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

THE INTENDED TEMPERANCE HOTEL AT THE SPEN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Kindly permit me to trespass on your space regarding a scheme which is being set on foot. I hear that the local officials of the Durham Miners' Association at Victoria Garesfield Colliery and the Spen Colliery intend having a spacious building put up at the Spen, for the use of our young men, and which they intend to build on the co-operative system. My advice to the young men of these two collieries is: help your local officers as much as you can, as it will require anxious thought and hard work before the scheme can be put into operation. There will probably be a good deal of opposition to the scheme of a temperance hotel, but no good cause can prosper without being opposed. On behalf of the local officials of the two lodges, I may say I am personally acquainted with several of them, and they are all very estimable men. In conclusion, sir, let me through your kindness in the past, draw the attention of the colliery owners to the intended building, and in doing so I hope they will give us their moral support, as we need it. The late Mr Jonathan Priestman was a noted promoter of the temperance cause, and he was held in very high esteem amongst his workmen, and his son (Mr F. Priestman) is also very much respected at Victoria Garesfield Colliery by the workmen of that place. The Consett Iron Company will, I know, through Mr Logan, who is equally respected, not stand aloof in this grand cause.—Yours, etc.,

Paul Pry.

Spen, August 21st, 1893.

MR BRADLAUGH AND THE WORKING-MAN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In fulfilment of my promise, I herewith lay before your readers the result of my communication with Mr Spivey, of Huddesfield, *re* the Bradlaugh-working-man episode. I wrote Mr Spivey giving him a full account of the origin and progression of the matter in dispute. I likewise forwarded to him a copy of the *Guardian* containing Mr Thomas's letter, and invited him to state what, if anything, he knew of the incident. In response, I have received the following two letters, from the latter of which it will be seen a letter from one of the members of the Huddersfield Branch of the National Secular Society will appear in an early issue of the *Guardian* containing a full statement of what happened on that Sunday afternoon, October 13th, 1889.—Yours, &c.,

John Robinson.

Sunniside, Tow Law.

Copy of Mr Spivey's first letter.

Friendly Street,
Huddersfield,
July 27th, 1893.

Dear Mr Robinson,—I happen to be working out of town this week and it is late ere I get home, but this evening I hasten to acknowledge yours of yesterday and which arrived this morning. I may say that I know this Mr Thomas, and remember the incident of that date, as mentioned. If it were not for that portion of his letter referring to Mr Bradlaugh's answer which you rightly assume to be a falsehood—nay, it is a deliberate lie—the man and his methods are almost too ludicrous to be noticed. However, I am going to see the chairman of the meeting, the present secretary, who has the minute-book of the period, and one or two of the members, and shall give you a full and trustworthy account of the very small incident.—Yours, &c.,

W. H. Spivey.

Copy of Mr Spivey's second letter.

Friendly Street,
Huddersfield,
Aug. 3rd, 1893.

Dear Mr Robinson,—All being well, you will find a letter in the next issue of the *Consett Guardian*, over the signature of "Truthseeker." It is written by one of our members and an old personal friend of Mr Bradlaugh's, and I think it covers the ground completely. I may say that I saw the chairman of the meeting referred to last night, and he states that the construction placed on Mr Bradlaugh's answer to Samuel Thomas by the latter is absurd, and he fully confims both my own, the present secretary, and Mr Talrum's impression of what Mr Bradlaugh really did say in the closing portion of his answer, namely, "If, as Mr Thomas alleges, this change in him has been wrought by a miracle, how is it that a miracle is not worked on the many Christian nations who are armed to the teeth, and often at war with each other, thereby causing enormous bloodshed and misery? How is it, too, that miracles are not worked on the many advocates of Secularism and its numerous adherents?" All this was said by Mr Bradlaugh in his most pungent, and at the same time pleasant manner. Talking about "a dead stillness reigning over the place," the doughty Mr Thomas was provocative of much innocent mirth with his "few (irrelevent) remarks."—Believe me, yours, &c.,

W. H. Spivey.

P.S.—I enclose stamps for copy of *Guardian*.

W. H. S.

P.S.—Since the receipt of the above letter, I have looked in vain for Mr Spivey's friend's letter in the *Guardian*. I am unable to state why it has not appeared. The gentleman who wrote it says it was duly forwarded along with his full name and address. The following paragraph from Mr Bradlaugh's pen, and which appeared in the *National Reformer* for October 20th, 1889, and which refers to his experience on the day in question, may interest your readers:—"My Sunday's notes are rough (this is an allusion to the column, "Rough Notes," in which the paragraph was written) indeed, for I have been suffering all day from an unpleasantly sharp feverish attack, either resulting from Skelmanthrope rain or from Wolverton open-air speaking, or from both combined; and to give three lectures with one's body stuffed full of tendencies to aches and pains is not nice for the lecturer. All the audiences were good. Poor old David Woffender, who seemed none the worse for his last night's wetting, supported me on the platform. Mr Talbrum presided in the morning, and Mr Balmforth in the afternoon. The evening meeting was a real Huddersfield gathering, such as I used to get twenty years ago. The place was crammed, and many were unable to gain admittance. Mr Ackroyd occupied the chair." There is not the slightest mention here of the havoc Mr Thomas is said to have made. Mr Bradlaugh, it is evident, either considered him too dreadful or too insignificant a personage to be calculated in the day's proceedings. I am inclined to believe it was for the latter reason.

J. R.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—I have read the letter which appeared in your issue of the 21st of July, over the signature of Samuel Thomas, jun., in which he professes to give an account of what took place at a meeting held in the Friendly and Trades' Societies' Hall, Huddersfield, on Sunday, October 13th, 1889, at which Mr Charles Bradlaugh delivered a lecture, entitled "Miracles, Dr Lightfoot, and supernatural religion." Now I do not wish to imply that Mr Thomas purposely stated what he knew to be false, but it is singularly unfortunate for him that in his opening statements, which are not matters of opinion or hearsay, but which can be easily verified if correct, viz.: "That his attention was first drawn to the lecture by two names on a large placard. The names were in large letters, Bishop Lightfoot and Mr Charles Bradlaugh." Now the two names were not in large letters, and Mr Thomas had been informed by Mr John Dobson, a fellow-workman, of Mr Bradlaugh's coming to Huddersfield, at least three weeks before the bills were posted. That being so rather spoils the effect of what Mr Thomas says he felt on learning for the first time of Mr Bradlaugh's visit to Huddersfield, and that "he was the chosen vessel of the Lord to confront this great man." The next statement that calls for notice is that in reference to the boys selling "John Hartley's Clock Almanac," and which made Mr Thomas's flesh creep. Now here I must express my sympathy with this very sensitive creature, because, as all your readers will be aware, the meetings of the Army are conducted with such quiet and decorum; but then Mr Thomas, like an efficient stage manager, must have effect, only he should be careful not to overdo the thing. It is possible to have too much blue fire. Your readers might infer from Mr Thomas's remarks that the Clock Almanac was some wicked infidel book, but I may tell them it is simply a yearly record of events, real and imaginary, put in a humourous way, in the broad Yorkshire dialect; so your readers will understand by this time the condition of Mr Thomas's mind when he was so terribly upset at hearing the boys calling out the Clock Almanac at 3d each. And now I come to that part of his letter wherein he gives his version of what took place at the close of Mr Bradlaugh's lecture. Mr Thomas tells Mr Bradlaugh how wicked he himself had been previous to his conversion, and what a glorified saint on earth he had now become. Mr Bradlaugh, always inclined to be generous, could not believe that Mr Thomas had been so wicked as he said he had been, and like the honest juror, gave him the benefit of the doubt; but that did not please Mr Thomas, he still persists in his letter in having been very wicked, and as having been so often before the magistrates in his native town that he cannot remember the number of times. Now I take the same view of Mr Thomas's case as Mr Bradlaugh did, and I think I have good reason, as I feel sure that he cannot prove to the satisfaction of your readers that he has been before the magistrates three times in the whole course of his life. However, he asked Mr Bradlaugh how he could account for such a miracle having been worked, meaning his conversion, and at this point Mr Thomas again relies more upon stage effect than upon truth, for he says: "At this point a dead stillness appeared to reign over the whole place," and then he says Mr Bradlaugh's answer was that he hoped the same miracle might be worked upon him (Mr Bradlaugh). The above statement carries its own refutation, but apart from that I have spoken to the gentleman who occupied the chair (Mr Owen Balmforth, member of the Huddersfield School Board), and many others, and all agree with myself that Mr Thomas's statement is incorrect, and that there was nothing said by Mr Bradlaugh that could for a moment be construed, or that would lend the slightest colour to the statements made in Mr Thomas's letter. Mr Thomas concludes his letter by saying: "If ever I felt that the banner of truth has been hoisted high, it was in that place." I am afraid Mr Thomas's banner is much besmeared; and if the book he speaks of in the postscript of his letter has not been written with a stricter adherance to truth than his letter to you, sir, the benefits conferred upon its readers will be of a very doubtful character.—Yours, etc.

Truth-seeker.

17, Clifton Street, Blackpool.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In your report of the Shotley Bridge Flower Show, one or two inaccuracies occur, which I shall be glad if you will correct.

The two night-dresses which were awarded 1st and 2nd prizes were made by Harriet J. Wardhaugh and Clara M. Mackay at Shotley Grove School, and not at the school mentioned in your report.

Annie P. Strachan, who took 1st prize for figures (age 11 and 12), and 2nd prize for the best pair of gentleman's knitted socks, is a pupil at Shotley Grove School.—Yours, etc.,

John Collinson.

NOTES FROM THE SPEN DISTRICT.

[By "Watchman."]

THE PLAGUE OF WASPS.

It is very doubtful whether the wasp plague has ever been so severe in this neighbourhood as it is at present. They have almost taken possession of some houses, notwithstanding the hundreds, nay, I may say thousands, that have been destroyed. In some roads the pedestrians are besieged with the pests, several having been stung. One little girl, a short time ago, was out in this district from the city for an afternoon's outing, and while passing on the road where some children were taking a rest, she was fiercely stung, and died a few days afterwards in great agony. This is not the only district where the plague exists, for I find that in Buckinghamshire it has been officially recognised. A part of the main road between Aylesbury and Winslow was infested with the nests of these troublesome insects, making it dangerous for travellers to pass that way. The Bucks County Council, by means of tar, destroyed no less than sixty nests along two miles of the roadside, and the Winslow villagers are once more able to journey to Aylesbury market in peace. It is also expected that a plague of wasps, similar to that in Kent, prevails in Suffolk and Essex. At Mark's Tey, near Colchester, two children have been rendered blind and delirious for several hours, in consequence of being stung by the pests. The people of Eye are being tormented by these objectionable insects. In Carlisle, several people have been stung very severely, and three little boys are not expected to recover. One little girl has lost the sight of one eye through being stung.

THE WEATHER AND HARVEST.

During the past two or three weeks the heat has been very intense. A friend informs me that the temperature on Thursday week was the highest that it has been this summer, the sheltered maximum rising to 89 degrees. The minimum was 63. Through the fine weather the farmers have commenced their harvest operations, and should it continue favourable, most of them will be finished in a short time.

EXCURSIONS.

Saturday last was a fine day for trippers in this locality. The N.E.R. Company ran an excursion to Windermere, which took many away, and great regret was expressed that so many who wanted a day's outing in the lake district were prevented through the tickets being limited. It's to be hoped that the Railway Company will see their way clear to run another excursion before the season is out. The High Spen Temperance Society had also a trip to Tynemouth, by boat from Blaydon. It is needless to say that it was a grand success, there being so many excursionists that several had to go by other boats and the train. The boat, "L. Eramshaw," under the command of Mr Evans, left Blaydon at eight o'clock, and the *rendezvous* was reached after two hours' pleasant sail. The return journey was commenced at six, and the Temperance Reed Band enlivened the company on both the journeys by their excellent music. There is a longing desire that these pleasure boats should run more often.

A WARNING TO TRESPASSERS.

During the past few weeks a kind-hearted farmer in this district has been allowing mushroom-gatherers to go upon his grounds; but how true is the old adage, "Give a man a foot and he will take a yard." Some have not been content with mushrooms only, but they have had to go into our friend's garden and take possession of the apples, and also breaking down the garden fences. Owing to the dishonest actions of these ill-disposed persons, I am sorry to learn that respectable people will be deprived of getting a few mushrooms in the future (without special leave), and all trespassers will be severely and rightly punished. It is a great pity that the respectable people of this district have to suffer so much through a few mischievous persons going into their gardens at night and the early hours of the morning. It would no doubt be a great boon to this neighbourhood if there were a few more watchers on the night beat.

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THE WEEK.

THE CORDITE SCANDAL.

It is not necessary to enter into the whole of the controversy which has been raised by the *Pall Mall Gazette* with regard to the conduct of Sir Frederick Abel. There is one point, however, in Mr. Campbell-Bannerman's statement on Thursday which is of serious public interest. Sir Frederick Abel and Professor Dewar patented a certain explosive. The process of manufacture was kept a secret, and as the explosive was designed by two British experts for the use of the British Army, this secrecy seems natural enough. But then Sir Frederick Abel and Professor Dewar "assign" the patent to a foreign manufacturer, and they do this without the previous consent of the War Office. Such is the admission of Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, and we can only say that the complacency of the War Office in such circumstances is rather staggering. What is the object of inventing, and patenting, and keeping secret an explosive if it is not intended for our own exclusive use? The whole story of the invention of cordite is extremely singular; but we are dealing now with the point which chiefly concerns the public. What are the relations between the War Office and its experts? Is it a rule of the Department that when a professor who is paid by the country has a good idea he is entitled to sell it to a foreigner? The "assignment" of cordite to a Continental manufacturer was not, we presume, a matter of disinterested friendship? Who was paid for it? Did the War Office receive the proceeds? Is it usual for the Department to sell inventions of this kind to other countries, inventions which by every law of common sense ought to be reserved for the sole benefit of England? But as the "assignment" was made without the consent of the War Office, we presume that the public revenues have not been enriched by the transaction. Has the money gone into the pockets of Sir Frederick Abel and Professor Dewar? If so, this may be consistent with the official procedure. As Mr. Campbell-Bannerman seems perfectly satisfied, and as Sir Frederick Abel appears to have acted without any concealment, a notification of the "assignment" having been made to the War Office when it was all over, we are left to infer that this method of doing business is in actual conformity with the official practice. In the absence of more satisfactory explanations than those of the War Secretary, we venture to suggest that public opinion will strongly disapprove of the whole arrangement. The taxpayer has a right to object to a system which saddles him with the cost of experiments, and instead of giving the British Army the sole advantage resulting from those experiments, permits an official expert to "assign" it to a foreign manufacturer. If Sir Frederick Abel has done this in accordance with usage, he must understand that it cannot be done any more.

SUICIDE HYSTERICS.

The suicide of Ernest Clark again raises the question whether deliberate self-destruction is necessarily an act of insanity. Ernest Clark has left a singular letter, in which he asserts his sanity in the strongest terms. There is apparently no evidence of any mental derangement whatever. This wretched man has taken his life because he found the world full of shams. The ideals of poet and artist were satisfactory to his sense of fitness. He spent his last days reading George Meredith and Théophile Gautier. But when he compared the ideal with the actual he found existence insufferable. He has left some verses to explain his attitude towards this contradiction. Nature herself he indicts as an agent of deception.

> The colour and the fragrance of the flowers
> Exist but to deceive and use the bee.

The fraud practised on that busy insect is not apparent, but perhaps the writer had in his mind the honey which is extracted from the hive. The sham, therefore, stands thus: the bee is gulled by the flowers into the belief that they are intended for its service; whereas they are conspiring with man to make the bee a tool for the satisfaction of base material appetites at breakfast. Again, what is woman?

> The beauty and the glamour which we see
> In what we call the fair sex are the powers
> Of this old world to keep man here; the dowers
> That cover faults innumerable.

Woman is another wile of Nature to persuade man that life is worth living. But Ernest Clark had penetrated these devices, and would endure them no more, although a woman was his "only friend," and his "greatest agony all these months is the idea of causing grief to my darling, whose friendship is the most sacred thing life has given me. But rather this blow than render her life wretched with my gloom." Many people will feel disinclined to offer condolence to the lady on being bereft of a companion whose philosophy was as fatuous as his verse was bad. But all this is no proof of insanity. It simply shews that egotistical folly may be carried to the point of tragedy. We are sorry for Mr. George Meredith, sanest and healthiest observer of human life, who by a stroke of irony has comforted the last moments of a fool. Human life is sacred, but a life that ends in a paroxysm of self-conceit cannot be dignified by the sorrowing sympathy of the world.

THE HEAT AND THE FASHION.

The extraordinary heat has had the effect of destroying the supremacy in these islands of the tall silk hat and the black coat. These institutions made a desperate struggle for the dominion which, of course, they have lost only for a time. The dandy who never wore anything in London except a "topper" was driven first to a "bowler" and then, *mirabile dictu*, to a straw hat. A gallant stand is said to have been made in the City of London, and especially on the Stock Exchange, against the revolutionary innovation, and some men have clung doggedly to the garments and the headgear in which they were brought up. But the heat has carried the day, and the world of respectability is landed at its time of life in a new philosophy of clothes. Hitherto custom has prevailed against temperature. It has been deemed orthodox to wear in the height of summer the clothes which are suitable to London in November. When paterfamilias betakes himself to the country or the sea-side, he relaxes the rigidity of his rule of life so far as to don lighter costume, and even a soft felt hat. But this, too, is according to regulation. What is *de rigueur* for the town is not *de rigueur* for the sea. Respectability is at its virtuous ease in flannels at Cromer, but it would be horror-struck by such an array in Piccadilly. That was the standard of orthodoxy before the thermometer made its excursion to eighty and ninety in the shade. It is perfectly respectable now to walk down St. James's Street without a waistcoat, and even transact the business of the nation in a sash as many coloured as Joseph's coat. At this moment a great number of Englishmen are coated, hatted, and shod for all the world as if they were frivolous foreigners. We really wonder some thoughtful person does not protest that [illegible] of our national bulwarks will lead to the Continental Sunday and other iniquities. For the comfort of such a thinker it may be observed, however, that the enforced radiance of the outer man has so far produced no moral change. The City man in straw hat and flannels in Threadneedle Street is just as devoted to his family and his cucumbers, just as solemn and sober, as he ever was. No wild Bohemianism has been begotten by the "cummerbund." Yet there is no knowing what might happen after a succession of summers like this.

FOUND DEAD NEAR TOW LAW.

Mary Burnip, aged 60, was found dead in bed in her house at Thornley Village, Tow Law, on Sunday morning. She had been harvesting all week for Mr Herbert Bradley, and was at Tow Law for groceries on Saturday night. Two girls, aged nine and ten, slept in deceased's room.

On Tuesday, at the inquest on the woman Burnip, held by Mr Coroner Proud, the verdict showed that death was due from disease of the liver and exhaustion, following on hard work in the fields, for which a woman of deceased's years was unfit.

NEW WESLEYAN MINISTERS.

Several important changes in the stations of the Wesleyan ministers take place at the end of this month. Dealing with the local circuits, R. W. Butterworth, from Durham, takes the superintendency of the Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit, in succession to J. Harrop Taylor, who goes to Grantham. Since 1862, Mr Butterworth has travelled in Ripley, Lowestoft, Worcester, Bilston, Shrewsbury, Sleaford, Boston, Stokesley, Whaley-Bridge, and Guisborough. He has twice spent a term of three years in Sleaford. The junior minister, C. W. Barber, who has had charge of the cause at Leadgate, removes to London (Canning Town), and his place will be taken by A. E. Salmon, from the president's list of reserve.

Both the Wolsingham ministers are new. Thos. J. Kent, the superintendent, entered the ministry in 1866, and besides travelling in several Yorkshire and Lancashire circuits, has spent three years each in such important spheres as Derby (Green Hill) and Seacombe. He comes to Wolsingham from Widnes. His colleague is Geo. E. Startup, from Barcelona, in Spain. He travelled two years in Kent previous to going to Spain in 1891.

Weardale also changes both its ministers, Richard Webb, from Tredegar, in Wales, and Stephen Cooper, from Builth, also in the Cardiff and Swansea district, taking the places of Joseph Gibson and Albert Dickinson, who remove to Banwell and Stockton respectively.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

On three successive occasions a *quorum* of four members has not been obtainable in order to transact the ordinary business of the above Board. The regular meeting should have been held on Wednesday week, but as only three members put in an appearance, they adjourned till Friday night. Again there were only three members—Messrs F. Priestman, J. Lax, and J. Dowson—in attendance, and a further postponement was decided upon till Monday evening last, when Messrs J. Eltringham, J. Lax, and R. G. Barclay, along with the clerk (Mr J. Booth) and the surveyor (Mr J. Dixon), put in an appearance. After waiting for an hour and-a-half for another member to turn up, so as to enable the Board to get on with the business, the idea of holding a meeting had once more to be abandoned, and the meeting was again adjourned *sine die*.

A DEFAULTING MINERS' OFFICIAL.

At the Durham City Police Court, on Thursday se'nnight—before S. Collinson, Esq. (in the chair), Ald. G. Hauxwell, and J. Willan, Esq.—*Henry Barwick*, miner, of Allendale Cottages, near Medomsley, and recently employed at the Consett Iron Company's Hunter Pit, Medomsley, was charged that he, on the 16th June, "In the township of Crossgate, wherein the registered office of the Durham Miners' Association is situated, being an officer of the Hunter Pit Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association, duly registered under the Trades Union Act, 1891, and having in his possession certain sums, to wit, £21 2s 6d, the monies of Thomas Burt, John Foreman, Daniel Reid, James Fowler, Robert Spence Watson, and William Robinson, the trustees of the said Association, did unlawfully and wilfully withhold the same."

Mr Hy. Forrest, who appeared on behalf of the Minners' Association to prosecute, asked the permission of the Bench to reduce the sum from £21s 2s 6d to £19 5s 1d, the defendant having paid the difference.

The application was granted, and defendant then pleaded guilty to withholding £19 5s 1d.

Mr Forrest said it would not be necessary for him to call any witnesses, the defendant having pleaded guilty. Under the 12th section of the Trades Union Act, the Bench could make an order on Barwick to refund the money belonging to the trustees, and they could also impose a penalty not exceeding £20, and 20s costs. Mr Forrest asked the Bench to impose some penalty, and make an order for payment. There were too many of these defaulting treasurers. They got hold of the money belonging to the lodge, put it in their own pockets, and applied it to their own uses.

The Bench inflicted a fine of £1 and costs, and also made an order on Barwick to refund the amount due to the Association, the order to come into force forthwith.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law.—On Monday, Mr J. Vickers had forward 50 dairy cows and heifers, 20 fat cattle, 6 store cattle, 12 calves, 260 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £24, fat cattle to £18, store cattle to £2 10s, calves to 43s, fat mule ewes to 34s 6d—top, Messrs Ord and Maddison, Frosterley. Fat half-bread shearlings to 40s—top, Mr G. Robson, Ushaw College Farm. Fat lambs to 29s 6d—top, Mr Robinson, Burnley Row.

Benfieldside.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday 17 fat cattle, for which there was a good demand; 190 fat sheep and lamds, 9 calves, 11 pigs, 12 stirks, a few cows, a large quantity of poultry, horse, trap and harness, stackyard ladders, coup cart, and other miscellaneous lots, for which there was a brisk demand. Fat cattle to £18 10s—top, Mr J. Allison, Hamsterley Mill. Fat sheep to 42s—top, Mr W. Taylor, Summerfield; lambs to 30s—top, Mr R. Gledston, Highfield. Calves, £2. Pigs to 28s. Poultry to 2s each. A large company of buyers was present, and the sale was good all through.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr James Turnbull held his first special lamb sale in conjunction with his usual fat stock on Monday, and had forward 15 fat cattle, 10 grazing cattle, 25 incalving and new-calved cows, 3 veal calves, 150 fat sheep and lamds, 40 young pigs, 2 horses, &c. The supply of keeping lambs consisted of 1,450 half and three-parts-bred, mule, Cheviot, and black-faced keeping lambs, and 140 half-bred turniping sheep. There was a large attendance of buyers, and trade for fat cattle and sheep was brisk at late market rates. Milch cows were in better demand than last sale. Pigs were a slow tarde. A commencement was made at 3 p.m. with the keeping lambs. Those shown were not as a whole so good as last year, and in many cases wanting in condition. Trade was slow from the commencemant, although good lambs made in most cases fair prices. Buyers seem inclined to wait later for their supplies. Prices as follows:—Tippemoor, ½-bred, 24s; Holmside Old Hall, 28s, 24, 22s 6d, and 22s; Broom House, ½-bred, 18s; Eltringham, ½-bred 25s, 21s, and 20s 6d; Sherburn Tower, ½-bred 32s and 24s 6d: Herd's House, ½-bred, 20s; Sewing Shields, hb 19s, mules 15s 6d; Darrass Hall, ½-bred. 17s; Plawsworth, ½-bred, 23s 6d; Nafferton, ½-bred, 19s; Elemore, ½-bred, 18s 6d; Field House, Cheviots, 11s; Yetholm Mains, ½-bred, 18s, 17s 6d and 17s; Eden Hill, ½-bred, 24s; Moss Kennels, ½-bred, 22s 6d; Finchale Abbey, ½-bred, 19s; Carrow, ½-bred, 19s 6d; Burn Hall, ½-bred, 19s; Biddlestone Edge, black faced, 5s, 4s 9d, and 4s; Ovingham, ½-bred, 25s 6d. Half-bred turniping sheep to 32s; Broom House, mule shearlings to 24s 6d. Fat cattle to £16; grazing cattle to £10 2s 6d; milch cows to £22 5s. Fat sheep to 46s 6d—top, the Birtley Iron Company. Fat lambs to 31s 6d—top, Mr T. Howden, Pockerley. Calves to 30s. Young pigs to 26s 6d. Pony trap and harness, £19 10s. Rope blocks to 5s. The sale concluded at 5 p.m. The next special sale of keeping lambs will be held on Friday, September 8th; entries for which close on August 31st.

LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

MICKLEY.

The ninth annual exhibition of the Mickley Floral and Horticultural Society was held on Saturday, in a field near Mickley Square, kindly granted by Miss J. Bewick, Cherryburne. The weather was of the most delightful description, and there was a record attendance, many doubtless being attracted by the celebrated Kingston Mills Band, which discoursed an excellent programme of selections during the afternoon and evening. As regards the exhibition, the entries were greatly in advance of previous years, and the exhibits on the whole were a magnificent lot. In the floral section fuchsias were most conspicuous, and hothouse and window plants were exceptionally showy. Vegetables generally were large and well developed, but lacked quality. Besides the floral attractions, the miscellaneous department, which included some ingenious mechanical devices, was a centre of admiration. The judges were:—Mrs Forster, Bywell; Mrs Stanley, Bywell Castle; Mrs Errington, Ridley Mill; Mrs J. Graham, Old Ridley; Mrs S. Paisley, Mickley Colliery; Miss M. Heppell and Miss B. Wilkin, Mickley; Mrs C. Bell, and Mrs W. Scott. The principal prizetakers were Messrs Soulsby, Arthur, T. Robson, J. Hunter, J. Armstrong, J. Steel, J. Middleton, A. Urwin, W. Curry, and J. Angus. A number of sports were brought off during the afternoon, and a largely-attended ball was held in the marquee in the evening.

