabian Bedstead; 2 Cheffioneer Bedsteads; 2 Iron Bedsteads; Feather and Down Beds; 1 large Mantlepiece Mirror; 1 Swing Glass; 2 Kitchen Tables; 2 Tea Tables; 2 Round Tables; 1 Bath; 1 Toilet Set; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fireirons; Pans; Kettles; with a large quantity of other useful Goods.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 78h

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

STANDING CORN FOR SALE.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, commissioned by Mr. H. RITSON, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, August 23, 1876, at BROOMHILL, near Ebchester Station, Two Lots of Growing CORN, as follows:—

LOT 1.—Standing at Broomhill, Seven and a Half Acres of Prime Hoptown OATS, together with the Straw; an excellent Crop.

LOT 2.—Standing at Benfieldside Farm, near Shotley Bridge, but sold at Broomhill, Ten Acres of Hoptown OATS, an equally good Crop, but without the Straw, which must be left upon the Premises.

Further particulars will be given at the time of Sale, which will commence at Four o'clock in the Afternoon prompt.

Shotley Bridge, August 17th, 1876. 71h

By Mr. William Raw.

DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

IMPORTANT SALE OF MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having again been favoured with the confidence of Mr. ANTHONY RICHARDSON, Furniture Broker, Blackhill (who having now sold his property is going to leave the neighbourhood) will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, without reserve, the whole of his STOCK-IN-TRADE, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, August 21st and 22nd, 1876, comprising Mahogany Sofas and Couches, in Hair-seating and American Leather; Mahogany Easy Chairs and Rocking Chairs, in Hair-seating; 24 Mahogany Balloon-backed Chairs, in Hair-seating; Cane-bottomed Bedroom Chairs and Windsor Chairs in great variety; Mahogany Centre Tables; Walnut Oval Loo Tables; Mahogany Telescope Dining Tables; Fancy Work Tables; Mahogany Cheffioneers; Do. Bedsteads; Do. Tudor Bedsteads; Mahogany Chests of Drawers and Presses; Painted Do.; Gilt and Tulip Mantelpiece Mirrors; Swing Dressing Glasses, in great variety; a large number of Iron and Brass Bedsteads; Brussels and Felt Carpeting, Oilcloths and Cocoa Matting, various widths; Cocoa Mats Hearthrugs; Washing and Mangling Machines; Fenders and Fireirons; Perambulators; Tin Trunks; Leather Travelling Bags; Tubs; Pails; Pans; Brushes; Brooms; Tins; Cutlery; and a quantity of Goods in great variety.

N.B.—This is a splendid opportunity for parties furnishing, as the Goods are all New and of Superior Quality, and will be Sold without reserve.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock each day precisely.
Sale-office, Blackhill. 47h

For Sale.

FOR SALE, a GIG.—Apply to JAMES ROSTRON, Annfield Plain. 75h

FOR SALE, an Excellent COW; to Calve Sept. 4th. —Apply at SATLEY VICARAGE. 37h

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, a HORSE and WAGGONETTE, to carry Ten Persons.—Apply to MATTHEW TODD, Dipton. 48h

FOR SALE, a PORTABLE STEAM ENGINE, 2 h.p., in excellent condition, having been in use only a short period.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 5h

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

FOR SALE, a HORSE, 16 hands high, quiet in all harness; 2 Strong SPRING CARTS; and 2 Sets of HARNESS, belonging to WILLIAM AMBLER, Greengrocer, Dipton. 24h

FOR SALE, a PIANOFORTE by a well-known good maker, a thoroughly sound and perfect Cottage, full compass, bright, beautiful tone, only three months in use. Cost £35; price £21.—Apply to ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett. 79h

FOR SALE, a SHOP and HOUSE, with Parlour, Kitchen, Pantry, &c., on the Ground Floor, and Three Bedrooms above, situate at Victoria Street, Consett.—Apply to Messrs. TAYLOR BROTHERS, Provision Merchants, Side, Newcastle; or W. RAW, Auctioneer, Blackhill. 69h

SECOND-HAND CARRIAGES FOR SALE.

A Clarence, a Brougham, a small Miniature and a Bijou Brougham; a large medium and miniature Landau; a Landau Wagonette and Omnibus Wagonette a pair-horse and also a light one-horse Wagonette; a Victoria; an Albert Park, with folding heads; a Mail, and a light Stanhope Phæton, with folding heads; a back to back Phæton and a light T Cart; an Albert, Sociable, Denmark, and Sociable Pony Phæton; a light Pony Phæton, 3½cwt.; a Moray and Whitechapel Dog Cart; a gentleman's Brake; also several Brakes, Landaus, Cabs, Wagonettes, side-light Carriages to close and open; one and pair-horse Omnibus, very suitable for hotels and livery stables. An excellent assortment of single and double harness. Drawings and particulars sent on naming the kind of carriage required.—Apply to ATKINSON and PHILIPSON, Northern Counties Carriage and Harness Repository, 15, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 584g

Lost.

LOST, a GOLD BROOCH, set with Three Garnet Stones, on MONDAY last, at Shotley Bridge or on the Road to Derwent Cote Toll Bar. Any Person having found the same and taking it to Mrs. TURNER, Draper, Shotley Bridge, will be suitably rewarded. 72h

Wanted.

WANTED, a Good GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 76h

WANTED, a PERSON to Tar the Roof of a Wooden Erection.—Apply at this Office. 65h

WANTED, Two or Three Good HOUSE JOINERS.—Apply to JOHN ROUTLEDGE Gibson Street, Consett. 38h

WANTED, at the Consett Co-operative Society, a LADY to take charge of the Hardware and Crockeryware Department.—Applicants to meet the Committee, on TUESDAY, the 29th inst., at Seven o'clock in the Evening. 73h

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

News and Letters intended for insertion should be addressed to "The Editor," and must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer.
Orders for Advertisements, Printing, &c., should be addressed to "The Manager," *Guardian* Office, Consett.
No notice can be taken of any communication unless the signature and address of the correspondent are appended.
Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths must be certified as correct by our resident agent.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. Fawcett.—Your communication arrived too late for insertion.
Geo. Starford (Burnopfield)—Your letter is not endorsed by one of our newsagents.

The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 1876.

LOCAL NOTES BY "PHIZ."

I understand that the Consett Water Company, in answer to the Local Board's enquiry about the water supply, have refused to construct a filtering bed, on the ground, I am informed, that the supply is second to none in the kingdom. I have heard it said that frogs are capital things for clearing the water of any impurities that may exist. The Water Company apparently put great faith in the frog as a scavenger for this week they seem to have had some at work in their mains. One of these escaped this week, and is now in the custody of one of our Front Street tradesmen.

A correspondent, who signs himself "Tadpole," sends me the following:—"Dear Phiz,—A great outcry has been raised against the quality of the water by Dr. Renton, the Local Board, *The Guardian*, and yourself, and the public mind has been so much prejudiced against it that the Reservoir, usually low at this season of the year, is almost filled to overflowing. Nobody will drink it; even the dogs turn up their noses as they pass the public water-trough! Dr. Renton tells us that it is nasty, and abounds with living organisms; Mr. Jenkins attempts to frighten us further by saying that these organisms are crickets, and Mr. Collinson winds up with a story about a tail, which is wagged in a very suggestive way! This is all moonshine! The fact is, the publicans, who have been doing next to nothing lately, have put their heads together, and have succeeded in bribing the Medical Officer, the Local Board, and the Press to cry down the Consett water! The Water Company is a philanthropic body! It was stated at the Co-operative Festival on Saturday that the receipts of that institution for the past few weeks had fallen considerably, but the secret of this deficiency was only known to the directors and myself. It has been the water, dear 'Phiz,' it has been the water! It is both meat and drink, but the consumers will not believe so, because they have been told otherwise by an ignorant Doctor, an ignorant Board, and a prejudiced Press! So much for the ingratitude of man! As I have said before, the Water Company have the interests of the district at heart. They have been at great expense in providing fish, flesh, and fowl at their Reservoir on the Waskerley Fells, and judging from the hybrid specimens that are continually forcing their way through the water tap of the house in which I live, the collection must indeed be a large and very rare one. What would our French gastronomers give for a supply of water containing living transparent bodies furnished with horns, wings, a beard, and a tail! If

they knew that such a place as the Consett Water Works was in existence some of their *savants* would soon be down upon us, and the country would have another delicacy in the shape of 'tinned meats!'"

The Carribees Farm has been bought for £5,900, and I consider that Mr. Brown has got a good bargain. The land has only cost some threehalfpence a yard, and in addition to the farm buildings there is upwards of a thousand pounds worth of timber upon the farm.

A friend of mine, a member of the Co-operative Store, complains about the annoyance caused by people talking in the Reading-room attached to the Store. He says that certain of the members occasionally go into the room and have a debate, to the annoyance of those who step in to have a quiet glance at the papers. I dislike to be disturbed myself when scanning over the news of the day, and I quite sympathise with my friend. Perhaps the authorities will take the hint and provide a debating room for the individuals referred to.

