Sale at Greencroft.—On Saturday last, Mr. Thomas Blandford, auctioneer, concluded a four days' sale of the effects of the late Mr. John Clavering, at Greencroft Park. The books, most of them original editions, were disposed of at the first day's sale, Mr. Thos. J. Armstong (Hawthorn Terrace, Newcastle), Mr. M. Robinson (Newcastle), Mr. Slack (Durham), Mr. Leadbitter (Catchgate), Mr. Logan (Stobblie House), Mr. G. G. T. Smith (Broadwood), Mr. George Neasham (Consett), Mr. Hiteon (Woodley Field, Hexham), Mr. Hedley (Burnhopeside), Mr. Bell (Newcastle), and Mr. McEneney (Newcastle), being the chief purchasers. The lots included several local historical works, which fetched good prices. A reprint of Brand's Popular Antiquities sold for 9s. A tract, "Trial of Andrew Robinson Bowes, Esq., for Adultery and Cruelty towards his wife, the Countess of Strathmore," with engraving of Bowes striking the Countess on the face at dinner, was knocked down to Mr. Armstrong for 16s. 6d. A manuscript book, bound in red morocco, giving particulars respecting the Assizes for Northumberland in 1817, how the Sheriff and Undersheriff are to conduct themselves at table, &c., was bought for Sir Henry Clavering, of Axwell. Fisher's Views in Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland, fetched 16s.; Hutchinson's History of Durham, £3 7s. 6d; and Wallis's History and Antiquities of Northumberland £1 7s. There was some spirited bidding between Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Neasham for the Clavering Letter Book (containing copies of letters written in 1712-13 by members of the Clavering family), which was eventually knocked down to the first-named gentleman. Some of the china was magnificent and realized fair prices. A pair of Chelten vases, sold to Mr. James Annandale, jun., fetched five guineas; Dr. Renton paid £2 4s. for a pair of Dresden figures; Mr. Lockey, of Durham, gave £6 10s. for a china clock; a Worcester tea and coffee service fetched £7 10s, Mr. Joel, Newcastle, being the purchaser. A Dresden vase was knocked down to Mr. Smith, of Broadwood, for £7 5s. A pair of Wedgewood inkstands fetched £5 10s. Messrs. Rushworth and Son, of Durham, bought a great many of the lots, most of which realised high prices. The engravings, drawings, and oil paintings also fetched fairly good prices.

School Treat at Consett.—The scholars and teachers connected with the British Schools had their annual treat on Friday afternoon last. About two o'clock, the children assembled at the Schools, where a procession was formed, the big boys, some of them holding aloft large banners, going first, and the lesser ones carrying flags, bringing up the rear. After perambulating the principal streets, the children marched to the Iron Company's Offices, where hearty cheers were given for Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Ainsworth, and Mr. Evans, the managers of the Schools, to whom they were indebted for the treat. Afterwards, when the field (near Consett Hall) had been reached, the children entered heartily into the games which had been provided for their amusement. Tea was announced about four o'clock, by which hour both scholars and teachers were ready for it. The sports and games were resumed afterwards, and were continued till darkness set in. Before separating, the scholars gave hearty cheers for the head master (Mr. Hyden), Miss Stanger, Miss Jennings, and the other teachers, all of whom did their utmost to make the outing enjoyable. One of Mr. Hyden's pupils (J. J. Cockburn, aged 14 years), a sharp little fellow, has sent us the following account of the treat:—"I will try to give you an account of the School treat on Friday, the 13th of August, as well as I can. When I got up in the morning, it was very misty, and I thought we were going to have a rainy day. On looking at the paper, however, I found that the weather in the north-east was going to be fine generally, and you may be sure that I was overjoyed when I found that this was the case about twelve o'clock at noon. We were let out of school at eleven o'clock a.m., on purpose to allow us time to change our clothes and make ourselves generally neat. We met at School again about two o'clock p.m., and after the strongest boys had been selected to carry the large banners, the flags were given to the others, and we made a start. We went along Harvey Street to Sherburn Terrace, and from thence through the principal streets of the town. We then went to the Offices, where we gave three cheers for the managers, who had so kindly lent us the field. At last we arrived at the field, and after having dispersed, I went to have a swing in the wood; after having tired myself with swinging, I went to play with the football, but before I had had many kicks at it, the master blew the whistle for tea. I accordingly obeyed the call, and helped the teachers to carry and serve out the tea. At last the tea was over, and I began to practice for the high jump till the teachers sat down for their tea. After this was over, I had a few shots at "Old Aunt Sally," and thus I amused myself till it was time for the high jump. In the jumping, Thomas Williams got the first prize, and James Dick and I had to halve the second. About eight o'clock, I went home, on account of having to go with the papers; but, for all that, I may say that I enjoyed the treat most thoroughly."

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BIRTHS.

Benfieldside—At 49, Cutlers' Hall, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. George Sumerbell, of a son.

Dipton—On the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. James Smailes, of a son.

Felling—At Church Street, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. P. O'Rourke, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Consett—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. B. Moody, Mr. William Thompson, Delves Lane, Consett, to Miss Elizabeth Carr, Shotley Bridge.

Lanchester—At the Register Office, on the 14th inst., Mr. H. Thompson, to Miss M. A. Golightly, both of Castleside.—Same day, Mr. C. Thorpe, to Miss M. Irving, both of Blackhill.—Same day, Mr. S. Westlake, East Castle, to Miss. R. Brown, Dipton.

Newcastle—At St. Stephens, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. W. P. Lawson, Mr. Wm. Livingstone, of Gilford, to Miss Jane Bowran, youngest daughter of Mr. A. Bowron, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Esh—At St. Michael's Chapel, on the 16th inst., by the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Robert, eldest son of Francis Whitgreave, of Burton Manor, Staffordshire, to Marian Clare, only daughter of the late John Leadbitter Smith, of Flass Hall, Durham.

DEATHS.

Leadgate—On the 2nd inst., aged 45 years, William Smith.

Allendale Cottages—On the 11th inst., aged 73, Thomas Mason.

Dipton—On the 14th inst., aged 47, Margaret Glendinning.

On the 18th inst., aged 67, Mary, wife of the late W. Clark, of Consett.

Ebchester—At Broomhill, on the 14th inst., aged 3 years and 9 months, Mary Ellen, beloved daughter of James and Lizzie Mewes.

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By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
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CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC MEETING.

On Saturday afternoon last, a conference of delegates from the various co-operative societies in the district took place in the National Schools, at Consett. There was a fair attendance, among the societies represented being Consett, Blaydon, Shotley Bridge, Annfield Plain, West Stanley, and Tanfield.

Mr. ROBINSON (Shotley Bridge) moved that the President of the Society (Mr. Lowes) take the chair. Mr. Lowes, he said, always presided over their deliberations with intelligence. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded by a Delegate present, and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN said he had much pleasure, in the name of the Store which he represented, in welcoming the delegates to Consett. They were met that day to discuss important papers which would be read to them. Conferences, he believed, were productive of much good. (Hear, hear). They brought prominent individual co-operators nearer to each other, and all were benefited through the interchange of ideas and opinions that followed. (Applause). In the commercial world they found classes banded together for the protection of their interests, and in meeting together that afternoon they were in like manner protecting and propagating the principles of co-operation. (Renewed applause). The president then called upon Mr. Milburne, of Newcastle, to read the first paper. Mr. Milburne's paper, he explained, proposed to divide the Northern section into seven sub-districts, the Northern Sectional Board believing that the present district was too wide to be worked effectively, and that its division into sub-districts or local associations would be the means of furthering the interests of the movement. They would observe that in the plan of propaganda issued by the Board, the No. 4 district was their own, and included Acomb, Allendale Town, Annfield Plain, Alston, Blaydon, Coanwood, Dipton, Dunston, Consett, Esh, Fourstones, Greenhead, Haydon Bridge, Leadgate, Nenthead, Shotley Pridge, Swalwell, Tanfield, West Stanley, West Wylam and Prudhoe, and Whitfield.

Mr. MILBURNE said the subject of his paper was "Local Conference Associations: their value, and how to work them." The Northern Sectional Board, he said, in considering the question of the development of the local conference association system, have been concerned wholly with the district committed to their care; and the methods they have devised are such as they believe to be well calculated to supply its propagandist wants. There is, however, a strong similarity between the requirements of one section and the needs of the rest, when, in all alike, there is so much to be done in the way of bringing a knowledge of true co-operative principles and practices home to those among whom as yet they are more or less unknown. The Local Conference Association, as distinguished from the arrangements by which conferences have been held of delegates from societies in whole counties, or even in yet more extensive districts, has met with the strong approval of the Board, partly on account of its actual efficiency and partly because of its possibilities of larger usefulness than any to which the more general conference arrangements can attain. Having arrived at the conviction that the smaller organisation has within it the capacity of better work than the greater one, the Board at once agreed upon the desirability of including every society in the Section within one or other of the local associations proposed to be formed. After mature deliberation it was resolved that the grouping of the societies should be determined by only one consideration, namely, the facility of intercommunication existing between them. It was recognised that to adopt this principle would make the group of different size, thus causing the associations to vary greatly in influence. They invite the criticisms of the committees of all the societies in the district over which, for propagandist purposes, they have been elected to preside, and they will regard as a favour the communication of any suggestions for the amendment of the groupings, which at present seem to them to be the best. Upon the basis of the arrangement of the local associations thus approved, the Board have authorised a sub-committee to summon a meeting of the societies in each group for the purpose of definitely establishing the several organisations by the enrolment of members, the election of officers, and the adoption of rules. In the appointment of officers, and the framing of rules, they refrain from doing more than respectfully submitting a series of recommendations, which the several associations to be formed are invited to adopt or otherwise, as seems to them good. Those recommendations are as follows:—1.—That the name of the association be the "Northern Counties Co-operative Conference Association." 2.—That the association be governed by an executive committee, consisting of a chairman, a district secretary, a statistical secretary, and a committee, to be elected annually at the first meeting of the association held subsequent to the holding of the Congress in each year. 3.—That the general meetings of the association be held quarterly. 4.—That the duties of the district secretary shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings of the association, and of the executive committee; to arrange for all conferences and other meetings in connection therewith; to conduct the correspondence, and to furnish reports of the work done to the Northern Section Board, and the *Co-operative News*. 5.—That the duty of the statistical secretary shall be to prepare for each meeting of the association, from the balance sheets of the societies, a tabulated statement showing the operations of the societies during the preceding three months. 6.—That each society shall send to the statistical secretary a copy of its balance sheet as they are published. 7.—That the committee meetings be held at such times as the committee may think fit, subject to any direction of the general meeting. 8.—That each society (member of the association), be requested to appoint one person to act as a corresponding member of the committee, and as the representative of the appointing society in connection with the association, to communicate with the district secretary for the term of office of each succeeding committee; the person so appointed to attend the conference or not as the appointing society may determine. 9.—That the expenses of of the associotion be defrayed by voluntary contributions. In reference to question of membership, it is proposed that, as the objects of the Co-operative Union are clearly stated in the rules of that association, and as these local organisations are intended to be the means of carrying the programme of the Union into full effect, the sole requisite for membership should be the execution of a simple form expressing a wish to be enrolled. It is thought best that there should not be any direct money payment attached to membership, but that the small expenses attendant upon the management of the association should be defrayed by voluntary contribution of Societies, supplemented, if need be, by a small grant from the funds of the Congress Board, or by such a grant alone. It will be far better that the officers of the local organisation should be directly interested in inducing societies to join the Co-operative Union, and thereby increase the fund from which the means are drawn for the discharge of their own propagandist functions, than that they should have resources independently of the Union, and so be inclined to regard with comparative indifference its financial position, upon the soundness of which its effectiveness so greatly depends. No membership subscription should be required, lest there might arise a conflict of interests between the Co-operative Union and the local association, which, above all things, it is desirable to avoid. However, on this point, the Sectional Board give no directions; they only make the suggestion, leaving the final decision dependent upon the views of the societies themselves. As to the method of working the association, it has been urged that the members should, as far as practicable, appoint their respective representatives—say for one year, so that their term of office might correspond to that of the members of the Sectional Board, with whom they will be expected to work in harmony. If this recommendation should be adopted, the further advantage will be secured of having men attend the conferences who are not wholly unacquainted with their modes of procedure and the nature of the work they have in hand, as under existing arrangements (both in regard to local organisations and the county conferences) is too frequently the case. Under the system proposed, there would always be a fair sprinkling of delegates present who were accustomed to the routine of the meetings, and thoroughly conversant with the duties the association was endeavouring to discharge. Besides, if the plan of appointing representatives to attend the local conferences for the space of one year were generally accepted, it would then be possible to make each one so delegated into a corresponding member of the committee, as it were for his year of service—a plan by which every man would have something to do, and every executive would be directly connected, through these its corresponding members, with every society in the association. If it is asked what these men so nominated would have to do, the answer is easy; for clearly it would be their duty to keep the executive posted up in everything worth noting in respect of the societies to which they respectively belonged, and in regard to the immediately surrounding neighbourhood in the midst of which they were placed. Here is a sufficient field for the activities of the best men our societies possess, for the conference delegate would come to be regarded as the leader of the advanced party in every store, and would be looked to for guidance by the more earnest co-operator whenever a good project was started or opposition to an established practice of the right sort was feared. His reports of the position and progress of the movement within the area entrusted to him would be useful and interesting to all the remaining members of the associations. If, however, any society objected to nominate a representative for a whole year, then it might be sufficient for such a society at least to allow one of its members to act permanently as a correspondent of the conference committee without being delegated to attend the meetings on its behalf. Such an arrangement would permit of a change of delegates, without weakening the connection between the conference committee and the particular society concerned. A district conference every three months would be found often enough for the efficient discharge by these associations of the duties devolving upon them. In order that the secretary of the association, who would receive from each corresponding member of the committee, as before explained, a copy of the balance sheet of his society, might be in a position to submit a comparative statement of the relative positions of the members of the organisation, so that a friendly rivalry might be sustained, and the practical wisdom of each might be made the common property of all. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the transactions of such other formal business as might require attention, the consideration of the return alluded to would at each meeting occupy, and that profitably, the attention of the delegates assembled, thus maintaining a living interest in the work of the association and the proceedings of its meetings, whatever the particular character of the question submitted for discussion afterwards might be. For these reasons the Sectional Board think that it would not only be well to hold the meetings every three months, but that the dates should be arranged as now proposed, and that on the programme of each meeting the consideration of such a return as is here indicated should always find a place. The Sectional Board are of opinion that a small executive would be best, varying from three, say, in the associations comprising few members, to five in the case of the larger unions. Upon these gentlemen would devolve the duty of communicating with each society in the allotted district, either by letter or by visitation, to induce them to become members of the union, and, that accomplished, to keep them up to the mark of their high calling as genuinely co-operative societies. They would have to arrange for lectures where desirable, for giving counsel where needed, assisting struggling societies with advice how best to gain their feet, and warning reckless ones against the pitfalls in their path. The calling of conferences, and preparing the programmes for them, would belong to their minor duties, though these are not to be despised; and altogether an active committee, with an energetic secretary, would have their hands full of good work, which, being well done, would further the interests of the movement, as they can only be furthered by just such local efforts as are here described. It will be to the executive of each local association that the Sectional Board will look for directions as to how their own efforts may be made more generally useful and more really valuable than heretofore. Working in harmony each with the other, the chain would be complete as between the individual store, and, for the matter of that, each individual of each store and the Congress itself. The representation of these associations on the Congress Board, a matter which the Sectional Board think it would not be difficult satisfactorily to arrange, would remove a source of dissatisfaction, which, in the absence of these organisations, has hitherto been irremovable. This last advantage the Sectional Board think should alone recommend the proposed arrangements to the approval of all the societies affected by the change. The plan is submitted with the sole desire of perfecting our co-operative organisation, for the spread of the cause, to make it more suited, to which end the Board earnestly requests your consideration and counsel. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN said it was left in the hands of the conference either to adopt or reject the recommendations embodied in the excellent paper which had been read.

Mr. RULE (Gateshead) remarked that it was, as the President had pointed out, altogether optional on their part as to whether they passed a resolution in favour of the scheme or not. He supposed the first thing for them to do was to pass a resolution either for or against it.

Mr. ROBINSON said the plan proposed to them of dividing the Northern Section into sectional boards was one that had already been tried in that district some four or five years ago. At that time six or seven societies joined together, and they had their local conferences, which did a vast amount of good at the time. Believing that the proposal before them was a step in the right direction, he had much pleasure in moving its adoption.

Mr. CAMPBELL (Shotley Bridge) seconded the proposition.

The CHAIRMAN said as there was a proposition before the meeting, the question was now open for discussion. He could endorse all that had been said by Mr. Robinson in regard to the local conferences that were held in that district some years ago. The conferences were attended by the members of the local stores, papers were read and discussed, and he believed that they were the means of giving a stimulus to the movement. (Applause).

Mr. ATKINSON (Blaydon) said he, too, believed that local conferences were desirable. He was one of those who attended the conferences referred to by Mr. Robinson. He remembered, as one result of their meetings, that it was proposed, and almost carried into execution, to erect soap works at Consett, and there was also some talk of starting candle works. He believed with Mr. Robinson that the proposal was a step in the right direction, and he heartily supported the resolution.

Mr. WM. ATKINSON (West Stanley) said he did not exactly understand the question. What had given rise to the proposal?

Mr. RULE said the object was this—the Northern Section had a very wide area, and it was a difficult matter to get the whole of the stores represented at their conferences. By dividing the present section into sub-districts, local conferences would be held, and by this means they hoped to make their members take an interest in them.

The CHAIRMAN asked if any other gentleman had anything to say. There being no response, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Conference next proceeded to the election of officers to carry out the above recommendations.

Mr. CAMPBELL moved that their esteemed president (Mr. Lowes) be chairman of the local branch. Mr. Lowes, he said, had always displayed a great amount of zeal and energy in presiding over the deliberations of the Consett Society, and he knew of no one more qualified to hold the office. (Applause).

The motion was seconded and carried by acclamation.

Mr. Crooks (Blaydon) was appointed secretary, Mr. Robinson (Shotley Bridge) statistical secretary, whilst Mr. Atkinson (Blaydon), Mr. Shotton (Consett), Mr. Bulmer (Tanfield Lea), and Mr. Atkinson (West Stanley) were placed on the committee.

Mr. ROBINSON said he observed that the local section covered a very wide area, and he was afraid some of the stores, such as Alston, Coanwood, and Nenthead, would not be able to attend their conferences. It had occurred to him that the Board, in arranging the districts, might have formed these places, and others in the same neighbourhood, into separate district.

