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actively, asking what progress, if any, had been made. The Authority were not willing to take any steps until the case was ascertained that his lordship was not willing to come to terms with the applicants direct. The deputation afterwards waited upon Mr. Tully, Lord Durban's agent, and had a conference with him at the Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street; when, after all the circumstances had been fully discussed, Mr. Tully agreed, on behalf of his lordship, to let the field to the applicants on condition that the rent be at the rate of 8*l.* per acre, and that the gardens be of two acres, viz., 600 and 300 square yards in area,

respectively. These terms were agreed to by the
deputation.

TRADE NOTES.

DURHAM MINERS' WAGES.

The Durham miners held a council meeting, on
Saturday, when a resolution was moved :—

The resolution was negatived by 242 votes to 110. It was decided to ballot the county to ascertain the opinion of the men on the Eight Hours movement.

THE SANITARY CONDITION OF
ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A RATEPAYER'S PROTEST.

At yesterday (Thursday's) meeting of the Lan-
chester Rural Sanitary Authority—Mr Geo. Hob-
son (vice-chairman) presiding—the Clerk (Mr W.
H. Viner) read the following letter from Mr. J. H. Viner:

Mr. RITSON) read the subjoined letter, which he explained was written before it was known that the County Council had rejected the proposal to establish a Local Board at Annfield Plain:—

Catechist.

July 27th, 1892.

To W. H. RITSON, Esq., Clerk to the Sanitary Board, Linchester.

DEAR SIR,—I, with a large number of the respect-

able inhabitant, at Anfield, Paisio and the district was much surprised to read in the *Consett Guardian* of the 22nd July that most astonishing report of the Medical Officer—Dr Benson—as to the health and astonishing low death-rate in the district from February, 1892, up to the time the said report was submitted to the Board.

personnel referred to, needs the great sympathy of the best people who have read the said Medical Officer's report, and the many filthy, loathsome, stinking, stagnant, unsightly, sloths of desponds in the said Arncliffe Plain and district are still allowed to exist, and have done so for a number of years. Taking Dr Benson's report to be correct, it proves to me and many others that the people who live in the said district must be an exceptionally hard and

3rd.—Recent inquiry made by Mr Simey, from Sunderland, and two County Councillors as to the necessity of granting a Local Board, and many were the unsanitary places pointed out to these gentlemen which we trust will be remedied when a Local Board is granted, which has been allowed to

exist too long under the said Sanitary Board at
Lancaster, and at the present time we are
having some fine weather, sunny hot days, and at
some of these open gutters, at the present, the
stench and bad smell is nearly unbearable, in fact
literally.

4th—You can cut the abominable smell with a
knife, and if Mr Parker, your Inspector, does not

come shortly to see and have the nuisance abated, and the prevention from evaporating and polluting the air, I am afraid the Medical Officer's report will be a hundred per cent. higher soon, as to diseases and death; and the prayer of the inhabitants is "from all our filthiness and unsanitary condition good Lord deliver us by granting the said Annsfield Plain and district a Local Board." This is the earnest prayer of a large number of the

people who want the existing state of things put into a sound, healthy, prosperous state (and condition). (Signed) THOMAS COLLINSON.
9, Categate, Lintz Green.

The reading of the communication caused a good deal of merriment, one member remarking that the writer had been lying it on "too thick."

The Inspector (Mr Parker) reported that he would have the various special meetings and quantities

The members urged that this work should be proceeded with at once, the chairman, Councillors Murray and Curray expressing great anxiety that the same should be pushed forward without delay.

It was eventually agreed to hold a special meeting of the Authority in a fortnight to approve of the plans and specifications and to advertise for

Agas will come and go; but woman will not be perfectly happy until she can have eyes attached to her shoulders, so that she may look up to and criticize her own back hair.

Architecture" is called "frozen music," but some buildings look as if the orchestra had been struck with a heavy frost when they were tuning their instruments.

If ever the fat man feels that his cup of misfortune is full and trickling over the brim, it is when a frisky zephyr whisks his new 3 dots. Mackinnon

When you see a lady running after a tramcar shaking her parasol like mad, crying out frantically, "Here, here!" the thought comes that all this trouble and vexation of spirit might have been prevented had she been taught to whistle on her fingers.

"One of our fathers," were delighted with a simile that had a small mirror on the inside of the crown: "it being put there," as one of them said, "so that a fellow can always tell just how his hat fits him."
Tom, who has come to grief at college, has been making a clean breast of his pecuniary difficulties. Food Mother: "But, my dear, you have made a very bad return for all your father's unremitted kindness." Tom: "That's just where it was. H

As two young men were passing a farmhouse, they saw the farmer trying to harness a mule, and, thinking to quiz him, one of them gravely asked, "Will that creature draw?" to which the farmer curtly responded, "Of course he will. He will draw the attention of every fool that passes along the road."

"A secret is like silence—you cannot talk about it. It is like money—when once you know there is any concealed, it is half discovered. "My dear Murphy," said an Irishman to his friend, "why did you betray the secret I told you." "Is it betraying you call it? Sure, when I found I wasn't able to keep it myself, didn't I do well to tell it to somebody that could."

One of the acts passed in Paris, that no dog

"Should go at large without a muzzle, a man was brought up for infringing. In defence he alleged that his dog had a muzzle. "How is that!" quoth the justice. "Oh," said the defendant, "the act says nothing where the muzzle should be placed, and, as I thought the animal would like the fresh air, I put it on his tail."

"Anything now or fresh this morning?" a reporter asked in a railway office. "Yes," replied

The lone occupant of the apartment. "What is it?" asked the reporter eagerly, whipping out his notebook. "The point you are leaning against." That railway man is now in the hospital, and that reporter is in jail.

An English School Board inspector asked a small pupil of what the surface of the earth consists, and was promptly answered, "Land and water." He varied the question slightly, that the fact might

be impressed on the boy's mind, and asked, "What, then, does land and water make?" To which came the immediate response, "Mud."