The Flower Shows are upon us, and we may expect the columns of *The Guardian* to be nothing but a list of names for the next few weeks. Some people may care for this class of news, but I fancy that the majority will declare, like the old lady who read the dictionary, that it is not very interesting reading. Ebchester will have its display on Saturday, and I hope that they will have better luck than last year. Burnopfield Show is also to take place on Saturday, and the *fête* at Stanhope is announced for the same day. I understand that the Lanchester Show is to be held this year on the Village Green. Two years ago the annual display was held in Greencroft Park, but this did not suit the publicans. The show appears to be wholly under the control of the beer barrel. The "vits" refuse to subscribe if the show is not held in the village, and as the beer influence is too strong to be resisted, a show in the village became a *sine qua non*. I remember that two years ago, when the show was at Greencroft, the attendance was better than it had been for years. There is nothing to see at Lanchester, and it would be difficult to find a place less adapted for a flower show. There is no accommodation for visitors, not a bite is to be had in the place, but of course beer may be had *ad libitum*. It does not say much for the Lanchester people that they should allow themselves to be led by the nose by a few beersellers.

Tommy Hyslop, the town crier, has got his new bell. It is a splendid article, or "instrument," and has been subscribed for by the tradesmen of the town. The bell, together with a "purse of gold," was publicly presented on Tuesday evening at "The Railway Hotel," in the presence of a goodly number of Mr. Hyslop's fellow-townsmen. After the bell had been presented and suitably acknowledged by Tommy, another subscription list was opened, its object being to provide the bellman with a scarlet coat and a suitable hat. Subscriptions may be left at "The Railway Hotel," Middle Street.

The Consett Cricket Club is very unfortunate. It has been twice licked by Benfieldside and once by the Lanchester team. On Saturday a match was played at Shotley Spa Grounds, and I hear that Consett only got some forty odd in both innings, whilst Benfieldside succeeded in running up a total of 119 in the first innings. The bowling of the Benfieldside club is very effective, and requires the batsman to be on the *qui vive*. Some time ago Benfieldside sustained a great loss when Mr. Freek left the district, but they have still a capital bowler in the person of Tom Brown, who rarely gives a wide. The Consett team are lost for want of bowlers. Mr. MacLauchlan, an exceedingly swift bowler, is very uncertain, and gives as many extras as would make a decent score. The Consett Club, however, have good stuff amongst them, and with plenty of practice they will prove a formidable team against next season.

I attended the Co-operative *soiree* on Saturday and was much impressed with the respectable appearance of everybody present. There was not a single case of drunkenness. I listened to the speeches, but there was little new in them. Mr. Jenkins certainly said some good things about free trade. Mr. Siddell suggested that the Co-operators should build schools and educate their children, but as this accommodation has already been provided through another source the proposition comes too late in the day to be of any use, as far as Consett is concerned. Mr. Stapylton made a long speech, but I was tired of it before the finish, and the majority of those around seemed to share the same feeling. When the speeches commenced, the band ceased playing, and the young folk, who had been dancing and otherwise enjoying themselves, were left in the lurch, and practically the evening's enjoyment was at an end. Young people like enjoyment better than speech-making, and I hope in future years the "spouting" will be confined to reasonable limits.

Local and District News.

The anniversary services in connection with the Consett Baptist Sunday-school were celebrated on Sunday and Monday. On the latter day a public tea was held.

One day this week a live frog made its appearance through the water-tap attached to the premises occupied by Mr. Davison, furniture broker, Front Street, Consett.

TRIPLE BIRTH AT BURNHOPE COLLIERY.—A woman named Lee, the wife of a brakesman of that name, has been delivered of three children, two girls and a boy, at Burnhope Colliery. The girls have since died, but the boy is still alive. Mrs. Lee is doing well.

REDUCTION OF WAGES AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—The whole of the men employed at the Willie Pit, Annfield Plain, have received notice that their services will be no longer required after the middle of next week. The colliery belongs to Messrs. Robert Dickinson and Co., and gives employment to 110 hands. The employers allege that they have been compelled to adopt this course on account of the continued depression of trade.

The hotel robberies still go on as brisk as ever in the North of England. The money is left very often on shelves and in drawers, the proprietors' movements are watched carefully by an interested party, who seizes the first opportunity to bolt with the proceeds of a week's business. A good fire-proof safe can be bought of J. B. HALL, St. Nicholas'-square, Newcastle, for £5, which would prevent the loss of hundreds. 626g

BRISTOL MINING SCHOOL.—WHITWORTH SCHOLARSHIPS.—The first place in the list of these scholarships for the present year has been won by Mr. Henry Selby Shaw, who has been a student during the last three years in the evening classes of this school. The maximum value of these scholarships is £800, and if Mr. Shaw can retain his place during the three years the scholarship is held, this is the sum he will receive. It may be questioned whether a more valuable academical prize than this exists.

SHOTLEY GROVE SCHOOL.—This school was examined on July 8th, 1876, by J. R. Jarman, Esq., and inspected on July 19th, 1876, by A. E. Bernays, Esq. The children must have passed a very successful examination, as Mr. Collinson's certificate was returned to him a few days ago, with the following entry upon it: "The children are in good order and well taught, and their knowledge of grammar and geography is very thorough." Messrs. W. Ramsey and T. W. Powell were examined on June 24th, and well satisfied the examiner.

THE INVALID'S FRIEND.—TODD'S QUININE WINE.—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 of 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.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.—The election of seven members to constitute a School Board for the above township took place on Friday. The result is as follows:—

Rev. T. Smith, Catholic priest	916
Mr. H. Carss, assistant-overseer	806
Rev. J. Welford, Primitive Methodist minister	552
Mr. J. Annandale, paper manufacturer	281
Rev. F. B. Thompson, clergyman	245
Mr. C. Wilson, gentleman	166
Mr. Jon. Priestman, coalowner	152
Mr. J. Lax, ironmonger	151
Mr. W. Wilson, grocer	127
Mr. W. Jenkins, Consett Ironworks	103

Three Nonconformists, one Catholic, and three Churchmen are returned. The proceedings were conducted very quietly.

STANLEY WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The second anniversary of the above Sunday-school was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday last. On the former day the scholars were regaled with tea and cake to their great delight, after which a public meeting was held, Mr. J. Lumley, superintendent of the school, presiding. Addresses were given by Messrs. Robson, Cowey, and Dodgson.—On Sunday, the services were conducted by Mr. John Bell, of Consett. The children recited, in a very pleasing and masterly way, selections of scripture, catechism, dialogues, &c., and sang (assisted by the choir, under the able leadership of Mr. J. Robinson) a number of suitable hymns.—On Wednesday evening an entertainment was given in the Wesleyan Mission-room, the proceeds of which are to be applied in establishing a library for the scholars.

THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF CONSETT TO BENFIELDSIDE.

The following document from the Local Government Board has been received by Mr. Booth, clerk to the Benfieldside Local Board:—

Local Government Board, Whitehall, S.W.,
3rd August, 1876.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to state, for the information of the Local Board of Benfieldside, that the Board have received the report of their Inspector, Mr. Harrison, after the inquiry recently held by him with reference to the proposal that the two Local Government Districts should be amalgamated, or else, that a portion of one of the districts should be annexed to the other. I am to inform the Local Board that the Board have had the proposals under their consideration in connection with the report of Mr. Harrison, and that, under all the circumstances of the case, they do not at present propose to make any alteration in the existing boundaries of the two districts.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
HUGH OWEN, JUN.,
Assistant Secretary.

To John Booth, Esq., Clerk to the Local Board of Benfieldside.

FATAL FALL FROM A HORSE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Thursday evening last, Mr. John Graham, coroner, held an inquiry at Stanley, touching the death of John Gilland Hunter, surgeon. The deceased appears to have left Stanley, where he resided, on Tuesday afternoon. He was then riding a chestnut horse. After visiting several patients at Dipton and the neighbourhood he seems to have called at Catchgate, on his way home. He reached Catchgate about half-past eight, and put up his horse at the "Crown and Thistle." One of his assistants, Mr. Routledge, is stationed in this village, and Dr. Hunter and he seems to have been in each other's company at the "Crown and Thistle" until half-past ten. The deceased then left and proceeded through Annfield Plain with the intention of going home. As he passed through the village it was observed that his horse was galloping unusually fast. A few hundred yards from Annfield Plain, on the highway leading to Lanchester, stands an old gatehouse occupied by a woman named Mrs. Bellerby. Three roads meet at this place, and persons riding or driving from Annfield Plain to Stanley have to pull up abruptly and turn round the gatehouse. A few minutes before eleven o'clock Mrs. Bellerby heard a horse gallop towards her house, and on reaching the toll-bar the animal seemed to slide along the road, as if it had been pulled up too suddenly. Mrs. Bellerby was in bed at the time, and as there was no further noise she remained in the house. Shortly afterwards two young men coming up the road found the deceased lying near the gatehouse. He appeared to be insensible, and as the young men did not know him at the time they, without examining him, proceeded to Annfield Plain and got the assistance of Police-constable Reay. The latter officer at once hastened back with them, and on reaching the gatehouse, they found Dr. Hunter lying on his right side. He was then quite unconscious, and it was noticed that blood was oozing out of his left ear. The officer and the other men lifted him up and carried him towards Annfield Plain, and as they were going along the road they were overtaken by a young man named Robt. Bolam, who had found Dr. Hunter's horse a short distance from the gatehouse. Deceased had at that time partially regained consciousness, and on seeing the horse he motioned for them to take the animal home and leave him on the road. As Mr. Hunter seemed to be suffering great pain, P.C. Reay deemed it advisable to leave deceased by the side of the road whilst he obtained a conveyance. A trap was procured at Mrs. Dodds's, and the same night the deceased was taken to his home at Stanley. He was attended by Dr. Benson and other medical gentlemen, but he never rallied, and succumbed to his injuries between ten and eleven o'clock on the following morning.—The first witness examined was James Turnbull, a labourer residing at Annfield Plain, who said he was standing near Lowson's public-house on Tuesday night and saw the deceased ride through the village. The horse was then galloping as fast as it could.—A witness named Coates deposed to finding deceased on the road. Witness and a companion who was with him hastened to Annfield Plain and told P.C. Reay.—Mrs. Bellerby was called and said about eleven o'clock she was in bed and heard a horse gallop up to the gatehouse. Witness immediately afterwards heard a sliding noise on the road.—Mr. Routledge, assistant-surgeon, Catchgate, said he was with the deceased on the night of the accident. They were at the Crown and Thistle until half-past ten. All the deceased had to drink was two glasses of whiskey.—Dr. Benson also gave evidence. He had made a *post-mortem* examination and found that death had resulted from concussion of the brain, which was likely to have been caused by deceased falling on his head.—The Coroner said there was no doubt deceased, in pulling up his horse at the gatehouse, had been thrown over the animal's head.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death." The deceased leaves a widow and several children. He employed four assistants, and had an extensive practice at Stanley, Annfield Plain, Dipton, and other places in that neighbourhood, where he was very popular.