Mr. MILBURNE said it was competent for the Conference to send a suggestion to this effect to the Congress, who would doubtless consider it.

The CHAIRMAN said Mr. Rule would now read a paper on "Productive Co-operation."

Mr. RULE said he had not completed the paper, and asked to be allowed to substitute a paper which would come before the quarterly meeting of the Wholesale next Saturday.

Mr. ROBINSON was sorry that they were not to have Mr. Rule's promised paper. Co-operative production was a subject on which there was a diversity of opinion, and he had anticipated a warm discussion on it.

Mr. RULE said as soon as he got his paper completed he would attend one of their meetings and read it. He asked the Conference to allow Mr. Milburne to read the paper he had already referred to. The Conference having assented,

Mr. MILBURNE then read the paper, which was entitled "Plan of propaganda to be carried out by the Central Co-operative Board and the Wholesale Society in connection." It is proposed, he said, to consider the plan under the following heads:—I, Nature of the scheme in itself; II, How it should be brought into operation; III, The action of the Central Board in relation to it; IV, The inducements to adopt it. I. The plan essentially consists in—The formation, by the aid of the Wholesale, of societies which shall be to it what branches are to other societies, with the difference that these societies should gradually recoup to the Wholesale such outlay as it may have incurred. The formation of societies legally distinct from the Wholesale, for which the model rules offer every facility, is necessary, because the Wholesale cannot carry on retail business on its own account. Therefore its outlay would have to be made by advances to these societies as loans, and the business to be carried on by the societies under an agreement with the Wholesale. The loans should be secured by bonds or notes payable on demand, or other legal security; but the shop in which the business is carried on might be rented by the Wholesale, and be sub-let to the society on terms which would enable the wholesale to seize the goods by distress for the amount due to it, if in any case a society violated the conditions on which the business was agreed to be carried on. The general business should be conducted by a small committee, of whom one at least, so long as the debt continued unpaid, should be appointed by the Wholesale; and by a manager appointed by this committee, so that they might feel responsible for his acts; both the appointment and removal requiring the consent of the Wholesale. The profits of the business should be divided among the purchasers, but one-half of them in shares—which, to the amount necessary for paying the debt, should not be withdrawable till the debt was fully paid. Supposing the business not to increase, so that the quantity of stock originally held remained substantially the same, these profits would gradually repay the amount advanced. If a business should increase so that these profits were required to carry it on, the stock obtained by means of them would be an additional guarantee for the advance. The profits accumulated by the Wholesale on the sales to the society would furnish a further security for the advance. But besides this guarantee, a certain percentage—say 10 per cent.—of the net profits of every society to which an advance had been made should be applied to make a general assurance fund, to be invested in the general business of the Wholesale, and be applied to indemnify any loss incurred by the business of any of these societies. Naturally this assurance fund would give no additional security if the scheme is confined to one or two cases. But if the experiment is made by founding several such societies, with carefully selected managers and a supply of capital sufficient to enable them to attract public notice from the commencement of the business, the assurance fund would, it is conceived, furnish a very effective guarantee against any occasional loss, and enable the scheme to be carried on upon the recognised footing of co-operative distribution, namely, giving a moderate fixed interest to capital, and applying the profits of the business for the benefit of the members of the societies, who, in their collective character, should be admitted to participate in the assurance fund, as the assurers in mutual insurance companies are. Under this arrangement the assurance payments might be made to continue for a fixed time, say ten years, in every case, so as to prevent the danger, otherwise liable to occur, that precisely these societies that succeeded would liberate themselves from the liability to contribute, by paying off their debt. For if these societies themselves derived the benefit of the accumulated payments, less the provision for losses, they would have no reasonable ground of complaint. The surplus might be dealt with at the end of every five years, as is common in assurance societies, either by a return of premiums or a reduction of payments. II. Such being the plan, the first step in applying it would be to determine the sum which should be employed on the attempt. This sum should suffice to found at least ten societies, so that the principle of assurance may come into effective operation. But twenty, or even a larger number of societies would really be a safer venture. The cost of forming each of these societies may be taken at from £300 to £500, according to locality. It seems advisable, therefore, that in order to give the scheme a fair trial, the Wholesale society should be prepared to advance—say, in the first instance, £10,000. The accounts should be kept as the Wholesale shall direct, regularly audited by auditors approved of by it, and laid before its quarterly meetings. With such a fund it might be possible to begin with as many as twenty societies. Thus a vigorous attempt might be made to introduce co-operative action in direct connection with the Wholesale centre, not only into country districts, but into towns of large population, where co-operative trade seems to have great difficulties in establishing itself, such as Birmingham and Liverpool, or into the metropolis, where its success would have a vast influence on the spread of the system throughout the kingdom. The places where such a trial should be made might be left to be determined by the Wholesale and Office Committees conjointly. But in every place so selected it should be a condition of the advance that some number of shares, amounting to—say, one-third of the capital needed, should be required to be subscribed for, being paid up gradually as the rules of each society provide, and preference should be given to those places where the inhabitants gave the best promise of independent action, by subscribing relatively to their numbers the largest amount for the object named. III. In co-operating in this plan a proper and ample field would be provided for the action of the Central Board. Each section should have the function of preparing the soil where there seemed the best prospect of success in its own district by holding conferences and meetings, where the scheme might be brought forward; circulating statements explanatory of it, and, where it was taken up in any place, obtaining lists of persons willing to subscribe for shares in a new society, and the amounts which they agree to subscribe, and sending them to the central office, where they should be classified according to date of application, amount of subscriptions, &c., and with regard also to the number of applications in the respective sections, so as to secure the equitable apportionment of the grants if the fund at any time were insufficient to meet the demands on it. It must be observed, however, that the fund would be to a considerable extent self-sustaining when the system had begun to work, by the amount of advances continually repaid. IV. To the Central Board a sufficient motive for advocating the scheme is supplied in the prospect opened by it of efficient propagandist action, directed to that free connection with a centre sustained by the consciousness of benefits mutually given and received, on which the life of co-operation among societies depends. To the Wholesale it offers, in addition to this desire which it may share with the Central Board, the prospect of a large extension of its business, by opening connections which it will have every reasonable probability of keeping steadily attached to itself; as well as a safe channel for employing the capital entrusted to its care, practically inexhaustible for a long time to come, London alone furnishing a field where large sums might be thus safely invested. It may be observed, in regard to the metropolis and other large cities, that the step now proposed to be taken in relation to co-operative trade is what competition has led private traders to adopt as the surest mode of attaining success at the present time. Retails shops, which are really branches of some great wholesale centre, are multiplying in London, where one firm alone is said to have 120 of them. The same tendency is no doubt at work elsewhere. We see it in operation in co-operative trade in the branches which many large societies have thrown out from themselves, in conformity with the desire commonly entertained by the inhabitants of the districts where they are formed to be supplied by this means, rather than by setting up independent societies at their own risk. Now, what these societies hove done well, the Wholesale might do better; because it would form not merely branches, but societies, where the benefits of close connection with a great centre would be obtained without that loss of independent action and interest in progress consequent upon it, which is almost inevitable in the formation of branches. Each society will depend for its dividend on itself, and, therefore, its members will have the same sort of inducement to exert themselves in supporting it which has proved the source of success in hundreds of societies. But they will be lifted over the great difficulty under which so many societies have sunk of insufficient capital, bad management, and bad bookkeeping at their commencement, and, with this help, may reasonably be expected, as a rule to be successful.

Mr. NICHOLSON (Blaydon) said a paper had been written by Mr. Horbury against this propaganda scheme, and he thought this ought to be read in order that both sides of the question might be placed before them.

The PRESIDENT thought it was quite unnecessary to read Mr. Horbury's paper. Most of them had opinions of their own on the propaganda scheme.

Mr. SHOTTON said the scheme, if carried into effect, meant a great deal. He thought it was worth a trial.

The other delegates having criticised the paper, a vote of thanks was given to the Chairman for presiding, and the conference terminated.

In the interval between the conference and the public meeting which was afterwards held, a substantial tea was provided for the members in the Girls' School. Nearly one thousand persons partook of the refreshing cup, which was gracefully dispensed by the undermentioned ladies, namely, Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Curry, Miss Wigham, Miss Hall, Miss Scott, Miss Allison, the Misses Brodie, the Misses Dodds, Miss Appleton, Miss Lamph, Miss Wailes, Miss Jones, Miss Brown, Miss Warren, and Miss Johnston.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the same building at night. Mr. Jenkins, of Consett Hall, was to have presided, but this gentleman being from home the President of the Society (Mr. Lowes) was asked to take the chair. A glee party, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Stephenson, was present, and sang several pieces in a charming manner.

The SECRETARY (Mr. Hall) read a letter of apology from Mr. Trow (Darlington), who was ill and therefore unable to attend the meeting, and it transpired that Mr. Crawford, of Durham, was also suffering from indisposition. He read the following letter from the last-named gentleman:—

137, High Street, Redcar, Aug. 21, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR,—I hope your members will not take my absence from your meeting as indicative of any want of interest with the co-operative movement. I have been ordered from home for the past three or four months; ten days ago, however, I was told that if I would not leave I must accept all the adverse physical results; this I regret to say, renders it impossible for me to be at your meeting. I should like to have been with you. as I think many things need to be said, as between the co-operators and trades-unionists of this country. This I must delay to some future time. I regard them both as absolutely necessary, if workmen are to receive ever approximate protection and fairplay. But while a firm believer in the power of trades' combinations, I think the most casual observer must admit that co-operation in its "productive" and "distributive" character is the ultimatum to all other forms of joint effort.—Wishing you every success, I am, dear sir, yours truly,

W. CRAWFORD.

Mr. Jessie Hall.

The CHAIRMAN, after regretting the absence of Mr. Jenkins, said twelve months had passed away since their last annual meeting, and many and varied had been the changes during that time. However, he was glad to be able to announce to them that the Consett Store was in a better position now, both financially and in numbers, than it was twelve months ago. (Applause.) He had no doubt, if the members were true to themselves and the Society, the latter would go on improving. (Renewed ap-plause.) The Chairman then introduced Mr. Nicholson, of Blaydon, to the meeting. Mr. Nicholson, he said, was a member of the Northern Section of the Congress Board, and well-known as an active co-operator.

Mr. NICHOLSON said he would be brief in his remarks, as there were several great guns to follow. (Laughter.) Co-operation, he said, was one of the greatest movements that had ever been initiated in this country. After speaking of its importance to the working classes, he said there was one thing he should like to impress on the members of the Consett Society, and that was to deal exclusively with their Store. (Hear, hear.) They had a fine establishment, which was capable of doing thrice the amount of business done at present. (Applause).

Mr. MILBURNE, a member of the Northern Section of the Congress Board, said he was not one of the great guns referred to by the previous speaker, being, in fact, a very little pistol. He spoke of the pleasure he had experienced in visiting their Store at Consett, which, he said, was a magnificent building, and capable of doing a very large trade. He regretted that the audience that evening was not larger, but he supposed the fine weather and other attractions outside on a Saturday night had kept people away. He also regretted to see so few ladies present. The presence of ladies, he said, was always a healthy sign, because they might depend upon it that when a lady took it into her head to support the Store she did it with all her might. (Hear, hear.) Co-operative Stores, as the previous speaker had pointed out, had been a blessing to the people of this country. They had, in the first place, been the means of removing that bane to the working classes—the credit system. (Applause.) As soon as a man was out of debt he got out of danger. It was then that he began to lay the foundation of his future success. As soon as a man joined a Co-operatve Store he did good for himself, and by and by he began to do good for his neighbour. Co-operation taught a man habits of thrift, and as soon as this was acquired he began to think more of his home, his wife, children, and country. (Hear, hear.) Some people talked of politics being the life and soul of their country, but he thought that co-operation was a far higher aim. The politics of our country set party against party, but co-operation cemented them closer together, and raised them in the social scale. The movement had the support and countenance of the clergy and nobility, and even the bishops of our country were in favour of it. At the late Congress in Newcastle, the Bishop of Durham gave them a most magnificent, learned speech on the subject. (Applause.) All this pointed to a brighter and glorious future for the Co-operative movement. (Renewed applause.) Most of them would know that the shopkeepers in London had banded themselves together and got up societies for the purpose of putting the movement down. They had tried to prevent Government servants holding any office in Civil Service Stores, hoping by so doing to cripple the co-operative movement, but in this they had signally failed. (Hear, hear.) This move on the part of the London traders had been attended with one good result—it had called attention to the claim of co-operation, and in this way it was likely to help on the cause. (Applause.) With regard to their local Store, their balance sheet showed how much it had benefited its members. About four years ago, he observed, the Consett Store paid £12,000 in withdrawls and so much as £4,000 in dividends. (Applause.) But for the Store, the whole of this large amount would have been in the pockets of the private traders. Undoubtedly the depression of the last few years had had its effect upon the movement, and their receipts had not been so much as could have been desired, but he was glad to see that there was a slight improvement in their balance sheet for the last quarter, and he hoped their receipts would continue to increase. (Applause.) They had a magnificent Store. Everything was well arranged, and there was capital management. (Hear, hear.) Indeed the only fault he had to find was with the members. In conclusion, Mr. Milburne urged them to be true to their Store. They were to deal with it loyally, and if they did this there was a bright future in store for them. (Loud applause.)

The CHAIRMAN said the last speaker had regretted the disloyalty of their members, but he was glad to say that the Society had about 600 members who dealt exclusively with the Store. (Applause). Some of their members, it was true, did not deal with them at all, but they hoped by establishing local conferences to be able to reach those who had in a manner fallen away from them. He thought, after all that had been said of the Consett Store by the gentlemen who had already addressed the meeting, that it was almost unnecessary for him to point out the benefits that were likely to accrue to the working classes of Consett through being identified with the movement. They had a magnificent library, and it was well patronised. (Hear, hear). The latest addition to its literature were the complete works of Thomas Carlyle, in 37 vols., which had been presented to the Library by a gentleman who had recently visited Consett, and who was impressed with the superior intelligence of the people. (Applause).

Mr. ATKINSON, of Wallsend, in a vigorous speech, urged co-operators to spend their money at their own stores. He also advised them to allow their dividends to accumulate. This, he said, would be the salvation of the working classes. At the place where he came from he knew a number of men who had, by allowing their dividends to accumulate, "eaten" their way into houses of their own. He urged them to do likewise. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN said the phrase, "eaten their way into houses of their own," might sound strange, but it was nevertheless true, many working men within his own knowledge having done this. (Hear, hear). Scores of men who hadn't half-a-crown when they joined the Consett Store had now their £5 to £70 in the Society, besides having drawn large sums of money out of it. The Store had been a gold mine to the working classes of Consett, and would be so still if they remained true to it. (Applause).

Mr. RULE, President of the Gateshead Co-operative Society, and a member of the Congress Board, next addressed the meeting, and said he had been connected with the Gateshead Society for a period of eighteen years, and this was only the second time he had attempted to speak from a public platform. He preferred working to speaking. He had been through their place of business that day, and was struck with its magnificence. He was sorry to see that their receipts only amounted to about one-half what they did during prosperous times. He wished to impress on them that a store could only succeed and do good just in proportion as its members dealt with it. (Hear, hear.) Not only that, but the business done ought to be commensurate with the place of business. If they had not sufficient trade to keep all departments of their establishment in full employment, then their profits would be materially affected, because, as they knew, a portion of the dividends would be swallowed up in the working expenses. At the conference that afternoon, a plan of propaganda had been discussed, and he would also give them one that evening. It was this—that each of them should leave that meeting with a determination to bring another member to the Store between this and their next annual meeting. (Applause.) This was a plan of propaganda that would give them no trouble, and it would be more effective than anything else they could do. (Renewed applause.)

Mr. DODDS, Blackhill, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speakers, said he hoped those present would have been benefited by what they had heard, and that they would leave the meeting determined to follow the excellent advice which had been given to them by Mr. Rule.

Mr. JESSIE HALL seconded the resolution, which, he said, needed no words of his to commend it to the meeting.—The proposition was then put by the chairman and carried by acclamation.

Mr. SHOTTON moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and also to the gentlemen composing the glee party. The tea, he said, was up to the mark, and had been enjoyed by everybody who partook of it, whilst the singing that night had been sweet and harmonious. (Applause.)

Mr. CARR seconded the proposition, which was carried in the usual way.

Mr. MILBURNE proposed, and Mr. RULE seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was also carried by acclamation, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

THE EVENWOOD TRAGEDY.

INQUEST ON THE VICTIM.

VERDICT OF WILFUL MURDER.

On Friday forenoon Mr. Coroner Dean held an inquest on the body of Elizabeth Holmes, who was so brutally murdered at Evenwood on Wednesday morning last by the young man William Brownlees. The inquest was held in the Drovers' Arms, Evenwood, in which house the murderer now lies under the care of the police. The following evidence was given:—

Annie Mills, wife of James Mills living at Evenwood, a coalminer, said: The deceased, Elizabeth Holmes, was my sister. She lived with me. She was a single woman, and twenty-five years of age in March last. She left my house about twenty minutes to eight o'clock on Wednesday morning. She was going to work in Mr. Ralph Vart's fields at Buckheads. This was the last time I saw her alive. She has been living with me since a fortnight after May Day, and has been keeping company with Brownlees. He was at my house on Tuesday night, and I left my sister and him together by themselves. When I came back Brownlees was sitting at the table end, and she was going about the house. I asked what was the matter, but he would not tell me. He said he would have a spree before Saturday. There had been some tales going about, but he would not say what they were. They went into the garden together. They came back to the doorstep and he said "Good night." She also said "Good night;" then he went away. I saw him no more that night. She afterwards said that she had "told William she did not want to have anything more to do with him." The woollen shawl, the hood, the satchel, and hoe were all the property of the deceased. She usually worked in the fields with the hoe. She was wearing the hood and shawl when she left my house that morning, and had the satchel and hoe with her.

William Teasdale said: I live at Lane ends, near Cockfield, and am a blacksmith. On Wednesday morning, about half-past nine o'clock, I was going along the fields from Evenwood to Cockfield. In the second field from Buckheads I saw a man and a woman lying together. They were close by the footpath. The woman was dead, and lying in a large pool of blood; the man close to her. I saw a cut in her throat. The man was not dead. He had a cut in his throat. I spoke to the man, but he made no reply, but lifted up his head and opened his eyes. I went to a field, where I saw some people working, for assistance. I told them what I had seen. I did not know either the man or the woman at that time. I saw blood in more places than one. It was a grass field. There were marks on the grass as if from a struggle. I saw a man's hat, a hoe, a leather bag with a dinner in it, and a shawl. They were lying side by side, and he had his arm over her. I did not see that he had a knife. They were both lying with their faces to the ground.