BURNOPFIELD.

On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Burnopfield Floral and Horticultural Society held their 20th yearly exhibition of plants, flowers, fruits, vegetables, &c., in a field close to the pretty village, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr John Thompson, farmer. In spite of the multiplication of flower shows locally in recent years, this fixture continues to make headway, and holds its own as one of the best and finest exhibitions of flora and horticulture in our district. The weather was of the pleasantest description for an outdoor *fete*, and as there is some very picturesque scenery round about "the gill," the attendance of visitors from far and near was abnormally large on this occasion. The show itself was in every respect a capital one, the exhibits embracing some of the finest specimens of flowers, fruits, and vegetables ever seen in connection with the society's show. The fruits and vegetables were really superb, while the flowers and plants were a fair average selection. Mr Benjamin Mason, of Hobson Colliery, acts as secretary to the society, and as he is ably supported in his efforts by a large and representative committee, it is therefore totally unnecessary to add that the arrangements are nicely planned and most efficiently carried out. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band, directed by Mr C. Summersides, played a choice programme of music in the afternoon, while at the ball during the evening, Mr Wilkinson's string band furnished the music. The undermentioned gentlemen fulfilled the duties of judges:—

Flowers, &c.—Messrs W. Scott, Dunston Hill, and A. Trotter, Blackhill.

Farm produce—Mr Errington, Lintzford.

Butter, eggs, schoolwork, &c.—Mrs Moore, Burnopfield, and Miss Swinburne, Waggon Hill.

Appended is the

PRIZE LIST.

OPEN CLASS.

POT PLANTS.

Three decorative plants, not less than two in bloom (fuchsias and geraniums excluded)—1, J S Burton, Dipton; 2, J Abercrombie, Leazes Hall; 3, R Charlton, Benfieldside.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W M Handcock, Burnopfield; 2, J S Burton.

Two coleus, dissimilar—1, J Abercrombie; 2, R Charlton; 3, J Burton.

Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, J Abercrombie; 2, J Burton.

Two petunias, dissimilar—1, Jos Abercrombie; 2, W M Handcock; 3, W Armstrong, Clough Dene.

Three ferns, dissimilar—1, Jos Abercrombie; 2, R Charlton; 3, J Burton.

Two balsams—1, Wm Armstrong; 2, W M Handcock.

CUT FLOWERS.

Four stocks—1, Wm Armstrong.

Six phloxes, three dissimilar—1, R Charlton; 2, J Cawthorn, Windy Hill.

Six stands of antirrhinums, three trusses—1, Jos Eltringham, Burnopfield; 2, J Cawthorn.

Four stands of herbaceous flowers—1, R Charlton; 2, J Cawthorn.

Six dahlias, three dissimilar—1, J Cawthorn; 2, R Maughan, Fellside.

Six French asters—1, J Brown; 2, J Cawthorn.

Six globe asters—1, J Cawthorn; 2, R Maughan.

Six African marigolds, orange—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Copeland, Fellside.

Six African marigolds, lemon—1, J Cawthorn; 2, J Abercrombie.

Six French marigolds—1, J Cawthorn; 2, Jos Eltringham.

Six roses, three dissimilar—1, J Cawthorn; 2, J Turnbull, Whickham; 3, James Hood, Lintz Green Station.

Six trusses of geranium blooms, three dissimilar—1, J Turnbull; 2, J Abercrombie.

Twelve pansies, fancy—1, J Cawthorn.

Twelve pansies, show—1, J Cawthorn.

FRUITS.

Bunch of grapes—1, Jos Abercrombie; 2, J Turnbull.

Eight pears, dessert—1, J Burton; 2, Jas Hood; 3, J Turnbull.

Six kitchen apples—1, Jos Eltringham; 2, J Turnbull; 3, Robt Charlton.

Six apples, dessert—1, J Turnbull; 3, Jos Eltringham.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1, J Turnbull; 2, J Hood.

Pint of black currants, in strops—1, J Turnbull.

Pint of red currants, in strops—1, J Hood; 2, R Charlton.

VEGETABLES.

Two vegetable marrows—1, Robt Charlton; 2, J Turnbull; 3, W Braidford, sen Lintz Colliery.

Two cucumbers, suitable for table—1, J Turnbull; 2, W Rowell, Clough Dene; 3, R Charlton.

Three heads of celery—1, Ed Charlton; 2, R Copeland; 3, G Gray, Hobson Colliery.

Two cauliflowers—1, Jas Rockett, Marley Hill; 2, J Turnbull; 3, R Charlton.

Eighteen pods of peas—1, Thos Potts, Byer Moor; 2, J Abercrombie.

Twelve broad beans—1, J Burnip; 2, J Cawthorn.

Eighteen pods of kidney beans—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Charlton.

Eight summer onions, shown as grown—1, J Turnbull; 2, Thos Potts.

Three roots of beet—1, Jos Abercrombie; 2, Benj Mason, Hobson Colliery.

Six round potatoes, white—1, W M Handcock; 2, Robt Morton, Marley Hill; 3, Wm Dawson, Crookgate.

Six kidney potatoes, white—1, Jos Eltringham; 2, W M Handcock; 3, W Rowell.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J Turnbull; 2, Benj Mason.

Six tomatoes, shown in dishes—1, W Rowell; 2, J Turnbull.

AMATEURS' AND COTTAGERS' CLASS.

POT PLANTS.

Two greenhouse plants in bloom, fuchsias and geraniums excluded—1, W M Handcock; 2, Wm Wailes, Marley Hill; 3, Roger Mason, Hobson.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, W M Handcock.

Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar—1, John Lown, Fellside; 2, W Armstrong.

Tricolour geranium—1, J Lown; 2, W M Handcock.

Bronze geranium—1, W M Handcock; 2, J Lown.

Pelargorium geranium—1, J Lown.

Two balsams—1, W Armstrong; 2, W M Handcock.

Petunia—1, J Lown; 2, W Wailes.

Two coleus, dissimilar—1, W M Handcock.

Two ferns, dissimilar—1, W M Handcock; 2, W Wailes.

Window plant (members having greenhouse debarred)—1, Geo Weedy, Burnopfield; 2, Jos Eltringham.

CUT FLOWERS.

Three gladioli, two dissimilar—1, W M Handcock.

Four dahlias, two dissimilar—1, W M Handcock; 2, W Dawson; 3, W Parkin.

Two stocks—1, W Armstrong; 2, W Dawson.

Three phloxes, dissimilar—1, Wm Dawson; 2, Wm Armstrong.

Three stands of antirrhinums, dissimilar, two of each variety—1, Jos Eltringham; 2, W Armstrong.

Three stands of pestemons, ditto—1, Wm Dawson; 2, Jos Eltringham.

Two bottles of hardy and half-hardy annuals—1, S Nicholson, Marley Hill; 2, R Copeland.

Six asters—1, Wm Parkin; 2, S Nicholson; 3, J Brown.

Six globe asters—1, S Nicholson; 2, W Parkin.

Six French marigolds—1, Wm Armstrong; 2, S Nicholson; 3, W Parkin.

Six African marigolds, orange—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Maughan; 3, R Copeland.

Six ditto, lemon—1, R Copeland; 2, R Maughan; 3, W M Handcock.

Six pansies, show—1, S Nicholson; 2, W Vickery, Marley Hill.

Six pansies, fancy—1, S Nicholson; 2, W Vickery.

Four roses—1, J Hood; 2, Thos Potts.

Hand bouquet—1, W M Handcock.

Six stands of phlox drummondii, three trusses in each stand, shown in water, each stand not to exceed four inches—1, Jas Hood; 2, Robt Charlton; 3, Wm Vickery.

FRUIT.

Four kitchen apples—1, W M Handcock; 2, Jas McQueen, Fellside; 3, J Hood.

Four dessert apples—1, W Armstrong; 2, W Hunter; 3, W Taylor.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured—1, G Davis, Leazes; 2, J Hood.

Pint of red currants—1, J Hood; 2, W Armstrong.

Six heaviest gooseberries—1, W Armstrong.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetable marrow—1, Mr Taylor; 2, J Hood; 3, T Potts.

Two cucumbers—1, W Wailes; 2, G Moor; 3, J Hood.

Six kidney potatoes—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Maughan; 3, W Vickey.

Six round potatoes (white)—1, W Vickery; 2, J Clark; 3, J McQueen.

Six round potatoes (colour other than white)—1, R Maughan; 2, R Morton; 3, S Nicholson.

Early cabbage—1, J Rocket; 2, R Copeland; 3, T Potts.

Red cabbage—1, W Vickery; 2, R Copeland; 3, B Mason.

Three early turnips—1, J Eltringham; 2, B Mason; 3, G Gray.

Twelve pods of peas—1, J McQueen; 2, T Potts; 3, W Vickery.

Six pods of broad beans—1, W Armstrong; 2, J Eltringham; 3, W Dawson.

Twelve kidney beans—1, W M Handcock; 2, G Nixon; 3, T Potts.

Three leeks—1, E Charlton; 2, W M Handcock; 3, J W Anderson, Tanfield Lea.

Two heads of celery—1, E Charlton; 2, G Gray; 3, W Wailes.

Cauliflower—1, T Potts; 2, J McQueen; 3, J Rocket.

Six onions, spring sown—1, T Potts; 2, W Vickery; 3, R Mason.

Six onions, winter grown—1, W Vickery; 2, T Potts; 3, J Burnip.

Three roots of beet—1, G Nixon; 2, Mr Taylor; 3, T Potts.

Three carrots—1, B Mason; 2, E Charlton; 3, R Beattie.

Three parsnips—1, E Charlton; 2, R Maughan; 3, W M Handcock.

Six eschalots (all bagged)—1, R Mason; 2, W Vickery; 3, G Weedy, Burnopfield.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, J Lown; 2, E Charlton; 3, W M Handcock.

FARMERS' CLASS.—OPEN.

Twelve ears of wheat—1, J Thompson, Burnopfield; 2, C Callendar, Leazes.

Twelve ears of barley—1, J Thompson; 2, C Callendar.

Twelve ears of short oats—1, J Thompson; 2, C Callendar.

Twelve ears of tartar oats—1, C Callendar; 2, J Thompson.

Three swede turnips—1, C Callendar; 2, J Thompson.

Three soft turnips—1, J Thompson; 2, C Callendar.

Six field potatoes—1, J Thompson; 2, C Callendar.

Six largest sound hen eggs—1, J Watson; 2, W Watson.

Half-pound of plain butter—1 (given by Mrs T Dougall, Burnopfield), Mrs J Cuthbertson, Burnopfield.

SPECIAL PRIZES—OPEN.

Plain loaf of white bread—1, Miss J Weightman, Burnopfield; 2 (given by Mr G Maddison, Hobson), Mrs Glendinning; 3, Mrs G Gray.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, dissimilar—1 (given by Mr W M Annandale, Lintzford), J Abercrombie; 2, W Wailes; 3, R Charlton.

Six roses—1 (given by Miss Turnbull, Leazes), J Cawthorn, Benfieldside; 2, R Charlton.

Six roses, shown with foliage—1 (given by Mrs D Spinks), J Turnbull.

Collection of vegetables, four varieties, two in each—1 (given by Mrs R Armstrong, Crookgate), T Potts; 2 (given by Mr R Ferguson), R Charlton.

Six button-hole bouquets—1 (given by Burnopfield Cricket Club), R Charlton; 2, (given by Mr W Charlton, Burnopfield), J Eltringham.

Two foliage plants—1 (given by Mr J Abercrombie), J S Burton; 2, R Charlton.

Six tomatoes—1 (given by Mr M Adamson, Leazes), J Turnbull.

Basket of flowers—1 (given by Mr R Fenwick, Syke Lane), R Charlton.

OPEN TO AMATEURS AND COTTAGERS.

Collection of vegetables, six varieties, two of each—1 (given by Mr W M Annandale), G Gray; 2, T Potts; 3, W M Handcock.

Two cauliflowers—1 (given by Mrs Clark, Leazes), R Beattie.

Three carrots—1 (given by Mr B Mason, Hobson), E Charlton; 2, G Gray.

Collection of vegetables—cucumber, cauliflower, and celery—1 (given by Mr J F Robinson, Burnopfield), J Lown; 2, W Wailes.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties, one each—1 (given by Mr Wilson, Newcastle), R Copeland; 2, W Dawson.

Three stands of cut flowers—1 (given by Mr W J Watson, Newcastle), E Charlton; 2 (given by Messrs Finney and Co, Newcastle), W M Handcock.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties, two each—1 (given by Mrs R Pace, Burnopfield), E Charlton; 2, W Dawson.

Four blooms of roses—1 (given by Messrs Stewart and Mein, Kelso), W M Handcock.

Two self marigolds, two French asters, and two French marigolds, striped—1 (given by Mrs S Nicholson, Marley Hill), R Copeland; 2 (given by Mr T Potts), R Maughan.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties, one each—1 (given by Mr B Harrison, Lintz), J Burnip; 2, W M Handcock.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Specimen of writing, by boys under 12 years—1, G Smith; 2, J Burridge; 3, G Winship.

Specimen of hemming (six inches square) by girls under 12 years—1, H Bird; 2, Mary Nevin; 3, M J Oxley.

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THE AFFAIRS OF A LOCAL FARMER AND PUBLICAN.

On Thursday-week, at the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court, John Andrews, Rosella Cottage, North Shields, farmer and publican, formerly of Longhouse Farm, Lintz Green, and King's Arms Hotel, Durham, came up for public examination before Mr Registrar Ingledew. The nett liabilities amounted to £1,030 5s 7d, and the assets to £142 6s 3d, the deficiency being £887 19s 1d. In reply to the deputy official receiver, debtor stated that seven years ago he commenced business at Lintz Green, with a capital of £200. He left the farm there in May last. He could not make it pay, and a few years ago he borrowed £200. Subsequently, he borrowed £200 more, the greater portion of which went to the farm, the rent of which was £100 per annum. There was £133 owing for rent. In June, 1892, he purchased the King's Arms for £2,100. He had then a capital of £160, the value of his farm stock, and £100 borrowed money. He got two mortgages on the premises, one of £1,300, and another of £700. He made up the difference himself. He left the place in May or June last, when he was arranging for the purchase of the Robin Hood Inn, at £2,250. He intended borrowing £2,000 by mortgage, and raising the remainder out of the proceeds of the King's Arms, the average weekly takings of which amounted to £14, one-third of which was profit. The purchase of the Robin Hood had been only partially carried out. He had deposited £10, and could not say whether or not that amount had been forfeited. His father lent him £75, and another sum subsequently. He had not shown that receipt on his statement, as his father had abandoned his claim. He attributed his failure to losses in farming. He commenced farming with a capital of £200. He had also his salary of £140 to £160 a year as clerk with a firm of agricultural manure manufacturers. He occupied the situation until February, 1892. He had a manager at the King's Arms until December, 1892, when he gave his personal superintendence, and from that time until May, 1893, the farm was superintended by his wife. His occupancy of the farm was determined just before the bankruptcy. There had been two sales of his effects under an execution levied by a creditor, one at Lintz Green about two weeks ago, and another at the Durham Inn on the day of his filing his petition. The only book he kept was a takings book, showing also small outgoings, large accounts being paid by cheque. The unsecured liabilities comprised £193 12s 11d overdraft at bank, and three sums of £467, £66, and £50 borrowed money, the remainder being for goods supplied.—The examination was adjourned until the 31st inst., for the debtor to produce further accounts required.

MR ATHERLEY-JONES IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

GARDEN PARTY AT EBCHESTER.

On Saturday afternoon, a large number of the officers—along with their wives and friends—connected with the Divisional Liberal Association for North-West Durham, accepted the courteous invitation of Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., and Mrs Atherley-Jones, to a garden party, which was held in the grounds adjoining the Ebchester Rectory, which residence the hon. members and his family have taken during their sojourn in the division. The day was gloriously fine, and no doubt many took advantage of the occasion to pay a visit to the charming grounds, and admire the beautiful scenery of the Derwent valley, which could be seen for miles around to the fullest extent. Ample provision had been made to make the gathering a success, and everything passed off most satisfactorily, with the exception of one slight hitch, but the fault could not be laid to the charge of either Mr or Mrs Atherley-Jones, from the fact that the engine attached to the 2·35 p.m. train from Newcastle ran short of water between Ebchester and Shotley Bridge, with the result that, the line being single, the stoppage impeded further progress of traffic for over an hour, and thereby prevented the larger portion of the guests, including the band, from arriving at the hour appointed. As each contingent of visitors arrived, they received a cordial welcome from Mr and Mrs Atherley-Jones. The major part of the guests spent the afternoon in strolling through the grounds, and inspecting the well-kept lawn and shrubberies, and the tastefully laid out gardens; but many others availed themselves of the occasion to inspect the many ancient remains that surround the place. Others, again, displayed considerable interest in a cricket match, and in listening to the strains of music discoursed by the Consett Iron Company's Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr M. Hobday. During the whole of the afternoon, the hon. member, along with Mrs Atherley-Jones and a number of ladies, were indefatigable in their exertions to promote the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors, for whom refreshments were provided on the grounds. Amongst those present were:—Mr and Mrs F Priestman, Shotley Bridge; Mr and Mrs Pumphrey, Derwent Hill; Mr and Mrs G Peile, Greenwood; Mr and Mrs T Foster, Consett; Miss Gibson, Snows Green; Miss Bratton, Shotley Bridge; Councillor and Mrs J A Curry, Gateshead; Mr J and Miss Orr, Annfield Plain; Mr and Mrs Joe Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr W Milligan; Mr R Fenwick; Mr Walmsley, Medomsley; Mrs J W Rounthwaite, Benfieldside Edge; Mr, Mrs, and the Misses Ramsay, Ebchester Hall; Mr and Mrs Dennison, Newcastle; Master Dodd, London; Mr and Miss Pears, Blanchland; Mr, Mrs, and Miss J Thompson, Castleside; Miss Bowey, Sunderland; Mr H Carss, Shotley Bridge; Mr Ramsay, Ebchester; Mr and Mrs Hardy, White-le-Head; Mrs C Lumley, Consett; Mrs S Brodie, Consett; Mrs Davey, Snows Green; Mr M Hobday, Blackhill; Mr H Wardle, Mr R Willey, and Mr J Wardle, Ebchester; Mr and Mrs Mackenzie, Whitley; Mr Hunter, Ebchester Hill; Mrs Morgan, Westwood; Mrs H. R. and Miss Amy Foggon, Blackhill, and others.

In the evening, Mr Atherley-Jones, in a short address, expressed his deep obligation at meeting so many of his constituents on that occasion. It was not his desire to introduce politics, because he had brought them together for the purpose of spending a social hour or two, and he hoped they had done so. It was always a good thing for a member of Parliament to know something of his constituents. Since he became their representative he had always made it his one aim to visit the constituency once a year, and seeing as many of his constituents as possible during his sojourn in their midst. He had said before that he was not going to introduce political topics. It would be his duty to do that at a future date at Consett, and it would be his pleasure to deal with a variety of topics on that occasion. He regretted that Mr W Logan, president of the Council, had been unavoidably detained from attending the gathering. He also expressed his obligation to the Women's Liberal Association for making the gathering a success, and hoped all would be benefitted by the day's enjoyment. He was also indebted to them for being so kind as to accept the invitation, and favouring himself and his wife with their presence that afternoon. It was his duty to thank the members of the Consett Iron Company's, and also Miss Sneath and the Misses Smith for the sweet music they had provided, and for paying a visit to the county. He trusted everyone of those present would go away strengthened, and more determined to do something for the spread of Liberalism in the division. (Applause.)

Mr John Orr (Vice-president of the Council) said it would not be wise to turn the pleasant gathering into a political meeting. They were present in those beautiful grounds on the invitation of Mr and Mrs Atherley-Jones, after an absence of twelve months from their midst, and he hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves, and that the day's proceedings would result in bringing about a closer feeling between them and the hon. member, along with the rest of the family. (Cheers.) Whatever grievances may have come between them, he hoped Mr Atherley-Jones would be able to remove them, whilst going to and fro throughout the division, addressing his constituents during the forthcoming campaign which Mr Atherley-Jones was about to enter upon at a future date. In conclusion, let him state that it did not matter how a man might differ in his political creed, he would always find Mr Jones to be his friend, and a gentleman who always acted most straightforwardly in all his dealings. (Cheers.)

Mr Carss also spoke. He said that he admired the kindness and frankness of Mr Atherley-Jones in inviting to that gathering those who did not at all times see eye to eye with him in everything that he did. It was said that it was more blessed to give than to receive, and he was sure that Mr Atherley-Jones had received a double blessing that afternoon. He hoped that all had profitted by the gathering, and that other Members of Parliament would follow the example of their member, and treat their constituents to a similar gathering. (Applause.)

Coun. Curry and Mr Pumphrey also addressed the company, endorsing all that had been said, and they trusted that all present would take up the cause of Liberalism, and work most assiduously in the advancement of the same.

On the motion of Mr Orr, seconded by Mr T. Foster, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr and Mrs Atherley-Jones for their kindness and hospitality on that occasion.

Mr Atherley-Jones acknowledged the compliment, and the gathering shortly afterwards terminated.

Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Miss Sneath, and the Misses Smith, Newcastle.

PASSING EVENTS.

(From a London Correspondent.)

The Princess of Wales—Admiral Tryon's Ghost—Ritual Differences—Hot Weather Costumes—"Palaces" a Drug—Entertainment Notes.

The holiday which the Princess of Wales has now set out upon is quite after her own heart. She has gone with Princess Victoria and Princess Maud for a fortnight's cruise in the Osborne. She will visit the Norwegian seas, and renew acquaintance with some of the magnificent fjord scenery with which she was so delighted last year. The Princesses take their sketching books, and the Princess takes her camera. It is known, I think, that photography is one of her Royal Highness's most favoured hobbies. But the mania has run all through the Royal family, and has become almost a craze. The Osborne has been specially fitted for this trip with new freezing rooms, and some elegant deck fittings. The Princess's cabin, which was always luxurious, is now one of the finest on any yacht. The vessel is brilliantly lighted with the electric light, and since she had new boilers in her has proved herself faster than any paddle yacht in the Solent. I hear that the Princess will visit Fredensborg on the return journey, the Czar having fixed an unusually early date for the family meeting in Denmark.

Mr. Stead should at once investigate the case of the alleged apparition of the late Sir George Tryon. This story, which has been afloat for some days, is now gaining a great deal of attention. It is boldly said that several ladies present at the party given by Lady Tryon just before the terrible disaster thought that they saw the Admiral in the room, and were hardly convinced when told that he was with his ship in the Mediterranean. The whole thing is remarkable enough to warrant the great interest it has aroused, and should be heard more of.

The Church Association is busy just now investigating the question whether or no the clergy can lawfully move the Communion Table from the East wall. This step has been taken by a good many Evangelicals anxious to protest against the Lincoln Judgment, but the legality of it is not admitted by the majority of the Bishops. On this the association have appealed to Mr. Finlay, Q.C., and to Mr. Benjamin Whitehead, who have given their views. The counsel are agreed that, if the move be absolutely needed for the purposes of celebrating, then it might be lawful. In any other case, they hold it illegal. As it is very difficult to imagine a case where a clergyman must move the table for the purposes of convenience, the association has gained little by the appeal. But it is astonishing to notice the persistency with which it refuses to accept a peaceful settlement of these rubrical differences and continues to revel in ecclesiastical contention. Were it not for such paltry bickering, all sections of thinkers might now work harmoniously. The Church Association does not love harmony, however, unless it be on its own side.

The straw hat crept into the House some weeks since. It is now almost universal in the City, and the few men in the West End wear nothing else. During the last week the most timid man has not feared to bring an umbrella, and to use it both in Regent-street and farther east. No one, of course, wears a waistcoat, and the black band or coloured silk sash round the waist is very common. The vagaries of attire are amazing, some men looking like full-blown Turks, and others like acclimatised Indians. I hear that a very conservative person went into the Stock Exchange the other day in a frock coat silk hat, and was greeted with a round of cheers. Even in that home of the stove pipe he was an anomaly. Restaurant people say that the overpowering heat has brought about a great temperance reaction. At lunch time the cry is everywhere for gingerbeer. Hundreds of thousands of bottles of this nectar of youth have been consumed near Temple Bar within the week.

There seems no doubt whatever that the organ in the Albert Palace must go. Mr. Shaw-Lefevre has explained the impossibility of preventing the sale, and so far as one can learn there is no money forthcoming. It is a pity, for the instrument is a very fine one, and fitted the building, but the First Commissioner hopes that the fabric may yet be secured by Mr. John Burns and his friends, and in that case it should not be impossible to repurchase the organ. For the Alexandra Palace I am afraid there is no hope. It has now been decided to build over the beautiful Muswell Hill grounds, and one may soon expect to see the "villa residence" atrocity where the Palace stood. The organ in the Great Hall is one of the largest ever built. It is also one of the best in tone. It will be lamentable if it is not secured for some public building, but the instrument is so huge that the difficulty of placing it cannot fail to be very great.

Dr. Mackenzie seems to have been hardly used by the musical people at Chicago. They asked him to write an oratorio for them, and now they will not sing it. They say that their music has been altogether a failure. The hog-merchant prefers a show with a fat man or an armless lady. He is an enthusiast for a circus or a panorama, but he cannot rise to oratorio. English musicians who have been to the World's Fair say that the whole thing is a positive burlesque, the singing wretched, and the chorus abominable. A few of the stars have drawn audiences *ipso facto*, but for music as an art and not as a boom, the patron of the porkling does not care a button. This, at any rate, is the only conclusion to be drawn from the musical *débâcle* now chronicled.

I hear of wonderful preparations at the Haymarket Theatre for Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's new romantic play, which is announced for the beginning of the month. There is to be, amongst other monuments of realism, a ship of the period 1380. This, we are promised, will meet the carpet billows so bravely that the best sailor in the audience will have qualms. Then again, the devil is to be raised with as much fidelity as moderate and mythical knowledge of the process will permit. There is to be a fine old inn, with a body of pilgrims, and a very musical chorus. The play is said to have a fine romantic and medieval flavour, abounding in "By my halberts" and "forsooths." It is an interesting experiment, and many will watch with expectation to see if there is really a future here for the romantic drama—or, as Balzac said to his enemy, "Has it a fine future behind it?"

Apropos the theatres, that pretty opera-bouffe, "La Mascotte," is to be heard again at the Gaiety in the course of a few days. M. Audran never wrote a more melodious score than this, and the opera should well bear a run. The same might be said of his "Olivette" and of M. Planquette's "Rip Van Winkle." Why the latter opera has been in the cupboard for so long is really part conjecture. Both in book and in music it is infinitely above the rubbish lately foisted upon us, and should attract a young generation for many weeks. Ten years ago librettists and musicians understood their business, in comic opera at any rate. To-day this pleasant art has practically disappeared. The whistling man reigns supreme, and shares his kingdom with the serpentine dancer.