CO-OPERATIVE FESTIVAL AT CONSETT.

The thirteenth annual festival of the Consett Co-operative Society was held on Saturday last, in a field behind the Infirmary, and commanding a charming view of the Derwent Valley. According to the last balance sheet the Society has been in existence fifteen years. The number of members is said to be 1,442. A table showing each year's transactions since the commencement of the Society is published with the balance sheet, which shows that there has been a slight falling off in the business transactions of the Society during the past quarter, consequent, no doubt, on the continued depression of trade. The Society have opened out a branch shop at Castleside, and there is some talk of starting one at Allendale Cottages. The following table shows the amount of cash received for goods, the dividends paid, and the total profits in each year of the Society's existence:—

	Cash received for sales.			Dividends paid.			Total Profits.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
First Year	3,614	10	1	230	1	1	252	18	9
Second "	7,284	18	2	508	1	2	591	6	1
Third "	9,219	15	10	600	3	4	714	4	5
Fourth "	12,344	18	4	717	14	11	941	0	5
Fifth "	17,304	14	7	828	6	7	1,082	6	6
Sixth "	15,886	18	3	926	15	11	1,228	6	2
Seventh "	18,009	13	5	1,195	17	4	1,622	5	0
Eighth "	24,067	5	1	1,695	0	0	2,148	10	3
Ninth "	31,252	0	4	2,911	5	0	3,402	3	0½
Tenth "	48,668	16	9½	4,665	4	0	5,435	0	6½
Eleventh "	58,464	5	5	5,802	3	2	6,776	14	6
Twelfth "	62,587	0	0	6,073	8	9	7,362	10	2
Thirteenth	61,031	5	9	5,835	4	7	7,361	6	3
Totals..	369,736	2	0	31,989	5	10	39,129	12	1
Business done during the past Quarter..	14,493	10	2	1,400	0	0	1,840	1	7

It will be seen from the above that the total amount of cash received upon sales has been £369,736, the dividends paid to the members amount to £31,989, and the total profits realised have been nearly £40,000, which speaks volumes for the management of this great concern. The weather on Saturday was exceedingly fine, and a large attendance was the result. Tea was provided in a couple of marquees, the edibles being of a superior description. The Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band was in attendance and discoursed a choice selection of music during the afternoon and evening. The public meeting was held in the field, and was presided over by Mr. Curry, President of the Society. Dr. Rutherford was expected to speak on Co-operation, but at the last minute a telegram was received from him, announcing his inability to be present.

The speakers were Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Siddell, and Mr. Stapylton, each of whom referred to the advantages of co-operation.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the Benfieldside Local Board was held on Wednesday afternoon. Present—Messrs. James Annandale (in the chair), Carss, Charles Wilson, Wm. Wilson, Marshall, Dickinson, Smith, George Eltringham, and Henry Ritson.

LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Gas Company, stating that there was a prospect of the gas being supplied at a cheaper rate.—The Chairman said some complaints had been made about the way the lamps were lighted, and also about the insufficient number of hours burnt. He admitted that mistakes had occured in the lighting, but this was on account of the Board not having a proper almanac. (Laughter).—Mr. Eltringham suggested that "Old Moore" should be obtained. That, he said, was an infallible guide. (Renewed laughter).—Mr. Dickinson hoped the lamps would be better attended to than heretofore. Of course when there was a moon, lighting the lamps was unnecessary, but when the moon was due and it happened to be a foggy night, he thought the lamps ought to be lighted. That was a matter that could easily be arranged between the Gas Committee and the lamplighters.—Mr William Wilson said the Gas Committee always left a discretionary power in the hands of the lamplighters, but the latter were not to be relied on.—Mr. Ritson said Consett had already their lamps lighted. He passed through the district that week and found that the Consett people commenced to light the lamps at a very early hour indeed.—Mr. Charles Wilson was in favour of an extension of the hours. According to Mr. Ritson, Consett commenced to light the lamps at four o'clock, but Benfieldside could not afford to be so extravagant as that. (Laughter). He moved that the lamps be lighted forthwith, and that the lighting committee should be requested to prepare a proper scheme for lighting, and that the number of hours should be extended.—Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

THE WATER.

The Sanitary Committee of the Board had held a meeting and decided to submit a sample of the Company's water to Mr. Edgar for analysis. The matter had been left in the hands of Mr. Carss, but the latter reported that the analysis had not been made.—Mr. Smith said it was a serious matter, and Mr. Carss ought to have forwarded a sample of the water in order that Mr. Edgar's report upon it might have been laid before the meeting that day. Mr. Smith added that the condition of the water was disgraceful.—Mr. William Wilson said there was to have been a deputation of the inhabatants, but he (Mr. Wilson) had promised to bring the matter before the Board. The Company's water could not be used for drinking purposes, the Slonks was nearly dry, the Pump at Shotley Bridge was out of order, and altogether things were becoming serious. He thought the Surveyor ought to be instructed to repair the Pump.—Mr. Smith: Is it any use reparing it? It has been repeatedly put into working order, but in a few days it was as useless as ever.—Mr. Dickinson said it was a plaything for the children in the village.—Mr. Smith said he did not object to the Pump, but it was impossible to keep it in repair.—Mr. William Wilson said there was a splendid supply of water if the Pump could be made to work.—Mr. Ritson thought they would be as well without the Pump. A present it was only used by Mr. Carss.—Mr. Carss said if the Pump was removed that would not take away his public right to address meetings.—Mr. C. Wilson: What causes the Pump to break down?—Mr. Carss: It does not break down; it simply loses its priming.—The Inspector (Mr. Osborne) said the pump had never been of any service to the village and he was afraid it never would.—Mr. Eltringham said a trough and drinking fountain were as much needed at Blackhill as they were at Shotley Bridge. He thought that a hydrant and trough ought to be provided in the neighbourhood of Gradon's Corner.—Mr. Smith, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Ritson also spoke in favour of Mr. Eltringham's suggestion.—It was eventually decided that the Pump should be repaired, and the Surveyor was also instructed to procure a drinking ladle for The Slonks well. The Sanitary Committee were instructed to look for a suitable site for the erection of a hydrant and trough at Blackhill.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF THE BYE-LAWS.

The Surveyor (Mr. Heslop) reported that Mr. W. Turner had connected his stable drain to the main sewer in Dixon Street without giving notice. The Surveyor added that he considered the Board ought to put a stop to such wilful infringements of the bye-laws.—It was stated that after laying his drain Mr. Turner had filled in the metal and left the clay uppermost.—Mr. Carss said he had seen the place, and the road was left in a disgraceful state.—As Mr. Turner had previously infringed the bye-laws by erecting a stable without the authority of the Board, it was decided to summons him before the magistrates.

WEEKDAY RAMBLES.

SHOTLEY FIELD.

A stiff hill, a broiling sun, a constant succession of irritating dust clouds, and no umbrella complete the catalogue of human ills. Here am I, only half way from Shotley to Greenhead, and perspiring already, with my hat in one hand and my handkerchief in the other. What a plague this dust is! It sweeps and eddys along the road, dashing against my face, darting into my ears and nostrils, and causing my eyes to smart and water at every step. Had I a trusty companion, like the renowned Rozinante of the valorous Don Quixote, or the equally famous Dapple of the faithful Sancho Panza, I would throw all fears of stiff joints and blisters to the winds, and cover a hill like this in the commonest of canters. What marvellous adventures we would meet with, what terrific dangers we would encounter! As it is, however, we better rest contented with a steady three miles an hour, and trust to Providence for an extra supply of wind.

The autumn tints are already beginning to show themselves in the valley. Stray leaves are falling, sere and yellow, like over-ripe pears to the ground. Every hot gust that sweeps through the branching park trees carries its symbols of decay along with it. The foliage is fresher and greener where the leaves are more exposed. Around Snods Edge Church I scarcely see a withered leaf. We do not miss them. The grassy mounds and sheltered head stones speak more eloquently to the mind, and read their never failing lesson of mortalitity and decay.