James Davis, coalminer, residing at Evenwood, said: On Tuesday night, about nine o'clock, I was in Mr. Hull's field, which is separated from James Mills's garden by a hedge. I heard Brownlees and the deceased talking. I knew their voices. I heard him say to her, "Come, let us have a kiss." She said, "No." He said, "Let us go together again and be kind, never to part no more." She said "No." He said to her, "Are you not as good as me?" She said, "Yes; but you don't think so." She then went away; she said no more. I have known them both for some time. They were lovers. Brownlees's father, by permission of the Coroner, asked if the witness did not wish to go with the young woman himself.—Answer: Yes; but that is some time since. (To the Coroner) Neither of them knew I was listening, as I had concealed myself.

Thomas Priestly, coalminer, Evenwood, spoke to seeing the accused go along the village towards the footpath on Wednesday morning.

Police-constable William Elliott, stationed at West Auckland, said: On the morning of 18th of August, from information I received, I went to Evenwood, and from there across the footpath into some fields. I found a woollen shawl, a woman's hood, a leather bag, a hoe, and a man's hat, which I now produce. The place was all stained with blood. The grass was trampled down, as if there had been a struggle. The grass was marked with blood in several places.

John Stokeld, living at Evenwood, shoemaker, said: On Wednesday morning I went into a field, when I saw Elizabeth Holmes lying dead in a pool of blood. William Brownlees was lying beside her. He was not dead. I saw them put into a cart and removed to Evenwood. I assisted to put them in.

Margaret Smales, wife of Robert Smales, living at Buckheads, farmer's hind, also gave evidence.

John George Todd, of West Auckland, licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, and licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow, said: On Wednesday I saw the body of Elizabeth Holmes at Evenwood. I made an external examination of her person. I found two wounds—one on the right and the other on the left side of the chin, extending from nearly the angle of the lower jaw to the middle of the chin on both sides, about an inch and a half in length, and penetrating to the bone; also an incised wound from the chin, passing beneath the lower jaw, and severing the skin and the Realler tissues to the neck. It was evident that there had been a thorough sweep with the instrument used, cutting the throat from side to side from the jaws, severing the skin and the Realler tissues to the neck. After that there was an incised wound extending across the neck, severing the whole structures and the vessels on each side down to the vertabral column. This was sufficient to cause death, which would be almost instantaneous. It is possible that these wounds might have been self-inflicted, but not at all likely. There were no other wounds on the body. I made a *post-mortem* examination last night at seven o'clock, assisted by Dr. Kilburn, of West Auckland. On opening the chest I found on the right side the right lung extensively edherent to the wall of the chest. The left lung was not so. The heart was of normal size. The stomach was extended with flatus, and contained a little half-digested food; it also was healthy. All the other organs of the chest and abdomen were healthy. Deceased was not in the family way. Opened the head, and found no congestion of the membranes of the brain. The death was caused by hæmorrhage from the throat as aforesaid. In my opinion, the wound was from right to left, and might have been done with either hand. The wounds were clean, incised wounds, inflicted by some sharp instrument.

William Byers Kilburn, of West Auckland, surgeon, said: On Thursday evening, the 19th, I assisted Dr. Todd in making the *post-mortem* examination of Elizabeth Holmes. I have heard Dr. Todd's evidence, and concur in what he has stated as to the condition of several organs of the body and the cause of death. There was a large angular flap of skin and cellular tissue from the end of the chin down to the windpipe, then a large incised wound, which had severed all the structures of the neck, deepest on the right side, and becoming more superficial towards the left, and evidently by some person standing in front of the deceased.

This concluded the evidence, and the room was cleared of all except the jurymen, who desired to be alone to consider their verdict. After a few minutes the room was again opened, and the public and reporters admitted, when the Foreman said: The jury are unanimously of opinion that the death of Elizabeth Holmes was caused by the wound on her throat, and that this wound was inflicted by William Brownlees, against whom we return a verdict of "WILFUL MURDER."

The Coroner made out the committal, and the witnesses were bound over to prosecute.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIM.

About two o'clock—during the time when the jury were considering their verdict—the funeral of the unfortunate woman took place. The remains were conveyed to South Church, the burying-place of the family. There an enormous crowd awaited the arrival of the mournful *cortege*, for the purpose of testifying respect for the unfortunate woman and sorrow for her untimely end.

CONDITION OF THE ACCUSED.

The prisoner now consumes considerable quantities of milk and beef tea, solid food being denied by his doctor. Friday morning he was visited by his father, who left the room without speaking to him, upon which he burst into tears; but a second visit of his afflicted parent, who shook hands with him, seemed to console him a great deal. He is not at all communicative to his attendants, but on Friday morning he wrote on a slate a question respecting his unfortunate victim, who he considers is still alive, nothing having been told him to the contrary. He signed that he had clasped his arms round her, pulled her down, and cut her throat. As soon as the doctors consider it safe to remove the prisoner he will be brought before the magistrates at Bishop Auckland, and committed to prison on the capital charge. Until that time he will be closely watched by the police night and day. The instrument with which the murder was committed, notwithstanding the strictest search, has not yet been found.

OPENING OF THE HASWELL MEMORIAL WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL, BURNOPFIELD.

The above Chapel was opened for public worship on Saturday last, by the Rev. W. Hirst (Chairman of the District). The old Chapel, according to the inscription-stone above the door, was built in the year 1775. It stood behind a stable, used for the purpose of accommodating the preachers' horses, and a cottage, used as a chapel-keeper's house. The entrance to the Chapel was by a passage between the cottage and stable. Above the passage and stable there was a large room, occupied for many years as a school-room by the late Mr. Geo. Todd. It is said that many of the present inhabitants of the surrounding neighbourhood received their education at this school, which was always noted for its moral tone, the master being a Methodist local preacher. Mr. Todd was not the first Methodist school-master in that locality. It is stated that the late Mr. Christopher Hopper, a local preacher, removed from Barlow, in 1746, to the preaching-house at Sheep Hill, a small village a few hundred yards from the site of the present Chapel, where he commenced a school, and continued till 1748, when he removed. He describes his removal thus:—"I gave up my school at Sheep Hill, and everything that was comfortable, and removed to Hindley Hill, in Allendale." From this date we find him engaged as a regular Methodist preacher, and was one of John Wesley's most successful helpers. The old Chapel and its adjoining buildings were in a very delapsed condition and quite unfit for use. Its dimensions were as follows:—37ft. 1½ins. long by 26ft. 9ins. wide, by 14ft. 4ins. from floor to ceiling; it had galleries on three sides; it was lighted by five semicircular-headed windows—three in the east wall and one in each end. It is said that the Chapel was built according to the directions of John Wesley, and that its pulpit was several times occupied by him. That he preached in this Chapel is very probable when travelling through the country. In 1742 Mr. Chas. Wesley preached at Tanfield Cross, and in November the same year, Mr. John Wesley laid the foundation stone of Orphan House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at the same time he visited Tanfield Leigh, Whickham, Swalwell, and Hornsley, and some time after he visited Low Spen, and found a little society and appointed Mr. Christopher Hopper leader. As his death did not occur till the year 1791, it is more than probable that in his visit to the North he would visit the scenes of his early labours. Up to a recent date there were several other chapels and preaching-rooms in the immediate locality said to have been built by Mr. Wesley, and used by him as preaching places when in the north, such, for instance, as the old Chapel at Colliery Dykes, the attic at Kip Hill, the old room or Chapel at Newlands, and the old Chapel at Prudhoe, the whole of which are replaced by more commodious buildings. There were indications in the get up and the interior arrangements of the above chapels that would lead one to suppose that they have the productions of the same presiding and directing genius, not that Mr. Wesley personally superintended the erection of the above buildings, but that the chapels were all built from the same model, and that model in all probability was supplied by Mr. Wesley.

In arranging and enlarging the Chapel, the architects retained as much of the old wall as possible. They were in a fair condition, and will safely form a part in the new buildings. They have also retained the south window in its entirety, as a memento of the old Chapel. The new Chapel consists of a nave 55ft. by 25ft., and a north aisle 25ft. by 12ft. The entrance to the Chapel is by a porch on the west side; between the porch and aisle there is a ministers' vestry, communicating with the porch and Chapel. The nave is ceiled at collar-beam. The whole of the roof and ceiling are covered with clean-dressed deals—stained and varnished. The pews and free-sittings are fit up with reclining backs. The rostrum is placed against the east wall, and there is space in front enclosed by a communion rail with kneeling-board outside. In front of communion rail there is provision for a choir of about twenty members. The heating is by a Gill Stove, which was in use in the old Chapel. The ventilation has received special attention. The whole of the inside fittings are of pitch and yellow pine—stained and varnished. The style adopted by the architects is early English. On account of the limited means of the trustees it is carried out in its plainest form. Adjoining the Chapel is a chapel-keepers house of three rooms and offices. The space between Chapel and road is enclosed by a wall and cast-iron palisading. The architects appointed to carry out the works were Messrs. John Smith and Son, of Shotley Bridge, and the contractors are as follows:—Mr. John Ramsay, of Burnopfield, mason's work; Messrs. Dawber and Son, of Newcastle, slater's work; Mr. G. B. Piggins, of Catchgate, plasterer's work; Messrs. Appleby, of Burnopfield, joiner's work, painting, glazing, and staining; Mr. William Strachan, of Blackhill, plumbing work. The amount of contracts is about £515, in addition to which there was other expenses making the total cost about £600, including chapel-keeper's house.

The pews are fit up in a style both pleasant and comfortable, and we do not in the least exaggerate when we say the workmanship is amongst the first of the day.

A sermon was preached in the afternoon at three o'clock, by the Rev. W. Hirst. He chose for his text the 27th Psalm 4th verse, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." The introduction was based upon a statement of the late Rev. John Angel James, of Birmingham, made to the preacher (Mr. Hirst) with reference to the great want of the Church of the present day, this want being, in Mr. James' opinion, an increase of the devotional element, and with a view to the promotion of this, the speaker asked attention to the subject of the text, which showed David's pre-eminent desire, and thus the preacher urged upon the congregation the personal cultivation of this desire, as stated in the text. David's desire, first, was to "dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of his life." Mr. Hirst endeavoured to show that this was a glorious privilege, and in its spirit was one which every Christian should cultivate and cherish, having regard to the worship of the Lord. In the ordinances of the sanctuary this desire ought to be stronger in the Christian believer of the present day than it was in David's, because the Christian sanctuary was now hallowed by more manifestations of the Diety, than in his day. Secondly, because the Christian believer was granted more latitude and certainty in the prayers of the sanctuary. In conclusion, a Christian believer was urged to manifest his love for the sanctuary by a constant attendance on its ordinances, and by attendance upon them in a devout, earnest, and intelligent manner and spirit.

All the ministers of the circuit were present and the congregation was large and attentive. We noticed distinguished visitors from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, Gateshead, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Whickham, Dunston, and outlying districts. After the sermon, tea was provided in the National School Room, which was presided over by Mesdames—Nicholson, Blanchard, Myers, Russell, Davison, Lawson, Wright, and Morgan, of Burnopfield; as provision was made for only 300, they had the misfortune of running short of bread, cream, &c. The receipts were £14 5s 6d.

A sermon was preached in the evening at seven o'clock, by the Rev. John Weatherill, (Secretary of the district), from 3rd chapter St. John, 16th verse, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotton Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

On Sunday, the Rev. J. Robinson, of Manningtree, preached three sermons, the chapel being crowded in every part. A collection was made after each service in aid of the trust fund, the takings for the week-end amounting to £16 14s 9½d.

Special services will be carried on for a few weeks as follows:—August 29th, Rev. W. Oldfield, of Newcastle; September 5th, Mr. J. H. Bainbridge, of Newcastle. The Rev. Peter McKenzie has also promised to preach and deliver a lecture some time n September.

LANCHESTER UNION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Lanchester Union Assessment Committee was held in the Board-room, Lanchester, on Thursday se'nnight, at which were present Messrs. G. G. T. Smith (presiding), Robert Clark, W. H. Hedley, George Hobson, Elliot Leybourne, and John Wilkinson.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the rating of the

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS WORKS

was taken into consideration. It transpired that no meeting between the overseers of Benfieldside and Conside and Knitsley had taken place for the purpose of coming to an understanding as to the rateable value of the Gas Company's property in each township, as advised by the Assessment Committee at their last meeting.

The following letter, received from the secretary to the Gas Company, was read by the Clerk:—

Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company.
Office, Green Street, Shotley Bridge,
August 6th, 1880.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., I am instructed to say that our directors are willing to afford all necessary information to test the rateable value of their works, but are of opinion that, as their works are partly in a Northumberland township, and others in Lanchester Union, the balance sheets applied for would not lead you to the point as regards Lanchester Union. Without going into the tedious process of abstracts and measurements for capital expended over the six townships, the directors think the simplest mode of arriving at the assessment of the various places is on the principle already laid down, which I explained to your committee on the 22nd ult., *i.e.*, the parochial earnings. I have gone into the matter by Mr. Hedley's process of valuing, and find that the whole rateable value is within a few pounds of what it now stands, viz.,

	£898 nett.
Manager's House	12 10s.
Total	£910 10s.

Your committee put down an increase of £135, to which our directors could not assent, as it is much higher than the value placed upon other large works in the union. However, to save a very tedious and troublesome inquiry, we are prepared to submit to an increase of £82, making the present £898 up to £980, and your committee to re-distribute it accordingly, after giving Benfieldside township its allowance in respect of the works, lands, and buildings therein situated. I stated before your committee that the percentage of earnings was in each township viz:—

Benfieldside	31·9
Conside and Knitsley	34·9
Ebchester	6·6
Iveston	13·3
Medomsley	13·3

I further stated that the amount allowed, by order of the valuer, to Benfieldside, in respect of works, land, and all the *indirectly productive capital*—which at that time was estimated at £4,000—was £140 nett off the total sum. The same kind of capital we now estimate at £6,000, and that at the same ratio would allow Benfieldside £210 for this description of plant. Now, should your committee feel disposed to entertain the suggestion of our directors—*i.e.*, to fix the total value at £980—and which they think is fully higher than the average round about the district, then they (the committee) can easily divide it amongst the townships themselves, from the figures already given, but it is clear that by the percentage of apportionment, as applied to the £770, that the distribution is not proportionate, and appears to be too high at Consett and Knitsley, and too low at Ebchester and Medomsley, and is more unjust to these two latter townships than to Benfieldside. It is possible Mr. Hedley might be led into some error in his apportionment by insufficient care being taken as to the boundaries of townships. However, that is now in your power to remedy, and the directors hope that these suggestions will enable the Assessment Committee to effect an equitable settlement.—I am, sir, yours truly,

M. Richley, Secretary.

Wm. Ritson, Esq.

Mr. Hedley said it was quite possible that there had been mistakes made at the valuation of the Gas Works in taking the boundaries of the various parishes. He thought that the matter might be arranged without going to the expense of a new valuation. If they struck a medium between the claims of the Benfieldside overseers and the statement of the Gas Company—and the Company acknowledged that the value of these works had increased from £4,000 to £6,000—they would be going as near the mark as they could from the information supplied. He then read the following statement:—

Township.	Mr. Hedley's Valuation.	Valuation at present.	Rate according to Gas Co.'s Average.	Proposed Future Rate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Benfieldside	323 0 0	360 0 0	456 0 0	463 0 0
Conside	359 10 0	360 0 0	269 0 0	277 0 0
Ebchester	8 10 0	17 0 0	51 0 0	54 0 0
Iveston	78 10 0	100 0 0	102 0 0	103 0 0
Medomsley	36 10 0	56 0 0	102 0 0	103 0 0
Totals	806 0 0	893 0 0	980 0 0	1000 0 0

The rate proposed was an increase of £107 on the rate at present paid, and taking both the statements made by the Gas Company and the overseers of Benfieldside into consideration it was as equitable an arrangement as they could come to. He therefore proposed that the rates be altered as above.

Mr. Clerk seconded the motion.

The Chairman, before putting the motion, asked Mr. Collinson whether the proposed arrangement as to the rates on the Gas Company would suit the Consett overseers, to which

Mr. Collinson replied that they might rest assured the Consett overseers would not agree to any reduction of the Gas Company's rates in their township, unless the Gas Company proved clearly they were entitled to such reduction.

The motion was then carried.

Mr. W. Turner gave notice that he would appeal against the rating of the whole of his property in the township of Benfieldside at the next meeting.

This was the only business before the Committee.

Cricket.

CUTLERS HALL RISING STAR v. MANOR HOUSE.

This match was played on the ground of the latter, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by eight runs. Appended is the score:—

MANOR HOUSE.		CUTLERS HALL RISING STAR.	
J. Parker, b T. Barron	35	G. Lowes, b Parker	18
J. Elliott, c b "	3	W. Barron, c b Elliott	3
J. Coulson, b "	9	M. Siddell, b Parker	10
J. Bell, b G. Watson	3	J. Minnielawes, b J. Elliott	8
B. Bell, c W. Barron, b T. Barron	1	J. Dent, b Parker	8
J. Hall, c J. Lancaster, b W. Barron	6	T. Barron, c Parker, b Elliott	10
W. Dodd, not out	2	J. Lancaster, c Parker b Elliott	4
J. Loft, c G. Watson, b T. Barron	4	W. Siddell, b Parker	2
M. Maughan, b W. Barron	0	G. Watson, b Elliott	1
G. Coulson, b Watson	1	W. Gilbertson, b Elliott	3
J. Elliott, not out	0	W. Postle, not out	1
Extras	7	Extras	11
Total	71	Total	79

CATCHGATE v. MEDOMSLEY.

This match was played on Saturday last, between the above clubs, at Medomsley. The issue of the game resulted in an easy victory for the Catchgate team. The bowling of Messrs. R. Foster and R. Bell, being very good for the visitors. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		CATCHGATE.	
W. J. Milburn, b Foster	1	R. Lawther, c Milburn, b Cawthorn	1
P. Milburn, b Bell	3	W. Porter, b Cawthorn	0
T. Murphy, b Bell	0	R. Bell, b Batie	8
P. Quigley, c W. Simpson, b Bell	0	J. Robinson, c Murphy b Batie	7
R. Batie, b Foster	0	E. Corroll, b Cawthorn	2
W. Bell, lbw, b Bell	3	F. Hart, run out	6
H. Heggarth, c Hart, b Foster	1	A. Wood, b Milburn	5
M. Milburn, c Simpson b Foster	0	A. Carroll, b Milburn	6
G. E. Milburn, b Bell	1	R. Foster, c Bell, b Milburn	5
R. Cawthorn, b Bell	3	W. T. Simpson, not out	3
J. Robson, not out	1	W Simpson, b Cawthorn	1
Extras	1	Extras	9
Total	14	Total	53

LANCHESTER v. LANGLEY PARK.

