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## TITHE RENT-CHARGE.

There are many indications just now that the numerous burdens on the land must ere long undergo alteration, and foremost amongst them is the charge made in the form of tithe. Differences of opinion exist as to whether this charge should be levied upon the tenant or upon the owner. There is no contention, however, respecting the rate at which the burden is imposed—it being, according to the changes of recent years, a great deal too high. If rent costs from ten shilling to thirty shillings an acre, and labour from thirty-five to fifty, there is something manifestly disproportionate in the cost of tithes and rates, which range from ten shillings to twenty, and constitute in themselves the profit which the farmer ought to realize. We would not for a moment argue that tithe be absolutely abolished. It is only the extremist section of Welsh agitators who would desire such a step. It is a charge which from time immemorial has been connected with the land, and it is one which the landowner to bear. But the owner, and not the tenant, should be responsible for its payment. Nor need it be believed, if the burden were shifted from one to the other, that the result in the end would be the same. Such one of those changes the good effect of which is not to be measured by the rule of three. There are countless instances in this country where, if the landlord were compelled to pay the tithes of his estates, the farmer's rent would not be increased—and for this reason: that thousands of farmers are rented too dearly even at the present reduced rates. Perhaps, in asserting this, we are at once propoking that an additional tax should be placed upon land; but even so construed in this manner, the idea is not positively outrageous. It is an easy theory that tithe is synonymous with rent; and if it were not charged in one form, it would have to be paid in another. Taking the country throughout, with the differences of circumstances and individuals, the farmer knows very well that if tithes were abolished, his chances of making a satisfactory bargain would be very much improved. He is, at all events, desirous of risking it; and we do not see who should know better what he requires. We say nothing of the irritation frequently caused by the present division of the charges, but simply contend for a single rent which we are perfectly sure would be more satisfactory in the long run both for landlord and tenant. If the two be already one and the same—as contended by many, why should there be so opposed to having the responsibility of tithe thrust upon them? There's the rub. The landlord objects, the tenant is desirous; it needs no keenness of philosophy to perceive on which side is the balance of advantage. Gallant little Wales is leading the agitation, and in some respects perhaps she has more reason to be discontented than the tithe paupers on the English side of the border. But we are very much mistaken if the grievance does not eventually become infectious. Farmers have for many years past endured a gradual diminution of profit; they are determined not to be driven to absolute ruin without a struggle, and amongst the burdens they have resolved to get rid of is the tithe rent-charge, which in many places amounts to more than the land is now worth per acre to let for cultivation. The farmer sees it is impossible for him to rent on a satisfactory basis until he gets rid of the tithe charge, and he is slowly coming to the conclusion that the remedy is in his own hands. He has steered clear as yet from agitation — he must now bethink himself of it.

## OUR BIBLE: ITS ORIGIN AND HISTORY.

### PART III.

These M.S.S. of the New Testament were all written in Greek, which, as I mentioned before, owing to the conquests of Alexander the Great, was then the language of the whole world. But very soon the whole Bible became translated into other languages, for the use of foreign churches, and these translations were called Versions. One of the most important of these versions was the Vulgate, a Latin translation made by the most learned of all the Latin Fathers—St. Jerome (fourth century).

Even in England, for many years, these Latin Bibles were used. The Monks used to copy them, which they did in a most skilful and beautiful manner. But they were not very much use, for most of the people were unable to read Latin. Yet the kings and clergy, who were at this time the subjects of the Pope of Rome, refused to let them have the Scriptures in their own native tongue. At last, however, after a hard struggle, an English Bible was obtained for the English people, chiefly through the exertions of a good man (1) John De Wycliffe, and (2) William Tyndale. John De Wycliffe lived about 500 years ago, was born at a village called Wycliffe in North Yorkshire, and was educated at Oxford. He is sometimes called "The Morning Star of the Reformation." Portions of the Holy Scriptures had been translated into English before this (e.g., by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, and by Aelfric, who only finished the Gospel of St. John on his death-bed, A.D., 735; and also Alfred the Great, in the 9th century), but Wycliffe was the first to translate the whole Bible into English. This was about 100 years before the introduction of printing into England. We can now obtain printed copies of Wycliffe's Bible, but I am afraid most of us could make very little of it out, owing to the great changes which our language has undergone since that time. You will tell me perhaps I hear how Wycliffe was treated in return for this magnificent work. It almost cost him his life! He was summoned before a Council by order of the Pope, and would certainly have been condemned, and perhaps burnt at the stake, had he not been accompanied by his friend the Duke of Lancaster, of whom the judges were afraid. So he escaped, and was allowed to die quietly in his Rectory at Lutterworth, in Leicestershire (1384). I am sorry to say, however, the people were not allowed to read or listen to pennon his Bible. Those who did were nicknamed Lollards, and cruelly persecuted.

But the man whom English people have to thank more than any other for their English Bible is William Tyndale, a learned man, of University College, who lived about 200 years after the days of Henry VIII. In spite of the opposition of the king and most of the clergy, he was determined that the sacred Scriptures should become known to the poor people. He was one day discussing the matter with a learned man, who said, "We were better without God's laws than the Pope's." Tyndale replied, "I defy the Pope and all his laws, and if God spares my life, ere long I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scriptures than them both." He almost regretted, for a short space of time he made a most beautiful translation of the New Testament into English. Great (surpassing even that of Wycliffe, which was only a translation from the Vulgate), and in the face of enormous difficulties he managed to supply the people with copies of it. This he was able to do the more readily, as the art of printing was now known. He, however, was obliged to go over to Germany to print them, owing to his many enemies in England. King Henry VIII., who, I am afraid, was chiefly a Protestant to serve his own ends, condemned his translation, and ordered that all copies of it to be seized and burnt. But Tyndale kept on supplying, and the people kept on buying them, although each copy cost a fortnight's wages. It was when Tyndale heard that the Bishop of London was buying his books in order to burn them, he remarked, "I am the gladder, for now two benefits shall come thereof. I shall get money to bring myself out of debt, and the whole world will cast away their Bibles to get rid of God's Word; and the overplus of the money that shall remain with me shall make me more exploits to correct the said New Testament, and so newly to imprint the same once again, and I trust the second will much better like you than the first." Forward went the bishop; then the Bishop had the books, and Tyndale had the money, which helped him to get out better copies. But at length the King sent over some spies to seek him out, and take him prisoner. He was accordingly taken and put in prison, but not arrested, but was offered his release if he would promise to send over no more English New Testaments. This he refused to do, and was imprisoned in a Castle for a year and a-half. Afterwards, he was brought to trial, and condemned to death for the heresy of Greek. He was first tied to the stake, then strangled by the hangman, and afterwards burned (1536). His last words were "May the Lord open the eyes of the King of England." A splendid statue of him has recently been erected in London, on the Thames Embankment. It is of bronze, and he is represented as standing reading a MS. His dying prayer was answered, for only a year after (1541) King Henry VIII. ordered that an English Bible should be placed in every church throughout the land. This was the famous great Bible, so called on account of its size. It was not a new translation, but consisted chiefly of Tyndale's. But Tyndale's name with which he had left unprinted of the Old Testament. Thus, you see, the king was now commanding the very Bible which a few years before he had condemned and ordered to be burnt; and not only the King, for it was also signed by Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of Durham (Durham), who, as Bishop of London, not long before had preached upon its evils, and had solemnly committed it to the flames, at St. Paul's Cross. God had opened the eyes of the king and his counsellors, and the circulation and knowledge of the Bible at once increased on every side. In course, during the reign of Mary its sale and use were forbidden on the pain of imprisonment or death; and in the Chapter Library at Windsor there is an ancient copy of Tyndale's New Testament, which was seized and marked, with the following words written on the fly-leaf at the beginning :—"Unto the oft readinge and diligent studyo of this booke, pray devoutly, there is noone that has awoke blessings and promises annexed. Ever remember that as when you prayse you speake unto God, so when you read you hearken unto God." In prison the thirds day of Aprill, 1556. By your poore brother, Roger Cutforth, martyr." This is a testament in Christe Jesu, and to pray for me continually."

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## SUCCESS, AND SOME ELEMENTS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAINING IT.

### BY SMILES PAPER.

### PERSEVERANCE.

A person need only consider the various callings of men, and the difficulties which often stand in their way, to perceive how much perseverance is absolutely necessary to those who long for success. And who does not long to reach so glorious a goal? Even the dullest of us, the most indifferent, the slightest efforts to accomplish something in surely an indication that they desire success. And the fact that so many of men do not succeed shows that measure of success which they desire suggests that there must be a fault somewhere. It would be saying too much if it were affirmed that the fault was always in man. But without doubt this sometimes is the case. Do not men often sit down disheartened, and give up in despair, resembling the man who "began to build without first considering whether he could be able to finish?" It is not at all improbable but that, in the lives of most men, work has been undertaken and never finished. Let a man sit down to ask himself, how often have I undertaken a task, and relinquished it before completion? Let there be some fruitful reckoning self, and the probability will be that a considerable amount of failure and manifest weakness will be apparent. Yet, in many cases, in the multitude of cases, the want of perseverance is one of the chief causes.

And what is perseverance but "the power to continue steadily at the work taken in hand" it is finished? It is a power which "only" obstacles, and overcomes them. And every opposing nature is overcome. It matters not which difficulty we may personally encounter and after all the may appear, the spirit of perseverance will face them with a determination that will not be overcome. It offers a power of living which stands in its way. "Down with it," is the cry raised against all impediments. "By hanging is the word," is the cry against failure. "No impediment. Nothing of despair or wavering does it know. Obstacles are only there that it may display its might. And so, when the officer who was commanded to place some heavy pieces of artillery on the top of a steep hill, was met by the objection, "It cannot be done," he replied, "I must be done; I have the orders in my pocket." The common-place saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again," is very true in its nature. Perseverance believes thoroughly in the maxim, "I posse ni esse," which may be translated, "I can because I must." Perseverance knows no "can't" or "impossibility" in fact, or "From being doubts to being done." It is the spirit which constitutes the truest success,—the bringing to a proper termination whatever work has been taken in hand.

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lence, from the graves to which they are now tending, they would be as much struck with astonishment at the changes made as would those who died at the beginning of the present century if they could visit this earth again.

There is, indeed, a feeling generally living which is capable of being made different and better than the present. Who are to be the first in the vanguard of progress remains to be seen. That there is an ordain that the man who lacks the power of perseverance will be left in the rear. Those who are determined to do, and to dare, will lead the van. The hand, will have to stand aside, and let the men of perseverance lead. As it has been in the past, so it is likely to be in the future, viz., that men of greatness will rise from all ranks of society. Whilst among "the high born" there will rise those who are determined to be in the future, viz., that men of mechanic's craft or the draughtsman's art,—it must be followed up with an untiring constancy. If you will but do this,—if they are able to say at the close of each day,

"Something accomplished, something done,"—their life will not die in vain.

Never say die—never say die;
Life's worth living, if only we try;
The hardest toil can be done,
Were not given in vain.
And so—never say die.

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If earnings be low and if living be high,
'Tis time to be thrifty,
Not to faint or grieve over,
Better days will come by and by,
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The sad thing to do is to mope and say fortune dies;
Is labour and care!
Let the head and the heart
Each do its own part,
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HAGGERSTON.

## LECTURE BY REV. W. BAITEY AT LANGLEY.

On Monday night, under the auspices of the Langley Park Folding Institute, a lecture, association, in an excellent and interesting lecture was delivered in the Miners' Hall, Langley, by Rev W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist minister, Crook (one of this circuit), the subject of the lecture being "Live and Let Live." The chair was occupied by Mr Adam Brodie, Secretary of the North-West Durham Liberal Association. There was also present on the platform Messrs J. H. Hudson, Castle Dean; D. Reed, Leadgate; and R. Johnston. Owing, no doubt, to the unsettled state of the weather, there was but a small attendance.

The Chairman, in introducing the lecturer, said that the lecture they were to hear that night was to be on "Live and Let Live," and he thought the lecturer really meant "Fairplay." He believed in "Live and Let Live," and he fully expected to hear the subject dealt with in a masterly style by the lecturer. (Cheers).

The Rev. W. Baitey was received with applause, said that the Chairman had got to the very essence of his lecture when he designated it "Fairplay." Fairplay was the very life and soul existence of life, and not to quench the power of existence in others. All the more from God, we had given us different shapes and forms. It had been a great question of late years, "Is life worth living?" He would have to say that it was languishing in the palace, but we could scarcely imagine that it would be worth living in some of the miserable hovell of the poor, unless we could relieve the poorer classes cling to life with surprising tenacity. He believed that you have to live and let live, and makes life worth living. It mattered not what station of life a man might be in, he always had some kind of life. He was not going to talk much about it; we may not be able to describe it on paper; still every man has his ideal. To every man there was a Creator (Mr Thomas Jones), Mr T. Murphy, the Medomsley goal-keeper, played for the Consett team, and was congratulated on the manner in which he defended the goal.

Mr Hudson, J. P., played at right ground of the former, and resulted in a draw, Tow Law making two goals, and one disqualified, while Crook made two goals. Teams:—Consett: (c.), Hudson; backs, T. Hilton, W. Harding; half backs, W. Smith, R. Stevens, T. Gilfillan; forwards, G. Daglish, J. Crooke, R. Fawcett, E. Taylor. Tow Law:—Goal, by the life show that it was worth living. It is every man's privilege to realise this. We are told by some of our greatest writers that some men are not born into their proper sphere (Hear, hear). It mattered not to what nationality we belonged, we were all the children of one great Creator. We were democrat says to the aristocrat: "We cannot live as you live. We do not wish to do so—to germanize with you, and make ourselves miserable by the fact of living. But still we claim the right to live." Some men did not care to work. They would rather beg or live on the rates. He would give us an instance where a really good workman had refused a situation at 36s per week, 32s per week preferring to live on some other parish. The situation was offered to him by the Master of the township, and he refused it. He refused the admission to the casual ward. Three weeks had only elapsed when he returned, and again requested admission. The Master refused him, and gave him into the hands of the police the next morning, and served him right. He was of opinion that there would be fewer beggars if they would all act on the plan of seeing that they did not give bread to a beggar unless he worked for it. That was a first step. He could scarcely conceive of a more blessed time than when we should be without beggars and paupers. It would be a glorious day for England when blessed with qualities with which he could push his way in life. He would now proceed to Fairplay, to which he could turn his hand. He believed in every one having two strings to their bow. The great question of the day was capital and labour. What was extravagance. They were, comparatively speaking, considerably more extravagant than the aristocracy. The aristocracy spent scarcely more than £14 out of every £100 of their income on luxuries; while the poor man spent more than something like £30 per £100 for the same purpose. Luxuries were dear. It would have been better if they had been cheaper, and then they would be more of life a little cheaper. As to the length of time a man lives, it is not the man who lives longest that lives most. One man may live to be 70 years of age, such purpose that he may do as much, if not more, in that year as another man might do in two years. A man should live while he lived. Their forefathers were content to plough with a crooked stick, and their crown of glory with as much more pleasure through the strength that they had done their duty to their fellow men. (Applause.)

Mr D. Reed proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr R. Johnston, and was adopted.

Mr Baitey gropped a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the manner in which he had officiated. The vote was carried by acclamation.

THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE WEARDALE RAILWAY.—The Consett Iron Company of this district, which will tap one of the richest mineral producing districts in England, being made. On Monday the Consett Iron Company (on the line of the Weardale), received a communication from Mr. J. C. Swan, Newcastle, lessee of the Allenheads Railway, that his co-directors entertained the proposal to have and finished the railway and estimate about a route from their defined terminus at Crawleyside—Weardale to Allenheads, Killhope Law, Blackhill, Number of Ends, Carrshield and Nent Head, and to the Alston Railway Company, and Nent Railway Boards. Immediate steps are to be taken in further one to "catch up" the progress made in Weardale, so that should the above powerful trio of corporate bodies be favourably impressed, a new line from east to west coasts may early be made.

## Local Ball.

### FIXTURES.

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SHERBURN ASYLUM CO-OPERATIVE STORE v. CHESTER-LE-STREET STORE (A).—Played on the ground of the former on Wednesday, when the latter won the match by victorious by four goals to nil.

GATESHEAD HIGH SCHOOL v. BURNOPFIELD C.E.T. RANGERS (A).—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and after a well-contested game resulted in a draw of one goal each.

STRAWBERRY v. WEARDALE (A).—Played at Wolsingham on Wednesday, and resulted in favour of the visitors by two goals to one.

LEADGATE v. CATCHGATE RED STARS (A).—Played as a friendly on Saturday, and an exciting game ended in a draw, each team scoring one goal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. BURNOPFIELD C.E.T. JUNIORS (A).—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, when the latter won by seven goals to one.

BURNOPFIELD C.E.T. RANGERS.—We have received a letter from the captain of this club criticising a match played off on the 27th ult., which we did not publish, as the communication should have reached us in time for last week's issue.

The Home of Mr. Hudson, Castle Dean (R).—Played at Ryton in fine weather, the ground being in fair condition. The game was played in two periods of thirty minutes each. The score was—Ryton, 1 try, 5 quarter points; Castle Dean, 0.

MEDOMSLEY v. TANFIELD.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and, after a good game, resulted in favour of the visitors by one goal to nil. T. Murphy, the Medomsley goal-keeper, played splendidly and was deservedly congratulated on the manner in which he defended the goal.