Turning to the right, we pass a sheltered and secluded school house by the road side, from which the hum of childish voices arises in mingled cadence. Suddenly the door bursts open, and out the happy children troop into the sunshine, scampering over the trodden grass plot on the dusty road. The tedious restraint of school hours is soon forgotten. Slates and copy-books are thrown to the winds, and caps and satchels are tossed up into the air. Look at this rosy-cheeked youth. Five minutes ago he was standing in the corner, finger in mouth, the perfect emblem of stubborness and stupidity. Now he is all life and action, pitching the quoit, or tossing the ball with youthful ardour and importance. A big, raw-boned lad of thirteen seems to be master of the revels. He exercises supreme control, and is scarcely less feared than the master himself. At present he is drubbing a little boy whose sums were unfortunately better done then his own, and who is glad to escape, in the long run, by relinguishing half of his dinner. Whatever disputes may arise over marbles, or "kick the brick," or other juvenile pastimes, are instantly referred to him, and woe betide the unlucky urchin who dares to question his decision. Here is another; a pale-faced, timid, bare-footed little boy. He does not join in the sports, but leans his head on his hands! He has some sorrow of his own, whatever it is. Perhaps the merry shouts and laughter of his companions may grate harshly upon his ear. His own limbs may be weak and effortless. It is barely noon, and he is weary and jaded already. Perhaps he is thinking of the happy homes of other boys, and the motherly welcome that greets them when school hours are over. But play time is no release to him; and as his mind wanders to the wretched hovel he calls his home, his little heart throbs with inexpressible bitterness, and his eyes dim over with tears at the thought of his own loneliness and misery. He knows it is unjust, but he is so weak; what can he do? He cannot understand the cruel difference between other children and the pauper boy.

A tiny brood of goslings strutting in Indian file up the ascent betokens our near approach to a farm yard, and at the foot of a steep bank we find it, with a shallow streamlet prattling merrily past. Close at hand a cosy Flour Mill is sungly perched at the bank side. It is noon day, and the noisy clank of belts and wheels has ceased for a time. An empty waggon stands before the door, and over the lower half the miller leans, the perfect picture of health and contentment. It must have been in a spot like this that Tennyson saw his Miller's Daughter. Here is the very bridge over which he

"leaned to hear
"The milldam rushing down with noise,
"And see the minnows everywhere
"In crystal eddies glance and poise,
"The tall flag-flowers when thy sprung
"Below the range of stepping stones,
"Or those three chestnuts near, that hung
"In masses thick with milky cones."

There are the mosses in the stream, and I can almost fancy the "long green box of mignonette" on the casement edge.

"I loved the brimming wave that swam
"Through quiet meadows round the mill,
"The sleepy pool above the dam,
"The pool beneath it never still,
"The meal sacks on the whitened floor,
"The dark round of the dripping wheel,
"The very air above the door
"Made misty with the floating meal."

What picture could be painted in truer colours than that? It is taken to the life.

On enquiring for the village, I am told by a pleasant and intelligent young man that is is close at hand. He knows all the country side, and will most happily give me any information. If I will wait a few minutes, he will accompany me. I am charmed by his frank and engaging manner, and most readily agree.

I am soon joined by my agreeable companion, and we strike up the opposite bank together into the little village of Shotley Field. What an air of repose and security there is about it! Everything is sober and quiet. It has long given up hope of extension or renown, and has settled down into rustic security with sedateness and content. Not a soul is seen in the road; not a dog to snarl, nor a hind to stare to keep up the proverbial curiosity of all such out-of-the-world places. There are a Baptist Chapel; two or three detached cottages, with pretty, well trimmed gardens in front; and a shop. Village shops are generally somewhat versatile in their dealings, and this one is no exception to the rule. Pins, trimmings, tobacco, crockery, groceries, postage stamps,—anything can be dispensed here,—to the neighbouring small-boys a perfect Aladdin's cave of delight.

There is little, my guide tells me, to interest a stranger here, but if I choose to walk to the top of the hill, I may see the old Church which will repay my trouble. As he professes himself ready to accompany me, we start at a brisk pace, and soon leave the village on the slope below us. After half an hour's sharp walking we reach the brow of the hill, and there, a couple of fields or so to the left, stands the old Church. We soon reach it, and clamber over the loose stone wall into the Churchyard. What a picture of neglect, and ruin, and disorder meets our view! The feeling of veneration which insensibly creeps over us on such occasions instantly gives way in our mind to indignation and disgust. Nettles, and coarse grass, and strong rank weeds are sprawling over the ground, choking up the walks, and almost hiding the moss-covered stones and weather-beaten tablets from our view. Shattered tomb and stones and heaps of rubbish are lying here and there upon the grass. We trace with difficulty the inscriptions, and long for some venerable Old Mortality to retrace them with his friendly chisel. Inside the Church a similar scene of desolation is presented. Little of the roof remains. The central arch is rapidly giving way, and splintered beams hang rotting from the walls. The floor is knee deep in mortar and broken slabs and rubbish. Not a vestige of the altar remains, but we see the mark where the pulpit must have been, and can trace the remnants of ornamental plastering on the stone. We next explore the vestry, and so between the dismantled walls again into the open. We find at one side what seems to have been a stable, probably for the convenience of distant church goers. At the end of it we come across a marvellous looking vehicle, which, after close inspection, my guide pronounces to be the Pauper Hearse. Pity the poor wretch doomed to be entrusted to its rickety keeping! At the other side a more imposing structure attracts our attention. It is a mausoleum, square in shape, and embellished by numerous figures in stone. The carving is rich and ornamental, but there is no inscription on any part of it to account for its existence. It seems equally uncared for with the Church, and is rapidly going to pieces.

And this is consecrated ground! Consecrated to neglect, and ruin, and desolation! We hear of the affection and veneration which are lavished by cultured men upon early places of worship; of the interest which centres in them, and the care and pious pains that are taken to prevent their demolition. Surely it cannot be the case! Here is a Church associated in the minds of the older peasantry with solemn services and earnest prayer:—here is a Churchyard where the dead of the neighbouring tenantry have been laid for three generations, studded with quaint inscriptions and curious epitaphs; and yet, although within easy reach of oversight and repair, it is allowed to lie and rot and decay as if it were a common outhouse. Does not this speak volumes for the taste and affectionate care of the possessors? How ennobling must be their thoughts; how divinely directed their enthusiasm; how they must love and venerate the memories of their ancestors, ere they could pay such marvellous respect and honour to their bones!

Having delivered ourselves of our pious indignation, we find liesure to gaze on the prospect around. What a magnificent view! That splendid mansion at our feet is Minsteracres, the seat of the Silvertops. To the north the Tynedale hills stretch away into the distance, shutting in a wide undulating plain of cultivated land; and further still, and dimly seen, the cheviot summits rise, till they sink and swell with the gloomy cloud banks gathering on the horizon. To the south and east the valley of the Derwent lies at our feet, stretching far away towards the German ocean, where yellow fields glitter with the promise of a rich and golden harvest.

But the day is speeding fast away, and we are six good miles from home. We face them leisurely, past Unthank and Aireyholme, and through the meadows to Shotley Field, where we part with our engaging companion, and so homeward, sobered by reflection, and refreshed and brightened by the bracing upland air.

P.S.—The following Epitaph on a Blacksmith, to be met with in the Churchyard, may interest some of your readers. Similar epitaphs have been found in various parts of the country, but none worded exactly like this.

My anvil and hammer lie declined,
My bellows have quite lost their wind,
My fire's extinct, my forge decayed,
My vice is in the dust all laid,
My coals is spent, my iron gone,
My nails are drove, my work is done,
My mortal part rests nigh this stone,
My soul to Heaven I hope is gone.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COUNTY COURT.

MONDAY, August 14.—Before E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

ROBINSON *v.* FORSTER.—Plaintiff in this case resides at Mountsett. On the 20th May last, The Hobson Sports were held, and amongst the prizes offered was one for a steeplechase for horses. A mare was entered in the plaintiff's name, and won the race, but at the finish she was objected to on the ground that she had not previously run in harness, and as the defendant, who was said to have acted as judge and starter, refused to award the stakes to plaintiff, the present action was brought. Mr. Dickinson appeared for plaintiff, and on the latter being called he said the mare was entered for the race in his name. She did not belong to him, however, her owner being Mr. Robert Cole, of Consett. He had seen the mare in harness once. Plaintiff was bringing the action, but the money, if recovered, would go to Mr. Cole.—His Honour said the action had been brought by the wrong party. If Mr. Cole was the owner, he was the proper party to sue.—Plaintiff was then non-suited.

LAMB AND ANOTHER *v.* O'NEIL.—This was an action to recover for damage alleged to have been done to plaintiff's property by certain alterations carried out by the defendant O'Neil. Mr. Barnes appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendant is the owner of property adjoining that belonging to the plaintiff. He seems to have excavated the ground near plaintiff's property, causing the foundation to give way and the wall to crack. Amongst the witnesses examined was Mr. Smith, architect, Shotley Bridge, who said 20s. or 30s. was the extent of the damage to the pantry.—His Honour gave a verdict for a pound with costs.—There was another action against the defendant for trespass by putting in a drain, the plaintiffs being Messrs. Dickinson and Co. It was stated that the defendant had entered the plaintiffs' premises without leave and put down a drain. He was ordered to pay 1s. damages and costs.