A disastrous boiler explosion has occurred at the Wellington Boiler Mills, Lexington, Missouri. A large part of the building was wrecked, and the engineer, Johnson, and a boy named Albyn were killed. The boy's body was blown to fragments, and the engineer was buried under a huge pile of *débris*. Pieces of the boiler were scattered over a radius of 100 yards.

"RUSTICATING."

[By "The Old Crow."]

Yes, rusticating in the proper sense of the term, at that quaint little red-tiled village of Monkseaton, which, in the present-day rush for Whitley and Cullercoats, is far too apt to be forgotten. And yet it has advantages over either of the sea-side resorts so much frequented by Newcastle people, and by visitors from greater distances. In Monkseaton, we have the combined privilege of feeling that while we are breathing the exhilarating brine from the one side, we have all the happiness of truly rural existence on the other. We are living in a neat little cottage, ivy-clung, having a stretch of garden in front of us in which are cultivated the wildest of wild flowers. Our landlady is a young Norwegian mother, happy, evidently, as the day is long, and never so contented as when she is humming to her baby-girl some weird Norse lullaby, to hush her to sleep as, by means of a string, she rocks the tiny cradle. From the roadway in front of the cottage—which is the main road between Whitley, Earsdon, and Newcastle—a pretty stretch of blue sea is obtained. Here, the postman is quite a feature of the village, with his majestic swing, looking most important as he strides along the country road. He can afford to put aside conventionality in a sense, and discards, in deference to the weather of sunshine and warmth which we are at present enjoying—his government cap for an easy-going broad-brimmed straw. His gait is something splendid, and as he trudges on his round he looks very important, and seems to feel that in the shape of the letters he carries, he holds in his hands the hearts and destinies of everybody in the village.

Here the cocks and hens enter the front room of your cottage as you sit at meals. It is there, too, that George Wright brews for the thirsty wayfarer his famous nut-brown ale. It is here where Mary, mindful of her duties, brings home the lowing herds at milking time; where milk is rich with cream, and fourpence per quart—the same, by the way, as purveyed at the neighbouring town of North Shields, and sold for threepence. And here the music of the cooing doves mingles with delightful effect with that of the rustling leaves of over-hanging trees; clothed in bonniest green. Why, personally, I would a thousand times over prefer living here to either Whitley, Cullercoats, or Tynemouth, and I make little doubt that if Monkseaton were only better known it would be in greater demand than it is. But there is no room to grumble this year. Appearances here indicate that the season is good, for, like its bigger neighbours, Monkseaton is this year having a royal time. There is not a place to be had here at the present time. The experience is almost the same at Whitley, Cullercoats, and Tynemouth, indeed, I learn that there never was a season more successful than the present one in the history of either place. This is all very pleasant to know, and should be a state of things highly satisfactory to landladies generally. Viewing Tynemouth and neighbouring resorts in a purely unprejudiced way, however, one cannot but admit that except as points within easy access of the town, readily reached after business hours, and more or less good for bathing purposes, the average man who has travelled at all about the country feels a want at all of them. True it is that one meets familiar faces every day—faces one sees quite regularly during business hours in the city, and to some who delight in continual companionship this is enjoyable in its way. There are those, however, who, meeting the same people when on a holiday, are bored by it, and would like to hide their heads for a month or more, free from the disturbing influence of the city talking man, who has a propensity for talking "shop" at all and every opportunity. For both these classes of individuals our northern seaports near at hand have attractions in different degrees, and in opposing directions. Still, in each case something is felt to be, and is, undoubtedly, wanting to make the places of which I am writing additionally attractive. That something is enterprise, and this seems strangely absent. Even the Recreation Association, formed some years ago at Tynemouth, is less active than formerly, and concerts are a very rare feature of the week. Is it that their efforts have so far been scurvily appreciated, or what? Time was when, through the instrumentality of this happily-conceived association, music was provided at any rate three evenings per week. Now, alas, one per week has to suffice. With the town as full as it is represented to be, surely this might be improved upon. With good concerts, provided nightly—and I cannot for the life of me see why they should not be held nightly—something will have been accomplished to give tone and spirit to the town, and increased relaxation to the visitors, who yearn for something musical to enjoy. At present we like the sniff of the briny, of course—because it is the only exhilarating feature of the place; but the enjoyment all round would undoubtedly be enhanced by the provision of entertainments in the direction indicated. To walk the promenade, smoke our pipes or cigarettes, and spoon the girls, is well enough for a night or two, but gets decidedly monotonous after the first week.

To lounge about the bay at Cullercoats, too, is possibly novel in its way for a day or two; but after having admired the characteristics of the fisher-women, and counted the number of boats in the harbour, and the number of windows in the new Huddlestone Arms, our interest waxes thin, and we stretch and yawn, and sigh for something more interesting to occupy our troubled minds. The same thing applies, of course, to Whitley, where, except for an occasional *al fresco* concert at Fry's Panama House—always enjoyable in their way—there is never anything to brighten and to cheer the heart of man or maiden. The former must seek solace in the consumption of inconveniently numerous glasses of soda, or beer, or brandy and soda, or—let me say it for variety's sake—the familiar "Glenlivet," whilst the latter reads novels, or embroiders garments until her eyes ache for very weariness. So that, to sum up, taking one consideration with another, Monkseaton—pretending to nothing of the superiority of her neighbours—is after all the pleasantest of the bunch. Yes, I most distinctly vote for Monkseaton until matters are materially altered in the other places named.

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Cricket.

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

Ebchester Park v Templetown Fell.—Played at Ebchester, and resulted in a victory for the home team by eight runs. Score:—Templetown, 50; Ebchester, 58.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. WALLSEND.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and ended in a very easy win for the home team. Score:—

WALLSEND.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
J Bell c T Middleton b W Middleton	4	W Middleton b G Robson	2
S Anderson c Gray b T Middleton	2	H Stephenson c G Robson b Elliott	17
W Elliott b Bewicke	29	Jameson b G Robson	3
G Robson c Crichton b T Middleton	1	D Crichton b G Robs'n	33
R E Robson c Morgan b Crichton	3	G Halliday not out	42
Wallace b W Middlet'n	5	J Bewicke b Dunlop	9
Fox run out	0	T Middleton b Dunlop	2
Lawson run out	8	L Gray c Wallace b G Robson	6
Dr Aitchis'n b Bewicke	0	Morgan run out	0
Dunlop not out	0	Moore b Elliott	0
English b W Middleton	0	T Hall did not bat	
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total	57	Total	125

BLACKHALL MILL v. TANFIELD.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

BLACKHALL MILL.		TANFIELD.	
F Richardson c W T Brown b Bowes	0	W T Brown c Mason b Richardson	2
T Greener b Bowes	3	M Pattison run out	0
J Greener b Bowes	5	J Watson c Mason b Richardson	5
G Emmerson b Bowes	0	N Wilkinson c Greener b W Wood	5
J Lonsdale c Wilkinson b Bowes	15	T Irwin c Embleton b Weston	2
W Wood c J Brown b Irwin	4	E Bowes not out	28
J Wood b Bowes	15	W Robins'n b W Wood	0
T Embleton c J Brown b Robinson	0	J Brown run out	0
W Mason run out	2	J Laidler b Weston	0
W Weston b Brown	8	W Hetherington b J Wood	0
P Charlton not out	0	W Foreman b J Wood	4
Extras	5	Extras	3
Total	57	Total	49

MEDOMSLEY v. TYNE DOCK.

Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

TYNE DOCK.		MEDOMSLEY.	
T Corner b Lowes	6	M Charlton b G Atkinson	0
W Bone b Lowes	1	W Cant b G Atkinson	3
H Jordison b Cant	0	R Campbell b G Atkinson	3
J Grayson b Lowes	2	M T Milburn b G Atkinson	4
J Batey b Lowes	0	G E Milburn b Winyard	26
G Atkinson c Bramley b Cant	2	W E Charlton b G Atkinson	0
J Pendlington b Lowes	2	R Charlton c Parker b G Atkinson	2
J Parker c W E Charlton b Cant	1	R Lowes c Grayson b Cooper	13
C Winyard c Bramley b M Charlton	24	T Bramley not out	7
J Cooper b Campbell	9	J Hunter not out	5
J Atkinson not out	0	W Hunter did not bat	
Extras	16	Extras	13
Total	63	Total	76

OXHILL v. TANTOBIE.

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in favour of the home team. Score:—

OXHILL.		TANTOBIE.	
T Tindale b Morton	18	T Morton not out	19
F Thompson run out	0	R Holmes b Thompson	4
J Middlemast c Foster b Rockett	0	W Keilor b Thompson	0
R Henderson c Foster b Morton	5	J Harrison b Smith	0
W Raine b Morton	2	F Rockett b Smith	0
J Middlemast c Morton b Rockett	21	J Brown b Smith	0
G Collin b Morton	2	E Foster c Thompson b Smith	0
M Ledgar b Morton	1	W Hall c Henderson b Middlemast	0
J E Smith c Holmes b Morton	4	J Nicholson c and b Ledger	5
J Siddle run out	3	T Shepherd b Ledger	9
R Palmer not out	6	G Kennedy b Raine	2
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	65	Total	41

BURNOPFIELD v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Played at Burnopfield Flower Show, the home team winning by 21 runs. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
G Cooper b Seed	3	J Seed run out	1
J H Cuthbertson c and b Charlton	3	E Bell b T Robson	0
T Robson b Charlton	2	J W Forster c T Robson	18
R Armstrong c Thompson	5	L Urwin b Hogarth	0
G Robson c Town	22	J Booth b G Robson	3
W Hogarth lbw	3	W G Thompson b T Robson	4
J G Allan b Mackey	1	W Town b G Robson	0
G Wood c Thompson	0	A Charlton b G Robson	3
J Weedy run out	4	F Richardson run out	0
P Allan b Mackey	0	A Mackey b G Robson	1
J Nevin not out	1	G Raisbeck not out	0
Extras	11	Extras	4
Total	55	Total	34

WHICKHAM v. GATESHEAD FELL.

Played at Gateshead, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors. Score:—

WHICKHAM.		GATESHEAD.	
W Burn c Patterson b Pettifor	26	J R Hedley c T Cheesman b Atkinson	6
T M Burn b Thwaites	4	F R Giepel c T Burn b Atkinson	6
J Mowbray b Thwaites	5	F H Thompson b Atkinson	3
R Mordue b Thwaites	2	R E Pettifor lbw b Atkinson	0
W Thynn c Thwaites b Pettifor	17	R Thwaites b W Burn	1
T Cheesman c Giepel b Thwaites	0	W Hudspeth b Cook	10
G Cheesman b Pettifor	1	W Burdon c Snaith b Atkinson	0
H Cook b Thwaites	3	G Barrass run out	1
T Atkinson not out	5	C Patterson b Cook	0
T A Snaith b Thwaites	5	J Oliver c Thynn b Atkinson	3
S Ismay run out	3	G Thew not out	6
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total	79	Total	42

RYTON v. OLD GATESHEADIANS.

Played on the latter's ground, resulting in favour of the visitors. Score:—

OLD GATESHEADIANS.		RYTON.	
E Wraith b T Yeates	8	T Yeates b Slaymaker	15
R Brown b Clark	0	F Oliver c Gibson b Brown	4
Slaymaker (pro) b T Yeates	11	F Yeates b Slaymaker	12
J Collingwood c Lumley b T Yeates	0	F Iceton b Slaymaker	4
J Robson run out	6	W Lumley c Dunn b Brown	7
W Gibson b T Yeates	0	J Snaith b Slaymaker	17
R Main b Clark	0	R Allen c Gibson b Brown	0
C Dunn b T Yeates	1	G Clark c Wraith b Brown	3
J Trotter lbw b T Yeates	1	M Turnbull b Slaymaker	2
E J Bell c F Yeates b T Yeates	1	A Poole b Slaymaker	4
H Deane not out	2	J Clark not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	14
Total	32	Total	82

LANCHESTER AND DISTRICT v. CONSETT AND LANCHESTER DIVISIONAL POLICE.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		POLICE.	
W Simpson b Railton	10	Newton b Ramsay	3
J Kirtley run out	43	Railton c Wilson	15
W Liddle b Newton	0	Tweedy b Simpson	12
J Ross b Railton	1	Humphrey run out	3
J Sinton c Tweedy	13	Watson c Wilson	0
A Dodds b Tweedy	6	James b Ramsay	0
J Chapman b Humphrey	6	Liddle st Liddle	0
J Thompson b Tweedy	5	Smallwood b Simpson	0
W Ramsay not out	3	Mitchell c Ramsay	1
W Mace b Tweedy	1	Weightman not out	0
G Wilson b Tweedy	2	Stubbs b Ramsay	0
Extras	14	Extras	3
Total	98	Total	37

LANCHESTER v. CORNSAY I.O.G.T.

Played on the latter's ground, resulting in favour of the visitors. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		CORNSAY.	
J Ross b Whitfield	13	J Dodds run out	2
J Kirtley c Whitfield	7	F Hardy b Askin	1
J Sinton b Nicholson	0	R Lynn c Sinton	1
W Ramsay c Whitfield	9	R Harrison c Coulson	0
C Askin b Nicholson	1	J Lynn c Kirtley	12
J McHatton c Lynn	0	G Whitfield b Ramsay	2
J Thompson run out	1	J Nicholson b Askin	3
T Coulson b Whitfield	13	J Golightly b Ramsay	1
T Cook c Hardy	0	W Jordan c Ross	0
J Ward not out	0	M Seymour not out	1
G Wilson c Golightly	1	G Lowther b Askin	4
Extras	3	Extras	1
Total	48	Total	28

DIPTON P.M. CHAPEL 2nd v. WHITE-LE-HEAD Y.M.C.A.

Played at Dipton, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

DIPTON.		WHITE-LE-HEAD.	
Herdman b Pyle	40	Richardson b Herdman	0
Fenwick c Atkinson b Harrison	8	Arthur b Fenwick	0
Jessop b Harrison	9	Nicholson b Herdman	2
Bell st Nicholson b Pyle	12	Harrison b Herdman	8
Peel c and b Harrison	29	Atkinson not out	37
Williams c Pyle b Harrison	5	J Pyle c Williams b Jessop	9
Ellison c Richardson b Arthur	5	Keilor c Jessop b Herdman	0
Blaylock (sub) b Harrison	1	Arthur b Herdman	3
Atkinson (sub) not out	0	Pyle c Fenwick b Herdman	0
Kirtley (sub) l b w b Arthur	0	Lowns st Peel b Herdman	4
		Blaylock st Peel b Herdman	0
Extras	9	Extras	7
Total	109	Total	70

LANCHESTER 2nd v. DURHAM CITY JUNIORS.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a draw. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		DURHAM CITY.	
J Lowery b Prince	0	Thompson b Walker	4
J Ward run out	3	A Bell b Jackson	0
Jas McHatton lbw	3	J Fenny c McHatton	21
F Parker b McNeal	13	A Prince b Walker	6
W Jackson b Prince	2	R McNeal c H Parker	0
J Wilson b Bell	1	J Smith b Jackson	1
H Parker c Fenny	1	J Wardle b Jackson	1
R Hall c Prince	9	W Johnson not out	1
J Ramsay not out	9	L Myers run out	0
M Walker b Prince	6	J Connelly not out	1
W Mace c McNeal	3	Maddison to bat	
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total	58	Total	41

HAMSTEELS v. CORNSAY.

Played on the latter's ground, the home team winning very easily. Score:—

HAMSTEELS.		CORNSAY.	
T Maycock c E Aston b Slater	3	J Slater b A Bailes	14
A Dodds run out	3	E Aston c Jordan b Dodds	1
Watson c J Aston b Slater	6	J Hodgson c Lyons b Dodds	6
Lyons c W Hodgson b Slater	0	W Gray b Dodds	3
A Bailes b J Aston	0	W Milburn c Barkuss b A Bailes	17
Lowdon b J Aston	0	J Aston b A Bailes	36
Richardson run out	13	W Hodgson b Bailes	3
Barkuss c Lowes b Slater	2	J Lowes c Bailes b Barkuss	1
Jones b J Aston	0	H Winter c Dodds b Barkuss	0
B Bailes b Slater	3	Speedy not out	15
Jordan not out	2	W Barron c Jordan b Dodds	1
Extras	2	Extras	10
Total	34	Total	107

WINLATON v. STRICKLAND TEMPERANCE.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in a victory for the home team. Score:—

WINLATON.		STRICKLAND.	
J Reed c and b Jefferson	12	Walton c and b Reed	9
H Tebb st Walton b J Walton	22	J Lawson b A Tebb	3
A Tebb c Walton b Jefferson	51	Jefferson b Tebb	1
J Bleukinsop c Walton b J Watson	0	Smart b Reed	0
Nicholson b Jefferson	8	Wilkinson c & b Tebb	3
B Tebb b Laws	1	T Walton run out	0
R Forster b Laws	0	J Walton b Tebb	14
Archbold b Laws	7	Laws b Reed	0
Latimer not out	4	Beveridge b Blenkinsop	12
Ryding c Forster b Laws	2	Lawson b Blenkinsop	5
H Forster b Laws	5	Forster not out	2
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	119	Total	55

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

MEDOMSLEY AGAIN BEAT TYNE DOCK.

Although they have not been particularly successful in League games, in friendly fixtures Medomsley have performed very creditably. Early in the season they gained a pretty easy victory at the expense of Tyne Dock—thanks principally to some sensational bowling on the part of Lowes—and last Saturday, at Tyne Dock, Medomsley again compelled the Dockers to take a back seat. The home team took first innings, but for some time fared very badly against the attack of Lowes and Cant, with the result that eight wickets went down for only 23 runs. Then, however, the visitors apparently felt inclined to take matters somewhat easily, and being favoured by several mistakes in the field, Winyard (24) and Cooper (9) made an invaluable stand, adding 40 runs for the ninth wicket, the total amounting to 63. Lowes, as in the previous match between the two clubs, was very effective, his analysis working out as follows:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
R. Lowes	10	3	14	5

Cant also bowled well, securing three wickets for 18, whilst Campbell had one for three, and M. Charlton one for four.

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Like their antagonists, Medomsley commenced most inauspiciously, and lost six wickets for 25 runs. At this point, however, G. E. Milburn (26) and Lowes (13) became associated, and effected a useful stand, taking the total to 49 before being separated. With Bramley in, the issue was quickly decided, and the visitors were left with an extremely meritorious success. The most deadly bowler on the home side was G. Atkinson, who sent down some exceedingly fast balls, and as the ground was in a baked condition and the wicket a shocking bad one, his deliveries got up most awkwardly from the pitch, and were absolutely dangerous. G. E. Milburn is entitled to the greatest credit for the plucky manner in which he stood up to Atkinson's bowling, and turned the tide in favour of Medomsley when the outlook was far from bright for the visitors.

A DRAWN GAME AT BLACKFINE.

Seeing that the fixture between Consett and Crook was set apart for the benefit of the home professional (Wilson), it was greatly disappointing to find the match only moderately patronised. Since he came to Consett, Wilson has rendered good service to the club, and by his quiet, unassuming, and gentlemanly demeanour has made himself extremely popular with players and spectators alike. The reason of the comparatively poor attendance was doubtless due to counter attractions, notably the big show at Shildon. The Consett innings was rendered noteworthy by another splendid performance on the part of Dales, who knocked up a faultless 70 out of an aggregate of 130. The Consett captain must have a remarkable average for the present season.

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Only about an hour remained for play when the visitors proceeded to the wickets. After two batsmen had been got rid of for a similar number of runs, a better appearance was put on the game for his side by Thompson, who played capital cricket for his 21. When stumps were finally pulled up, Crook had lost five wickets for 40 runs, and thus had the worst of a drawn game.

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A CLOSE GAME AT BLACKHALL MILL.

The meeting of Tanfield and Blackhall Mill, on the latter's ground, resulted in a very close finish, the homesters just pulling through by a matter of eight runs. The winners were chiefly indebted to Lonsdale and J. Wood (15 each) and Weston for their total of 57, Bowes being in good trim with the ball for Tanfield. When the visitors took up the batting, Bowes again distinguished himself, and carried out his bat for a sterling 28. He could get no one to stop with him for any length of time, or probably the result would have been slightly different. Tanfield are hardly playing up to their old form this season, and apparently miss the loss of Jewitt and other good men more than a little.

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THE INCONSISTENT "CITIZENS."

For real downright in-and-out form commend me to Chester-le-Street. They are a complete surprise packet, as one week we find them simply smothered by a team they were expected to overcome, while on the succeeding Saturday, to the complete astonishment of everybody, they are found administering a severe thrashing to a club against which they were thought to have no chance whatever. What is the reason of it? If we had a similar body to the Jockey Club connected with cricket, it is long odds that the "citizens" would be called upon to explain their in-and-out running.

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The strong Wallsend team were the visitors at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, and as I believe I am correct in stating that they had not suffered a reverse previous to Saturday this season, it may be readily imagined that they came with the full intention of maintaining their unbeaten record. But, unfortunately for them, they found the home team upon their best behaviour, and were easily snuffed out. With the solitary exception of Elliott (29), the Wallsend batsmen shaped only feebly against the home bowlers, and were all dismissed for the moderate score of 57. A team which includes such brilliant bats as Stanley Anderson, G. Robson, Elliott, and Bell in its ranks, should certainly have been good for many more runs than that.

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Chester-le-Street did not make a particularly gay beginning, although Stephenson (17) batted in taking style. On Crichton (33) and Halliday (42) becoming partners, however, the visitors' bowling was completely collared, both men playing finely, Halliday being still not out at the finish. Eventually, the Wallsend aggregate was more than doubled for the loss of eight wickets, and the homesters were enabled to claim a highly creditable victory. I might mention that neither team was fully represented.

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OXHILL BEAT TANTOBIE.

Both the above teams have been showing very good form recently, and consequently their meeting at Oxhill last Saturday caused much interest, as they were thought to be most evenly matched. The home club batted first, and put together the fair score of 65, for which they had chiefly to thank two men—Middlemast (21) and Tindale (18), both of whom displayed capital form. Morton was the pick of the visitors' bowlers, taking six wickets at a comparatively small cost.

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As in the trundling department, Morton was again to the fore in the batting line, and, going in first, carried his bat right through the innings for 19. He was ably supported by Shepherd, but the remainder shaped only weakly at the attack of Smith, Thompson, and Ledger, no fewer than half-a-dozen of them capturing the dreaded "egg." Morton deserves unqualified praise for the gallant but futile attempt he made to secure success for his side, and he, at any rate, has no cause to look back upon the game with anything but feelings of satisfaction.

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BURNOPFIELD V. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

For their return match with Burnopfield—played at the flower show held in connection with the latter village—Shotley Bridge were, unfortunately, only able to place a lamentably weak eleven in the field, and paid the usual penalty. G. Robson (22) played a useful innings for the homesters, whose total, with the help of "Extras" (11), amounted to 55. Although this was by no means a formidable score, it turned out to be greatly beyond the powers of the visitors, who, with the notable exception of Forster (18), gave a wretched display when opposed to the deliveries of G. and T. Robson, and were all sent back for 34.

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WHICKHAM ONCE MORE VICTORIOUS.

Just at present the Whickham men appear to be in irresistible form, and are carrying everything before them, victory following victory week after week, and somewhat reminding their supporters of olden times, when Whickham was a power in the land, and "Billy" Burn the terror of batsmen. Although those palmy days in the club's history date back very many years, we still find "good old Burn" rendering great service to his team, and this year he has come out as a batsman, having been responsible for several capital scores. Whickham visited Gateshead on Saturday to meet the Fell of that name, who can muster a pretty decent eleven. The visitors first appeared on the defensive, and succeeded in compiling the useful total of 79. W. Burn (26) and Thynn (17) played excellent cricket for their runs.

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The Gateshead men found the splendid bowling of Atkinson much too good for them, and only one man (Hudspeth) reached double figures, all being out for 42. Burn, for a wonder, did not "come off" with the leather on this occasion. Atkinson, however, proved fully equal to the occasion, and added another to the many grand bowling performances he has accomplished this year on behalf of Whickham.

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LANCHESTER TURN THE TABLES.

For the return match between Lanchester and the Consett and Lanchester Divisional Police—played on the former's ground on Thursday of last week—both sides had whipped together strong teams. The home club had the assistance of Simpson and Liddle (Burnhope), and Dodds (Hamsteels), while Tweedy came through from Durham to give the police a helping hand. The feature of the homesters' venture was the splendid batting of Kirtley, who compiled an excellent 43 before being run out. Sinton (13) and Simpson (10) also showed up well.

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The "guardians of the peace" found run-getting an extremely difficult matter against the effective trundling of Simpson and Ramsay, the only batsmen to offer any real resistance being Railton (15) and Tweedy (12), who had likewise carried off the honours in the bowling line. Six men failed to trouble the scorers, and as the total only totted up to 37, Lanchester revenged their previous defeat in signal fashion. The wicket-keeping of Liddle was very good, while the fielding of the veteran Wilson was most surprisingly smart.

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DISAPPOINTMENTS.

Writing on the above subject, Mr Geo. Shepherd (hon. sec. Shotley Grove C.C.) makes the following remarks:—"Our team has been disappointed at home no less than five times this season, and all of them return matches, we having gone away to fulfil our engagements. We expected Dipton to visit us on Saturday last to play their return game, and we waited from 2·30 until 4·15, but they did not turn up, nor yet did they send any word. In my opinion, such clubs should not arrange fixtures if they do not intend to play the return matches." The Grove appear to have been singularly unfortunate, and it is certainly very hard lines on a young club to experience such disheartening treatment.

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A PUBLIC MEETING will be held on TUESDAY, August 29th, at 7 p.m., in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, to be Addressed by Mr ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P., and Others, on the subject of the New Local Government Bill and on other Subjects of Public Interest. The Chair to be taken by Mrs ATHERLEY-JONES, President of the North-West Durham's Liberal Association.

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I, JANE STOKOE, now residing at No. 22, Cross Lanes, Stanley, in the Township of Tanfield, in the County of Durham, General Dealer, 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 24th day of August next, for a License authorising me to apply for and hold an Excise License to sell by Retail, at a house situate at Front Street, East Stanley, in the said County, Beer to be consumed off the Premises, in pursuance of the Act 11th Geo. IV. and 1st Wm. IV., cap. 64, and Acts amending the same. The Owner of the Premises in respect of which this application is made is JANE STOKOE, of 22, Cross Lanes, East Stanley.

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Public Notices.

THE OLDEST AGRICULTURAL SHOW IN THE NORTH.

THE WOLSINGHAM and WEAR VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their ANNUAL SHOW on Wednesday, September 6th, 1893, on the same Site as the County Show of last year. For Schedules apply to R. E. STOBBS, Secretary. Entries close August 26th. Excursions from all parts. 9301

WESLEYAN MINISTERS' RECEPTION MEETINGS.

REV R. W. BUTTERWORTH will PREACH in the Wesleyan Chapel, Annfield Plain, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at Three p.m. TEA at 4.30. Tickets, 6d each. PUBLIC MEETING at 6.30, to be Addressed by Revs R. W. Butterworth, A. E. Salmon (Newly-appointed Ministers), J. Crawshaw, J. V. Sutton and others.