Mr. Hudson, J. P., played at right ground of the former, and resulted in a draw, Tow Law making two goals, and one disqualified, while Crook made two goals. Teams:—Consett: (c.), Hudson; backs, T. Hilton, W. Harding; half backs, W. Smith, R. Stevens, T. Gilfillan; forwards, G. Daglish, J. Crooke, R. Fawcett, E. Taylor. Tow Law:—Goal, by the life show that it was worth living. It is every man's privilege to realise this. We are told by some of our greatest writers that some men are not born into their proper sphere (Hear, hear). It mattered not to what nationality we belonged, we were all the children of one great Creator. We were democrat says to the aristocrat: "We cannot live as you live. We do not wish to do so—to germanize with you, and make ourselves miserable by the fact of living. But still we claim the right to live." Some men did not care to work. They would rather beg or live on the rates. He would give us an instance where a really good workman had refused a situation at 36s per week, 32s per week preferring to live on some other parish. The situation was offered to him by the Master of the township, and he refused it. He refused the admission to the casual ward. Three weeks had only elapsed when he returned, and again requested admission. The Master refused him, and gave him into the hands of the police the next morning, and served him right. He was of opinion that there would be fewer beggars if they would all act on the plan of seeing that they did not give bread to a beggar unless he worked for it. That was a first step. He could scarcely conceive of a more blessed time than when we should be without beggars and paupers. It would be a glorious day for England when blessed with qualities with which he could push his way in life. He would now proceed to Fairplay, to which he could turn his hand. He believed in every one having two strings to their bow. The great question of the day was capital and labour. What was extravagance. They were, comparatively speaking, considerably more extravagant than the aristocracy. The aristocracy spent scarcely more than £14 out of every £100 of their income on luxuries; while the poor man spent more than something like £30 per £100 for the same purpose. Luxuries were dear. It would have been better if they had been cheaper, and then they would be more of life a little cheaper. As to the length of time a man lives, it is not the man who lives longest that lives most. One man may live to be 70 years of age, such purpose that he may do as much, if not more, in that year as another man might do in two years. A man should live while he lived. Their forefathers were content to plough with a crooked stick, and their crown of glory with as much more pleasure through the strength that they had done their duty to their fellow men. (Applause.)

Mr D. Reed proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr R. Johnston, and was adopted.

Mr Baitey gropped a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the manner in which he had officiated. The vote was carried by acclamation.

THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE WEARDALE RAILWAY.—The Consett Iron Company of this district, which will tap one of the richest mineral producing districts in England, being made. On Monday the Consett Iron Company (on the line of the Weardale), received a communication from Mr. J. C. Swan, Newcastle, lessee of the Allenheads Railway, that his co-directors entertained the proposal to have and finished the railway and estimate about a route from their defined terminus at Crawleyside—Weardale to Allenheads, Killhope Law, Blackhill, Number of Ends, Carrshield and Nent Head, and to the Alston Railway Company, and Nent Railway Boards. Immediate steps are to be taken in further one to "catch up" the progress made in Weardale, so that should the above powerful trio of corporate bodies be favourably impressed, a new line from east to west coasts may early be made.

## Sporting Items.

SHOOTING AT STANHOPE.—Mr Fenwick's party of six gulls shot 20 brace of grouse on Saturday on Cornsay Moor.

HARRIERS' COURSING AT WINLATON.—A good company assembled in a field adjoining the Cornmoor Hotel, Winlaton, to-day, to witness the sweepstakes. Final course:—Fair Trade beat Dart Lass and won.

COURSING AND SHOOTING AT STOCKSFIELD.—On Saturday afternoon a pigeon shooting handicap sweepstakes, promoted by Mr. R. Chapman, Hyvell Inn, was decided. Entrance, 5s. Cathcart, 1; Mr. Waugh, 2; Mr. Tiplady and Mr. Robert Waugh divided the stakes. On the return of the members to the hostery of Mr Watson a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

SHOOTING AT MEDOMSLEY AT LEADGATE.—On Saturday afternoon, a pigeon shooting handicap, at 2s each, with £2 added by Mr. J. Hudson, commenced in a field adjoining the house of Mr J. Hardy, the Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate. Entrance, 5s. Cathcart, 1; Cathcart, 2; Mr. Sandy Grant, 0; Gray City, 0; Greater Scott, 1-1-1; The Stoner, 1-1. The usual conditions were observed. Mr. H. Appleby being judge. The handicap will be concluded.

SHOOTING AT THE SILVER CUP CONTEST.—A score of 10-stoners entered, and the first round, at night at the club-room, Weardead, to contest the silver cup presented by Mr. Bell, of Bishop Auckland, before it is the winner's property. Results: First round—J. Humble threw G. Proud, 1, Wearmouth Bridge; Robert Bell, Tanfield, T. Wilkinson, Tanfield, J. Pattinson threw E. Bell, T. Harrison threw G. Burdess, Wm. Bell threw G. Graham, G. Feather-stone threw J. Bell, T. Bell threw T. Fairbairn, T. Fetherd, T. Hutton threw T. Wearmouth, J. Peart threw J. Emmerson, T. Rutherford threw J. Pattinson. Second round—Wm. Bell threw T. Rutherford, T. Hutton threw T. Wearmouth, J. Pattinson threw G. Featherstone, Thos. R. Whitfield threw J. Pattinson, J. Pattinson threw J. Bell, T. Harrison threw Robert Bell, Tanfield, Wm. Bell threw T. Fairbairn, T. Whitfield, J. Whitfield threw J. Pattinson, J. Pattinson threw T. Whitfield.

RABBIT COURSING AT CONSETT.—A large company patronised the Consett Grounds on Saturday afternoon, when the first ties of the £30 rabbit coursing sweep for 32 dogs, at £1 each, promoted by Mr J. Inglis, of the Shakespeare Hotel, Consett, were run off. Results :—Walker's Rose beat Dragon's Violet Cassidy by 3 to 1, Hutchinson's Wild Tommy beat Jackson's Plunger by 3 to 2, Curry's Nelly Bly beat Straight Mary Stevenson by 3 to 2, Brown's Turpin beat Shaw's Shakespeare Lad by 3 to 1, Vicker's Annie Laurie beat Downey Flyaboat by 3 to 0, Hall's Bonny Daisy beat Neen's Nelly Miller by 3 to 2, Lamb's Hard Times beat Curry's M.C. by 3 to 0, Nicholson's Pretty Polly beat Kelly's Jack by 3 to 2, McKay's Master beat Parkin's Puffer by 3 to 2, Wardle's Little Sister beat Mosher's Home Rule by 3 to 1, Jackson's Castor Oil beat Alexander's Sally Coons Heme by 3 to 0, Gate's St. Gatien beat Anderson's Hillcrest Top by 3 to 0, Kelly's Jane's Pet beat Telford's Luck's All by 3 to 2. N. Lamb was picked first and J. Dodds judge.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HOUND MATCHES.—These hounds had a most excellent afternoon's sport on Saturday. The meet was at Manor House, Minsteracres, at 3 o'clock, and owing to the severe weather only a small field assembled. Several ladies, however, were present. Mr Ritley (keeper on the estate) led the way to Hedleyhope while on Rockwell Hall Farm. Puss, however, was not at home, so turning northwards they ranged the rough pastures on Birkenside Farm. A hare jumped up about a quarter of a mile to the south of Birkenside whin, and the hounds quickly settled down to terms with her, when of course was her first point, and this she catered at the low end and threaded her way right up the covert. Breaking on the north side, the hounds were at fault for a moment, but quickly hitting it off they streamed over the large rough pastures towards Moorgreen Reservoir and Crowley Rigg, however, the hare turned slight-hearted, and made for the low end of the covert, and right out of Birkenside whin. She passed on to Crowley Farm, and ran down the brook side to Eddie Bridge. Before reaching the bridge the hare was headed, and squatted in the same field in which she had been originally put up. The hounds were quickly on her line and she was soon headed to the whin. Here she obtained shelter for a few minutes and slipped away to the north side of the covert. Mr Falconer now proceeded for the first time to cast his hounds, who, soon hitting off the scent, hunted their game slowly and carefully for the a fence, where she had taken refuge, and where she now jumped up. For about 12 minutes more she stood up, and several fields further on she was now in the open; time, one hour and a quarter. Owing to the favourable nature of the ground the field, all on foot were enabled to keep well up to the run. The hounds worked exceedingly well throughout, their pace for 15-inch hounds being wonderful, while the manner in which they spread and cast themselves as a fault is a real treat to the lover of hare hunting.

## LANCHESTER COURSING MEETING.

Stewards.—Messrs N. Brownlow, E. Wylam, W. Nicholson, H. Oliver, E. A. Oliver, and W. T. Dalgliesh, and Mr. Thomas Carr and Mr C. Richardson. Slipper—Mr W. Thornton.

This meeting took place on Wednesday, over the Rent Estate, by the permission and kind consent granted by Mr Matthew Kearney, J.P., of the Ford, but thanks to the effective arrangements, certainly in the absence of the Ford Agent, who is driving the game, the result was anything but satisfactory, a long distance to catch dogs, and a very small amount of sport being witnessed, with an unlimited amount of tramping. The meet was at Lanchester, and the first draw took place in the Lanchester, and with wretched weather, which lasted all day, and rendered game wild and bad to approach. The first course was from the Ford, and above the Workhouse, adjoining the Cold Rowley road, and since the beating was driven up to Newbiggen, and on the fields were Indescribably bad, and a no-course was all that had been recorded when the slopes of the Newbiggen incision for the Roman encompment and the Browney had been reashed. The hard frost during the night was not favourable, and the wind was in the worst quarter of wind, rain, and sleet which delayed the start from Lanchester for nearly an hour. This was intended to be a one-day meeting, and the meeting only before a single course was obtained, with the exception of the first course (Hall *versus* Hall) beaten and Queen of Kildare, who was two hours and three-quarters in the slips. Plenty of hares were seen, but the wildness of the weather and very good hares were put up, but by this time the greater portion of the company were off the ground, the more friendly shelter from the rain and storm, which swept like a hurricane over the Lanchester Moors, and the Ford, and by the time they once dgen, and a big division was agreed upon, no more ground being left to cover. So little was seen of the course that the decision rested with Mr Cockerill did all he could to refer ride the disadvantages and the decision of Judge Sanderson judge, and Willie Thornton as slipper, did their best under very discouraging circumstances.

The FORD CUP, for 16 couples; greyhounds at £2 10s each. Winner, £18; second, £7; two dogs, £2 10s each.

Mr A. Dodds ns

## ANOTHER SNOWSTORM.

Winter may be said to have fairly set in in the North. On Tuesday night, there was a heavy downfall of snow in the neighbourhood of Consett, Tow Law, and the Weardale Fells. The weather was dreadfully cold, and a severe frost set in. Snow continued to fall at intervals during the night, and up to an early hour on Wednesday morning, covering the ground a few inches. Afterwards there was a "fresh." Later on, the sun shone brilliantly; but matters were decidedly uncomfortable underfoot, as the "slush" and wet snow was very disagreeable. At Tow Law, the ground was covered to a depth of between four and five inches, and at places it had drifted to a foot in height. On Wednesday evening, there was a further fall of snow, but yesterday (Thursday) there was an improvement in the aspect of the weather.

## THE CONSETT WHEELBARROWIST.

James Sparks (44), a blastfurnaceman, who is well-known in the North of England, is now undertaking his journey (as announced last week) from Consett to Wolverhampton and back to Glasgow with a wheelbarrow. Sparks made two circuits through Consett, Leadgate, Blackhill, Shotley Bridge, and surrounding district on Saturday, and was the object of much attention and curiosity. He was followed in his perambulations by large crowds, and was well received in a pecuniary sense. Sparks also exhibited himself and his specially-constructed barrow in the streets of the town on Saturday evening, and attracted a numerous concourse, besides collecting a quantity of money. On Sunday, he attended divine worship at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Blackhill. On Monday morning, shortly before nine o'clock, Sparks embarked upon his outward journey. There was a numerous attendance of sightseers to witness him take his departure, which was delayed for about an hour in consequence of his barrow having some iron bands affixed thereto in order to strengthen it. The man was loudly cheered, when, clad in an ironworker's garb, he trundled his barrow from Church Street, along Middle Street, and down Front Street, via Castleside to Tow Law, where he arrived between twelve and one o'clock, about two hours late. This circumstance is doubtless owing to the heavy state of the roads consequent upon the thaw.

## NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

The Anemone Japonica has been blooming in the Rectory gardens for the last three or four months.

Dr Robinson, Butts Villa, Stanhope, has a bush in his garden containing a quantity of ripe red currants still hanging in bunches on the bush.

Mr Charles Tinkler, taxidermist, Stanhope, has succeeded in stuffing and preserving a fine salmon caught during the last season in Stanhope Burn.

The very rare fossil of the star fish has been found recently in one of the freestone quarries on Stanhope Moor.

Well done, Stanhope! Mr Thompson Raine, of Stanhope, now teacher in St. Giles School, Durham, has succeeded in passing 97·3 per cent. of his scholars during the recent examination.

Wrestling, so long and honourably associated with Weardale, is now being much resorted to at the Athletic School, Wearhead, where handsome silver cup trophies are to be competed for during the approaching Christmastide.

Mr John Askew, the Stanhope shoemaker, who won such distinguished honours at South Kensington Exhibition last summer, having then secured the only medal for violin making in Great Britain, and being only beat by a German and an Italian, has made another just recently, superior both in tone and finish to the one which brought him into fame.

Mr Richmond, an engineman on the North-Eastern Railway, has made his mark in sculpture in Stanhope, he having chiselled out of solid stone some figures which now adorn his new house front which do him credit. They have been pronounced perfection by some experts who have seen them, and reflect upon Mr Richmond the highest praise.

An important decision was arrived at at the monthly meeting of the Stanhope School Board last Friday. Three persons fined by the magistrates refuse to pay, and the Board passed a resolution authorising distraint in these and all cases, Messrs Vickers, M'Callum, and others insisting that to secure convictions and not enforce them was worse than taking no proceedings at all.

It is a trite saying that "It's an ill wind that blaws naebody good." It was exemplified in Bollihope last week. An old tup of some 14 or 16 years of age, belonging to a Bollihope farmer, had got "rigged" or casten, that is, got on his back, and struggled in vain to regain his feet, until he was just about done, when he was found by the owner and a miner who lodged in the mine shop close by. The miner, a regular wag, begged the old tup, which the generous farmer gave him willingly. So he stuck him, and bled him, and shouldered his prize, and carried him to the mine shop, where he was joined by his confederates, who skinned him and cut him up as experienced butchers only could themselves have done, and placed some prime cuts in a huge pan on the shop fire, while another of the company went and sought some vegetables and greens at the farm-houses near. So they had the "pot on," to use a Weardale expression. After being boiled for some three hours, which after all didn't soften him very much, soup was served steaming hot around the shop, and partaken of by nearly all with a relish, the savoury smell of which would whet the appetite of a dyspeptic, and which brought about the shop all the dogs within a reasonable distance of Bollihope. All the miners came trooping in from the mines, the odour of soup had reached them in their foreheads, their rises, and their lengths, and they could not resist the impulse to come and partake of tup soup, prepared by a redoubtable Westgate cook. So they seated themselves around the shop, and the cook and his assistant handed out basin after basin of tup soup, some relished it so much that they supped off the contents of no less than three basins, and even sat into the small hours of the morning to sup more. To see them all seated around the soop partaking soup, was a sight indeed, and all teasing the tough fibres of meat from together, one man declaring that his teeth could chew leather, but the old tup beat them clean. Some had boiled potatoes, others had tea and tup, and various items and edibles were turned out of their wallets. A slight mishap in the cooking upset their calculations, Burns has well said, "That the best laid schemes of mice and men gan aft agley," so it was on this occasion, the tup's head had chased the vegetables round and round the pot. The cook had omitted taking out its eyes so that it cornered the potatoes and turnips and butted them against the pan sides, and they became set on, rather burnt. In the pan were celery, parsley, thyme, and turnips, carrots, onions, and beet, parsnips, leeks, cabbage, and potatoes, a tup's head and some choice cuts of no ordinary size, together with split peas, barley, and rice, pepper and salt. The huge fire made the pan very hot, and the cook, while masquerading, allowed the fire to rather catch it, and a waggish neighbour had mixed the pepper with a well-known purgative. No Irishman ever had such a stew among the peat bogs of Kilkenny. However, the greater part of the old ram was demolished, the remaining portions were conveyed into hiding places, where again they were sought for and stolen, one prime cut of 15lbs. or more, being pilfered from its hiding place by an old hand, arrived duly at the Quaker's Square. Other choice cuts were stolen and restolen, until the remains of the old Scotch tup were spread far and wide. Nothing that has occurred in Bollihope since the shooting of the dead fox has caused so much fun and merriment, than the tragic fate of Tom Smith's old Scotch tup and the soup day at Bollihope mine shop, and the miners, henceforth, will tell how they kedged themselves so well, and how they thought the game was up when they discovered the head of the tup chasing a carrot of enormous size around the pot, with both its eyes, and how one poor fellow threw all he'd got when he saw the dog's eyes in its head in the pot.

## TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The regular meeting was held at the Public Offices, High Street, Tow Law, on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by Mr J. Ridley (chairman). Members present: Messrs W. Ridley, W. Atkinson, W. R. Teasdale, R. Sproates, and the clerk (Mr E. Milburn).