SERIOUS DISTURBANCE AMONGST IRISHMEN AT HEDLEY HOPE.

On Thursday, the Lanchester magistrates (Messrs. H. Smith, chairman, J. Clavering, F. Greenwell, and the Rev. J. P. De Pledge) were engaged upwards of four hours in hearing a charge of assault preferred against a number of Irishmen. The defendants were John McLaren, William Lamb, James Lamb, Daniel McPherson, Robert McKittrick, and William Montgomery, who were charged with assaulting Patrick Joicey, Patrick Mulhatton, Thos. Joicey, and Thomas Murphy. The complainants also charged a man named James Lougherty with assault, but Lougherty had been taken to the Infirmary, and consequently could not be placed in the dock. Mr. Maw, of Bishop Auckland, prosecuted; the defendants were represented by Mr. Wallace, of Newcastle. It appeared that on Friday evening last Patrick Joicey and the other complainants and several other men were drinking beer in a plantation near Hunter's public-house at Hedley Hope, when the defendant McLaren, who was accompanied by the other defendants, went up to them and challenged any of those present to fight him. Thomas Joicey, son of Patrick Joicey, went up the wood for the purpose of fighting McLaren, and on going into a field, where the encounter was to take place, the complainants were set upon by the defendants, who were armed with morgan rattlers, which they used upon the heads of the complainants. Murphy, a mason, had just returned from work, and he defended himself with his trowel. He succeeded in reaching Hunter's public-house, whither he was followed by the defendants, who threatened to kill the landlord if he did not turn Murphy out. The landlord accordingly turned Murphy out at the back door. He attempted to make his escape by jumping a gate, but he was tripped up, and as he attempted to rise again McKittrick ran forward and kicked him. McLaren also kicked him as he lay on the ground, and the other defendants followed suit. Murphy was afterwards picked up and taken home, and attended by Drs. Norman and Stevenson the same evening. He was in a very exhausted condition, there being no fewer than thirteen wounds on his head, besides other cuts and bruises upon his hands and body. The man Lougherty seems to have been seriously injured during the affray, it being necessary to remove him to the Infirmary at Lanchester. For the defence, it was contended by Mr. Wallace that the injuries received by the complainants were the result of a faction fight.—McLaren, who appeared to have acted as ringleader, William Lamb, James Lamb, and Robt. McKittrick were found guilty of assaulting Murphy and sent to Durham Gaol for two months, and also ordered to pay the costs, with the alternative of an additional fourteen days. McPherson and Montgomery were discharged. For the assault on Patrick Joicey, Wm. Lamb, McLaren, and Montgomery were sent to prison for one month, and for the assault on Thos. Joicey and Mulhatton, three of the defendants were fined 20s. and costs.

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LONDON, 16th January, 1875.

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A. R. JENKINS

BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL, 6th January, 1875.

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Yours truly,
T. BURSTON.

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

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Rowley	"	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction	"	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law	"	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook	arr.	7·35	2·15	5.15
	dep.	7·38	2·25	5·25
Bishop Auckland	"	8·5	2·55	5·55
Darlington		8·55	3·35	6·35
Stockton	"	9·25	4·5	7·15
Middlesbro'	"	9·35	4·15	7·30
Saltburn	"	10·10	4·50	8·7

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn	dep.	5·45	11·10	4·30
Middlesbro'	"	6·22	11·45	5·5
Stockton	"	6·34	11·55	5·15
Darlington	"	7·15	12·30	5·55
Bishop Auckland	"	7·48	1·15	6·25
Crook	arr.	8·12	1·40	6·45
	dep.	8·15	2·20	6·48
Tow Law	"	8·27	2·32	7·0
Burnhill Junction	"	8·42	2·45	7·15
Rowley	"	8·52	2·55	7·25
Benfieldside	arr.	9·5	3·5	9·25
Newcastle	arr.	10·0	4·52	9·40

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STATIONS.		1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G	1,2,G.	1,2,G
		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	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		4·42	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

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		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	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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Scotswood		7·17	4·9	5·32	7·37
Swalwell	"	7·24	4·15	5·39	7·44
Rowland's Gill	"	7·34	4·25	5·49	8·55
Lintz Green	"	7·40	4·20	5·55	8·2
Ebchester		7·53	4·42	6·8	8·16
Shotley Bridge		7·59	4·47	6·14	8·22
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·5	4·56	6·20	8·30
	dep.	9·20	5·10		
Knitsley		9·32	5·22		
Lanchester		9·41	5·31		
Witton Gilbert		9·52	5·44		
Durham	arr.	10·5	5·55		

STATIONS.		A.M.		P.M.
Durham	dep.			4·0
Witton Gilbert	"	8·5		4·12
Lanchester	"	8·18		4·25
Knitsley	"	8·30		4·37
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·45		4·48
	dep.	8·50		5·30
Shotley Bridge	"	8·55		5·35
Ebchester	"	8·59		5·39
Lintz Green	"	9·9	12·39	5·49
Rowland's Gill	"	9·15	12·44	5·55
Swalwell	"	9·22	12·52	6·2
Scotswood	"	9·29	12·59	6·9
Newcastle	arr.	9·40	1.10	6 20

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LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
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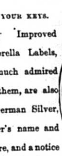
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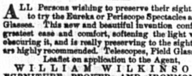
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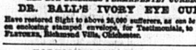
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SHOW AT WHICKHAM.

The annual show of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society was held at Whickham, on Wednesday, and was a decided success. The ample accommodation given by the large field granted by Mr. Williamson, the excellence of the general facilities, and the large attendance at this the first agricultural show ever held at Whickham, justified the committee in their choice. The arrangements were admirable, and were carried out under the superintendence of Mr. T. Bell, of Healey Hall, while the unremitting and courteous attention of the joint secretaries, Messrs. John Richards and George Ridley, was a main cause of the general satisfaction given by the exhibition. The Society has since its establishment annually increased the amount of its premiums, and this year the total value (including money and plate, of which there were thirty pieces) was £408. The number of entries, 521, was about fifty fewer than those at the Birtley show last year, the falling off being in horses and dogs, but the quality of the stock was fully equal to that of any other show of the Society. The cattle were particularly strong in numbers and quality. In the class for aged bulls, undoubtedly the best in the section of shorthorns, there were no less than eight animals entered, and all came before the judges. The first prize was given to a white (only two years and four months old), the property of Mr. John Vickers, Mown Meadows, Crook. The second prize "Ben Brace" (entered by the executors of the late Mr. G. Angus, Stocksfield), an animal of good substance and style, was preferred by many, and it obtained a first prize in another class. There were only two animals shown in the two-year-old bull class. A fine roan, "King Whiff" (belonging to Mr. T. Reed, Hollinside), which competed but without obtaining an honour in the aged class, and which also took the third prize as a breeding animal in another class, was awarded the first ticket. The other two-year old was the property of Mr. Wm. Tweddell, Dunston Hill East Farm. There were only three one-year-old bulls. A roan belonging to Mr. C. Wilson, Shotley Park, Shotley Bridge, and "Northern Crusader," the property of Lord Ravensworth, being the winners. The bull calves, of which four out of six appeared, were a promising lot, but the judges had little difficulty in deciding upon their merits. There were eight cows entered, all of which were on the ground. They were a useful lot, though there was an absence of an animal of striking superiority. There were only three two-year-old heifers shewn. The one-year-olds were, however, a more numerous class. There were three heifer calves, all in good condition. For the prizes offered for breeding animals of any sex or age ten were shown, all, with one exception, competing in other classes. The decision of the judges in giving the first prize (a five guinea piece of plate) to "Ben Brace" (entered by the executors of the late Mr. Angus), the winner of the second prize in the aged bull class was protested against, on the ground that the animal was sent from beyond the district. The dairy cows were a good serviceable class; and the Alderneys, of which there were half-a-dozen, showed well. There were about fifty sheep shown, several fine specimens being amongst them. A protest was lodged against the second prize being awarded in the class of pens of three gimmer lambs to Mr. Thos. White, Hedley West Riding, Stocksfield, for the reason (as was alleged) that they were not the property of the owner. Amongst the horses (of which there were 117 entries) were some splendid animals. The brood mares, with foal at foot, for agricultural purposes, of which twenty were entered, were a superior class. Mr. Spraggon's prize winner was defeated and placed second, by "Bloom," the property of Messrs. John Joicey, and Co., Bushblades Farm, Lintz Green. There was a very creditable show of mares and geldings for agricultural purposes. In the class for two-year-old geldings or fillies, a bay filly (owned by Mr. W. Howdon, Chester-le-Street), which has been a frequent winner, got the premier place, a filly belonging to Mr. W. Love, Lanchester House, being a good second. The show of horses for the field and road was an admirable one. Mr. Spraggon, of Nafferton, obtained the first prize in the class of breed mares. A fine chestnut, "The Arrow" (owned by Mr. Annett, Ulgham Manor, Morpeth), carried the first honour in the hunter mare or gelding class, a brown gelding of Mr. C. Rayne's Lipwood House, Haydon Bridge, being a close second. In the cob or pony class, the first place was obtained by Mrs. T. B. Graham's (Cowsland, Hylton Castle) "Nimrod," an active grey, which was excluded on account of height at the Newcastle Horse and Dog Show. An objection was made on the same ground by the owner of the winner of the second prize, Mr. Trotter, of South Acomb, and, singularly enough, Mr. Trotter's bay was also protested against by Mr. Attwatter. A protest was also lodged against the award of the judge in giving the first prize to Mr. Hugh Stephenson's (Walbottle Dene House) "Kate" in the class of ponies not exceeding 13 hands. The leaping took place towards the close of the exhibition, and was witnessed by many spectators. Among the dogs (180 entries) there were several celebrated prize-winners. Although there were two or three nice-looking shepherds' dogs, the animals in that class were, as a whole, rather indifferent. Mr. Pallister's "Sultan," which won numerous prizes in the North of England during this and last year, gained the first honour easily amongst the mastiffs. Mr. Renton's second is also a very fine animal, and took precedence of Mr. Furness's (Lefroy Street, Newcastle) "Meg," which is the winner of several second prizes. In both the pointer dog and pointer bitch class there were two or three well-known winner of prizes all over England. Several black and tan setters were exhibited by Mr. R. Anderson, Beamish, and Mr. Shorthose, Forth House, Newcastle. Both these gentlemen took first and second prizes in the pointer classes. There was a close competition between two animals of Mr. Shorthose and two of Major Cowen's in the class of setter bitches other than black and tan. Ultimately the judges gave an equal first to "Bess 2" and "Nel," and placed Mr. Shorthose's other bitch (Nelly) second, while Major Cowen's "Lilly" obtained v h c. The judges had great difficulty with this class. The first and second prizes in the black retriever dog or bitch class came to Mr. Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Durham. The first prize Clumber spaniel dog is a magnificent animal. The other two shown as Clumbers were pronounced water spaniels. A pretty sporting spaniel, "Spring" (owned by Mr. Shorthose), took first prize in its class. The prizes for fox terriers were gained by those which have recently won everywhere. The Blue Bedlingtons formed a very good show. Mr. Pickett's celebrated "Tyneside," first prize taker, was here placed second to "Fiz," a two-year old, owned by Mr. Thomas Stoddart, Blaydon. The decision gave rise to no little surprise and complaint. In the Blue and Tan Bedlington class, there was only Mr. Pickett's "Tyneside Lad," which got the 30s. prize, and also Mr. Caris's special prize. The "any other colour" Bedlingtons were a small but very good lot. In the poultry department, there were one or two very good pens of Brahma pouters, and some particularly fine cochin chinas were shown by Mr. John Procter, of Durham. There were four excellent pens of black Spanish, and one or two very fair lots of Rouen ducks. Half-a-dozen implement stands were on the show ground, amongst them being two fine implements shown by the executors of the late Mr. J. E. Colegrave, St. Martin's Court, Newcastle, to one of which a first prize was awarded. Mr. John Gregory, Westoe, South Shields, was awarded second prize for one of his machines. Messrs. Reid and Sons whose splendid display of silver plate attracted so much attention at Berwick, here showed a large assortment of plate prizes awarded at this show. In addition to the selected prizes, Messrs. Reid had a large number of articles of plate, from amongst which the winner of a plate prize could choose one of equal value, in preference to that set apart for him. A luncheon (at which Mr. R. 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Bood mares for the field, with a foal at foot, or in foal at the time of show—1st, a piece of plate, value £5 5s, Mr Benjamin Spraggon, Nafferton; 2nd, £2, Mr Wm. Hedley, Craghead, Alice.

