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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1883.

OUR EGYPTIAN RESPONSIBILITY.

JUST as the enterprises of the French Government in Tonquin and Madagascar are just now the absorbing topics with Frenchmen, so ought the position of our Government towards Egypt to receive at present grave attention from our countrymen. The part we play in our enterprise is very different from that of the French in either of their's. Their invasions were apparently undertaken to destroy and disintegrate; ours was certainly intended to restore and consolidate. But probably our task will be found the more arduous of the two, as it is easier to destroy a town than to re-build it. Evidently our Ministry somewhat miscalculated the recuperative strength of the Egyptian Government; for already what was to have been a mere transient occupation has extended far beyond the time which it was supposed would be sufficient for its purpose. Still, we were about to see a substantial beginning of the evacuation, when a new element of disturbance came prominently on the scene, which will probably have the effect of upsetting all previous arrangements. The MADHI, or False Prophet of the Soudan, is rapidly becoming as threatening a disturber of Egyptian security and peace as ever ARABI was—perhaps even a more formidable one. We have just had telegraphed the report of a third crushing victory of this insurgent chief over the forces of the Khedive. This third disaster to the Egyptian arms has occurred, like the first, in the neighbourhood of Suakin, off which place British war vessels are stationed for the supposed protection of Egyptian interests. Perhaps it was thought that the presence of our ships in the neighbourhood would overawe the MADHI and his followers, while encouraging the Egyptians. The latter effect seems, indeed, to have been produced without the former, for, as we understand it, the column of some 700 men which sallied from Suakin, and has been destroyed, must have been encouraged to assume the offensive by the knowledge that they had British ships at their back, and reinforcements from their own Government on the way. To a certain extent, therefore, we are compromised in this latest disaster as we were not in either of the other two. Our Government had previously accepted no sort of responsibility for the outlying territory of Egypt, and had rather counselled the Khedive's Government to abandon the Soudan. Perhaps this might have been a judicious course for Egypt to have adopted immediately after the suppression of ARABI's rebellion. In so doing she would have withdrawn from exterior service the men and the resources she required to employ within her own borders. But the question of withdrawl has been practically settled by the destruction of the Khedive's military power in the Soudan; and the question now is, not the relinquishment of that territory, but the defence of Egypt proper. The truism, that nothing succeeds like success, is especially applicable to Oriental insurrections, and more especially still to those of a religious character. The Moslem is supposed to be particularly staunch to his faith, and so he is as regards Christianity or any other totally distinct religion; but he has often been a fanatical heretic and rebel within his own communion. His fatalism makes him as resolute in insurrection as he is afterwards resigned in defeat. When he sees an imposter marching to victory after victory, he is convinced that the will of ALLAH is being done, and joins in executing it; and when he is ultimately defeated, he consoles himself with the reflection that it is the will of ALLAH. And it is not only the people of the Soudan, but those of Nubia and Egypt proper, that are now liable to be influenced by the ascendant force of fatalism. Probably nothing but a decisive check to the MADHI's arms will prevent him from invading Egypt, or thousands of Egyptians from flocking to his standard when he gets there. To meet such a danger the Khedive has absolutely no adequate force, and the duty is thrust upon Great Britian to protect the country she has taken in charge. The one question for urgent consideration is where and how to stem the anticipated invasion. The position of our authorities is similar to that of firemen, who, leaving certain buildings to inevitable destruction, apply their efforts to saving "the adjoining property." The fire in the Soudan may be left to burn itself out, as it will doubtless do, if effective measures are taken to shut out the conflagrafrom Egypt proper.

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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

It is charming to be on such good terms with the weather. This has been an *annus mirabilis* in the way of atmospheric influences. A fine Spring, a fine Summer, a glorious Autumn, and every prospect of a bright and frosty Winter. Yes, Mr Mallock, up to this year one had been doubtful about it, but life is worth living. Then, just at present conversation upon this topic does not run in threadbare grooves. Within the memory of man it was never so easy to branch off instantly from meteorology into all the other 'ologies. In a fortnight London dinner parties have been absolutely without the frigid awkwardness which is only gradually melted into geniality by soup—absolutely without those solemnly ridiculous pauses which a host so much dreads, and which a hostess shows her highest powers in gracefully abridging. We are living in a time of green suns and blue moons, of gorgeous and unprecedented sunsets and after-glows. We are sentimental or scientific or historical or topographical; we are even geological upon the subject, according to our mood or according to our company.

From the speech of Mr Childers to his constituents it is certain that the Cabinet have not collectively determined upon any definite plan upon the question of the Franchise. Mr Chamberlain says there are no dissensions upon the subject, in spite of the very wide divergence of opinion as expressed by Lord Hartington on the one hand and himself on the other. What he means must be that the divergencies have not yet had the opportunity of showing themselves. In the meanwhile his colleagues are forbearing indeed if they approve of his very definite expression of extreme opinions. To the outside world it looks as though the Radical chief were determined to work upon the less-advanced portion of the Cabinet by outside pressure. We seem to have arrived at a new and not very promising understanding of Cabinet responsibility, and as Mr Chamberlain is the "coming man" of his party, we may be destined to see further and more serious innovations upon Constitutional principles. What junior member of any former Ministry ever assumed the authoritative and domineering airs of the author of the Caucus?

Mr Goschen is a standing difficulty in the way of the Government. He is a very able man, and one who possesses the confidence of the country in an extraordinary degree. He cannot be shelved into the House of Lords with a peerage, like Robt, Lowe. His Constantinople Embassy has come to an end, not without increasing the public confidence in his sagacity. He had definitely refused the Speakership, an office in which his mouth would have been effectually closed upon the Franchise question. It is said now that he is to be offered the Viceroyalty of India, in succession to Lord Ripon, who would give up his office for a dukedom. No doubt Mr Goschen would fill the post, as he had filled every other post allotted to him, with high credit; but it is thought very unlikely that he would consent to go out.

Legal changes go on apace. The Judges have decided to cut short by eight or nine days the Long Vacation. The Inns of Chancery are disappearing one bp one. Lyon's Inn is only a tradition. Thavie's Inn is a *cul de sac*, undistinguishable except in name from an ordinary "blind street"; and Barrard's Inn has been advertised for sale.

In the Museum of Greenwich Hospital the first object in the first room into which the visitor is directed is a case exquisite models of canoes and rowing boats chiefly of Eastern nations. The case bears the name of the "Coryton" Collection, and it has only recently made its appearance in the Museum. Mr Coryton, now considerably advanced in years and living in the Temple, was formerly a barrister in India, and was appointed a Judge in British Burmah. He always took a great interest in boats and boating, and found to his delight that the Burmese were not only expert oarsmen, but also enjoyed boat-racing as much as any Englishmen. Their racing-boats, models of which appear in the "Coryton Collection," are almost as slim and light as the best outrigger racers of Oxford. The annual boat-races cause as keen excitement amongst the natives as the Derby does amongst Londoners, or perhaps the celebration may be more aptly compared to the Byzantine Hippodrome with its riotous factions. Mr Coryton won the esteem of the Burmese to an extraordinary degree by his sympathy with their popular amusement and his own expertness with the oars. He acted for years as umpire in the great races, and on one occasion by his personal influence smoothed over a quarrel which threatened to develop into a riot. Mr Coryton in his old age is still an enthusiast in his favourite hobby, and is understood to be engaged in preparing for the press a Universal History of Shipbuilding, which, it may safely be predicted, will contain an immense amount of erudition and of interest.

Mr Herbert Gladstone spoke at Leeds on Saturday, and spoke no doubt with authority. He explained that the Ministerial programme for the session included three first-class measures—Household Suffrage, County Government, and London Municipal Reform. With regard to the first, as it would include Ireland, he argued that it would be thrown out by the Upper House and then reaffiirmed by the Commons. Next session, *i. e.*, in 1885, it would again be sent up to the Lords, and if rejected a second time then, and then only, would a dissolution take place. This is reassuring as far as it goes, but even Mr Gladstone can only propose. What may happen between this and the spring of 1885 he would be a bold man who would dare to conjecture.

Clannish as the Welsh are supposed to be, they do not hang together so much in London as the Scotch or even as the Irish. They worship together generally in Dissenting chapels; but otherwise they have nothing very much in common. There is no Welsh Corporation like the Scottish Corporation. St. David's Day passes by almost unnoticed, unlike the Festivals of St. Andrew and St. Patrick. But an effort is being made to draw London Welshmen of the better class closer together. A "Principality Club" is in process of formation. It is intended for Welsh Peers, landed proprietors, and professional gentlemen. The site of the club is to be in Westminster.

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Local and General News.

LOCAL HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.—North Durham Foxhounds—Monday, Dec. 17th, Twizell; Wednesday, 19th, Rainton Bridge; Friday, 21st, Tudhoe Woods, at 10·45. Braes of Derwent Foxhounds—Saturday, Dec. 15th, Lintzford; Wednesday, 19th, Fellside; Saturday, 22nd, Crawcrook, at 10·30.

TEMPERANCE AT EAST HEDLEYHOPE. — The members of "The Lily of the Dearness Valley" Lodge of Good Templars, gave a very successful entertainment at the above place on Monday last. There was a very large audience, the large schoolroom being quite full. The entertainment consisted of songs, readings, recitations, and dialogues, the whole of these were very well rendered, especially the dialogues, &c. "Betty Podkins visit to Auckland Flower Show" was well read by Mr Alf. Dixon. The Messrs Cook, Reed, Martin, Holliday, Dunn, Misses Herron, Wales, Maddison, and Shields, all succeeded well in their several parts. Miss Bessie Dixon was heard to advantage while singing "Katey's letter" and "Robin Adair," the latter being a decided success. The chair was ably occupied by Mr Thomas Armstrong. The proceeds were in aid of the Wesleyan Methodist Society Fund.

THE SAD FATALITY AT IVESTON.—On Saturday afternoon, Mr John Graham the district coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mr Chas. Clark, Iveston, on the body of John Robert Johnson, aged 16 the son of Mr Robert Johnson, farmer, who was fatally injured under the melancholy circumstances related in last week's *Guardian*.—After hearing the testimony of the various witnesses, the jury found that the deceased had been accidentally killed. Both the coroner and members of the jury expressed their profound sympathy for Mr Johnson in his said affliction.—The remains of the deceased were interred on Sunday afternoon, in St. Ives Churchyard at Leadgate, the Rev J. Kirk (curate) performing the solemn ceremony. The young man was universally esteemed and highly respected throughout the district, consequently the funeral was one of the largest ever known in Leadgate, the *cortege* being followed to the graveside by an immense number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

THE RECENT THREATENED STRIKE IN THE COAL TRADE.—In his monthly circular to the Durham miners, Mr Crawford says:—"For some time a general stop in Yorkshire, Lancashire, and the the Midland Counties seemed imminent—looked, in fact, as if nothing could prevent it. However, after some bandying of words in several places, and a sincere and determined effort on the part of the men of Yorkshire, the whole matter has collapsed. The burdens of disorganisation have been to heavy too carry. The men of Yorkshire put forth herculean efforts—left no stone unturned to make their work a success, and I believe it would have been so, so far as they were concerned. The failure has demonstrated the absolute need of some general understanding. The time has, however, come when national action has become a necessity if our interests have to be protected. Our modern and easy means of transit is every year rendering this more and more necessary. We now meet all round in the same markets, so that a local or district dispute may mean for some other district more work, but the coal consumers of the world would not know the remotest difference. Such are our latent powers of production, and with this we have to cope. The feature most strongly characteristic of the present age is centralisation. And before the working miners can have necessary protection and approximate justice, they must centralise their power not as collieries, or as districts, or as counties, but as a nation, in order to cope with the evils arising from over-production, and the huge masses of centralised capital."

ADULTERATION OF MILK: A WHICKHAM DIARYMAN FINED.—On Tuesday, at the Newcastle Police Court. John Andrews, dairyman, Whickham, was summoned for having sold to the prejudice of Wm. Hedley, inspector of nuisances, a pint of new milk, on the 14th of November, which was adulterated with 14 per cent. of water; and further, with having sold on the same date, another pint of milk to Mr Hedley which was adulterated with 28 per cent. of water.—Mr Hill Motum (Town Clerk) prosecuted, and Mr Joel defended.—Mr Hedley said that on the day in question he saw a man named William Hart, a servant of the defendant's, driving a horse and cart along Scotswood Road. In the cart there were several cans of milk. Witness asked Hart if he had any milk, and he replied "Yes."—Witness asked for a pint of new milk, but Hart replied that he could not sell any as it was for customers. Witnes told Hart who he was, and eventually he got a pint of milk out of a can and put it in a bottle numbered 85. He then took another pint of milk out of another can and put it in a bottle numbered 86. He paid Hart fourpence for the two pints. Witness took the milk to the public analyist, and he produced Mr Pattinson's certificate which showed that the milk in the bottle numbered 85 contained 14 per cent of added water, and the milk in the bottle numbered 86 contained 28 per cent of added water.—Ald. Hamond ruled against a conviction, because he contended the sale had been forced and, therefore, the inspector had bought the milk to his own prejudice.—The Clerk (Mr Wilkinson) and the other magistates ruled otherwise, and in the case where the adulteration was 14 per cent a fine of 10s and costs was imposed, but in the other case where the adulteration was 28 per cent a fine of £5 and costs was inflicted.

THE HASWELL MECHANICAL COAL-GETTER.—At a meeting of the members of the North of England Mining and Mechanical Engineers, held on Saturday, at Newcastle, under the presidency of Mr G. Baker Forster, a paper was read by Mr W. F. Hall on "The Haswell Mechanical Coal-getter: An invention for working coal without the aid of gunpowder or other explosives." The following is an abstract of the paper:—"This machine is for breaking down the coal after it has been kirved and nicked, by means of a mechanical contrivance which may be described as a combination of three of the most powerful mechanical appliances—the screw, the lever, and the wedge. A hole, some three inches in diameter, is first drilled in the coal, and the wedge, together with two pieces of steel with it—the wedge—is intended to force asunder, are placed at the bottom of the hole. The two pieces of steel and the wedge are conected by means of bars to the outside of the hole, and fixed to four levers, jointed so as to form a rectangle, in such a way that the rods that are attached to the pieces of steel are fixed to the angle of the system of levers the furthest from the face, and the rod attached to the wedge to the angle nearest the face, so that when a screw that is attached to the two other angles of the system is so worked as to draw these together, the wedge is forced between the pieces of steel, which, after a few turns, become firmly secured in the coal and keeps the machine firm in its place while the wedge is being screwed home. This description of the machine will explain the immense multiplication of force which is possible out of this special combination of mechanical contrivances. The experiments that have been made have proved the sufficiency of the machine to bring down the coal, either in 'long wall,' 'in broad and drift,' in 'boards fast on both sides,' and also in breaking down canches to make height. The time taken in bringing down between eight and nine tons of coal in the long-wall juds, loose at one end, was from ten to twenty minutes. 5½ tons have been got from a board, fast at each side, in twenty-nine minutes, and other equally valuable results have been obtained. The coal got in all cases is very large, and in good marketable condition."

Mr Edgar Meynell, judge of the County Court, Durham, has appointed Mr Edward Pounder, auctioneer, of Durham city, to act as a bailiff for the purposes of the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1883, within the districts of the Durham County Court.

WHICKHAM PARISH CHURCH.—After sermons at Whickham Church on Sunday, in the morning by the Rev Canon Bromley, Vicar of Benwell, and in the evening by the Rev Canon Falconer, Vicar of Stockton, offertories were taken for the Propagation of the Gospel Society and the Church Missionary Society, amounting to the respective sums of £6 8s 1d and £6 15s 10d.

SUDDEN DEATH AT USHAW MOOR.—On Friday last, a miner named Christopher Smallwood, aged 50 years, died very suddenly at Ushaw Moor. The deceased came home from work about four o'clock on the afternoon in question, and swallowed two of Beecham's pills. At 8 p.m. he partook of supper, and retired to rest about half-an-hour afterwards. Smallwood did not make any complainant before he went to bed, but a few hours later he was found dead by Elizabeth Wilkinson. The deceased, prior to his death, had not been attended by any doctor. No inquest was held on the body.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom seasons of changeable temperatures are protracted periods of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

CHURCH MISSIONS AT BENFIELDSIDE. — The Venerable Archdeacon Chiswell, a most successful missionary in Madagascar, intends to visit Benfieldside next week, and will be the chief speaker at the meeting of the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, on Thursday next, in the Lecture Room, adjoining St. Cuthbert's Church. The degree of B.D. was lately bestowed on Archdeacon Chsiwell, in recognition of his great services in connection with Malagasy literature. The island of Madagascar has now peculiar interest for Englishmen. The S.P.G., founded in 1701, is the oldest Missionary Society, and John Wesley was one of its early missionaries in North America, where there are now over 70 Bishops in full communion with the Church of England in the United States and in Canada.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR NORTH DURHAM AND SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND.—The weather during the past month has been boisterous, but the rainfall has not been heavy. A high temperature has prevailed for the time of year. A good acreage of wheat has been put in in excellent condition. Fears were entertained of the germinating powers of last season's crop; thick sowing was generally resorted to, and the young plants are coming up rather too thick. Farm work is well forward. Ploughs have been working steadily. Large clearances of turnip fields have been made, but small heaps are the general result. Sheep on turnips in sheltered situations have been doing well. There has been a rather heavy mortality among hoggs on some farms. Graziers have been buying Irish cattle heavily, and the consequence is an almost universal outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease wherever such purchases have located.