REV A. E. SALMON will PREACH in the Consett Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday, Sept. 6th, at 3.30. TEA at 4.30. MEETING at Night, same as above.

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THE PARIAHS OF SOUTH INDIA.

REV W. GOUDIE will DELIVER a LECTURE in the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, on WEDNESDAY, August 30th, at Seven p.m., on "The Social and Moral Degradation of the Pariahs of South India." Chair will be taken by T. H. BAINBRIDGE, Esq., of Newcastle. A Collection at the close on behalf of Mr Goudie's Social Work among the Outcast people of South India.

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The Chair will be taken by

WM. LOGAN, ESQ., J.P.,

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SPECIAL SALE for HORSES & STORE CATTLE, Thursday, August 31st, 1893. Present entries:—10 Horses and Ponies; 25 Farrow Cows; 3 S.H. Bull Stirks; 200 S.H. Steers and Heifers, 1½ to 3 years old. Additional entries expected. Ballot drawn Wednesday evening. Sale at 12 o'clock.
18m JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.

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THE SECOND SPECIAL SALE of KEEPING LAMBS of all Classes, will be held on Friday, September, 8th, 1893. Early Entries are respectfully invited.

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THE ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW and SALE of RAMS and RAM LAMBS and Special Sale of DRAFT EWES and GIMMERS and KEEPING LAMBS will be held on Wednesday, September 20th, 1893. Early Entries are respectfully invited.
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(Please Note Alteration of Day and Hour.)

MONDAY, August 28th, at 10 a.m.—15 to 20 Cows; 16 Fat Cattle; 80 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 3 Calves; also some Poultry.

Wednesday, August 30th, at 1·30 p.m.

SPECIAL SALE for LAMBS and STORE CATTLE; also a few COWS. Present entries: 600, including Three-quarter bred, and Half-bred Mule, Cheviot, and Blackfaced Lambs. Ballot drawn on Monday night.
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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

BETTER AWAY.

A communication was read at the last meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, intimating that the County Council had made arrangements to the end that the harmless lunatics would not be sent to Lanchester. The Gurdians were thanked for their kindness in agreeing to receive such patients, and with this exchange of good feeling the matter rests for the present. I have an idea that the majority of my readers—and the Lanchester Guardians in particular—will breathe more freely now that they know that no more "harmless lunatics" will be imported into the district. There are plenty mad men among us already, and if they are not dubbed harmless lunatics the omission is due to the good taste and forbearance of the local leader of public thought, who in the spirit of the old time—tempers the wind to a shorn lamb. So much by way of pleasantry, but it is true all the same that the "harmless lunatics" are better away.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

It may be assumed that these periodical exhibitions are productive of considerable benificial results, not only to the agricultural class, but to the community as a whole. Competition is said to be the life of trade—although some of the more observant of us, knowing what we do, feel inclined to pronounce it the death of it—and at an agricultural show even the handiwork of unpretending farmers' wives is placed in juxta-position. The fruit of this peaceful rivalry is that the public are supplied with the best of butter and eggs. The prizes offered have also the effect of preventing the deterioration of the breed of horses and cattle, not to speak of hens and cocks, and grovelling swine. It is true as well that the introduction of modern machinery by the farming class is largely due to the practical illustrations of its utility exhibited at agricultural shows. The reaping hook and the scythe have given place to the reaping machine, the burden of harvesting the fruits of the earth having been taken off the arms of men and placed on the sinewy shoulders of the horse. It will therefore be seen that such exhibitions as the one under note have an all-round influence in the way of general progress and reform. It is much to be regretted that the attendance at the show the other Wednesday was below the average of former years. It would, I think, pay the committee to introduce a programme of popular attractions in the way of sport on the lines adopted by the promoters of flower shows. Flowers are prettier than fat oxen and well-fed porkers, but the tastes of the public crave for something more, and they get it, the committees of flower shows being astute enough to feed the flame of popular taste and feeling.

A SINGULAR OMISSION.

Apropos of the above note, it seems strange on reflection that while so much is done to the end that the lower animals may improve as the successive generations of them come and go, that no steps should be taken to improve the intellectual resources of the nobler animal—man. The hinds in these northern counties are in a lamentable state of ignorance, for as a farmer once observed to the writer: "They have less brains than the beasts they drive." That such energy should be expended in improving stock and raising the land to a higher state of cultivation, while the veritable tillers of the soil are allowed to grow up like weeds, is one of the inexplicable features of the so-called advanced age in which we live. In these days when books are cheap and opportunities abundant, there is no excuse for the minds of men being little other than a blank, and that is precisely the mental condition of the majority of the hinds in this part of the country. The pedigree of racing horses, and the probable winners of current races, forms about the be-all and the end-all of their existence, and constitutes about the only subject on which they are well informed. The men themselves are entirely to blame, but at the same time their employers might do something in the way of encouragement, if not command.

MEN WE HAVE NEVER MET.

The subject, "Men we have met," has been almost done to death, that particular line of thought having been taken up in various quarters, but "Men we have never met" is a new theme, and I hand it over without reserve to those who care to accept it. The idea occurred to me on reading of the departure from Blackhill of the Rev A. Bromley, a gentleman who, in keeping with the usages of Methodist bodies, has been transferred to the town of Sunderland. I have never met the rev. gentleman named, nor have I ever had any communication with him. My respect for him was begotten of pity, for when he settled at Blackhill some years ago I felt for him, knowing as I did that his heart would not be cheered by the influence and presence of a numerous flock. Ministers do not complain as a rule, preferring rather to labour and to wait. But human nature is but human nature at best, and the innate yearnings of the heart will exert their power to depress or cheer, irrespective of whether a man is clad in broadcloth or corduroy. I knew that the congregation had struggled for years, and however faithful its members might be individually, their meagre numbers were bound, in the ordinary routine of things, to exert a depressing influence on the mind of their minister. But Mr Bromley laboured, nothing doubting, and now that he is gone to another field of labour, depend upon it he will get his reward. You see, my reader, that it is quite possible to admire a man whom you have never met. Human thought is as wide as the expanse of heaven, and as deep as the sea, and if the *role* of circumstances prevent us from shaking hands in the flesh with all whom we respect and admire, it ought at least to be a source of consolation to the untiring, ardent soul to know that appreciation comes from unexpected quarters.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

NEW ORGAN.—The Consett Baptists have just put in a new organ to aid in the service of praise. Our readers will see by an advertisement in another column that opening services will be held on Sunday, which we trust will be successful.

SALE OF HORSES, HARNESS, VEHICLES, &c.—Mr John Crawford held a successful sale on Wednesday, at his auction mart, Gibson Street, Consett, there being a large attendance. Fourteen horses were entered, eleven being sold; 22 vehicles, 25 lots of harness, etc., were also sold, making satisfactory prices.

THE PARIAHS OF SOUTH INDIA.—The Rev W. Goudie will lecture in the Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday evening, on "The social and moral degradation of the Pariahs of South India." Mr T. H. Bainbridge, of Newcastle, will preside, and will be supported by the vicar, and the various ministers in the district. The lecture will, we venture to assert, be both instructive and interesting, as Mr Goudie has spent several years as a missionary in India. At five o'clock, an exhibition and sale of Indian embroidery will be held. From six to seven, Mr Goudie will gladly answer questions on Indian mission work.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Lovers of melodrama are having a treat here this week in the visit of Messrs Vaughan and Charlton's able company, with Mr Fenton Mackay's thrilling drama, *Spellbound*. It is a play differing in a great measure from most of the stage productions we have seen here, and is brimful of excitement from the rise to the fall of the curtain, and as it is being produced by a well-selected company of artistes, they ought to do a good week's business. Mr J. W. Evelyn's impersonation of "George Westland" is a really creditable performance, and was well deserving the frequent bursts of applause accorded to him. The rest of the company supported him in a highly creditable manner. Next week another good thing is announced—viz., the production of *The lightning's flash*, by Mr G. J. Hale's company, a drama by Arthur Shirley, author of *The Grip of Iron*. As most of the scenery required for the production of this piece is carried by the company, we may expect something good next week.

BLACKHILL.

CHARGE OF ASSAULTING THE POLICE.—At the Consett Police Office, on Friday morning—before Mr J. T. Potts—John Hagan, a steelworker, of Blackhill, was remanded on charges of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Sergeant Tones at Blackhill, on Thursday evening.

APPROPRIATION MEETING.—The members of the 1st Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society held their 70th and 71st appropriations on Monday last, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, when the following draws took place:—129, 199, 427, 273, 393, all withdrawn; 337, not clear on the books; 381, 213, 403, withdrawn; eventually, 462 was drawn and found clear on the books for two shares, in the name of Robert Robson, thus entitling him to an advance of £200, as per rule. Another draw, in accordance with the advertisement, took place afterwards, when the first number, 094, was found to be withdrawn; 384, being drawn, and found clear on the books for two shares, was found to belong to Thomas Milner, entitling him to an advance of £200, as per rule. Mr Harker occupied the chair, whilst Messrs Gillies and Elsdon were scrutineers on behalf of the members, and the Misses Mary and Ann Edgar drew the balls.

MEDOMSLEY.

The 19th annual show of flowers, fruit, and vegetables is announced to be held in the kitchen field, near the vicarage, to-morrow (Saturday) Besides the annual show and sports, a pony race is announced to take place, and prizes will be given for the best mare or gelding in harness. The usual ball will be held in the evening after the show. See bills and advertisement.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, Mr S. Mace, jun., A.L.C.M., announces the publication of a composition of his own, in the form of a polka. It is published by Good and Co., 11, Burleigh Street, London, W.C., and contains five pages of music for the pianoforte, besides the addition of a violin obligato. This piece will be sold at 1s 8d, which sum it is amply worth. Mr Mace has had some favourable opinions from eminent musicians, and we hope he will have a good sale for it.

SWALWELL.

ACCIDENT AT DUNSTON.—As two lads employed at the Dunston Flour Mills were engaged in a friendly struggle for an open pocket-knife on Tuesday, outside the mill, one of them was accidentally stabbed in the thigh, his injuries having to be attended to by a medical man. The wound was a deep one and had severed one of the arteries. It was stitched up, and the patient is reported to be progressing favourably.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

CO-OPERATIVE EXCURSION.—On Saturday, the members of the Sunderland Co-operative Society held their annual excursion to Shotley Bridge, when about 700 members and friends proceeded thither by special train. At the Spa Grounds a number of games were enjoyed. Mr Coley president, and Mr Archer, secretary, accompanied the party.

EBCHESTER.

CHURCH CHOIR.—The choir in connection with Ebchester Church had their annual treat on Thursday se'nnight. This year the place chosen was Roker. Leaving by the 8·22 train the seaside was reached about 9·30. Tea was served by the North of England Café Company, at four o'clock, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Ebchester was reached at 8·13, all being highly delighted with their outing.

LEADGATE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday, special services were held in the above chapel, at Leadgate, when the Rev Wm. Raistrick, newly-appointed superintendent minister, Blackhill, preached morning and evening to good congregations. In the afternoon, the Castleside Primitive Methodist choir rendered a cantata entitled "David, the shepherd boy," to a good audience. Mr Thomas Raine was conductor, while Mr W. Whitfield, Leadgate, presided at the organ. Good collections were taken at all the services.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 people witnessed the final representation of scenes in the Wild West, given in the Low Brooms Dene, Leadgate, last Saturday afternoon and evening. Prior to the performance, there was a gorgeous procession of the principal participants, through Dipton, Annfield Plain, &c.

TANFIELD LEA.

TANFIELD LEA WESLEYAN AND PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—The children and teachers of these schools, to the number of 290 children and 30 teachers, were most kindly treated to a good tea and packets of sweets, on Saturday afternoon, by Mrs W. J. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Joicey for her continued kindness to the children of the two Sunday-schools. The children then adjourned to a field, where the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent.

WEST PELTON.

MUSICAL TREAT.—On Saturday week, the Primitive Methodist choir, Grange Villa, West Pelton, gave a musical performance in the chapel. There was a good attendance. Mr Bowran occupied the chair. Mr R. Green conducted, and Mr W. Buglas accompanied on the harmonium. Mr Bowran gave a short address. A coffee supper was afterwards held.

WEARDALE.

At the meeting of the Weardale Board of Guardians, on Friday, the Master reported 37 inmates against 35 last year, and 29 tramps last week against 44 the previous week.

PRICE OF HONEY.—Honey is plentiful in Weardale this season. It has been a good season for the bees. Honey is selling at Stanhope at 1s per pound.

The Heathery Cleugh Church Sunday scholars had their annual treat at the Vicarage on Wednesday. Before breaking up, the assembled guests gave hearty cheers for the vicar, the Rev G. Monkhouse, and for Mrs Monkhouse.

STANHOPE.

QUARRY ACCIDENTS.—Two workmen were injured in the Stanhope Quarries, on Monday.

SUDDEN DEATH.—James Wallace, lead smelter at the London Lead Company's smelting mill, at Stanhope, took a fit on Tuesday, and expired. He has been ailing for some time, from lead poisoning. He was a member of the Primitive Methodist body.

GROUSE SHOOTING.—Big bags are the order of the day, and capital sport is being obtained on the Weardale grouse moors this season. The heather is in fine bloom.

The collection at Stanhope Church on Sunday morning, in aid of the Church improvement fund, amounted to about £31.

The Rev Mr Odell preached in the Stanhope Primitive Chapel, on Thursday afternoon last. He also lectured in the evening on "Pilate's staircase," Mr Thos. Philipson presided. He has raised some £25 in Weardale, for the training Home he is building, which has cost £3,700, £2,700 of which he has raised.

FATAL RESULT OF A QUARRY ACCIDENT.—Robert Fairless, single, died at Stanhope on Monday morning from the result of a quarry accident which occurred some time ago. Deceased was passing another workman, who asked him to give him a lift with a big stone, in which act the stone came down upon him, whereby he received several internal injuries, from which he succumbed after a long and painful illness, on Monday. He is much lamented.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The ordinary meeting of the Stanhope School Board was held on Friday last, at the Board Room—Ald. Livingstone, J. P., presided. An interesting discussion took place with reference to the attendance of children at school, some of whom are kept from school for frivolous causes. It was decided to empower the attendance Officer, Mr J. Peart, with authority to summons in all cases in future where the parents did not comply with the notices served upon them.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The balance-sheet issued by the Stanhope Co-operative Store, and which will be before the half-yearly meeting shortly, shows a present membership of 776; the penny bank depositors, 305, with amount of deposit, £239; and the reserve fund is stated to be £257. The general dividend is 2s 11d, the highest during ten years, and the flour dividend is 1s 9d. The share capital is given as £8,273: sales for the half-year, £8,317; and the net profits, £1,025. The society has branches at St. John's Chapel and Frosterley.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.—A special collection made at Stanhope Church on Sunday, for the benefit of the church improvement fund, realised the handsome sum of £30. The improvements which have been carried out in Stanhope Church include complete re-lighting with handsome gas lanterns, handsome lectern, tiling, and new seating of the chancel, etc. The church has now a very handsome appearance. The surpliced choir may be included in the improvements.

SATLEY.

A STACK OF HAY DESTROYED.—At 10·30, on Thursday se'night, a stack, containing about 5 tons of hay besides a wood shed, belonging to R. B. Hedley, of Satley, was wholly destroyed by fire. The value of the hay is £30, and the shed is worth £20, the property was fully insured. The fire was first discovered by Mr R. Hedley, uncle of the owner of the stack, who gave an alarm, but the flames had got too good a hold to be easily extinguished. The fire commenced at the top of the stack, and is supposed to have been ignited by tramps.

LANCHESTER.

The other Sunday while Mr Collins, insurance agent, of Leadgate, was examining some very old tomb-stones in Lanchester churchyard he came across a coin which undoubtedly dates from Roman period, although the designs thereon are almost obliterated. Anyone interested in numismatics can inspect the old coin on calling at the above address.

CHARGE OF DESERTING HIS WIFE AND FAMILY.—At the Consett Police Court on Tuesday, a man named *Walton* was charged with deserting his wife and family, and allowing them to become chargeable to the Lanchester Union, and was remanded till Thursday.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE PIC-NIC.—On Friday afternoon, the Ryton and district members of the Church of England Temperance Society held a picnic at Ryton. At half-past two the Ryton and Greenside Bands of Hope assembled at the Cross, and, after being photographed by Mr W. Tate, marched in procession, headed by the St. Mary's Throckley Brass Band, to a field near Stephen's Hall, kindly lent by Mr Swinburne. The following Bands of Hope took part:—Ryton, Blaydon, High Spen, and Greenside. Tea was supplied in a large tent. During the afternoon the band played capital selections of music. Racing and other sports were proceeded with, the inter-parochial tugs of war causing great excitement. There were present the Rev Canon and Mrs Baily, the Misses Baily, Rev T. H. A. Morris, Ryton; the Rev M. and Mrs Greene, Blaydon; the Rev G. D'Eath, High Spen; the Rev F. Swales, Winlaton; and the Rev J. A. Bridges, Greenside. At the conclusion of the sports Mrs Baily distributed the prizes to the various winners

DIPTON.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A WATCH AND MONEY.—At the Consett Police Offices, on Thursday se'nnight, Margaret Jane Gray, aged 20 years (who was apprehended at Newcastle), was remanded on a charge of stealing a silver watch and a purse containing 18s 6d in money, the property of James Young, of Dipton, with whom the accused has been acting as housekeeper, for some time past.

A CHILD DESERTED.—On Saturday evening, Bridget Ann Donkin, a little girl, the daughter of a woman who has achieved some notoriety in the neighbourhood, was found by P.C. Curtis, sleeping in a dyke behind a hedge at Dipton, having apparently been deserted, and left destitute. She was brought before the justices at Consett Police Court on Monday, and remanded to the workhouse.

KYO.

The 25th annual flower show and sports are announced to take place in a field, at Catchgate, to-morrow. There is a varied programme of sports, and a ball will be held at the close of the show. There seems every prospect of this year's show being as successful as ever.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Mr J. Witherspoon, of the Red Rose Vineries, publishes a sensible effusion on "birds as farmers and gardeners friends" in which he says:—"Whilst many fruit growers have been racking their brains to discover still more poisonous compounds for the destruction of the apple weelvil and other pests, I have again found my birds equal to the occasion. My apple crop, in fact, has been so well preserved that I do not remember to have met with even one fruit disfigured by insects. In connection with my occupation there are three things that I love to see, namely—Crows following the plough, ducks (under two months old) in either vinery or orchard house, and sparrows, especially during the blooming period, feasting and holding high-converse in the apple tree." Mr Witherspoon, being a working gentleman of high experience, writes Leon Barrie in *The Vegetarian*, his testimony as to the value of birds to farmers and gardeners ought, indeed, to carry conviction with it to the agricultural mind too often prejudiced against "our feathered friends."

CRICKET GROUND.—The Tanfield Lea Band gave an exhibition of their abilities in the cricket field, Chester-le-Street, when between 400 and 500 people assembled to hear a programme of sacred and high-class music, selected from the best composers. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and the surroundings extremely attractive, which, together with the finished rendering of the music by this justly celebrated band, combined to while away a couple of pleasant hours. The following was the programme:—Chorus, "Heavens are telling" (Haydn); cornet solo, "The lost chord" (Sullivan); grand selection, "Verdi" (Round); overture, "Nonpariel" (Round); grand selection, "Mozart" (Round); cornet solo, "The better land" (Cowen); overture, "El Dorado" (Round); chorus, "Hallelujah" (Handel).

HAMSTERLEY.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—On Sunday morning last, the officers and privates of this company attended divine service at Christ Church, Hamsterley. The morning, which unfortunately was very wet, did not seem to deter the lads from turning out in their new uniform, as also the inhabitants of the village from lining the road along which the brigade passed. After assembling at the schoolroom, a procession was formed to the Church where seats were reserved. At the church door they were met by the chaplain (the Rev W. M. Ellis), who, after announcing the hymn "Soldiers of Christ, arise" the captain (Mr G. W. Hedley) conducted the lads to their seats. During his sermon, the chaplain impressed upon the lads the importance of looking upon the brigade as a means of fulfilling their Baptismal vows. It is to be hoped that this is but a beginning of much good yet to come, and that a true spirit of reverence, discipline, and manliness may be fostered among the lads of the brigade. As soon as the brigade is considered sufficiently strong, steps will be taken to organise a military band.

STANLEY.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.—On Saturday last, the Sunday-school teachers in the Stanley circuit, held a council at Craghead. There was a very good attendance. After disposing of some minor business, they were entertained to tea by the Craghead teachers. At seven o'clock, the conference took place, and proved to be one of the most useful and instructive councils ever held during its history, and it is expected that many helpful hints were thrown out, and grasped, on Sunday-school work.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—The attractions offered here this week are "*Orphan and Outcast*" for the first three nights, and "*Jessie Brown*" for the remainder of the week. In the first-named piece Mr. David Collins gives an excellent pourtrayal of the part of "Tom," and as "Harry Walters" Mr. Arthur Hunt does very well Mr. Frank Coston is exceedingly funny as "Joe Wilkinson," and as "Mr. Welldon" Mr. Mark Lindon gave entire satisfaction. Mr. W. H. Newsome was very good as "Bill Firelock, the regular caution," whilst Mr. Lawless was capable "Fittum." Miss Ada Garrett gave a very fine rendering of the part of "Philiss," and Miss B. Spence and Miss Marion Keighley as "Susan" and "Caroline" respectively, are very creditable. The management intend having a full band upon the stage for the production of "*Jessie Brown*" for to-night and to-morrow night, their intention being to make the piece as realistic as possible. Next week. "*Under the Gaslight*" and "*The Flying Colt*" are announced

TOW LAW.

A lecture, entitled, "Hezekiah, the hearty," was given in the Primitive Chapel, Tow Law, on Thursday se'night, by the Rev J. Odell, of Birmingham.

TRAP ACCIDENT.—Mr and Miss Green were driving from Tow Law Station to Satley on Tuesday night, when one of the trap shafts broke. Mr Green jumped out, but was unable to control the horse, which, becoming startled, rushed forward. The trap came in contact with a stone, and Miss Green was thrown out, breaking her leg and doing injury to her head.

FLOWER SHOW.—This show, together with an industrial and live stock exhibition, will be held to-morrow (Saturday). There are nearly 800 prizes, and the entries are fully up to last year. There will be performances by Hayhe and Collins, the great novelty artistes, champion double clowns, and patomimists, besides other various attractions. The Royal Exhibition Band will be in attendance and discourse selections of music.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

THE TRIP TO SHILDON FLOWER SHOW,

On Saturday, was well attended. All the tickets were taken up by mid-day on Friday. Many more would undoubtedly have visited Shildon if tickets could have been secured at Rowley. Shildon show is certainly one of the finest in the north, and is patronised by far the greatest number of people, and for outside attractions we have never seen anything to equal it. All the trippers reached home by train but one poor fellow from Consett, who had the pleasure of seeing the smoking iron horse dashing out the station, leaving him to get home as best he could. He choose to tramp it, and, as the darkness gathered round him, and being a stranger on a strange road, he thought that he would try "Jacob's bed and pillow," when suddenly he was aroused by strange footsteps, which made the poor wanderer's hair stand on end. As the strange object approached he thought it was the evil one, but it proved to be a donkey who had come to sympathise with him in his loneliness, but he gave him a kick for acting as foolish as himself and being on the road at such an hour.

A SPECIAL TRAIN

Will be run from Rowley, on Saturday night, for the convenience of visitors to Castleside show, calling at Burnhill, Tow Law, Crook, Bishop Auckland, &c.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

An adjourned meeting of this Board was held on Monday night, when there were present: Coun. T. J. Muse (chairman), Messrs M. Lee, W. Pattinson, and J. Proud (clerk).—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.—The Attendance Officer's (Mr Walton) report was considered, but with the exception of a few irregulars, the attendance was considered satisfactory.—The master's (Mr Duckworth) report showed the number of children on roll 110 boys, 113 girls—Total, 223. Average present, 190; average absent, 33; percentage, 83. Cash account was: Fees, £3 8s 6d; books sold, 12s 11d—Total, £4 1s 5d.—Cheques were signed for £22 12s 8d; balance in hand, £50 13s 9d.

FREE EDUCATION.

A few weeks ago, a requisition, signed by a number of parents, was forwarded to my Lords of the Educational Department claiming free places for their children, in keeping with the memorandum recently issued by the Department, which gives liberty to parents of the right to claim free education, irrespective of social position. The Board was duly notified by the Department of the of the above representation, and after fully considering the whole question at issue, it was decided that on and after September 30th, 1893, the whole of the places will be free in the school, viz:—Free books, slates, copies, fees, &c. The decision of the Board will come, no doubt, as an agreeable surprise to many, but to the already heavily-taxed ratepayer it will be an unpleasant surprise. The rateable value of the School Board district is only a little over £2,800, the present rate being 1s in the pound; in the future it will be 1s 5d in the pound.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

Rev W. Raistrick, of Blackhill, preached in the Primitive Methodist School-room, on Tuesday night, to a good congregation, after which a society meeting was held, when officers were appointed for the ensuing quarter. Mr R. Jewitt is senior society steward, and Mr J. G. Raine junior society steward.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

On Wednesday night, a public meeting was held in the Board Schools for the purpose of considering technical instruction lectures. Coun. T. J. Muse was elected chairman. The meeting resolved itself into committee, with power to add to the list. It was decided to have a course of twelve lectures on the following subjects:—Six on "Electrical engineering," and six on "Health and the home." It was also decided to make an effort, in the interest of the young people, to establish an evening class—subject, "Mathematics." It was further decided that another meeting be called, and the ladies invited, with a view to establishing a class for scientific dress-making, laundry, and cookery. We trust the ladies will turn up in as large numbers as they did in the butter-making, and prove as successful.

THE GRAVEYARD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Met on Wednesday night, and it was decided to make arrangements for a concert in aid of the funds for carrying out improvement.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The Stanhope School Board are about to enforce a better attendance at school, and all parents whose children attend badly, if in future they do not send their children after receiving notice from the attendance officer, will be summoned and prosecuted according to law.

Mr Robert Fairless, who succumbed on Monday after a lingering illness, caused by a quarry accident, was the only breadwinner for the family, his father being blind.

A Frosterley genius made his mark at Shildon show, on Saturday. Although he has only one eye, having had the other taken out recently by Dr Robinson, of Stanhope, yet he has constructed a clever model of a steam navvy, which he exhibited and secured the second prize of 10s. Some time ago he worked at Elswick. While there an overman in charge was beat how to move a heavy gun-carriage a yard or two forward, and candidly admitted the fact to his labourer, Tom, from Frosterley. "I'm clean beat, Tom," said he; "can you devise any method of shifting it forward?" Tom, the labourer, at once was boss. Said he to the foreman, "Off you go and bring a pair of hand blocks"; and after dexteriously fastening a stout rope or two, commenced hauling away, and had the stupid gun-carriage into position in twenty minutes. Next morning the foreman cleared out, after speaking on Tom's behalf as a genius, although only a working man. Tom was installed as foreman right away.