Hunter mare or gelding, equal to carry 12 stones—1st, a piece of plate, value £10 10s, Mr Jacob W. Annett, Morpeth, The Arrow; 2nd, £3 3s, Mr. C. G. Rayne, Haydon Bridge, Ghost; c, Mr Robt. Clark, Lintz Green House, Heather.

Hackneys, suitable for a lady—1st, the ladies' subscription cup, value £7 7s, Mr. Robert Clark, Lintz Green House, Bessemer; 2nd, £4 3s, Mr William M. Renton, M.D., Shotley Bridge, Lady Tattersall.

Hackney mare or gelding—1st, a piece of plate, presented by the inhabitants of Whickham, value £7 7s, Mr John Allison, Hamsterley Mill, Lintz Green; 2nd, £3 3s, Mr John Womack, Beamish; c, Mr John Joseph Hunter, The Grange, Whickham.

Cob or pony, not exceeding 14 hands high—1st, a piece of plate, presented by Sir Henry Clavering, Bart., value £5 5s, Mrs T. B. Graham, Cowstand, Hylton Castle, Nimrod; 2nd, £2 2s, Mr William Trotter, South Acomb, Lucy; c, Mr William Watson, Barn Well, St. John's Chapel, Noble.

Ponies, not exceeding 13 hands—1st, a piece of plate, value £5 5s, presented by Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Mr Hugh Stephenson, Walbottle Dene House, Newcastle, Kate; 2nd, Mr John Graham, Whickham, Bob; h c, Mr Archibald M'Intyre, Whickham.

Single harness horses, of either sex—1st, a piece of plate, value £5 5s, presented by Sir Henry Clavering, Bart., Mrs Agnes Brown, Whickham House, Gipsey; 2nd, £2 2s, Mr S. W. Rayne, Haydon Bridge, Gipsey; c, Mr John Humble, West Pelton.

Mare or gelding that leaps the fences best to the satisfaction of the judges—1st, a piece of plate, value £10 10s, Mr George Spraggon, Nafferton; 2nd, £3 3s, Mr R. T. Scott, Rainton Mill, Fence Houses; h c, Mr Thomas Cawthorn, Hobson Hotel; c, Mr Farrel Simpson, Pelton, Coonghul.

Colts or fillies for the field, one year old—1st, a piece of plate, value £4 4, Mr. William Brown, Whickham House, The Pet.

DONKEYS.

Mare or gelding—1st, £1, Master John Tully, Glenbroke, Lamesley; 2nd, 10, Master J. W. Ayre, Dipton; c, Mr Thomas Bell, Marley Hill, Punch; Mr Matthew Ridley, Snows Green.

SWINE.

Boars of any baeed—1st, £3 3s, and 2nd, £1 10s, Mr Francis Jackson, Pit Hill.

Sows of any breed, with a litter of sucking pigs—1st, £3 3s, presented by the inhabitants of Whickham, Mr John Enny, Winlaton; 2nd, £1 10s, Mr F. Jackson, Pit Hill; 3rd, Mr Thomas Ramsay, Lintz Green; c, Mr J. Ismay, Whickham.

Sow of any breed, in pig—1st, £3 3s, and 2nd, £1 10s, Mr F. Jackson, Pit Hill; h c, Mr J. Ismay, Whickham; c, Mr Wm. E. Miller, Whickham.

Fat pigs, under 14 months old, the property of a cottager—1st, £3, Mr Thomas Rodham, Shield Row; 2nd, £2, Mr John Parkins, Rowland's Gill.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER.

Two pounds of fresh butter, in half-pound prints—1st, £1 10s, presented by the ladies of Whickham, Mr R. H. Huntley, Lintz Green; 2nd, £1, Mrs Tweddell, Whickham; h c, Miss Dolphin, Esh; c, Mr Jos. Fothergill, Whickham Park.

Two pounds of fresh butter, in artistically displayed devices—1st, £1 10s, Mrs Ramsay, Lintz Green; 2nd, £1, Mr R. Shotton, Sunniside.

EGGS.

A basket of not less than 12 eggs—1st, 5s, Mr R. H. Huntley, Lintz Green; 2nd, 2s 6d, Miss Howdon, Pockerley.

POULTRY.

Guinea fowls—1st, 15s, Mr Matthew Reed, Beamish Burn; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Matthew Adamson, Burnopfield.

Turkey cock and hen—1st, 15s, Miss Dolphin, Esh; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Adamson.

Gander and goose—1st, 15s, Mr Anthony Hutchinson, Lamesley; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mrs Ramsay, Lintz Green; c, Miss Dolphin, Esh; Miss Ann Anderson, Wallish Walls.

Rouen drake and duck—1st, 15s, Mr Jacob Rowell. Clough Dene; 2nd, 7s 6d, and h c, Mr W. Swan, West Sleekburn.

Aylesbury drake and duck—1st, 15s, Mrs Kirkup, Pelton House.

Dorking cock and hen—1st, Mr Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Durham; 2nd, Mr Nathaniel Clark, Beamish Park; c, Mr P. D. Henderson, Crookgate; and Mr Matthew Reed, Beamish Burn.

Brahma-Pootra cock and hen—1st, 15s, and 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Robert Shield, Swalwell; c, Mr Jacob Rowell, Clough Dene.

Cochin China cock and hen—1st, 15s, and 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Proctor, Durham; c, Mrs Ramsay, Lintz Green; and Mr Henderson, Crookgate.

Black Spanish cock and hen—1st, 15s. and 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Robert Shield, Swalwell.

Game cock and hen—1st, 15s, Mr Pearson Sharp, Marley Hill; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr William Swann, West Sleekburn.

Bantam cock and hen—1st, Mr William Swann, West Sleekburn; 2nd, Mr Jacob Rowell, Clough Dene; c, Mr Robert Shield, Swalwell.