AN ACCOMMODATION TENANT.—At the Wolsingham County Court, on Saturday last, before E. J. Meynell, Esq. (judge), an old man named Joseph Caor, shoemaker, St John's Chapel, was sued by Dr C. Hewitson and others, for £7 rent due to them as trustees of property tenanted by the defendant. It was stated by the plaintiff that the defendant had been over fifty years in this house and shop for which rent was claimed. Defendant paid £7 last year for rent, and refused to pay it this year when witness asked for it. Witness had only been a trustee about a year.—His Honour (to defendant): Why didn't you pay the rent this year?—Defendant: I didn't think it was right to pay it.—His Honour: Why not?—Defendant: Because he (complsinant) was not a properly elected trustee.—His Honour: Why did you pay it last year, then?—Defendant: I paid it to kind o' please them. (Laughter).—His Honour: You must pay it again.—A verdict to pay the money in 28 days was recorded.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION AT TOW LAW.—On Saturday afternoon, a convention of the Good Templars of South Durham District was held at Tow Law. At night a public meeting was held, addressed by Bro. D. Y. Scott, of Birmingham, who is a life abstainer, and an eloquent advocate of the cause which he has espoused. Mr Scott, on rising, was greeted with loud applause. His subject was "Total abstinence, prohibition, and Good Templarism," and it is needless to say that he handled his theme in a masterly manner. He has a fluent delivery, which is coupled with an expressive manner, and his address was a powerful one—now resistless and irresistably convincing in its logic, now sparkling with boisterous humour, and now warm and elegant as he vividly pourtrayed the misery, the poverty, and crime which invariably dog the footsteps of intemperance. The lecturer was frequently applauded.—Addresses were also given by the Rev H. P. Slade and other gentlemen. There was a very good company present.

UNIVERSITY EXTENTION LECTURES AT WEST STANLEY.—A meeting was held in the school-room at Stanley on Friday evening, to consider the best method of extending these lectures in the colliery districts of the county of Durham. There was a numerous attendance of miner's agents, and others interested in spreading education. The chair was taken by the Rev J. Crennell. Letters were read from Major Joicey, Mr Wm. Crawford, and Mr W. Steele, sympathising with the project.—Dr R. D. Roberts, F.G.S. (secretary to the Cambridge Syndicate), explained the nature and aims of the Cambridge and Durham University Extension Scheme, and the method of working it in other parts of the country; he also dwelt at some length upon the rapid progress the scheme is making amongst the miners of Northumberland.—After some discussion, a committee was formed to arrange for holding a series of public meetings in the colliery districts, to arouse interest in the scheme, and enable the committee to determine the places best adapted to form centres for the delivery of lectures. Mr George Ridley, of Stanley, was appointed secretary to the committee.

GRAND CONCERT AT BURNOPFIELD.—On Saturday night, December 8th, a grand concert was held in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield, under the auspices of the Hebson Wanderers (Burnopfield) Football Club. There was a large attendance of attentive listeners, the room being crowded out, so that many persons were unable to procure seats. The chair was occupied by Mr G. Watson, who did his duty to the best of his ability, and who gained the favour and appreciation of the audience by not detaining them with long speeches, but by introducing the vocal performers in quick succession. The performers were Messrs Johnson, Lord, Smith, and Miss Graham, from Newcastle; Mr Dixon, Mr Chatt, and Mr Humphrey, from Annfield Plain; and Mr Robson, from West Stanley. The audience were highly gratified by the vocal talents produced, and gave numerous *encores*, especially to Mr Lord, comic. Miss Graham presided at the piano and accompanied the singers in the best style. Mr Chatt gave a short speech, in which he pointed out the high standard of efficiency attained by the Hobson Football Club. A vote of thanks to the chairman, pianist, and performers brought a pleasant evening to a successful close.

SWALWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"INCEDO'S" REPLY TO HIS CRITICS.

Everybody has heard of the exile of Erin, who, when matched with a rather troublesome antagonist, bawled: "Could yez fight me, my brother Barney, and two or three more chaps!" Just such a specimen of valour is the "Knight of the Quill." Abroad for fourteen days in quest of facts, he reappears supported by his armour-bearer, but as both harp on the same cord, it will readily be understood that the music is anything but delightful. The Knight has the advantage of me inasmuch as what I write affords him "a good deal of amusement" (?) I wish I could pay a like compliment to his lucubrations, for I fear it will be a long time before he writes anything that will amuse or edify anybody. But who is this that comes waddling behind the good Knight groping his pantaloons for marks of critics' lances? No thrust of mine can possibly have reached him by a whole cloth yard and more. I have, I trust, too keen a sense of honour to level my lance at so sorry a warrior. If Swalwell, where erst lovelorn shepherds piped and amorous nymphs danced under the greenwood tree; if Swalwell, I say, so rich to-day in worth and intelligence, has been the butt of some lewd critic's ill-timed jest, it is sorely to be regretted that none came to the rescue but a catiff that didn't know the difference between a leading article in a newspaper and notes by a correspondent! But, if wanting in common sense and intelligence, he has on the other hand an unlimited stock of arrogance and, what is worse—conceit. I am, it seems, "at sea," and altogether in a sad state of depravity because I took exception to a paragraph about which this would-be champion saw "*nothing extra!*" Behold another innocent abroad! How sensitive, too, the creature seems to be. It is amused at ignorance and pained at misstatements, and is, moreover, desperately nettled at "Incedo," because he, misguided man, did not look at the "small paragraph" through a pair of Swalwell spectacles. Both scribes lay great stress on the fact that I wander from what they gravely call the subject. It would doubtless please this well-matched pair exceedingly were I to allow them to cudgel their empty noddles in concocting what they plume themselves upon being a smart take-off for their tormentor. But then you see, reader, I cannot resist the fun of having a cut or two at them in turn, just to see how they can stand it. They pretend to be amused, but the way they hop about and the venom they vomit belie their words. One protests that he cares no more for criticism than "the dust of the road. The *simile* is not a very happy one, for most people care a very great deal about dust, much more, indeed, than they do about the style of criticism assumed by the "Knight of the Quill," However, as the Knight is anxious that I should keep to the pein so that the reader may judge between us. Now, Mr Editor, for my objections, which your readers have been given to understand are sure indications of ignorance, weakness, and even madness itself. I object most emphatically to the stigma cast upon the Presbyterian form of worship—monotonous—it is uncalled-for and unjust, and how an avowed Presbyterian should use such a term is to me incomprehensible. A Presbyterian myself, I claim the right to call this unscrupulous critic to order. To me the service of the church is the very opposite of monotonous; indeed, I sometimes regret that it is not the fashion to applaud the preachers, so deserving are they of tangible tokens of appreciation. I object also to the phraseology in which the allusion to the rapid growth of the congregation is couched. The public are given to understand, and that very pointedly, that the extraordinary addition to the numbers of this body dates from the settlement of the present minister. It must be understood that I never disputed that. The difference between me and my critic is simply this: He, ambitious to blow the minister's horn, tells a varnished tale, and when I refuse to swallow such a whale, he works himself into a passion, brings his croney with him to command silence, and charges me with audacity! Now, with due respect to the minister, for I know him to be a gentleman and a scholar, I maintain that the "Knight of the Quill" is in manifest error. I am sorry to provoke his wrath, or that of his single-minded mate, but error must be shorn of its strength, even if it should emanate from Swalwell. It is a pity that after waiting so long for facts they should have been so few and far between. The facts, sir, like the intellects your two new-found correspondents, are conspicuous for nothing except their shallowness. An addition of 169 in one year to the membership of a congregation is nothing less than a miracle. Where on earth did the people come from; are they proselytes, or did they, like Topsy, grow? Why did the gentlemen who were pained at my ignorance not enlighten me? Is it possible that by so doing the keen edge of naked truth would have been turned against themselves. If nothing came of the opening of a flourishing shipyard in the immediate neighbourhood, what about the opening of a preaching station at Burnopfield? Perhaps I have not returned from "sea" yet, and cannot, consequently, be supposed to know anything about the gilded domes and sparkling minarets of Swalwell. This is what I call taking a common-sense view of the question. If the membership of a church is augmented by a nett gain of 169 members in 1881 through the energy, pure and simple, of one individual, what will the grand total of membership of that church be in 1883? I am taking it for granted that the church, like that of Swalwell, is in the centre of a teeming population, and that the stream of energy which bears upon its bosom such an unparallelled proof of success, flows on with unabated vigour? If the rapid growth of a congregation was due to natural causes—say the new shipyard, the Burnopfield station, or an influx of strangers from any cause whatever, then I say the growth would come to a stand when the effect ceased to operate; but if from energy only the growth would be continuous as the stream itself. I leave the intelligent reader to draw his own conclusions. Personally, I am of opinion that the "Knight of the Quill" overshot the mark, and merited more annoyance than has as yet fallen to his share. I have, in these columns, drawn public attention to not a few deserving men, but I never yet extolled one man at the expense of another—I draw no contrasts; he is a sorry critic that cannot manage things better. To assert that one minister had swelled ranks of a congregation four-fold by shear force of character implies plainer than words can convey that his predecessor must necessarily have been wanting in that very excellent trait of character, and this forms the basis of my third objection to the "small paragraph." The ministers of Swalwell are nothing to me; it is the pernicious style of criticism to which I object, and will, I trust, never be found lacking in the moral courage adequate to strike it down, irrespective of the petty darts of disappointed scribes. Evidently the two Swalwell wasps have a good opinion of themselves, but their united efforts to take me down has had much the same effect on me as the redoubtable worthy, famous in nursery story, who lodging at the house of a monster deftly placed the log in his bed, and in answer to the solicitous inquiry as to how he passed the night, carelessly observed that his sleep had been slightly disturbed by the tickling of a rat's tail on the coverlet! I hope to profit before long by the sage advice generously vouchsafed to me—to turn my attention to weightier matters—but self-preservation is the first law of nature, and the false lights blinking at Swalwell must first be extinguished lest, peradventure, they might lead the unwary astray.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held in the Reading Room at Leadgate on Wednesday afternoon, Mr R. W. Shaw being in the chair. The following members were in attendance: Messrs. W. H. Hedley, W. Brown, T. Lammonby, J. H. Hudson, J. J. Hedley, M. Robson, Luke Nicholson, and the Clerk (Mr M. Coupland).

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read over and confirmed.

THE PROPOSED NEW BOARD ROOM.

The Clerk said he had written, as requested, to the Consett Iron Company, on the 6th November, asking that an interview should be arranged with respect to the purchase of certain land at Leadgate, on which to erect the proposed new buildings to be used for Local Board purposes. He had not, however, received any reply to his communication.

Mr W. H. Hedley observed that the manager, Mr Jenkins, had been unwell for some time, and that would probably account for the delay.

The Chairman said that would be the principal reason, because the Consett Company, as a rule, promptly replied to such communications.

It was decided to let the matter stand over for a short time.

THE IVESTON GAS QUESTION.

The annexed report was read from the Gas Committee:— Leadgate, Dec. 6th, 1883.

Gentlemen,—Your Gas Committee met on the above date, and went over the ground which was under consideration of your Board for lighting-up, and beg to state that they have nothing further to add to the report of the 26th September last.

John Davison.

The report referred to was to the effect that as the question would incur a large outlay, the whole Board should decide as to what ought to be done.

The Chairman pointed out that it was for the members to determine what should be done.

Mr Hudson remarked that after hearing what Mr Davison had said, he was perfectly astonished at the report of the Gas Committee. Mr Davison had stepped over the ground very carefully, and had ascertained that 20 lamps betwixt Leadgate and Iveston would be sufficient, together with an additional lamp near the urinal, and 11 lamps in the village itself, thus bringing the number up to 31. The lamps would be set about 75 yards apart. Since the last Board meeting, Mr Davison had been in different parts of the district, and had particularly noticed that in some places the lamps were set at a distance of 80 yards.

The Chairman thought it would be advisable to take the feeling of the Board first as to the expediency of lighting this particular part of the district. If they decided that nothing was to be done, it was merely a waste of time discussing these preliminary matters.

Mr L. Nicholson said that nothing could be done at that meeting.

Mr Brown: It is only a small Board.

Mr Hudson: Well, the subject can be postponed until the next meeting.

The Chairman did not think it was any use hurrying in the matter, now that nothing could be done during this season.

The Clerk suggested that if the question had to be discussed at the next meeting, each member of the Board should be notified of the fact.

Mr Hudson: We can make all the necessary arrangements, so that the scheme can be carried on when the proper time arrives.

Mr W. H. Hedley: If we postpone the subject until next summer, there might be some change in the views and intentions of the Gas Company.

Mr Hudson: It only gives our officers double the amount of work if we re-open the question next summer. Why cannot we settle it now?

The Surveyor said he saw Mr Richley, secretary to the Gas Company, on the previous day, and that gentleman stated that they would not lay down the plant for less than 35 lamps.

Mr Hudson replied that he knew of some places where the lamps stood at a distance of 80 yards apart; and he thought the Gas Company should treat that Board in the same way as they dealt with the Consett Board. There might, perhaps, be a large number of residents in Iveston who would consume gas if the pipes were only laid right into the village.

Mr L. Nicholson thought it would be difficult to move the people of Iveston in the matter, now that they could procure cheap paraffin oil lamps, which were almost perfect, and gave a splendid light.

Mr Brown: If the Gas Company adheres to their resolution, the matter is practically settled, so far as we are concerned.

Mr Hudson: If we agree to carry out our scheme, the Company will not stick to their determination.

Mr W. H. Hedley proposed that further consideration of the subject be deferred until the Board meeting in May next.

Mr Robson seconded the proposition, which was carried without opposition.

ERECTING BRAY'S LAMPS IN THE PUBLIC STREETS.

The Chairman suggested that any tradesman in Leadgate desirous of erecting a lamp in the public streets, might be granted such a privilege, without making formal application to the Board, providing the same were fixed to the satisfaction of their Surveyor.

Accordingly, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr Hudson, and seconded by Mr Brown, that on the application of any tradesman in Leadgate to affix a gas lamp in front of his or her place of business, such permission is hereby granted, subject to the same being erected to the approval of the Surveyor of the Board.

THE DISPUTED GAS LAMP.

A letter from Mr Welford, Clerk to the Consett Local Board, was read, intimating that his Board did not think it was necessary to appoint a committee to confer with a deputation from the Leadgate Local Board, *re* the disputed gas lamp standing in front of Mr Brown's house.

The Chairman: No reason is given for their refusal to meet our Board?

Mr Hudson explained that the Consett Board denied its liability as the lamp was located outside their own boundary.

The Clerk: Will they object to pay ground-rent for the site of the lamp?

Mr Hudson: Nothing was said about that.

The Chairman: Are they clear about the boundary line of the lamp being within our district?

Mr Hudson: Oh, yes, they are clear upon that point. The lamp is in Medomsley township.

Mr Robson: Who authorised the Gas Company to put the lamp there?

Mr Hudson: I think it would be the Consett Local Board. Their highway terminates at the crossing.

The Chairman: Then the lamp is really in the Lanchester Highway Board district.

Mr L. Nicholson: It must be standing nowhere. (Laughter).

The Clerk understood that the gardens in that locality had partly encroached on the footpath.

Mr Brown: Yes, every one of them from my house to the Railway gates, are encroachments.

Mr Hudson considered the matter had not been satisfactorily settled, but still they could not make any better of it.

The Surveyor: I must say the Consett people have been very kind to us. They have lit up this lamp for 15 years, and I wish they had only done so for some time longer.

Mr W. H. Hedley: I believe the Consett Board wished to have that piece of road?

The Surveyor: I only regret that I did not let them take it.

After some further observations, the Clerk pointed out since the question of lighting this lamp had become a notorious fact. The Consett Board after ascertaining that it was situated outside their boundary, had no alternative but to discontinue using it; because when the accounts came to be audited, any ratepayer might object to paying the Gas Company for this particular lamp (hear, hear).

Eventually, it was moved by Mr Hedley, and seconded by Mr Nicholson, that the Leadgate Board accept this lamp from the date the notice was given by the Consett Board to discontinue the lighting of it.

This was agreed to.

DR RENTON AND MR WARD.

The Clerk to the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee wrote to the Board communicating the decisions arrived at by the above Committee at their meeting on Thursday last relative to the allegations made by Dr George Renton, the medical officer, against Mr W. Ward, the school-attendance officer, the facts of which were reported last week.

Mr W. H. Hedley suggested that it would be advisable to forward Dr G. Renton a copy of the foregoing letter, and asking if he had any further remarks to offer thereanent. None of the members supposed that the Medical Officer personally attended these children; they all knew that he kept an assistant at Leadgate.

The Chairman said it seemed to be pretty well understood throughout the district, that this woman—whoever she might be—had entirely misled the doctor in the present instance.

Mr Hedley: And if we had Dr Renton's reply, before us, he might be enabled to put a different complexion on the case.

Mr L. Nicholsom; Is Mr Ward quite satisfied with the decision of the Committee?

Mr W. H. Hedley; Oh, yes; he has put himself right with the members of this Committee.

Mr Nicholson observed that Dr Renton rather sneered at the School Board Officers and their duties. The doctor should either withdraw his allegations, or apologise to Mr Ward.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr W. H. Hedley, and seconded by Mr Hudson, that a copy of Mr Ritson's letter be sent to Dr George Renton, requesting him to reply thereto.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Longstaff) read the subjoined report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

Gentlemen,—The following works have been done in the month of November, and accounts will come before you for the same:—

Durham Main Road.—Manual labour, the remaining portion of the first order of limestone laid on, and 22 tons of rough limestone bought, carted and broken; also a heap of slag broken, carted, and laid on by the side of the road near the Gas tank and other places where required.

Other Roads as follows:—Redwell Hills Road.—The whole of the limestone laid on, and ashes carted and spread over the footpath. Annfield Lane.—Nearly 50 yards of slag carted and laid on, and part levelling done to your streets, both at the north and south side of Leadgate, also the said streets scraped.

Annexed are the monthly pay bills:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Durham Main Roads:						
Manual labour	10	1	1			
Team labour..........	5	0	0			
Material	3	18	10			
				18	16	11
Other Roads:						
Manual Labour	4	8	0			
Team do.	5	13	3			
				10	1	3
Total....................				£29	1	2

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Thos. Longstaff.

Leadgate, Dec. 12th, 1883.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

Gentlemen,—Since your last monthly meeting, your district has had some attention paid to. Your gulley traps, grates, &c., have been looked after; also ashpits and privies are well cleansed out. We still have a few fever cases in our midst. The epidemic is difficult to stamp out after it once becomes prevalent. People ought not to visit so much, and parents should be very careful about sending their children over soon to school after they are convalescent.