A return match was played on the ground of the Langley Park club. Owing to the bad state of the ground (it being on the slope, and hard), the bowling of the visitors was not very effective, while their opponents bowling underhand swifts chiefly, were more "at home" with their work. Both clubs fielded well. For the home team, Messrs. Moss, Smith, and Lumsden batted well, though the two former were rather lucky. Messrs. Dunn, Garthwaite, and Dixon played good cricket for the visitors, the former after driving a "four" was bowled before he seemed to have recovered himself. Garthwaite and J. J. Thompson were making a good stand when time was called, so that the draw might be said to be very much in favour of the Lanchester team. The visitors were then entertained at tea at the Langley Park Hotel, to which ample justice was done, and afterwards a most enjoyable evening was spent. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		LANCHESTER.	
—Crawford, c Lindsley	0	I. March, c Smith	7
—Lumsden, c Garthwaite	13	T. Moir, c Lister	3
C. Smith, c Moir	18	W. Lindsley, c Lister	2
—Defty, c Dixon	2	T. Dunn, b Parkinson	13
W. Anderson, b J. Thompson	4	R. Thompson, b "	3
R. Parkinson, b Garthwaite	0	J. G. Garthwaite, not out	14
R. Lister, c J. Thompson	1	G. Parker, b Crawford	6
G. Moss, b "	23	H. Dixon, b Lumsden	10
C. Hewitson, c Moir	11	J. J. Thompson, not out	4
G. Bobinson, run out	0	G. W. Wilson, to bat	
—Sanderson, not out	1	H. Hunter, to bat	
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total	79	Total	67

TANFIELD v. ELEVEN GENTLEMEN.

A match was played at Tanfield on Saturday, by the above clubs. A large number of spectators were present, proving that great interest was taken in the match. The eleven were elected by a gentleman who takes a very great interest in the club. The day was very fine, the game an exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable one, the visitors taking their defeat in a real cricketers' spirit. Four gentlemen failed to fulfil their engagements, and the consequence was that the eleven were weaker than they would otherwise have been. Score:—

GENTLEMEN.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Rev. Mr. Tuson, b D. Temple	7	c Armstrong	3
C. Pringle, c Brown	4	b J. Laidler	4
J. Cuthbertson, c Armstrong	1	c Taylor	5
Rev. J. E. Mercer, c Laidler	0	c Armstrong	2
W. J. Handcock, b Jewitt	5	b A. Temple	0
V. Raven, b Laidler	0	b A. Temple	0
G. Cooper, b D. Temple	18	b Laidler	6
R. Davis, run out	2	b A. Temple	0
T. Laidler, c Taylor	5	b A. Temple	4
T. Pringle, c Armstrong	1	not out	0
Rev. T. H. Archdall, not out	2	run out	2
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	47	Total	28

TANFIELD.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
A. Temple, c Cuthbertson	28		
J. Laidler, b Tuson	3		
R. Atkinson, b Tuson	10	not out	10
J. Robson, b Tuson	0		
T. Jewitt, b Tuson	8		
W. Taylor, b Cuthbertson	0		
E. Reay, lbw	2		
R. Armstrong, st	11		
T. Snowdon, c Tuson	1		
D. Temple, not out	2	not out	2
W. Brown, b Cooper	2		
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	73	Total	12

CONSETT v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday last in splendid weather, the return match between these clubs was played at Newcastle, when Consett after a hard fought game, revenged themselves for the defeat sustained a fortnight ago, coming off victors by 18 runs. The Northumberland went first to bat, and by the steady play of Messrs. Gibson and Evans, succeeded in reaching 87. Mr. Weighell bowled throughout the entire innings in grand style, getting six wickets at a cost of only 25 runs. During the first part of their innings, the Consett team were rather unfortunate, losing seven of their best bats for 39 runs, but on Messrs. Palliaser and Dixon getting together, the aspect of affairs began to change, and before the two were separated, the score had been increased to 90. The masterly and audacious manner in which these two batsmen stole run after run, so completely astonished and puzzled their opponents, that in a very short time the field was thoroughly disorganised and the issue of the game left in little doubt. Over the two matches the Consett team top their opponents score by one run.

NORTHUMBERLAND.		CONSETT.	
C. Gibson, c Renton, b Weighell	22	G. T. Hydon, c Foster b Pattinson	6
T. H. Lee, b Weighell	7	J. R. Richards, c Liddell, b Pattinson	7
H. S. Williams, b Weighell	1	W. Brears, b Pattinson	3
N. P. Pattinson, b "	2	W. B. Weighell, c Lee, b Pattinson	4
C. G. Rayne, b "	0	J. Wilks, c Pattinson, b Lee	5
J. E. Evans, c Welford b Smith	24	J. Palliaser, b Pattinson	0
J. P. Jopling, c Brears b Wilks	4	W. Palliaser, c Jopling, b Pattinson	26
F. Foster, b Weighell	3	R. Smith, b Pattinson	6
C. Wylam, b Wilks	1	J. Dixon, thrown out, Pattinson	22
E. Liddell, not out	14	G. Renton, b Lee	0
J. F. Ashbridge, b Smith	0	T. W. Welford, not out	5
Extras	9	Extras	21
Total	87	Total	105

WEST STANLEY v. PONTOP PIKE.

A match between these clubs was played on Saturday last, on the ground of the former. A numerous company assembled to witness the game, which eventually, after a good display of cricket, resulted in a victory by seventeen runs for the Stanley team. Appended is the score:—

PONTOP PIKE.		STANLEY.	
R. Tindale, b Harkness	17	R. Gibson, run out	8
W. Brass, b Harkness	0	W. Johnson, b T. Tindale	4
W. C. Murray, c Johnson, b Harkness	0	R. Stamper, b T. Tindale	10
W. Ridley, st Dunweedie, b Harkness	3	R. Hughes, st Tindale	8
T. Tindale, b Gibson	0	I. Harkness, c Smith, b T. Tindale	0
J. W. Williams, b Harkness	2	G. Hogarth, not out	4
D. Bulmer, c Stamper, b Harkness	7	M. Pattinson, run out	10
S. Smith, b Harkness	2	P. Harkness, c Tindale	2
A. Shield, not out	2	R. Dunweedie, c Smith, b Murray	4
W. Knox, b Harkness	2	J. Mace, c Smith, b T. Tindale	3
W. Coulson, "	0	T. Liddle, b T. Tindale	0
Extras	2	Extras	1
Total	37	Total	54

Markets.

Newcastle Corn Market, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was again very little coasting wheat on offer, and samples of foreign on the spot were also scarce. Millers, however, abstain from buying as much as possible, and fine dry foreign, although offering at a reduction of 1s to 2s since this day week, was disposed of with difficulty; some new samples of south-country English wheats were shown, but the condition being damp and quality poor, they met with little attention; new Danish, however, show fair quality. Oats, both Scotch and foreign, sold slowly at rather less money. Maize a quiet sale, holders being rather firmer in their demand. Beans and peas met with a fair inquiry at late rates. Flour of all kinds was a most difficult sale, and must be quoted 1s lower on the week.

Newcastle Cattle Market, Tuesday.—At this day's market the show of stock presented for sale exhibited a decline of 348 beasts, and 620 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, there was no improvement to note. Little did we think thirty-eight years ago, when the late Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel passed his free-trade tariff measures, that it would ever have fallen to our lot to have to report that the choicest and cheapest quality of beef presented for sale at Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the year 1880 would have been bred and fed in the United States of America. But such is the fact, as there was some of the primest beef sold in Newcastle on Saturday last, which was brought across the Atlantic Ocean alive and dressed at Tyne Dock, that was ever known at this season of the year by the oldest butcher in the trade. Fifty-five head of cattle from Tonning were sold at Sunderland yesterday at about 9s per stone. The supply of beef comprised 1,260 head. We have to report another fluctuating market. There was a great falling off in the numbers from those of last week, and there being no arrival of States cattle at Tyne Dock, and only a limited rarival at Sunderland, together with the cooler state of the weather, the beef trade was in an active state, and sellers experienced a pleasant business at an advance of fully 3d per stone on the rates of this day se'nnight, and a good clearance was effected. The number of sheep and lambs was 9,440. The better class of Leicester-Cheviots were in good demand for the South; and although the quotations stand the same as on Tuesday last, yet prices had a hardening tendency, with a fair good clearance. Lambs experienced a considerable improvement in the demand, especially the primer qualities, and for most kinds a shade more money was obtained. Pigs—408 were shown. The state of the weather being more favourable for slaughtering, the pork trade ruled active at an advance of 3d per stone from last week. The day was favourable for holding the market, but the weather is rather unsettled, with a dull, threatening aspect. Prices for this day, sinking offal, are as follows:—

Beasts, prime heifers, per stone	9s 6d to 9s 9d
Secondary sorts	6s 6d .. 7s 6d
First-class oxen	9s 3d .. 9s 6d
Middling	6s 9d .. 7s 3d
Cows and inferior	5s 9d .. 6s 9d
Pork	5s 9d .. 8s 9d
Sheep (good vendable wedders) per lb	9½d .. 10d
Middling	8½d .. 9d
Lambs	8d .. 10d

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £4 10s 0d to £6 10s; this year's growth, £3 0s to £4 10s 0d; new land hay, £5 10s to £7 15s; this year's growth, £3 12s to £5 5s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 4d to 1s 10d; barley straw, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; oat straw, 1s 3d to 1s 8d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 73; carts of straw, 48.

Hexham Corn Market, Tuesday. — Supplies of grain at our market to-day again continue scarce. Wheat sold at 36s per qr, being in very poor condition. Oats made 30s per qr.

Hexham Provision, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 5d to 1s 7d per lb; eggs 10 to 12 for 1s; chickens, 1s 9d to 2s 3d; ducks, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; rabbits, 2s to 2s 6d per couple; potatoes, 6d; onions 1s 0d to 1s 8d per stone; cabbages, 1d each; green peas, 1s 4d to 1s 8d per peck; gooseberries, 0d to 0d per quart; plums, 3d to 6d per quart; red currants, 6d per quart; lemons, 3d each; grapes, 10d to 1s 8d per lb; apples, 1s 8d to 2s 0d per stone; flour, extra superfines, 2s 6d; superfines, 2s 4d; fines 2s 2d; maslin, 2s; oatmeal, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per stone.

Durham Corn and Provision, Saturday.—No corn shown. Beef, 8d to 10d; mutton, 8d to 10d; veal, 9d to 10d; lamb, 9d to 10d; bacon, 4d to 6d; ham, 5d to 6d; cheese, 7d to 8d; lard 6d per lb. Chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 3d; ducks, 2s to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 0d each. Pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per couple. Butter, 1s 3d to 1s 5d; salt do., 1s 0d to 1s 2d per lb. Eggs, 10 to 12 for 1s. Strawberries, 8d; gooseberries, 3d to 6d; red currants, 5d to 6d; Rasps, 10d; plums, 4d to 6d per quart Grapes, 1s 6d; pears, 3d to 4d per lb. Apples, 2s 6d to 3s; onions, 1s 4d; potatoes, 8d to 1s 0d per stone. Green peas, 1s 0d to 2s 0d; beans, 8d per peck.

Trip to Lumley Castle.—A correspondent writes:—On Saturday last, a party of young friends met together for the purpose of having an excursion to the above Castle, leaving Consett at a quarter-past eight, and after a pleasant ride they arrived at Chester-le-Street at ten o'clock. They then walked to the Castle, and having been admitted by pass, were met by Mr. Hall, the obliging steward, who showed them over the various rooms, explaining the varied things connected therewith. After dinner, which was provided by the ladies, they went down to the water, and altogether spent a most pleasant day. The brake, which was engaged of our townsman, Mr. Whitehead, gave every satisfaction.

Alleged Damage by Colliery Workings at Willington.—A case of some importance to colliery owners and owners of household property was heard at the Durham County Court on Tuesday. John Rutherford, late of the Victoria Hotel, Willington, sued Messrs. Straker and Love, the extensive colliery owners, for £50 for certain injuries alleged to have been caused to his cottage property, adjoining the hotel, by the defendants' colliery workings thereunder. Plaintiff had on a former occasion received from the colliery owners £125 for injuries by colliery workings to the public-house. In the present case Mr. Chalmers, solicitor, of Durham, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Wilkinson, barrister, instructed by Mr. J. Proud, of Bishop Auckland, for the defendants.—A number of witnesses gave testimony, on behalf of the plaintiff, as to the amount of damage alleged to have been done to the property.—The defence was that there were no colliery workings under the property in question.—On the conclusion of the plaintiff's case His Honour observed that there was no evidence of any damage by the colliery workings. All that had been proved was that some damage had been sustained, and that the plaintiff had at one time received compensation from defendants for colliery damages to another property. The plaintiff must be non-suited, but with leave to sue again if he thought proper.—Defendants' costs were allowed.

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DERWENT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

TO THE LIBERAL ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.

A MEETING will be held in the Old U. P. Chapel, Derwent Street. Benfieldside, on Sept. 1st, 1880, at 7·30, to appoint Officers and transact any other Business.
403o J. ELTRINGHAM, Sec., *pro tem.*

BLANCHLAND
FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
THIRTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SHOW AND GALA,
On SATURDAY, Aug. 28th, 1880.
LEADGATE BAND will be in attendance.
Mr. WHITEHEAD, Consett, will run a BRAKE to suit Visitors. 400o

HASWELL MEMORIAL CHAPEL,
BURNOPFIELD.

CONTINUATION OF
OPENING SERVICES.

ON Sunday, August 22nd, the Rev. J. ROBINSON of Manningtree), will preach in the Morning at Half-past Ten, and Evening at Six o'clock.
Sunday, August 29th, the Rev. W. OLDFIELD (of Newcastle-on-Tyne, will preach in the Morning ta Half-past Ten, and Evening at Six o'clock.
Sunday, September 5th, Mr. T. H. BAINBRIDGE (of Newcastle-on-Tyne), will preach in the Morning at Half-past Ten, and Evening at Six.
A Collection at each Service in aid of the Building Funds.
In continuation of the above Services, it is expected that in the latter end of September the Rev. PETER McKENZIE will Preach and deliver a Lecture. 323o

IN the MATTER of the Companies' Act 1862, 1867, and 1877; and in the MATTER of the TRAVELLERS' ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.—The CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 20th day of September, 1880, to SEND their names and addresses and the PARTICULARS of their DEBTS or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to Mr. James Waddell, of No. 1, Queen Victoria Street, in the City of London, Public Accountant, the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR of the said Company; and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims, at the Chambers of the Master of the Rolls, in the Rolls-yard, Chancery Lane, in the County of Middlesex, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Monday, the 1st day of November, 1880, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.
Dated this 5th day of August, 1880.
ROBERT MARSHALL, Chief Clerk.
HANBURY, HUTTON, and WHITTING,
62, New Broad Street, London, E.C.,
383o Solicitors for the Official Liquidator.

42 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the Screen Raffled at Castleside. 419o

NOTICE!

LOFTHOUSE BROTHERS

WILL open the BUTCHER'S SHOP, No. 2, Front Street, Consett, with a Supply of First-class BEEF and MUTTON from 6d. and 8d. per Pound. Best Cuts 9d. per Pound.
All Orders will have their very best attention.
Come and See!

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

THE Public of the District of Annfield Plain, Kyo, Catchgate, East Pontop, and South Pontop are invited to a MEETING to be held in the Co-operative Society's Hall, on Wednesday night, Sept. 1st, 1880, to take into consideration the advisability of Petitioning the North-Eastern Railway Co. to open a Branch Passenger Line between Consett and Newcastle—to run through the Districts of Leadgate, Annfield Plain, Stanley, etc. No charge for Admission.
Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock. 417o

LOOK OUT FOR THE
HAMSTERLEY, BLACKHALL MILL, AND
MILKWELL BURN FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
FIRST FLOWER SHOW,
On September 25th, 1880.
For SCHEDULES apply to Mr. ROBSON, Derwent Cote Gate. See Bills. 420o

A GRAND TREAT AT
TANFIELD LEA PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL,
On SATURDAY, September 4th, 1880.

COME AND SEE BREWIS
ROAST THE BULLOCK,
And have your DINNER off the same.

The FIELD will be open to the public at Ten o'clock.
DINNER on the Tables at Two o'clock.
ADMISSION to the Field, Sixpence each; Children, under the charge of their Parents, admitted free.
DINNER—Gentlemen, 1s. 6d.; Ladies, 1s.
TEA will be provided at a reasonable charge. 424o

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

JOHN ROXBOROUGH, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS to whom JOHN ROXBOROUGH, lately of Woodhouse Close Colliery, near Bishop Auckland, in the County of Durham, but since of High Stables, near Medomsley, in the said County, Innkeeper, deceased, stood Indebted at the time of his death, on the 23rd day of April, 1880, are requested forthwith to send, if they have not already done so, to the undersigned, the Solicitors of the Administratix of the Deceased, particulars of their Claims and Demands against the Estate of the Deceased.
Dated this 24th day of August, 1880.
TROTTER, BRUCE, AND TROTTER,
425o Bishop Auckland.

TEMPERANCE HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

AT a MEETING of the Committee of the Shotley Bridge Temperance Hall, held recently, it was resolved to appeal to the Trustees and other Friends of the movement, for their assistance in holding a Polytechnic Exhibition in the Hall and Reading Room at some time during the coming Autumn, with a view to impart interesting and useful knowledge, and at the same time to reduce the Debt upon the building, now about £160.
A MEETING in furtherance of the above object will be held in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday next, September 2nd, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the evening, when it is proposed to elect a Working Committee, and consider the time for holding the Exhibition, at which Meeting the attendance of those favourable to the movement is respectfully requested.
426o CHARLES WILSON, Chairman.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFCATE.

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

I, ROBERT THOMPSON, now residing at Bishop Auckland, in the County of Durham, Lemonade Manufacturer, do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the Twenty-third Day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to Sell, by Retail, in pursuance of the Act 11 Geo. 4 and 1 William IV., c. 64, and Acts amending the same, Beer to be consumed off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Consett, in the said Township, of which Premises, ROBSON EVANS, of Consett, is the Owner or Lessee, and which said Premises are now in my occupation.
Given under my hand this Twenty-fifth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty.
427o ROBERT THOMPSON.