Cock and hen, of any other breed—1st, 15s, Mr Chris. Moorhouse, Marley Hill; 2nd, 7s 6d, Mr Wm. Swann, West Sleekburn; h c, Mr William Maddison, Marley Hill; c, Mr John Irwin, Crookgate.

DOGS.

Rough-haired shepherds' dogs—1st, £2, Mr James Smith, Whitehill Furnace, Chester-le-Street, Moss; 2nd, £1, Mr John Shorthose, Forth House, Newcastle, Moss; h c, Mr R. Rutter, Winlaton, Sweep; and Mr. Thomas H. Browell, Hole Row Farm, Blackhill.

Rough-haired shepherds' dogs—1st, £1 1s, presented by Mr Ralph Atkinson, Mr D. P. Henderson, Crookgate, Hemp; c, Mr Tristram Laws, Old Axwell, Whickham, Cheviot.

Rough-haired shepherds' bitches—no 1st awarded; 2nd, £1, Mr. Cuthbert Richardson, New Ridley, Stocksfield, Meg.

Smooth-haired shepherds' dogs—1st, £2, Mr George Ridley, Causey Inn, Marley Hill, Swift; and Mr Robt. Cockburn, Stanton, Hall, Morpeth, Willie; 2nd, £1, Mr Samuel Dotchin, Low Teams, Gateshead, Cappy; h c, Mr A. Hutchinson, Birk Heads, Gateshead, Tweed.

Smooth-haired shepherds' dog or bitch—1st, £1 1s, presented by Mr Jonathan Atkinson, Mr John Wilkinson, Whickham.

Mastiff dog or bitch—1st, £2, Mr John Pallister, Harras Bank Foot, Birtley, Sultan; 2nd, £1, Mr George Renton, M.D., Shotley Bridge, Molly Bawn; h c, Mr John Robert Furness, 8, Lefroy Street, Newcastle, Meg.

Pointer dogs—1st, £2, Mr W. Summerson, Haughton-le-Skerne, Darlington, Shot; 2nd, £1, Mr G. H. Proctor, 8, Market Place, Durham, Don; and Mr John Shorthose, Forth House, Newcastle. Bob, equal; h c, Mr J. Shorthose, Chance; and Mr. John Calvert, Consett, Dash.

Pointer bitches—1st, £2, Mr J. Shorthose, Forth House, Newcastle, Ruby; 2nd, £1, Mr Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Durham, Flora; h c, Mr John Lee, Barlow Fell, Blaydon, Juno.

Black and tan setter dog or bitch—1st, £2, and 2nd, £1, Mr. Ralph Anderson, Beamish, Bob and Ben; h c, Mr Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Durham, Jess; Mr G. Renton, M.D., Shotley Bridge, Helce.

Setter dogs, other than black and tan—1st, £2, Mr J. Shorthose, Forth House, Newcastle, Charlie; 2nd, £1, Mr Ralph Anderson, Beamish, Sam.

Setter bitches, other than black and tan—1st, £2, Mr J. Shorthose, Newcastle, Nel, and Major John A. Cowen, Blaydon Burn, Bess II.; 2nd, £1, Mr John Shorthose, Nelly; v h c, Major John A. Cowen, Lilly.

Black retriever dog or bitch—1st, £2, and 2nd £1, Mr Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Truth and Flora; v h c, Mr Thos. Kirkup, Eltringham Street, Blackhill, Rose.

Clumber dog or spaniel, prizes presented by a sportsman—1st, £1, Mr Robert Davidson, Minories, Jesmond, Chip (no second).

Sporting spaniel dog or bitch, any other variety—1st, £1, Mr John Shorthose, Newcastle, Spring; 2nd, 10s, Mr Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Meg.

Greyhound dogs, an extra prize of £2 2s, presented by Robert M. Pearson, Esq., to the best greyhound dog or bitch—1st, £2 and extra prize, Mr J. G. Dixon, Morpeth, Dreaded Falcon; 2nd, £1, Mr Joseph Robson, Blaydon, Sinbad; h c, Mr Thomas Wanless, Swalwell, Master Wallace, Mr Jonas Baxter, Princess Street, Newcastle.

Greyhound bitches—1st, £2, Mr R. Wales, Blaydon, Winsome Mary; 2nd, £1, Mr Lancelot Jobling, Swalwell, Lance's Fanny; h c, Mr Francis Mills, Blaydon, Lady of the Lake.

Fox terrier dogs—1st, £2, Mr G. H. Proctor, Durham, Rebel; 2nd, £1, Mr G. H. Proctor, Jester; h c, Mr Herbert Geipel, Gateshead Fell, Rake; h c, Mr John Siddle, Oak's Hill, Chester-le-Street, Twig.

Fox terrier bitches—1st, £2, Mr G. H. Proctor, Durham, Patch; 2nd, £1, Mr G. H. Proctor, Durham, and Mr Joseph Turner, Blaydon, Jenny, equal; h c, Mr Matthew Adamson, Burnopfield, Vena; Mr Matthew Bennett, Winlaton, Patch.

Fox terrier dog or bitch, open to the parish of Whickham only—1st, £1 1s, presented by Mr Thomas Ismay, Mr Thomas Nichol, Byermoor, Lintz Green (10s. only awarded).

Black and tan terrier dog or bitch—1st, Mr Tom B. Swinburn, Darlington, Victoria; 2nd, 10s, Mr James Pringle, 79, Brunnel Terrace, Newcastle, Beauty; h c, Mr. Jonas Baxter, 11, Princess Street, Newcastle.

Blue Bedlington terrier dog or bitch—1st, £1 10s, Mr Thomas Stoddart, Blaydon, Fiz; 2nd, 15s, Mr Thomas J. Pickett, 11, Market Street, Newcastle, Tynedale; 3rd, 7s 6d, Mr Thomas Stoddart, Blaydon, Fearless; and the Newcastle and Gateshead Bedlington Terrier Club, 171, Gloucester Road, Newcastle, Tyneside 2nd, equal; h c, The Newcastle and Gateshead Bedlington Terrier Club, Tydedale, and Mr William Brown, 5, Nelson Street, Gateshead, Boxer.

Blue and tan Bedlington terrier dog or bitch—1st, £1 10s, and piece of plate, value £1 5s, presented by John D. Caris, Esq, to the best Bedlington dog or bitch, Mr Thomas J. Pickett, Newcastle, Tyneside Lad.

Bedlington terrier dog or bitch, any other colour—1st, £1 13s, The Newcastle and Gateshead Bedlington Terrier Club, Newcastle, Nailer; 2nd, 15s, Mr Batty, Seghil, Mat; 3rd, 7s 6d, the Newcastle and Gateshead Bedlington Terrier Club, Jess; h c, Mr Batty, Young Topsey.

Bull terrier dog or bitch—1st, Mr Thomas J. Pickett, Newcastle, Wallace.

Terrier dog or bitch, of any other variety not classed—Mr George Ridley Causey Inn, Marley Hill, Charlie; Mr Henry Marshall, Chester-le-Street, Jack; Mr Wm. Curry, West Stanley, all equal, awarded 10s each.

Dog or bitch, of any other variety, over 30lbs weight—1st. £2, Major John A. Cowen, Blaydon Burn, Blaydon, Dipton.

Dog or bitch of any other variety, under 30lbs weight—1st, £2, Mr Thomas J. Pickett, Newcastle, Trent; 2nd, Mr Ormston, Gateshead, Boz, and Mr Geo. Reay, Gateshead, equal; h c, Mr Thomas Forster, Dunston, Bella; Mr Ormston Gateshead, Karl and Flo; Mr M. Gilhespie, Gateshead.

Setter puppies, under nine months old, a sweepstake of 5s each—1st, Mr Henry H. Cochrane, Eshwood Hall, Durham.

Pointer puppies, under nine months old, a sweepstakes of 5s each—1st, Mr Robert Baker, Burnopfield; 2nd, Mr John A. Hunter, The Grange, Whickham, Nell; h c, Mr John Joseph Hunter, The Grange, Whickham, Bess.

Any other variety of puppy, under nine months old, a sweepstakes of 5s each—1st, Mr Matthew Irwin, jun, Tanfield.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.

1st, £1, presented by Mr T. Reed, Hollinside, Whickham, the Executors of T. E. Colegrave, St Martin's Court, Newgate Street, Newcastle, for Samuelson and Co's new manual delivery two-horse "handy" reaper; 2nd, 10s, also given by Mr T. Reed, Mr John Gregory, Westoe, for a weighing machine.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.

MR. TAIT AND EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Tait's letter, which appeared in your edition of last week, I wish to correct an erroneous opinion stated therein, that the people of Bottle Bank were the cause of the enormous expense which must attend the erection of a Board School for Benfieldside. Now, Sir, you are aware that the Catholics are the only parties who can boast of having sufficient school accommodation in the district. Consequently, I cannot see what can be the motive of Mr. Tait making his false statements, except it be for the purpose of misleading the public, or pleasing a certain party by raising an anti-Irish cry to the tune of "No Popery." If this be the only qualification he can offer to the public, I fear he will stand a poor chance for out-door relief in the form of a situation under the Board. Am I to understand that Mr. Tait is the same person who opposed the formation of a Board some time since? I must say I was very much surprised at the time, as I considered compulsory education was a great advantage to those who taught private schools, provided they were qualified. I may also remark that we never heard of Mr. Wylie disapproving of the School Board, which, in my opinion, is a proof of his superior qualifications, and that he is not afraid to succeed under any system.—I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

EDWARD SLOANE.