Plans will come before you for twelve new back-kitchens for the Consett Iron Company in North Cross Street, Leadgate, I expect your Building Committee will report thereon; also your Gas Committee on the Iveston gas question. Gas burnt in the month of November, 146½ hours.

I received the fitting for the two urinals on Monday afternoon last.

I have served a notice on Mr Thomas Severs and his builder stopping him repairing the old pit cabin which is standing on the village green at Iveston, as he has not submitted a plan.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Leadgate, Dec. 12th, 1883. Thos. Longstaff.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Leadgate, Dec. 11th, 1883.

Gentlemen,—Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the following plans: Twelve back-kitchens, pantries, and out-offices at the north-side of North Cross Street, Leadgate, belonging to the Consett Iron Company, and recommend that the same be passed.

Geo. Nicholson.
Matthew Robson.
Jno. J. Hedley.

The Surveyor stated that two new urinals arrived at Consett Station, on Monday last, but before fixing them up he would have to make formal application to the Consett Water Company for permission to connect their pipes, and also pay a nominal rental for the water supplied.

Mr Hudson recommended that Mr Longstaff should also ascertain their charges for supplying a public watering trough, which was a very useful article in every town.

FINANCE.

The Clerk intimated that Mr Hawdon had collected every penny of the last rate that was recoverable. The Board would have to be thinking about ways and means before long. The balance in hand was £268 18s 11d, less £50 for the current month's accounts.

Several bills, amounting to £48 10s 10d were presented for payment, and on the proposal of Mr Hudson, cheques were ordered to be signed for the same.

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE BYELAWS.

The Clerk read a copy of the notice which the Inspector had served on the 1st December, on Mr Thomas Severs, of East Castle Colliery, and Mr John McNally, builder, requesting them to desist from making further additions to the stable, cow byre, or other building on the village green at Iveston, as no plan had been previously submitted to the Board.

The Inspector said that nothing had been done to the erection since the notice was sent.

Mr Brown thereupon moved that Messrs Severs and McNally be served with a notice to clear away all the stones, &c., lying on the village green at Iveston within a month.

The proposition having been seconded by Mr Hudson, was unanimously carried.

THE NEXT HALF-YEAR'S RATE.

The Clerk having submitted his estimates of the supposed expenditure during the ensuing six months, it was resolved, on a motion to that effect by the Chairman, that the Clerk be authorised to make out a rate of 8d in the pound in house property and 2d on land, for confirmation and approval at the next meeting on January 9th.

PROPOSED ALTERATION OF TIME OF MEETING.

Mr Brown gave notice to move at the next meeting of the Board, that in future the meetings should commence at five o'clock in the evening instead of three o'clock in the afternoon as heretofore.

RECEPTACLE FOR OFFICIAL PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS.

The Clerk took the liberty of asking the Board to procure a cabinet or secretaire for depositing the papers, documents, plans, books, &c., belonging to the Board, and which were placed in his custody. He pointed at some length to the inconvenience arising from possessing only a dirty, dilapidated old cupboard, which was totally inadequate for the purposes required.

Mr Brown and other members thought that the matter should be deferred until the new Board Buildings were completed.

This concluded the business.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

The general meeting of the waywardens constituting the above-named Board was held at Lanchester on Thursday afternoon in last week, under the presidency of the Chairman, Mr George Alder. Present—Messrs W. H. Hedley, Wm. Logan, Wm. Cumming, Robert Robson, Thomas Maughan, Joseph Towns, Thomas Longstaff, Wm. Brown, Francis Rowland, the clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the surveyor (Mr Wm. Dixon).

The record of the minutes of the last general meeting, and likewise of Finance Committee meeting, were read and certified.

MEDOMSLEY VESTRY: APPLICATION FOR A NEW FOOTPATH.

A letter was read from the Rev W. Cockin, vicar of Medomsley, who, as Chairman of the Vestry assembled, explained that a ratepayers' meeting had been held, when a resolution was adopted to the effect that it was desirable to construct a footpath from the Westwood Board Schools towards Ebchester; therefore he asked the Highway Board to meet the request by making a footpath along the side of the road from the above schools to the head of Shaw's Lane, a distance of 635 yards or thereabouts.

Mr Longstaff observed that this footpath was very much needed, as it was the only route to Ebchester Station, but the question would have to be deferred until the accounts for the next half-year were considered. The expenditure was not included in the last half-year's estimates.

Mr Logan inquired if the Surveyor had the estimated cost of the same.

Mr Dixon: I have not, sir. The carriage-way is pretty level, and seeing that they wish this footpath to run by the side of the road, the expense will not be very great.

Other waywardens having concurred with the observations of Mr Longstaff, Mr Logan at length proposed that the request of the ratepayers of Medomsley and Westwood be granted, upon the understanding that the footpath will not be commenced with until the Board enters its next financial year.

Mr Brown seconded, and the motion was carried without dissent.

THE CONDITION OF BUSTY BANK.

With reference to the question of the widening and repairing of Busty Bank, Burnopfield, a letter was read from Mr Thomas Lambert, Clerk to the Whickham Local Board, under date of November 22nd, stating that the members were of opinion that the best way of settling this dispute was to carry out the suggestion mooted in his letter of May last, to refer the whole question to the Local Government Board, and ascertain if the management of this road would not be affected by the operation of the Divided Parishes Act.

The Chairman asked if this matter had been considered by Mr Culley, the Poor Law Inspector, when he held his recent inquiry?

Mr Logan replied that nothing definite had been done up to the present. There was, however, a possibility of Mr Culley holding an inquiry at Lanchester in the early part of next year, and it was probable that in twelve months' time the road would be in their possession. At present, however, it belonging to the Whickham Local Board, and he objected to the subject being referred to the Local Government Board. He begged to move, therefore, that their Clerk be directed to write to the Whickham Local Board, and inform them that if the Busty Bank was not properly widened and repaired, legal proceedings will be instituted compelling them to do so. They had already wasted twelve months in writing backwards and forwards about the matter.

This was seconded by Mr Brown, and carried.

THE ROADS AT DIPTON.

A discussion arose as to the state of the roads at Dipton, which had been left in an unfinished condition by Mr Hall, the contractor for the new sewage works.

The Surveyor said that he wrote to Mr Rounthwaite (Inspector) on the 27th November stating that the pipe track was then in a worse condition than when he first drew attention to it. The clay heaps in front of the Schools had been removed.

Several members asserted that the road was in a very bad state just now.

Eventually Mr Logan moved, and Mr Brown seconded, that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority again directing their attention to the state of the roads at Dipton, and requesting that the same be put into proper order forthwith.

This was unanimously agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following is the Surveyor's report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Highway Board.

Gentlemen,—Since the last meeting of your Board large quantities of metal have been laid upon the roads throughout the whole district. The stone has embedded well, the weather having been favourable for the purpose. The various contracts for works of the Board are progressing satisfactorily.

The bridges mentioned in my last report as undergoing repairs have been completed. The wall at Burnopfield has been repaired by Mr Alfred Davison, whose tender for the work was the lowest.

My attention has been called to the wall at Tanfield, near the old Grammar School, which has been damaged by the school children. I understand that this wall was built by the Board when the road was diverted at that place.

I have made arrangements with the owners of Lintz Colliery to spread a covering of hard stone where the road has subsided through their coal workings at Priestfield Bank. The owners of Willie Pit have not put a coat of limestone upon the pitfall near Catchgate. The manager has written to me to say that the owners considered they have done quine sufficient towards repairing the road at that place. The owners of South Derwent Colliery have not done anything towards mending the damaged road at Greencroft Cottages, caused by their underground workings.

The road across Cornsay Common has been seriously damaged by the coal workings of the Weardale Coal and Iron Company. I inspected it on the 23rd of last month, and sent a messenger to the Company's agent to inform him that the road was in a most dangerous state. On the 24th ult., I wrote to the Company to the same effect. On the 30th November a person met with an accident at that place, which he attributes to the dangerous condition of the road by the pitfalls. On the 4th inst., I visited the place again, when I found the Company's workmen cutting away the sound portions of the road between the pitfalls to fill up the holes. The road, which was formerly a good one, has in consequence been entirely destroyed. I told the man that they ought not to have pulled the road to pieces in that way, but they merely replied that they were only acting according to instructions.

From a communication I have had from Mr Buckley, the owners of Hobson Colliery intend to repair the pitfalls at the Leazes.

I have received a portion of the County Bridge moiety.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Wm. Dixon.

The Lodge, Lanchester, Dec. 6th, 1883.

DAMAGED WALL AT TANFIELD.

The Surveyor read a letter he had received from Mr George Watson, in which his attention was called to the wall near the Old Grammar School, which had been pulled down by the boys; and as the wall in its present damaged condition might prove dangerous to his (Mr Watson's) stock, that gentleman would like it repaired without delay.

Some discussion ensued on the matter as to whether it was the duty of the Board or the owner to repair this particular wall, and, after hearing the Surveyor's explanation, it was suggested that Mr George Ridley, of Stanley (one of the waywardens for Tanfield township), might be able to enlighten the Board on the subject.

The matter was accordingly adjourned for further information.

REPAIRS TO PRIESTFIELD BANK.

The Surveyor announced that he had received the sum of £12 10s from the Lintz Colliery Company for repairs he had done to the road near Priestfield Farm.

In all cases where the colliery proprietors desired him to repair the roads damaged by their underground workings, the Surveyor was authorised to undertake such work, providing that he first obtained a written agreement from the owners to defray all charges so incurred.

THE ROAD ACROSS CORNSAY COMMON.

The Surveyor read the correspondence which had passed between himself and Mr Bell, the agent for the Weardale Coal and Iron Company, relative to the damage caused to the road across Cornsay Common by the subsidence of the mines underneath. Mr Dixon pointed out that formerly the Company kept these roads in proper repair. A short time ago this road was a very good one, but now it was entirely ruined, and was not worth twopence. The men had hacked away the limestone firmly set by the sides of the different holes, and placed it at the bottom of the pitfalls.

After discussion, Mr Logan proposed that the Clerk write to the Weardale Company calling their attention to the dangerous state of the road running across Cornsay Common, damaged by their pit workings, and requesting them to immediately restore the road to its former condition.

Mr Towns seconded the motion, which was adopted.

ESPERSHIELDS BRIDGE.

Mr Rowland said he had been requested by the inhabitants of Roughside, Edmondbyers, &c., to ask the Board if they would be willing to contribute something towards making the necessary repairs to the Espershields Baidge, which crosses the River Derwent. He pointed out that although the bridge connected the public thoroughfares, yet it was built by private subscriptions about fifteen years' ago, the Board not contributing a single penny towards the erection of the structure. Formerly the inhabitants were compelled to cross the Ford a little lower down, but as this place at certain times was almost impassable, the principal residents at Derwenthead subscribed sufficient money to erect this bridge, and so avoid wading through the Ford.

The Surveyor explained that the bridge connected the main road between the counties of Durham and Northumberland, going in the direction of Riding Mill. The Ford was still in existence, but as it was sometimes difficult to travel over, the gentlemen residing about Derwenthead raised sufficient funds for erecting this bridge, but it had never been dedicated to the public.

Mr Rowland observed that it would take £16 to repair the bridge properly. If the Highway Board would only give a moderate supscription, he would undertake to raise the balance amongst the residents. It would be very hard, he considered, for the ratepayers, if the bridge should give way, and they were compelled to traverse the Ford.

Mr Hedley thought it would be best for the Board itself to repair the bridge.

Ultimately, after various members had offered their opinions on the subject, a resolution was passed, on the proposition of Mr Logan, seconded by Mr Maughan, that if Mr Rowland undertakes to raise £8 amongst the inhabitants of the district towards the repairs to Espershields Bridge, the Highway Board will be prepared to subscribe the balance.

SURVEYOR'S MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.

The Surveyor's pay bill for the month amounted to £344 17s 3d, and on the motion of Mr Logan the accounts were ordered to be paid.

GRANT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

The Clerk stated that he had not yet received the sum of £356 13s 8d, grant from the Local Government Board on account of the mains roads for the past year.

The Clerk was directed to write and remind the Local Government Board that the money had not been paid.

This being all the business, the waywardens separated.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

An adjourned meeting of this Board was held in the Board-room, Parliament Street, Consett, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr W. Jenkins, J.P.), Mr J. W. Davison was voted to preside. There were also present the Rev F. Steggall, Messrs. W. Shell, W. Aynsley, J. Collinson, W. R. Taylor, H. Carss, T. W. Welford (Clerk), W. Rippon (Surveyor), and also the Medical Officer (Mr W. M. Renton, M.D.)

THE HOWDON BURN QUESTION.

The Chairman said that meeting had been convened specially for the object of discussing the best means of doing away with the pollution of Howdon Burn, together with securing the opinion and advice of Dr. Renton on the matter. He then asked that gentleman to state his views on the subject.

Dr Renton observed that he had frequently brought the matter before the Board, and had also stated his views thereon. The stench arising from the Burn, he might say, was very dreadful. It did not always give a bad smell. He had been down on Wednesday night and also that morning, but there was scarcely any stench all all; although when the effluvia was prevelent, it could be felt for a quarter-of-a-mile on either side of the Burn. Quite recently two cases of enteric fever had appeared in the immediate vicitnity. One resided at Howdon Cottage, which is within a stones-throw of the Burn; and the other a son of Mr Town's, who had to cross the Burn twice a-day in order to get to his work, and by inhaling the putrid smell, it was conjectured, had got the fever into his system. No one could positively swear that the Burn was the cause of the epedemic, although, he had inspected very carefully any possible sign that the fever might have arisen from, but had found none whatever. Both Mr Town's house and the Paper Mills were in perfect sanitary condition; and seeing that there was no other assignable cause of infection, it was quite conclusive that the impure atmosphere caused by the Burn had been the source of the fever.

The Chairman: Is it not possible that the persons afflicted have got it through contagion?

Dr Renton: No; typhoid fever is not infectious.

Mr Shell: Is it palpable to surmise that Mr Town's son has caught the fever from the Paper Mills? I mention this, because there are a lot of people think that there are more cases of fever traceable to the rags at the Paper Mills than anything else.

Dr Renton: Typhoid fever could not be taken from rags.

Mr Aynsley: Is there not as much harm done by Messrs Annandale's race as the Howdon Burn?

Dr Renton: Quite; but the nuisance caused by it is made by Howdon Burn.

Mr Aynsley: But I don't think we are responsible for it.

Dr Renton: You are responsible for the matter in it. The water that it contained was pure before you ran the sewerage into Howdon Burn.

The Chairman: The question has been discussed over and over again; and, has been found there was a nuisance at Howdon Burn. Now, we want to remedy this; how have we to do it; what is your opinion, Mr Renton?

Dr Renton was of opinion that sooner or latter the sewerage and also the present settling ponds near the Iron Works would have to be removed entirely outside the district. Mr Jenkins had suggested that the sewerage be run through a culvert direct to the river and dealt with on its banks. This he thought very good; but he considered the suggestion made by their Surveyor was still better, and that was to run all the sewerage into the Benfieldside sewer, and carry it below Shotley Bridge, then to deal with it in conjunction with the Benfieldside Board. This course, he thought, would be the best and cheapest in the end.

Mr Collinson: That is the very thing the Benfieldside people object to.

Dr Renton: I think if you approach the Benfieldside Board in a less antagonistic spirit than is usually displayed, they will treat with you.

Mr Shell begged to contradict Dr Renton in the assertion that there was any antagonistic feeling towards the Benfieldside Board on their part. (Hear, hear).

Mr Aynsley: I for one will certainly object to amalgamating with the Benfieldside Board, when we have abundance of ground to dispose of all our sewerage without going to Shotley Bridge.

Dr Renton said he would be glad to have the same pointed out to him.

Mr Carss: I may say, gentlemen, that there is land beyond Consett Hall, belonging to Mr Taylor, which will suit all our requirements. Mr Taylor has graciously promised to give the Board four acres of land to make settling ponds, which would be entirely under the control of the Board, and he, at his own expense, would dispose of the sewerage, while the water would irrigate his land. If we carry out the scheme, it will meet our requirements if the population of the district increases to 40,000. I think we should work upon the matter.

Dr Renton: I understand that this irrigation scheme, which has been before the Board on a previous occasion, has exploded altogether, owing to great personal feeling in the matter. I suggested those other two schemes as the only resource.

Mr Shell thought the subject of irrigation was rather premature to make any final settlement on it that day.

Mr Aynsley: If we consider the present system of doing away with the sewerage is not equal to the requirements, and determine to contemplate the proposed irrigation scheme, I think we should secure the services of a first-class sanitary engineer to inspect Mr Taylor's land, and give his opinion as to the propriety of the scheme, together with the probable cost, and all other information necessary.

Mr Shell quite agreed with the last-mentioned remarks, but thought their Sanitary Committee ought to inspect the place and ascertain if it were possible to carry out the scheme, and report at next meeting. Then they might engage the services of an engineer.

Dr Renton thought it would be advisable to get the services of an eminent sanitary engineer to advise them in the matter, and then they could depend upon the thing being done properly.

Rev F. Steggall expressed a similar opinion:

The Chairman was of opinion that they should take two schemes into consideration, for fear of the irrigation one failing. The other one he would suggest was to pipe the sewerage down to the river, and deal with on the banks of the same.

After further discussion on the subject, it was proposed by Mr Shell that the Sanitary Committee inspect Mr Taylor's land, and consider whether the irrigation scheme, or any other scheme they thought of, would be best, and report at next meeting, when they could decide as to securing the services of a sanitary engineer.

Mr Aynsley seconded this, which was agreed to unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR TAKING OVER A FOOTPATH.

A letter was read from Mr Jesse Hall, on behalf of Consett Co-operative Store, asking the Board to take over a footpath in West Victoria Street belonging to them.

The Surveyor said that the Clerk had previously served a notice on the Co-operative Store, stating that the Board declined to take over the footpath in question, owing to the workmanship and material being bad. Nothing had been done to it since.