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Hillary), in his report, stated that the district auditor (Mr Hockin) was very strict upon the arrears of rates, and declared that this would be the last occasion he would pass over such irregularities. Mr Hillary also asked for permission to order another 50 tons of limestone.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

Gentlemen,—On account of the frost setting in, your Medical Officer and myself have only made a commencement with our inspection, and will be able to give you full details by your next Board meeting. As I was fully authorised to take the names of all parties throwing slops into the streets during the month, I have only be able to obtain the names of four offending persons, and in respect of which I can give the dates if requisite. Ashpit and privy nuisances have been well cleared away. The principal nuisances I wish to bring before you is the yard behind the Local Board Offices, combined with Mr Patterson's yard, and as Mr Bainbridge, relieving officer, intends paying his relief money therein, it requires attention. Under the circumstances, the yard would be better divided, as it is the intention to enter by the back and go out at the front door.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. Garraway, Inspector.

The report was accepted.

ARREARS OF RATES.

The collector (Mr Hillary) produced certain orders issued by the Wolsingham Bench directing payment of various sums owing as poor and other rates by the 2nd December, and as that date had elapsed, and the money was not forthcoming, he asked for the further instructions of the Board.

It was agreed that the law should take its course, and a distraint will be levied unless the money is paid, the Clerk, however, being directed to inform the parties of the probable result in case of default, previous to the law being set in motion.

THE STATE OF THE ROADS.

During the consideration of the Surveyor's (Mr Hillary's) report, Mr Teasdale complained that in several places the roads were entirely neglected, while at others they received too much attention. There were a great many places in the town that ought to be better looked after. He was of opinion that the roadman knew much more about the roads than the Surveyor himself.

Mr Ridley: You are showing too much feeling against the roadman. It would be much better if you would hold your tongue.

Mr Teasdale: I don't wish to show any feeling against the roadman.

Mr Ridley: You are abusing him almost every week.

Mr Teasdale: I only want him to do his duty, as long as he is there.

Mr Campbell pointed out that there was a Roads Committee who ought to deal with such matters.

Mr Teasdale: I don't want to say anything against the roadman or the Surveyor. I am only doing my duty, as a member of the Board. There has been great neglect in keeping some roads up to the mark. At some points over much stone is laid on, and at others hardly any at all.

It was eventually resolved that the Roads Committee should accompany the Surveyor upon a round of inspection at an early date.

It was further decided, on the suggestion of Mr Campbell, to write to the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, offering them 1s per ton for limestone riddlings, for blending the material upon the roads.

The Surveyor was also authorised to purchase 50 tons of limestone for the roads.

THE WIDOW AND HER COWS.

Mrs Fleming attended the Board, and complained that the sewerage was allowed to run down one of her fields, and as the liquid had been drunk by her cows, her sons had been the losers thereby, as a considerable quantity of milk had been quite unfit for use. Two beasts had been affected, and one of them had "picked" a calf. She called upon the Board to compensate her for the loss sustained.

The Chairman said it would be necessary for to lengthen the pipe beyond the slag-heaps.

The Board promised to take the matter into consideration; but the Clerk reminded Mrs Fleming that she was several rates in arrears, and that the auditor demanded that this amount should be paid off immediately.

Mrs Fleming promised to pay the amount due as soon as she had converted her last year's crop into cash.

NEW RATE.

On the motion of Mr Atkinson, seconded by Mr Teasdale, a general district rate of 6d in the pound was confirmed, to meet the next half-year's expenditure.

THE FINANCES.

The total paybill for the month amounted to over £135. The Clerk reported the balance in hand to be £187 14s 8d.

Mr Teasdale proposed, and Mr Sproates seconded, that the several accounts should be settled.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

The letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was read, suggesting the advisability of raising a public fund in favour of a permanent Colonial and Indian Exhibition in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee next year.

The letter was ordered to lie upon the table, Mr Atkinson humourously remarking that the Chairman could forward a donation of £20, which would answer the same purpose. (Laughter.)

THE PUBLIC MEMORIALS.

A communication from Mr Henry Tennant, York, acknowledged the receipt of the memorials from the inhabitants of Tow Law and Crook, re the train service.

The Post Office Authorities likewise acknowledged the receipt of the petitions praying for an earlier delivery of letters in Tow Law.

THE RELIEF STATION.

Mr Lee, Clerk to the Weardale Union, wrote stating that the Guardians accepted the terms offered by the Board for the use of their offices as a relief pay station for Tow Law.

ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE CEMETERY.

Mr Atkinson said the cemetery keeper (Mr Waggott) had informed him that a wooden cross had been erected at the head of one of the graves in the cemetery, which was two feet in height. This was an infringement of their regulations, which specified that crosses could be erected free of charge providing they did not exceed 18 inches in height; if above that height, they would be regarded as headstones, and charged for accordingly.

The Clerk explained that the Board had power to take down the cross; and Mr Campbell suggested that they should charge the parties so much per inch.

Mr Atkinson also stated that Waggott complained that the turf off the graves was thrown to one side by the people erecting the crosses, and he had to clear it away; and in some instances the surface had been cut off other portions of the ground, and placed upon graves. All this had been done without the sexton's knowledge and sanction.

The members considered that no person except the cemetery-keeper had a right to erect crosses or to cut the turf; and it was decided to have a painted board affixed at the entrance to the cemetery warning persons offending against the bye-laws, also informing the public that no one should be allowed to do anything in the grave-yard without the approval of the cemetery-keeper.

GAS MATTERS.

Some time was spent in the consideration of various questions appertaining to the supply of gas. The advisability of a testing meter being obtained was broached, and Mr Atkinson complained of the pressure of gas in the early part of the evening.

Mr Sproates enquired if there could not be a reduction in the price of gas?

Mr Atkinson thought it would be a great boon to the inhabitants if the charge was reduced. More people would use it, and it would have a tendency to increase its consumption. He suggested that a canvas of tradespeople and others be made urging upon them to have gas laid into their dwellings with a view to a reduction in the price thereof.

The Clerk pointed out that if the price of gas was lowered they might have to increase the rates.

Mr Teasdale: What about that? No tradesman has a right to pay a heavier price for his gas in order to assist the district rate.

Mr Atkinson: If the two accounts are kept apart there is no reason why this should be.

The Clerk stated that both accounts were kept separate.

Ultimately, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a statement of the receipts and expenditure upon the gas undertaking, and ascertain if it is expedient for to effect a reduction in the price of gas.

It was furthermore resolved to allow the manager of the gas works (Mr Kemp), his usual additional wage for extra work performed during the lighting season; but it was intimated that before the next winter the Board will take into consideration the practibility of engaging an assistant at the gas works.

As there was a large number of people out of employment in Tow Law, it was agreed to offer work to the most necessitous in the shape of lighting the street lamps at 1s per night. The successful applicant will be drawn for by ballott at a special meeting to be held next Monday evening.

The Board rose at nine p.m.

## LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon was attended by Messrs W. H. Hedley (who was voted to the chair), Geo. Nicholson, W. Brown, H. Kinleyside, Ed. Todd, J. H. Hudson, J. J. Hedley, Luke Nicholson, the Clerk (Mr M. Coupland), and the Surveyor (Mr T. Longstaff).

### THE SURVEYOR CALLED UPON TO RESIGN:

ALLEGED INFORMALITIES.

The minutes of a special meeting, held on Dec. 1st, were read, at which it was unanimously decided to request Mr Thos. Longstaff, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, to tender three months notice to resign, "in consequence of his recent conduct." Previous to the signing of the minutes,

Mr Hudson raised an objection to the business transacted at the special meeting, on the ground that it was not properly convened. He did not recollect the Chairman reading any requisition, nor was it called by a special requisition presented to the Chairman. He believed the circular summoning the members together explained the object of the special meeting.

The Chairman: There was no objection taken at a special meeting, either by Mr Hudson or any of the other members present.

Mr Hudson: It escaped my memory. The legal way to call a special meeting is for four members to get up a requisition, and present it to the Chairman, stating the object of the meeting.

The Chairman: I think it is rather late in the day to take objection to it now. The meeting was called for a specific purpose, and every member present took part therein.

Mr Hudson: I hold that the meeting falls to the ground, Mr Chairman, inasmuch as it was not properly convened, and that the business therefore transacted is of no avail. That is the reason I spoke before the minutes were signed.

The Clerk remarked that frequently a requisition had been signed by four members, calling a special meeting; but it was within the province of the Chairman of a Board to do so on his own authority.

Mr Hudson: But the Chairman communicated with you?

The Clerk: Yes; Mr Hedley, as the acting chairman, did so.

Mr Hudson: Then I maintain it was your duty to have a requisition signed.

The Clerk: I took Mr Hedley as being the Chairman of the last meeting. I expect that it takes four members to sign a requisition, and for the Chairman to decide.

Mr Nicholson: The circular summoning the meeting was read over.

Mr Hudson: But it was not a requisition.

The Clerk explained that he received the following communication from Mr Hedley:—

"I have been requested, as the Chairman of the last meeting of the Board, to desire you to summons a full meeting of the Board, to take into consideration the recent conduct of our Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances."

The Clerk added that he acted upon the instructions of Mr Hedley, and called a special meeting for the 1st December.

Mr Hudson: Yes; that is right.

The Clerk: That was the formal intimation I received from Mr Hedley.

Mr Hudson: I am quite satisfied on that point; but I know perfectly well that a requisition must be signed before a special meeting can be convened.

Mr G. Nicholson understood Mr Hudson's contention to be that four members could sign a requisition for the Clerk to convene a special meeting independant of the Chairman.

The Chairman: Is there any objection to the minutes being signed?

Mr Hudson: I have no objection.

The minutes were therefore endorsed by the Chairman.

INFLUENTIAL PETITION FROM IVESTON.

At a later stage of the proceedings, a deputation of four gentlemen, headed by Mr W. G. Hetherington, presented a lengthy memorial, signed by 51 ratepayers in the village of Iveston. It was to the following effect:—

"We have noticed with deep regret an announcement in the *Consett Guardian* of the 3rd inst., that our respected Surveyor (Mr Thomas Longstaff) has been called upon to resign. We earnestly hope that the Board will re-consider their decision, and ask Mr Longstaff to retain his offices, as we think that his long and efficient services should not be entirely overlooked."

[Here follows the signatures.]

Mr Hetherington, as spokesman, said that no pressure had been brought to bear; it was simply a voluntary action on the part of those who signed it. Everyone who had been asked most willingly appended their names to the petition.

The Chairman: Does the petition refer to Iveston village or the township?

Mr Hetherington: It is just confined to Iveston village and a few of the outlying places surrounding it. We have not canvassed Leadgate, as we had not sufficient time. The petition was only promoted and signed last night after eight o'clock. If it is desirable to test the feeling of the ratepayers throughout the Local Board district upon the question, I shall be happy to go round with such a petition. We shall be glad to answer any further questions.

The Chairman enquired if any member had a question to put; but there was no response.

The Chairman remarked that he was not aware that such a petition was being promoted.

Mr Hudson: It is very concise.

The Chairman stated that the Board would take the matter into consideration, and the deputation, having thanked the members, withdrew.

A "HOLE-AND-CORNER" MEETING.

When the subject of the Surveyor's threatened dismissal came on for discussion, the reporter was asked to retire, and the proceedings were conducted *in camera*. The Surveyor, however, refuses to comply with the request of the Board by sending in his resignation.

The following was the remainder of the business transacted at the Board:—

DR PAGE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Sanitary Committee presented a long report relative to the suggestions contained in the memorandum of advice from Dr Page, the Local Government Inspector, on his recent inspection of the district.

After much discussion, it was resolved to serve notices upon occupiers to have the fronts of their houses spouted; that open channels be cemented as soon as practicable; that trap-drains be put in; and that ventilating shafts be inserted at the different points mentioned by the Committee. They did not agree to Dr Page's recommendation touching covered-in ashpits; but with reference to several unsanitary properties, John Thompson was ordered to remove his ashpit and water-closet which adjoins his dwelling; a farmer named Brown, of Iveston, will be served with a notice to construct a privy in connection with his premises, and other householders will be requested to have their conveniences re-constructed. Regarding the nuisance in the yard attached to the Golden Lion Inn, which has resulted in a dispute between Mr Dunnley and Mr Hetherington, the matter was left over for a month.

PLANS.

The plan for intended alterations to a dwelling house in Leadgate, belonging to Messrs George Matthews and others (on behalf of the Order of Oddfellows), was ordered to be approved of, being in conformity with the bye-laws.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr T. Longstaff) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the month of November your road workmen have done the following manual labour and part team labour. We have had a good deal of heavy rains at the beginning of November; but little or no damage was done to any of your other roads.

*Durham Main Road.*—Part scraping done, and about 130 tons of limestone laid on; also 30 yards of slag. Team labour consisted of carting limestone in the village of Leadgate.

*Other roads.*—Redwell Hills Road—About 45 tons of broken limestone, carted and laid on; also ashes carted and laid on nearly the whole length of the footpath at both sides of the road; scraping done and carted off. The following quantities of slag have been laid on the undermentioned roads and lanes:—Annfield Lane, 50 yards; Brooms Lane, 50 yards; Pont Lane, 20 yards; Stockerley Lane, 24 yards.

Annexed are the monthly pay-bills:—

| | £ s d | £ s d |
|---|---|---|
| Durham Main Road: | | |
| Manual labour ...... | 4 8 0 | |
| Team do. ...... | 1 7 0 | |
| | | 5 15 0 |
| Other roads: | | |
| Manual labour ...... | 5 2 8 | |
| Team do. ...... | 4 5 7 | |
| | | 9 8 3 |
| Total........... | | 15 3 3 |

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Thomas Longstaff.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Inspector's (Mr Longstaff) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

Gentlemen,—Since your last meeting, the ashpits, privies, and other manures have been well-carted away, excepting in three or four places. Your Sanitary and Building Committee have had an inspection of your district on Dr Page's recommendation, and will, I have no doubt, report to you thereon. Gas burnt in November, 129 hours. One lamp near the Bradley Shops was not burning for six nights. All the lot are burning well now. Plans will come before you for alterations to back premises to two shops in Front Street, lately occupied by Messrs Bell and Allister, and now in the occupation of Mr Geo. Matthews and others. The district auditor having audited my accounts on the evening of the 15th Nov., they will be on the table for your inspection.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

From your last monthly meeting, I have collected and paid over to the treasurer on account of general district rate £15 12s 8d.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Thos. Longstaff.

Mr L. Nicholson suggested that the Inspector should be empowered to have the lamps lit during these stormy moonlight nights.

The matter was referred to the Lighting Committee.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk announced that the collector had paid into the bank the sum of £15 12s 8d in favour of the Board. The treasurer had also received the Government Grant in respect of the Inspector's salary, £20. He had received an order from the Finance Committee of the Quarter Sessions, £55 4s 8d, which ought to be handed over to their treasurer. The balance in hand was £330; and the cheques ready to be signed amounted to £18 3s 3d.

## LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

This body held its monthly meeting at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, with Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., in the chair. Present: Messrs W. H. Hedley, Geo. Hobson, J. Collinson, J. Wilkinson, W. Logan, and the clerk (Mr Ritson).

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board.

Gentlemen,—Since the date of my last report, November 3rd, one case of scarlet fever has been admitted to the Leadgate hospital—viz., Susannah Tooner, aged 14 years, from 12, Consett Terrace, Consett, on November 24th. This case proved to be of a very severe type of the disease, and for several days her life was in danger. She is now, however, in a fair way to recover.

During the month, the following have been dismissed, viz:—Georgina Patterson, Tom Patterson, and Dorothy Jane Davison. This latter person was not suffering from the fever, but was admitted with her child, Ernest Frederick Davison, who has so far recovered that his mother's presence is not considered necessary. There now remain in the hospital four patients—viz., John Million, Ernest Frederick Davison, Elizabeth Wright, and Susannah Tooner. In consequence of the severe nature of the attack in the case of S. Tooner, and Mrs Bell herself being ill with sore throat (the result of attendance on the patients), I authorised Bell to remain off work on November 25th to assist in the necessary work. The hospital has been kept in a clean and orderly manner, and the patients well attended to.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Geo. Renton, M.D.

Blackhill, Dec. 1st, 1886.

## WHICKHAM LOCAL BOARD.

An ordinary meeting of the Whickham Local Board was held on Thursday se'nnight, in the Board-room—Mr R. Glass in the chair.

PROPOSED STEAM ROLLER.

The Surveyor's report recommended the Board to take into consideration the advisability of getting a steam road roller, and a committee was appointed.

SWALWELL WATER SUPPLY.

A deputation, headed by Mr Jos. Harbottle, waited upon the Board in reference to the Swalwell water supply, which is not considered satisfactory. The deputation were in favour of an estimate which had been given for bringing the water from Hodgson's well. This, it was originally thought, would cost £104, but it was now estimated that the work could be done for £90.

Mr Harbottle announced that he had waited upon the property-owners, and they were willing to contribute. A rate of 6d in the £ would cover the matter, and they asked for a decisive answer.

Mr Fletcher, one of the deputation, said that they had raised £35 1s 9d, and could bring it to £50, as the occupiers' share.

Mr Harbottle said they might get the £90 raised by Christmas.

It was agreed that the matter be taken in hand.