At the recent inquest at Stanhope, touching the sad death of a Newlandside quarryman, Coroner Proud suggested the desirability of some better method of signalling when shot firing in the quarries. The present one is defective, as was proved by the death of poor Gowland, of Westgate, who was hit on the head by a falling stone from a shot the other day. Mr Proud thought something in the shape of a foghorn would be better in sounding alarm than the present style of shouting fire, and would be better heard. Quarrymen's lives should be better cared for than they really are.

I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon last week at Barnard Castle, along with three of Stanhope's most noted characters, one of whom was chief engineer for Stanhope Dene, and a hearty, jolly afternoon we spent together. We saw the farmhouse from which point Oliver Cromwell blew down the old castle of Barney, and other sights. The Flatts Wood, beautiful though it is, does not exceed Stanhope Dene. It certainly is on a larger scale, but for scenic beauty the dene has it.

The paper read by Dr Robinson, F.R.C.S., at the Newcastle meeting of the British Medical Association, on "Leadminers and their diseases," was both an able and a very interesting one. I had the pleasure of perusing it, and was surprised at the doctor's familiarity with the risks incident to the life of a leadminer, and the dangerous character of the employment to health, to life, and limb. He had a thorough grasp of the subject, and showed up the hard life of the miner in the dirty, dusty mine shops, and in the unwholesome and damp atmosphere of the mine. Dr Robinson has done much for the leadminer in thus bringing before the public notice his unenviable position, and the unhealthy conditions both of the mine and the mine shops.

The sod cutting of the Weardale railway extention is to come off shortly, at St. John's Chapel, by Sir Joseph Pease, M.P. It will be a "red-letter day" in the dale, and will, it is hoped, inaugurate a better state of things, commercially speaking. Weardale for long years has suffered severely by trade depression, consequent upon the failure of the leadmining industry, and it is hoped that the railway will give an impetus to the depressed state of trade in the dale.

I had the pleasure of hearing Dr Stephenson, of eminent Wesleyan fame, on Tuesday last, at Wolsingham. Dr Stephenson's name is a household word throughout Great Britain, in fact one might safely say that he is known as the Principal of the Children's Home in almost every part of the civilised world. It may be of some interest to know the number of children under his care at his famous institutions, on the 21st of March of the present year:—London Branch, 332; Birmingham, 107; Edgworth, 189; Milton, 156; Canadian Branch, 20; Ramsey, 43; on the sea, *en route* for Canada, 44; making a total of 891. The collection taken at Wolsingham, on Tuesday evening, after his sermon, was close upon £5. Many were present from the neighbouring villages all around to hear this interesting and famous preacher.

A poor woman, heavily laden, was seen struggling up the streets of Stanhope the other day, under a broiling sun, with a heavy load. A lady went to her assistance, and carried one or two of her bundles, and thus relieved the weary and heavy-laden one.

EAST HEDLEYHOPE.

PRESENTATION.—The Rev Mr Clemitson, Wesleyan minister, Wolsingham circuit, was presented on Saturday evening, by a number of friends, with a handsome marble timepiece, as a recognition of his valuable services as their minister. Mr T. E. Fenwick, Mayfield Hall, Wolsingham, made the presentation.

DESTRUCTIVE FARM FIRE NEAR BEAMISH.

About midnight on Saturday night, a fire was discovered to have broken out in the farmstead at Blue House Farm, near Beamish, Chester-le-Street. Although every effort that could, under the circumstances and situation, be used, was made, the fire was not subdued until the whole of the steading was destroyed, including the whole of the machinery and implements, about 70 tons of hay, and other stock, the damage being estimated at about £1,000. It is supposed that the fire originated in one of the store rooms, where there was a quantity of hay. Only the hind's house was saved.

SHOCKING RAILWAY FATALITY AT SPRINGWELL.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning, James Gallon, 3n years of age, and of no fixed abode, succumbed to injuries received whilst crossing the Jarrow and Pontop Railway, about 200 yards below Springwell Colliery. It appears that Gallon had been out of work since the late miners' strike in Durham, but on Friday afternoon he succeeded in obtaining employment at Dunston Colliery. With a view of starting work he left the house of Thomas Connelly, at New Washington, where he had been staying lately. On getting to the point indicated, instead of taking the archway for safety he climbed the embankment, and in crossing the line was caught by a full set of waggons which was being run down to the docks. When picked up Gallon was frightfully injured, the right arm being almost severed from the body. The poor fellow lingered in great agony for upwards of twelve hours, when death ended his sufferings. The deceased, who was unmarried, was taken back to Mr Connelly's, at New Washington.

MR. ATHERLEY-JONES AND FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., does not wish to spend much of his hard-earned holiday this year, by addressing public meetings, but he has kindly consented to give one night to the newly-formed branch of the North-west Durham Women's Liberal Association at Westwood and Hamsterley. The meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, on Tuesday, August 29th, at 7 o'clock. Mr Atherley-Jones has been specially requested by the Women's Liberal Association to support the claims of women, not only to elect, but to be elected on the new parish and district councils, which are about to be established. The district councils are to succeed to the duties now discharged by Boards of Guardians. Women have always been eligible as Guardians, and have, in many cases, done good work on those Boards, but it is doubtful as yet, whether the new bill will allow them to be chosen as district councillors, if not, they will be thrust out of that sphere of work and usefulness, which has hitherto been open to them. It will be proposed to send a memorial from the meeting to Mr Fowler, president of the Local Government Board, who is in charge of the bill, requesting him to amend in this particular.

DEATH OF MONSIGNORE CANON THOMPSON.

We regret to have to record the death, at the age of 80, of the very Rev Monsignore Canon Thompson, which took place on Thursday se'nnight, at his residence, High Hedgefield, near Blaydon. The reverend gentleman was a native of the district in which the latter years of his life were spent. He was educated at Ushaw College, and was ordained a priest in 1832. After being in charge of several missions in the County of Durham, he accompanied the late Cardinal Wiseman to Rome, where he resided several years. From Rome he returned to the North of England, an was appointed to the Catholic Chapel at Esh, near Ushaw, where he spent the greater portion of his priesthood. Some years ago, in consequence of a paralytic affection in his throat causing an impediment in his utterance, together with increasing years and infirmities, he retired from active parish labour, and lived at Hedgefield. Although unable, when there, to undertake Church work, he spent his life in acts of benevolence and philanthropy. He was constantly engaged in the promotion of charitable institutions, or in assisting indigent and suffering priests and neighbours. Although an ardent upholder of his own faith, he was much too Catholic-minded and liberal to limit his benefactions to his co-religionists. No case of suffering or necessity that was brought to his attention ever went unrelieved. He either provided the means himself, or busied himself in securing the necessary relief from his friends. He was universally esteemed by men of all classes, creeds, and parties, and was beloved by all who had the pleasure of his personal friendship. He was the oldest canon of the Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

THE FUNERAL.

On Monday, the remains of the late Very Rev Monsignore Canon Thompson were interred in the Catholic Cemetery at Stella. The body was brought from the residence of the deceased canon on Monday morning to the Catholic Church, at Stella. Here the service commenced at 11 o'clock, there being a very large attendance of the general public, who crowded the church to the doors. The service was attended by the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle (Dr Wilkinson), and the following members of the Cathedral Chapter:—Provost Watson, and Canons Wrednall, Cooke, Waterton, Franklin, Rooney, V.G., Green, and Dunn. There was also a very large attendance of the clergy, amongst those present being:—Fathers Turnerelli, Foran, Berry, Habel, Newsham, Holmes, Dunn, Peupaert, Peach, Gabriel, Fitzgerald, Smith, Kirsop, S Harris, F Wood, Stevenson, Howe, Lonsdale, etc. A number of the deceased's parishioners at Esh also attended, among them being Col. Leadbitter-Smith, of Flass Hall, and Mr Leadbitter-Smith, jun. A solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased canon was sung. The mass was "Corum Pontifice," the music being Gregorian, and led by Father Holmes. Canon Franklin sang the mass; Father Wilson was deacon; Father Dunn, sub-deacon; and Fathers Stevenson and Collins, deacons of the throne. Professor Laing, of Ushaw, was the master of the ceremonies. The Bishop did the absolutions, and sang the service at the grave.

Canon Dunn, of St. Michael's, Newcastle, preached an effective and touching sermon from the text "And being spent with age, he died, and was carried to his people, being old and full of years." He said that 80 years ago Canon Thompson was born, and more than 50 years ago he became a priest. The three chief and most beautiful traits in his character were his attention to the sick, his zeal for the instruction of children, and his spirit of prayer. It seemed as though he was imbued with a special gift for aiding the sick, sweetening the last hours of the dying, and fortifying them for their last journey to eternity. To the old and infirm it was his regular custom to take holy communion monthly. It was in this way he brought comfort to the homes of the sick and the dying. The most marked and best remembered feature of his pastoral career was undoubtedly his care of children, and his great desire for their instruction. Many whose privilege it was to receive their religious instruction from him were full of gratitude for what they owed to him. Recognising the fact that the child is father of the man, and that the boys and girls of to-day will be the men and women of a few years hence, he made it a special care to instil into the minds of the young the principles of catholic faith and practice. The result of his labours in this direction was that the people in Canon Thompson's old parish of Esh were recognised to be a hardy and robust race of Catholic men and women, noted for their loyalty and obedience to the teachings of their church. Canon Thompson was not, nor did he pretend to be, a man of renown. But he was a father in his generation who loved his children with a true love, and trained them up in their youth in the way they ought to go—in the way of truth and life. He asked them to pray for him who had gone to render up an account of eighty years.—The interment then took place in the cemetery adjoining the church.

All is not Gold that Glitters may be said about many brilliant prospectuses that are frequently issued to financiers; they often herald the formation of companies which go up like the proverbial rocket and come down like a stick. Holloway's Pills and Ointment, unlike such shaky ventures, are the soundest investments in which people suffering from disease can entrust their money. They have the reputation of over half-a-century, and every day they return substantial dividends in the form of good health. No disease has yet disputed their influence when a fair trial has been given. They cure dysentery, diarrhœa, weakness, and liver and kidney diseases, whilst for skin diseases they have no equal. Sold by all chemists, &c.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the above council was held in the Co-operative Buildings, Consett, on Saturday night—Mr John Pearson in the chair. There was a large attendance of delegates.

MINUTES.

Mr T. Hall, in the absence of the secretary (Mr J. Wildsmith), read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed.

A RESIGNATION.

A letter was read from the Operative Bricklayers' Society, withdrawing from the council.

It was moved by Mr Stoddart, and seconded by Mr Gillespie, that the secretary write to the above-named society for an explanation of their reason in withdrawing from the council.

LATE TRAIN SYSTEM.

Owing to the absence of the mover of the notice respecting the above system, it was decided by the council to postpone the question till the next monthly meeting.

ALTERATION OF QUORUM.

The motion moved by Mr Thos. Hall, that the *quorum* be altered from nine to five members, was carried.

This was all the business.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY.

On Saturday evening, a special meeting of the members of the Consett Co-operative Societ, for the purpose of appointing a secretary, through the office of secretary and manager having been made separate, was held in the Co-operative Hall. There was a capital attendance, presided over by Mr G. Lowes (president).

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said that the committee had carried out the instructions of the previous special meeting, and had advertised for a secretary, in response to which they had received 51 applications, and after going carefully over them, they had selected four to put before them at that meeting, from whom to select a secretary. To a very great extent the well-being and prosperity of a society depended on the efficiency of its secretary, and he hoped they would use their utmost discretion in the selection, and that the very best man of the four would be selected. The Secretary would read the applications of the four selected candidates, and also their testimonials, and if any member wished to ask any question relevant to the matter before them, such question or questions would be submitted to each of the candidates in writing, so that after consideration of them, each candidate would be called in to give his answers. He thought that would be a much better plan than asking each candidate the questions direct, as a man might be a good penman and an efficient bookkeeper, and yet not be able to stand before an audience to be "heckled." He would ask the Secretary to read the minutes leading up to that meeting.

The Secretary (Mr Jesse Hall, sen.) accordingly read the minutes, and the applications of the candidates, along with their testimonials. The names of three of the candidates were as follows:—W Dawson, Annfield Plain; A E Raeburn, West Calder; E Huntley, Consett.

At this stage, the Chairman explained that the members were at liberty to ask any questions bearing on the work and qualification of the secretary.

Mr T. Harrison (Templetown) asked the following question: "Do you hold any certificate as a bookkeeper?"

Mr R Douglass (Consett) asked if the appointment was in accordance with Rule 43?

The Chairman read the rule referred to, and explained that the matter was quite in order.

Mr J. R. Kirkup asked for the ages of the respective candidates.

The Secretary complied with this request, and also read the amount of wages required by each of the candidates.

Mr T. Harrison wished to know if any of the candidates were shorthand writers.

There being no more questions, the candidates were then brought in singly, to answer the questions.

A Candidate, in reply to the first question, said he held no certificate from any training school or society as a bookkeeper, but he had had a lengthy and varied experience in that subject, and also had a knowledge of accountant work. In answer to the second question, he stated that he was not a shorthand writer.

Mr Dawson answered both the questions in the negative.

Mr Raeburn, in reply to the first question, said that his only certificates were the testimonials received from his past and present employers. He, however, did the whole of the work in connection with the balance-sheet of the West Calder Society, and had been commended by the accountants of the Scottish Wholesale for the manner in which the work was done. With regard to the second question, he had given nine months to the study of shorthand. He asked what were the working hours of the Society, and whether the change was being made with the full consent of the late secretary.

The Chairman explained that the working hours of the Society were 50 hours per week; but that the secretary would not be on quite the same footing as the other employes, inasmuch as he would be required to attend all committee and sub-committee meetings. The other question he would ask the late secretary to answer.

Mr Hall said it was with his full consent. He might add that with regard to the working hours the committee had extracted from him all the hours there were, except a few to eat and sleep. (Laughter.)

Mr E. Huntley, in answer to the first question, said he held no certificate as a bookkeeper, his excuse being that having worked at it all his life, he felt no desire to work overtime for the purpose of obtaining a certificate. In reply to the second question, he said he was not a shorthand writer.

Mr W. Bell (Blackhill) asked if the Secretary would be required to give any bond.

The Chairman replied that the whole of the employes who handled money were members of a guarantee society, the Society paying the premium.

Mr T. Harrison asked if the committee had put the candidate through any examination as a test of proficiency.

The Chairman said they had questioned them all very carefully that afternoon, and were satisfied that any one of them was quite capable of doing the work. They had heard the applications and testimonials themselves, and he would ask them to vote for the man they thought most suitable for the office of secretary. He would appoint Mr T. B. Davis and Mr J. Kirk tellers, and the vote would be by ballot.

The following was the result of the voting:—

	No. of votes.
A Candidate	12
Dawson	3
Raeburn	27
Huntley	76

The number who voted was 119, and there was one spoiled paper.

The Chairman, amidst loud applause, declared Mr Huntley elected as secretary.

Mr Huntley briefly returned thanks, and the meeting dispersed.

Mr Huntley has for some time past been employed as head clerk for the society.

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"How to Debate."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of sixpence, may be had at Robt. Jackson's bookseller, Front Street and 21 Newmarket Street, Consett.

Dr Barclay's Antibilious Pills.—For eradicating all impurities of the blood from the system they have no equal. They have never failed in effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.—Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggist Manchester.

CONTEMPORARY CHAT.

From a communication read to the Association of Belgian Chemists it seems that Continental bakers are in the habit of mixing soap with their dough to make their bread and pastry nice and light. The quantity of soap used varies greatly. In fancy articles like waffles, fritters, &c., it is much larger than in bread. The soap is dissolved in a little water; to this is added some oil, and the mixture, after being well whipped, is added to the flour. The crumb of the bread manufactured by this process is said to be lighter and more spongy than that made in the ordinary way.

One of the victims—we are afraid we must call him so—to the recent volunteer manœuvres at Aldershot was Mr. Lawrence Holland, of Wimbledon. Mr. Holland was a captain in the Post Office Regiment. He attended the manœuvres, received a heat-stroke on the 9th inst., and died on the 15th. Mr. Holland was a grandson of Lord Gifford and brother of Canon Scott Holland. He was clerk and assistant librarian at the National Portrait Gallery. He was buried at Kingston Vale Cemetery last week with full military honours, the body being borne on a gun-carriage and attended by the Post Office Volunteers, who fired three volleys over the grave.—*St. James's Gazette.*

Here is a hard case described in the *Bombay Gazette*. In a certain Presidency two men were under sentence of death for murder in gaols in different parts of the country, and both appealed for mercy. It was finally decided that one of the men should undergo the dreadful penalty, and that the other should be reprieved. Telegrams to this effect were despatched to the superintendents of the respective gaols. The telegraph superintendent forwarded the messages. The result was that the wrong man was hanged, and that the murderer whom it was the intention of the authorities to leave to his fate was reprieved. The telegraph superintendent explains that the error was due to the fact that the difference between the names was so slight—only an "n" and an "m."

An important concession in favour of English lady medical students has been granted to the London School of Medicine for Women by the University Court of St. Andrews, who have formally decided that the lecturers of the establishment shall be "specially appointed by them for the instruction of women in medicine." This means that they approve of the present teaching staff, and have placed the institution upon a footing of equality with the Edinburgh schools in regard to the highly-esteemed M.D. degree which the University of St. Andrews confers. Several valuable awards are offered to young women by the London School in competition next month, including the Dufferin Jubilee Scholarship of £25 a year, tenable for four years, and a number of annual prizes ranging downwards from £5.

We find the following in the *Siamese Free Press* (Bangkok) of July 13th: "The European doctors unattached to either Siamese army or navy appear to have borne the brunt of the work. Dr. Hayes and Dr. Cox of the Swift, assisted later by the surgeon of the Linnet, have done excellent service, and deserve the warmest thanks of the Siamese. Dr. Rasch, of the Naval Department, was sick, and Drs. McFarland and Hee were left entirely without orders; and are left yet, probably, in the same unaccountable ignorance. No orders appear to have been issued from the Intelligence Department, which seems to have been perfectly paralysed. The Europeans fought the forts, gunboats, and mines and the Europeans nursed, cured, carried and attended the Siamese wounded. We beg the Siamese to remember this when next they dream of dispensing with the services of Europeans."

Each day just now newspaper readers on this side of the Atlantic are kept well posted up as to the coming contest for the America Cup, which has now become a standing headline, doubtless puzzling not a few. The America Cup derives its name from the yacht which carried off the prize presented by the Queen at the Cowes Regatta as far back as 1851, since which date the coveted cup has remained in the hands of the New York Yacht Club. The race was to be an international one, and has from time to time been re-run, the last occasion being in 1887, when the Volunteer beat the Thistle, which in after years blossomed forth as the German Emperor's Meteor. Needless to say, the good wishes of England go with Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie, which is just about to cross the Atlantic to try and wrest from our cousins the Queen's Cup, held by them for the last 42 years.—*Sun.*

To avoid eating vegetables in cholera time has long been an accepted rule of hygiene, and it did not need the revelations of the interesting article in *Nature* concerning the number of days a cholera bacillus can live on a spinach leaf to cause people to follow it. In fact, the German investigator only confirms the theories of common-sense travellers. "No vegetables, no fruit, no water, and sound red wine to drink" is their summary of precautions. And our readers will remember that last year we prescribed, after a famous French physician, an "anti-cholera lemonade," made of sugar and water and citric acid. This simple and refreshing drink receives a new testimonial from this investigator, who remarks that acid is a deadly foe to the bacillus, even when it produces acid itself. Considering, however, that a part of Germany was devastated by the cholera last year, this German scientist's assertion that lager beer is a specific against cholera seems so wide of the mark as to throw doubt on his other conclusions.—*Daily Chronicle.*

The formation of the Australian Parliamentary party may now be regarded as an accomplished fact. Membership, says the *Daily Telegraph*, will be confined to men of Australian experience, and not, as was at first amusingly suggested, extended to those who have married Australian wives. About a dozen members of the House of Commons have signified their adhesion to the scheme, including Sir John Gorst (Cambridge University), who spent many years in New Zealand; Sir James Fergusson (North-East Manchester), who was Governor of South Australia and New Zealand 20 or 30 years ago; Mr. Henniker Heaton (Canterbury), who is largely interested in New South Wales; Mr. Pritchard Morgan (Merthyr Tydvil), who has had considerable mining experience in Queensland; Mr. W. A. McArthur (St. Austell), who was born in New South Wales, and is now a Lord of the Treasury; Mr. Florence O'Driscoll (South Monaghan), a Nationalist whip, long resident in Queensland; Mr. William Allen (Newcastle-under-Lyme), who hails from New Zealand; Mr. H. R. Graham (West St. Pancras), an extensive traveller in the Australian colonies; Mr. J. F. Hogan (Mid Tipperary), Mr. T. B. Curran (Kilkenny), and Mr. T. Curran (South Sligo), the three latter representing Victoria and New South Wales.

Lieutenant Colin H. Keppel, who is about to be gazetted to the Royal yacht, an appointment to which his service gives him a good claim, is the youngest son of Sir Harry Keppel, Admiral of the Fleet. During the Egyptian war Mr. Colin H. Keppel, then a sub-lieutenant, was appointed to one of the steamers going up the Nile. He had not been on board four days before she was wrecked, and he lost everything. Mr. Keppel then crossed the desert to join the steamer commanded by Lord Charles Beresford, in which he went up the river in the historic attempt to save Gordon, when she was disabled in the boiler by a shot from a fort. After their retreat, when a large dahabeah grounded near the fort with some 40 men on board, Mr. Keppel was sent with a small boat's crew to get her off, which he accomplished after some hours' hard work—he being struck by a spent rifle shot, which penetrated his clothing and knocked him over, but did not disable him. For these services Mr. Keppel was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, but was thus placed only two or three months higher on the list than he would have been had he waited his turn. Lieutenant Keppel has since then served as flag-lieutenant to the Duke of Edinburgh on the Mediterranean station, and also during his command at Plymouth.—*World.*

Sporting Items.

Pigeon Flying at the Spen.—A large number of people assembled to witness the decision of a pigeon flying match at the Spen, between George Stobbs's Young Fullerton and Barrett's bird, from Coal Burns to the Spen, for £10, Barrett's bird receiving one second start. Young Fullerton won by two seconds. John Settrey, Spen, acted as timekeeper and stakeholder.

Fives Match at Hedley Hill.—A double match at fives took place at Dearness Valley Hotel, between Sam Thompson and William Gleyn on the one part and Joseph Wilkinson and James Fineren on the other. An exciting game lasting five hours resulted thus:—Thompson and Gleyn, 33; Wilkinson and Fineren, 31. There were over eight hundred spectators.

Quoiting at Medomsley.—On Saturday afternoon, a large number of spectators assembled at Mr Minto's, Miners' Arms Inn, Medomsley, to witness a quoit match which was announced to take place between John Wigham, of Westwood, and William Holmes, of Clough Dene, for £10 a side, 55 points game. It was stipulated, however, that the quoits to be used should not weigh more than 6½lb but as Holmes's quoits weighed 6lb 7½oz Wigham declined to play, and each party had his stake money refunded.—On Saturday night, at the above hostelry, £1 a side was deposited in the hands of Mr J. Westoe, of Burnopfield, to bind another match between Wigham and Holmes for £15 a side, 61 points game, to come off at the Victoria Grounds, Newcastle, on Saturday, September 9th.

BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW SPORTS.

At the 20th annual exhibition held on Saturday afternoon in connection with the Burnopfield Floral and Horticultural Society, in a field belonging to Mr J. Thompson, farmer, some sports were decided in the presence of a large muster of spectators. Details:—Bowling at the wicket—R. Armstrong, Burnopfield CC. 110 yards' handicap foot-race—Heat 1—N Keefe, Burnopfield, 16 yds, 1; Turnbull, Byer Moor, 13, 2; Fewster, West Stanley, 11, 3. Won by three yards. Heat 2—A Coulthard, Byer Moor, 10, 1; Robson, Cullercoats, 13, 2; Weedy, Burnopfield, 15, 3. Won by a yard-and-a-half. Heat 3—Celtic, Annfield Plain, 14, 1; Reed, Byer Moor, 13, 2. Won by a yard. Final—Coulthard 1, Keefe 2, Celtic, 3. Won by a foot, two feet dividing second and third. Mr F. Maddison, Burnopfield, was handicapper and starter; Mr R. Patterson, Hobson Colliery, referee. A cricket match was also played between Shotley Bridge and Burnopfield clubs. Score:—Burnopfield, 55; Shotley Bridge, 34.

Volunteer Intelligence.

Stanley v. West Pelton.—A shooting match took place between six men of West Pelton, and an equal number of Stanley, on the splendid range at Tanfield Lea, which has been opened recently. The match was brought off on August 16th, and consisted of seven shoots at 200, 500, and 600 yards.

West Pelton				Tl.
Priv J B Goundry	26	23	25	74
Priv M Pattinson	23	21	23	67
Corp J Grundy	29	22	23	74
Priv F Stephenson	27	26	25	78
Priv T Clough	22	10	11	43
Sergt J Johnson	23	23	25	71
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Stanley.				Total
Lieut Crossling	22	22	23	67
Priv Hazon	27	25	20	72
P Wilson	20	22	22	64
Lieut Colquhoun	21	31	15	67
Priv Roxby	17	26	21	64
Priv Walton	22	22	26	70
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Football

Tanfield Lea have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up with good first teams. Write to G. Greener, 19, Edward Street, Tanfield Lea, Lintz Green.

Burnhope Rovers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams in the district. Ages, 14 to 16. The 2nd team would also be pleased to arrange games. Apply to R. Wallace, Burnhope Colliery, Lanchester.

Lizzie Celtics 2nd team have all dates vacant, and would like to arrange games with moderate seconds. Apply to J. Coyle, 41, South Pontop, Annfield Plain.

Lintzford Juniors have still a few dates open, and would like to arrange games with junior clubs. Ages, 14 to 16. Good ground and tea. Apply to W. Smith, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green.

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB.

At a full general meeting of the above club, held in the Church Institute, Chester-le-Street, it was decided to form a club under the above title. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr Fred. Waggott; vice-captain, Mr T. Pattison; secretary, Mr Thos. Henderson; treasurer, Rev F. L. Milward. The club has been elected a member of the Houghton and District League, and open their season on Sept. 2nd with a League match against Murton, away.

DIPTON WANDERERS A.F.C.

The courteous secretary of the above well-known club (Mr T. Swinbank) has favoured us with one of his fixture-cards for the ensuing season, and it is safe to say that no local club has ever issued such an attractive card. As the Wanderers have been fortunate enough to gain admission to the Northern Alliance, they play home-and-home matches in that competition with such strong teams as Sunderland A. Shankhouse, Newcastle United A, Blyth, Willington Athletic, Southwick, Rendel, Hebburn Argyle, and Gateshead N.E.R. Their ordinary fixtures include games with Mickley, Ashington, Bill Quay Albion, and others. As they have such a heavy programme to carry out, the Wanderers have deemed it advisable to strengthen their ranks, and several local men of good reputation will be found sporting the blue and white stripes this season, amongst others E. Gailes, late of Tanfield Lea; J. M. Maddison, Hobson Wanderers; &c. That sterling back, Tom Rowell, will captain the Wanderers, with Turpin as vice. The season opens with a Northern Alliance match at Dipton on September 2nd, Gateshead N.E.R. being the visitors.