The Chairman said, on that account, they could not alter the decision of the Board.

The Clerk was ordered to communicate this fact to the Co-operative Store.

PLAN.

The Surveyor said that at last meeting a plan was submitted by Mr McIlroy, of Consett. Owing to some suspected ommission in the same, it was not stamped until the Surveyor saw that it was put into proper order. He had found the plan to be all right, and recommended it to be passed.

Mr Shell moved, and Mr Collinson seconded, that the plan be stamped.

This was agreed to.

BLOCKING UP A STREET.

The Surveyor stated that the Consett Iron Company had sent workmen to put a gate on each end of the street behind Derwent Street. He had stopped them once, but they had again commenced with the work.

After some discussion as to the street being a public one, the members concluded that it was, and Mr Carss moved that the Consett Iron Company be served with a notice ordering them to stop the work at once, and remove all posts, &c., that had been erected.

On this being seconded by Mr Collinson, it was agreed to.

ALTERATION OF PLAN.

Mr Shell said he wished the Board to grant him permission to add two rooms on each of the two four-roomed houses he was building in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, and for which he would be extremely obliged.

On the motion of Mr Aynsley, seconded by the Rev F. Steggall, the necessary leave was granted, subject to the alterations being shown on the plan.

The Board afterwards adjourned.

On Sunday, Bishop Ryan, the new rector of Stanhope, instituted himself into the spiritual charge of the parish.

North-Eastern Railway.—An improvement in every department is the burden of the traffic return for the week ending the 8th inst. The total increase is £6,418, of which £3,490 is contributed by passengers, £1,017 by merchandise and cattle, £1,526 by minerals, and £385 by dock dues. The total increase to date is £30,239.

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Public Notices.

CHRISTOPHER WOOD, Deceased, late of Allansford, Miller.
ALL CLAIMS on this Estate to be sent to the undersigned,
JOHN BOOTH, Shotley Bridge,
609s Solicitor to the Executors.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.
THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Lecture Hall adjoining St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, on Thursday next, December 20th, at 3 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon CHISWELL, B.D., will give an Address. Admission Free. Collection in aid of the Society. 515s

TOW LAW RICIPROCAL BUILDING SOCIETY.
THE Directors are prepared to make ADVANCES on approved security, at £5 per cent. Interest. Repayment by Easy Instalments.
(By order)
ARTHUR W. EMERSON, Secretary,
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NOTICE.
THE FURNESS RAILWAY COMPANY have opened an Office at 45, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where all information as to the Barrow Docks, also Tariffs for Dock Dues, charges for loading and discharging, rates, &c., can be obtained from
S. WALTON, Traffic Agent.
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SHOTLEY BRIDGE
FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Saturday Evening, December 22nd, 1883, at 7·45 o'clock.
WILLIAM DICKINSON, } Secs.
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SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.
ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 1484

DERWENT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.
A PUBLIC MEETING, in connection with the above Association, will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Foundry Row, Benfieldside, on Thursday Evening, December 20th, 1883, when Addresses will be delivered by JOHN HATHLOCK, Esq., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and other Gentlemen. Chair to be taken at Half-past Seven o'clock, by JONATHAN PRIESTMAN, Esq., J.P.
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WILL
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NEW BANK FOR SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
ON and after Monday, 10th December, 1883, a BRANCH of the North Eastern Banking Company, Limited, will BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS DAILY, at 3, FRONT STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, where Mr. AUGUSTUS E. FARRAR will act as Agent, under the Superintendence of Mr. THOS. LIDDLE GLENSTONE, Manager of the Consett Branch.
Office Hours: 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 12. 476s

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
MR. JOSHUA LAX has consented to give an ENTERTAINMENT in the above Chapel, on Monday Evening, December 17th, 1883, entitled—"An Hour with the Scottish National Poet" (Robert Burns) which will consist of a brief Biographical Sketch of the Poet, and Selections from his Works, illustrative of the variety and character of his genius. The Choir will be in attendance and render a few Choice Selections at Intervals. Doors open at Seven o'clock; Chair to be Half-past Seven. by Mr. W. TELFORD.
☞ Tickets, 6d. each, may be had of the following—Messrs. J. BRODIE, W. WHARTLEY, W. WARDHAUGH, and W. URWIN. Proceeds in aid of New Chapel Fund.

COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM.
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878.
The England and Wales Markets and Fairs, Temporary Order of 1883 (No. 3,000).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order of the Privy Council, made on 20th November, 1883, NO EXHIBITION and NO MARKET FAIR, or other Public or Private SALE of Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Heifers, Calves, Sheep, or Swine (fat or store) can be lawfully held between 25th December next and 29th February next, except as expressly authorised by the above-mentioned Order.
Applications for *Licenses* for holding *public sales of fat animals* may be made at the Offices of the undersigned, at the EXCHEQUER BUILDINGS, Durham.
Public or Private Sales of fat or store animals may be held without License in places free from disease, if the animals be themselves also free from disease, and if each animal has been 14 days on the farm or place where it is offered for Sale.
And Notice is hereby further given, that every person acting in contravention of the said order shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the above-mentioned Act, and shall be punishable accordingly.
Dated this 6th December, 1883.
RALPH SIMEY,
518s Clerk of the Peace.

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☞ RENTS, RATES, AND TAXES SAVED WEEKLY.
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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.
Monday and Tuesday, December 17th and 18th, 1883.—Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Unredeemed Pledges, including Watches and Guards, Drapery, and Clothing, and Miscellaneous Goods of every description.
ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. JOHN CALVERT, of Sherburn Terrace, Consett, to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday and Tuesday, December 17th and 18th, 1883, an immense assortment of UNREDEEMED PLEDGES, including nearly every description of Goods, and consisting in part of the following:—Genuine Gold and Silver Watches; Gold Guards; Gold Albertz; Linen and Cotton Sheets; Cotton Quilts; Blankets; Linen Table Cloths; Paisley and Wool Shawls; Imitation Sealskin and other Cloths; Black and Coloured Dresses in Silk and Stuff; Silk, Stuff, and Print Arm Pieces; Flannel and other Petticoats; Ladies' Velvet and Cloth Jockets; Men's Black and Coloured Suits; Men's Trousers and Vests; Men's Top Coats; together with a great variety of Miscellaneous Lots too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each evening.
☞ The attention of the public is specially directed to this Sale, as the Goods are for the most part in good order and condition, and in great variety, and will be Sold Without Reserve. The Watches and Jewellery can be particularly recommended. 503s

123, Derby Street, Bolton.—In the matter of Henry Jones Linen and Woollen Draper, in liquidation.
ADAM BRODIE is instructed by the Trustee, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, 123, Derby Street, Bolton, in January, the entire STOCK-IN-TRADE; belonging the Estate. Particulars and date in Posters, small Bills, and Catalogues. 600s

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

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OF ABOUT
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65 FAT SHEEP, including some grand 3 years old Scotch Wethers, thick fat.
12 to 15 INCALVING S.H. COWS, grand quality, and very promising, and mostly close to profit, and as this class of animals are very bad to find, this is an opportunity Cow-keepers should not miss.
30 Pure S.H. YEARLING STEER AND HEIFER STIRKS, all rich Roan, and of the very best blood.
Several other CATTLE of various kinds.
Several FAT PIGS, CALVES, and POULTRY.
A lot of TURNIPS, OATS, POTATOES, &c.
2 Well-bred BOAR PIGS.
Sale at One o'clock p.m.
NICHOLSON and MURRAY, Auctioneers.

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street, Sale-rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, December 17th, 1883, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE and other EFFECTS, consisting of Mahogany Sofas, Couches, and Easy Chairs; Mahogany Drawers and Bookcases; Mahogany Lobby Drawers; Painted Bed-room Drawers; 2 Desk Beds; 2 Four-poled Bedsteads; an assortment of Brass and Iron Tester Bedsteads; 3 French Bedsteads; Child's Cot; 3 pairs of Mattresses; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; 2 Centre Tables; large Tap-room Table; Kitchen Tables and Chairs; 6 Hair-seated Chairs; Longsettle; excellent Washing and Wringing Machine; 2 excellent Sewing Machines, in working order; Parlour and Kitchen Fireirons; 3 Fenders; 2 Cornice Poles; 2 Towel Rails; Clothes Horse; an assortment of Pictures, Tubs, Pails, and Pans, together with a large quantity of other useful Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 524a

JOSEPH OLEY,
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SUCH AS OUR FOREFATHERS DID DRINKE AND ENJOIE.
Sold only under the above registered title in 6lb., 4lb., 2lb., 1lb., and ½lb. Tins, air-tight and damp proof.
AGENTS IN EVERY TOWN.

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TO OUR READERS.

PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT OF THE *CONSETT GUARDIAN*.

The Proprietor has great pleasure in announcing to the numerous readers of this Journal, that, in order to meet with the growing necessities of this fast-increasing and densely-populated district, on and after Friday, January 4th, 1884, the *Consett Guardian* will be CONSIDERABLY ENLARGED, without any change in its price. By means of this arrangement, the *Guardian* will contain an additional twelve columns of news in each issue. At the commencement of the New Year there will appear the Opening Chapters of a New Story of Thrilling Interest, besides "A Ladies' Column," and a Corner specially allotted to the Young Folks.

Local and District News.

The foot-and-mouth disease has broken out on Mr Bolam's farm at Chopwell Wood.

The County Court Office, Consett, will be closed on the 24th, 26th, and 27th days of December, 1883.

THE MILD WEATHER.—Mr Hall, of Fell Corner, Allansford, has a root of primroses, containing about six flowers, all perfect and in full bloom.

On Tuesday evening, Mr A. Ramsden, of Consett, delivered a lecture on Phrenology in the Primitive Methodist School-room at Consett, in aid of the Chapel Renovation Fund.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION.—*Newcastle-on-Tyne First Circuit.*—The Rev Wm. Bowe, at present superintending Stanley Circuit, has consented, at the change in July, 1884, to superintend this circuit.

SOCIAL DINNER AT THE SPEN.—On Tuesday evening Mr R. Browell, Miners' Arms, Spen, gave a dinner to his numerous friends and patrons. Afterwards Mr G. Wishart was voted to the chair, and a very jovial evening was spent.

MISHAP AT PONTOP COLLIERY.—On Monday, a young man named John Rowdey, while following his employment as a pony putter, was badly cut and bruised about the head and shoulders, but no bones were broken. Dr J. T. Hooper attended and dressed the injured man as soon as possible.

ACCIDENT IN THE HUNTING FIELD.—We regret to learn that while out hunting with the North Durham Foxhounds on Monday, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., of Broadwood Park, near Lanchester, was accidentally injured, and is unable at present to attend to his public duties.

QUOIT MATCH AT TANTOBIE.—On Saturday and Monday, at the Tantobie New Quoit Grounds, the match between William Elliott, of Consett, and James Clasper, of Crookgate, for £10 a-side, was played in the presence of a large number of spectators, Clasper receiving three points start in 61. Elliott won after a very close game by seven points.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT WOLSINGHAM.—On Saturday, a pigeon shooting handicap, promoted by Mr D. Coates, took place at Wolsingham, in the presence of a large number of lovers of the gun. There were twenty competitors, and some good shooting was witnessed at the close of the 3rd round, when the twelve left in agreed to divide, owing to darkness setting in.

RAILWAY MISHAP AT WITTON GILBERT.—A block was caused on the railway at Witton Gilbert Station on Wednesday, in consequence of a Shildon mineral engine leaving the metals at the catch points when coming out of a sliding, and being capsized down a steep embankment. The driver and fireman jumped off the engine just before it overturned, and escaped uninjured.

LECTURE AT LEADGATE.—Last night (Thursday) the Rev J. Kirk, curate of Leadgate, delivered a lecture in the Infant School-room, Church Square, on the subject—"The Life and Doctrine of John Wesley." A very good company assembled together, and appeared to be much interested in the remarks of the rev lecturer. The Vicar of Leadgate (Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A.) ably filled the chair.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—At the ordinary meeting held on Friday, Mr C. Bainbridge presiding, Mr Montgommery was re-appointed medical officer for the Derwent district. The usual Christmas dinner was ordered to be given to the inmates of Stanhope Workhouse, and special diet for the new year; the out-door recipients of relief having their allowance increased on the occasion.

DERWENT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—It will be seen per advertisement that a public meeting in connection with the above Association, will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside, on Thursday evening next, when addresses will be delivered by Mr John Havelock, of Newcastle, and other gentlemen. The President of the Association (Mr Jon. Priestman, J.P.), will be in the chair, and admission is free.

MAGIC-LANTERN ENTERTAINMENT AT SPEN COLLIERY.—Mr Blyth, of Newcastle, gave a magic-lantern entertainment and lecture, to a crowded audience, in the Primitive Methodist School-room, Spen, on Monday night. The principal views were scenes from the Dublin tragedy, and the ruins of Pompeii, &c. The lecturer having travelled about a good deal, made the lecture both instructive and amusing. He had also a number of comic slides which amused the younger portion of the audience, and a great many of the adults.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SPEN.—The Amateur Star Christy Minstrels gave an excellent entertainment in the Miners' Hall, Spen, on Saturday night, to a very large audience, the programme being well executed. The sentimental singing was supported by Mr E. Williams and the Brothers Lowes, and the comic singing by Messrs. M. Wilkinson, J. Hunter, and N. Close, &c. Mr Williams executed an excellent solo on the violin, and delivered a stump oration on "Temperance" which was received with great laughter and applause. On the whole, the amateurs should be complimented for the manner in which they executed their programme.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—At the Durham County Police Court, on Wednesday, before the Rev A. D. Shafto (chairman) and other magistrates, Matthew Brown, farm servant, was summoned by Mr Ralph Stothard, farmer, of Carr House Farm, near Durham, for breach of contract. In November last Mr Stothard hired the defendant for one year. The defendant, however, never entered his service, but re-hired himself to another farmer, and for this breach of contract Mr Stothard claimed £2 compensation.—In defence Brown said he returned the half-crown hiring money to Mr Stothard because he got a better place. The Bench ordered him to pay the amount of compensation claimed and the costs.

MUSICAL AND POETICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT CONSETT.—Lovers of music are promised an excellent evening's entertainmet in the National Schools, Consett, on Monday evening, when Pewell Thomas, Esq., of Noel Park, London, a gentleman justly celebrated for the versatility of his genius, is to give humorous, pathetic, and descriptive readings and recitals from the great poets and humorists, gems of Welsh melodies, and favourite selections of English, Scotch, and Irish national airs. Mr Thomas is well-known as an exceedingly clever musician and as an elocutionist of considerable ability. Those of our readers who wish to hear him must be in their seats in good time.

LANCHESTER WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—Last (Thursday) evening, a very successful meeting was held in the above named place of worship, in furtherance of the Wesleyan Foreign Missions. There was a very good attendance, the chair being occupied by Mr John Buckham (Lanchester), who suitably opened the meeting. A very encouraging report of the past year's operations was read by the Rev W. Hare (Consett) the superintendent minister; and the assemblage was addressed by the Rev W. Douglass (Shotley Bridge), and the Rev W. Taylor (Annfield Plain). A collection was taken at the close of the meeting in aid of the Foreign Mission Funds.

THE REV CHARLES SPURGEON.—Our readers are reminded that the Rev Charles Spurgeon, of Greenwich (son of the celebrated Baptist minister, of London) will preach in Highgate Baptist Chapel, on Tuesday afternoon, at half-past two, and lecture in the National Schools, Consett, at half-past seven. On Wednesday, Mr Spurgeon will preach in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill, at half-past two, and lecture in the Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, at half-past seven o'clock. The opinions of all capable of judging of the merits of these lectures, and of the ability of the reverend gentleman to interest and instruct his audiences, are all highly favourable, and we feel certain that those who neglect the present opportunity of hearing Mr Spurgeon will miss a treat of no ordinary character.

MISSION SERVICES AT CONSETT.—On Sunday last, the Rev J. Geo. Sthart, from Newcastle-on-Tyne circuit, commenced a series of special mission services in Consett Wesleyan Chapel. In the morning, afternoon, and evening of that day, the spacious edifice was crowded at every service. The missioner is an attractive and effective speaker, and his earnest and pointed remarks cannot fail to leave a profound impression on the minds of his numerous hearers. The services have also been continued each night during the week, the chapel being well filled on each occasion. The mission so far has been a decided success, a large number of people professing to have found the salvation of Christ through the instrumentality of the speaker.

ENTERTAINMENT AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.—On Saturday evening, an entertainment was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel at this village by the members of the Victoria Garesfield Band of Hope. The proceedings commenced with the singing of No. 43 in the Congregational Hymn Book. The programme comprised songs, melodies, and duets by the choir, assisted by Mrs Scott and Mrs Whitfield; and readings and recitations were given by Messrs J. Lawson, Jas. Iley, and others. Mr Geo. Cuthbert moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, singers, and speakers. The motion was seconded by Mr Davison, which, on being carried, brought the meeting to a close.—Two sermons were preached on Sunday by Mr James Hudson, of West Pelton.

THE IRON TRADE WAGES QUESTION.—THE EMPLOYERS' DECISION—At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Employers and Iron Operatives Association, at Durham, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon—Mr J. Whitwell presiding—it was announced that the employers had arrived at the following decision: "The employers are unanimously willing to continue the existing sliding scale for twelve months, but cannot agree to any departure from it. In case of the operatives declining to continue the existing scale, the employers ask for a five per cent. reduction, from the 1st January, 1884."—The meeting terminated without any attempt being made to draw up the various points for the consideration of the arbitrators.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray held their weekly sale on Wednesday last, when they had a very large quantity of superior stock to hand, including 20 very grand short-horn cows; 18 fat cattle; 60 fat sheep; 79 short-horn steers and heifers; besides a quantity of cattle of inferior quality. In the absence of Mr W. Nicholson, Mr Thos. Iveson officiated as auctioneer, and in a short time the whole were disposed of (with the exception of about 9 heifers and 3 cows) at fairly satisfactory prices, although the vendors assert that they cannot make a profit. Among the principal buyers for cows were Messrs T. Wilson, S. Temperley, R. Hall, R. Murray, M. Adamson, and others; for fat cattle, Messrs M. Harrison, Parker, Siddle, Adamson, J. Green, M. Lee, Wilson, E. Telford, P. Hodgson, J. Davidson, Milburn, Foggen, &c.; for store cattle, Messrs M. Lee, S. Forster, Snowdon, Washington, R. Robson, J. Thompson, and others. The next sale will be held on Monday first, when there will be another large quantity of very superior stock forward.