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

I, BENJAMIN JOHNSON, now residing at Burn Cottage, in the Township of Cornsay, in the County of Durham, Grocer, do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the Twenty-third Day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to Sell by Retail, in pursuance of the Act 11 Geo. 4 and 1 William IV., c. 64, and Acts amending the same, Beer, to be consumed off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Burn Cottage aforesaid in the said Township, of which Premises, CHARLES JOHNSON, of Burn Cottage, is the Owner or Lessee, and which said Premises are now in my occupation.
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LANCHESTER FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S THIRTIETH

ANNUAL SHOW

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EXTRA PRIZES, SPORTS, CRICKET MATCH, SPLENDID BAND, &c.

HORSE RACE (for Horses belonging to Tradesmen within a radius of 5 miles of Lanchester. First Prize, New Saddle (or value); Second Prize, New Bridle (or value). Entry, 5s. To be run in heats, three to start or no second prize. To be run at Four o'clock.

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Public Notices.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

DISTRICT OF BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1880.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in Surveyor's hands	15 0 0		
" Collector's "	0 0 0½		15 0 0½
District rate made 5th March, 1879—			
Houses, £11566 10s, at 1s 2d	673 4 6		
Land, £2717, at 3½d	39 19 11	713 4 5	
Arrears from last rate		2 4 0	
		715 8 5	
Less allowed to Owners	63 0 6¾		
Arrears not recoverable	11 6 2		
Do. recoverable	3 10 5½	77 17 2¼	637 11 2¼
District Rate made 5th Sept., 1879—			
Houses, £11561, at 1s 4d	770 14 8		
Land, £2697 10s, at 4d	44 19 2	815 13 10	
Arrears from last Rate		3 10 5½	
		819 4 3½	
Less allowed to Owners	71 19 10		
Arrears, &c., not recoverable	15 16 11		
Do. recoverable	1 7 2	89 3 11	730 0 4½
Sundry Receipts—			
Rents of Waste Lands		0 7 7	
Private Improvements		25 7 6	
County Authorities on a/c Lobley Hill Road		48 16 0	74 11 1
Balance due to Collector			0 7 6¼
			£1457 10 3

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance due to Treasurer			121 19 8
Highways—			
Labourers	176 19 7		
Stone Breaking	89 9 9¼		
Stones	186 19 1		
Cartage of Stones	126 18 6		
Mason Work	53 18 6	634 5 5¼	
Scavenging in Streets		21 12 5	
Sewerage		18 6 9	
Public Lighting—			
Gas and Wages	239 18 8		
Lamp Repairs	14 1 2	253 19 10	
Sundry expenses—			
Drinking fountain	6 5 5		
Derwent Road Contract	15 0 0		
Tools, Repairs, &c.	3 3 11½		
Fire Plugs	31 17 6		
Water	2 0 0		
Miscellaneous	6 6 11	64 13 9½	
Election Expenses		22 19 6	
Law Expenses		76 5 5	
Salaries		155 10 0	
Rent, Stationery, Advertising, &c.		46 14 9	1294 7 11
Balance in hands of Surveyor	15 0 0		
" " Treasurer	26 11 8		41 11 8
			£1457 10 3

29th July, 1880. F. J. Radford, Deputy Auditor.

7, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4th August, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—I have Audited the Accounts of your Local Board for the year ended 25th March last, and found them in very good order.
The Private Improvement's Account is in a satisfactory condition, and the Vouchers were all in good order.
The Surveyor's Salary having been increased it may be necessary to obtain a new Bond.
The New Form of Books prescribed since 25th March last will doubtless receive due attention.
I herewith send Summary of Receipts and Payments, and remain,
Very faithfully yours,
F. J. RADFORD, Deputy District Auditor.
The Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board. 415o

THE
WONDERFUL LUCKY BAG,
ONE PENNY EACH,
At ROBERT JACKSON'S, "Guardian" Office, Front Street, and
9 and 10, NEWMARKET STREET, Consett.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Ordinary HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Proprietors of this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Green Street, Shotley Bridge, on Tuesday, the 7th day of September, 1880, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and the Accounts for the past Half-year, to declare a Dividend, and to transact the General Business of the Company.
The Transfer Books will be closed from 24th day of August to 7th day of September.
By Order of the Board,
M. Richley, Secretary.
Gas Offices, Shotley Bridge, August 16th, 1880. 387o

CONSETT
FLOWER SHOW,
IN THE RESERVOIR FIELD,
On WEDNESDAY, September 1st, 1880.

ATHLETIC SPORTS:—
GREASY POLE, Prize, Leg of Mutton.
HANDICAP FOOT-RACE, First Prize, 15s.; Second Prize, 7s. 6d.; Third Prize, 3s.
DONKEY RACE, First Prize, £1; Second Prize, 10s.
SACK RACE, First Prize, 5s.; Second Prize, 2s. 6d.
THREE-LEGGED RACE, First Prize, 5s.; Second Prize, 2s. 6d.
No ENTRANCE FEES for the Sports. ENTRIES to be made not later than Tuesday.

MUSIC, DANCING, GAMES, &c.
A GRAND BALL in the Evening.
ADMISSION—from One till Four o'clock, 1s.; from Four till Eight o'clock, 6d. Children under Twelve, Half-price.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.
35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 94, sec. 40.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, MATTHEW HETHERINGTON, now residing at Burnopfield, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, Beerhousekeeper, Do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden, by adjournment, at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the Twenty-third Day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to Sell, by Retail, under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, 1828, all Intoxicating Liquors, to be consumed either on or off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Burnopfield in the said Parish or Township, of which Premises, I, Matthew Hetherington, of Burnopfield aforesaid, am the Owner or Lessee, and which said Premises are now in my occupation.
Given under my hand this Twenty-sixth Day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty.
434o MATTHEW HETHERINGTON.

Wanted.

WANTED, an AGENT to push First-class Lubricating Oils. Commission—10 to 15 per Cent.—Box 291, Post Office, Liverpool. 281o

WANTED, AGENTS.—A genuine Agency is offered to Shopkeepers, Clerks, &c., having spare time. Orders taken from Illustrated List (Samples optional). None unable to give references as to respectability need apply.—For Terms and full Particulars send stamped directed envelope to the Agency Superintendent, the Musical Instrument Club Company, Hexham-on-Tyne.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, several HORSES, COBS, and PONIES, quiet to Ride and Drive in Double and Single Harness.—Apply to Mr. John Brodie, Shotley Bridge, or Jos. Bell, Highgate. 217o

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. Adam Brodie, Auctioneer, Consett, or to John Brodie Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811k

OLD LAND HAY FOR SALE.

ABOUT 10 Tons of Superior OLD LAND HAY, in Pike, and the Eatage of the FOGS of 6 or 8 Acres to Let.—Apply to Mr. Crockatt, Derwent Cote Steel Works, Lintz Green. 421o

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

TO PARTIES LEAVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, DECLINING HOUSEKEEPING, OR ABOUT TO EMIGRATE.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, is prepared to Advance CASH on HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE for Sale by Auction, or will purchase FURNITURE to any amount for CASH on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.
Last Seven days of the Important Sale of superior Linen and Woollen Drapery in Liquidation.

MR. A. BRODIE, is instructed to announce that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, August 30th, 31st, September 1st, 2nd, and 4th, and Monday and Tuesday, September 6th and 7th, are the Last Seven Days of the Important Sale of LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, when the whole of the remaining portion of the Stock-in-Trade belonging to the Estate will be cleared out without reserve.
Sale to commence at 7·30 each Evening.
The attention of the Public is specially directed to this Announcement, there being nothing but the Best Goods remaining, which will be Cleared Out without regard to Cost or Sacrifice. 432o

Templetown, Consett.—Well-built and Pleasantly-situate Dwelling-house for Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE respectfully intimates that the Four-roomed DWELLING-HOUSE at Templetown, occupied by Mr. Thomas Armstrong, as Tenant, not having been Sold at the Auction on Thursday, the 24th June, may be treated for privately on application to the Auctioneer, Town Hall, Consett.

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

By Mr. W. Raw.

Iveston, near Leadgate.—3 Freehold Cottages for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by the Mortgagee in possession, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr. George Cranston's, Masons' Arms, Iveston, on Wednesday, September 1st, 1880, in One Lot, all those Three Freehold COTTAGES, situate at Iveston, near Leadgate, in the County of Durham, with the YARDS and GARDENS behind, now in the occupation of William Mordue, Jas. Aspital, and Thomas Thompson, as Tenants thereof.
The Tenants will, on application, show the Premises, and further Particulars can be obtained by applying to Joseph A. Phillipson, Esq., Solicitor, 56, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer.
Sale to commence precisely at Four o'clock.
Sale-office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 410o

By Mr. J. Oley.

Agricultural Show Ground, Shotley Spa, Shotley Bridge.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from Messrs. Hancock, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, September 1st, 1880, all the TIMBER, SHEEP HURDLES, BOLTS, NAILS, &c., now on the above Grounds, comprising 957 ft. Deals, 9in. by 3in.; 4.696 Battens; 475 yards of G.F. Flooring Deals; 274 Sheep Hurdles; several Lots of Dog Posts; about 2 cwt. of ½-in. Iron Bolts; a large quantity of Nails; 3 Railing Mells; also 16 Planks 24 ft. long, 9in. by 3in., with Brackets for Grand Stand.
Sale to commence at Three o'clock in the Afternoon.

JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
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A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.

CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 27o

To Let.

COMFORTABLE LODGINGS for One or Two Young Men at No. 6, Murray Street, Blackfine, Blackhill.

TO LET, a Four-roomed HOUSE in Watling Street, Leadgate.—Apply to Mr. M. Robson. 418o

TENTS TO LET, 120 feet by 30 feet, and 60 feet by 30 feet, on reasonable terms.—Apply to Edwd. Lovat, Medomsley, by Lintz Green. 9o

THE Annfield Plain Co-operative Society's Hall is now Open for Public Entertainments. Terms on application to the Manager, Mr. Adam Brown. 616a

TO LET, the EATAGE of 12 Acres of CLOVER FOG, and 13 Acres of OLD LAND FOG at Carribees Farm.—Apply to Mr. John Towns, Consett.

TO LET or SELL—Entry in August—the HOUSE of 8 Rooms, in Delves Lane, in the occupation of the Rev. P. O'Flaherty.—Apply to Mr. Joseph Murray, Consett. 250o

TO LET, with immediate Possession, a Comfortable and Convenient DWELLING HOUSE, containing 5 good Rooms and other Convenience, situate at Iveston Road, Leadgate.—Apply to Mr. William Raw, Auctioneer, Blackhill. 373o

TO LET, the present TOWN HALL, with the Largest Room in the district in connection therewith, suitable for Balls, Concerts, Sales, or Public Meetings, &c., &c., situate at Catchgate.—Apply to Geo. Hobson, Harperley Mills. 174o

TO BE LET, a LARGE WAREHOUSE, lately used as a Flour Warehouse, with large Cellar underneath, situate at Catchgate, suitable for a Grocer and Provision Merchant, or any other business requiring plenty of room.—Apply to Geo. Hobson, Harperley Mills. 175o

TWO Four-roomed HOUSES; also one HOUSE with Five Rooms, for Sale. These Houses are quite new, and will be Sold to pay a good percentage. A rare opportunity for anyone who wants a really good House. —Apply to Mr. Wm. Knox, Builder, &c., Mount Pleasant, Consett. 423o

TO LET, and may be entered on immediately, a Large JOINER and CARTWRIGHT'S SHOP, situate at Durham Road, Blackhill. For many years occupied by Mr. John Lamb.—Apply to Mr. Wm. Turner, Station Hotel, Blackhill, or Mr. Thomas Longstaff, Leadgate. 406o

Contracts.

TO BUILDERS.

TO LET, the Several WORKS required in the Erection of a House and Shop at Annfield Plain, for Mr. W. Fitzpatrick. Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen at our Offices, Town Hall, Shotley Bridge. Tenders, Sealed and Endorsed, to be sent to us on or before Tuesday, the 31st inst. No Pledge is given that the lowest or any Tender will be accepted.
JOHN SMITH and SON, Architects.
August 19th, 1880.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

THE above Board are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the several works required in providing additional accommodation at their Schools, Oxhill, near Stanley.
Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract, may be seen at our Offices, Town Hall, Shotley Bridge. Tenders, sealed and endorsed, are to be sent to us on or before Thursday, the 2nd day of September next. No pledge is given that the lowest or any Tender will be accepted.
JOHN SMITH & SON, Architects.
August 17th, 1880. 391o

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS FOR MARLEY HILL PARSONAGE.

TENDERS are invited from competent persons for the Erection and Completion of a Parsonage House, with Boundary Walls and Approaches, at Marley Hill, three miles from Swalwell Station.
Plans and Specifications may be seen, and the Site viewed on application to the Vicar, Rev. S. White, Sunniside, Marley Hill, Gateshead-on-Tyne.
Tenders either for the whole or for any separate trade, must be sent in on or before August 31st, 1880.
The promoters do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. 313o

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, Aug. 27th, 1880.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[By Incedo.]

Herrings must be very plentiful this season. I saw a shoal of them flying past my sitting-room window the other night. It is many years now since there was a shower of herrings, and being much interested, we rushed to the window to witness the phenomenon, but our curiosity was somewhat damped to find that the circumstance was but a very common-place one indeed—a cadger, having failed to command a sale at eight-a-penny, was literally throwing his goods away. I saw another of the same tribe endeavouring to push a sale last Sunday morning, in a rather furtive manner, but he did not meet with much encouragement.

Houses, like individuals, are subject to the ups and downs of this life; witness the Old Presbyterian Chapel of this town; it is now the haunt of spiri——we had almost written spirits, but of course we mean Spiritualists. It also does duty as an Atheist hall, and, finally, as a dancing saloon. What next?

I was present at the public meeting held in the Consett National Schools last Saturday night in connection with the Co-operative Society. The "big guns" could not be dragged into position, but the "little pistols" blazed away amazingly. Altogether the meeting was a most enjoyable one, owing in no small degree to the admirable selections rendered by a glee party under the leadership of Mr. C. Stephenson. The speeches upon the whole were very sensible, but I did not admire the chairman's method of introducing the speakers—how long he had known them, their capabilities, &c. For example, the Wallsend man was introduced as being somewhat unpolished in style, whereas that gentleman's address was by far the most brilliant of all the speeches delivered on the occasion. Had the chairman said that Mr. so-and-so was noted for originality and perspicuity of style he would have been pretty near the mark. I have no desire, however, to say anything disparaging of the gentleman who officiated as chairman on the occasion alluded to. He is composed of the proper material calculated to make a good chairman, and I don't suppose he is above a friendly hint.

My landlady is a curious creature; she is subject to as many whims as might well serve half-a-dozen of her sex. But as she has never been married, I quite understand her case, and am the more ready, therefore, to humour her as much as possible. Accordingly, to gratify a long-cherished desire on her part, I accompanied her to Christ's Church, Consett, last Sunday evening, to hear the curate—Mr. Bryson—preach. I am not accustomed linking with the ladies, but there are times when one must break through one's preconceived notions of the cermonial code of polite society. To have allowed the old lady to waddle up that tortuous highway, known as Pasture Drift Road herself, would have been ungallant in the extreme; I therefore unhesitatingly lent her my arm, but the little boys knowing me well, and knowing also that I was no ladies' man, pulled long faces and bawled "There goes old Harry, who always said he never would marry." However, we reached the Church in good time, and were accommodated with seats in close proximity to the pulpit. This was my landlady's special desire, and it was gratified to the latter. I was very much interested with the interior of the Church. In structure it is massive and imposing; but it is sadly in want of renovating; the pews, especially, are like the pilgrim's stone at Mecca—very greasy. A very large audience assembled, and when worship commenced, the deep tones of the powerful organ seemed to shake the place. The subject of the preacher's discourse was, "Shall we recognise each other in heaven?" and, choosing for his text II. Samuel XII. and 23, the rev. gentleman preached a very interesting and instructive sermon. Mr. Bryson spoke with the fervour characteristic of youth. He was well aware that the theme of his discourse was no newly-started theory; it had been taught by the ancient writers of Greece and Rome. Cicero, who lived 100 years prior to the advent of our Lord, wrote "I long to join the company of my departed friends." Virgil also held the same opinion, namely, that he would recognize his friends in another world. David himself was of the same belief, else the words of the text were ambiguous. But it was a subject about which happily there was no ambiguity. Mr. Bryson is a young man of great promise; he is much beloved by all who know him, and his labours among the people are much appreciated and eminently blessed.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

(By an Awd Pitman.)

Aw hev been telled that there is little space for me, therefore my remarks this week must be breef.

The Shotley teetotalers, aw heer, will shortly hold a grand pollytecknic in their Temperance Hall, which is not yet paid for. There awt to be a lot of kuriositeys about Shotley Bridge, and aw hev nee doubt that the exhibition will be a greet suksess. Aw heer that the promoters will hold a meeten in the Temperance Hall next Thursday neet, when a worken committee will be appointed to carry out the arrangements.

Poor Joe, the Shotley Bridge Sweep, is ill. Aw am sorry that certain parties in the village have added to his misery by placing sugar casks near his house. These have attracted crowds of boys and swarms of wasps, and the batteren and screemen have almost sent the poor fellow crazy. If aw lived where Joe does aw should, after placing certain individuals inside the casks, send them on a voyage of discovery down the bank.

Speeken of wasps recalls an incident to my mind which happened the other day. One of my marrows, who had been on the fore shift, was fishing not far from Lanchester, when he dislodged a portion of the embankment which held a wasp's nest. The insects attacked him, crawled up his breeches and down his back, stung him fore and aft, and ultimately compelled the poor man to take refuge in a pool of water, where he remained for some time with nothing but his heed exposed. He counted fifteen stings on his body. Surely fishing must be a lively as well as a contemplative pastime.

THE BLANCHLAND MYSTERY AND JANE BARRON.