SIR,—I trust you will allow me, by way of retort, to respond to Mr. Tait's letter of the 12th inst., by kindly granting insertion to the few following remarks. Being only an ordinary workman, in poor circumstances, I must not consider myself able to compete with Mr. Tait in his voluminous correspondence or literary accomplishments, nevertheless I cannot resist my feelings to comment upon the expressions of a man who maintains being free from egotism, and I consider a slave thereunto. And the blessing of amenity is to me the greatest conceivable happiness, besides, from a very early age, I have used my ability to the utmost extent in the propagation of refinement amongst the children of the poor industrious workmen, and in explaining the necessity of education, but I am only one, perhaps, out of myriads. And now the subject of taxation. I will ask Mr. Tait if it is reasonable to expect the poor working man in Blackhill, with raiment and provision to find for eight or ten besides himself, with the average wage of 18s. weekly, should contribute towards the erection of School Board accommodation. If any man, deserving the name of human, shall answer in the affirmative, I have done. It may seem strange that people are so embarrassed as I represent, but be it understood I have kept far from the worst. Again, I ask if it is just that even the migratory workman, though in a better position, disinterested here as much as elsewhere, with a home in no fixed locality, only whilst he can scrape a livelihood by his daily labour, should be looked for to erect accommodation for the children of native settlers of agrarian wealth? The drunken, improvident class, should be amended, I willingly grant, and it's an extreme pity the frugal members of society should share their extravagance, but that this feature is exaggerated I am satisfied, and customers of police courts, particularly workmen, now-a-days find its expense in their bellies. So, for the present, leaving that matter aside, I should like to know how it occurs that only the Irish boys have the appellation of an old Tory for Mr. Tait? I have had seven years experience in Blackhill of the character of the Irish, as also of Mr. Tait, and never during that period have I known them jointly or severally asperse the character of that gentleman. Why, then, should a man of eloquence, good breeding, and rational sense like Mr. Tait take the loan of Paddy to furnish his theory, without any just right. At present I do not wish to enlarge on the subject. Trusting to be excused for my intrusion on your space, and hoping Mr. Tait will not be surprised at the appearance of this untutored epistle,—I remain, yours respectfully,

SHAWN O'FARRELL.

32, Bottle Bank, Blackhill.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES, FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, &c.—THE CO-OPERATORS' MISSION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Having read the letters that have appeared in your paper on "Co-operative Stores, Friendly Societies' and Tradesmen helping Friendly Societies," I am at a loss to understand how a co-operator can expect a tradesman to contribute to any benefit society when he is determined to exterminate all retail and wholesale dealers gradually. Perhaps they expect tradesmen will at all times bear in mind that passage of Scripture: "Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink." The mission of co-operators is to rid the country of retail traders. The leading article in the *Co-operative News* of June 10th, 1876, says: "The retail trader naturally objects to extermination; naturally so, but we have meant from the first to dispossess him utterly; only we propose to do it very gradually, so as to afford him ample time in which to accommodate himself to the new conditions which must inevitably, sooner or later, prevail." How philanthropic to give him time to look for the means to earn his salt! And yet, Mr. Editor, in the face of all the maligning that tradesmen have daily to bear from co-operators, I know many of them are regular contributors to Friendly Societies, where co-operators as well as non-co-operators reap the benefit. They are worthy of imitation.

Yours truly,

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August 15th, 1876.

A CHEAP FILTER.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—The following simple method of purifying the water may be useful to those of your readers who cannot afford the luxury of an expensive filter:—Take a small heap, sew a piece of clean linen loosely over, and strain the water through it. This will remove all animalculæ, and will be found to be superior to the most expensive filter, and it is easily cleaned.

COMMON SENSE.

Cricket.

All cricket communications intended for insertion must reach this office before mid-day on Thursdays.

MEDOMSLEY JUNIORS v. EBCHESTER JUNIORS.

A match between the above clubs was played Saturday, at Medomsley, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

EBCHESTER.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
T. Wardle, b Milburn	2	b Milburn	
W. Wood, b Milburn	0	b Milburn	
W. Jameson, b Cant	0	b Milburn	
G. Milburn, b Milburn	0	b Cant	
T. Jameson, b Cant	1	b Cant	
M. Wood, c M. Cant	0	b Cant	
J. Moody, b Milburn	0	b Milburn	
J. Wood, b J. Cant	1	ft Milburn	
J. Ward, b Milburn	4	b Cant	
Richardson, not out	0	c Charlton	
R. Cauthorn, b Cant	0	not out	
Extras	2	Extras	
Total	10	Total	

MEDOMSLEY.

T. Callander, b Wood	0
G. Beadlin, c Wood	5
W. T. Milburn, b Wardle	7
W. E. Charlton, b Ward	1
W. Cant, not out	2
R. Taylor, b Ward	1
W. Taylor, run out	1
M. Milburn, b Wardle	2
J. Cant, b Wardle	0
M. Cant, b Richardson	2
J. Graham, c Richardson	1
Extras	2
Total	21

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was a small supply of English wheat, but a good arrival of foreign. Owing to the brilliant weather the trade ruled extremely dull, and the little business done in old was at a decline of about 3s on the prices of this day week; for new there was a good inquiry, but as yet very little offering. Barley, beans, peas, and oats 6d to 1s lower. Malt fully 1s cheaper. Maize unchanged. Flour slow at 1s decline.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At our market this morning wheat was a good show, and holders held for late high rates, but buyers being unwilling to give them, trade ruled slow. Barley a small supply, and sold at 24s per Hexham boll. Good show of Tartar oats, but only a dull sale at from 20s to 24s.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 537 beasts and 280 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, there is a perceptible improvement to notice. The supply of beef comprised 2,031 head. The number of sheep and lambs was 10,920. Pigs: 392 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 10s 3d to 10s 9d; secondary sorts, 8s 9d to 9s 6d; good oxen, 10s 0d to 10s 3d; middling, 8s 9d to 9s 3d; cows and inferior, 7s 6d to 8s 3d; pork, large, 5s 3d to 7s 3d; do. small, 7s 9d to 8s 9d; sheep, good vendable wedders, per lb., 9½d to 10d; middling, 7½d to 8½d; lamb, 9d to 11d.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 95s to 160s; this year's growth, 100s to 130s; new land hay, 130s to 160s; this year's growth, 100s to 140s per ton; wheat straw, 3s 9d to 4s 6d; barley straw, 3s 9d to 4s 0d; oat straw, 4s 0d to 4s 6d per threave.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; barley, 8s 3d to 9s 6d; indian corn, 7s 6d; beans, 11s 3d to 12s; peas, 10s 6d to 11s 6d per boll. Beef, 9d to 11d; mutton, 9d to 10½d; veal, 10½d; bacon, 6d to 7d; hams, 7½d to 8d; cheese, 6d to 8d per lb. Chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 9d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d each; butter, 1s 5d to 1s 7d per lb.; eggs, 9 to 10 for 1s; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per couple. Red currants, 4d to 6d; black currntas, 6d to 8d; strawberries, 6d to 8d; gooseberries, 4d to 6d; rasps, 8d per quart. Cherries, 6d per lb. Green peas, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; onions, 1s 6d per peck.

NEWCASTLE POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 12s per load; kidneys, 1s per stone.

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—Potatoes, round, 1s 2d to 1s 6d; kidneys, 1s 6d to 1s. 8d. per stone.

THROAT IRRITATION.—The throat and windpipe are especially liable to inflammation, causing soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use glycerine in the form of jujubes. Glycerine, in these agreeable confections, being in proximity to the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, becomes actively healing. 6d. and 1s. boxes (by post for 14 stamps), labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London." Selling agents in Durham: Scawin and Burns, 19, Market Place. 621g

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EDMONDBYERS MOORS.—Saturday last was one of the most brilliant "twelfths" that have been experienced for many years, and Colonel Joicey and a large party of friends who are quartered at Newbiggen Hall, Blanchland, and Edmondbyers, were upon the moors by eight o'clock and had excellent sport. Birds were found to be strong and healthy, and in excellent condition; and notwithstanding the total absence of scent and the extreme heat fair bags were made. Colonel Joicey and Mr. Ewen bagged 20 brace; Mr. James Joicey, 11½; Col. Scurfield and Mr. George Scurfield, 25; Mr. Kearney, 13½; Mr. Wallis (Old Ridley), 14; Captain Dodds, 21; Mr. Dodds, M.P., 19; Capt. Rowlandson and Mr. Joseph Hutchinson, 19; Mr. Milner and Capt. Wallis, 17; Messrs. Stephenson, 25, while the Hon. R. Talbot and Dr. Tristram also made fair bags. The total number bagged by the gallant Colonel and his friends was 188½ brace of grouse, with hares, &c.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BLACKHILL.—At 6, Bessemer Street, on the 1st inst., the wife of William Harrison, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. S. Lock, Mr Robert Surtees to Miss Milburn, both of Consett.

DEATHS.

HOBSON COLLIERY.—On the 6th inst., aged 15 months, William Maddison.

STANLEY BURN COTTAGES.—On the 6th inst., aged 50, William Walton.

NAVENBY.—On the 3rd inst., Frances, the beloved wife of Henry Gibson, Wesleyan minister, late of Shotley Bridge.

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