GATESHEAD POLICE COURT.—On Tuesday, before R. O. Lamb, Esq. (chairman), and J. M. Redmayne, Esq, John Simpson, of Westwood, was summoned by P.C. Farrar for having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhall Mill on December 1st.—Fined 5s and costs.—William Logan, of Blaydon, was charged by P.C. Robson with having been drunk and disorderly at Blaydon on Dec. 1st, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.—Henry Iley, of Blaydon, was charged by P.C. Harkess with having been drunk and disorderly at Blaydon on the 1st inst.—He was fined 14s including costs.—Joseph Iley, also of Blaydon, was summoned by P.C. Robson on a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Blaydon on the same date.—Fined 5s and costs.—Matthew Scott, of Westwood, was accused by P.C. Farrar of being drunk drunk and riotous at Blackhall Mill on Dec. 1st.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.—Thomas Kelly, and James Simpson, of Victoria Garesfield Colliery, were summoned on a charge of doing wilful damage to grass in Chopwell, the property of Mr Jonathan Priestman, J.P., on Dec. 1st.—Fined 3d damage each and pay costs.—P.C. Pattison proved the case.—Mary Ann Telford, a single woman, of Victoria Garesfield Colliery, was summoned on a charge of assaulting Ellen Whitfield at that village on November 30th.—The parties were ordered to pay 6s 3d costs between them.—Messrs Nicholson, of Blaydon Sawmills, were summoned by Sir Henry Chaytor, Inspector of Factories for the County of Durham, for employing Forster Wilson, a boy under the age of 13 years.—They were mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs.—Defendants were likewise fined in the same amount for employing young Wilson in their works for a longer period than the law allowed them.

THE TERRIFIC STORM.

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO FARM PRODUCE.

A terrific storm of wind and rain, accompanied in many places by vivid flashes of lightning and heavy peals of thunder, passed over the North of England on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning; and as will be seen from the reports we give below, great damage has been done to house and other property. The loss of life by land and sea is, we are glad to say, slight when compared with the violence of the storm, which is said to have been as severe as that which destroyed the Tay Bridge some years ago. The accounts speak generally of large trees uprooted, houses blown down or unroofed, windows blown in, and telegraph wires broken, seriously interrupting telegraphic communication. Last night (Thursday) another gale of unusual severity swept over this district. The weather this (Friday) morning is bright and genial, and closely resembles a warm summer's day,

CONSETT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Situated as it is on the summit of a steep hill, the storm which raged so fearfully on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, has done a considerable amount of damage to house and other property in Consett. The foundations of many of the houses were terribly shaken, and a number of slates have been hoisted off nearly every dwelling in the place, and are now scattered in all directions. Chimneys, gable ends, windows, doors, spouting, &c., were more or less damaged, whilst a portion of the Turf Hotel, in Front Street, the Post Office, and the fronts of other places were blown out. Consett Church suffered a great deal of damage, as, besides being minus a quantity of slates, there are several large holes in the roof, and the interior of the sacred hdifice has not escaped without injury. The street pavements have been swept up in some places, and the tops of some of the public lamps torn away. A few dwelling-houses have been partially wrecked, whilst numerous outbuildings, wooden sheds, &c., have been completely destroyed. The house at Stauniferdam, occupied by Mr McCourty, jeweller, Consett, was all but shattered to pieces; and a vast amount of damage has been done at the Consett Vicarage. A number of hay and corn stacks standing in the country have been literally blown away, besides a portion of the scaffolding fixed around the new Town Hall, and the shutters of some of the tradesmen's shops. Several of the oldest residents declare that they never remember such a violent storm in Consett during the past thirty years. With the exception of a few slates off the Steel Works, little or no damage has been done at the extensive Works of the Consett Iron Company. At Templetown, the roof of the house occupied by Mrs Wheatley was almost torn off, and several holes made in the roofs of other properties, besides palisading and railings in front of the cottages being down. A large number of trees standing on the Carribees Farm, Consett, have been rooted up by the gale. The buzzar at the Tinmill Works blew a false alarm early on Weenesday morning, causing many people to hasten to the spot in expectation of witnessing some serious disaster.

BLACKHILL.

The ridging of the dwelling-house in Cemetery Road, belonging to Mr Routledge, joiner, was clean taken away; and a vast amount of damage has been caused to other property in the neighbourhood. Numerous window panes were smashed, and an old frame carried out of one street into another thoroughfare by the fierce blasts.

LEADGATE.

A similar state of things exist at Leadgate. Numberless dwelling-houses have been dismantled to a certain extent, and a few out-buildings and wooden erections here and there have been blown down.

CASTLESIDE.

At this village, it is reported that the chimney of the house of Mr T. J. Muse, grocer, was blown down on to the kitchen roof, afterwards falling through with a tremendous crash, destroying every obstacle in its way. Several other dwellings have sustained serious damage, and a number of hay and corn stacks in the locality have been blown away.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The sheltered and secluded position of this village in a great measure protects it from the ravages of the storm, consequently the damage to property is stated to be exceedingly slight.

LANCHESTER.

The slates on the house of Mr W. Thompson, Lanchester, were mostly blown away, and several other residences in the village have not escaped the fury of the tempest. At Newbiggen Farm, an iron hayshed on the farm of Mr Wm. Armstrong was twisted into a marvellous shape by the wind, and finally dashed to pieces. At Burnopeside, a stack of hay belonging to Mr Robert Thompson was scattered to the winds. On Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday), telegraphic communication at Lanchester Post Office was completely stopped.

MEDOMSLEY AND EBCHESTER.

These villages have not escaped the fury of the raging storm, as most of the houses appear to be more or less damaged. The Temperance Hall at Medomsley has suffered considerably, a portion of the roof having been greatly injured.

BURNHOPE AND CRAGHEAD.

The damage to house property and farm produce in this neighbourhood is considerable. At Burnhope, on one side of the principal street, there is scarcely a single house but what has been stripped of a quantity of slates, tiles, &c.; the spouting blown down, and also the windows and doors broken and shattered. Some trees have been torn up.

SOUTH MOOR.

Several of the wooden houses at South Moor, inhabited by the workmen employed by the Messrs Hedley Bros., have been partially wrecked. The "jetty," or gangway, at the Charlotte Pit was blown down; and a stack owned by Mr Grey has disappeared before the violent gusts of wind.

WEST STANLEY.

Here most of the houses present a dilapidated aspect, and the roof of Mr Burn's Gas House has been partially carried away. There is, however, no damage of a serious nature.

CATCHGATE.

Some buildings on Carryers Farm, the property of the Colliery owners, and which is occupied by Mr Browell, the viewer, are in a wretched condition. The chimney of Mr Wm. Bell's house was blown off, and a great quantity af slates on the cottage of Mr Francis Lavison were uplifted. Other damage has been caused in the place, and joiners han to be employed to fix large deals on the tops of some of the dwellings, to prevent further damage until the roofs were repaired.

QUEBEC AND CORNSAY.

At Wilk's Hill, the house which belongs to a miner named Collier, has been almost shattered to pieces. The roof on the south-west side has been entirely blown away, carrying the timbers and slates with it. Yesterday the workmen were engaged in repairing the house. Both at Cornsay and Hedley Hill, the houses have suffered slight damage, and the contents of different corn stacks in the neighbourhood are now scattered in all directions. Many trees around these places have been uprooted.

GREENCROFT.

A poor man named Thomas Abbott, who is over 70 years of age, had the misfortune to break his leg during the terrific storm that prevailed on Wednesday evening. He managed to crawl to the house of Mr Thos. Sedgwick, at Woodside, who is hind for Mr Balleny, of Little Greencroft, who gave him shelter in his house. Unfortunately, Sedgwick did not go for assistance at all, and the injured man sat in agony all night in front of a fire, in which position Mr Balleny, jun., having occasion to visit the house, found him. That gentleman immediately had the poor sufferer conveyed to Lanchester Workhouse, where he is now receiving medical treatment.—No serious damage to property is reported from this locality.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT.

On Tuesday night, and up to three o'clock on the following morning, many of the occupants of the houses could be seen running through the streets afraid to remain longer inside, in consequence of the terrific storm then raging, as the chimney tops began to be blown from the tops of the houses in all directions. Many of the ridge stones on the tops of the houses were blown off. The Pontop Rows was much damaged, in consequence of slates being torn away. Remarkable to say, some of the slates were blown a considerable distance from the houses. Clavering Place sustained serious damage, a quantity of the ridge stones being blown from the houses, some of the tenants having to barricade the windows for fear they should be blown out. A large wooden house belonging to Mr J. Murray, at this place was by the violence of the wind removed slightly out of the frame on which it stood; and many of the tenants had their garden pailings blown down. Mr Stobbs's haystack was greatly injured by the hurricane. At South Pontop Square, some of the outbuildings were unroofed, and at Greencroft a house untenanted was blown down. We have not heard of any person being bodily injured.

THE SPEN.

A terrible storm swept over the Spen and neighbourhood on Tuesday night, accompanied by lightening and thunder. During the gale, a large haystack on the farm of Mr Johnstone, Horse Gate, Chopwell, was blown over, and a lot of corn destroyed by the wind and rain. Considerable damage was also done to Mr Ramsey's property at The Spen.

BLANCHLAND.

At Blanchland the weather was exceedingly boisterous. About 10 o'clock several very violent flashes of lightning were observed, after which rain descended heavily and the wind was very violent.

TOW LAW.

At Tow Law the lighting struck the chimney of the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, West Thornley Colliery, causing such damage as will in all probability lay the pit off for three or four weeks. The terrific wind has carried hay stacks off bodily. Many houses have been partly unroofed and some entirely so, the inhabitants finding shelter elsewhere as best they could. Several houses at and near Frosterley have been damaged; a hay shed at Broadwood had a portion of the roof blown off, and thrown against the house.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The thunderstorm lasted about an hour, and as it passed away the wind increased in violence, and continued throughout the night. A chimney was blown down at the Hermitage, the seat of Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart, and fell into the bed room of Miss Pottinger, who fortunately had left the Hermitage the day before. The large window in Mr Bland, newsagent's shop, was blown out, and the sign attached to Mr Pickering's large shop was blown away. The storm of wind was so severe that several persons sat up the whole night. Large trees were blown down in the plantations around; house roofs have generally suffered severely, and railings and pailings have been blown down. A number of fine trees near Pelton Fell were uprooted, and more than one dwelling house at Walridge Fell were almost dismantled. The Co-operative Stores at Daisy Hill were also injured.

WEARDALE.

The gale swept over Weardale with terrific force. A wooden foot bridge over the Wear at Pinder Lane, near St. John's Chapel, was blown over on to its side, and Brotherlee foot bridge is reported swept off its moorings. At St. John's Chapel the roofs of the Church, Town Hall, and a stable have been somewhat damaged. Much damage has also been done to house property.

WOLSINGHAM.

On Tuesday night the streets were a perfect deluge with rain, hail, and snow. The storm lasted with unabated violence until after eleven o'clock, when the wind and rain abated; but just after twelve o'clock the storm again increased to a violent gale, accompanied with heavy rains, which lasted the whole of the night. The moulding shops at the steel works suffered great damage to the roof and windows, which were blown in. The furnaces vere also extinguished, and most of the men in the moulding shops have been laid off. Reports come in of trees being uprooted, and a number of both hay and corn stacks have been blown over. Great damage to farmers has been done, and in the town great destruction to house property has resulted. The river was very much swollen. The roof of the Wear Valley Forge was also greatly damaged.

LANGLEY MOOR.

The theatre of varieties managed by a Mr Hunter was completely wrecked. At the same place a beerhouse in the front street, occupied by Mr Matthew Davison, had the roof stripped off, and Mr Davison and family had to seek shelter with their neighbours. At two o'clock the gable end of a house occupied by a miner named McCabe, was blown away, and they had to seek refuge with their neighbours.

DURHAM.

At Durham, few buildings escaped without damage. A chimney on the dwelling house of Mr John Hill, of the North Road and Market Mills, fell upon an outhouse, forcing in the roof and injuring the building considerably. Close to Mr Hill's residence, a chimney fell from the house of Mr C. McNally, in Alergate, and went crashing into the house adjoining, occupied by Mr William Heron, plumber. Mrs Heron had just left her bed. Mr Heron, seizing his child, jumped out of bed, and the next instant the falling masonry came crashing through the ceiling, and about a ton of *debris* was piled upon the spot he had just left. A little higher up the North Road, the wind forced out the front of the wooden studio of Mr W. Wilkinson, erected at the end of Atherton Street, and the whole structure was soon blown into the adjoining field, whilst the property used by Mr Wilkinson in his business was destroyed. At the foot of Western Hill, the group of buildings known as the West End Brewery was very extensively injured. A wooden theatre on the sands near Providence Row was demolished.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Dec. 10th.—Before JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq. (in the chair), and ROBERT DICKINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Marron pleaded guilty to a charge, made against him by P.C. Davidson, of having been drunk and tumbling about the public streets of Dipton at 11 o'clock on the night of the 30th ult.—A fine of 2s 6d and 6s 6d costs was imposed.

James Faulkin was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 4th inst.—About 11·30 on the night in question, Sergt. McClymont found the defendant rolling about in Middle Street, Consett, in a very drunken state.—Defendant admitted the offence, and was fined 5s and costs.

Peter Malone was summoned by P.C. Watson, on a charge of being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct at Consett, on the 4th inst.—About midnight, when on duty in Middle Street, the officer heard a disturbance along the "Company's Rows," and on proceeding to the spot, he found the defendant staggering about the streets, and knocking at the house doors. Witness ordered the man away several times, but as he refused to go he was locked up. Defendant was very intoxicated.—Fined 11s 10d, including costs.

A NUISANCE TO THE POLICE.

A young man named *James Evans*, better known as "The Cobbler," (who was only convicted of the same offence at the previous Court) was again accused by P.C. Watson of being drunk and riotous.—Defendant said he was not guilty.—The constable deposed that on the 1st inst., between eight and nine p.m., he was in Middle Street, Consett, when hearing a disturbance, he saw Evans in the middle of a large crowd with his clothes off, and creating a disturbance. As soon as he observed witness defendant ran away, but he was so drunk that he fell down twice, and at length some women caught hold of him and pulled him into the house.—Defendant: I was not drunk. Some one knocked me down.—Officer: There was no one near you when you fell down.—Defendant alleged that some one hit him a "bat on the nose," and as he could not stand the insult, he pulled off his coat to fight him. His antagonist nearly tore the coat off his back. His nose was bleeding and somebody put a key down his back to stop it. (Laughter).—The Chairman: Who was the person that struck at you?—Evans: I don't know. The "bobby" has a spite against me.—Watson replied that the defendant was a complete nuisance both to the police and the general public.—Defendant was let off on paying a fine of 2s 6d and costs.

A WEEKLY TRIP TO DURHAM.

James Bird, a very old man, who was sentenced to undergo seven days' imprisonment at the previous Court for drunkenness, was again found guilty on the evidence of P.C. Campbell of being drunk and riotous in Front Street, Consett, on Saturday evening last.—Defendant pleaded that as he had only been liberated from Durham gaol on Saturday morning, he got "a glass or two," which made him tipsy. If the magistrates would only let him off this time, he would never trouble them again; he would go straight into Cumberland. It was killing him this weather. He was all in a shiver when he went into the public-house, and the drink took effect on him.—The Chairman: You should not have taken it then.—Defendant was mulcted in a fine of 5s and expenses; but as he could not pay, he was committed for seven days' hard labour.

A ROGUE AND A THIEF.

Joseph Canby, a tramp (who was captured at Stockton on Friday last) was brought up in custody charged with stealing a dress coat belonging to Joseph Usher, a miner, of Ushaw Moor, on the 3rd inst.; prisoner was also accused of obtaining by means of false pretences the sum of 8s from Richard Pallister, innkeeper, of Stonebridge, on the same date.—Both cases were remanded.