We are glad to learn that the report that Jane Barron, the young woman who figured so prominently in the above tragedy, which engrossed so much attention at the beginning of this year, and which is still enshrouded in mystery, had been placed under restraint, turns out to be untrue. The rumour of her alleged aberration of intellect and subsequent removal had been current in this district for the past five or six weeks, and until Saturday last, when the fact of her supposed incarceration was made known to the general public, the report was believed to be true. At Edmondbyers and Blanchland, where Miss Barron is well known, the story, which seems to have been strenghtened by the fact of the young woman visiting her father's house about the time she was said to have been removed, was accepted as true by the country people. The particulars which we gave last week were taken from a Durham paper, whose reporter, we have been informed, obtained the facts from a person connected with the Asylum at Sedgefield, where it appears a young woman bearing the same name as Miss Barron is actually under surveillance. This, no doubt, had given rise to the rumour, which, as we have before remarked, happily turns out to have no foundation in fact. Miss Barron, we learn, was engaged at the last Newcastle hirings to Mr. Thos. Lowdon, of Downhall Farm, West Boldon (in whose service she had lived twice previously), and she is still in that gentleman's employment. Miss Barron's master, it may be stated, has the fullest confidence in her, and speaks of her as a hard-working, happy, and intelligent young woman. Indeed, her diligence as a servant, and her uniformly good conduct, only confirm the excellence of her character in the estimation of those who know her best, and who have never lost confidence in her. On Saturday morning, we may add, when Mr. Lowdon heard of her alleged removal, he was on his way to spend a few days at Blanchland with his wife and two children, having left Miss Barron, who is in the enjoyment of the best of health, in full charge of his establishment.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A general meeting of the members of the Lanchester Highway Board was held in the Police Court, Lanchester, on Thursday se'nnight, at which were present: Messrs. G. Alder (in the chair), G. G. T. Smith, W. Fawcett, M. Coupland, H. Stobbs, R. Mitchinson, E. Leybourne, R. Robson, J. Wilkinson, Jasper Stephenson, T. Longstaff, G. Hobson, W. H. Hedley, and N. Clark.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Surveyor handed in the tenders received for breaking limestone and carting required for the various townships. The following contracts were passed:—

CARTING LIMESTONE.

Ebchester, Iveston, and Medomsley.—Messrs. John Mullen, Leadgate; Hetherington and Dobson, Consett; Joseph Wall, Lanchester; John Hunter, Medomsley.

Butsfield and Satley.—Messrs. Thomas Hardy, Wheatley Grange; George Bushby, Satley; Ralph Hedley, Satley.

Holmside.—Mr. Edward Wilkinson.

Lobley Hill Main Road.—Mr. Robt. Armstrong, Mountsett.

BREAKING LIMESTONE.

Auckland Main Road.—Messrs. Nicholas Heslop, Salters Gate; Martin Thompson, Oxen Law; Thomas Parker, Leadgate; William Sanderson, Dipton.

Lobley Hill Main Road.—Messrs. W. S. Craggs, Satley; James Taylor, Burnopfield.

Ebchester.—Mr. John Craig, Broomhill.

Holmside.—Mr. David Gordon, Lanchester.

Tanfield.—Mr. John McShane, Stanley.

Butsfield and Satley.—Mr. Matthew Stoddart, West Butsfield.

Ebchester, Iveston, and Medomsley.—Messrs. Wm. Humble, Consett; Thos. Bulman, Blackhill; John O'Neill, Consett; John Henderson, Medomsley; John Beckwith, Blackhill; Henry Golightly, West Butsfield; Owen Carroll, Leadgate.

Collierley and Pontop (supplying kirb stones).—Mr. G. B. Kell, Castleside.

THE PROPOSED BRIDGE AND ROADS TO BLACKHALL MILL.

A deputation waited on the Board in reference to the proposed bridge and roads to Blackhall Mill. The following gentlemen composed the deputation: Messrs. Colonel Cowen and Robert Jewett, representing the Blaydon Local Board; Robert Ward and Thomas Armstrong, of Newcastle; William Douglas, Matthew Bushby, and William Bean, who represented the property owners and inhabitants of Blackhall Mill.

Colonel Cowen said they appeared before the Board as a deputation from the Blaydon Local Board, the owners of property at Blackhall Mill, and the inhabitants of that place, to ask the Lanchester Highway Board to join them in providing good roads and a bridge to Blackhall Mill. He thought there was great need of a bridge there, and in proof of this he might say that very recently a man committed suicide on one side of the river. The coroner, rather than cross the water, went a mile-and-a-half round, by Ebchester, to the place he desired to be at. This only was one reason to show the necessity there was for a bridge being there. So far as he was concerned, he would ask them to join the Blaydon Local Board in memorialising the county magistrates to build a county bridge, and then they would pay one-half of the cost; the landowners and inhabitants would pay the other half. The Blaydon Local Board would have no objection to pay for making the bridle road in their district into a cart road, and join them in asking the county magistrates to pay one-half of the cost of building a bridge for the inhabitants at Blackhall Mill.

Messrs. Ward and Armstrong also spoke to the same effect.

The Board, after consideration, agreed to pay £50 towards making a proper carriage road for the Shotley Bridge and Swalwell turnpike road to the approaches of the proposed new bridge at Black hall Mill, and to join the Blaydon Local Board in memorialising the County Authority to pay half the cost of building the bridge.

Mr. J. Stephenson asked the Board to give sanction to allow the Surveyor to alter a road at Sandyford, near Blanchland. He did not ask them to contribute anything towards the expense of the alteration. Leave was given, after which the Board adjourned.

Local and District News

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Medomsley.—A bazaar, in aid of the above chapel, was held at Medomsley, on Monday and Tuesday se'nnight. The bazaar was opened on the Monday by Charles Wilson, Esq., of Shotley Park, assisted by the Rev. J. Shearman (Consett), and on Tuesday by the Rev. Jos. Robinson, Manningtree, Essex. The stalls, four in number, were presided over by the following ladies:—Mrs. W. Robinson, Mrs. J. Calvert, Mr. Jas. Armstrong, Miss Teasdale, Miss E. Hunter, assisted by Miss Adamson (Burnopfield), Miss Porter (Boundary House), Miss J. A. Teasdale (Gateshead), and Miss L. Little (Durham). The refreshment stall was attended to by Mrs. W. Cuthbertson, Mrs. F. Robinson, and Mrs. Teasdale. The ladies all seemed very anxious to do a good business and clear out their stock, and although there are part goods unsold, they succeeded in raising, during the two days sale, the sum of £47. Considering the very depressed state of trade in the neighbourhood for some time past, the sum realised is more than was anticipated by the trustees. Great credit is therefore due to the whole of the above ladies, not only for the service they rendered on the day of sale, but for the great amount of work which they did previously in so short a time, their busy fingers not having been employed more than four months in gathering together that very excellent display of goods, which evidently gave general satisfaction to those attending the bazaar. By this effort the trustees are enabled to pay off the whole of the debt, £30, and have besides a few pounds in hand towards building a vestry in connection with the chapel, which will be commenced with shortly.

Rural Deanery of Ryton.—The first meeting of the clergy and lay representatives of the newly constituted rural deanery was held on Friday, in the Parish Church of Whickham. After a short service in the church, a meeting was held in the vestry. The chair was occupied by the Rural Dean (the Rev. Henry B. Carr, M.A., Rector of Whickham.) The principal business was the election of representatives to the forthcoming conference to be held at Durham on the 21st and 22nd of September. The voting was by ballot, and resulted in the election of the Rev. W. C. Streatfield of Ryton and the Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Vicar of Leadgate, as clerical representatives, and Messrs. Robert Walton Shaw of Villa Real, Hubert Laws of Ryton, John Booth and Arthur Booth Wilbraham of Shotley Bridge, as lay representatives. At the close of the formal business, the Rev. W. Cockin drew attention to the Burials Bill, and urged the necessity of unity of action amongst the clergy of the country in carrying out its provisions. After a shord discussion, it was decided to defer the further consideration of the matter till the bill has passed, and the subject has been discussed at the forthcoming conference, the Rural Dean agreeing to call another meeting for the purpose. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, for which he returned thanks.

Consett Iron Company.—With respect to the declaration of the Consett dividend, there is some dissatisfaction in some quarters. The announcement was made that the dividend was £1 10s, but nothing was said about the bonus of £2 10s; and the holders of the stock who were waiting for the declaration of the dividend, sold out on the 30s declaration and loss what they would have gained had they known about the bonus. It is said that the rush that there was for the stock was due to the knowledge possessed by some people of the bonus about which the shareholders generally knew nothing. It certainly was a great oversight on the part of the representatives of the company not to announce the bonus as well as the dividend to the public for the protection of their shareholders, who might give the bonus to persons who had not held the share and their responsibilities during the dull period. The fact of the bonus being kept back has led to a serious loss in some cases. Either the simple dividend should not have been announced, or the bonus should have been made public at the same time. The shareholders and the public rely upon what are considered official statements on the dividends of such companies; and when "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" is not told, the public are deceived; and those who sold their shares under the half-truth announcement found themselves sold. It is to be hoped that no directors, or their friends, went into the market and bought on the partial information supplied to the public. If they did, they would furnish grounds for remarks which would not be complimentary, and yet which might be uncalled for, so far as they were concerned, as to any attempt be made to take advantage of the ignorance of the sellers.—"Novocastrian" in the *Daily Express*.

TANFIELD FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL AND POULTRY SHOW.

The thirtieth annual exhibition of plants, flowers, fruits, vegetables, and poultry of this Society took place in a pleasantly-situated field on Folly Hill (kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. W. Watson). The weather was most excellently fine and warm, and a very large number of visitors from the surrounding villages drew up to the grounds; consequently, the show was in every respect a success, the money taken at the gate being double the amount paid for admission last year. There was a fine assortment of flowers, &c., and a list of entries which fully testified to the popularity of the show. The prizes for the flowers, fruits, and vegetables were regulated by the receipts, thus—1st prize, two parts; 2nd prize, one part. The judges were—Mr. Olephant for flowers; Mr. Wardle for poultry; Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Archdale for butter. Below is the result of the judging:—

FLOWERS.

Three dahlia blooms, dissimilar, J. McQueen 1st, W. Scott 2nd.
Dahlia bloom, J. McQueen 1st.
Six French marigolds, J. McQueen 1st, W. Dawson 2nd.
Six African marigolds, lemon coloured, J. Spoors 1st, J. McQueen 2nd.
Six African marigolds, orange, J. McQueen 1st, J. Spoors 2nd.
Six asters, rose petalled, J. Spoors 1st, J. Burnip 2nd.
Six asters, quilled, J. Spoors 1st, Wm. Parkin 2nd.
Three Gladioli, Wm. Watson 1st.
Six phloxes, Wm. Armstrong 1st.
Six varieties of cut flowers, W. J. Anderson 1st, W. Watson 2nd.
Six cut roses, three varieties, J. Wilson 1st, W. J Anderson, 2nd.
Six German stocks, W. Scott 1st, H. Close 2nd.
Six everlastings, Wm. Gibson 1st, W. Dawson and G. Gate 2nd.
Two fuschias, dissimilar, W. Scott 1st, W. Watson 2nd.
Two geraniums, dissimilar, W. Scott 1st, W. Watson, 2nd.
Three zonales, dissimilar, W. Scott 1st, J. Brewis 2nd.
Three balsams, Wm. Dawson 1st, R. Stockel 2nd.
Dark fuschia, W. Armstrong 1st, W. Watson 2nd.
Light fuschia, W. Scott 1st, W. Armstrong, 2nd.
Dark geranium, J. W. Anderson 1st.
Balsam, W. Dawson 1st, R. Stockel 2nd.
Pot of liliums, W. Scott 1st, R. Stockel 2nd.
Bouquet of cut flowers, G. Swinburn 1st, J. W. Anderson, 2nd.
Petunia, W. Scott 1st, W. Armstrong 2nd.

FRUITS.

Pint of gooseberries, flavoured, W. Scott 1st, R. Stockell 2nd.
Pint of black currants, W. J. Anderson 1st.
Pint of red currants, W. Swinburn 1st, W. Armstrong 2nd.
Four heaviest gooseberries, W. Scott 1st, R. Stockel 2nd.

VEGETABLES.

Six white kidney potatoes, W. Scott 1st, R. Stockel 2nd.
Six white round potatoes, W. Scott 1st, J. McQueen 2nd.
Six red kidney potatoes, J. Wilson 1st, G. Swinburn 2nd.
Six red round potatoes, W. Scott 1st, W. Dawson 2nd.
Six summer onions, J. Spoors 1st, T. Wile 2nd.
Six winter onions, J. Dawson, Okeys, 1st, W. Dawson 2nd.
Three leeks, G. Smith 1st, J. W. Anderson 2nd.
Three carrots, G. Smith 1st, W. Watson 2nd.
Three parsnips, E. Wylam 1st, A. Pearson 2nd.
Three roots of beet, R. Stockel 1st, W. Dawson 2nd.
Twelve pods of peas, J. McQueen 1st, J. Dawson 2nd.
Six pods of beans, W. Scott 1st. J. Dawson 2nd.
Three white turnips, W. Scott 1st, W. Watson 2nd.
Three yellow turnips, W. Scott 1st, W. Armstrong 2nd.
Cauliflower, G. Swinburn 1st, G. Smith 2nd.
Early cabbage, W. Armstrong 1st, W. Parkin 2nd.
Red cabbage, J. Anderson 1st, W. Armstrong 2nd.
Three heads of lettuce, W. Ridley 1st, W. Parkin 2nd.
Three stalks of rhubarb, J. Spoors 1st, J. Wilson 2nd.
Three heads of celery, W. Robson 1st, J. Brewis 2nd.
Six Shalots, J. Dawson 1st, P. Sharp 2nd.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Given by Capt. W. J. Joicey, for best collection of vegetables, three varieties, confined to Mr. Joicey's workmen, Wm. Brewis 1st (wheelbarrow), H. Close 2nd.

Given by Capt. W. J. Joicey, for best collection of vegetables, three varieties, open to all, W. Dawson 1st, (wheelbarrow), T. Wyle 2nd.

Given by Mr. W. Armstrong, for best three leeks, J. Brewis 1st (copper kettle).

Given by Messrs T. and J. Handcock, Newcastle, for best collection of vegetables, consisting of two carrots, two parsnips, and two roots of beet, J. Spoors 1st (tea pot), T. Wyle 2nd.

Given by the Tantobie Co-operative Society, for best collection of vegetables, consisting of six potatoes, two turnips, and one cauliflower, W. Dawson 1st (watering pan), J. Burnip 2nd.

Given by the Tantobie Co-operative Society, for best two fuschias, W. Watson 1st (watering pan), W. Armstrong 2nd.

Given by Messrs T. and J. Handcock, for best two zonales, dissimilar, W. Armstrong 1st (tea pot), W. Watson 2nd.

POULTRY.

Best cock and hen, young or old, of the following kinds (1st, 10s; 2nd, 5s; 3rd, 2s 6d):—
Cochin china, any breed, J. G. Sowerby 1st, H. Hedley 2nd.
Brahma pootra, any breed, M. Masterman 1st, R. Shield 2nd.
Game, black-breasted, and other reds, J. Morton 1st.
Game, any other variety, G. Holmes 1st, Mr. Clark 2nd.
Hamburg, golden spangled, J. and C. Close 1st, J and C. Close 2nd.
Hamburg, silver-spangled, Richardson and Maddison 1st, do. 2nd.
Hamburg, pencilled, any breed, Wm. Robertson 1st, J. Morton 2nd.
Any other variety not named above, R. Shield 1st.
Best drake and duck, any variety, W. Watson 1st, J. G. Sowerby 2nd, C. Scott 3rd.
Bantams, game, black-breasted, and other reds, Ridley and Waggot 1st, W. Harrison, 2nd.
Bantams, any other variety, Ridley and Waggott 1st, W. Elliott 2nd.
Bantam cock, any variety, Wm. Burnip 1st, W. Harrison, 2nd.
Cock, any other variety, J. G. Sowerby 1st, J. Gailes, 2nd.
Pigeons, Antwerp, cock or hen, T. Handy 1st, T. Gascoigne 2nd.
Pigeons, any variety, cock or hen, J. Young 1st, T. Handy 2nd.

BUTTER.

Two pounds of butter, 1st, 10s, Mrs Laws; 2nd, 5s, Mrs Reed; 3rd, 2s 6d, Miss Swinburn, Waggon Hill.

A LOCAL PRIZETAKER AT SHILDON INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—We have pleasure in observing that Miss Savage, of Consett, took the extra prize awarded for the best specimen of needlework at the Industrial Exhibition held at Shildon on Saturday last.

FITS.—EPILEPTIC FITS OR FALLING SICKNESS.—SENSATIONS, GIDDINESS, FAINTS.—A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery. It will cure the most hopeless case after all other means have been tried. Full particulars will be sent by post free of charge. Address:—Mr. WILLIAMS, 10, Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London. 227

Business Announcements.

EVERY reader of the *Consett Guardian* who can spare Half-a-Crown should send for a Lot. The following Prizes have been won in former Distributions: A 60-Guinea Piano, a 40-Guinea Piano, 3 30-Guinea Pianos, 1 25-Guinea Piano, 1 24-Guinea Organ, 3 20-Guinea Pianos, 2 15-Guinea Organs, 5 10½-Guinea Organs, 1 10-Guinea Harmonium, 1 9-Guinea Harmonium, 1 8-Guinea Harmonium, 1 7-Guinea Harmonium, 7 6-Guinea Harmoniums, and upwards of TEN THOUSAND other Prizes.

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PIANOFORTE.

The Cresent, Florence, Longton, Staffs, May 7th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—It affords me pleasure to inform you that the "Multum-in-Parvo" Piano I received as a prize from your drawing of Jan., 1880, gives great satisfaction. It is handsome in appearance, and an excellent toned one, and is pronounced by professional gentlemen a very good instrument, and quite worth its selling price.—Yours truly,
W. J. GOODWIN.

PIANOFORTE.

Main St., Bulwell, Nottingham, July 10th, 1879.

GENTLEMEN, — The "Multum-in-Parvo" Piano I received from you as a prize nearly a year ago continues to give every satisfaction. I have had it examined by a dealer in musical instruments, and by several good pianists, and they all pronounce it a beautiful instrument, and would be very cheap at your catalogue price (28 Guineas).—Yours very truly,
JOHN W. THORPE.

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STATIONS.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	2,G P.M.
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Swalwell .... „	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·53	5·49
Rowland's Gill .... „	6·9	10·4	12·58	2·3	5·59
Lintz Green ...... „	6·15	10·10	12·59	2·9	6·5
Ebchester .... „	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·22	6·18
Shotley Bridge .... „	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·28	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.			1·25	3·35	
dep	6·42	10·37		4·40	6·33
Knitsley .... „	6·54	10·49		4·52	6·44
Lanchester .... „	7·3	10·58		5·1	6·53
Witton Gilbert .... „	7.14	11·9		5·12	7·4
Durham .... arr.	7·25	11.20		5·21	7·15

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STATIONS	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M
Durham .... dep.	7·25		11·45	3·30	8·0
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·37		11·57	3·42	8·13
Lanchester .... „	7·50		12·10	3·55	8·25
Knitsley .... „	8·2		12·22	4·5	8·37
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·15	
dep	8·15	9·10	12·35	3·45	8·50
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·20	9·15	12.40	3·50	8·55
Ebchester .... „	8·24	9·19	12·44	3·54	8·59
Lintz Green ...... „	8·34	9·29	12·54	4·4	9·9
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·39	9·34	12·59	4·10	9·14
Swalwell .... „	8·47	9·42	1·7	4·17	9·22
Scotswood .... „	8·54	9·49	1·14	4·24	9·29
Newcastle .... arr.	9·5	10·0	1·25	4·35	9·40

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LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m
Newcastle......	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge..	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester......	8·44	8.29
Rowland's Gill...	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green....	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green....	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester......	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge..	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr)..	9·25	9·10

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STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.		P.M.
Newcastle .... dep.	7·10	4·10	....	7·30
Scotswood........ „	7·17	4·17	....	7·37
Swalwell .... „	7·24	4·25	....	7·44
Rowland's Gill .... „	7·34	4·35	....	7·54
Lintz Green........ „	7·40	4·41	....	8·0
Ebchester........ „	7·53	4·54	....	8·13
Shotley Bridge .... „	7·59	5·0	....	8·19
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·5	5·7	....	8·25
dep.	9·20	....		
Knitsley	9·32	....	....	
Lanchester	9·41	....	....	
Witton Gilbert	9.52	....	....	
Durham .... arr.	10·5	....	....	