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The Unemployed in East London.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £300 000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism. 8306

A SECRET TORTURE;

Or, OTTILIE ASTER'S SILENCE.

Translated from the German by

MRS. D. M. LOWERY.

Chapter XVI.

"BETTER FAR TO DIE!"

Aster arose at six o'clock, as usual, to take his early morning walk. Ottilie was already awake; she appeared very quiet and composed, but was deathly pale. Her husband urged her to accompany him, saying that the morning air would do her good. But she refused, answering that perhaps she should go out alone a little later. Bertrand knew she always liked to avoid conversation early in the day.

Soon after his departure she put on her cloak and hat, and went into the library, where Mary was already busy watering the plants.

In this house as many of the little daily duties were accomplished in the early morning hours as was possible.

Mary looked as pretty and as neat as ever, but her little face was pale as ever.

Yet, when she saw her mother, an amiable smile crossed the youthful countenance, which wore the shadow of its first disillusion; and the voice with which she gave her mother a morning greeting sounded almost cheerful. She praised the lovely weather, and hoped Francis would come early, so that they might make up a morning party to the Brumthal.

Ottilie was greatly relieved. She saw that this cheerful self-possession was in no way assumed, but was the natural appreciation of life by a young girl whose wounds were not deep.

"If papa returns before I do, only say that I have gone out; and if breakfast is ready at eight o'clock, do not wait for me. I'll meet you at church."

How gay and bright everything seemed in the street, even at this early hour.

The clear blue sky, the vivid green of the trees, and even the grey old houses lightened perceptibly in the spring sunshine. Gayly dressed women, with their more soberly clad escorts, were hurrying hither and thither, either going to church or to catch the first morning trains out of town.

Ottilie crossed the Odeon Square, and turned into the Maxmilian Strasse by the Arch of Victory.

At the hotel she inquired for Herr Othmer, and was shown by the servant into the little *salon* on the second floor. Othmer was at breakfast.

She expected to find him very much excited, but he greeted her quietly, and as he drew up a chair beside her, begged her to take a cup of tea.

"Pardon me," said Ottilie, nervously; "I see everything about me swaying and tottering—my very existence, and that of my children; and you meet me with the air of a man who is receiving an ordinary morning visitor!"

"You expect advice—more than that, help—from me, dear Ottilie, and I think my cold-bloodedness should quiet you. Tell me all that has happened," he said, as he broke a raw egg into his coffee, while Ottilie, becoming more and more excited the while, related what had occurred on the previous evening. Othmer finished his meal.

"Truly, it is an unexpected complication," he said, soberly. "The only thing that remains to be done now is to tell Aster the truth."

"I would rather die!" cried Ottilie, with anguish in her voice. "You do not seem to comprehend; he will not allow his brother to marry the daughter of a traitor; what will he do if he learns that the wife of this regicide is now his own wife? He would cast me off forever."

"Seventeen years of unalloyed happiness, so you told me yesterday, have certainly been a justification for your conduct. Shall not seventeen years speak for you with your husband? My dear Ottilie, you and your husband are both such remarkably good people; only, unfortunately, your weakness and his weakness meet together upon the same point. You are—forgive me for saying it—both, in a certain sense, cowards; he about what the world says and thinks; and you, likewise—only that your world is what his judgment of it is. Have courage to stand upon your own characters. What need to care what people think of Sabine's birth and your past life?"

"If you have no better advice than that to give me, I am just as helpless as I was before," moaned Ottilie.

They were both silent. From the street came the sounds of laughter and hurrying feet. Horses' hoofs clattering over the old stone pavement and the rumble of wheels. Sounds of bells through the hotel as guests arrived or hurried hither and thither through the long corridors.

"What do you say to this plan," began Othmer at last, giving her a sharp glance. "To tell Sabine the whole truth and then induce her to renounce all claim to Francis?"

Ottilie paled.

"No!" she said, with trembling lips. "No; better far to die than have a child of mine forego a life's happiness on my account."

Chapter XVII

"THE HALCYON TIME OF YOUTH AND LOVE."

Othmer paced to and fro for some moments before he turned and said to Ottilie:

"Your husband would not expect to find me so free from prejudice as to be utterly indifferent to custom and appearance. Were that my disposition, he would be repelled rather than attracted. But I think he has already recognised in me that true independence of character which looks first at the right of the thing and afterward to what is customary. Perhaps a word from me, the persuasion of one who apparently has no interest in the matter, might give him what I am persuaded he secretly wishes he had—courage to consent to this alliance. He has invited me to spend to-day with you—very well, I will come."

"If it were only possible!" cried Ottilie, with fervour. "And Sabine—what will she say to it all?"

"We will send for her and see. I have already made inquiries, and find that rooms 32 and 33 on the first floor are occupied by Frau Bottcher and a young maiden."

"Yes!" said Ottilie, becoming again conscious of the proximity of her dearly loved daughter. "Give me paper and pen."

Othmer looked over her shoulder as she wrote with hasty hand:

"My child, I am near you. Come, that I may embrace you.

"Your Mother."

Othmer rang.

"Take this letter to room No. 32, and give it to the younger of the two ladies," he said to the waiter.

"Very well," the man answered, and left the room.

Silent and with anxious hearts they both waited.

The servant went quickly along the corridor; they could hear his faintly echoing fotsteps as he descended the stairs. When he reached the first floor, he stopped to give a maid a kiss, then, with beaming countenance, continued his way and knocked at room No. 32.

"Who is there? Who is there?" called a sharp unmelodious voice.

"A waiter, with a letter."

"Ah, wait—wait a moment."

Then the door was opened wide enough to permit a white-sleeved arm to reach through. The man put the letter in a hard-working hand which was extended to receive it, and said:

"For Fraulein."

The door closed again with a click. Then the old lady in her little white night-gown and black skirt, with her night-cap covering head and ears and tied securely under her chin, scrutinised with good-natured face the envelope.

"Sabine! Fräulein Sabine!"

"Yes, I am coming, as soon as I get on my frock," responded a girlish voice from the next room.

"Here is a letter. Of course, it is from the Herr Baron."

To the good old soul, Francis Rawlston was always a baron; that his father or his grandfather had been a lord and yet he should not have a title was to her out of the question.

The door opened, and a young, graceful girl, not above middle height, with slender, but fully developed figure, entered the room. Her head, with its heavy braids of rich, dark hair, poised so finely on the slender neck, reminded one at once of the outline of a Grecian statue. Her face, with its regular features, was a counterpart of Ottilie's, though the complexion and the bright, expressive eyes were, perhaps, the most striking point of resemblance.

Sabine was yet fastening the bodice of her blue and white frock as she entered the room. She took the letter and hastily tore open the envelope. She was both terrified and rejoiced when she read its contents. But she made no comment, for she had learned from her childhood up to keep her own counsel.

"I am going to leave you for a few minutes," she said.

"Has the baron come already?"

"No; but a lady, whom I know and who has learned of my arrival is here and wishes to see me. Francis won't be here until half-past eight."

Sabine said it all very quietly. But as soon as she had closed the door behind her, her feet flew over the floor, and in her haste she twice passed the room for which she was in search on the floor above, without discovering the right number.

How had it happened that her dear mother was here? How had she found her? Had she seen her yesterday when she visited the art gallery, and then went to the theatre with Frau Bötcher as Francis had told her to do, in order that she might have some diversion during his absence? Could this be the city in which her mother lived and laboured? If so, perhaps she knew Francis' kinsfolk—his sister, Abigail Witte and his brother, Bertrand Aster.

Sabine was puzzled and confused. She finally asked a porter to take her to the room of which she was in search, and he brought her to Othmer's apartments.

She knocked timidly.

"Come in," called out a man's voice.

A man's voice! What did that mean? Shyly she opened the door. A cry of joy! There stood her dearly loved mother with her arms open wide. Sabine was in their embrace in an instant.

"Mamma! Mamma! Where did you come from?"

"And you? To take a journey without my permission, Sabine?"

"Mamma, I will explain it all to you. You must forgive me. But the important matter which has brought me here—I will tell you all about it very soon—when it is all definitely settled."

"I know all," said Ottilie with a pained smile. "The man who is wooing you, Francis, is my brother-in-law, my second husband's half-brother."

Sabine did not comprehend what she said.

"You?" she stammered, "you—you—are—"

Ottilie freed herself gently from her daughter's embrace, and led her to Othmer.

"This man," she began, deeply moved, "is your father's only brother, and the only kinsman you have in the whole world. You must love him dearly."

Sabine looked at him as in a dream, and Othmer felt himself strangely moved. As he gazed into the lovely face of his young niece, he could trace a strong resemblance in it to that of his dead brother, as well as to Ottilie. The same winning witchery in the eyes; the same bewitching smile; for a moment it seemed that his unfortunate brother's eyes were smiling into his.

"Sabine," he said, with deep emotion, as he drew her gently toward him, "you shall be my daughter, and henceforth have a home with me."

She shook her head. A bright, almost unconscious smile flitted across her face like a sunbeam.

"I have that already." She said it joyfully as she looked at him.

"Poor child, do not be too certain."

"Oh, I am doubly, trebly certain of one now, for I have found one in my dear mother," she cried with fervour.

"Let me explain—" murmured Ottilie.

"Yes, mamma, do. Tell me all—and quickly, too, dear mamma."

(*To be continued.*)

SELECTED READINGS.

Towns in the Desert.—The extraordinary strength of the buildings in some parts of Syria has excited the surprise of most travellers. "In periods of misrule," says Buckingham, "one town becomes suddenly deserted, and another re-peopled, at short intervals of time; and the edifices in each being of the most durable kind, they remain uninjured, and thus serve for the habitations of race after race, descending through many generations. For the same reasons, the houses may be said to be without permanent owners, the first occupier holding his right indisputable, until he is forced by some sudden emergency to quit it; when the next occupier enters, and retains it on the same condition, no rent or taxes being paid in either case, any more than would be if a man lived in his own tents, or in a natural cavern which he might find suited to his purpose, and adopt for his abode. As there are in general more houses in these everlasting and indestructible towns than there are persons at any one time requiring to occupy them, an ample choice is afforded to all parties, but particularly to the earliest comers; and as no one has a permanent interest in the security of any one particular dwelling, very little attention is paid to improving them. The buildings are in themselves so strong, being wholly composed of stone, including roofs, and even doors, that they never need repairs. The doors have no hinges, being attached at the top and bottom with a pivot of stone. In times of great danger, when a visit from the Arabs of the desert is apprehended, the inhabitants either retire to some other town, or barricade themselves in their houses, by heaping up loose stones to oppose the approach of horsemen to the most defenceless parts of their dwellings, while they can assail them with the same material as missiles from the terraces above."

The Lion in the Scottish Shield.—Antiquaries have found considerable difficulty in settling at what precise period the Scottish nation began to assume armorial bearings, although the obscure records of tradition assure us that they were first granted to the Scottish kings by Charlemagne. One thing is sufficiently certain, that none of the predecessors of William, who began to reign in the year 1165, adopted a court armorial, and that it was that sovereign who first assumed the cognisance of a lion on his banners, from which circumstance, as well as from his gallant bearing, he was termed *William the Lion*. We are told that the king of the beasts was anciently the cognisance of the Celtic nations, yet it is conjectured by George Chalmers, that William did not assume the red lion on that account, but rather because it was already the armorial bearing of the earldom of Huntington, and, as such, the cognisance of William's father. The lion is first seen on the shield of Alexander the Third, and appeared on gold coins in the reign of Robert the Third. It is said by Nisbet that the double tressure (or border) was anciently used on the royal shields to perpetuate the various leagues betwixt the French and Scottish monarchs. In the reign of James the Third, when the English faction predominated in the country, parliament was induced to ordain "that in tyme to cum thair suld be na *double tressour* about the kingis armys, but that he suld ber hale armis of the lyoun, without ony mair." Yet the double tressure seems to have maintained its place in the armorial bearings of Scotland, even to our own time.

Singing.—The American physician, Dr. Rush, thus speaks of the utility of singing, not only as an accomplishment, but as a corrective of the too common tendency to pulmonic complaints. "Vocal music," says this celebrated writer, "should never be neglected in the education of a young lady. Besides preparing her to join in that part of public worship which consists in psalmody, it will enable her to soothe the cares of domestic life; and the sorrows that will sometimes intrude into her own bosom may all be relieved by a song, when sound and sentiment unite to act upon the mind. I here introduce a fact which has been suggested to me by my profession, and that is, that the exercise of the organs of the breast by singing contributes very much to defend them from those diseases to which the climate and other causes expose them. The Germans are seldom afflicted with consumptions; nor have I ever known but one instance of spitting blood among them. This, I believe, is in part occasioned by the strength which their lungs acquired by exercising them in vocal music, for this constitutes an essential branch of their education. The music master of our academy has furnished me with an observation still more in favour of this opinion. He informed me that he had known several instances of persons, who were strongly disposed to consumption, who were restored to health by the exercise of their lungs in singing."—*Harmonicon.*

WHAT THE MICROSCOPE TELLS US.

When the microscope was first introduced, the objection was made that it never would be of any real service, because it covered so small an extent of space. Little did any one at that time dream of the wonderful revelations that were destined to be made by means of this instrument—of the worlds within worlds, the marvellous beauties in the animal and the vegetable kingdom, which the eyes of man had never seen; the new organic substances that could never have been detected without its aid; life found to exist where all had seemed to be inert and dead; processes everywhere at work in the air, and the sea, and the earth, hidden from the beginning of the world, and producing the mightiest results, that would have remained forever inexplicable if the microscope had not been invented.

What could be more dull and uninteresting than this bit of brown clay, taken from the sacred soil of Virginia, and so it is until you put it within the focus of first-class microscope, and then this clay is transmuted into a mass of shields, each with its own peculiar and graceful device, and iridescent with all the colours of the rainbow. They are known in scientific circles under the name of *Diatoms* and some of the most beautiful are to be found in the mud of Boston harbour. They exist in an endless variety of species, and our peat bogs and meadows abound with them.

A tiny cloud of white dust falls upon your sleeve from an insect's wing; before you brush it off, examine the powder by the aid of a microscope, and what do you see? Why, if these gorgeous feathers were only large enough to be worn as a part of woman's adornment, how eagerly they would be sought after, and what prices would be paid for the plumage of a little, despised insect?

How strange it is that there should be so much beauty in creation that rarely, if ever, comes under the observation of men. I wonder if these magnificent bug and beetles have any consciousness of their own splendour.

Consider, again, how strikingly the microscope reveals the infinite superiority of what we call the work of nature—meaning thereby, if we have a true spirit of reverence, the Great Being who made and rules the world—in contrast with the construction of human art. The most delicate cambric needle, under the searching disclosures of the microscope becomes a rough kind of crowbar, with a coarse, jagged eye and a blunt, ragged point, while on the other hand the sting of the bee becomes more exquisite in form the more it is magnified. The paper on which I write, if it were placed under the lens of a powerful microscope, would be converted into a rough field of white stubble filled with tangled roots, while the leaf of a tree would charm the eye with its graceful and symmetrical lines.

As you travel on the train you are annoyed by the constant presence of dust, but you would never know what it is that you are breathing unless you should catch a little of this troublesome stuff on a piece of paper and take it home for examination. "Dust," you say, "is always dust—nothing more and nothing less—what is the use of looking at it under a microscope?" Try it and see. "Why, there are bits of wood and slices of bark, and splinters of steel, and lumps of coal, and particles of oil, and other things that I do not identify, and is this what I have been taking into my nostrils?" So it would appear.

You would never suppose that dust could be deposited on the Arctic snow, where there is not a particle of soil to be found in a radius of hundreds of miles, and yet explorers tell us that, after melting the snow and evaporating the water, a dusty residuum sometimes remains, which, when exposed to the microscope, indicates the presence of metals, and earths, and cinders, which, of course, could never have been blown there by the wind; and if so, the troublesome question arises, where did all these foreign substances come from There is but one possible solution of the difficult problem. They could not have originated on the earth, but are undoubtedly the product of meteors, which, in the progress of time, have at frequent intervals lightened the dreary regions of the poles with their lurid fires, and broken the silence of the long nights with their loud explosions.

Let us now descend to a more prosaic region, where we have to deal with such ordinary matters as food and drink and clothing. Sometimes it would be impossible for you to tell what it is that you are eating but for the disclosures of the microscope. There are all sorts of adulterations in food, that cannot be detected by the naked eye, or any other unaided sense; and the water that we drink may be full of living creatures, miniature monsters, which we would be loth to swallow. The cool, crisp salad that adorns the table is very likely to be the pasture ground of living things with most beautiful hazel eyes and green, graceful forms; and the luscious fig is possibly all alive and active as a cotton-mill; well, perhaps it is not worth while to look too carefully into these matters. But we would like to know whether the clothing that we wear is what it professes to be, whether it is really made of silk or woollen or cotton or flax; but in our day one thing can be so readily made to look just like some other thing, that it is impossible to say what the cloth that you buy is made of, until it is submitted to the test of the microscope. This is infallible, for there is no mistaking the wonderful fibre of wool, with its serrated edge, for the equally beautiful but very dissimilar fibre of cotton, or of confounding either with the silken lines of the cocoon.

In another region, the microscope has proved to be of inestimable value. There are special diseases the existence of which could never have been detected without its aid. The microscopic examination of the tissues or of the blood, in many cases, is the only way in which the physician can find out what it is that ails his patient; by the microscope, which are capable, when discovered, of being arrested or destroyed. Men of the highest scientific position are now engaged in prosecuting these investigations in the most ingenious and careful ways, of which, however, my restricted limits will not allow me to speak at any length.

As is well known to all our readers, the microscope also plays an important part in the detection of crime, indicating the fact of forgery by showing where erasures have been made, or letters and figures altered, and sometimes determining the question of murder by the extraordinary power of the microscope to indicate the difference between the blood of man and that of all other animals.

It is not an easy question to determine whether the microscope or the telescope has done the most to enlarge the sphere of knowledge, and give new interest to the world and the universe in which we live. The one has opened to our vision a mighty maze of systems, revealing possibilities of an infinite space peopled with infinite suns and stars, at the same time bringing the planets of our own system so near to us that we can count their moons, and study the variations of their rings and belts, and distinguish their polar snows; while the other has shown us how God works with the same marvellous wisdom and skill and beauty, whether it be to create a world, or to inspire an invisible atom with life and instinct and feeling, and clothe it with grace and splendour. We cannot but admire and wonder when we look upward; we cannot but wonder and adore when we look down upon the tiniest thing that lives and breathes and lies. It required the same power to call that tiny thing into being that was evoked in creating a universe.

Beware of giving way to reveries. Have always some employment in your hands. Look forward to the future with hope.—*C. Kingsley.*

Action and self renunciation lead alike to happiness; for he who either acts or denies himself reaps the harvest of both virtues. Right action, undertaken heedless of consequences, is indeed renunciation.

Dr Johnson being asked by a lady what love was, replied, "It is the wisdom of a fool and the folly of the wise." Dryden, being once asked the same question, said, "It is a thing I have often seen, felt, and heard of, but never could understand."

Unconscious murderers daily mingle in life's busy throng, who have no thought of the penalty which should be measured out to them, who daily stab and maim their innocent victims with faults of character which they have not the will or inclination to check or subdue.

PLEASANT PARAGRAPHS.

He: "Do you think it possible for a man to love two women?" She: "Not if either of them should find it out."

"I heard a compliment for you last night, Miriam." "What was it, Lizette?" "Colonel Bronson said you were exceedingly preserved."

M.—"You don't find me wasting my time trying to get even with my enemies." "No, indeed; you are too busy trying to get ahead of your friends."

"Don't you think that Mr. Gilder's voice has a very metallic ring in it?" "Very naturally so, my dear; all his teeth are crowned with gold."

A clergyman once spoke of seeing a young lady "with the pearl-drops of affection hanging and glistening on her cheek." He meant that she was crying.

Doctor, to low-headed urchin: "How is your mother, Tommy?" Tommy: "Oh, if you please, sir, she's getting very romantic in her right knee, she says."

Aged admirer—"Think of all the luxuries a rich husband like me could give you." Miss De Young—"Oh, a rich father would do just as well; marry my mother."

An Irishman, eating raw eggs, bolted a live chicken. The bird chirped as it went down his throat. He cooley said—"By the powers, young friend, you spoke too late."

A man asked another to loan him five pounds. "Why," said the other, "I don't know you." "That's why I came here, for those who know me won't loan me five shillings."

A generous farmer having presented a miserly man with a barrel of cider, took it by request to his house. The recipient said: "What will you pay for the barrel when it is empty?"

"Now, my hearties," said a Yankee, captain, "you've a tough battle before you. Fight like heroes till your powder's gone, then run. I'm a little lame, and I'll start now."

Jeannette—"Does Miss Boardman get her lovely complexion from her father or her mother?" Gladys (sweetly)—"From her father. He's in the drug business."

"I can take a hundred words a minute," said the stenographer. "I often take more than that," said the other in sorrowful accents; "but then I have to. I'm married."

A traveller, returning from Florida, said:—"It is the most fertile country in the world; the lands produce 40 bushels of frogs in the acre, and alligators enough to fence them."

Husband—"What a splendid dinner you have to-night." Wife (complacently)—"Yes, dear, I thought it would please you." Husband—"What kind of a dress are you thinking of getting?"

Young Hopeful—"Papa, I wish you'd buy me a bow and arrow." Papa—"It's only an hour since I bought you a kite." Young Hopeful—"Th' kite's on top of a telegraph pole an' I want to shoot it down."

Mr. Henpeck: "I can't see, my dear, what good that border of lace does round the hem of your skirt." Mrs. Henpeck: "Oh, can't you? Well, it just shows that I can afford it; so there."

"A parasite," said the pedagogue, "is a creature that lives on its fellow-creatures. Now, tell me what a parasite is at once!" "Please, sir," replied the lad, "a parasite is a cannibal."

A man was asked by his friend when he last saw his jolly comrade ——? "Oh," said he, "I called on him yesterday at his lodgings, and there I found him sitting all round a table by himself."

She—"You will love me always, won't you, dear?" He—"Always, darling." She (petulantly)—"Oh ——." He—"What in the world is the matter?" She—"Why don't you say twice as long as always?"

Budding Author—"What do you think of these rooms? Good way up from the street, but just see the view from the window!" His friend—"Fine, very fine! You've got the attic; now all you want is the genius."

A fat fellow, mounting a horse. "Heaven help you," a bystander exclaimed. By an over-balance the fat man tumbled over the other side. "Confound your prayers," says he, "for they got me more help than I wanted."

"Doctor," said the sufferer, supinely, as he dropped into the dentist's chair, "doctor, my nerve is completely gone." "Oh, no, it isn't," was the cheerful reply. "Wait till I get a firm hold, and you'll realise your mistake."

Little Wife: "I saved four pounds to-day." Loving Husband: "Darling! How did you do it?" Little Wife: "I saw a perfectly lovely easy chair that I knew you'd like, and I didn't buy it." He didn't know whether to be pleased or not.

"Bishop," said a young Methodist preacher to his spiritual superior, "won't you give me some advice how to gain and keep the love of my congregation?" "Yes, brother," replied the divine. "When you marry, select a woman from some other congregation than your own, and be sure that she is not handsome or stylish in her dress."

A French African Exlorer, while still on his travels in the Dark Continent, received the news of the death of his father. Some time afterwards he arrived in Paris accompanied by a black bride. "What on earth," asked a candid friend, "induced you to marry a negress?" To which the explorer made answer, in cavernous tones, "I was in mourning!"

Wife, from the window at 1 a.m. to tipsy husband: "Well, what's your excuse for coming home at this hour?" Husband: "Let me in, M'ria! Just come from the meeting of the labour union; been considering what we'd do about the recent strike." Wife: "Well, you just sit down on the doorstep and consider what you'll do about the recent lock-out."

"Will you be mine?" he asked, after a year's courting. "No, it can never be," was her reply. "Then why have you let me hope so long?" he said, as he went towards the door. "Because I intend never to belong to any man. You can be mine if you like." He saw the difference and stopped. Years afterwards he saw the difference still more clearly.

"Look here," said a brutal English husband, "I suppose it would injure the new curtains awfully if I smoked in here?" "Ah, my darling husband," responded his loving English wife; "how considerate and thoughtful you are! Of course it would injure the curtains dreadfully." "Then," was the reply, "have 'em taken down. I'm going to smoke."

The man who was charged with stealing chickens declined the services of a lawyer to defend him. He said he had obtained those chickens at considerable risk, and he wanted to keep them. He didn't think there was much chance of that if he employed a lawyer. He knew something, did that man.

Daughter: "You know, father, they are going to have a fair at the church next week, and I thought I would like to get something for it." Father (handing her a cheque): "Certainly, my daughter. In the cause of charity I am always liberal. What were you going to get?" Daughter: "Something in the way of a new gown."

"It isn't love," observes "Top," in the *Tropical Times*, "that makes people marry." "It's flattery—rank flattery. The man is pleased because the woman took a fancy to so inferior a creature as he knows himself to be; and the woman's vanity is tickled for a similar reason. In a word, each approves of the other for showing poor taste in choosing a mate."

Dr. Sawyer: "I shan't call you 'ducky' in public again, my angel." Young Mrs. Sawyer: "But why not, Robert? I do so love to have you affectionate with me." Dr. Sawyer: "No doubt you do; but when the habit to which I have alluded gives a venomous rival like Dr. Allan an opportunity to allude to me as your quack, it is, I think, high time I cast about for some other term of endearment."

Bride (just after the wedding): "Alfred, you promised to give me a great surprise after we were married; say, what is it?" Bridegroom (a widower): "I've got six children, my pet!"

Wealthy city man (who has taken a fancy to revisit his village birthplace: "Ah, me, there is the little red schoolhouse, and yonder is the old church. How well I remember them! But the dear old familiar faces are gone; not one remains to recall those happy——The oldest inhabitant (advancing): "Yo're Bill Judd, ain't ye? I knew ye the minute I sot eyes on to ye! I trusted your father for a codfish in 1845, an' if ye've got the money handy I'd be obleeged if ye'd settle for it!"

A STATESMAN'S STORY—A TEMPERANCE SCRAP.

I once heard a statesman, of whom America has been proud, tell a story that impressed me deeply. A grand and noble man he was; powerful in intellect, and of commanding presence. America has been proud of him; and is proud of his memory to-day. I sat in his company one evening—it was at the close of a grand demonstration, which had been wound up by a symposium, and he had fallen sadly into the only error of his life! He had drank more wine than he ought to have drank; and he knew it. He knew it, and spoke of it; and in connection with his remarks on the subject of his own weakness, he told the following story. I remember it particularly because of the manner in which, and the circumstances under which, it was told.

"Once in Washington," he said, "a gentleman dined with me for whom I had conceived a warm liking; and I wished to serve him. I knew he was worthy, and that there were few, if any, public offices which he was not competent to fill. During the dinner, observing that he had not yet turned either of his wine-glasses, I filled one of my own, and passed it over to him; and then, filling another for myself, I proposed to him that we should drink to our better acquaintance. His lip quivered a little, as he looked me steadily in the eye, and asked me:

"'I am a free man here, of course?'