ASSAULT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Arthur McBride hawker, and *William Grant*, labourer, of Shotley Bridge, were charged with assaulting John Spence, a groom employed by Dr Wm. Renton, at Shotley Bridge, on the 30th of last month.—At the outset, Mr Dickinson, of Consett, who represented the defendants, asked for an adjournment of the case, stating as his reason for making such an application that an important witness for the defence was unable to attend, and another witness refused to appear unless he was subpœnaed, therefore it would be utterly impossible for him to proceed with the case, and it would be unfair and unjust to his clients, if the summonses were heard that day. Moreover, it was usual to adjudicate on such cases as this only on the regular court day.—Supt. Oliver pointed out that when the summons was granted, it was specially requested that the charge should be made returnable for that day, as the complainant would be unable to be present on Monday next.—The Chairman said they would hear the evidence for the prosecution and decide what was to be done. Sufficient time had elapsed to allow the defendants to procure the necessary witnesses, as the summonses were served upon them on the preceding Tuesday.—Complainant was thereupon sworn, and stated that shortly after eleven o'clock on the 30th November, he was passing through Front Street, Shotley Bridge, when he met McBride at the top of Mill Street. The latter commenced to use some abusive language towards him, and threatened that he would bring someone who would "settle" him. Defendant then went down the Bridge Inn Bank and came across Grant. Complainant stood still until the men got up to him, when McBride deliberately struck him on the mouth. Grant followed up by hitting him on the side of the head, and he was knocked down by the blow. He (Spence) fell through the garden gate belonging to Mrs Surtees, in Front Street, and just at that moment P.C.'s Foster and Jewitt came up and rescued him.—By the Chairman: He did not give either of the men the slightest provocation. Grant and his (complainant's) brother quarrelled some months ago, and that he supposed was the cause of the present attack.—At this stage, Mr Dickinson renewed his application for a remand, but the Chairman informed him that they had decided to hear the case.—Complainant, on being cross-questioned by Mr Dickinson, said he had seen McBride many a time, but had not encountered him previously at the gate of the yard on that particular day. McBride came to him a week before and said something relative to his hawking business. Prior to the affray in front of Mrs Surtees, he did not strike at McBride at the top of Front Street, neither did he use any bad language to him or called him an "Irish b——." Never ordered McBride out of the garden, or caught hold of him with the intention of throwing him down. Did not indulge in similar expressions towards Grant when he made his appearance. He absolutely denied knocking McBride down in front of Surtees'; and Grant never asked "What are you knocking the old man down for?" Did not then leave hold of McBride, and "let go" at Grant. Never used any violence towards the men, or gave them the least provocation. Saw Wilkinson Forster and William Thirlwell before the affray took place. Did not say to these parties, when they were standing in front of the Commercial Hotel, "Just see what fun we will have with these Irish b——s." He never uttered a word to these men, except passed the "time of night." Was not struggling on the ground with McBride before Grant appeared on the scene. They were, however, at "holes" previous that.—The Chairman: What condition were the defendants in?—Complainant: Quite sober, sir.—P.C.'s Foster and Jewitt (Shotley, Northumberland), who were standing in front of the Commercial Inn at the time of the occurrence, and witnessed all that transpired, adduced corroborative testimony.—Addressing the Bench on behalf of the defendants, Mr Dickinson observed that prior to the alleged affray, McBride had seen Spence on business. Subsequently, when the former was standing in Mill Street, complainant went up to him and exclaimed, "You Irish b——, I'll teach you to go into my yard. If you do I'll kick your d—— head off," or words to that effect. Spence then took hold of McBride for the purpose of kicking him, but the latter succeeded in getting away. Later on, as the complainant was proceeding through Shotley Bridge, he encountered McBride opposite Mrs Surtees's garden, when a few words passed, and Spence struck at McBride, causing the latter to stumble through the gate into the garden. At this moment Grant came up, and said to Spence, "Do not strike the old man; leave him alone." Complainant then attacked Grant, when luckily the policemen appeared and put an end to the scuffle. He (Mr Dickinson) saw Spence when he applied for the summons, and there were no indications of ill-usage upon his face. Considering these circumstances, the Bench ought to dismiss the case.—The Bench fined the defendants 10s each, and 10s costs; in default, to be sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

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GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

TUESDAY, Dec. 11th.—Before R. O. LAMB, Esq. (chairman), and J. M. REDMAYNE, Esq.

WHOLESALE POULTRY STEALING AT WHICKHAM.

Shadrick Ray, William Stephenson, alias Spoors, and *James Milburn* were charged, the two first-named with stealing a number of poultry, and the last-named with receiving them, well-knowing them to have been stolen. Mr Dix appeared for the defendants.—Evidence was given against the prisoners on the charges of stealing poultry belonging to Mr Williamson, Whickham, and Miss Hall, Whickham.—Robert Cooper, the once famous oarsman, gave evidence to two men, whom he believed to have been the prisoners Stephenson and Ray, crossing the river by his ferry early in the morning in charge of a sack.—Margaret Joyce, with whom Stephenson lodged, testified to his being out at night along with Ray.—Other evidence that has already been published was given, and the prisoners were committed to the Assizes for trial.

WAGES IN THE NORTHERN IRON TRADE.

THE ARBITRATION QUESTION.

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the North of England Manufactured Iron Trade was held at Darlington, on Monday afternoon, in the Central Buildings. Mr W. Whitwell, president of the Board, was in the chair; Mr Cullen, vice-president, vice-chairman. Mr W. Jenkins and Mr Thos. Siddell attended on behalf of the Consett Iron Company; while Mr C. Finn and Mr A. McKean represented the operatives at the Consett Iron and Tinmill Works.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said that it had been only called to hear from the men the opinions of their constituents upon what questions should be laid before an arbitrator with regard to the wages settlement, and for the selection of names of gentlemen who should act as arbitrator. He asked the workmen to make their reports of what their instructions were.

Mr Dryden, Ayrton Works, said his men were for a minimum of 8s. on a sliding scale, and an independent arbitrator.—Edward Hanlan, of Fox Head, and Co., said that the men had decided on Mr Turner, County Court judge. They asked for a minimum of 8s on any future sliding scale.—Mr Kittley, Thornaby, said that their men asked for a minimum of 8s., and 2s 6d above shillings for pounds.—Mr Stephen Hunter, Westbourne Works, gave a similar report, and both the last works asked that Mr Bradshaw should be arbitrator.—Mr Cox, Bowsfield, and Mr Daniels, Moor Works, Stockton, presented a like report, the latter stating that the resolution of the men contained a statement that less wages than they asked they considered would not maintain them. Mr McCarthy, West Stockton, said they selected Mr Lloyd Jones, Mr Kettle, Mr Bradshaw or Mr Bradlaugh—(laughter)—as arbitrator, with wages as the preceding.—Mr Townsend, Darlington Iron Company: Messrs Bradshaw and Coleman arbitrators, wages like others.—Mr Rudge, Witton Park: Mr Coleman as arbitrator.—Mr Finn, Consett: Arbitrators, Messrs Bradshaw, J. Cowen, M.P., Sir F. Milner, York, and Mr Burt, M.P.—Mr McKean, Consett: Mr Bradshaw.—Mr J. Wood, Gateshead Park: Mr Bradshaw, Mr Morley, M.P., Mr D. Dale, and Mr Meynell.—Mr Cullen, Jarrow: Messrs Bradshaw and Morley, M.P.—Mr Carlisle, Monkwearmouth: Mr J. Cowen, M.P., and Mr L. Jones.—Mr Stanley, Wear: Mr Bradshaw.—Mr J. Clarke, Hartlepool: Mr Bradshaw or Mr Gladstone. (Laughter). In all these cases a minimum of 8s was asked, and 2s 6d over shillings for pounds, except in the case of Monkwearmouth, where 7s short weight was the minimum put down.

Mr Head said the employers had had a meeting, and selected a number of names, from which they would be prepared to select an arbitrator, viz:—Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., Mr A. Pease, M.P., Mr Meynell, Mr D. Dale, Mr J. Cowen, M.P., Mr P. Westmacott, Dr Spence Watson, Mr E. Backhouse, and Mr E. Williams.

The Board then considered all the names proposed by both sides, and where there was any objection from either side the name was withdrawn. Five names were thus left, viz., Messrs Meynell, D. Dale, J. Cowen, M.P., Dr R. S. Watson, and John Morley, M.P.

The operatives then retired to consider if they could agree on the name of one of these gentlemen, and on returning,

Mr Trow and Mr Cullen explained that Dr Spence Watson had been selected, subject to the approval of the operatives' constituents, who had mostly expressed such a strong feeling for Mr Bradshaw. Dr Watson's selection, with this proviso, had been unanimous.

The Chairman said the employers were willing to abide by the selection of Dr Watson.

Mr Trow said that they did not want it to go before the whole world as the condition of their trade, and expose all their secrets. Could they not have a meeting of the Standing Committee and see if they could not agree without arbitration.?

Mr Cullen, the vice-chairman, also advocated the same plan.

The Chairman and the employers agreed to this course. The Board adjourned till Monday next at Darlington.

Football.

LOCAL FIXTURES

Dec. 15.—Dipton v. Tantobie, at Tantobie.
" 15.—Consett 1st v. St. Stephens, Sunderland.
" 15.—Tantobie 2nd v. Dipton 2nd, at Tantobie.
" 15.—Tow Law v. Henderson's Factory, at Durham.
" 22.—Tow Law v. Middlesbrough Rovers, at Tow Law
" 29.—Tantobie v. Hobson Wanderers, at Tantobie.

CASTLESIDE V. DIPTON.—M J. Walton, captain of the Dipton Team, writes to contradict the account of a match between the above clubs, which appeared last week, wherein the former claimed victory by one goal to several touches down. The scores, he declares, were one disputed try and one touch down to nine touches down. Our umpire's objection to the try was, that Smailes for Dipton touched the ball as soon as his opponent. Therefore the ball having been dribled over the goal line belonged equally as much to us as to them.

NORTH EASTERN V. HOBSON WANDERERS.—These teams met at the Hobson, Burnopfield, on Saturday. Owing to the lateness of the visitors' train, and the long walk from the station, they were only able to play two twenties. An exciting and pleasant game ended in a draw, neither team scoring. Teams:—North Eastern—Goal, W. Hume; backs, W. Hall and J. Torbett; half backs, R, M. Bellwood, E, Musgrave, and G. Knowles; right wing, J. A. Grice and J. Hope; left wing, A. Forsyth and T. J. Pringle; centre, J. Oliver; umpire Mr Glendinning. Hobson—Goal, Green; backs, Harrison and Mason; half backs, Trewick and Curry; left wing, Allen and Wharton; centre, Brown and Watson; right wing, Cawthorn and Hogarth; umpire, Mr Batey.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE V. DURHAM CITY 2ND.—The above match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by four goals, two tries, and three touches dawn to three touches down. The game was played in two spells of half an hour each. Durham won the toss, and chose the kick-off, but the Shotley team soon proved too strong for their opponents, and within five minutes a try was secured by Murray, which was not improved upon. However, another try was soon afterwards obtained by Thirlwell, which proved successful. On time being called, Shotley kicked off, and although playing uphill, secured four more tries, from which three goals were kicked. For the home team, Flawith, Parkinson, Stonehouse, and Wood played well; while for the visitors, Lazenby, Murray, Wilson, Woodley, Dixon, and Thirlwell did credit to their team.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.

III.—JOHN GRAHAM LOUGH.

It is a work of curious interest, and which cannot be devoid of instruction, to search the causes by the action of which one beginning life in poverty and obscurity, ends it in affluence and honour. Even as a matter of speculation, the exercise not only affords ground for pleasing reflection, but may even lead to excellent results; its importance, however, lies chiefly in the lessons of practical wisdom which it furnishes, and the well-grounded hopes which it enables those to cherish who are anxious to lay out their talents to the best advantage, in deference to that ineradicable instinct planted in us, by which we endeavour to rise above our circumstances, and reach a higher position than any we have yet enjoyed. "This," says one writer, "forms a prime element in the study of biography, for on the same principle that we leave our companion in daily life better or worse for our intercourse with him, so do we become impressed with what is good or bad in the life sketches we have perused."

We know that all have not the same degree of natural ability, there being "a diversity of gifts;" yet, while admitting this, we cannot help pitying the youth, however few his talents, who can rise from a perusal of a life sketch of a man who, through sheer force of intellect and never-failing determination, makes all difficulties and apparent disadvantage work together for good to himself and to the world.

The character of John Graham Lough is one of singular value as an example; it is strongly marked, and admirably displays the power of talent to weave its own fortune, adroitly availing itself of circumstances rather than being dependent on them.

Like many other men of genius, Mr Lough was of humble origin, his father being engaged in the cultivation of the soil at the village of Greenhead, at the time of his birth, while Muggleswick has become famous by being for some time his paternal home.

The education he received was such as was suited to the means of his parents, and the station of life he was expected to fill. Lough, however, soon showed a strong predilection for the art of sculpture, the bias of his mind being manifested by rough models which he made out of the clay he found about his father's homestead. "His account of himself," says Haydon, "was peculiarly touching:—From his earliest boyhood he was always making figures in clay with his brother. In his father's window lay an old Pope's Homer. His brother and he were so delighted, that they used to make thousands of models, he taking the Greeks, and his brother the Trojans. An odd volume of Gibbon gave an account of the collosseum. He and his brother, after reading it, the moment the family were in bed, built up a collosseum of clay in the kitchen, and by daylight had made hundreds of fighting gladiators. A gentleman I know was returning from fox-hunting, and saw in a garden attached to Lough's father's cottage hundreds of models of legs and arms lying about. He alighted and walked in, and found the ceiling of the kitchen all drawn over, and models lying about in every direction. Lough was sent for, invited to this friend's house, who showed him Canova's works and Michael Angelo's. To use his own language, Canova did not prick him, but Michael Angelo affected him deeply. He used to follow the plough and shear the corn."

In the Muggleswick churchyard, we are told, may still be seen his first attempt in sculpture—an angel's head and drapery on a plain stone—in "Memory of Jane, daughter of John and Ann Mayor."

In accordance with his own desires, he was apprenticed to John Marshall, a stonemason at Shotley Field. In course of time he removed to Newcastle, where he worked at his trade, unnoticed and unknown, and was engaged in building the Literary and Philosophical Society's Library. Lough was not yet satisfied, he had "set out in life with the ambition and object of carving out for himself a niche in the Temple of Fame," and he therefore determined to go to London.

Repairing to the Metropolis, he at once applied himself with all the zeal of a real artist to the study and practice of his profession. Like all others who ever succeed in any art or pursuit, perseverance was his motto, and perhaps he was encouraged by the couplet which used to be seen in Dyce's Spelling Book:—

"Despair of nothing that you would attain,
Unwearied diligence your point will gain."

The first exhibition of his genius was a fugitive study, entitled "The Death of Turnus," but it did not receive much attention. Nothing daunted by this comparative failure, he conceived the bold idea of executing a colossal statue of "Milo," the production of which caused a great sensation in artistic circles, and immediately opened the way for further success. Our esteemed friend, Mr Joshua Lax, tells us in his poem on "To the fairy fields of light," that Lough got his idea of "Milo" from the Sneep. He says:—

"Strange imaginations sprung,
If story be not wrong,
From the eye of genius falling on that towering steep:
Lough gazed, and lo! arose
A 'Milo' with his woes. [Sneep."
And thou shar'st the immortality of both, enchanting

This beautiful work of art was executed at his lodgings, No. 11, Burleigh Street, over a greengrocer's shop.

Haydon says, "He declared solemnly to me, that he had not ate meat for three months, and began the fourth. He said every day at dinnertime he felt the want, and used to lie down till it passed. He felt weak—at last faint—giddy continually, and latterly began to perceive he thought sillily, and was growing idiotic. He had only one bushel and a half of coals the whole winter, and used to lie down by the side of his clay model of this immortal figure, damp as it was, and shiver for hours till he fell asleep." But when his task was accomplished, crowds flocked to see it; noblemen, artists, and amatuers, all hastened to gaze up and admire the wonderful work of this untaught genius. The great painter we have just quoted, says "It is the most extraordinary effort since the Greeks—with no exception—not of Michael Angelo, Bernini, or Canova."

"Samson" was his next work that attracted favourable notice, and for eleven years he was chiefly occupied in supplying his patrons' orders, after which appeared that grand conception, entitled "Duncan's Horses."

In the year 1834—two years after his marriage—Mr Lough went on a tour through Italy for the purpose of studying the finest specimens of his art in that country. On his return home he applied himself to his work with renewed vigour, and displayed the originality and greatness of his genius in such a way as to make himself famous throughout the whole land. In 1845, he completed the "Statue of the Queen" for the Royal Exchange of London, and also a monument which was erected in Keswick church to the memory of Southey the poet. In 1847, he executed the statue of the late Prince Consort for Lloyd's, and, in the following year, the great "Statue of the late Marquis of Hastings," erected over the grave of the deceased nobleman at the Island of Malta. In seven years more, he produced his "Statue of Dr Broughton, late Bishop of Sydney," which was erected in Canterbury Cathedral; and in the same year was finished his "Comus," for the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House.

Several other works of art, which our space forbids us mentioning, have issued from his studio, the best known in the North being his "Fallen Angel"; the Collingwood monument at Tynemouth, and the Stephenson monument at Newcastle.

Mr Lough's death occurred on the 8th of April, 1876. Thus lived and died this great man, whose wonderful talents as a sculptor were only equalled by his industry. May our readers place his name in their affectionate memories.

The subject of the next sketch will be Lord Chancellor Eldon.

HISTORICUS.

Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. C.G.)

THE NEW HOUSES AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I cannot let this opportunity pass without calling public attention to a house which Mr Dunne has got built at Mount Pleasant, contrary to original plan, which was a three-roomed house, and a stable, with two separate yards, one for the stable, and one for the cottage, with the outbuildings in the proper place. After encroaching two feet at the very entrance of a public street in order to get his house square (which was no affair of mine, as I knew there were proper parties to look to it) he substituted a new plan for a five-roomed house, with only one yard for both stable and cottage, which necessitated him to erect all his outbuildings, including water-closet (one wall of which is in line with the inside of our pantry) against our wall. It is not through any vindictive feeling that I hold to Mr Dunne which caused me to appeal to the Local Board, but to shew that I think I had just cause for complaint, and also to state that I think the Board ought not to have passed two plans for the same building without enquiring into the cause of the change, as all who have seen the building as it stands declare it a shame that it should be there, the idea of having a common privy within four and a half inches off our meat is, in my opinion, sufficient to prevent anybody from eating anything. Trusting I have not trespassed too far on you valuable space, I remain your truly humble and faithful servant, MATTHEW CLARKE.

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ENTERTAINMENT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—It will be seen by our advertising columns that Mr Joshua Lax, of Shotley Bridge, is to give an entertainment in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Shotley Bridge, on Monday next, entitled, "An hour with the Scottish Poet, Robert Burns," which will consist of a brief biographical sketch of the poet, and selections from his works, illustrations of the variety and character of his genius. Mr Lax having visited the various places of interest connected with the poet's life is well able to interest and hold the audience for an hour spellbound with his graphic description of how the great poet was moved by his surroundings.