STATIONS.	A.M.		P.M.
Durham .... dep.	7·55	......	....
Witton Gilbert .... „	8·7	......	....
Lanchester .... „	8·20	......	....
Knitsley .... „	8·32	......	....
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·45	......	....
dep.	8·50	......	5·30
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·55	......	5·35
Ebchester........ „	8·59	......	5·39
Lintz Green........ „	9·9	......	5·49
Rowland's Gill .... „	9·15	......	5·55
Swalwell .... „	9·22	......	6·2
Scotswood........ „	9·29	......	6·9
Newcastle .... arr	9·40	......	6·20

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Benfieldside ...... „	6·50	1·30	4·30
Rowley ...... „	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction.. „	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law ...... „	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook ...... arr.	7·35	2·15	5.15
dep.	7·45	2·30	5·25
Bishop Auckland .. „	8·10	2·54	6·0
Darlington ...... „	8·52	3·40	6·45
Stockton ...... „	9·20	4·8	7·18
Middlesbro' ...... „	9·33	4·20	7·33
Saltburn ...... „	10·10	4·55	8·10

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn .... dep.	5·45	11·15	4·5
Middlesbro' ...... „	6·21	11·47	3·29
Stockton ...... „	6·31	11·55	3·37
Darlington ...... „	7·15	12·45	5·5
Bishop Auckland.. „	7·43	1·13	5·33
Crook ...... arr.	8·8	1·36	5·58
dep.	8·16	2·20	6·5
Tow Law ...... „	8·27	2·32	6·20
Burnhill Junction „	8·42	2·45	6·35
Rowley ...... „	8·52	2·55	6·45
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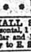
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BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the members of the above Board was held at Shotley Bridge on Wednesday afternoon. Present—Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Carss, Mr. William Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lax, Mr. Jos. Eltringham, and Mr. Dowson. Mr. Annandale, the regular chairman, being unavoidably absent, Mr. Charles Wilson was unanimously called upon to preside. Shortly after the business commenced, Mr. Lax was obliged to retire from the meeting.

THE PUBLIC LAMPS.—The Highway, Lighting, and Finance Committee reported that the Gas Company were prepared to supply fifty new globes this season in place of a like number of old lanterns which had been condemned. The committee proposed to distribute the new lamps in the most frequented thoroughfares. A new scheme for lighting had been brought before them by the Surveyor, who proposed to employ two men at a salary of 21s per week each during the lighting season. Their time would be exclusively at the Board's disposal, and during the period of moonlight they would be employed by the Surveyor in forming footpaths, for which stone had already been provided, and in any other work required on the highways, instead of his employing extra manual labour as during former winters. During the period of darkness each month, the time of these men would be partly occupied in attending to the ordinary duties of lamplighters and partly on the highways and other work above-named. The Committee added that they could not but admit that this department of the Board's duties had not hitherto been so satisfactorily carried out as they could have wished, and they recommended the Board to give the proposal a fair trial during the coming winter. —The Committee's recommendation was adopted, and the Surveyor was empowered to engage two suitable men.—A letter was read from the Gas Company offering to supply gas to the public lamps during the ensuing season for 3s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet.—Mr. Smith moved that the offer be accepted and that a suitable agreement be drawn up.—Mr. Carss, in seconding the motion, said he hoped the Clerk would see that the agreement did not leave them at the mercy of the Gas Company. Last year the Gas Company had the agreement worded so that they were got responsible for a break-down in the supply of gas, yet the Board were made responsible for any accident that might have occurred through the darkness.—The Clerk said the agreement would be placed before the members at their next meeting.—The motion was then agreed to.

THE HOSPITALS QUESTION.—The Sanitary Committee reported that they did not approve of the proposals forwarded to them by the Hospital Committee. They considered the proposed buildings far too large and the cost excessive.—The Clerk said the Board had better adopt the report and send a copy of it to the Guardians.—Mr. William Wilson proposed a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Mr. Eltringham, and carried unanimously.—The Chairman said the previous day he had been at Sunderland and called in at the infectious hospital there, which was for a population of 120,000 inhabitants and was likewise used by sailors. The woman who had charge of the place said it was not occupied at present and had not been for some time. She also informed him that there had never been more than fourteen patients in at a time. Now, the number of people in the whole union was only about one-half the population in Sunderland, yet it was proposed to provide for twelve patients in each hospital, which he thought was a great deal more than would be required. For his own part he considered the best plan would be to get a cottage, and try that for a few years.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.—The following report was read and referred to the Sanitary Committee for consideration:—

GENTLEMEN,—You will observe by the enclosed table that forty-nine cases of scarlet fever had occurred in your sanitary district, forty-seven of which being referred to Blackhill, during the quarter ended June 30th. Since then, that is in the last seven weeks, not more than half-a-dozen new cases have been reported from Blackhill, so that, presumably, the epidemic in that part of the district is fast ebbing. The two cases from Cutlers' Hall and Shotley Bridge occurred in April—no new cases having been reported until a fortnight ago, when a fresh and apparently independent outbreak took place in an infant school situated at the upper end of Wood Street. Five of the pupils, all from separate families, and one other child, not a pupil, who had simply paid a visit to the school for a few hours, were simultaneously attacked. The disease in all the instances is of mild type, and so far has not spread to others. Hitherto I have been unable to trace the outbreak to its source. Isolation has been enforced where practicable, and the school closed. Measles and diarrhœa are prevailing extensively throughout the district, although hitherto few cases have been fatal. The effluvium from the open ashpits, &c., in Benfieldside Lane and in some of the streets in Blackhill, has been very offensive of late. I would therefore recommend the free use of McDougal's powder or some other deoderising agent to all the ashpits, untrapped grates, and open channels. Unless this is done, I fear, in the present uncovered condition of the ashpits, an outbreak of enteric fever in the ensuing autumn.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. M. RENTON, Officer of Health.

Shotley Bridge, Aug. 25th, 1880.

THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.—The Clerk read the following letter:—

Office, Parliament Street, Consett,
Aug. 10th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of 27th July informing me that your Board failed to see any advantage in appointing a committee to meet similar committees of the other Boards, not being acquainted with the views of the Consett Local Board respecting the proposed amalgamation, was read at our last meeting. I may say, that this Board designedly avoided expressing any views on the subject lest it should be thought they were dictating to the other boards. The motion was simply for a conference, the members of which would be perfectly free to recommend anything or nothing as they might see fit. The members in conversation mentioned different methods of amalgamation, but without any idea of putting anyone of them in the form of a resolution. I simply write to remove a false impression, and not with the object of keeping the subject open.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.

John Booth, Esq., Clerk, Benfieldside Local Board.

—Mr. Carss: The reply of the Consett Local Board is a very proper one, because it would have been dictation if they had proposed any line in the matter.—The Chairman: At the same time they might have defined what they wanted, or given us some reason for amalgamating.—Mr. Eltringham: I think Mr. Siddell's motion settled that. His motion was that the board should amalgamate for sanitary purposes.—The Chairman: If they had said so in their letter we should have understood it.—The Clerk: The written communications which have passed between the boards are perfectly civil, and if we travel out of these then we get into something which is not so civil.—Mr. Eltringham: Nothing more need be said about it. They do not ask us for another conference.

NEW RATE.—It was decided to levy a rate of 1s. on houses and 4d. on land for the next half-year.

PLAN.—Plan of four cottages to be erected in Benfieldside Edge Road for Messrs. Taylor Bros., Blanchland, was passed.

ANNOYING THE SWEEP.—Three letters were read from Joe Harrison the Sweep, complaining of a nuisance and annoyance caused by the placing of some sugar barrels on a street at the back of the Co-operative Store, near his door. It appears that the barrels attracted both boys and wasps, and the former in their endeavours to get at the sugar and in their conflicts with the wasps, kept the place in a continual uproar, much to the annoyance of the poor Sweep, who, we regret to say, has been seriously ill for some time past. The attention of the Store manager has been called to the Sweep's complaint, but this official contends that the place where the barrels are placed is private property, and therefore refuses to do anything in the matter.—Mr. William Wilson said the Sweep was in a very delicate state of health indeed.—Mr. Carss said the barrels attracted swarms of wasps, and in this respect they were a nuisance to the tenants of the property in the immediate locality. Knowing how the poor Sweep was suffering, he was surprised that the Co-operative people had not removed the barrels. —Mr. William Wilson said the Store people had plenty of room elsewhere.—Mr. Smith said feelings of humanity ought to have led the Store people to remove the source of annoyance.—The Chairman said perhaps the Surveyor would mention the matter to them.—The Surveyor replied that he had done so. The answer that he got was that the road was private property and the Board had no power over them.—Mr. William Wilson said the land on which the casks stood was common to several tenants. He thought they had a right to complain. —The Clerk said without a doubt the Sweep had a grievance.—After some further conversation the Chairman, at the request of the members, undertook to lay the Sweep's complaint before the Manager of the Store.

THE SURVEYOR'S SALARY.—In pursuance of his notice of motion, Mr. Carss moved that the resolution passed on the 19th of May last in regard to the Surveyor's salary be rescinded. He criticised at great length the action of those members of the Board present when Mr. Dixon's salary was increased, and contended that as few members were present, they were not justified in coming to such a resolution. The question, he argued, ought to have been submitted in the first instance to the Finance Committee, who could have ascertained if it was true, as alleged, that Mr. Dixon's duties had increased. With regard to the question of accepting a portion of the salary from the Local Government Board, he said he observed by the newspaper report that the Chairman had suggested that this part of the resolution should be held over for a full attendance of the members, and he (Mr. Carss) thought the proposer and seconder of the resolution would only have acted with courtesy to the absent members if they had acted on Mr. Annandale's advice. It had been stated that the Local Government Board would have no control over the Surveyor, but he characterised this statement as childish, and said the gentleman who made it must have taken leave of his senses. He also pointed out that the action of the Board had been inconsistent, inasmuch that they had previously refused to accept half of the Medical Officer's salary from the Local Government Board on the plea that they wished to keep this officer under their own control. The matter, he said, had occasioned a good deal of talk amongst the ratepayers, a great many of whom were dissatisfied with the action the Board had taken in the matter.—The Clerk said there was a letter on the subject from the Chairman, which was as follows:—

The Briary, Shotley Bridge, County Durham,
August 25th, 1880.

DEAR MR. BOOTH,—Having to attend the annual licensing meeting at Lanchester to-day, I shall be unable to be present at the adjourned meeting of the Local Board this afternoon. This I regret, as I wished to say, when Mr. Carss' motion for rescinding the minute relating to the increase of the salary of the Surveyor came on, that though I could not support Mr. Carss' proposal, I think that all questions relating, as this one does, to finance, and especially questions where a principle is involved (as in this case, which includes an application to the Local Government Board for a portion of the salary of the Surveyor) should be, in the first instance, referred to the Finance Committee for their opinion and report. In saying this, I desire to remark that I cordially approve of the increase of Mr. Dixon's remuneration, but as to the wisdom of applying to the Local Government Board for any part of the Inspector's salary, I confess I am somewhat dubious. Had I been present, I should probably have proposed an amendment to Mr. Carss' motion in harmony with these views.—Believe me, dear Mr. Booth, yours faithfully,

JAMES ANNANDALE, Jun.

John Booth, Esq.

P.S.—If you think well, you may inform the Board of my views. J. A. Jun.

There was also the following letter from the Local Government Board:—

Local Government Board, Whitehall, S.W.,
26th July, 1880.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., transmitting the form containing the particulars of the proposal of the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority in regard to the appointment of an Inspector of nuisances for their district. With reference to the proposal that the appointment shall be determined by six months notice on either side, I am directed to call attention to Art. 9 of the General Order of the 10th of March last, from which it will be observed that the appointment cannot be determined in the manner proposed, unless with the assent of this Board. Subject to the above remark the Board approve, generally, of the proposal of the Sanitary Authority. The Board request that the particulars of the appointment, when made, after due notice, may be communicated to them in the accompanying form of queries. The Board request to be informed, at the same time, what remuneration was paid by the Authority to their surveyor and Collector during the year ended at Lady Day last.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. F. ROTTON, Assistant Secretary.

To J. Booth, Esq., Clerk to the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority, Shotley Bridge.

The queries, continued the Clerk, were very voluminous, being twenty-two in number.—The Chairman said there was a motion before the Board. Would any member second it?—After a pause, during which Mr. William Wilson and Mr. Dowson left their seats, Mr. Carss said he had done his duty in the matter, and he now left it with the ratepayers to say whether they would return such members to represent them.—The Clerk: What shall we do about the queries?—Mr. Eltringham: I move that the Clerk be instructed to reply to them.—Mr. Wilson: I second it.—Carried.—The meeting then closed.

LANCHESTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The annual licensing meeting for the west division of Chester Ward took place on Wednesday in the Justice Room, Lanchester. The magistrates on the bench were M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), E. T. Smith, Esq., Rev. J. P. De Pledge, J. Priestman, Esq., James Annandale, jun., Esq., and G. G. T. Smith, Esq.

THE BLACK LIST.—Supt. Oliver submitted the "black list," which contained the following names: —Robert Wheatley, Catchgate, innkeeper, fined 40s. and costs for permitting drunkenness; George Cranson, Iveston, innkeeper, fined 40s. and costs for keeping his house open during prohibited hours; Joseph Ramshaw, Stanley, innkeeper, fined 20s. and costs for permitting drunkenness; John Coulthard, Dipton, beer retailer, fined 40s. and costs for selling spirits without a license; Michael McNally, Consett, beerhousekeeper, fined 40s. and costs for permitting gaming.—The Chairman, addressing the offenders, said the magistrates had agreed to renew their licenses again, but he hoped they would be more careful in future, otherwise their licenses stood a chance of being forfeited.

APPLICATIONS FOR FULL LICENSES.—Thomas Dunne, beer retailer, Mount Pleasant, Consett, applied for a full license. Mr. Granger, of Durham, said he appeared for the applicant in this case. After the service of the usual notices had been proved, Mr. Granger proceeded to say that Mr. Dunne had made a similar application several times before, and the magistrates had on more than one occasion reserved their decision for consideration at the close of the business of the court, therefore he felt justified in hoping that they would look with some degree of favour on the present application. He had a plan of the premises.—The Chairman: Have there been any additions to the house since last year?—Mr. Granger, No, sir.—The Chairman: We have seen the plan before. It is not necessary to enter into that part of it, as we know the house very well. It is a very good house.—Mr. Granger, continuing, said during the past 12 years only one fresh license had been granted in Consett to a man named Carroll, and a beerhouse had received a full license. During that time the population had very much increased, the rateable value had doubled, and that part of the town where Mr. Dunne resided several large buildings had been put up, and no doubt, if the Consett Iron Company continued to prosper as at present, more would be added, which would make a hotel or public house in that locality desirable. He thought he need not say anything about Mr. Dunne himself, as he would be perfectly well-known to the bench.—The Chairman: We will take the application into consideration along with the others.——Thomas McElhone, beer-housekeeper, Blackhill, also applied for a full license. Mr. Dickinson supported the application. He produced a plan showing the extent and position of Mr. McElhone's house, which, he remarked, had been a beerhouse for twenty-one years. It contained nine rooms of large size, and was perhaps better than any beerhouse or public-house in Blackhill. As Mr. Granger had already pointed out to their worships, only one full license had been granted in the district during the past 12 years, notwithstanding that the population had considerably increased.—The Chairman: How far is the nearest public-house from Mr. McElhone's? — Mr. Dickinson: Across the road.—The Chairman: Just opposite?—Mr. Dickinson: Not quite opposite. I have here several testimonials as to Mr. McElhone's character.—The Chairman: We know that Mr. McElhone is a very respectable man. There is no objection to him in that respect.——The next applicant was Thomas Forster, spirit and beer retailer, who applied for a full license to his house at Three Lane Ends, in the township of Hedley Hope.—The application was supported by Mr. Granger, who said the bench would be well acquainted with the house occupied by Mr. Forster. It was situated at Ivesley Three Lane Ends, and as there was only one house in the district (Mr. Potter's, at Cornsay), there was a great monopoly.—Mr. Oliver, of Durham, opposed the application on behalf of Messrs. Ferens and Love, the owners of Cornsay Colliery. The house, he said, was known as the "Monkey's Nest," and was not near Cornsay Colliery at all. The men from Messrs. Ferens' and Love's cokeovens were in the habit of getting beer and liques at Forster's house and drinking it in an adjoining wood.—Mr. Granger said his friend had no right to make such a statement unless he was going to prove it.—Mr. Oliver said he could prove it, if necessary. Forster's house, he said, was by the wayside, 200 yards away from Cornsay Colliery, and there were only some half-a-dozen houses near it. As he had said before, the house would be a temptation to the workmen to drink, and on this ground he opposed the application.——William Brown, beer retailer, applied for a full license to a house which he occupies at Langley Park.—Mr. Oliver said in this case he supported the application. The house, he said, belonged to Mr. Lakey, and contained twenty-six rooms, and there was every convenience attached. The Langley Park Hotel, he said, was the only full-licensed public-house in the place, and this had been let to a brewer, and was therefore what was known as a "tied" house. Mr. Lakey's house, however, was free, and people would therefore be able to get a glass of better stuff than they could get at the other place, because, as was well-known, the occupiers of tied houses were obliged to sell whatever was supplied to them by the brewer. —Mr. De Pledge: What is the population at Langley Park?—Mr. Oliver: I suppose it is over a thousand.—Mr. De Pledge: How many public-houses are there?—Mr. Oliver: Only one.—George Soams, beer retailer, Langley Park, had also given notice of his intention to apply for a full license, but now stated that he would withdraw the application. —The next application for a full license was Wm. Coward, beer retailer, Dipton. Mr. Granger said he appeared on behalf of the applicant. He produced a plan of the house, which is situated on the main road leading from Dipton to Catchgate.—Daniel Knox, spirit and beer retailer, Cornsay Colliery, also applied for a full license. Mr. John Patrick, jun., Durham, appeared for the applicant. Cornsay Colliery, he said, contained over 2,000 inhabitants, and as Mr. Granger had already pointed out, there was only one full-licensed house in it. He produced a plan of the house, and said that when commercial travellers put up at Mr. Knox's, they were surprised to find that such a commodious house was not fully licensed. The Rev. Philip C. Fortin, of St. Mary's, New House, wrote—"At present there is only one full-licensed public house at Gornsay, which has a population of 2,072 persons. Many, rather than take a glass of drink in a crowded and noisy room, buy and take home a bottle of spirits. This is shared amongst the woman and children, and one bottle not being sufficient, more is sent for. Habits of drinking are thus engendered, and I am sorry to say, from personal knowledge, that in a mixed company of men and women where there is no public or police surveillance, it leads to even greater crimes than mere drunkenness. Mr. Knox has always borne a high character, and has a commodious and useful house, and I sincerely hope the magistrates, for the general good of the village, will be able to grant the license."—The magistrates having retired for a few minutes, the Chairman announced that, after careful consideration, they had decided to refuse the whole of the applications.