DOCTOR'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr O. W. Ottwater) reported that the death-rate had been at the rate of 26 per 1,000 per annum, and the birth-rate 46. The death-rate was still very high, which was in a great measure due to the large number of deaths of children under five years of age. He was convinced that a great number of those deaths might have been avoided had proper precautions been taken to prevent the children exposing themselves too soon after having had measles.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Mr Garbutt asked if it was possible to get to know the number of children under three years of age who died, and were insured? He thought a great number of deaths were due to their being insured. He moved that Mr Jobling, the registrar, be asked to provide the information.

Mr Carr-Ellison having seconded the motion, it was carried.

FLOODS AT DUNSTON.

It was decided to take measures to prevent the recurrence of floods which had recently taken place, through heavy rains, at Dun Cow, Dunston.

THE NEW MINERAL RAILWAY.

Plans were submitted to the Board for the proposed new railway from Chester-le-Street *via* Pontop, Gateshead, Dunston, &c., to be laid by the North-Eastern Railway.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS AT DUNSTON.

Mr Thompson had a motion on the agenda on the subject of Dunston improvements, but was unable to attend through illness.

The Board then adjourned.

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## CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

### BURNOPFIELD BRANCH.

A most successful entertainment was held on Monday evening, under the presidency of the Rev P. Hughes, vice-president of the society, and an excellent programme was performed and thoroughly appreciated, the singers especially being loudly applauded and repeatedly called upon for an *encore*. The following vocalists took part therein:—Songs: Miss Livingstone, Miss Harvey (Marley Hill), Messrs W. Hogarth, C. W. Jolly, J. G. Ramsay, M. Brabban, J. Smith, and J. Young (Marley Hill); duets, M. Hindhaugh and S. Layton, and M. Hindhaugh and H. Layton. A dialogue, "The drinking habits of society," was well rendered by J. Robinson and S. A. Fenwick, Maggie Watson and J. Robinson, who did full justice to their recitations. Humorous readings were given by Mr Hogarth and the Chairman. A vote of thanks was passed to the friends from Marley Hill who kindly came over and volunteered their services. Six fresh pledges were taken, and yet there is room. The members would be delighted to see a large number join their ranks, and work with them in trying to reduce, if possible, the misery and ruin which follows so closely in the wake of the drink.

## CONSETT LOCAL PARLIAMENT.

### COLLAPSE OF THE INSTITUTION.

The brief announcement last week of the probable collapse of the Consett and District Parliamentary Debating Society has unhappily been fulfilled to the letter; and our Local Parliament may now be regarded as a thing of the past, with little expectation of resuscitation in the future. The Society, which was promoted by a few gentlemen upwards of two years ago, at a small meeting held in the ante-room of the New Town Hall, was launched under the most auspicious circumstances, and for a period was pre-eminently successful—the novelty of the undertaking, and the educational and intellectual developments accrueing therefrom, doubtless contributing much towards its prosperity. The membership rapidly increased, and for two Sessions it numbered somewhere between 130 and 150, composed of all parties and sections—Liberals, Conservatives, Nationalists, and Independents. The meetings were originally held in the British Schools (by permission of the Consett Iron Company), but soon afterwards it was deemed expedient to migrate to more central and commodious quarters, and the Vicar of Consett stepped in and kindly placed his well-situated schools at the disposal of the Society. The first two seasons augured well for the future of the Society; the prorogation of each session being commemorated by a social gathering or soiree at Easter. An able and competent gentleman was chosen as "Speaker;" and an energetic staff of officials carefully looked after the interests and welfare of the Society. But, alas! it has fallen upon evil days, and from the inauguration of the present session in October last, the institution has been gradually decaying, owing to lack of support—not in a pecuniary sense, but rather in the attendance of members, particularly on the part of those attached to the Conservative side of the "House." At no sitting during the present session have the Tories mustered more than six gentlemen; and at the last sitting, when the debate on the Disestablishment of the Church of England was in progress, the numerical strength of the various parties present was: Liberals, 5; Nationalists, 3; Conservatives, 2—total, 10. As 15 members constitute a *quorum*, no sitting could therefore be held. At a thinly-attended meeting held in the National Schools last Tuesday evening — the "Speaker" (Mr P. Teare) in the chair—it was resolved to act upon the determination arrived at by the Council on Friday night last, and "dissolve Parliament" by winding up the concern. The Speaker was adverse to such a drastic proposal; but the majority of the members considered it better to adopt this course, than allow the society to succumb to a lingering death. The Secretary (Mr James Kelly) announced that there was a balance of about £2 to the good, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, and it was agreed that this sum should be divided amongst the members. The other property belonging to the society was devised to various existing institutions in the district, and after passing votes of thanks to "Mr Speaker" and the officials of the House, the meeting terminated, and the society was broken up.

## THE PROPOSED WEARDALE RAILWAY.

Active steps are being taken to promote the Weardale and Alston Railway. The route of the proposed line commences at Stanhope, where the North-Eastern line at present terminates, passes up the Wear Valley by St. John's Chapel and Wearhead, over or through Killhope into the mining village of Nenthead, and then proceeds down the river Nent, an affluent of the Tyne, to join the North-Eastern line at Alston. The object of the proposed line is to develop the mineral resources at the head of the Tyne and Wear valleys, for the route projected runs through some of the finest iron and leadstone districts in the two counties. The reason that a railway has not already been constructed is probably due to the great expense that would be incurred in making the heavy gradient, or cutting the long tunnel which is necessary to carry the line either over or through the high range of hills known as Killhope. The project of railway communication from the eastern side of the hills which bound the Tyne valley to Alston is an old one. Some years ago it was proposed to make a connection between the railways on the east and west side of the ridge of hills dividing Durham and Cumberland by way of Middleton, up the Tees valley and on to the head water of the Tyne and Alston. This route was surveyed for a line of railway, and a bill promoted in Parliament for its construction. The bill, we believe, even went so far as to pass its first reading. The Duke of Cleveland, Sir Henry Turton (now Lord Hothfield), Colonel Byng, and the Lords of the Admirality, who were the principal landowners of the district through which the line was to pass, gave the project their cordial co-operation and material assistance. The bill, however, was never carried through Parliament. Though this line would have been a great convenience for traffic between the valleys of the Tyne and Tees, yet it would neither have offered the same advantages for accommodating the traffic of the district, nor would it have been of the same importance as a means of developing the immense resources of mineral wealth that exist along the route now proposed. Along the present route the deposits of ironstone and limestone are of great extent and of excellent quality, but without ready communication with the centres of industry they must lie comparatively useless. The leadmining industry is still extensively prosecuted on the one side of the hills by Mr Beaumont and the Weardale Lead Company, and on the other side by the Nenthead and Tyneside Lead and Zinc Company. There is no doubt that the construction of the railway, and the cheapening of the cost of carriage, would be of great assistance to the leadmining of the district, the low prices of lead during the last four or five years having made a cheaper cost in production of the greatest importance. Judging from present appearances there seems every probability of the success of the new scheme. Both the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the Lords of the Admiralty, who are the chief owners of the land, are greatly in favour of it, and Sir Joseph Pease is also interesting himself in the matter in a manner that augurs its successful realisation. Plans and estimates are being prepared, and as soon as some definite idea as to the cost of the undertaking has been gained, practical steps towards the construction of the line will be taken.

Holmside Conservative Association (North-West Durham).—On Thursday se'nnight Mr R. J. Milburne (secretary of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Conservative Association) delivered a lecture in the Holmside Schools on "Fair Trade."—Mr J. T. Forster, manager of the South Moor Colliery, occupied the chair.—At the close of an able address Mr J. Farley, manager of Craghead Colliery, moved, and Mr S. D. Cooper, Consett, (organising secretary of North-West Durham Division), seconded, a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried with acclamation. The usual vote of thanks was moved to the chairman.

## WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope Workhouse, on Friday last—Dr Montgomery presiding.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr Montgomery was re-elected medical officer for the Derwent district at his former salary.

SIX MONTHS' EXPENDITURE.

The Clerk submitted a statement of moneys paid during the half year ending at Michaelmas. The expenses for maintaining the Workhouse and establishments under the control of the Board amounted to £242; for institutions not under the control of the Board, £11; out-door relief and school fees, £1,647; giving a total of £1,900. The previous half-year's expenditure was £1,398.

WORKHOUSE STATISTICS.

The Master reported that the number of inmates in the house was 75, as against 73 in the corresponding quarter of last year; vagrants 42, as against 38 last year.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The practice of the Guardians for some years has been to allow 2s 6d extra to a certain class of paupers, but consequent upon an objection by the auditor the Board is reluctantly compelled to abandon this special grant this year. The Workhouse inmates are to have their usual Christmas dinner.

A NON-RESIDENT PAUPER.

Edward Pickles, aged 67, an inmate, is to be transferred to the Wigan workhouse if possible, he being a native of that town.

## RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Dr Livingstone also presided over this meeting.

WHITE KIRKLEY WATER SUPPLY.

The Inspector reported that he had received a letter from Mr Mowbray's agent respecting the White Kirkley water supply, and requesting that the work should be begun. As requested, he was pressing forward with the work of preparation. The tender of Mr Harrison Walton for putting in the supply was accepted.

DAMAGE BY FLOODS AT WOLSINGHAM.

Mr Egglestone also reported that he had called together the Wolsingham Parochial Committee to consider the damage done to the sewer in the River Wear at that place, and the repairs necessary. The members of the committee were of the opinion that the sewer should be replaced by metal pipes in the same way as the other portion of the sewer was done after the flood of 1881. The estimated cost was about £80.

AN UNSANITARY LODGING-HOUSE.

Respecting the objectionable lodging-house at Wearhead, the keeper, in an interview with the Surveyor, assents to a proposal to close the place.

## HEXHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

GAME TRESPASS BY CONSETT PUDDLERS.

*John Leadbitter, alias Lawson*, puddler, Consett, was charged with being unlawfully in search of game in the township of Shotley Low Quarter, on Nov. 9th.—P.C. Jewitt found defendant and another man named *John McDonald*, of Consett, on the highway on the 9th ult. He searched Leadbitter, and found two rabbits, dead, but quite warm, and three nets upon him. McDonald got away.—Leadbitter was fined £2 and costs, and McDonald, who was charged with aiding and abetting, £1 and costs.

BRUTAL CONDUCT OF A HUSBAND.

*Vickers Bell*, pitman, West Wylam, was charged with assaulting his wife, Mary Ann Bell, on the 4th inst.—The complainant, who appeared in court with her face very much discoloured, said that on the morning of the 4th the accused came downstairs, and, after making complaints about some mats, he struck her on the face and shoulders. She ran into a neighbour's house and the accused followed, but she locked the door. Her nose was bleeding. Defendant afterwards refused to let her into her house, and she was obliged to seek the aid of a policeman before she could get in. It was impossible for her to live with him, as she was frightened of her life. He had been twice married.—The Chairman told accused that he had treated his wife in a most brutal way, and that he would be fined £2 and costs, or go to prison for one month.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

A schoolboy, named *Robert Glaister*, residing at Mickley Square, was charged with having obstructed a highway at Mickley on 12th Nov.—*Thos. Johnson*, farm servant, Hallyards, was charged with having, at the same time and place, assaulted the boy Glaister.—It appeared from the evidence that the boy, at the time in question, had been playing on the highway in company with some other boys at a game called "catchy." Three of them carried a lighted rope, and it is alleged that these lights were waved in front of the head of a horse in charge of the man Johnson, which caused the animal to become very bad to manage. Johnson left the horse in charge of a man and chased the boys. It was stated that he caught Glaister and threw him violently to the ground, but Johnson denied this, and swore that the lad fell over the kerbstone.—The Magistrates fined Johnson 2s 6d and costs for the assault, and Glaister, after being severely reprimanded, was fined a like amount.

## RAILWAY EXTENSION IN WEST DURHAM.

In fulfilment of the pledge the North-Eastern Railway Company gave to the Committee of the House of Lords last session, on the strength of which that Committee rejected the bill of the West Durham and Tyne Railway, preparations are being made to carry out the proposed railway extension in West Durham. A bill, praying for the necessary Parlimentary powers, will be deposited on the 17th of this month in the House of Commons, and will probably reach the Committee stage by the second or third week of March, receiving the Royal assent about the month of May, after which the company will be in a position to advertise for tenders to carry out the work. The plan of the extension will be on the following lines:—The North-Eastern Railway Company begin by making a connection with their loop line at Annfield Plain, and constructing a branch line from that point through Shield Row, Pit Hill, Beamish, down to South Pelaw Colliery, and then by another short connection from the Pontop and South Shields branch at South Pelaw Colliery to join the Team Valley Branch at a point between Birtley and Chester-le-Street. They then propose to make a branch railway from the Team Valley branch to Low Fell Station, past the High Teams and the Teams, to the place at Dunston and Redheugh proposed last year by the West Durham and Tyne Railway Bill. The practical effect of the whole scheme will result in establishing railway connection from Dunston to Annfield Plain, and thence by the existing railways to Leadgate and Consett.

## THE "HUTS" AT USHAW MOOR.

At the last meeting of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, complaint was made by the Medical Officer (Dr J. Wilson) respecting the alleged unsanitary condition of the workmen's cottages at Ushaw Moor Colliery. The circumstances, as detailed, were based upon the doctor's report, but in a letter to an Auckland contemporary, Sir Henry Chaytor takes exception to certain statements. The epistle is as follows:—

Sir,—Your informant on this, I fear, is a little sensational. In the first place, I did not build the cottages, which for some years remained with the room partitions not carried to the top—like the sleeping places of Queen Elizabeth's maids of honour, where gentlemen-in-waiting used sometimes to look over when the ladies were dressing. That I rectified, and the cottages were well liked by the men. In the second place, there were only six of them, and not twenty-one as stated. In the third place, finding that wood will rot, two have been vacated and used as store-houses, and no doubt the others will soon follow the same fate. In the fourth place I did not find it necessary to build, having rented some twenty-five to thirty well-built houses at a little distance. Some people strain at gnats and swallow camels. There are wheels within wheels, of which outsiders know nothing. I will only say that the whole place was so badly constructed when I got it, that we have never had any cessation in putting it right.—Yours, &c.,

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, December 10th, 1836.


## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

FITTING ON THE CAP.

Some people have a strange wayward proneness for fitting on the cap. I don't know how it comes, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that there are numbers of people, whom one would give credit for better things, who habitually render their lives much less comfortable than they might be by continually supposing that pot-shots and broadsides are being poured upon them. Among Church-going people, the minister is usually regarded as the common assailant. He is, they say, always preaching at somebody; and perfectly appalled by the self-reflected picture, they frequently show temper and sever connection with both Church and Minister. An instance of this especial order happened in one of our district Churches within the past few months. I was told of it; but under the circumstances, I came to the conclusion that silence was golden. It would, I presume, be a rather difficult matter to preach without dwelling on one or more of the phases characteristic of human nature; and as there are cattle of divers colours in every herd, it would be passing strange indeed if no bullet fled a billet.

"There's many a shot at random sent,
Finds mark the archer little meant."

It appears, however, that Church-goers are not the only individuals who fancy that fashionable headgear has been expressly designed for their beautifully-modelled pates. The flash young men of the town and district have, I understand, got wind of the parsonic preaching idea, that they are being caricatured by some unknown, invisible pen. That they are in manifest error, I know right well; but I love a joke too well to have thrown a single scintillation of light on the subject, but the other evening I could not help, into the bargain, than mazes of cause and effect than I do—wend the length of publishing a disclaimer, to the effect that the characters in the tales were purely ideal. A magnanimous course to adopt, indeed, for few editors would have gone out of their way to have done as much for the mental weal of their readers. I trust that by this time the wounds will have healed, and that the unfortunate gentlemen have obtained the bliss they desired. This putting on the cap is a failing that ought to be eschewed, or done at least, in secret. There is nothing unmanly in communing with oneself, and trying on as many caps as may be; but there is obviously no good and satisfied by introducing it here. An Eastern traveller is said to have been passing through a large forest in which the monkey tribe were pretty numerous; and feeling overcome by the heat of the day, he is reported to have unstrapped his wares, and placing a red night cap on his head, he stretched his wearied limbs on the green sward. The story goes on to tell of how the monkeys approached the merchandise, and having each provided him self therewith, arranged their bebok themselves to the adjoining trees, where their chattering became so loud as to awaken the sleeper. His consternation was great; but he was equal to the emergency. He had a package of razors in his pack, and spreading these out, he took one, and in full view of all the monkeys made certain ominous passes under his chin, and lying down calmly awaited the result. His tormentors descended, and grasping the bright blades did as likewise, always severing their heads from their bodies—thus paying the dread penalty of having been foolish enough to fit on the cap. Prevention is said to be better than cure; and if our young men and others, who are subject to this curious complaint, would conduct themselves with due circumspection, and refrain from making an exhibition of themselves by word or deed, heroes for sensational stories would be sought for in their native air.

DECAY.

"——Time doth efface,
Each day some lingering trace
Of human government and human care;
The things of air,
And earth usurp the wills to be their own."