"I told him certainly.

"'Then,' said he, 'would it not answer every purpose, and would not the pledge be sacred, if I drank my portion of it in Nature's own beverage—pure water!'

"'Yes,' said I; 'and I'll be with you. I'll fill with cold water, too.'

"And when we had drank the sentiment in that curious fashion—a fashion which, at that moment, seemed very tasteless and even chilling to me—I asked him how long he had been a thorough cold-water drinker. He told me, in reply, that he believed he might say all his life; but he had been a self-pledged boy and man since his eleventh year. Said he, with considerable emotion?

"'At that time I saw an intoxicated man. He was a good man at heart—one of nature's noblemen—and I saw him then—O! so much lower than any brute! Two men took him to his home, to his wife and children. I saw him as he lay then, a—— But I cannot express it. Words fail me. When you have said, *a drunken man!* what can you add to the picture? I saw in that hour what intoxicating drink could do to a strong, true-hearted man, and I resolved that I would never touch it to my lips. And I never have, to my knowledge.'

"He remained silent for a little time, until he saw me push my glass away, and move the bottles to a far part of the table. Then he added, tremulously:

"'I may as well finish the story, so that you shall know the full measure of the influence that has governed my life in this respect. That man, whom I saw so fallen, was my own father. But, thank Heaven! he never—never—was intoxicated again! I will not avow that he became a total abstainer from that time; but I know that he was so in the evening of his days; and that his son has been so all his life!'"

Ah! if the narrator on this occasion of which I speak could have been influenced in the same direction, and to the same extent, it would have been better—far, far better for him!

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THE WAGER OF BATTLE.

In early times, especially among the German tribes, in cases of doubt, it was the custom to appeal to the gods to decide in favour of innocence or guilt. Out of this arose the ordeals which lasted long after the introduction of Christianity, and which were modified, restricted, and at last suppressed.

One of the last of these strange relics of the past was the wager of battle, in which the accused and the accuser fought in presence of the judge, and God was supposed to favour the right and give victory to the just cause.

The Normans brought it with them to England, but Germany was the country where wager of battle was most common. When a man was accused of a crime, he could deny his guilt and declare himself ready to prove his innocence by a personal combat. The challenge had to be accepted, unless the accuser could show that the accused was not entitled to the privilege of battle. A day was appointed by the court for the combat, the defendant was taken into custody, and the accuser gave security to appear at the time and place fixed. On the day of battle the parties met in presense of the judges, armed with appointed weapons.

Even where a woman was the accuser, the man she impeached might thus challenge. As, however, in such cases, a man would be almost certain to overcome his frailer antagonist, regulations were adopted which put them more on an equality.

The man was to stand in a pit nearly up to his waist, and be armed with a club hardened in the fire; the dress consisted of a tunic and trousers, that of the woman being all united. Her arm was either a club or a cloth in which a stone, weighing one to five pounds, was tied. According to the regulations of some parts of Germany, the man's club was to be twelve inches long, and twice the thickness of the thumb at the end. The woman's was heavier.

Six weeks' preparation was always allowed, and on the day of combat the weapons and attire of the antagonists were carefully examined.

It was no trifling matter. The party who failed did so at the forfeit of life, and in the case of a woman, she was burned alive in the pit where the accused had stood.

When the combatants, each with four seconds, an advocate, a marshal-at-arms, a trainer, and a monitor, entered the arena, marked by a circle of stones, the strictest silence was enjoined. Only the seconds were allowed to speak, and they interfered in case of any trouble arising.

When the signal was given the combat began. A blow struck before this forfeited the battle. As the fight went on, each was allowed to call for time twice. If either called a third time, the opposite side was declared victorious.

The victory consisted in exhausting the opponent or in striking him down; but even if one of the antagonists dropped his weapon three times, the decision was recorded against the unfortunate person, and death was the penalty.

"They have discovered foot-prints three feet long in the sands of Oregon, supposed to belong to a lost race." It is impossible to conceive how a race that made foot-prints three feet long could get lost.

A young couple were leaving the church after the wedding cermony. When about to get into their carriage they were assailed by a swarm of beggars. The husband felt in his pocket, and finding he had no change, he remarked; "Next time I will take care to bring some."

A young girl was caught kissing her sweetheart a few days ago. Her mother took her to task for such actions, but the girl silenced her by this quotation:—"Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do you even so unto them." The old lady wilted. Memories of old were brought forcibly to her mind.

An Irish contributor thinks he would have liked to assist at the following described battle:—"What a battle it was! Three thousand County Mayo men beat twenty thousand British soldiers. Ireland for ever! Mayo to the fore!" "And how did they beat them, with guns!" asked Andy Kaine. "No," said the warrior—"beat them drinking whisky."

"A pretty time of night to come home, John," said a young bride, pointing to the clock, which stood at 1.10 a.m., "and you but just married, too! Ugh!" "Mary, my dear," said John pompously, and somewhat thickly in speech, "I am a Liberal, you are evidently Conservative. Let us neither now nor henceforth discuss politics; it will make home unhappy."

Mean if True.—A poor Irishman at Rochester owed a rich man some money, and was unable to pay. The rich man obtained a judgment and an execution, but there was nothing on which the sheriff could levy. The Irishman had two large pigs, but the law allows a man two, and the sheriff could not take them. The rich man then bought two little pigs, had them presented to the Irishman, and thereupon took his two large ones.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

GLYCERINE FOR A COUGH.

In severe paroxysms of coughing, from whatever cause, a tablespoonful of glycerine in hot milk or cream will give speedy relief.

CURING SMOKY CHIMNEY!

Inflate a large ox bladder with air and tie it by the neck to the middle of a stick, which place across the inside of the chimney about two feet from the top, or at the foot of the chimney-pot. The buoyancy of the air keeps the bladder continually in a circular motion, and thereby prevents the rush of air into the tunnel from descending so low as the fireplace.

TO ABOLISH FLIES.

One of the most aggravating things to a person of good sense is the method which people employ in dealing with flies. They are useful scavengers, and if they would limit their inroads to places where they are needed they would do good service. Unfortunately, however, when they once come in force they often pervade the most cleanly homes. One of the most successful methods in dealing with flies is to hang up some herb or plant which is offensive to them and not offensive to the residents of the house. Sweet clover, which grows plentifully by the roadside and has a faint, pleasant odour, unobjectionable to anyone not afflicted with hay fever, has the reputation of being abhorred by flies. A few sprays of this plant hung in the parlour, or a cluster of the sweet, white, tassel-like heads as a bouquet on the centre table will do more work in ridding the room of flies than a dozen fly traps.

FOR THE HOT WEATHER.

Here is a good recipe for home-made lavender vinegar. Take six handfuls of lavender, only just gathered, and throw into a large eathenware jar. Fill up with wine vinegar, cork tightly, and leave by the side of the kitchen fire, were the vinegar may become thoroughly hot without boiling for three days. Red rose leaves (cabbage rose leaves are the best), jasmine, and verbena, may be added if desired. Eucalyptus vinegar is made after the same fashion. A quicker method than infusing the fresh leaves in vinegar is to mix a tablespoonful of essential oil of eucalyptus with a sufficient amount of good wine vinegar to make it smell pungently. A lukewarm bath is less exhausting than hot, and more beneficial than a cold bath in warm weather. A teaspoonful of carbonate of soda will be found soothing, and a teaspoonful of ammonia very cleansing, if added to the morning bath. More frequent shampooing of the head is also to be thought of, and hair washes, in which vinegar or ammonia play the principal part, are a decided boon.—*Lady.*

HOW TO WASH BLACK STOCKINGS.

The washing of the black hosiery, which is now in almost universal use, is sometimes badly done. It is a great mistake to wash hosiery of this kind in the same way as white cotton goods. The various soaps which may be recommended unstintedly for washing white cotton goods are a failure for washing black or colours. A simple white soap, of which there are several varieties in the market, is better for black goods and coloured goods of all kinds. Prepare a mixture of soft water and some of this white soap cut in bits. Let it boil till the soap is fully dissolved. Add a teaspoonful of oxgall. Turn the stockings inside out, and wash them thus thoroughly with this preparation, rubbing them in the places that are most soiled. When the stockings are quite clean rinse them two or three times in lukewarm water, then in cold water, and, last of all, in cold blueing water. Wring them as dry as possible, and hang them in the house in a place where they will dry quickly. Press them out on the wrong side before they are thoroughly dry. Some housekeepers prefer not to iron them at all, believeing that hosiery fits better if not ironed, but this is an optional matter. All coloured clothes of every description are better dried as quickly as possible after they are washed, and in a dark place. It is a great mistake, however, to dry them indoors unless there is a good fire to dry them rapidly, as well as darkness, in the room.

THE REMEDIAL USE OF APPLES.

Chemically the apple is composed of vegetable fibre, albumin, sugar, gum chlorophyl, malic acid, gallic acid, lime, and much water. Furthermore, the German analysts say that the apple contains a larger percentage of phosphorus than any other fruit or vegetable. The phosphorus is admirably adapted for renewing the essential nervous matter, lecithin of the brain and spinal cord. It is, perhaps, for the same reason, rudely understood, that old Scandinavian traditions represent the apple as the food of the gods, who, when they felt themselves to be growing feeble and infirm, resorted to this fruit, renewing their powers of mind and body. Also the acids of the apple are of singular use for men of sedentary habits, whose livers are sluggish in action, those acids serving to eliminate from the body noxious matters which, if retained, would make the brain heavy and dull, or bring about jaundice or skin eruptions and other allied troubles. Some such experience must have led to our custom of taking apple-sauce with roast pork, rich goose, and like dishes. The malic acid of ripe apples, either raw or cooked, will neutralise any excess of chalky matter engendered by eating too much meat. It is also the fact that such rich fruits as the apple, the pear, and the plum, when taken ripe and without sugar, diminish acidity in the stomach, rather than provoke it. Their vegetable sauces and juices are converted into alkaline carbonates, which tend to counteract acidity.

CARING FOR SHOES.

When shoes have become very muddy, the worst of the mud should be knocked off with a thin strip of hard wood, which should be kept for the purpose. A very stiff brush will then take off the rest of the dirt. Now apply a dressing made by mixing two drachms of spermaceti oil, half a pint of vinegar, three ounces of treacle, and four ounces of finely-powdered ivory black. The vinegar should be added last. This will make the shoes look almost as well as they did before their rough treatment. When meditating a trip on a rainy day it is a wise plan to rub the shoes with a waterproof mixture, which will make them soft, pliable, and hardy. A very good recipe for this is an ounce of beeswax, an ounce of turpentine, a quarter of an ounce of Burgundy pitch, melted over a slow fire with a half a pint of oil. Be cautious with the turpentine. To wear patent leathers in winter time, and to keep them bright and uncrackled, requires care and eternal vigilance. Rub them, when dulled, with a little milk, and when they are not in use keep them in a warm room. Always warm them slightly before putting upon the feet. On very cold days it is a good plan to leave one's patent leathers at home, because a trip into the cold atmosphere will almost assuredly cause them to crack. Stuffing the toes of patent leather shoes with cotton will keep them from bending and cracking. Keep your shoes well oiled in damp weather, and if by any chance they become wet through, let them dry slowly or they will warp and shrink. Treat your shoes carefully, because they are really important items in dress.

RECEIPTS FOR THE TABLE.

Summer Beverage.—Take any kind of fruit you like—cherries, currants, strawberries, raspberries, mulberries, &c. To a pound of fruit put a pint of water, bruising the fruit and mixing it with the water. Then strain through a cloth, adding a little sugar, and keeping the beverage in a cool place till you have occasion to use it.

Eggs with Peas.—Boil some young peas in stock, and, when quite done, break in some eggs, seasoning them with salt and pepper. Put the whole in a braising-pan, with a slow fire over and under, that they may be equally done. Serve with fried bread.

Quickly Made Lemonade.—Slice two lemons and put them into a pan with half a pound of sugar and a quarter of a pound of gum arabic. Pour on about two quarts of boiling water. Strain through flannel, and bottle off. A more speedy way of making the drink is by squeezing the juice of two large lemons into a jug, then adding a quarter of a pound of sugar, and pouring a quart of cold water upon the whole. It is fit for use directly the sugar is dissolved.

Sliced Eggs.—Take a slice of butter, some onions and a mushroom cut in slips, and a little garlic. Set them over the fire, and, when the onion begins to be coloured, shake in some flour, and moisten with stock and a glass of white wine, adding salt and pepper. Let the whole boil half an hour, and reduce to the consistence of a sauce. Then put in some eggs boiled hard, the whites cut in pieces and the yolks whole. Let them remain over the fire an instant, and then serve.

Lemon Kali.—Half a pound of castor sugar, quarter of a pound of tartaric acid, six ounces of carbonate of soda, and 30 drops of essence of lemon. Mix, put into a bottle, cork tightly, and keep in a dry situation. A dessertspoonful to be stirred into a tumbler of water.

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STATIONS.		WEEK DAYS.								
		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE	Dep.	6·10	8· [illegible]	9·42	11· 0	12·15	2·35	4· 5	5·20	7·30
Elswick	„	6·14	8· [illegible]	9·46	11· 4	12·19	2·39	[illegible]	5·24	7·34
Scotswood	„	6·18	8·13	[illegible]	11· 8	12·23	2·43	[illegible]	5·28	7·38
Swalwell	„	6·24	8·18	9·55	11·14	12·29	2·49	4·10	5·33	7·44
Rowlands Gill	„	6·33	8·27	10· 4	11·23	12·37	2·57	[illegible]	5·42	7·53
Lintz Green	„	6·40	8·34	10·10	11·30	12·45	3· 3	4·36	5·47	8· 0
Ebchester	„	[illegible]	8·45	10·21	11·40	12·54	3·14	4·49	5·58	8·12
Shotley Bridge	„	6·56	8·49	10·26	11·46	12·59	3·18	4·55	6· 3	8·19
CONSETT	Arr.	[illegible]	8·55	10·28	[illegible]	1· 5	3·23	5· 2	6·10	8·25
CONSETT	Dep.	7·10	8·58	10·31	...	1·12	3·25	...	6·11	
Knitsley	„	7·21	[illegible]	10·46	...	1·25	3·36	...	6·22	8·18
Lanchester	„	7·30	9·1[illegible]	10·56	...	1·32	3·45	...	6·21	8·47
Witton Gilbert	„	7·38	9·25	11· 3	...	1·40	3·53	...	6·40	[illegible]
Aldin Grange	„	7·45	9·33	11·11	...	1·47	4· 0	...	6·49	9· 7
DURHAM	Arr.	[illegible]	9·38	11·17	...	1·5[illegible]	4· 5	...	6·5[illegible]	9· 7

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM	Dep.	7·25	9·40	11·50	2·35	5·20	8·15
Aldin Grange	„	7·32	9·47	11·27	2·41	5·27	8·23
Witton Gilbert	„	7·40	9·54	12· 4	2·48	5·35	8·32
Lanchester	„	7·[illegible]	10· 2	12·12	2·55	5·45	8·44
Knitsley	„	8· 0	10·13	12·23	3· 8	5·55	8·54
CONSETT	Arr.	[illegible]	10·25	12·33	3·18	6· 5	9· 0

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CONSETT	Dep.	8·13	[illegible] 5	10·35	12·40	3·25	5·25	6·10	[illegible] 5
Shotley Bridge	„	[illegible]18	[illegible]10	10·39	12·44	3·30	5·29	[illegible]	[illegible]10
Ebchester	„	8·22	9·14	10·43	12·48	3·34	5·33	[illegible]	9·14
Lintz Green	„	8·30	9·24	10·53	12·57	3·44	5·43	[illegible]	9·23
Rowlands Gill	„	8·35	9·29	10·58	1· 1	3·56	[illegible]·47	6·34	9·28
Swalwell	„	8·42	9·34	11· 6	1· 7	3·57	5·54	6·47	9·35
Scotswood	„	8·48	9·42	11·15	1·13	4· 3	5·58	6·48	9·41
Elswick	„	8·55	9·50	11·19	1·20	4·1[illegible]	6· 6	6·55	9·48
NEWCASTLE	Arr	9· 0	9·55	11·24	1·25	4·18	6·11	7· 0	9·53

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE ...	7·30	7·15	CONSETT ...dep.	8·40	8·20
Elswick	7·34	7·19	Shotley Bridge ...	8·44	8·25
Scotswood	7·38	7·23	Ebchester	8·48	8·29
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Lintz Green	8·57	8·39
Rowlands Gill	7·53	7·38	Rowlands Gill	9· 1	8·44
Lintz Green	8· 0	7·45	Swalwell	9· 9	8·52
Ebchester	8·13	7·56	Scotswood	9·14	8·58
Shotley Bridge	8·19	7·59	Elswick	9·21	9· 5
CONSETT ...arr.	8·25	8· 5	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·26	9·10

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

	P M
NEWCASTLE Dep.	10·30
Elswick	10·34
Scotswood	10·38
Swalwell	11· 4
Rowlands Gill	11·13
Lintz Green	11·19
Ebchester	11·30
Shotley Bridge	11·34
CONSETT Arr	11·40

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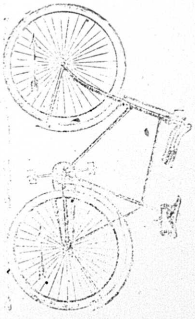

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THE BREWSTER SESSIONS.

LANCHESTER AND CONSETT.

The annual general licensing meeting for the West Division of Chester Ward of the county of Durham was held yesterday (Thursday), at the Police Court, Lanchester, before the following justices:—Mr James Annandale (chairman), Lieut. Col. E. Leadbitter-Smith, Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, Mr Frank Priestman, Mr Edmund Balley, Mr J. T. Potts, and Mr W. Logan.

POLICE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

LICENSING FACILITIES AT STANLEY.

Supt. P. G. Benzies presented the undermentioned report:—

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit to you the following statement of offences, under the Licensing Act, during the past year. There are within your jurisdiction 112 full licensed houses, being one less than last year, and 41 licensed for the sale of beer, spirits and wines to be consumed off the premises, and four houses licensed for the sale of sweets only. During the past year 19 publicans have been proceeded against, and 17 corrected for offences against the tenor of their licenses, and during the same period, three beerhouse-keepers have been proceeded against, and one corrected, as the accompanying list will show. During the year ending July 31st, 1893, 1047 persons have been corrected for offences under the Licensing Act (drunkenness and refusing to quit). According to the census of 1891, the population of the division is 65,413, being 584 persons to each full-licensed house, or 454 persons to each house holding a license for consumption on the premises.

With respect to the requirements of the district, under the Licensing Act, I would respectfully point out that there is a lack of licensing accommodation at Stanley, which has a large and increasing population with only three full-licensed houses, which at the week-ends are very much overcrowded, whilst other places having much less population—for instance Iveston, which has three full-licensed and one beer-house—and where a proper application is made and acceded to under section 50 of the Licensing Act of 1872, it would be a distinct advantage to the district, without increasing the total number of licenses which is ample, if properly distributed.

The chairman invited any deputation to make general statements as to the population, licensing accommodation, but as there was no response, he announced that the justices had decided to renew the whole of the old licenses, with the exception of those contained in the "black list," which unfortunately was very much larger this year than last year. They had 17 coorrections this year against eight last year. There were 19 cases brought before the magistrates this year, against 19 last year. These licensed would be considered at the adjourned meeting, of which due notice would be given. Some of cases, however, were of a very serious nature, and the magistrates would need to give them very careful and serious consideration—permitting drunkenness, gambling and selling adulterated spirits. This latter seemed to have been the cause of the largest number of prosecutions, as there were nine convictions out of 17 cases under this heading.

FRESH APPLICATIONS.

John Chaytor, grocer, West Stanley, applied for a full license in respect of premises at West Stanley, belonging to his wife, Hannah Chaytor. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) represented the applicant, while Mr A. Robinson (Newcastle) opposed on behalf of the Rev L. M. Chesters, curate of Beamish, and others.

Mr Chaytor said that his reason for making the application was because the population in the immediate district was rapidly increasing. Since 1891, 433 new houses had been built at West Stanley, and he estimated the present population (including Oxhill, Shield Row, Tanfield Lea, &c.) at about 10,000. There had been no new license granted in the Stanley district for the past 30 years, although the population had trebled itself during that period. He proposed to provide proper stabling and outbuildings. His premises were 170 yards from Mr Charlton's house, and 420 yards from Miss Forster's house.

By Mr Robinson: He made a similar application last year, but the population had increased by 20 per cent since then.

The Chairman said that although the Magistrates might not make up their minds that day, would Mr Chaytor agree to set apart a room, in the proposed inn, for the supply of non-alcoholic drinks and refreshments, and entirely keep as such?

Mr Chaytor: Most willingly. If necessary, the premises occupied by Messrs Hodgkin's bank could be added to the house.

It was agreed that the applicant should have proper plans prepared, shewing the various rooms, also the place set apart for reading-room and the sale of non-intoxicating drinks, stabling, &c.

Mr Robinson presumed that if it was the wish of the Bench to postpone the consideration of granting the license or otherwise, he would defer any evidence he had to call against the license till the adjourned licensing day.

It was decided to hear the evidence against the license at the present time.

Rev L. M. Chesters entered the box, and opposed the granting of this license on the ground that there was now sufficient accommodation for legitimate drinking in the district, there being within the Local Board area practically 10 fully licensed houses, besides one beer "off" and one beer "on." The population (according to the estimate of the Medical Officer) was 8,000, and the houses were pretty evenly distributed about the district, with the exception of East Stanley, where a number of houses had been built within the past few years. His experience as a clergyman was that increased facilities for drinking meant more drunkenness. Doubtless, these houses were crowded, but he maintained that it was not legitimate drinking. He had seen men enter these public-houses sober, and turn out drunk. Week after week the year round, the amount of drunkenness was something disgraceful. The police did their duty, but one officer was unable to cope with a single house which had five entrances and exits. Increasing the number of houses would result in pigeon flying, rabbit coursing, &c., being resolved to to secure trade. The existing publicans managed to make a livelihood without having recourse to such things.

Mr Welford objected to these statements as to what might happen.

Mr Robinson: He is merely stating his opinions.

The Magistrates thought that Mr Chesters should confine his remarks to this particular application.

Mr Chesters said he had repeatedly to go and separate men fighting, frequently in the middle of the day.

Mr Potts: Is that because there is only one policeman there?

Mr Chesters: I believe it is to a large extent. We are getting a police-station erected at Stanley, therefore it will be much easier for the police to deal with such cases.

Witness was cross-questioned at length by Mr Welford as to the number of public-houses in the immediate vicinity, and added that he had observed people go into the public-houses sober and come out drunk. He had not seen these people get liquor therein, but he was positive that they did so. There were vans travelling about supplying bottled ales and spirits, but this business was only responsible for a very small percentage of drunkenness.

By the Bench: One of the houses he mentioned was 100 yards out of the district, and the other one 300 yards beyond the limits.

Thomas Forster, butcher, West Stanley, also made application for a full license for a house at West Stanley, belonging to Thomas and John Forster, West Stanley.

Mr Welford appeared for the applicant, and Mr Robinson opposed on the same grounds as the preceding application was objected to.

The next application for a full license was from Nicholas Nattrass, beerhouse keeper (on), Langley Park, for a house belonging to John Coates, Cornsay Colliery, innkeeper.

Mr W. H. Oliver (Durham) was for applicant, and said that this was the 20th successive application.

There was no opposition.

Mr F. Harle (Chester-le-Street) attended on behalf of Thomas Oxley, for the provisional removal of a license attached to premises occupied by Mrs Mary Dixon, and known as the Oak Inn, South Moor, to premises about to be constructed at South Moor, belonging to himself. Mr W. H Oliver (Durham) opposed the application on behalf of the South Moor Coal Company.

Applicant stated that a lot of new property had been built, and there would be further additional houses at the place. There were three public-houses at Old South Moor, and in the new place there was a gradually increasing population.

In reply to Mr Oliver, Oxley denied his intention to remove the public-house nearer to the workmen's houses. If the new houses had not been built, however, he would not have applied for the removal of the license. He had not actually purchased the ground where the contemplated new licensed premises were to be built, but he had entered into an agreement to a certain extent to buy the land from the owners of the Towneley estate, providing he got the license transferred. There was a curious clause in the Towneley estate lease that the land was not to be utilised for public-houses, but this clause had been done away with. He opposed an application for an off beer license for this place at the last licensing court, as being unnecessary, but he offered to have his license removed from the old house to the new place. There was more accommodation in the proposed new premises.

Mr Oliver said that Oxley had rendered himself liable to a penalty in setting forth in the notice that the land belonged to him when he was not the owner thereof.

Mr Granger (clerk to the court) said that a person could hardly describe himself as the owner of premises which were not yet built.

Mr Oliver said he opposed the request, first, on the ground that the notices were bad; and secondly, because the removal of the license was for the purpose of bringing the drinking facilities closer to the workmen, and it was intended by the colliery owners to keep the place quiet and respectable. Strange to relate, the applicant for the removal of the license came to the court last year and opposed an application for the granting of an off beer license, on the ground that it was not needed.

Mr James Fairley, manager for the South Moor Coal Company, opposed the license, remarking that if acceded to, it would prove a curse to the district.

Edward Taylor, a dealer in spirit and beer, of Ivesley Three Lane Ends, applied, for the 21st year in succession, for a full license for premises belonging to himself. Mr W. H. Oliver (Durham) appeared for applicant, and the license was not opposed. The population was now about 3,000, and there was only a full-licensed "tied" house in the same locality.

Michael Martin, general dealer, South Moor, asked for a license to sell by retail beer (off) under 11th, George IV., and 1st, William IV., cap. 64. Mr Welford appeared for applicant, Mr Robinson opposed on behalf of Rev F. W. Westgarth, curate-in-charge of South Moor, and Mr Oliver objected in the interest of the South Moor Coal Coy.—Evidence having being tendered in favour of the application, Mr Westgarth was sworn, and urged that under the circumstance the license was not necessary. There had, he said, been a great number of houses built at that place, but not sufficient to justify the existence of a public-house. There had been no demand made, so far as he knew, for further drinking facilities at that place.

A similar application for beer off was made by Jane Stokoe, general dealer, Front Street, East Stanley.

Mr Harle was in favour, and Mr Robinson against the application, the opposing party being Mr A. Watt.

On being cross-questioned by Mr Harle, Mr Watt said he was a teetotaller, and was not bound to go to the house for intoxicating liquors.

Mr Harle: Then why do you oppose this license?—Witness: "Because I am in favour of the "uplifting of the people." (Roars of laughter.)

Mr Harle: I'm afraid that I don't understand that expression. (More laughter.)

Mr Haansbergen: I should think not. (Laughter.)

Notice of an application to be made by John Smailes, beerhouse-keeper, of Blackhall Mill, for a full license to a house at that place, belonging to Messrs Tucker and Co., brewers, Gateshead, was not proceeded with.