BEER OFF THE PREMISES, &c.—John Gambles, mason, Blackfine, applied for a license to sell beer off the premises.—Mr. Dickinson, who appeared for the applicant, said the house occupied by Gambles had already been licensed, but on account of the removal of the previous tenant the license had lapsed.—Mr. George Eltringham said he knew the applicant to be a respectable man.—The Chairman: Are you the owner of the house? Mr. Eltringham: No, my brother is.—Mr. Dickinson said there was a letter from Mr. Dixon, surveyor to the Benfieldside Local Board, as to Mr. Gamble's character.—The Chairman said in an application of this sort, where all the requirements of the law had been complied with, the magistrates had no discretionary power. They were obliged to grant the license.——Elizabeth Raper, beer retailer, applied for a license to sell beer off the premises at Langley Park.—The Chairman said as Mrs. Raper had not called any one to speak to her character, which was essential in an application of this sort, the magistrates refused to grant to license. She might, however, renew her application at the adjourned licensing meeting.——James Smith, miner, Greencroft Cottages, also applied for a license to sell beer off the premises.—The Deputy-Clerk (Mr. Smith): Have you any one to speak to your character?—Applicant: No. I did not know it was necessary.—The Chairman: We cannot grant the license. You can give notice, and renew your application at the adjourned licensing day.——George Eltringham, grocer, Blackhill, also applied for a license to sell beer off the premises.—Mr. Eltringham having received a good character, the license was granted. —— Robert Thompson, lemonade manufacturer, Consett, applied for a wholesale license to sell beer off the premiaes.—Dr. Carr, barrister-at-law, Wolsingham, supported the application.—The Deputy-Clerk said he supposed the property, which belonged to Mr. Robson Evens, greengrocer, Consett, was only rated at £3, which was insufficient to meet the requirements of the Act. Moreover, the notice of application had not been served on the Superintendent of Police in time.—Dr. Carr said Mr. Thompson could demand to have the property rated at its proper value.—The Chairman said as the applicant had not complied with the law, the magistrates could not grant the license that day. The learned Doctor might renew the application at the adjoured licensing meeting.—Dr. Carr said he would do so.—George Kelsey, gentleman, Witton Gilbert, applied for a license to sell beer off the premises at Langley Park.—Granted.——John Coulthard, draper, Dipton, applied for a license to sell spirits and wine off the premises.—Mr. George Bullerwell and Sergeant Edgar gave the applicant a good character. Mr. Dickinson supported the application. It appeared in this case the magistrates possessed a discretionary power.—The Chairman said they thought there was no necessity for this license, therefore they refused it.—This concluded the business.

THE SHOTLEY BRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

By an oversight last week, the following awards of the judges were omitted from our report of the above show:—

BUTTER.

Class 1—Two pounds of fresh butter, in half-pound prints, 1st (presented by C. Wilson, Esq.), £2 2s, Mrs. Cowen, Grey Mare Hill; 2nd, £1, Mrs. Anderson, Wallish Walls, Blackhill; 3rd, 10s, Mrs. Jameson, Cross Hill, Blanchland; c, Mrs. Hindhaugh, Priestfield Farm, Mrs. Bell, Edmondbyers.

Class 2—Two pounds of fresh butter, in artistically displayed devices. This design was done by hand and not by moulds. 1st, £1 10s, Miss Maggie Hedley, Brixter Hill, Stamfordham; 2nd, £1, Miss Mary A. Elsom, East Law Farm, Shotley Bridge; c, Mrs. Anderson, Wallish Walls, Blackhill.

EGGS.

Class 3—Basket of not less than twelve eggs, 1st, 10s Mrs. Joseph Jewitt, Mickley Grange, Stocksfield; 2nd, 10s, Mrs. Anderson, Wallish Walls, Blackhill; c, Mr. Dobinson Martin, Fell Farm, Consett.

POULTRY.

Class 4—Cochins, 1st, cup, 15s, 2nd, 10s, Mr. Geo. H. Proctor, Durham, buff; third, 5s, Mr. Chas. Sidgwick Ryddlesden Hall, Keighly, 6 m 2 w old; h c, Mr. Robt. Bolam, Maiden Law.

Class 5—Brahmas, 1st, 15s, Mr. Matthew Masterman, Tanfield Lea, dark; 2nd, 10s, Messrs. H. W. and H. King, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, light; 3rd, 5s, Mr. Earnest H. Haywood, Shotley Old Hall.

Class 7—Red game, 1st, 15s, Mr. William Vaux, Durham; 2nd, 10s, Messrs. A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers, black red; 3rd, 5s, Mr. William Bearpark, Ainderby Cottage, Northallerton; v h c, Messrs. Dawson and Ashbridge, Market Place, Crook, Mr. John Bell, Mosswood; h c, Mr. Thomas Mitcheson, Swalwell Sands, Gateshead, 13 m old, Mr. John Morton, Waggon Way Row, Marley Hill.

Class 8—Any other variety of game, 1st, 15s, Messrs. Wilson and Gowland, Hawthorn House, Crook; 2nd, 10s, Mr. Matthew Clark, Crawcrook, Ryton-on-Tyne, pile game; 3rd, 5s, Thomas Palliser, Gibside, duck-winged cock, 13 m, and hen, 24 m old.

Class 9—Gold or silver spangled Hamburghs, 1st, 15s 2nd, 10s, Messrs. J. and C. Close, Tanfield Lea, golden spangled; 3rd, 5s, Mr. E. B. Adams, 20, Albert, Shildon, golden; h c, Mr. Henry Surtees, Edmondbyers, silver spangled, Mr. William Maddison, Marley Hill Valley; c, Mr. Anthony Charlton, Snows Green.

Class 10—Gold or silver pencilled Hamburghs, 1st, 15s, Messrs. A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers, silver.

Class 11—Game bantams, 15s, Mr. John Cadcleugh, Durham; 2nd, Messrs. A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers, back reds 3rd, Mr. John Christison, Tow Law Police Station; v h c, and h c, Mr. Henry Pickering, Tantobie; Mr. A. H. Sarby, 9, Victoria Road, Darlington.

Class 12—Any other variety of Bantam, first, 15s, Mr. John Sanderson, Brick Row, Bedlington Iron Works, black red; 2nd, 10s, H. W. and H. King, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, black; 3rd, Mr. John Christieson, Tow Law Police Station.

Class 13—Any other variety of poultry, 1st, 15s, Mrs. F. A. Gunn, Northallerton; 2nd, 10s, Mr. Thomas Newlands, jun., South Shields, black Spanish; 3rd, 5s, Mr. John Laidler, Twizell Wood End, Chester-le-Street, black Spanish, 22 w old; h c, Mr. George Nicholl, Delves Lane, leghorn; c, Messrs. H. W. and H. King, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

Class 14—French or Polish, 1st, 15s, Mr. A. S. Barnjather, 20, Trafalgar Street, Newcastle, golden Polish; 2nd, 10s, Mr. Thomas Newlands, jun., South Shields, French.

Class 15—Turkeys or geese, 1st, Mr. George Bulman, Lustrum House, Stockton-on-Tees, turkeys; 2nd, 10s, Mr. William Bearpark, Ainderby Cottage, Northallerton, geese; 3rd, 5s, Mr. Joseph Jewitt, Mickley Grange, Stocksfield, turkeys; h c, Mr. Alexander Barras, Pea Farm, Chester-le-Street, geese.

Class 16—Rouen ducks, 1st, 15s, Mrs. F. A. Gunn, Northallerton; 2nd, 10s, Messrs. Wilson and Gowland, Hawthorn House, Crook; 3rd, 5s, Mr. William Watson, Tanfield Hall; v h c, Mr. William Bearpark, Ainderby Cottage, Northallerton; h c, Mr. Edward Nicholson jun., Beamish.

Class 17—Aylesbury or Pekin ducks, 1st, cup 15s, 2nd, 10s, Mrs. F. A. Gunn, Northallerton, Pekins and Aylesbury; 3rd, 5s, Mr. Addison Paisley, Bolton Cottage, Wigton, Pekins; v h c, Messrs. H. W. and H. King, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire; h c, Mr. James Scott, Hill House, Annfield Plain, Pekins, Messrs. Wilson and Gowland, Hawthorn House, Crook.

Class 18—Any other variety of duck, 1st, 15s, Messrs. H. W. and H. King, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

Class 19—Selling class (price not to exceed 40s.) cock and hen, or cockerel and pullet, of any variety or age, 1st, 15s, Mr. John Cadcleugh, Durham, game bantams; 2nd, 10s, Messrs. H. W. and H. King, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire; 3rd, 5s, Mr. John Lawson, Gateshead, partridge cochins; h c, Mr. Thomas Newlands, jun., South Shields, Mr. William Watson, Tanfield Hall, Messrs. Wilson and Gowland, Hawthorn House, Crook.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Glandular swellings in the throat, neuralgia, tic doloreux, rheumatism, gout, lumbago, and other diseases affecting the glands, muscles, and nerves of sensation are permanently eradicated by this healing anti-febrile and soothing preparation. It is also a perfect remedy for all skin diseases, and every kind of superficial inflammation, which soon lose their angry character under this invaluable Ointment. The Pills have never been administered either by hospital or private practitioner in dyspepsia or liver complaints without producing the desired result.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—On Tuesday night last, a Bible meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. The audience, though small, was highly influential, and seemed to be deeply interested in the proceedings. Mr. Chas. Wilson, of Shotley Park, on being voted to the chair, opened the meeting by a few very appropriate remarks upon the importance and object of the Society, which, he said, deserved the warm support and ardent sympathy of all Christians. The millions of Bibles which it had circulated was sufficient to commend it to the hearty approval of all who were interested in the spread of the Gospel. After briefly referring to the difficulties the Society had to cope with, the Chairman called upon Mr. Barclay to read the financial report, which showed that the receipts for the past twelve months amounted to £24 6s. 6d.—free donations, £21 11s., books sold, £2 15s. 6d. The Chairman introduced to the meeting the Rev. J. Woodhouse, Vicar of Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who attended as a deputation. The rev. gentleman, in a most suitable address, expained that the Society had originated at a time when there was a great dearth of Bibles, not only in this country but throughout the whole world, and that its object was to supply every man in the world with a copy of the Scriptures in his own tongue. He then gave a very interesting account of the Society's work for the past year, confining his remarks more particularly to France, where its efforts had been attended with great success. After making allusion to the great results which had been achieved in Italy and other parts of the continent, as well as in the Indian and other missionary fields, he quoted statistics from the "Annual Report," showing the great yearly increase in the number of Scriptures distributed. The address was rendered very impressive by the many thrilling anecdotes which he related, and was delivered in a very earnest manner. A collection was taken at the close, which amounted to £2 16s. 7d. Hearty votes of thanks were then accorded to Mr. Woodhouse and the Chairman, and the meeting dispersed.

Correspondence.

A REPLY TO THE REV. T. ASHCROFT'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—I observe in last week's issue of your paper a challenge to Spiritualists from the Rev. T. Ashcroft. Kindly allow me to reply to it through your columns, as I attended the rev. gentleman's lecture, delivered at Allendale Cottages, on the 15th July. I there gave him a public challenge, on behalf of my esteemed friend, Mr. J. W. Mahoney, to discuss the subject of Spiritualism, in the ordinary methods of debate, but he would not accept it, being desirous to see the phenomena on the platform. We were willing to accept that condition, providing Mr. Ashcroft would let us see the phenomena of Christianity, and thereby prove his discipleship, in compliance with his Master's injunctions, which are laid down very plainly in the 16th chap. of Mark and 14th verse to the 18th, Luke, 10th chap. 17th to the 20th verse, and many other passages too numerous to mention. If he is a true disciple, and believes in these passages, I do hope he will accept the challenge, and demonstrate the tenets enjoined on a believer in Jesus. If he will undertake the task, we will do our part to demonstrate some of the phenomena of Spiritualism. Be it understood that we do not pretend to produce the phenomena occurring in our *seances* on public platforms; we simply say that the phenomena occurrs conditionally.

Mr. Ashcroft stated in a lecture he delivered at Consett last year that he had sought admission into the Spiritualists' *seances* and he had been refused. He then offered to go to my house or Weir's Court in Newcastle. I offered to take him, and to my disgust, and his shame, he said that he would not go. I now extend to him an offer—I will take him to a series of *seances* if he will go. He might be able to explain how it is done, and by such explanation do much good to the world, and rescue thousands out of its grasp; not only illiterate men, but such as Mr. Wm. Crooks, F.R.S. (editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Science*), Mr. A. R. Wallace, Mr. Cromwell Verley, Professor Lollner, T. P. Barkas, F.G.S., and a host of other intelligent men, eminent in the world of science, literature, and art.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM TODD.

Front Street, Leadgate.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have noticed in your issue of August 20th, a letter signed by the Rev. T. Ashcroft, which adverts to a challenge given to the Consett Spiritualists on July the 15th and 16th, and an effort is made by Mr. T. Ashcroft to leave the blame for its non-acceptance on his opponents. Now, sir, the facts of the case, so far as I am concerned, are as follows:—On the occasion of Mr. Ashcroft's recent lectures against Spiritualism, a challenge was given at the close of each meeting to the local Spiritualists to bring a representative to discuss the claims of modern Spiritualism, and produce table manifestations each evening on the platform. The non-Spiritualists to undertake to do likewise, and a failure on either side to be subject to a forfeit of £5. This challenge was accepted *in part* on my behalf. The form the acceptance of the challenge took, or, more strictly speaking, the cross-challenge of the Spiritualists, was this: the Spiritualists, on their part, would undertake to produce the phenomena on the platform on the condition that the Christians would agree to produce the miraculous events, or something like them, which are recorded in the New Testamnet. This is the form of challenge, and the only form which the Consett, Blackhill, or Allendale Spiritualist agreed to in any authoritative manner, so that the reference to a cabinet and the forfeiture of £100 in the event of failure to elicit phenomena, can have regard only to an individual challenge and not binding upon the Spiritualists.

Mr. Ashcroft's challenge, in the form stated in his letter, was *never* accepted by the local Spiritualists, and I might go further and say that it never will be accepted. Spiritualists declare at all times that they do not profess to produce the phenomena before a public audience, and Mr. T. Ashcroft should know this well enough, since he had a letter of mine a year or two ago, which expressed in the most explicit manner that his form of challenge could never be accepted. He was then informed that Spiritualists were not conjurors, and were unable therefore to elicit physical phenomena at will. But I may observe that, although the class of phenomena known as physical phenomena, such as table-movement, materialisations, &c., cannot be produced to order on the platform, there are other classes of phenomena which may be denominated subjective phenomena, such as trance-mediumship, clairvoyance, &c., which are constantly in operation before the public. Physical manifestations require other conditions than those afforded by a public audience.

I would ask Mr. T. Ashcroft, through your columns, if the living witnesses of modern Spiritualistic phenomena cannot have credence for their testimony, what becomes of the recorded testimony of the dead witnesses of Biblical phenomena?

I have endeavoured, most earnestly, to bring Mr. Ashcroft to a fair and ordinary discussion of modern Spiritualism, but have failed. I visited his own town (West Hartlepool) in the hope that he would attend and oppose me, but all in vain. I again challenge him to a fair and honourable discussion on modern Spiritualism for as many nights as he may desire and in any town which he may select. If he does not accept of this straightforward challenge, I will follow him wherever he delivers his lectures against modern Spiritualism and expose his questionable pretention to the position he assumes, *parvum parva decent*. — I remain, respectfully yours,

J. W. MAHONY.

Anglesey Street, Tozells, Birmingham,
August 2 rd, 1880.

BRUTALITY AT CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I [illegible]rstood from your columns that the moral tone of Con[illegible] and district had greatly improved during the last few years, and yet judge of my astonishment in becoming an involuntary spectator of a most disgusting exhibition which took place at the Tin Mill Pit on Wednesday morning, between ten and eleven o'clock. I was going leisurely up from Blackhill to Consett on that morning (after the arrival of the train from Newcastle) when my ears were assailed by the hooting and yelling of the men and lads working at the screen and railway of the Tin Mill Pit. On turning to the place from whence the noise proceeded, I saw that the cause was two lads, who were doing their best to maim each other, and a number of brutes, supposed to be men, had actually left their work to urge on these two desperadoes. I have no doubt the lads would have soon settled their little differences, but the youths of larger growth were doing their utmost to urge the combatants to the fray. It is to be hoped that in future such unseemly exhibitions will be put a stop to.—I am, sir, yours truly,

A SPECTATOR.

August 26th, 1880.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—At 48, Wood Street, on the 23rd inst., Mary Ann, widow of the late Mr. William Gilbertson, of a son.

DEATHS.

BURNOPFIELD—At Crook Bank, on the 14th inst., Robert Wm. Potts.

EBCHESTER—At Broomhill, on the 19th inst., aged 7 years and 10 months, Margaret Ann Scott, daugher of Robert and Mary Davison.—At the same place, on the 22nd inst., aged 1 year and 10 months, Thomas, beloved son of James and Lizze Mewes.

DIPTON—On the 23rd inst., aged 58 years, Elizabeth Phillipson.—On the 22nd inst., aged 13 months, Penelope Edith, daughter of Emmerson and Jeannette Wilkinson.

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