CHRISTMAS STOCK SALE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The annual Christmas prize show and sale was held on Monday by Mr James Turnbull. The prize list amounted to £40, and there was some close competition, and an unusually large attendance was the consequence. For the quality of the stock shown too much cannot be said, and great credit is due to the feeders. Luncheon was provided at the Lambton Arms Hotel. The judges for cattle were Mr A. Hall, sen., Langley Park House; Mr J. Dickinson, Washington; and Mr R. S. Palmer, Gateshead. For sheep, Mr W. Hand, Sunderland; Mr W. Gibbinson, Durham; and Mr J. Thornton, Bowes House. As soon as the awards were made, the auctioneer, Mr Turnbull, took his stand in the ring, and after a few appropriate remarks, commenced the sale. The following are the awards in the various classes, with purchasers and prizes:—Class 1: For best pair of cattle (any sex), 1st, £5, Birtley Iron Co., Mr Adamson, Burnopfield, £40, and Mr Harrison, Consett, £36; 2nd, £1, Birtley Iron Co., Mr R. Hand, £36 10s, and Mr Harrison, £26. Class 2: Best fat bullock (open), 1st, £4, and 2nd, £2, Birtley Iron Co. Class 3: For best fat heifer (open), 1st, £4, Birtley Iron Co.; 2nd, £1, Mr J. Kirkup, Pelton; buyer, Mr Henderson, Chester, £28 15s. Class 4: For best fat bullock (tenant farmers), 1st, £4, and 2nd, £1, Mr J. Kirkup, Pelton; buyer, Mr J. Turnbull, Pelton Fell, £34 and £32. Class 5: For best fat heifer (tenant farmer), 1st, £4, Mr Hedley, Chester Moor; buyer, Mr W. Hand, Sunderland, £33; 2nd, £1, Mr T. R. Holmes, Hartside; buyer, Mr C. Adamson, Pit Hill, £27 15s. Class 6: For best fat cow, 1st, £3, Mr J. Pyburn, High Eighton; buyer, Mr White, West Pelton, £37. Class 7: For 5 fat shearlings, 1st, £2, and 2nd £1, Birtley Iron Co.; buyer, Mr Tindale, at 78s and 79s each. Class 8: For 5 fat hoggs, 1st, £2, Mr W. Fail, Plawsworth; buyer, Mr Reed, Kimblesworth, at 67s 6d each; 2nd, £1, Mr Young, Broomyholme; buyer, Mr Lawson, 59s. Class 9: For 5 ewes, 1st, £2, Mr J. Hand, Heugh Farm; buyer, Mr Reid, 69s; 2nd, £1, Mr J. Brewis; buyer, Mr Hunter, Sacriston, 69s 6d. Among the principal buyers, in addition to those mentioned, were:—Messrs Patterson, Shotley Bridge; C. Adamson, Pit Hill. The total number of cattle sold was 55, with an average of £15; 214 sheep, top 81s; and 4 pigs. Mr M. Adamson, of Burnopfield, won the special prize as the purchaser of the highest priced animal.

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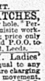
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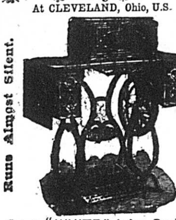
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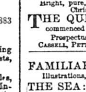
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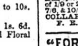
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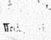
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[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

THE SPANISH ARMY RESERVE.

MADRID, FRIDAY.

A decree in the *Official Gazette* creates over two thousand posts in the Army Reserve to be held by retired military officers. They will receive four-fifths of active pay.

SERIOUS RAILWAY COLLISION.

A railway collision has occurred near Toledo, between a passenger and a goods train. Twenty-six persons were injured thereby.

A COTTON FACTORY DESTROYED.

Messrs Jones's cotton mill at Leigh, in Lancashire, was burnt down last night. The damage is estimated at £30,000.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SPAIN.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

MADRID, THURSDAY, 10 P.M.

The leaders of the Dynastic Left party held a meeting this afternoon, at which resolutions were adopted in favour of maintaining the essential points of their programme relating to the re-establishment of universal suffrage, and the reform of the Constitution, the chiefs of Senor Sagasta's party forming the majority in it.

It is announced that the Treaty of Commerce between Spain and Portugal has been signed.

DEATH OF EDWARD WHINSHIP.

NORTH SHIELDS, FRIDAY.

The death of Mr Edward Winship, at his residence, 9, Marine Terrace, Tynemouth Road, North Shields, the famous oarsman, took place early this morning. Deceased was perhaps the best known single oarsman that ever appeared in the North. He came out at an early age, and he took part in many local contests. He was a member of the Elswick crew, and was one of that famous combination when he and his co-partners entered the lists with the Cockneys at the Thames Regatta, and he had the satisfaction of winning for the Tyne the four-oared championship of the world. This was followed by the success of Winship and his partner, Tom Bruce, in the champion pairs. "Ned Winship," as he was familiarly called by Tynesiders, was almost invariably a visitor and competitor at all the regattas south of the Tyne. He belonged to the four-oared crew of the celebrated Harry Clasper, and afterwards formed one of the well-known Clasper and Chambers combination. It was as partner with Robert Chambers that Winship was best known. The two, indeed, were the recognised champion pair of their day. Phisically, he was a man of great stamina, of powerful build, and of much endurance. His disposition was affable and courteous. He was known all over the kingdom; and his death will be regarded with sincere regret by a host of friends and admirers. Mr Winship was 51 years of age, and he has left a family.

NEW BURIAL GROUND AT PRUDHOE.

Plans have been passed by the Hexham Rural Sanitary Authority for a new Catholic Burial Ground at Prudhoe. The plans, however, are only passed on condition that the ground is found not to interfere with the site of the proposed reservoir of the Water Company at that place.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LOW FELL.

George W. Atkinson, a putter, has died at Newcastle Infirmary from the effects of severe burns received at the Colliery, Low Fell, last month. He has lingered in great pain at the institution since the 27th ult. until he expired. Deceased was 18 years of age, and lived at 4, Alum Well Lane, Low Fell.

THE LONDON CHRISTMAS CATTLE MARKET.

To-day's *Standard* says:—Six special trains left Aberdeen yesterday, with cattle, for the London Christmas Cattle Market. The number of trucks was 167. This is in addition to the consignments despatched on Wednesday. A sale of fat cattle for the London Christmas Cattle Market was held in Aberdeen yesterday. Cattle sold at an average of £34, and realised £3,600.

CLOSING OF A LOCAL FACTORY.

The old woollen factory, which was conducted with so much success near the Bridge at Acklington, has now been closed. The Factory employed a fair number of hands, and had considerable repute for the production of well-wrought woollen goods.

THE EFFECTS OF THE STORM.

THE LOSS OF THE BARQUE LIVERPOOL.

RECOVERY OF BODIES.

Information was received at North Shields at 10·30 this morning by the relatives of the master of the lost barque Liverpool, Capt. Dawson, of 42, Norfolk Street, North Shields, that ten bodies have been picked up.

A TYNE STEAMER IN THE STORM.

The ss. Hugh Taylor arrived in the Tyne this morning from Hamburg, and the master (Capt. Brown) reports having encountered the full force of the gale while on his passage across the North Sea. The long boat was smashed, and the engine-room skylights considerably damaged. After leaving Shields on the outward passage, very heavy weather was experienced, and considerable damage was done to the second engineer's berth and other parts of the steamer.

A DREDGER SUNK NEAR JARROW.

This morning, about half-past seven o'clock, No. 5 dredger, one of the largest owned by the Tyne Commissioners, was sunk in the river, off the lower or north-east end on Jarrow Slakes. The sunken dredger lies in about thirty feet of water, and is completely covered.

STEAMER PUT BACK TO SHIELDS.

The screw-steamer Upton, which sailed from the Tyne last night, bound for Limerick, put back to Shields Harbour, this morning, in consequence of having sustained damage to her machinery.

CONCERT AT MARLEY HILL.

On Monday evening a concert, under the auspices of the Marley Hill Cricket Club, was given in the Board Schools to a large and appreciative audience. Mr J. Gilchrist occupied the chair. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo, entitled "Air du Dauphin," by Miss Gilchrist, and "A fresh'ning breeze," by Mr Lyall, which were duly applauded. Miss Thirlaway sang "The lost chord," in a sweet and impressive style. The Rev C. H. Newman sung "The little hero," and "Bob up serenely," which were well rendered. Mr Robson's piccolo solo, "Kinloch o' Kinloch," (with variations) and Miss Thirlwell's rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen," were all that could be desired, and received the applause which they well merited, the former being *encored*. Mr Morpeth then favoured with "Once again," which was creditably sung. Miss Wilson contributed "Kerry dance," after which Mr Saunders gave the humorous Scotch reading, "Wanted, a guid Wean." Mr Clark brought the first part to a close by singing "The Englishman," in his usual patriotic and telling scyle.

After an interval, Miss and Mr J. B. Clark played a pianoforte solo, "Schlittenglocken," in such a masterly way that the "Jingling bells" brought forth a spontaneous outburst of applause. A yarn, entitled "The boatswain's story," by Rev C. H. Newman, was capitally rendered, and that gentleman kindly responded to an *encore*. A pretty song, "Two's company," was sung by Miss Wilson. Mr Morpeth's rendition of "The thorn," secured a well-merited re-call, which he acknowledged by singing "Come into the garden, Maud." A duet, "Blue bells," on the pianoforte and violin, by Miss Clark and Mr Lawson, was redemanded. Mr Charlton's singing of "Kitty of Coleraine," also secured an *encore* in the shape of "Our Captain." Miss Thirlwell's excellent rendering of "The last rose of summer," was redemanded, and that lady gracefully acknowledged the company's appreciation by singing "This is my dream." In the "Friar of orders grey," Mr Lyall's splendid deep, bass voice was heard to advantage, as also in the *encore*, "The village blacksmith." Mr Robson executed two flute solos, and a quartet, "O hush thee, my baby," by Miss Wilson, Messrs Lyall, Maguire, and Morpeth, and "The gates of the West," by Miss Thirlaway exhausted the programme. Mr J. B. Clark officiated as accompanist.

Before dispersing, Rev J. A. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the performers and chairman, which was seconded by Mr. R. B. Clark and carried. Mr Gilchrist responded. The concert was a financial success, £18 being taken.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13th.—Before the Rev WILLIAM GREENWELL (in the chair), and ROBERT DICKINSON, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

William Savage was charged by P.C. Hadwin with being drunk and causing a disturbance at South Moor, on the night of the 24th ult. The officer told the man to go away several times, but he refused.—He was fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Dixon was summoned by P.C. Carruthers for having been drunk and guilty of disorderly behaviour at Craghead, on the 26th ult.—Defendant, who was represented by his wife, was similarly fined.

Alfred Thornton, for having been drunk and incapable near to Mr Marley's public-house at Quebec, on November 24th, was fined 7s 6d and costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment, for non-appearance.—Sergt. Nicholson proved the case.

The same officer charged *Richard Bordice* with having lain helplessly intoxicated across the highway at Quebec, at 10·30 on the night of the 1st inst.—Fined 5s and costs.

David Ross was summoned by P.C. Hawley for being drunk and disorderly by shouting and swearing at Burnhope Colliery, on the 30th ult.—As the defendant failed to appear, he was ordered to pay a fine of 7s 6d and expenses.

Henry Bell was found guilty, on the evidence of P.C. Readman, of being drunk and creating a disturbance at Langley Park, on December 1st.—Defendant was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and 6s 6d costs.

A JOVIAL WEDDING PARTY.

Adam Storey, Andrew Storey, and *Thomas Storey*, brothers, residing at West Stanley, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly near Lanchester, on the 6th of this month. Only Adam appeared, and he pleaded guilty on behalf of the whole of the defendants.—P.C. Snaith adduced that about 3 30 in the afternoon he went down the Ford Lane, and there saw a crowd of people, and the three defendants were mad drunk and fighting one with the other. Directly Adam saw the officer coming he ran away as fast as he could, and on being told that he was the worst, witness pursued him. As the officer was passing Thomas, he said, "You b——, you shall not take him," and aimed a blow at him, but missed him. Thomas then picked up a stone to throw, but was prevented by some of the people who had followed up. Witness succeeded in catching Adam and took him to the police station, and about an hour afterwards he got Andrew and conveyed him to the lock-up, where, obtaining their names and addresses, they were allowed to depart. The three defendants composed, along with the bride, a wedding party, one of them having that day been married at Lanchester Register Office. The road in several places was covered with blood where the struggle took place.—Each defendant was fined 5s and costs, making £1 17s in all.

AN UNGRATEFUL LODGER.

A dirty-looking tramp, who gave the name of *Joseph Canby*, was placed in the dock charged with stealing a dress coat, valued at 5s, belonging to Joseph Usher, miner, of Ushaw Moor, on the 3rd inst.—Prosecutor said that on the 30th November, prisoner came to lodge with him. He told his wife to give the man a pair of trousers and a woollen shirt till he got his own clothes washed. On Monday, 3rd inst., he (prosecutor) went to work about 10·30 a.m. The coat produced was his property. He left it hanging on a nail behind the door before going out to the pit. He had not lent it to the prisoner, nor authorised him to take it away. He returned home about 5 o'clock, when he was informed that the prisoner had stolen his dress coat, which was worth 5s, and also that he had taken away another man's money.—By the prisoner: His wife never gave him the coat to wear.—The prisoner declared that the prosecutor's mother took the coat off the nail it was hanging on, and told him to keep it as his own.—Prosecutor emphatically denied this statement, and alleged that the prisoner was a rogue and a vagabond, and was well-known throughout the country-side. Canby had been working at the brickyard, and he had managed to swindle another workman out of some money.—Sergeant Murphy deposed that on the 7th inst., he received the prisoner into his custody at Stockton-on-Tees. He was wearing the coat produced, and he accused the man of having stolen it from Joseph Usher, on the 3rd December. He replied, "I did not steal it; it old woman gave it to me." He also charged Canby with obtaining 8s from Richard Pallister, innkeeper, at Stone Bridge, by means of false pretences, to which he remarked, "I'll give in to that."—The prisoner, after being charged in court, had nothing to say thereto.—He has been convicted on several occasions for similar offences, and had only recently undergone six months' imprisonment for housebreaking at Hartlepool.—Prisoner was accordingly committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions.—He will be brought before the Durham County Justices on a charge of obtaining 8s by false pretences, on the 3rd December, from Richard Pallister, publican.

TRADESMEN'S SUPPER AT BLACKHILL.

On Wednesday night, a social gathering of the tradespeople, &c., resident in this neighbourhood was held at the house of Mr Wm. Eltringham, The Miners' Arms, Highgate. A very large company sat down to a first-class supper, ably served up under the superintendence of the Host and Hostess, amongst those present being the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Richard Murray, John Beattie, Jos. Eltringham, John Tucker, Daniel Harris, Edward Wylam, William Bainbridge, James Shearer, R. Hedley, T. W. Dobson, Alex. Parker, John Thompson, George Siddle, J. Fairlamb, J. Cheyne, Thos. Waugh, John Murray, John Wilson, Edward Sloane, Wm. Turner, J. Young, Wm. Richardson, Wm. Lamb, Wm. Robson, J. Fegan, John Lovett, James Lovat, John Dixon, Henry Jobling, John Christopher, John Gambles, Matthew Bell, Henry English, George Telford, John Swinburn, Thomas Willis, Matthew Richley, David Ormerod, William Hunter, John Heslop, Robt. Marshall, Wm. Shell, and several others.

After the appetites of all had been fully satisfied, the good things provided had been considerably diminished, and the tables relieved of the greater portion of their burden. The cloths having been removed, Mr R. Murray, of Benfieldside House, was unanimously elected to fill the chair; while that gentleman called upon Mr John Beattie and Mr Joseph Eltringham, Blackhill, to occupy the vice-chairs.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the members of the Royal Family," besides the "The Bishop of the Diocese and the Clergy and Ministers of all denomination," all of which were enthusiastically pledged.

Mr ORMEROD, who was chosen to reply to the latter toast, referred to the Bishop of Durham (Dr. Lightfoot) as one of the most eminent prelates in Great Britain, and one of the highest authorities on all ecclesiastical topics. Respecting the clergy of the parish of Benfieldside, the speaker stated that the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, their esteemed vicar, only needed to be heard to be thoroughly appreciated, and also to be intimately known to be highly respected. (Applause). As for the ministers of other denominations, he had no doubt but that they performed their functions exceedingly well.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN (Mr Eltringham) proposed "The Army and Navy," coupling with the toast the names of Messrs John Lovatt and George Siddle.

Both gentlemen suitably responded, Mr LOVATT remarking that he was very happy to have been connected with the army for about two years, and also alluded to the higher standard of morality exhibited by the soldiers in the garrison towns.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN (Mr Beattie), in offering "The Trade of the District," declared that Consett, the isolated town on the crown of the hill in West Durham, was at the "top of the tree" as regards the commercial prosperity of England. He selected Messrs Heslop, Elsdon, Marshall, Hedley, and Turner to speak to the toast.

In acknowledgment thereof, these gentlemen pointed out that the iron trade seemed to be in a very settled state in Consett, even though it might no be so in other places in the North of England. The coal trade, moreover, appeared to be in the same condition, and as long as these two industries were flourishing, there was not the least fear of the town degenerating or deteriorating. If, however, the Government came into collision with other nations, there would certainly be a sudden collapse in the state of all trades.

The CHAIRMAN followed with the toast of the evening, "Success to the Coal and Iron Trades," which was most heartily drunk. In this locality, the Chairman observed, everybody depended either directly or indirectly upon two of the most factors of British industry, viz., coal and iron. The speaker then entered into minute details respecting the wages question, and said it was to be regretted that the ironworkers and coal miners were not earning more money for performing their laborious duties. Their wages entirely depended on the prices of the material in the market, and no firm, however powerful and flourishing, could afford to pay their employees more than the sum realised by the disposal of their products and manufactures. He was glad to say that there had been a less number of strikes and lock-outs at Consett than in any other portion of the United Kingdom (hear, hear, and applause). This certainly reflected the greatest credit on the manager, sub-managers, and all the masters engaged under the Consett Iron Company (cheers).

The toast was drunk in a bumper, and Messrs Tucker, Sloane, and Montgomery were requested to respond. Each of the persons mentioned attributed their present social position and success in life to the fact that they had honestly and industriously laboured under the Consett Iron Company for a lengthened period.