I have no thank the members of the Consett Parliamentary Debating Society for this sepulchral brain of thought into which they have just led me, so long as it, that even the best of us are simply creatures of circumstances. It will be seen that I have withheld none of the titles of this tottering organisation. It was wont to make reference to it as "Our Local Parliament" and other endearing terms of a more or less familiar nature; but its days are numbered, and that fact being noised abroad, it is meet to honour the departed. "Who killed cock robin?" is a question which, in this case, is not very easily answered. The sin and offence, for it is in truth an admitting of both, laid at the door of the district Tories. That, however, is so common a receptacle for every species of evil, that before accepting that phase of the story, I should first require some good apothecary to give me an ounce of the drug, or exercise my imagination. From the figures adduced, it is evident enough that the fault is not due to the failure of one organ only, but to the general breaking up or decay of the system. The expectations of the public have proven that associations of the kind thrive badly at Consett. "Where the gods love die young!" This political organisation was the most influential of all the associations ever formed in the district; and yet it seems to be on the eve of toppling in fact. There is, however, many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip; and some gentleman yet arise, Phœnix-like from the ruins, and vivify the smouldering embers of suspended animation.

THE SHADE OF THE PARK.

The members of Consett Local Board seem to be heartily sick of the Park and everything in connection with it. They have piped, and nobody would dance. The Consett Local Board would think they have done enough, and absolutely refuse to remove the standing stones; and there probably they will remain, silent, but impressible monuments of their obstinacy. The stones cannot be said to improve the picturesque appearance of the Park. They remind me of so many headstones set to mark the locale of nameless graves. One has met with these rude memorials in sequestered glens and moorlands, and they are very impressive. A few more years, then, and these eye-sores may command a certain modicum of veneration. There is a charm about a moss-grown stone; but in the meantime, since they are to be removed, they should be made as presentable as possible, and that could best be done by planting hardy shrubs around them. The expense entailed would not be worth mentioning. In fact, if the thing were properly gone about, the work might be done gratuitously. The people in connection with St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, have recently shown what can be done in the way of tree planting; and could the residents of Consett and district be induced to take the matter up, the bleak hill-side, known now-a-days as the Park, would soon assume a more inviting aspect. Perhaps the epistle from His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, may warm their hearts and loose the purse-string hanging below. The Harham Local Board have determined to commemorate that auspices event by planting trees; and who knows but Consett may decide to go and do likewise.

## ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

[By "Rambler."]

The Leadgate Local Board, which has hitherto been characterised for its business-like capacities, have made a blunder at last; but happily the pressure of public opinion has been brought to bear upon them; and the members, like a body of sensible gentlemen, have resolved to retrace their steps, and have rectified the mistake ere it was too late. In regard to the attitude towards their old officer (Mr Longstaff), I have no hesitation in saying that the whole transaction was illegal from beginning to end; but as they have practically condoned for their offence by rescinding the obnoxious resolution, and Mr Longstaff retains his office as heretofore, I will not further comment upon these underhand proceedings, although I could have detailed the circumstances which would perhaps have opened the eyes of the ratepayers of Leadgate, and caused them to blink with astonishment.

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I have been requested to call attention to a popular concert to be given in the neighbourhood during the course of the next week, and which is promoted by the Consett Temperance Brass Band for the benefit of their leader (Mr Edward Williams), who is about to emigrate. This gentleman is one of our best local musicians, and has always lent a helping hand to all sects and denominations in the town and district, whenever they were needful of an accomplished artiste; and it is to be earnestly hoped that they will rally round him on the present occasion, and accord him the support he so worthily deserves. The artistes who have promised their services are well known to readers, and the bill of fare to be produced in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday evening, is both varied and entertaining.

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Sparks, the wheel-barrow man from Consett to Wolverhampton passed through Tow Law on Monday between 12 and 1 o'clock. Large numbers of people flocked to the main street to get a glimpse of the little novel fellow. Parents do well to encourage kindness to animals in the family circle, and the reading of this work must tend to foster sentiment of kindness towards the brute creation.

The Animal World.—This monthly advocate of humanity deserves a wide circulation. The pictures are all that can be desired, the letterpress is excellent, and the stories are well told. The leading article this month is full to the brim of good, while their allusions to animals must interest all they read.

Fraternity Methodist Chapel.—On Saturday evening, an entertainment was given in the above chapel at Burnopfield Colliery, by the members of the Band of Hope, assisted by a few friends. The pieces were gone through exceedingly well, especially the solos given by Miss Byrington, Satchfield; and Miss Watson, Dipton. The service was divided into two parts, the interval being taken up by Mr Bell, who, on behalf of the Band of Hope, Sabbath-school, made a handsome presentation to the present being a compendium bat-cap. Mr Watson, late of Blackhill, but now of Burnopfield, is the leader of the band, and to him, in making him the recipient of the cap, was added a purse of gold, studded with silver. The chair was very ably filled by Mr Horrell, Lintaford, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the doxology.

## LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, December 8th.—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (in the chair), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., Major R. Lamberton Shafto, Wm. Hedley, Esq., and W. B. Van Haasenberg, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

*Matthew Liddle* (represented by his wife) was summoned by P.C. Cook for being drunk and creating a disturbance at Burnhope on Nov. 12th. Fined 5s and costs.

*Andrew Jones*, charged by P.C. Raine with being guilty of the same offence, at Esh, on the 13th ult., was fined in a like amount.

*Robert Parkinson*, employed at Kell's Pit, near Waterhouses, pleaded guilty to be drunk at Esh, on the 24th November, and was mulcted in 5s fine and costs.

A TOPER AND HIS WIFE.

*Thomas* and *Ann Lyons*, man and wife, were found guilty, upon the evidence of P.C. Minto, of being drunk and causing an uproar at Annfield Plain, at 11-20 on the night of the 12th ult., defendants having a crowd of 200 people round about them.—The husband was fined 5s and the wife was let off on paying 2s 6d and costs each —15s 6d in all.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

*Edward Liddle* and *John Costello* were summoned by P.C. Crabb for fighting with each other at Burnopfield, on the 12th inst.—Defendants, who confessed their guilt, were each bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for six months, and defray the Court fees.

SCHOOL BOARD PROSECUTIONS.

The undermentioned persons were summoned at the instance of Mr. Kenny, on behalf of the School Attendance Committee for the Lanchester Union, for not sending their respective children to attend school:—*William Hamilton*, Burnhope, 2s 6d; *Matthew Liddle*, Burnhope, 2s; *John Paine*, Burnhope, 2s; *Thomas Dixon*, South Tanfield, 5s; *John Hardy*, South Tanfield, 5s; and *John Johnson*, South Moor, 2s 6d, including costs.

ILLEGALLY KILLING GAME.

*George Ainsley* and *Thomas Almond*, two Durham young men, the latter having a gun with him, were summoned for engaging in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of Mr Brodie Cochrane, of Aldin Grange, on the 3rd November.—P.C. Raine deposed seeing the defendants in a wood near the Hagg House Farm, engaged in fixing sight rabbits in a gate over the hedge. Defendant stated that Biggs had permission from Mr Bee, an adjacent farmer, to catch the rabbits on his land, and they strayed into the plantation by accident.—Mr C. Carry, the keeper, said that Mr Bee had not given the defendants such permission; in fact he had not authority to do so.—Almond having been previously convicted, was fined 20s and costs; and Ainsley was mulcted in 10s and expenses.

BREACH OF THE MINES REGULATION ACT.

*Wm. Wandsworth*, a stoneman, employed at the Usher Moor Colliery, was charged with infringing the special rules enforced at the pit, by unramming a charge of powder which had missed fire.—The offence, which was committed on the 10th ult., was proved by Mr Wm. Hill, agent for Sir Henry Chaytor, and a witness named Hall.—Mr Hill said that he did it unthinkingly.—The Chairman: Yes; and you endangered the lives of all the men in the pit.—Mr Hill, after reading of colliery accidents and explosions, and it is absolutely necessary that the greatest precautions should be taken to prevent such disasters. We shall inflict severe penalties for such offences.—Defendant was fined 20s and costs.

"THE MOST RESPECTED WOMAN IN THE COUNTY."

*Isa Lamb*, the wife of a miner, belonging to Edmondbyers, was charged with assaulting Agnes Shaw, at Burnhope, on Saturday evening, 27th ult.—Complainant stated that she was ordered a public-house, along with another woman, when they saw the defendant therein, singing and dancing with a man named Hedley. Mrs Lamb said she would sing and dance anybody for 5s, and she was the most respected woman in the district in the county of Durham. Complainant told her that she made bad use of her capabilities in the way she did, and was not fit company for women in a public-house. Defendant thereupon attacked her in a savage manner, pulling out of her head a large quantity of hair, besides leaving her scratched in several places.—The charge was proved against her by the witness Hedley, and defendant was fined 20s, including costs; but as the woman wished to go to prison, she was committed for seven days.

AN ARMY DESERTER.

A young man named *William Thomas* pleaded guilty to charges of deserting the Yorkshire Regiment, stationed at Aldershot, on the 10th ult.—The charge was preferred by Sergt. Davidson, of the cavalry quarters, who deposed that he found the prisoner whilst lodging with his grandmother at Consett, and from the information received from the police, he had charged the prisoner, who confessed that he had deserted his regiment.—He was remanded to Durham on the 14th ult., and from there the Bench awarded the sergeant £1 for his efficient services.

BRUTAL ASSAULT UPON THE POLICE.

*Joseph Alderson*, a miner, was brought up on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Sergt. Tate, while in the exercise of his duty, at Blackhill, last Monday night.—Defendant admitted that he was intoxicated, but denied the charge of disorderly conduct, as about half-past eleven p.m., prisoner was creating a disturbance in Derwent Street, Blackhill, and was behaving in a very disorderly manner. As he refused to go away, the officer was obliged to take him into custody. Whilst conveying him to the Police Station he became exceedingly violent, and struck the sergeant several blows upon the face and legs, and also made a desperate attempt to bite off one of the fingers of his right hand. The finger was very painful for a few days. The prisoner's conduct was disgraceful; he shouted and swore, and behaved like a madman.—P.C. Lawson, who was in the constable's assistance, gave corroborative testimony.—Prisoner alleged that the sergeant felled him with his baton, and pulled out a bloodvessel.—Mr Satchfield to prove the assertion.—The sergeant stated that he had to use the staff to protect himself, as the man was ferocious.—The Chairman pointed out that prisoner had been three times summoned to the Court this year, and once previously convicted for assault. He was an extremely violent fellow while under the influence of drink.—He was fined £1 14s, or one month's hard labour.

## WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Tuesday, December 7th.—Before the Rev G. P. Wilkinson (chairman) and Rev Chancellor Espin.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

*John Johnson*, of Cornsay, for being drunk at Tow Law, on the 8th ult., was fined 5s, and being drunk at Tow Law on the 10th ult., was fined 20s, including costs.

*Thomas Reddan*, of Sunnybrow, miner, for being drunk at Tow Law, on the 30th ult., was fined 7s 6d, including costs.

*Robert Peirson*, miner, for being drunk at Tow Law, on same date, was fined 10s, including costs.

*Joseph Watson*, of East Hedleyhope, miner, for being drunk at Tow Law, on October 30th, was fined 10s, including costs.

*John Carr*, miner, for being drunk at Tow Law, on same date, was fined 6d, including costs.

*John Moody*, labourer, for a similar offence, at Wolsingham, on October 31st, was fined 7s 6d, including costs.

NON-PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES.

*Thomas Paine* was summoned for non-payment of school fees. He was absent, but was represented by his son, who pleaded poverty and hard times, and the case was dismissed.

THE CATARACTE SUBSIDY.

*Joseph Wharton*, Tow Law (a boy), was summoned by Supt. Carrick, charged with discharging stones from the Cataracte, at a certain instrument called a catapult.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

DAMAGING TREES.

*George Maddison*, Tow Law, was fined 8s 6d for damaging trees belonging to Thomas Jackson, farmer, Wolsingham, on the 7th ult.

WILFUL TRESPASS.

*Robert Allen* and *Joseph Allen*, of Tow Law, boys, were charged by Thomas Hull, draper, &c., with wilful damage to three dolls, to the amount of 2s, on 25th ult. Some goods were standing in boxes beside complainant's shop, and the lads had broken them and damaged the toys to the amount named.—Fined 1s and 6 cents each.

MAINTENANCE OF A FATHER.

*Thomas Forster*, miner, Tow Law, was summoned by the Weardale Union to show cause why an order should not be made on him requiring him to relieve and maintain his father.—The Relieving-Officer was in a statement of the defendant's wages, his pay-sheets proving that for the last 9 weeks he had been earning over £1 1s per week.—He was ordered to pay 2s per week.

PITCH AND TOSS.

*Edward Allen*, *Joseph Proud*, *Wm. Newton*, *George Hall*, *Joseph Proud*, *Robert Proud*, and *Joseph Proud*, and *John Donnelly*, all of Tow Law, miners, were charged by P.C. Telford with playing at pitch and toss at Tow Law, on the 30th October.—The officer said he watched them gambling from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until twenty minutes to one o'clock in the afternoon.—The two Prouds, Newton, Donnelly, and Allen were each fined 10s, including costs; Geo. Hall, 12s, including costs; while warrants were issued against Robert Price and Thos. Claughton, who did not appear.

LARCENY.

*Sarah Gibbon*, Tow Law, was charged with stealing three bottles of scent from the shop of Mr Newby, chemist, Wolsingham, on Nov 3rd.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and as this was the fourth or fifth offence of a similar kind in a short time, she was committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions at Durham.—The prisoner had five children with her in Court, one an infant in her arms. She was then remanded to the Workhouse at Stanhope during her incarceration by the relieving officer.

IMPORTANT HIGHWAY ROAD PROSECUTION.

*Thomas Haygarth*, farmer, was summoned (on requisition) for illegally and wilfully using a "Spittick" as a brake on Redgate Bank. Mr Thompson, Stanhope, prosecution on behalf of the Weardale Highway Board, and Mr R. G. Wooler, Wolsingham, defended.—Mr Thompson said that the defendant was liable for damage to the road by the use of this "spittick" under the General Highway Act, 1835, section 78.—Mr Wooler, however, contended that Mr Thompson referred to did not apply. He also contended that the defendant was had on the law of it, as they did not "illegally" do damage, as the Act did not specify what that damage was to be, but under the Act of 1876 and the bye-laws made in accordance therewith, which said that in descending a hill, if the cart-wheel was locked a drag-chain was to be used, but it was optional if such a brake was applied. Neither the Act nor the bye-laws made any reference as to what kind of a brake should be used in descending a hill, but left it optional.—The Bench retired to look into it of the statute and dismissed the case without hearing a witness, and said Mr Thompson might apply for a mandamus if he wished to have the matter investigated; but Mr Thompson said he had no authority from the Board to do so. He wished for a case, for the Superior Court, but the Clerk said no evidence had been taken and it could not be granted.

## FASHIONABLE BALL AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening, the annual full-dress ball, promoted by the officials of the Consett Iron Company, took place in the New Town Hall, Consett. There was a large and fashionable gathering, about sixty-five couples being present. The interior had been artistically decorated for the occasion, an excellent druggat having also been laid by Mr T. H. Batchelor, Co.,ett, who also furnished the materials for the refreshments. The catering, Mr Meng, Newcastle, catered for the refreshments; while Mr Jon. Stephenson, with his string band, assisted by two professional musicians from Mr Amers's company, contributed the music. The absence of Mr and Mrs Jenkins was due to the ill health of both, and was the cause of a sad disaster for the same cause. Mr Jenkins wrote to the secretary expressing his great regret at not being able through to attend. The ball was without doubt a great success, congratulations being heard on all sides. The company was a good one, consisting essentially of young and dancing people, the weather deterring the older people from turning out. As a result of this, the same was full of life and energy put forth, and the absence of "wallflowers," was such that is not often ex-perienced in dances of the kind. Dancing commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and the party did not separate until the small clock struck (Thursday) morning. The following acted as stewards:—Messrs S. Templeton, R. Park, J. M. Hardy, H. J. Hedley, W. Hall, J. Smith, and J. Petherick. Programme of dances:—Polka, quadrille, waltz, polka, lancers, waltz, schottische (Highland), polka, lancers, waltz, polka, quadrille, waltz, galop, lancers, waltz, schottische, polka, quadrille, waltz, schottische (Highland), waltz (extra), quadrille, waltz, lancers, Circassian circle, polka, lancers, waltz, galop, lancers. The following, amongst others, were in attendance :—

The Misses Jenkins (3), Consett Hall, and party consisting of

Mr C. and Miss Carr, Woodside.
Mr N. Carr, Blackhill.
Dr Maynard, Newcastle.
Mr and Mrs Alexander, Consett.
Mr and Mrs Douglas, Consett.
Mr and Mrs Templeton, Blackhill.
Mr and Miss Rowell, Consett.
Mrs and Miss Jones, Benfieldside.
Mr and Mrs Forster, Blackhill.
Mr and Mrs Scott, East Parade.
Mr and Mrs Hedley, Medomsley.
Mr and Mrs Morris, Medomsley.
Mr and Miss Scott, Medomsley.
Mr and Mrs H. J. Hall, Newcastle.
Mr and Mrs Hardy, Templetown.
Miss Morgan, Consett.
Mr Park, Consett.
Mr Harper, Benfieldside.
Mr Williams, Blackhill.
Mr Hooper

# THE MISTAKE OF MR MIGGS;

## OR,

## A CURIOUS CASE OF COURTSHIP.

Mr Jeremiah Miggs, an aided foreman in one of the great departments of the Consett Iron works gigantic establishment, had fallen in love, and over the countenance the Kendal-mongers of Consett, had they known, would have been greatly exercised, for Mr Miggs was a widower; he was, moreover, in his sixtieth winter, portly and grey, and with more than the suspicion of a senile "doddor" in his deportment. Of course, arrived at the years of discretion as he was, he might to have known better. But then, he didn't, and as he would himself have stated, had he been consulted on the subject, his actions were only his own concerns so long as they were lawful—and up to the time our story opens he had thoroughly fulfilled the latter condition. Indeed Mr Miggs was nothing if not eminently respectable. He regularly attended church twice upon Sundays, his bank book and building society account attested to the fact of his frugality whilst in all our local public movements he showed himself a man of light and leading. A resident in Consett, he was an earnest advocate of all measures likely to improve that town; a sanitary reformer, he was one of the earliest supporters of the Infectious Hospital scheme; he had lived to see the latest project of a public park carried into effect; and he earnestly anticipated the day when the amalgamation of our Local Boards would cause even Newcastle to be cast into the shade.