The Magistrates then retired to consider the various applications. On returning into court, after half-an-hour's absence, the Chairman said that they had had these applications for licenses under their careful consideration. With regard to the licenses applied for by Mr J. Chaytor and Mr Thos. Forster, both of West Stanley, they had decided that these applications should be adjourned for further consideration. Mr Nattrass's application would be refused. (A voice: "And the others should have been refused.") Mr Oxley's application for removal of license would be refused, as well as Mr Nattrass's and Mrs Stokoe's for beer off licenses. The Magistrates agreed to grant Mr Taylor a full license to his house, which also had an off license at present.

ALTERATION TO PREMISES.

The Bench gave permission for certain alterations to be effected by Messrs. Joicey and Company to a certain public-house at Tantobie, in the occupation of Mr Gladders, on condition that one of the rooms was set apart for the sale of refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages.

CRICKET.

TO MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, AUG. 26TH.)

- Consett and District v Benwell, at Benwell.
- Consett and District 2nd v Medomsley 2nd, at Medomsley.
- Shotley Bridge v Greenside, at Shotley Bridge.
- Stanley and District v Blackhall Mill, at Blackhall Mill.
- Tanfield v Blaydon, at Tanfield.
- Cornsay v Bankfoot, at Cornsay.
- South Moor v Lanchester, at Lanchester.
- Whickham v Leadgate, at Leadgate.
- Tantobie Library v Kip Hill, at Tantobie.
- Oxhill v Langley Park, at Oxhill.
- Langley Park 2nd v Oxhill 2nd, at Langley Park.
- Dipton v Sacriston, at Dipton.
- Chester-le-Street 2nd v Whitburn 2nd, at Whitburn.
- Ryton v Bywell, at Bywell.
- Ryton 2nd v Jarrow, at Ryton.
- Lanchester 2nd v Burnhope 2nd, at Burnhope.
- Greenside 2nd v Saltwell 2nd, at Greenside.
- Chilton Moor v Seaham Harbour, at Seaham Harbour.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. BENWELL.

This return game will be played at Benwell tomorrow. The following team will represent Consett:—T. D. Dales (capt.), G. Walton, A. S. Godfrey, W. Turnbull, A. Wood, M. Williamson, R. Watson, Rev R. S. Hay, J. G. McTaggart, W. Railton, and Wilson (pro.) Reserve, E. Carlill.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2ND v. MEDOMSLEY 2ND.

This match will be played at Medomsley. The Consett team will be selected from the following:—J. R. Richards (capt.), J. J. Raw, J. Spencer, G. T. Wilson, T. C. Charlton, T. T. Gray, J. Lowther, E. Carlill, T. D. Robinson, T. Turner, R. Renton, F. Brodie, and W. Douglas. Wickets pitched at 2 30.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT 2ND v. KIP HILL.

Played at Stanley, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. Score:—

Stanley and District 2nd, 104; Kip Hill, 47. T. Shield and G. Hunter batted strong for the home team, scoring 47 and 33 respectively.

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

PRESENTATION TO A WESLEYAN MINISTER AT CONSETT.

A SUCCESSFUL THREE YEARS' SERVICE.

The art of seizing opportunities and bending them to some purpose is a great secret of success. Dr Johnson has defined genius to be "a mind of large general powers accidentally determined in some particular direction." Men, who are resolved to find a way for themselves, will always find opportunities enough, and if they do not lie ready to their hand they will make them. The latter part of this may be truly said of Rev J. Harrop Taylor, Wesleyan superintendent minister, Consett, during his three years' stay in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit. By dint of mere industry and patient thinking he has been able to produce results of the highest order for the benefit of the entire circuit, and which no doubt will achieve for him

A DISTINGUISHED REPUTATION.

We can use the words of Coleridge, and say of Mr Taylor that there is an energy and elasticity in his mind which enables him to seize and analyse all questions and schemes and push them to their legitimate consequences. This is really what Mr Taylor has done since he entered the circuit, and one cannot help but admire the abilities of the gentleman when one considers the many schemes he has devoted his attention to in the erection of Methodist new buildings during his stay in the circuit. Take for instance the erection of the new church in Middle Street, Consett, and well may the members of this society fell indebted to him for his unremitting and zealous efforts in connection with the building of the same, which

HAD HIS UNCEASING CARE,

and for them to recognise the fact that the great success of the scheme was largely owing to Mr Taylor's energy, tact, and ability. Whilst Mr Taylor devoted a considerable amount of time in the erection of new chapels, schools, &c., it is gratifying to know that he did not neglect his other ministerial work. It is not within recollection that he ever missed an appointment in any part of the circuit, and it did not matter how much work he had to get through, Mr Taylor could always find time to assemble with the brethren at the Friday night prayer-meeting in connection with the Consett Society. Seeing that such was the case, it was only right that the members of this society and congregation felt that they could not allow him to leave the circuit without expressing their high appreciation of his labours during his stay amongst them. This took the shape of a

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

on Wednesday evening, in the church. The gift was a beautiful illuminated address, with the recipient's portrait on opal. The address, which was most artistically executed, and encased in a massive gilt frame, was from the firm of Messrs Mawson and Swan, Newcastle, whilst the portrait of Mr Taylor—a most true one—was from the studio of Mr Venice Dunn, photographer, Medomsley Road, Consett. The chair was occupied by Mr Thomas Swainston, who was supported by Rev J. H. Taylor, Messrs J. W. Davison, R. C. Foster, E. Lamb, Thos. Carr, J. Davison, Venice Dunn, and others.

The CHAIRMAN said all present were aware of the object of the gathering. They were about to present to Mr Taylor an illuminated address as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services during his stay in Consett. (Applause.) Mr Taylor came into their circuit just when the new building scheme was about to be launched, and with the spirit of enthusiasm he at once took it up. He could say without the least hesitation that from that time Mr Taylor had followed the scheme as a judicial leader, and had guided them with his counsel and wisdom up to its present completion. If it had not been for Mr Taylor they

COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED

what they had already accomplished. (Applause.) Whilst Mr Taylor had devoted so much attention to their building scheme, he had not neglected his other work. He had done his best for them without robbing other places, and on more occasions than once had he attended their meetings after preaching at other places. This would show how anxious he was to attend the meetings in connection with the scheme, so as to follow their work closely. (Applause.) It had been a most eventful three years for any minister. Mr Taylor had witnessed the completion of no less than five new chapels, &c. There was the erection of the new churches at Stanley, Tantobie, Allendale Cottages, Edmondbyers, and last but not least their own new church. (Applause.) The attention to the latter had entailed a considerable amount of

LABOUR AND TROUBLE,

to say nothing of what would have to be done anent the other places. Mr Taylor had also paid attention to the wants and requirements of the people. He (the speaker) had often seen Mr and Mrs Taylor visiting the members. It had been a boon and a blessing to them through Mr Taylor coming into their midst. He wished him every success in his new circuit—Grantham, Yorkshire—and trusted that God would crown Mr Taylor's labours with the richest blessings, and he was sure that after he had departed from their midst his movements would be watched very closely, and his memory ever cherished by the members. (Applause.)

Mr R. C. FOSTER read the address as follows:—

"*To the Rev. J. Harrop Taylor.*

DEAR SIR,—We, the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society and congregation at Consett, feel that we cannot allow you to leave the circuit without expressing our high appreciation of your labours amongst us during the last three years.

We especially feel indebted to you for your unremitting and zealous efforts in connection with the building of our new church, which has been your unceasing care during the whole of your stay in Consett, and we desire to record our sense of the fact that the great success of the scheme is largely owing to your energy, tact and ability.

Whilst heartily regretting that the Methodistic three years' limit makes your removal necessary, we wish you every success in your new sphere of labour, and trust that God's richest blessings may rest upon you and your family.

Signed on behalf of the congregation,

NATHAN FAWELL, FRANCIS SWAINSTON,	Society Stewards.
JOHN DAVISON, JOHN LOWES,	Church Stewards.

Mr J. W. DAVISON, in making the presentation, said that he had a pleasant duty to perform. The committee had selected him to make the presentation, but for what reason he did not know. However, it was best known to themselves, but he would say that they had not made a good choice, because he was not imbued with those qualities that went to make a fluent speaker, and therefore he was afraid that he would not be able to set the address off to that advantage which it justly deserved. They were aware that four or five years ago the scheme for the erection of the present church, etc., was first mooted, and it had received a great deal of talk prior to Mr Taylor coming into their midst. A scheme like the present one required something else than talk, it required action and a strong effort. The erection of that church had

QUITE EXCEEDED HIS IDEAS,

and no doubt many others at one time thought that they would never be able to raise such a building. The church had been completed, and they had secured a place of worship which would meet the requirements of the people in that neighbourhood for years to come. Before Mr Taylor came to the circuit, he (the speaker) remembered being present at one of the meetings in connection with the scheme, when the late Rev Thomas Broadbent said that they wanted a chapel, and that they were the people that could get it. Mr Taylor came amongst them, and he took up the reins as a leader and guide, and had brought it to its present state of completion. (Applause.) Some people might say why present Mr Taylor with a testimonial on his leaving the circuit. Had not other good ministers gone away without receiving any such recompense? Yes, but they had not always allowed them to depart without recompensing their services, and he held that the present instance was an exceptional case, and that Mr Taylor was

WORTHY OF THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

that he was about to receive. He recollected having a similar duty to perform in presenting one of their superintendents with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and that gentleman appreciated the gift in such a manner, not for its intrinsic value, but on account of the way in which it was presented, as to make it his family bible, and in remembrance of his friends at Consett. They were now acknowledging Mr Taylor's services in the erection of the present church. (Applause.) Mr Taylor's services had

BEEN A GREAT ADVANTAGE

to them in many ways in the carrying out of the scheme. As a business man he had used his influence considerably for the project, and he contended that his case was an exception to the general rule, and that Mr Taylor was worthy of the testimonial, because they were not always building new chapels every year. He had great pleasure in presenting the address to Mr Taylor, as a token of the high esteem in which the members had appreciated his services during his stay amongst them. He trusted that he would take the testimonial with him wherever he went. When he got to his new home, and the address was hung against the wall, he had no doubt but that it would refresh his mind of the happy days he spent at Consett. (Applause.) He trusted that God's blessing would prosper him in his new circuit, and that his future career would be

A MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE,

and that he would always look back upon the work done in the present circuit with satisfaction, and ever remember his kind friends in this neighbourhood. (Applause.)

Mr TAYLOR, on rising to acknowledge the gift, was loudly applauded. He said that he had been most touched by the kindly references that had been made about him and his family, and with the manner in which they had appreciated his services during his stay amongst them. He most gratefully accepted the address, which would always bring back to his recollection the

PAST HAPPY THREE YEARS,

and the work accomplished during that time. (Applause.) Circumstances, through the three years' limit, had made it necessary that he should relinquish his engagement in the present circuit, but at the same time he would have liked to have seen the whole scheme completed, and stayed a little longer in their midst. (Applause.) He could safely say that whilst attending to the work in furtherance of their scheme, he had not neglected the work entailed in connection with the various other societies of the circuit. He had always tried to discharge every part of his duty as faithfully as he possibly could. Although he might not have done pastoral visitation as they would have liked to have seen him done, yet he could say that

HE WAS NEVER ABSENT

in any special case. He had never neglected the sick or the bereaved ones when he was acquainted of the same. (Applause.) He had spent a very happy three years. When he came to Consett, he found that there was a necessity that more commodious buildings should be erected for the purpose of carrying on the work of God. In reviewing the work involved in carrying out the building scheme, the speaker said that the first meeting he attended in connection with the same was in October, 1890, and he went on to say that it had embodied responsibility, anxiety, and care which was only known to himself and a few of the committee. Had this scheme been the only one that had been going on, he would have thought nothing about it, but there had been

THE WORK TO CONTEND WITH

from the other parts of the circuit. Of course, to a great extent, his colleagues had helped him considerably in this direction. They all knew that the circuit was a wide one, and that the duty of superintendent was considered a most onerous one, when they took into account that they had 28 societies, with over 1,600 members, and congregations embracing from 7,000 to 8,000 people. This did bring upon one a great deal of care and anxiety. The circuit was all alive, and he had found that the people were most desirous of extending the cause of God. He might say that he attended the first meeting with reference to the erection of Tantobie new church, and had been connected with other building schemes. (Applause.) They had just cause

TO BE THANKFUL TO GOD

for the progress that had been made in their midst. When he had left the circuit he would ever remember his many friends, and would cherish the address that they had presented him with on that occasion. He might state that he had been pleased with everything that he had seen in connection with the society. The members of the building committee had worked most indefatigably for the progress of the scheme. He must congratulate the friends and committee upon the liberality they had displayed in carrying out the work. He believed the church would be a great blessing to the neighbourhood, and trusted that the other portion of the scheme would soon be completed. He would ever cherish kindly remembrances of the friends at Consett, and nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to have

SPENT OTHER THREE YEARS AMONGST THEM.

(Applause.) It was at times most desirable that a minister should have a change, but he would liked to have stayed to witness the completion of the scheme. When he first came he made up his mind that if possible he would see the church opened. He was glad this had been accomplished, and it would always be a pleasure to him to think that he had witnessed the inauguration of the scheme and the completion of the church. (Applause.) He would once more thank them heartily for the testimonial, and trusted that God's blessing would rest upon them as a society. (Cheers.)

Rev W. GOUDIE, Consett; Messrs R. C. FOSTER, THOS. CARR, E. LAMB, J. DAVISON, and others addressed the meeting, and wished Mr Taylor God-speed in his new circuit.

The enthusiastic meeting afterwards closed in the customary way.

WOLSINGHAM.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday, two powerful sermons were preached in this chapel at Wolsingham, by the Rev I. Jones, of Darlington. The evening services was very largely attended. Collections were made in aid of the trust fund.

VISIT OF THE REV DR STEPHENSON.—On Tuesday, the renowned principal of the Children's Home, London, paid his long-promised visit to Wolsingham. Two services were held in the Wesleyan Chapel, when the "doctor" delighted his hearers, both afternoon and evening. The congregation in the evening were made up of representatives from almost every society in the circuit. Collections were taken for the trust fund. A public tea was also held during the interval.

The members of Rev J. R. Cleminson's Society Classes at Wolsingham, have shown their appreciation of their esteemed leader by presenting him with a beautiful gold pencil case. Mrs W. W. Peart made the presentation very gracefully. The rev. gentleman goes to Stokesley.

The Wolsingham Health Resort Committee have at last made a commencement with their self-allotted work. Messrs J. Laundreth, W. Wharton, and R. Dobinson have each made a seat and presented them to the committee, minus the ironwork, whilst Mr Lawrence Burn, with characteristic generosity, has executed the painting of the work presented.

Mr Eccles and party of sportsmen bagged 207 brace of grouse, on Edmonbyers moors, on Monday.

THE HARVEST.—The wet weather this week has interfered very much with the corn harvesting operations. The hay harvest is about over in Weardale, only a few outside places are yet to be won. Last week's heat and sunshine cleared up most of the hay.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles fleas bed-bugs, roaches, ants, insects, ground moles, &c 6½d and 1s. boxes.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons. Agents, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

OPENING OF THE NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL AT EAST HEDLEYHOPE.

Last Saturday was a red-letter day in connection with the Wesleyan Society at East Hedleyhope. For many years, through the kindness of Messrs Samuelson and Co., they have held services in a portion of the school-room. Last Saturday witnessed the opening of a very neat iron chapel, providing accommodation for about 150 worshippers. The opening sermon was preached by Rev Isaiah Jones, of Darlington. Afterwards, a large number partook of tea. In the evening, a public meeting was held, when addresses were given by Revs I. Jones, J. R. Cleminson, and R. Dixon, under the chairmanship of Mr T. E. Fenwick (Wolsingham). So hearty and generous have been the donations towards the buildings fund that only some £25 remains of the total cost, £206. At the close of above meeting it was announced that in consequence of the untiring efforts rendered by the superintendent (Rev J. R. Cleminson), in connection with the building scheme, the friends have purchased a beautiful souvenir commemorative of the occasion (a marble timepiece), which was forthwith presented by Mr T. E. Fenwick, after which all helpers were thanked for aid rendered. The opening services were continued on Sunday, when two excellent sermons were preached by Rev Ralph Dixon, of Saddleworth, a former resident of the village. Good congregations were present and thoroughly enjoyed the day's services.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, August 23rd.—Before Col. F. F. SHIPPEE (chairman) and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Several persons were fined for the above offence.

ROUGH CUSTOMERS.

Thomas Parker and *Felix Hogg* were charged with refusing to quit the premises of John Parker at Birtley, and further with assaulting the police and damaging a door, the property of John Parker, on the 12th August.—The barman at the inn said that defendants were disorderly in the house. They had not had anything to drink there. He ordered them out; they refused to go, and he had to put them out.—Sergt. Hutchinson said he was sent for by Mr Parker, and found defendants in a violent state. He had to put them out of the house. In respect to the charge of assault upon the police, the Sergeant stated that after he got Parker out he put his coat off and wanted to fight witness, and at that time Hogg struck him a blow.—The barman stated that the damage to the door was 2s 6d.—The Chairman said there was no doubt defendants had acted in a violent manner, and they would be fined 10s each for refusing to quit, 10s each for the assault on the officer, and Hogg 2s 6d and 2s 6d damages for the door, costs following in each case.

DAMAGING TURNIPS.

John Lowther and *John W. Youds*, for damaging turnips, the property of John Bowes and Partners, at Birtley, on the 12th inst., were fined 6d each, 1d damages, and costs.

FARMERS' FRIENDS.

Thomas Boiston, Wm. Beach, Alex. Beach, John Cawthorne, and *Robert Lewis*, for damaging turnips, the property of the Birtley Iron Company, at Ouston, were each ordered to pay a fine of 6d, 1d damage, and costs.

George Sanar and *John Hall*, for damaging Hugh Munroe's wheat, at Birtley, were ordered to pay a fine of 6d, 1d damage, and costs.

Wm. England, Robt. Howard, and *Geo. Robinson* admitted that they damaged turnips belonging to John S. Barker, at Red Row Hall, Chester-le-Street.—England was fined 1s, and the others 6d, 1d damages, and costs.

John and *James Richardson* and *John Thompson* were charged with damaging fruit, the property of Wm. Selkirk, Red Row Gardens, Chester-le-Street.—P.C. Johnson said he saw the boys up a tree shaking the fruit off.—Mr John Turnbull, for the defence, called Thompson's father, who stated that his boy was not there.—Three small boys stated that they saw three Richardsons in the garden. Thompson was not there at all.—Thompson was dismissed, and the Richardsons were each fined 2s 6d and costs.

Thomas Anderson, Wm. Laws, and *Geo. Punshon* were charged with damaging turnips, the property of the Earl of Durham, at Chester-le-Street, on the 9th inst.—Fined 2s 6d each, 1d damage, and costs.

David Waggon and *John Backhouse*, for damaging turnips, the property of Joseph Goldsborough, at Chester-le-Street, were each ordered to pay 1d damages, 1s fine, and costs.

Robert Clifford was charged with damaging clover, the property of Robert Ryle, High Flatts, Chester-le-Street, and was fined 2s, 1d damages, and costs.

Andrews Burns, John Smith, and *Jas. Wilkinson* were charged with damaging grass, the property of Robert Ryle.—Robert Ryle, jun., said that defendants were running their dogs in the field. There were both cattle and sheep in the field. All the defendants were off the footpath. There was no end of such-like damage, and stock was greatly disturbed and injured in this way.—Fined 5s each, 1d damages, and costs.

John Leech and *Robert Graham* were charged with damaging a pit pond embankment at Aller Dene, the property of the Birtley Iron Company, on the 13th inst.—Fined 2s 6d each, 3d damages, and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

John Clews was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on the Earl of Durham's estate at Harraton, on the 15th inst.—Edward Harle, a gamewatcher, said he saw defendant searching for game with a dog.—Fined 5s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

William Pendleton and *John Maddison*, for fighting at Pelton Fell, were ordered to be bound over to keep the peace for three months in £5 each.

IDLE BOYS.

Walter Adams, John Gilder, George Pringle, and *John Stephenson*, small boys, were charged with doing wilful damage to a fanlight, the property of Rev F. L. Milward and others, at the Victoria Schools, Chester-le-Street.—Rev F. L. Milward said that the schools had been greatly damaged during the holidays by boys throwing stones at the glass work. The damage was 6d each.—Fined 1s, the damage, and costs, amounting to 7s each.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Henry Oakland, James and *John Thomas Ford, George Usher*, and *Edward Finlay*, were charged with damaging a fence and grass, the property of the Birtley Iron Company, at Birtley, on the 6th inst.—Mr E. H. Wilkinson, farm manager for the Company, proved the case, and assessed the damage at one penny each. They had a great deal of damage of that sort.—Fined 2s 6d each, and ordered to pay the damage and costs.

ABOUT THE BAIRNS.

Isaac Bowman was charged with assaulting Isabella Williams, at Pelton Fell, on the 11th inst., and *Henry Bowman* was charged with assaulting Mary Isabella Williams at the same time and place. Mr John Turnbull appeared for the brothers Bowman.—Complainant said that Isaac Bowman struck her without any provocation, and afterwards Henry struck her daughter.—Cross-examined, complainant admitted that the disturbance arose from something about the children.—Several witnesses said that they saw the disturbance, and saw both defendants strike the complainants.—For the defence, it was urged that the Williams's first attacked the Bowman's.—The Bench considered the cases proven, and ordered fines of 10s and costs in each case.

THE LADIES.

Martha Thompson was charged with assaulting Edith Ellen Oldfield, at Chester-le-Street, on the 12th inst. Mr Fred. Harle appeared for the prosecution.

Complainant said that defendant was in a very drunken state during the afternoon of the day mentioned, and used abusive language to her. In the evening she renewed the attack, and tore the ribbons from witness's hat, tore her cape, then struck her on the face.

Cross-examined by Mr Turnbull (who appeared for the defence), complainant denied that she was drunk. She did take a glass of beer, but only at night. She did not use any filthy language to defendant, but defendant did to her.

Mrs Fowler said that Mrs Thompson struck Mrs Oldfield without any provocation.

Robert William Smart said that he heard Mr Oldfield use insulting and filthy expressions to Mrs Thompson, after which they pushed each other.

Mrs Woodward said that both parties used very bad language to each other. Both of them had had drink.

The Bench ordered Thompson to be bound over to keep the peace for three months in her husband's recognisances of £5.

THE WAYWARDEN.

Anthony Tate was charged with obstructing the highway at Chester-le-Street by allowing a potato-chip van to stand there for four hours, on the 11th inst.

P.C. Elwood said that defendant placed his van on the road at the north end of the bridge, and allowed it to stand there.

Defendant said he had stood there for some weeks, and had paid rent to Mr Mitchell, the waywarden, for it. He was requested to move his van a few yards away on account of an invalid in an adjoining house. He did so, but paid his weekly rent as usual.

The Chairman said he did not know what authority Mr Mitchell had to charge or receive any rent. That, however, was not the business of the Bench. If defendant had paid any rent to any person not entitled to receive it, he must go to the County Court and recover it; but he must not obstruct the highway. Defendant would be fined 2s 6d and costs.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, when there were present: Messrs J. E. Morris (chairman), J. W. Jamieson, W. R. Cooke, R. Fenwick, and the Clerk (Mr M. Coupland).

MINUTES.

On the motion of Mr COOKE, seconded by Mr FENWICK, the minutes of the last meeting were signed.

THE APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS.

The recommendations of the School Management Committee, relative to the appointment of the head teacher as superintendent, and the appointment of another female assistant teacher, were adopted by the Board.

EXTENSION OF SCHOOLS.

It was agreed that Mr Smith, architect, make the alterations in the plans as suggested by the Department.

REPORTS.

The Attendance Officer's report was read and adopted.

The Head Teacher's report was also read and adopted.

A FEMALE ASSISTANT TEACHER WANTED.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for a female assistant teacher at a salary of £45 per annum.

FINANCE.

It was agreed that cheques be signed for the following sums:—

	£	s	d
Salaries and wages	87	2	6
Books	8	6	11
Coals	0	7	0
Water	2	8	7
Rent of Board-room	1	15	0
Repairs	4	7	3
Mason work	28	7	9
Petty expenses	2	10	4
Total	£135	5	4

The Clerk reported that the balance in the treasurer's hands was £205 15s 9d.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CONSETT—Medomsley Road, 20th inst., the wife of Robert Wilkinson, of a son.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Derwent Dene, 20th inst., the wife of J. V. Faber, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, on the 10th inst., by the Rev A. Baillie, assisted by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, John English, only son of William Thompson, Cutler's Hall, to Isabella, only daughter of Robert McDonald, blacksmith, Blackhill.

LANCHESTER—On the 15th inst. (by special license), George Hope, Consett, to M. E. Bell, Leadgate.

STANHOPE—24th inst., John Leithead, of Howdon-le-Wear, to M Stephenson, of Bollihope.

HARE LAW—16th inst., James A. Hodgson, of New Shildon, to Lydia Wilkinson, of Hare Law.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL—120, Durham Road, on the 23rd inst., aged 73, Mary Forster. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, 26th inst., at 3·30 p.m. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Swiss Cottage, 21st inst., aged 55, Robson, husband of Margaret Barron.

Died at sea, at Port Said, on voyage home from Australia, 28th July, 1893, Mary Annie, beloved wife of Joseph Brown, and daughter of Cuthbert Bowman, paper-maker, Shotley Bridge.

Whinney House Farm, 14th inst., aged 28 years, Mary Ellen, dearly beloved daughter of Francis and Mary Blair.

WASKERLEY—On the 23rd inst., aged 67 years, James Gowland. Interment at Muggleswick, on Sunday, August 27th. *Cortege* to leave Waskerley at 2·30 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

DIPTON—21st inst., aged 76, Jane, widow of the late Robert Reveley.

WINLATON—California, 19th inst., aged 66, Hannah, widow of John Bewick Wilson, late of Blaydon Burn.

STELLA—Stella Cottage, 22nd inst., May, fourth daughter of John and Anne Tate.

BLAYDON—6, Robinson Street, 17th inst, suddenly, Richard Wilson.

RYTON—Clara Vale, 22nd inst., aged 6 months, Harold, son of Richard and Ellen Young.

16th inst., aged 42, Margaret, wife of John Calder.

ESPERSHIELDS—On the 15th inst., aged 9 years, George William, youngest son of George and Ellen Heppell.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—17th inst., aged 56, Sarah, wife of William Wake.

BIRTLEY—North Side, 16th inst., aged 62, Mark, husband of Elizabeth Fryar, and son of the late John Fryar, of Kibblesworth.

NEWCASTLE—39, Prospect Place, 16th inst., aged 65, John Gibson, late of St. John's, Weardale.

STANHOPE—21st inst., aged 24, Robert Fairless.

23rd inst., James Wallace, lead smelter.

In loving memoriam of Joseph Pattison, butcher, Consett, who died July 3rd, 1891. Also, in loving memoriam of Tom Pattison, who died July 12th, 1891. Also, in loving memoriam of Sarah Pattison, their mother, who died August 26th, 1891.

"Dear mother and brothers how we miss them
None but loving hearts can tell;
We have lost them, heaven has found them,
Happier thought that all is well."

In loving memory of Benjamin Robinson, who died at Greencroft Lodge, August 24th, 1892.

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