Mr J. ELTRINGHAM (vice-chairman) afterwards submitted "The North Eastern Railway Co." to which toast he linked the name of Mr Beattie, the superintendent of the locomotive department on the Consett Branch line.

Mr BEATTIE, in reply, said the North Eastern Directors, although they had a huge monopoly, were dealing quite as fairly and honestly with their customers as any other trading company that possessed a large monopoly. They were, moreover, an enterprising Company, because if the management thought there was an odd shilling left in Consett, they would run a special excursion train to secure the coin (laughter and cheers).

The VICE-CHAIRMAN also gave "The Licensed Victnallers," a toast that appeared to be duly appreciated.

Messrs the CHAIRMAN, YOUNG, DOBSON, and PARKER offered some suitable remarks in connection with the toast.

The CHAIRMAN subsequently proposed "The Building Trade," to which Messrs SURTEES, LOVATT, and JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM briefly replied.

The remaining toasts—"The Vistors," "The Host and Hostess," and "The Waiters,"—having been disposed of, the very enjoyable and pleasant proceedings concluded, and the party dispersed at a late hour.

At intervals, the proceedings were considerably enlivened by several gentlemen amongst the company exhibiting their vocal talents.

THE PARNELL TESTIMONIAL.—An analysis made when the Parnell testimonial fund reached £31,000 shows that the province of Leinster is the largest contributor, the total reaching over £11,000. Of this sum the city of Dublin supplied nearly £1,400; the county about £500; Kilkenny, £1,500; Meath, nearly £1,500; Wexford, £1,250; Kildare, over £900; Westmeath, nearly £900; Wicklow, over 800; Carlow, about £700; Louth, £600; Queen's County, nearly £600; King's County, over £600; and Longford, £325 odd.

A BAD third—An amusing incident occurred at a small steeplechase meeting the other day. The first and second in a military race, being hard at their horses, went on some way beyond the post before they pulled up. The bad third found not the slightest difficulty in stopping his animal at once, and turned straight into the paddock. But when there he showed no signs of dismounting. "Get off!" the crowd cried; but he sat as motionless as a stone. "Won't you dismount, and weigh in, sir?" the clerk of the scales present suggested. The rider only shook his head mournfully. At last the first and second horses came into the paddock, and then at last he brightened up, as he turned to the riders, and said, "May I get off?" It had never occurred to him that a third could possibly dismount and weigh before the first and second. Such is the force of discipline on the military mind.

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 8d; onions, 1s to 1s 4d per stone; figs, 5d to 10d per lb; apples, 1s to 1s 6d per stone; pears, 1d to 2d per lb; grapes, 4d to 6d per lb; cauliflowers, 2d to 2d each; oranges, 4d to 6d per dozen; cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

NEWCASTLE FLOUR, Saturday.—Hungarian, 3s 0d; American, 2s 2d; No. 1 superfine, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; households, 1s 8d; seconds, 1s 8d; ryemeal, 2s 0d; wheatmeal, 1s 10d; oatmeals, English, 2s 4d; Scotch, 2s 2d per stone; 4lb loaf, 7d.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Prime large beef	0	9	to	1	0	Pigeons, pr couple	1	6	to	1	9
Prime mutton ...	0	11		1	0	Turkeys, per lb...	0	0		0	0
Small Pork	0	9		0	11	Turkeys, pults ...	1	2		0	0
Veal	0	8		0	11	Partridge, brace.	0	0		0	0
Lamb. per qr.......	11	0		14	0	Pheasants	7	6		8	1
American beef ...	0	2½		0	8	Geese, per lb	0	10		0	
,, mutton	0	5		0	9	Goslings, each ...	0	0		0	6
,, lamb ...	0	0		0	0	Hares, each	5	6		0100	
,, veal ...	0	7		0	9½	Leverets	0	0		0	3
,, pork ...	0	8		0	9	Rabbits, couple..	2	9		3	0
Hens, each.........	1	0		1	9	Ptarmigan, cuple	2	6		3	6
Ducks, each	6	0		7	0	Egyptian quail...	0	0		0	0
Ducklings, per cp.	0	0		0	0	English fresh butter, per lb...	1	5		1	6
Spring Chickens	6	0		7	0	Fresh eggs 12 for 1s					
Wild ducks, brace	0	0		0	0	Salmon, per lb....	0	0		0	0
Quails, per couple	0	0		0	0	Do. trout ..	0	0		0	0
Grouse, per cople	6	0		7	0						

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs, 6 to 7 for 1s; black game, 5s 6d to 6s 6d per brace; grouse, 5s 6d to 6s 6d. hares, 3s 6d to 5s; rabbits, 3s 0d to 3s 3d per couple; chickens, 2s 4d to 3s 0d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; potatoes, 8d per stone; apples, 1s 0d to 1s 6d per stone; onions, 1s 2d to 2s; carrots, 9d per stone; geese, 8d to 8½d per lb; pears, 2d per lb; damsons, 1s per quart; cucumbers, 4d to 1s; lemons, cabbages, 1d to 2d each; flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s 4d per stone.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10½d; mutton, 8d to 10½d; veal, 9d to 11d; pork, 8d to 10d; bacon, 4½d to 6d; ham, 7½d to 8d; cheese, 7d to 8d; lard, 8d per lb; chickens, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; ducks, 2s 3d to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 0d; hares, 0s 0d to 0s 0d each; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 5d per couple; rabbits, 3s 0d to 3s 4d; per couple; butter, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; do. salt, 1s 2d to 1s 3d per lb; eggs, 5 to 6 for 1s; apples, 1s 0d to 1s 6d; onions, 1s 4d to 2s 0d per peck; pears, 3d to 4d; grapes, 6d to 8d; potatoes, 8d to 9d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Saturday.—At this day's market wheat was only in moderate request, and prices were much the same as on Saturday last. Scotch oats of the fine sweet quality are in fair demand at full rates; new are lower and difficult to sell, owing to the condition being soft. Foreign unchanged. Barley dull and lower. Maize being scarce is dearer. Beans and peas firm. Flour slow sale.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £4 0s to £5 0s; this year's growth, £3 10s 0d to £4 12s 0d; new land hay, £4 0s to £5 15s; this year's growth, £3 15s to £5 0s; clover hay, £3 4s to £0 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 9d to 2s 4d; barley straw, 1s 6d to 1s 10d; oat straw, 1s 8d to 2s 0d per thrave; carts of hay at market, 123; carts of straw, 50.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 67 head of cattle, and 467 pigs from Aberdeen and the districts in the North-East coast of Scotland; 1,000 beasts and 1,150 sheep from foreign countries.

Respecting quality, that of cattle was about a seasonable average, while sheep were middling.

The supply of beef comprised 1,700 head. There was more animation in the beef trade to-day, with good finish.

The number of sheep shown was 4,520. The better sorts moved freely off, but middling were a slow trade.

Pigs: 946 were shown, late rates were fully supported.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY SINKING THE OFFAL:

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	10s 6d to	10s 9d
Secondary sorts..........	9s 6d ..	9s 9d
First-class oxen	10s 3d ..	10s 6d
Middling	9s 3d ..	9s 6d
Cows and inferior	7s 0d ..	8s 0d
Pigs	7s 0d ..	9s 3d
Sheep, small, per lb..........	10d to	10½d
,, large fat, per lb.	8d to	9d
Lambs, per lb..........	0d to	0d

Nos. shown:—1,700; sheep 4,520; pigs, 946

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	2·40	5·30	7·30
Scotswood...... ,,	6·17	9·47	11·7	12·27	2·47	5·37	7·37
Swalwell ...... ,,	6·24	9·54	11·14	12·34	2·53	5·44	7·41
Rowlands Gill ,,	6·24	10·4	11·24	12·44	3·3	5·54	7·54
Lintz Green... ,,	6·40	10·10	11·30	12·50	3·9	6·0	8·0
Ebchester ...... ,,	6·54	10·20	11·40	1·0	3·22	6·10	8·13
Shotley Bridge ,,	6·59	10·24	11·44	1·4	3·28	6·14	8·19
CONSETT ...Arr.	7·5	10·30	11·50	1·10	3·33	6·20	8·25
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·32	...	1·12	3·35	4·50	6·33
Knitsley...... ,,	7·21	10·43	...	1·23	3·46	5·1	6·44
Lanchester... ,,	7·30	10·53	...	1·32	3·55	5·10	6·53
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·41	11·1	...	1·40	4·3	5·18	7·1
Aldin Grange ,,	7·45	11·9	...	1·47	4·10	5·25	7·9
DURHAM ...Arr.	7·50	11·15	...	1·52	4·15	5·30	7·15

	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM . Dep.	7·25	...	11·37	2·45	3·45	5·10	8·10
Aldin Grange ,,	7·32	...	11·43	2·50	3·52	5·17	8·17
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·40	...	11·50	2·58	4·0	5·25	8·25
Lanchester...... ,,	7·50	...	12·0	3·8	4·10	5·35	8·35
Knitsley......... ,,	8·2	...	12·10	3·18	4·20	5·45	8·45
CONSETT ...Arr.	8·12	...	12·20	3·28	4·30	5·55	8·55
CONSETT ...Dep.	8·16	9·10	12·35	3·45	...	5·56	9·2
Shotley Bridge ,,	8·20	9·15	12·40	3·50	...	6·0	9·7
Ebchester ...... ,,	8·24	9·19	12·44	3·54	...	6·4	9·12
Lintz Green ... ,,	8·34	9·29	12·52	4·4	...	6·14	9·22
Rowlands Gill ,,	8·39	9·34	12·57	4·10	...	6·20	9·28
Swalwell......... ,,	8·47	9·42	1·4	4·17	...	6·27	9·36
Scotswood ...... ,,	8·54	9·49	1·11	4·24	...	6·34	9·43
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	10·0	1·20	4·35	...	6·45	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	4·46	Knitsley	8·32	...
Ebchester	7·53	4·59	CONSETT late } a	8·45	...
Shotley Bridge....	7·59	5·5	Benfieldside. } d	8·50	...
CONSETT late } a	8·5	5·12	Shotley Bridge ...	8·55	...
Benfieldside.. } 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.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASLE dep.	...	6·10	9·40	11. 0	12·20	2·40	5·30
CONSETT	...	8·20	10·37	...	2·0	...	6·25
Rowley	...	8·30	10·46	...	2·10	...	6·34
Burnhill	...	8·40	10·55	...	2·20	...	6·43
Tow Law.........	...	8·53	11·8	...	2·33	...	6·56
CROOK ......arr.	...	9·5	11·20	...	2·45	...	7·8
,, dep.	7·35	9·7	11·23	1·5	2·52	5·30	7·13
Bishop Auckland..	8·0	9·31	11·43	1·29	3·12	6·2	7·37
Darlington	8·31	10·0	12·10	2·0	3·45	6·45	8·5
Stockton	8·58	10·31	12·40	2·29	4·18	7·18	8·47
Middlesbro'	9·5	10·41	12·50	2·38	4·25	7·33	8·56
SALTBURN	9·40	11·15	1·25	3·12	5·0	8·8	9·28

WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dp.	5·55	8·5	9·52	...	1·45	3·45	5·40
Middlesbro'	6·30	8·40	10·25	12·50	2·18	4·20	6·5
Stockton	6·40	8·48	10·22	12·57	2·26	4·28	6·23
Darlington	7·20	9·30	10·55	1·30	3·0	5·5	7·20
Bishop Auckland	7·46	9·56	11·21	1·56	3·24	5·33	7·48
CROOK ......arr.	8·7	10·16	11·42	2·16	3·47	5·55	8·10
,, ...dep.	8·10	...	11·44	2·20	...	6·5	...
Tow Law	8·22	...	11·56	2·32	...	6·20	...
Burnhill	8·37	...	12·8	2·45	...	6·35	...
Rowley	8·47	...	12·17	2·55	...	6·45	...
CONSETT ......arr.	8·57	...	12·25	3·5	...	6·55	...
N'WCASTLE ...	9·5	10·0	1·20	4·35	...	6·45	9·53

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S. European depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road, London.

DEATH OF MR ANNANDALE TOWN.

Intelligence was received in Consett yesterday (Thursday) morning, of the death of Mr Annandale Town, J.P., of Allansford House, which unexpectedly occurred in London on Wednesday last; and as the news spread very rapidly, numerous expressions of regret and tokens of sympathy were everywhere manifested. The deceased gentleman was performing his magisterial duties on Saturday last, and was in robust health when he left Consett Station on Monday for the purpose of journeying to the Metropolis to transact some important business. On Tuesday, Mr Town was attacked by inflammation of the lungs, and although he was attended by three of the the most eminent medical gentlemen in London, he succumbed a few hours afterwards. He was the principal partner in the well-known firm of Messrs John Annandale and Sons, paper manufacturers, Shotley Bridge, and acted as treasurer to the Shotley Bridge and Ebchester Turnpike Trust, besides filling other offices. He was an upright and straightforward gentleman in all his business transactions, and was universally esteemed and respected by all residents in the neighbourhood of Consett and Shotley Bridge. The deceased gentleman had been a justice of the peace for the Lanchester Division for upwards of 20 years, and upon the retirement of Mr H. C. Silvertop, of Minsteracres, from the chairmanship of the Consett Bench, about nine years ago, Mr Town was elevated to that position, and filled it up to the time of his decease. In this capacity, Mr Town's judicial decisions were always given with the utmost fairness and honesty, his shrewdness, far-seeing knowledge, and painstaking care, usually enabling him to mete out justice to the criminal class brought under his jurisdiction, and with whose dishonest practices, degrading habits, and suspicious characters, he must have became exceedingly familiar. His sudden removal from our midst will be a severe blow to his family and relations, as well as a great loss to this district. The deceased gentleman was an earnest advocate of the temperance cause, and although somewhat reserved in his manner, he assisted in promoting all objects and schemes for the benefit of the community at large. Mr Town was a staunch Churchman, and was one of the principal supporters of the established religion at Castleside. Although he remained neutral in all political questions, it is supposed that he held moderate Conservative views. The deceased, who was about 40 years of age, leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

Mr Geo. Neasham, in his *History of West Durham*, writes:—"Mr Town is a magistrate for the county of Durham, having been placed on the Commission in the year 1852. He is Chairman of the Consett Bench of Magistrates, and, as a justice of the peace, discharges his duties with undeviating attention, uprightness, and ability. He possesses great aptness in getting at the bottom of a case, and his penetration is such that it is impossible for him to be deceived by the most crafty statement or the most ingenious pleading.

Clear-sighted, quiet, acute, refin'd,
No point escapes his penetrating mind.

In private life, Mr Town is a lively and engaging companion, of agreeable deportment, and interesting conversation. He is an accomplished musician. From early youth, he has displayed considerable aptitude for business, and as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Annandale and Sons, paper manufacturers, he his held in high esteem by the workmen. Beyond the diligent performance of his magisterial functions, Mr Town takes no part in local affairs."

It is expected the remains of the deceased gentleman will be interred in the family vault in St. Cuthbert's Churchyard at Benfieldside, on Sunday, and that the ceremony will be performed by the Rev Wesley Farrer, the vicar of Castleside.

DURHAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting was held in the Blue Coat School on Saturday, Mr Hewitt, Wesleyan School, Spennymoor, presiding. The agenda was fully discussed, and much valuable information was obtained under that part headed "Educational Notes." The officers chosen for the ensuing year were: President, Mr Bywater (East Howle); vice-president, Mr Taylor (Bearpark); treasurer, Mr Wilson (Witton Gilbert) re-elected; secretary, Mr Hawkins (Browney), re-elected; auditors, Messrs Dunn (Lanchester) and Tate (Chilton Moor): committee, Messrs Squires (Tudhoe), Lee (Washington), Charlton (Tudhoe (Grange), Kinchen (Sacriston), Chisholm (Spennymaor), White (Sherburn Hill), Taylor (Pittington), and Potts (Coxgreen); librarian, Mr Coxon (Cornsay). The secretary's report shewed an increase in members during the year.

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT—On the 7th inst, the wife of Mr John Pool, jun., of a son.

TEMPLETOWN—On the 11th inst, the wife of Mr John Curry, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. C. Longstaff, Mr James Ridley, to Miss Elizabeth Gibb, both of Shotley Bridge.

REGISTER OFFICE, LANCHESTER.—6th inst., Mr A. Storey, of Havannah, to Miss E. Ritson, of Iveston. 8th inst., Mr. W. Smith, to Miss J. Atthey, both of Dipton.—Same day, Mr. G. Jackson, to Miss J. Peat, both of Langley Park.—Same day, Mr G. E. Hodgson, to Miss E. Parker, both of Medomsley Edge.

STANHOPE.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 8th inst. by the Rev J. Elliott, Mr Johnson Dixon to Miss Mary James, both of Stanhope.

REGISTER OFFICE, WOLSINGHAM.—8th inst., Mr William Readshaw, of Boltsburn, to Miss Elizabeth Dowes, of White Hall.—Same day, Mr James Gowland, to Miss Eliza Emerson, both of Stanhope. Same day, Mr Anthony Wetherall, to Miss Eliza Goodwin, both of Tow Law.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—83, Sherburn Terrace, on 22nd ult., aged 87 years, George Jackson.

LEADGATE.—On 14th inst., aged 77, Margaret, wife of Edward Shotton, late of Billingside Farm. Interment at St. Ives, Leadgate, on Sunday, 16th inst., at Three p.m. All friends invited.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—9th inst., aged 60, Mr John Wilson, painter.

DIPTON.—8th inst., aged 63, Mary Temple, wife of J. Temple, of Dyke Row, Northumberland.

CATCHGATE.—11th inst., aged 28, Isabella, second daughter of Dr J. T. Hooper.

BRAMISH.—7th inst., aged 60, Mr C. Ratcliffe.

WHICKHAM.—13th inst., Margaret Amelia, daughter of John and Annie Liddell.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Picktree House, 10th inst., aged 8 years, Sybil Alice, daughter of Lieut.-Col. She pee, late Royal (Bombay) Artillery.

PRUDHOE.—10th inst., aged 67, Ann Cheeseman, relict of the late John Cheeseman.

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