There was something to be said even for Mr Miggs's matrimonial venture. His wife had been dead for thirty years, and during that time the small tradesman's daughter had developed and attained to manhood and womanhood. His home, once full of smiling faces, had become desolate and dreary. Sons and daughters had built up snug nests of their own, and the solitary hearth weighed like a millstone upon Mr Miggs's heart. Gradually he had begun to seek out of doors the comfort and company his own walls did not contain; but the quest was not a happy one; and he was returning once more into his shell when Cupid launched a stout arrow at his hoary heart—an arrow that struck its target and evoked a tremendous rich red flount.

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WHEN Fanny bit her tongue one day, and came in crying. "What is it!" asked her mother. "Oh, mamma;" she said, "my teeth stepped on my tongue."

BOY of Eleven: "Mother, what is the difference between a fort and a fortress?" Mother: "I really don't know, dear." Small Brother of Eight: "Why fortress is the female, of course."

SCENE—A suburban villa. Newly-married husband: "That trellis-work wants painting badly, darling. I think I'll do it myself." She: "Yes; do it yourself, love, if you think it wants to be done badly."

A MAN whose face showed the effects of a skirmish with his wife, said to the police justice before whom he was arraigned that his disfigurement was owing to the rise in iron—"that is," he added, "to an advance of *nails*."

"O MAMMA," said a child of five, "I'm so glad there was a flood!" "Why, my child?" exclaimed mamma. "Because, if there hadn't been any flood, I shouldn't have had a Noah's ark; and I do love my ark."

AN A.1-ER.—Why, if you please, is a glazier like a doctor?—Why, because don't you see, he is always attending to the panes of others, and is never so well employed as when he is patching up their rickety frames.

A FAIR correspondent asks what is the proper thing for her to do when she is serenaded by a party of gentlemen at a late hour. We are glad to be able to answer the question. Steal softly downstairs and untie the dog.

"I HAVE neither time nor inclination to pass paregorics on the deceased," remarked a funeral orator. "Panegyrics!" a person present corrected. "As you please, sir," remarked the orator stiffly; "the words are anonymous."

A LITTLE boy running along caught his toe in something, and fell on the pavement. "Never mind, my little fellow, it won't hurt to-morrow," said a bystander. To which the boy replied, "Then I won't cry to-morrow."

WHILE the jury were being sworn in on an eviction case at Waterford, one of them entered the jury-box with his hat on, and being asked to remove it, addressing his lordship, said, "I have conscientious objections against taking off my hat." Mr. Justice Barry: "Then some other gentleman will take it off for you!" Whereupon another juror immediately removed the hat.

"AH, the first Mrs. B. was a charming woman;" said B. to his second wife a few days ago. Then, seeing an ugly look on her face, he hastened to say, "You must excuse me, my dear; but it's only natural that I should mourn for her at times." "Oh, don't apologise!" said Mrs. B. No. 2, in her most pointed way. "I assure you no one can regret her death more than I do!"

A SPANISH miser fell into a river. A peasant, seeing that the current would carry him away, held out his hand, crying. "Give me your hand!" Give! He had never done such a thing in his life, and would sooner die than begin! Luckily for him, the stream carried him close to a fisherman, who said, "My man, take my hand!" As soon as it was a question of taking, it was all right; and he was saved.

THE witty and convivial Lord Kelly, being in his early years much addicted to dissipation, his mother advised him to take example of a gentleman whose constant food was herbs, and his drink water. "What, madam," said he, "would you have me imitate a man who eats like a beast and drinks like a fish?"

MR. SAMPLETON is a very irascible man, and is in the habit of punishing his boys very severely. Not long since he observed that one of his sons needed a new pair of pants. He scolded the boy for wearing out his clothes so fast. "Pa, no pants can last any time the way you hits," replied the son reproachfully.

ON Sterne's entering a coffee-room at York, a Mr. A., staring him full in the face, said he hated a parson; upon which Mr. Sterne said, "And so, sir, does my dog, for as soon as I put on my gown and cassock he falls a-barking." "Indeed," replied A., "how long has he done so?" "Ever since he was a puppy, sir," answered Sterne.

INTERIOR of railway-carriage. Brown, who rejoices in a superabundance of fiery red hair, to Jones, who has no hair at all: "I say Jones—surely you can't have been there when the hair was given out!" Jones: "Oh yes, I was. But they offered me only a lot of red stuff; and I didn't take it." Brown buries himself in his newspaper.

# Local and District News.

## CONSETT.

At the Police Court, on Monday, there was not a single case to be disposed of by Mr J. Priestman.

SCRAPS FOR SCREENS.—An excellent assortment of scraps at one penny, and also at sixpence each, are to be had of Robert Jackson, 8 and 10, Newmarket Street, Consett.

On Saturday, Ann McPherson, a tramp staying at Matthew's lodging-house at Consett, was committed to prison for 14 days by Mr Jas. Annandale, J.P., for vagrancy by begging in the streets.

The first quarterly meeting of the mechanics employed in the Consett Iron Company's shops took place in the Assembly Rooms, Consett, on Monday evening. There was a very good attendance, the proceedings being enlivened by selections of vocal and instrumental music.

LOCAL DISTINCTIONS.—We are requested by Mr Geo. Johnson Ottley, secretary of the Institution of Auctioneers and Surveyors of the United Kingdom, to say that Mr Adam Brodie and Mr R. J. Brodie, of Consett, have been admitted as members, and that Mr Adam Brodie has been appointed a member of the Council of the Institution.

REVIVAL SERVICES.—Mrs Jackson, the celebrated lady preacher and evangelist, will conclude a very successful mission in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, to morrow (Saturday). During the mission, the attendance has been large, with excellent results. A coffee supper will be held in the school-room on Saturday evening, at eight o'clock. We understand that Mrs Jackson leaves Consett for Castleside to conduct revival services there.

CHRIST CHURCH.—On Monday evening, Rev T. Stenhouse, of Medomsley, delivered a lecture in the Consett National Schools, entitled "Modern Jews and their Customs," in aid of the Consett Parish Church improvement funds. The chair was taken by Rev F. Steggall (vicar); but the attendance, owing to counter-attractions, was exceedingly limited. The lecturer possesses a fluent and pleasing delivery, and on the motion of Rev T. J. Storey (Blackhill) a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

THEATRE ROYAL.—This last week, the enterprising manager (Mr Gough) has been fortunate in securing the services of the well-known "My Sweetheart" company. Miss Jennie Franklin, the American Nightingale, impersonates "Tina" in a most admirable and faithful manner, and she is supported by a first-class company, all the rest of the characters being ably sustained. The singing is beautiful; and coupled with the superb dresses and the splendid scenery, the company ought to be largely patronised this week end.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT. — MESSRS SMART AND CO.'S EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.—In consequence of numerous inquiries, Messrs Smart and Company have decided to form classes at one-half the usual fees, viz., 10s 6d, for tuition in writing, book-keeping, shorthand, and arithmetic. The classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 6·30 to 8·30, in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett. Those who wish to avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity are requested to commence as early as possible, as it will only be continued for a limited time. The system of teaching writing is now too well known to require comment. Young or old may learn to write a first-class business or professional hand in a course of lessons. Success guaranteed. Pitman's shorthand by the most rapid methods. Book-keeping by single and double entry. Rapid business arithmetic. Private lessons as usual from 4 to 6·30. None should miss this grand opportunity by delay. 850w

THE VICAR ON THE COLIN-CAMPBELL CASE.—Rev F. Steggall, vicar, preaching in Consett Parish Church on Sunday morning, made special allusion, in the course of his sermon, to the foregoing divorce proceedings. While admitting that the newspaper press had proved in many respects, of great benefit and advantage to the community at large, he deprecated the action of a certain section of the daily papers in publishing such lengthy accounts of a pending legal trial, thus filling their columns, he said, from day to day with abominable filthiness. These proceedings showed that they were living in times when corruption and immorality abounded on every side, and it was necessary now, more than ever, for all Christian ministers to remind the people of their sins, just in the same way as Christ and His Apostles rebuked the Pharasees of old for their wicked deeds. He would not mention the special case he referred to, lest it might induce some of his hearers to be more anxious to peruse the reports in question; but he specially wanted parents and householders not to leave any newspapers, publishing these loathsome details, lying within the reach of their wives or families. He exhorted them that, whilst living in the world, they need not be of the world. He wished to see as much happiness and enjoyment as possible amongst all men; but he enquired what happiness there was in attending frivolous social gatherings, indulging in horse racing, gambling, and other questionable amusements?

## BLACKHILL.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The usual fortnightly entertainment in connection with the above society, was held in the Wesleyan school-room, Blackhill, on Saturday evening, when a varied and interesting programme, consisting of solos, duets, &c, was given; the musical talent being ably represented by Misses Seed, Smith, and Shotton, and Messrs McTaggart, Shotton, and H. Ridley. A short address on temperance was given by Mr W. T. Gillies, and two humorous recitations in the Tyneside dialect by Mr J. L. Walton. The chair was ably filled by Mr Geo. Wilson. At the close several pledges were taken.

ROYAL AUCTION MART.—On Monday, Messrs Nicholson and Murray held their weekly mart of fat and store cattle, when they had forward:—18 fat cattle, 190 fat sheep, 15 cows, 9 store cattle, 3 calves, 19 small pigs, 3 pork pigs, 7 geese, 6 turkeys, and a large quantity of poultry, 2 loads of turnips, 2 tons of potatoes, a quantity of sharps, bran, horse sheets, &c. Quotations:—Fat cattle, from £9 to £15 2s 6d. Black-faced sheep, 16s to 28s; cross-bred, 37s 47s 6d. Cows, up to £22 2s 6d; stirks, to £5 10s; calves, 7s to 26s. Pigs, 12s to £3 2s 6d. Geese, 6s to 6s 9d; turkeys, 6s to 7s. Turnips, 9s per load; potatoes, £3 10s per ton. There was a large company, and better prices all through than at recent marts.

ATTEMPTING TO BITE A POLICEMAN.—At the Shotley Bridge Court-house, on Tuesday—before Mr Jas. Annandale, J.P.—*Joseph Armstrong*, ironworker, living at Blackhill, was brought up on a charge of committing a ferocious assault upon Sergt. Tate, whilst in the performance of his duty, at Blackhill, on Monday evening.—It appears that about 11 o'clock, Armstrong was creating an uproar in the streets, and when the Sergeant went and remonstrated with the man and advised him to go home, the latter attacked the officer in a violent manner. Prisoner made a desperate attempt to bite off one of the fingers of the policeman's right hand. During the ensuing struggle the sergeant defended himself as well as he could; but happily another constable arrived upon the scene, and the infuriated man was removed in custody to Consett. The finger is said to be terribly bruised and emaciated, and the doctors will probably have to amputate it.—Prisoner was remanded in goal for a week.

## SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Rev George Eddy, of Newcastle, is at present conducting an evangelistic mission in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Shotley Bridge.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH MAGAZINE. — The December number contains, in addition to other local matters, the continuation of "Parish Records," which are increasing in interest as they advance towards our own times. The present part contains interesting items of Benfieldside and Shotley 200 years ago, in which figures several familiar names. The general portion of the magazine is, as usual, well selected, and contains many useful and instructive articles.

## BURNHOPESIDE.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT IN A TURNIP FIELD.—On Monday, an accident of an alarming but not if a serious character supervened at the above-mentioned place. Whilst two girls, named Gawman and Hobkirk, were working together in a turnip-field, the former was in the act of "snagging" the top off a turnip, whilst the latter, it is conjectured, was in a stooping position to draw out another turnip, when the cycle of the first-named girl entered the head of Hobkirk, causing an incision of considerable dimensions from which blood flowed freely. However, the girl is now progressing favourably.

## WASKERLEY.

THE LATE EXPLOSIONS. — Mr W. T. King, missioner of Muggleswick, during his sermon on Sunday last, which was based upon Psalm cxxxii, 1, said:—"You will have heard through the newspapers that two dreadful explosions have taken place within the last few days in this country—explosions which have suddenly called strong men and boys to meet their God, their last season of Advent ended for ever, the true Advent of their Lord revealed. These poor fellows little thought that the first Sunday in Advent would be the last one that they should spend upon earth; that in so short a time their wives would be widows and their children fatherless. We cannot read these accounts of the uncertainty of life without sympathetic thoughts for the departed and their sorrowing friends—much more, without the solemn advice, which, if God permitted them to come back to this world, they would preach to us, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It seems strange and sad, the way in which this Advent has come upon us. All outward signs of joy of the near approach of Christmastide, and yet so many so suddenly called to give an account of their stewardship. So it is: on the one side, a Church that, like her Lord, cannot change—that is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever; on the other, a world full of changes and chances, death in the midst of life, and sorrow in the midst of joy. Let us make use of the warnings, and delay not to prepare to meet our God, lest at any time the cry should be made to us, 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him' and that we should find that our lamps are gone out."

## LANCHESTER.

THE NEW MAGISTRATES.—Yesterday (Thursday), Mr Wm. Hedley, J.P., of Burnhopeside Hall, near Lanchester, and Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, of The Woodlands, Consett—who were qualified last week to act on the Commission of the Peace for the county—took their seats upon the Lanchester Bench for the first time.

ADDITIONAL POSTAL FACILITIES.—The village of Lanchester has been favoured with extra postal facilities, a special despatch having been instituted on Monday by the 1·30 p.m. train; and the letters are distributed to callers at the Post Office at six o'clock in the evening. It is expected that before long there will be a night delivery of letters.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—A special meeting was held at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. (chairman), for the purpose of considering the draft order received from the Local Government Board with reference to the re-arrangement of the detached portions of the parishes in the Union. The order, with slight modifications, was agreed to.

## WEST STANLEY.

STANLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT.—The December quarterly meeting was held in the school-room, Stanley, on Saturday. There was a good attendance of representatives. Rev John Magee, superintendent minister, presided, and Mr Philip Reay, Annfield Plain, officiated as secretary. The report of members showed a total of 446, being an increase of 11 for the quarter, and at several places in the station there have been great ingatherings, which have not been reported this quarter. A substantial balance remains in the hands of the circuit steward after the ordinary and several extra claims were met. Rev J. Magee received an unanimous invitation to remain next year, and accepted.

C.E.T.S.—(BEAMISH BRANCH).—On Monday evening, the members of the above branch again held one of their highly-appreciative and instructive entertainments in the School-room at West Stanley. The audience was a fairly large one, good order and attention being kept throughout the meeting. The chair was taken by Rev L. M. Chesters (curate). After prayers had been said, the audience joined heartily in hymn No. 40, "Sow in the morn thy seed." The programme was opened with a reading, "Geordie's fight," by Mr J. Robson. Next came a recitation by Master J. Reay, "Never put off till to-morrow," which was rendered in capital style. At this stage, Mr J. Lumley (vice-president) gave a short, but pointed, address, strongly urging his hearers to try all in their power to stem the tide of temperance during the coming Christmas festivities. Next appeared Mr S. Wood with a song, "Cast out," giving satisfaction to all present. A very interesting and instructive dialogue followed, entitled "Pride shall have a fall," the characters being ably sustained by Miss P. Ramshaw, Miss L. Ramshaw, and Mr J. Simpson, Mr R. D. Grundy, and Mr J. Robson, which received well-merited applause. Then came a new feature in the programme—viz., a round, "Let's see if we," by Messrs J. Robson, J. Simpson, T. Robson, and R. D. Grundy; which was followed by a reading, by our old friend Mr Thompson, "Bob makes an awkard mistake," causing much laughter. Next came the choir with a beautiful melody, "Sons of temperance, see the breaking," which was rendered with their usual ability. Afterwards, a recitation, "If I would not be a drunkard," by Master J. Hunter, pleasing the audience immensely. Messrs R. D. Grundy, J. Simpson, and J. Robson, sang two trios, "Onward speed" and "Come, join the temperance band?" which were well taken with. The meeting closed with prayers and hymn 47, "Toiling on." After the meeting, an initiation service was held, when 14 persons were enrolled as members of the society. Mr G. Anderson presided at the harmonium with his usual ability.

## TOW LAW.

Advent sermons were preached in the Parish Church, Tow Law on Wednesday night, by Rev J. Harmer, M.A., Chaplain to the Bishop of Durham.

AUCTION MART.—On Monday, at Mr J. Vickers's auction mart, at Tow Law, there were forward: 18 cows and heifers, which brought from £15 to £22 10s; 17 store cattle, £3 to £8 10s; 29 fat cattle, £10 2s 6d to £17 10; 6 calves, 16s to 36s; 275 fat sheep from 22s 6d to 57s 6d. Large attendance of buyers, and a good trade.

LAMENTABLE END OF A DOMESTIC SERVANT.—Mary Atkinson (17) died on Wednesday night under rather mysterious circumstances. She had been in service at Stockton, where her mother lives, and recently went on a visit to her aunt at Thornley, near Tow Law, to whom she said she had taken sixpennyworth of laudanum. Alarming symptoms followed, and death took place as reported. Dr Hood thinks the girl has swallowed a solution of phosphorus from matches. The case is exciting a good deal of painful interest.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT.—The December quarterly meeting of the above circuit was held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, there being a large attendance. The chair was occupied by the minister (Rev John Taylor). The financial statement of the steward showed a good balance to carry over, while the membership had declined.

## MEDOMSLEY.

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting of the above was held on Monday, for the purpose of electing officers for season 1887. The election resulted as follows:—President, Mr W. H. Hedley; vice-presidents, Rev W. Cockin, Mr J. H. Morris, Mr C. F. Scott, Mr R. Humble, Mr R. Moffitt, Mr S. Mace, and Mr J. C. Close; captain, Mr T. Murphy; vice-captain, Mr George Walton; treasurer, Mr R. F. Taylor; financial secretary, Mr F. Archer; corresponding secretary, Mr J. Cant.

## EDMONDSLEY.

EDMONDSLEY STRANGERS 1ST v. BURNHOPE 1ST.—Played at Edmondsley, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Strangers by six goals to nil.

## PELTON.

Yesterday (Thursday), about 30 miners employed at Pelton Colliery received their notices.

Yesterday (Thursday) morning, Matthew Proud, miner, employed at Pelton Colliery, received serious injuries by a fall of stone.

C.E.T.S.—On Monday evening, the usual fortnightly concert was given in the boys' school, Pelton, the vicar (Rev J. Wilkins) in the chair. The following ladies and gentlemen took part:—Misses A., E., and B. Wilkins, L. and R. Wilby, K. Turnbull, the Vicar, and Rev E. H. Greenhow, Messrs W. Selkirk, J. Earnbull, G. Carr, J. S. Strong, T. Selkirk, H. Wilkins, and J. G. Turnbull. There was a large attendance. The Vicar is giving a course of lectures on the "History of England."

## OXHILL.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Monday, Dorothy Embleton (65), the wife of Thomas Embleton, of Annfield Plain, expired in a sudden manner. Mrs Embleton was staying with her daughter, at No 35, Oxhill, and whilst walking about she fell down and died. Death resulted from heart disease, accordingly no inquest was held.

## STANHOPE.

MISSION WORK.—Miss J. P. Earl delivered three lectures last week on the "Lord's Prayer," in the Mission Hall, High Street, Stanhope, Mr Eggleston presiding each evening. Collections were taken after each lecture in aid of the Stanhope mission.

TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENT.—On Saturday evening, the Stanhope Band of Hope gave an entertainment in the Temperance Hall, when songs, solos, duets, anthems, readings, recitations, and dialogues were given at intervals. Mr T. Walton presided. There was a good company.

LECTURE.—A lecture was delivered in the New Bank Room, Stanhope, on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Stanhope Mechanics' Institute, by the Rev J. Shepherd, vicar of Rookhope, on "Excelsior; or Mottoes for Working Men." Bishop Ryan, rector of Stanhope, presided. Votes of thanks to the chairman and lecturer were moved and seconded by Dr Arnison, J.P., Butts House, and Mr J. Thompson, solicitor, Fairfield Hall.

## CASTLESIDE.

On Sunday, the funeral sermon of the late Mr W. Forster, of Castleside, was preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, by Mr T. C. Elliott, Dene Howle, before a tolerably large congregation.

FOUND DEAD ON THE RAILWAY.—On Wednesday, a platelayer, named Thomas Pickering, an elderly man, living at Whickham Grange, near Castleside, was found dead on the Stockton and Durlington Section of the North-Eastern Railway, at Whitehall, between Rowley and Burnhill Stations. The man had been clearing the points near to the depots, and was found about 10 o'clock by three brothers of the name of Hall. It was at first reported that the man had been knocked down and killed by the 9 a.m. train; but latest information tends to show that Pickering must have been proceeding along the line, and was attacked by a fit. He fell into the channel by the side of the railway and never recovered, and life was barely extinct when he was discovered. No marks or injuries were visible on the body. Deceased is well-known in that locality, and leaves a wife and grown-up family. An inquest will be held on the body to-day (Friday), at two o'clock.

## DURHAM.

OPENING OF A NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Wednesday, a new Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was opened at Browney, near Durham, by the Rev A. Burgess, of Darlington. The chapel has cost about £500, and will accomodate 250 persons. The site was given by Ald. T. H. Bell, of Middlesbrough.

## LEADGATE.

The yearly fund supper was held on Saturday evening at the house of Mrs Lumley, Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate.

PRESENTATION. — The mechanics and a few friends connected with the Consett Iron Company's Collieries, met on Monday night, at the house of Mr J. Noble, Commercial Inn, Leadgate, and presented their late engineer, Mr W. Tate, with a purse of gold, as a token of respect, on his leaving the neighbourhood.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The usual meeting was held in the Day School, Bottle Bank, Leadgate, on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance. Melodies were rendered by Misses M. Dawson, P. Dawson, and A. Hewitt. A dialogue was also given by two boys; and a recitation by Mr J. Parker. Mr T. Dinning presided, and Miss M. Bell accompanied on the harmonium.

## KNITSLEY.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Friday evening, a lecture was delivered in the above place of worship at Knitsley, by the Rev Thomas Hall, of Kingston, Ontario, on "The Dominion of Canada." Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., occupied the chair. After a very pleasing and interesting evening, a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman was passed. A collection was taken in aid of the circuit debt, and closed the meeting.

## RIDING MILL.

CHORAL SOCIETY.—The first concert of the season, under the auspices of the above society, was given in the school room, Riding Mill, on Saturday evening. The room was crowded. The chair was occupied by Rev H. Slater, M.A., vicar, president of the society. An interesting miscellaneous programme was gone through. The pieces allotted to the society comprised several well selected glees and part songs, and included "The Rising of the Clans," from Rossini's opera "La Donna del Lago," all of which were rendered with that due precision and exactitude to light and shade which have always characterised the previous performances of this able choir. Mr Alfred Bell, Kilnpit Hill, the painstaking conductor of the society, conducted with his reputed ability, and Mr John Bell proved himself a efficient accompanist. Songs were also given by the following:—Miss Edwards, Hexham; Miss H. Charlton, Stocksfield; Mr H. Robson, Hexham; Mr G. W. Swinburne, Corbridge; Mr F. Knott, Corbridge; and Mr R. Guy, Corbridge; each of whom were in excellent voice, and acquitted themselves admirably, their efforts being so thoroughly enjoyed that in several instances the performers were recalled, and demands for *encores* duly responded to. Mr M. Ellerrington, Corbridge, also contributed a highly amusing reading in the Cumbrian dialect, entitled "Joe the Geologist," which kept the audience in the best of humour throughout the whole of its able delivery. The successful entertainment terminated with the "National Anthem."

## CORBRIDGE.

Mrs Straker, of Stagshaw House, has given a donation of £5 towards the Corbridge National Schools playground fund.

DEATH OF MRS BLANDFORD, SEN.,—The sudden death of Mrs Blandford, widow of Mr Thomas Blandford, formerly of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, will be learnt with unfeigned reget by very many of the frequenters of Corbridge. Mrs Blandford, who was a most estimable lady, was 76 years of age. She leaves four sons and two daughters to mourn her loss.

## WITTON GILBERT.

During the last fortnight mission services have been held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Witton Gilbert, by Mrs and Mr Webster, of Rochdale. Large congregations attended each service.

YEARLY FUND SUPPER.—The members of the yearly fund which meets at Mr T. Suddes, the Station Hotel, Witton Gilbert, held their annual supper on Saturday evening. Upwards of 50 members sat down. Mr J. Appleton occupied the chair, being faced by Mr J. Clark, in the vice-chair. After the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the secretary (Mr D. Ough) read the financial statement. The fund has been fortunate during the year, very little sickness, and only one death of a child, so that there was a dividend of 8s per member after all claims had been met. Upwards of 20 new members were enrolled, making the membership now between 70 and 80. During the evening, excellent songs were sung by Messrs T. Brown, L. Barrow, Simmons, and Ough. Votes of thanks to chairman, host and hostess, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

## WOLSINGHAM.

CHURCH INSTITUTE.—At a meeting of the Wolsingham Church Institute the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Rev Chancellor Espin; vice-president, Rev M. R. Sharp; treasurer, Mr J. Deighton; secretary, Rev T. E. Espin; librarian, Mr J. Brown; committee, Messrs Devey, Landreth, Shaw. Several new members were elected. The subject for the evening, "Cremation," was then introduced by the Rev M. R. Sharp, and a discussion took place, no motion being agreed to when the meeting rose.

LECTURE ON "HUSBANDS AND WIVES." — On Monday night, Rev J. Duff (Wesleyan superintendent minister) delivered one of his amusing lectures in the Town Hall, Wolsingham—subject: "Husbands and wives." There was a very select, although not large, company present. The lecturer dealt largely in what he called "friendly satire," but was nevertheless very instructive, and gave unmistakable evidence of his ability as a lecturer. His remarks were very frequently applauded. The "fair" sex describe it as the best lecture that they ever listened to. Rev R. Scott (Baptist) good-naturedly occupied the chair. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Joseph Parker, in a few well-chosen remarks; after which a similar vote was accorded the genial chairman. The proceeds were in aid of new vestry (Wesleyan).

## WEARDALE

The Weardale Lead Company, per Mr C. E. Bainbridge, have paid over to Mr [illegible] a cheque for £20 as a donation towards the funds of the Eggleston Reading-room.

## CROOK.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN A PIT.—A young man named James Fothergil was crushed to death by a heavy fall of stone in Stanley Drift, belonging to Messrs Pease and Partners, on Friday.—At an inquest held on Monday upon the body, a verdict stating that the occurence was accidental was returned. The jury recommended that the crossing planks in the pit should be thicker.

## WATERHOUSES.

SAD ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY.—Shortly after ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, a sad fatality occurred at the Dearness Valley Junction of the North-Eastern Railway. A platelayer named Henry Sotheran was working in the six-foot way opposite the Dearness Cottages, where he resided. The train which reached Durham at 10·20 was approaching, and owing to a sharp curve at this place he neither saw the train, nor, evidently, did he hear it. As the train took the curve he must have lost his presence of mind, for instead of stepping out of the way he stepped in front of the engine, and although the guard saw him, there was no time to prevent the accident. He seems at the moment to have made an effort to get back, as he was caught by the connecting-rod of the engine, and although killed almost instantaneously, his body was not much mutilated. The train was at once stopped, and Mr Little, one of the permanent way inspectors, who chanced to be in the train, at once got out, and gathering assistance, the remains of the unfortunate man were carried to his residence, which was only a short distance off. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been in the employ of the railway company for a number of years. An inquest was held on Wednesday. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

## HAMSTEELS.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. — Mr Nairn (Scottish evangelist) is at present labouring with great success at Hamsteels. His preaching and lecturing is drawing large companies to the house of God. A number of individuals have professed to receive good. Sunday was a day to be remembered for some time to come. It commenced with a prayer meeting at eight a.m.; Mr Nairn delivered an address to the young at ten o'clock; preached at two p.m., and at 5·30, the place was crowded in every part. The preacher was in splendid trim, a mighty influence rested upon the meeting, and 18 souls professed to be blessed during the day. We trust this good work will prosper.

CONCERT.—The first of a series of entertainments was given in the Parish Church School-room, Hamsteels, on Monday night, by the Hamsteels and Cornsay Choral Society, under the conductorship of the Rev F. G. Wesley. The services of Messrs Whitehead and Nutton, of Durham, were secured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr Nutton received an *encore* on his singing "The boatswain," while Mr Whitehead "brought the house down" when he sang "The merry old maid" and "The skippers of St. Ives." The duet also given by Messrs Whitehead and Nutton, "We're public guardians," secured an *encore*. The Choral Society did its part well, the general effect betokening careful training. The cornet solo, as well as the duet for cornets rendered by Mr and Master Ponton, were a great addition to the entertainment, and the duties of Mr S. L. Rickaby, organist of Hamsteels Church, must not be forgotten. The pianoforte duet, "Overture to Le Nozze di Figaro," was given by Messrs Rickaby and Newton in excellent style. Amongst the audience were Major Smith, Flass Hall; Rev Father Fortin, Newcastle; Rev J. and Mrs Dent, Mr Parkin, Mr and Mrs Hornsby, Miss Hand and Mr and Mrs Lowes, Hamsteels; Mr and the Misses Golightly, Messrs Newton, Starforth, and Hardy, Cornsay; Mr Foster and Miss Robinson, Mr, and Mrs, and the Misses Love, Malton; Rev J. Mackay, Dr and Mrs Mackay, Dr Sinclair, Mr and Miss Elliot, Mr Brown, and Mr Morin, Esh. It is to be hoped that the concerts will receive the support they deserve.

## BLAYDON.

A BODY FOUND IN THE TYNE.—The body of a man unknown was found in the Tyne near the coke ovens at Blaydon Haughs, on Tuesday morning. The deceased was of a stout build, about 5ft. 6in. in height, and apparently between 45 and 50 years of age. He had on a pair of grey tweed trousers, patched in the seat, a black vest, and no coat. The body, which was much decomposed, was removed to an adjoining stable to await identification.

## LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

In continuation of the report of the proceedings contained in our inner columns, we understand that the result of the deliberations in private on Wednesday evening, was that it was agreed with unanimity that Mr Longstaff be asked to retain the post of Inspector and Surveyor, the alleged charges preferred against him being unreservedly withdrawn. Subjoined is the report submitted by the Building and Sewage Committee:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg to report that they have this day inspected part of your district, and consider the pressing sanitary requirements, as pointed out recently by the report of David Page, Esq., Local Government Board Inspector. There were two Committees settled on at your last meeting—viz., the Sanitary and Building and Sewerage Committee. Gentlemen present at inspection: Messrs W. Keenleyside, W. Brown, Thos. Lammonby, Geo. Nicholson, and the Inspector. We agree and recommend that all inhabited houses that are not spouted, that notices be served on the several owners or occupiers forthwith, to have spouting put on to those parts of their houses abutting streets or footways. At the back of West Street and other streets (belonging to Consett Iron Company), now laid with fire-brick channelling, we considered very tidy and a good job, and we would recommend that the joints be drawn with cement, at the proper season of the year, to make watertight, as they abut the foundations of the houses. We agree with the Government Inspector that the channels or slop-courses, made of old bricks, and abutting the foundations of houses, are injurious to the health of the people and to the property, always keeping the foundations wet with sewerage matter, which is very objectionable. These defective open channels existing in several streets belonging to the Consett Iron Company and others, for example, Green Street, we recommend the old channels of small bricks be taken up and that a fire brick channel be laid similar to the fire-brick channel in West Street by the Consett Iron Company. There are several defective channels of this sort belonging to various owners, and we recommend that notice be served on them to carry out the necessary improvements.

Several untrapped drains, discharging sewer gas at people's doors, have never been attended to—for example Green Street, back of Front Street (No. of house, 100). We could not see our way clear to approve of the suggestion of the Government Inspector in reference to covered-in ashpits; they are good large well-fenced places, in large open yard spaces, and in most cases a good position to be kept clean, so far as the general cottage property is concerned. We agree with the Government Inspector in the requirements of erecting of ventilation sewer shafts of not less than six inches diameter, and recommend the following places as suitable:—1st. 167, Bottle Bank; 2nd, 178, Bottle Bank; 3rd, 219, Bottle Bank; 4th, Geo. Nicholson's stable-yard; 5th, on the railway at Geo. Nicholson's house gable. We recommend that a notice be served on Mrs Lumley, Golden Lion Inn, Front Street, Leadgate, to remove necessary and ashpit from the gable end of cottage occupied by Isaac Hetherington, and suggest the same be erected against the gable of stable. Mr Parker's killing-house has a good cement floor and is in good order. We recommend the outer-yard, between the slaughter-house and ashpit, be cemented at a proper season of the year, about 35 superficial yards required. Mr Matthew Greener, a wash house and no sink, waste water running on to neighbouring property; this ought to have been attended to. We recommend about 30 yards of cementing in yard, at slaughter-house door, with proper sinks. Mr John Thompson's property, back of Front Street, an ash-pit and water closets against the foundation of dwelling-house, recommend the same to be removed, and one of the adjoining kitchens set apart to make room for same. Mr Keenleyside, butcher, to cement slaughter-house, and about 20 yards of cementing in yard in front of slaughter-house. Privy and ash-pit repaired or re-constructed, being now much dilapidated. Mr W. Brown, farmer, Redwell Hills, has occupied his house many years without a privy.

(Signed), WM. BROWN,
GEO. NICHOLSON.

Leadgate, December 1st, 1886.

## FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT BLACKHILL.

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the village of Shotley Bridge and the neighbourhood were the scene of much expectation, consequent upon a fashionable marriage being celebrated in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill. The bride-elect was Miss Florence Margaret Stevenson, third daughter of Mr James C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields, the bridegroom being Mr Mackay Donald Scobie Mackenzie, banker, Gateshead, son of the late Capt. Boyce Mackenzie, Criech, Sutherlandshire. The nuptials were performed by Rev C. M. McClelland, Presbyterian minister, South Shields (uncle of the bride), assisted by Rev Alex. Baillie, pastor of the church. The bridal pair, accompanied by bridesmaids, the father of the bride, and a goodly number of friends, left the residence of Mr Stevenson, Cauldwell, Shotley Bridge, and proceeded to the church via Snows Green and Benfieldside Edge Road, the service commencing at 1·45 p.m. The guests were mostly from South Shields, Newcastle, and various parts of England and Scotland, where the relatives of both the bridegroom and his affianced are popularly known. The bride was prettily attired in a white poplin dress, rather plainly trimmed; a wreath of orange blossoms covering her head, and a white veil being suspended therefrom. On her wrists were a pair of golden bracelets, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, five in number, were clad in golden-coloured satin, with brown velvet hats to match. Each carried a bunch of chrystanthums, &c. Mr Stevenson gave his daughter away, and a cousin to the bridegroom acted as best man. A large and distinguished congregation awaited the appearance of the bridal party in the church, and as they proceeded up the aisle, a suitable voluntary was played on the organ by Miss Pescod. The choir sang a hymn, and the service was entered upon. The interesting ceremony was gone through in an imposing manner, the entire audience seeming to recognise the importance of the event. As the bridal party quitted the precincts of the sacred edifice, Mendelssohn's "Wedding march" pealed from the organ. The bride and bridegroom, on reaching the entrance of the church, were hailed with a shower of rice, and tremedous cheering from the spectators. The party then returned to the residence of Mr Stevenson, at Snows Green, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared, the orthodox wedding breakfast being substituted by an afternoon tea, which was partaken of by the numerous guests assembled. During the afternoon, several congratulatory telegrams were received by the newly-wedded pair, and all present wished them every prosperity and happiness in the future. The presents received by the bride were both valuable and numerous. The happy couple left Shotley Bridge Station by the 3·20 p.m. train *en route* for Scotland, where they propose to spend their honeymoon.

## Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

WEEK DAYS.

| STATIONS. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE Dep. | 6 10 | 9 40 | 11 0 | 12 20 | 2 30 | 5 30 | 7 30 |
| Scotswood ,, | 6 17 | 9 47 | 11 7 | 12 27 | 2 37 | 5 37 | 7 37 |
| Swalwell ,, | 6 24 | 9 54 | 11 14 | 12 34 | 2 43 | 5 42 | 7 44 |
| Rowlands Gill ,, | 6 34 | 10 4 | 11 24 | 12 44 | 2 53 | 5 51 | 7 54 |
| Lintz Green ,, | 6 40 | 10 10 | 11 30 | 12 50 | 2 59 | 5 57 | 8 0 |
| Ebchester ,, | 6 53 | 10 20 | 11 40 | 1 0 | 3 12 | 6 6 | 8 13 |
| Shotley Bridge ,, | 6 59 | 10 24 | 11 44 | 1 4 | 3 18 | 6 10 | 8 19 |
| CONSETT Arr. | 7 5 | 10 30 | 11 50 | 1 10 | 3 23 | 6 15 | 8 25 |
| CONSETT Dep. | 7 10 | 10 32 | ... | 1 12 | 3 25 | 6 33 | .. |
| Knitsley ,, | 7 21 | 10 43 | ... | 1 23 | 3 36 | 6 44 | |
| Lanchester ,, | 7 31 | 10 53 | ... | 1 32 | 3 45 | 6 53 | |
| Witton Gilbert ,, | 7 38 | 11 1 | ... | 1 40 | 3 53 | 7 1 | |
| Aldin Grange ,, | 7 45 | 11 9 | ... | 1 47 | 4 0 | 7 9 | |
| DURHAM Arr. | 7 50 | 11 15 | ... | 1 52 | 4 5 | 7 15 | |

| | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DURHAM Dep. | 7 25 | ... | 11 45 | 2 35 | ... | 5 25 | 8 10 |
| Aldin Grange ,, | 7 32 | ... | 11 52 | 2 41 | ... | 5 32 | 8 17 |
| Witton Gilbert ,, | 7 40 | ... | 12 0 | 2 48 | ... | 5 40 | 8 25 |
| Lanchester ,, | 7 50 | ... | 12 10 | 2 58 | ... | 5 50 | 8 35 |
| Knitsley ,, | 8 2 | ... | 12 20 | 3 8 | ... | 6 0 | 8 45 |
| CONSETT Arr. | 8 12 | ... | 12 30 | 3 18 | ... | 6 10 | 8 55 |
| CONSETT Dep. | 8 15 | 9 10 | 12 33 | 3 25 | ... | 6 15 | 9 2 |
| Shotley Bridge ,, | 8 20 | 9 15 | 12 38 | 3 30 | ... | 6 19 | 9 7 |
| Ebchester ,, | 8 24 | 9 19 | 12 42 | 3 34 | ... | 6 23 | 9 12 |
| Lintz Green ,, | 8 34 | 9 29 | 12 50 | 3 44 | ... | 6 32 | 9 22 |
| Rowlands Gill ,, | 8 39 | 9 34 | 12 55 | 3 50 | ... | 6 38 | 9 28 |
| Swalwell ,, | 8 47 | 9 42 | 1 3 | 3 57 | ... | 6 41 | 9 36 |
| Scotswood ,, | 8 54 | 9 49 | 1 9 | 4 4 | ... | 6 48 | 9 43 |
| NEWCASTLE Ar | 9 5 | 10 0 | 1 20 | 4 15 | ... | 7 0 | 9 53 |

SUNDAYS.

| | A.M. | P.M. | | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE | 7 30 | 7 20 | CONSETT ...dep. | 8 35 | 8 20 |
| Scotswood | 7 37 | 7 27 | Shotley Bridge | 8 40 | 8 25 |
| Swalwell | 7 44 | 7 34 | Ebchester | 8 44 | 8 29 |
| Rowlands Gill | 7 54 | 7 44 | Lintz Green | 8 54 | 8 39 |
| Lintz Green | 8 0 | 7 50 | Rowlands Gill | 8 59 | 8 44 |
| Ebchester | 8 13 | 8 0 | Swalwell | 9 8 | 8 53 |
| Shotley Bridge | 8 19 | 8 4 | Scotswood | 9 14 | 8 59 |
| CONSETT ...arr. | 8 25 | 8 10 | NEWCASTLE ar. | 9 25 | 9 10 |

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

First second, and third class return tickets will be issued on Saturdays by the following trains:—

| | A.M. | P.M. | | A.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE .. | 7 10 | 4 15 | DURHAM ...dep. | 7 55 |
| Scotswood | 7 17 | 4 22 | Aldin Grange | 8 1 |
| Swalwell | 7 24 | 4 30 | Witton Gilbert | 8 9 |
| Rowlands Gill | 7 34 | 4 40 | Lanchester | 8 20 |
| Lintz Green | 7 40 | 4 45 | Knitsley | 8 32 |
| Ebchester | 7 53 | 4 59 | CONSETT and BLACKHILL a | 8 45 |
| Shotley Bridge | 7 59 | 5 5 | d | 8 50 |
| CONSETT and BLACKHILL a | 8 5 | 5 12 | Shotley Bridge | 8 55 |
| d | 9 20 | | Ebchester | 8 59 |
| Knitsley | 9 32 | | Lintz Green | 9 9 |
| Lanchester | 9 41 | | Rowlands Gill | 9 15 |
| Witton Gilbert | 9 50 | | Swalwell | 9 22 |
| Aldin Grange | 9 59 | | Scotswood | 9 29 |
| DURHAM ...arr | 10 5 | | NEWCASTLE dp | 9 40 |

SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH.

WEEK DAYS.

| STATIONS. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE dep. | ... | 6 10 | ... | ... | 12 20 | ... | 5 30 |
| CONSETT | ... | 8 20 | ... | ... | 2 0 | ... | 6 20 |
| Rowley | ... | 8 30 | ... | ... | 2 10 | ... | 6 29 |
| Burnhill | ... | 8 40 | ... | ... | 2 20 | ... | 6 38 |
| Tow Law | 7 20 | 8 53 | ... | ... | 2 33 | ... | 6 51 |
| CROOK ...arr. | 7 32 | 9 5 | ... | ... | 2 45 | ... | 7 3 |
| ,, ...dep. | 7 35 | 9 7 | 11 23 | 1 5 | 2 52 | 5 30 | 7 8 |
| Bishop Auckland | 8 0 | 9 31 | 11 48 | 1 29 | 3 12 | 5 37 | 7 22 |
| Darlington | 8 30 | 10 0 | 12 10 | 2 0 | 3 50 | 6 45 | 8 5 |
| Stockton | 8 56 | 10 31 | 12 40 | 2 29 | 4 18 | 7 18 | 8 32 |
| Middlesbro' | 8 55 | 10 41 | 12 50 | 2 38 | 4 25 | 7 31 | 8 53 |
| SALTBURN | 10 10 | 11 15 | 1 25 | 3 12 | 5 2 | 8 5 | 9 24 |

WEEK DAYS.

| STATIONS. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SALTBURN dp. | 5 50 | 8 5 | 9 52 | ... | 1 40 | 3 45 | 5 40 |
| Middlesbro' | 6 27 | 8 40 | 10 25 | 12 50 | 2 13 | 4 18 | 6 15 |
| Stockton | 6 37 | 8 48 | 10 32 | 12 57 | 2 21 | 4 26 | 6 22 |
| Darlington | 7 20 | 9 20 | 10 55 | 1 30 | 3 0 | 5 5 | 7 20 |
| Bishop Auckland | 7 49 | 9 46 | 11 21 | 1 56 | 3 26 | 5 33 | 7 48 |
| CROOK ...arr. | 8 10 | 10 6 | 11 42 | 2 18 | 3 47 | 5 55 | 8 10 |
| ,, ...dep. | 8 13 | ... | 11 49 | 2 20 | ... | 6 0 | ... |
| Tow Law | 8 25 | ... | ... | 2 32 | ... | 6 15 | ... |
| Burnhill | 8 40 | ... | ... | 2 45 | ... | 6 30 | ... |
| Rowley | 8 50 | ... | ... | 2 55 | ... | 6 40 | ... |
| CONSETT ...arr. | 9 0 | ... | ... | 3 5 | ... | 6 50 | ... |
| N'WCASTLE | 10 0 | ... | ... | 4 15 | ... | 9 53 | ... |

IN a box at the opera two ladies were bringing their opera-glasses to bear on a third—a brunette of mature years made beautiful with superb diamonds. "Look," said one. "It is the Countess X——. Her hair is jet black, and I am sure it was grey last year." "Very true, my dear," returned the other. "But you forget she is in mourning. She lost her brother some months ago."

WHEN he had called the meeting to order, Brother Gardner arose and said: "Gen'len, if it wasn't for de wheels on a waggon de waggon wouldn't move. When de wheels is on, den what?" "Grease!" solemnly exclaimed an old man. "Kerrect!" whispered the president, softly rubbing his hands together. "We hez de waggon an' de wheels. We will now pass de hat aroun' for de grease."

TOTO is crying very hard. "What is the matter?" asked one of her father's friends. "I have lost two cents that mamma gave me." "That is not a difficult loss to repair," replied the friend; "here are two cents." An instant afterwards Toto was crying harder than ever. "What are you still crying for?" asked the gentleman. "I am crying," said the artful baby, "because if I had not lost two cents I should now have four."

A GOLD watch is a very pretty thing to look at, but it has ruined many a man's memory. We once knew a man who carried a silver watch for years, and his memory was as good as anybody's, but after he bought a gold watch he couldn't remember the time for five minutes, and his whole time, nearly, was occupied in consulting his watch. And the worst thing about it was that the more people there were around him the more treacherous his memory became.

THREE ladies were going to a fancy dress ball, one as a Greek lady, the other two as Neapolitan peasants. A gentleman friend called on them a few days before the ball, and finding they were out, enquired of the servant if she knew the characters the ladies were going in to the ball, to which she replied: "Oh, sir! they ain't going with any characters, but Mrs. Captain is going as the Greek slave, and the other two ladies is going as the metropolitan pheasants."

## REV PETER MACKENZIE AT BLACKHILL.

On Monday afternoon, Rev Peter Mackenzie, of Dewsbury, preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill, before a tolerably good congregation. The interior of the edifice has recently been cleaned and re-painted, and presents a pretty and attractive appearance. The rev. gentleman chose for his text, Zechariah vi., 12—13:—"Behold the man whose name is The Branch, and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. Even he shall build the temple, . . . . . . . . and the council of peace shall be between them both." The preacher proceeded to treat of—(1) The man and the name, the Lord Jesus Christ; (2) His character, offices, and work; (3) the glory resulting from His properly sustaining, executing, and completing the same. The sermon was a splendid exposition of the text applied in the preacher's best style. The service was followed by a public tea provided in the school-room adjoining, about 150 persons partaking of the repast. The tables were presided over by Mrs Peart, Mrs Raw, Mrs Young, Mrs Raine, Mrs Shotton, and Mrs Brown. In the evening, there was a numerous assemblage in the chapel to listen to the popular divine deliver his instructive and entertaining lecture, entitled "Daniel in the Lion's Den." The chair was occupied by Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., Consett Hall, who opened the proceedings by congratulating the Wesleyan Society at Blackhill on having attained such a beautiful place of worship, and trusted that the debt would soon be cleared off, and that they would worship together in peace and harmony in the future. (Hear.) He had been informed by Mr Mackenzie that he had attended 148 services and lectures since August last, and he had to travel to Worcester on the following day, having engagements for every day for some time to come.

The rev. Lecturer, who was accorded a hearty reception, said they might well congratulate themselves that they had such a comfortable and cosey chapel. It was much better for a preacher to see all his congregation at a glance, instead of having to keep his eyes upwards, look unutterable things, and say nothing. (Laughter.) Here, there was perfection, beauty, and comfort, and although they had paid to come inside, they had given it for Christ and the good of His cause, His worship, and His glory, and they only wished they had 50 times as much more to give. He was sure they would soon kill the debt upon their chapel; it would come to a speedy termination. (Applause.) The Lecturer then proceeded to give his lecture upon "Daniel in the Lion's Den," sketching the prominent features in the career of this great prophet. He handled his subject in a skilful and interesting manner. The lecture was delivered in Mr Mackenzie's characteristic and humourous style, and frequently provoked rounds of applause and outbursts of laughter. He delighted and amused his auditors for one hour and ten minutes, his closing peroration being received with prolonged cheering.

Mr W. RAW, in proposing that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the rev. lecturer, averred that Mr Mackenzie was one of the cleverest men, and the most able orater living; he was so universally known that he could fill any building, and he had travelled as much as any other man. (Applause.)

Mr J. PALLISER seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamations.

The LECTURER having briefly acknowledged the compliment, proposed a similar expression of thanks to the chairman and the ladies who prepared the tea.

This was seconded by Mr RAW, and carried, and the CHAIRMAN, in response, extended a pressing invitation to Mr Mackenzie to deliver a lecture upon a different subject in the New Town Hall, Consett.

The total proceeds were in aid of the chapel funds. A series of successful gatherings were brought to a termination by the benediction being pronounced by the Rev H. Parkes.

"Sweet iron" is the latest novelty; it is made by plunging hot iron into treacle—the object obtained is the softening of the metal.

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Masters should at all times remember that the master is exactly as much under obligation to the servant as the servant is to the master, and that money alone will not discharge the debt of the latter.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

LEADGATE.—Durham Road, 4th inst., the wife of Thomas Smith, of a son.

MEDOMSLEY EDGE.—7th inst., the wife of Matthew Cant, of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL.—At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, 9th inst., by the Rev C. M. Maclelland, of South Shields, Mackay Donald Scobie, second son of the late Captain Boyce Mackenzie, Creich, Sutherlandshire, to Florence Margaret, third daughter of James C. Stevenson, Esq., M.P., Westoe, South Shields.

WOLSINGHAM.—Register Office, 4th inst., Matthew Cregg, East Lane, Stanhope, to Ann Pennitant, White Kirtle, Frosterley.—Same place, Thomas Smith, jun., Bollihope, late of Middleton-in-Teesdale, to Jane Ann Walton, Mill End, Frosterley.

### DEATHS

LEADGATE.—(At the residence of her father, Ralph Talford), 30th ult., aged 30, Ann Redshaw.

OXHILL.—No. 46, 7th inst., aged 61, Richard Harris. To be Interred at St. Andrew's, Beamish, on Sunday, 12th inst., at Four o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

COLD ROWLEY.—8th inst., Thomas Pickering, of Whickham Grange. Interment at Castleside on Saturday first. Friends, please accept this intimation.

DIPTON.—9th inst., aged 30, Catherine, wife of John Ledger.

STANLEY.—8th inst., aged 79, Christopher Robson.

WOLSINGHAM.—7th inst., aged 69, John Dobinson.

UNTHANK FORGE.—Suddenly, aged 71, William Hedworth, late forgeman.

WYLAM.—Horsley House, 7th inst., aged 32, Richard Wilson.

DEARNESS JUNCTION.—7th inst., Henry Southern, platelayer, aged 69.

WATERHOUSES.—8th inst., aged 19, Tom Hardman, driver.

KIMBLESWORTH.—2nd inst., aged 58, Bridget, widow of the late John Stocks, hawker.

RYTON.—8th inst., Walter Fergus, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., formerly medical officer at Marlborough College, Wiltshire.

CORBRIDGE.—7th inst., aged 77, Mary, relict of the Thomas Blandford, auctioneer.

DURHAM STATION.—6th inst., aged 68, Mary Turnbull.

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