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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, December 14th, 1888.

The development of events in East Africa is an interesting commentary on Lord Salisbury's optimism. We were assured by the Prime Minister that there would be no necessity for military intervention, and that the operations were to consist merely of a blockade. Well, the Germans have found it necessary to bombard one of the principal coast towns, and it is clear that what is called in Germany the East African "insurrection" will compel Prince Bismarck before long to sanction the employment of military force. One of the native chiefs fired the town of Bagamoyo, and it is, of course, easy enough to attribute this to pure savagery, which, in the interests of civilisation must be repressed. But it is acknowledged by the German Chancellor himself that the origin of these troubles was the imprudence and bad faith of the German East African Company. They made a treaty with the Sultan of Zanzibar by which they bound themselves to administer a certain territory in his name; but one of their first acts was to violate his sovereignty by hauling down his flag, and treating all remonstrance with contumely. Before this happened there was peace in East Africa, and the so-called "insurrection" is mainly due to that aggressive insolence for which the Germans are becoming only too famous in various parts of the world. But, because Prince Bismarck lectures the East African Company, it does not follow that he means to leave them to their own devices. It is very well to point out what they ought to have done, but this belated counsel cannot trammel up the consequences of their criminal blundering. If they are to be allowed to recruit a force to recover their possessions, Germany cannot avoid responsibility for their actions. Moreover, the recruiting of an independent force will take time, and meanwhile the "insurrection" has to be reckoned with. The German naval commanders find it necessary to help their countrymen, but so far the principal sufferers from the conflict appear to be "British subjects and Indians." We have, therefore, this interesting and eminently satisfactory state of things, that British ships are associated with German ships in an enterprise which endangers the lives of British subjects and destroys their goods. If any supporters of the Government consider this a satisfactory outcome of Lord Salisbury's meek submission to Prince Bismarck, we shall be glad to learn their patriotic reasons. The Prime Minister has distinctly defined the attitude of England in this matter. We are supposed to be engaged in a joint endeavour with Germany to check the slave-trade. But anyone who examines the German White Book, and the comments of the German Press, can easily see that the slave-trade is of very little consequence to Prince Bismarck and his countrymen. The prestige of Germany has to be restored in Africa by the aid of England. The Chancellor's mandate to his agents, to furnish him with complete information about the Sultan of Zanzibar's dominions, is a pretty plain indication of his policy. Before long we shall find Germany practically annexing Zanzibar, and putting down "insurrection," while Lord Salisbury continues to assure us that all this is done solely for the purpose of suppressing the slave-trade.

It is likely enough that the Chancellor will endeavour to smooth the situation for his ally by disclaiming any aggressive designs; but whether Prince Bismarck be sincere or not in such an assurance, he cannot escape from the inevitable chain of events any more than our Government can shake off the yoke of their own errors. The protection of German interests in Africa is bound to lead to military intervention, just as the retention of Suakim and the aggressive enterprise of our officials there are committing us to another expedition. If Lord Salisbury had exercised proper control over Colonel Kitchener, that officer would not have been allowed to stir up the hostility of the tribes a year ago by attempting to re-establish the authority of the Egyptian Government in the country round Suakim. When an outlying post like this is held by our military officials they are sure to involve us in inconvenient adventure. There can be no doubt whatever that the English military authorities in Egypt are strongly opposed to the policy of withdrawal, and bitterly incensed at both parties in this country for abandoning the Soudan. We do not charge these officials with distinct and deliberate insubordination, but the temptation to force the hand of the Government, when this can be done with apparent obedience to instructions, is too strong to be resisted. Lord Salisbury would have been glad enough if negotiations with the Suakim tribes had established complete tranquility, restored trade, and relieved us from all anxiety about the Mahdi. But such a consummation would not have suited the military advisers in Egypt, by whose suggestion one British battalion has been sent to Suakim to run the risks of any operation which General Grenfell may consider expedient. It is natural enough that this commander should chafe against the policy which forbids an advance on Berber and Khartoum. General Graham has told us that the great achievement of his campaign in the Soudan was the demonstration that British soldiers are still superior to hordes of savages. This is the military spirit which lands us in all manner of mischief unless it is controlled by a strong hand. If Lord Salisbury has not strength enough to keep out of Prince Bismarck's most patent traps, he is not likely to grasp the leash which should hold our military proconsuls within the bounds of prudence. By recommending the despatch of one battalion, the authorities at Cairo shewed how exactly they understood the weakness of the Government. Had they demanded a larger force, Mr. Stanhope would have demurred on the ground of expense. So either the Cairo officials were determined to have an expedition at any price, or they were forced by the political exigencies at home to ask for a force which they knew to be too small. From no standpoint does the matter afford the smallest satisfaction. There is no guarantee whatever that General Grenfell is familiar with the real strength of the enemy. The rumour that a large body of dervishes is on the march to the scene of action may be untrue, but experience teaches us that such a movement is extremely probable. At no point in the former campaign did the British commander ever know the exact numbers opposed to him. When 4,000 Arabs fell on Sir John McNeill, and came within an ace of cutting his troops to pieces, there was not the slightest apprehension in any officer's mind that such a force was anywhere within striking distance. Yet in the teeth of these lessons the Government send one British battalion on what may presently prove to be another aimless and reckless expedition. And Lord Randolph Churchill, who has done a public service by exposing the vacillation and lack of foresight which may plunge us into disaster, or, at all events, an interminable series of conflicts, is denounced by the Tory Press as a renegade, whose chief delight is to stab his friends in the back.

Mr George Race, Westgate, preached two excellent sermons in the Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday last. Collections were taken after each service in aid of the local preachers' horse hire fund.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, Dec. 6th.—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (in the chair), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., Jas. Hartley, Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Owen Wood, of West Stanley, convicted, upon the evidence of P.C. Robinson, of having been very drunk at that place on the 10th ult., was fined 5s and costs.

An ex-soldier, named *Robert Pattinson* (formerly of the 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade), pleaded guilty to a similar charge, preferred against him by the same officer, on the 10th Nov., and was likewise fined 5s and costs.

James Doyle and *William McCullett* were severally charged by Sergt. Nicholson with having been inebriated and causing a disturbance at Quebec, on the 10th ult., and were each fined 5s and expenses.

Joseph Snarey was found guilty, upon the testimony of P.C. Raine, of being in a very drunken state at Esh Colliery, on Nov. 17th.—He was fined in a like amount.

P.C. Hadwin took proceedings against *Thomas Sweeney, John Lumley, Joseph Richardson, William Winter, William Harrison*, and *James Mason*, for being drunk and rolling about the village of South Moor, on the 11th ult. (Sunday afternoon).—In each instance a penalty of 5s and costs was imposed.

A WARNING FROM THE BENCH.

Patrick Brannon (for whom his sister-in-law appeared) was summoned by Sergt. Nicholson for committing a drunken offence at Quebec, on Nov. 10th.—Mr Taylor Smith: I don't know what the other magistrates think, but I certainly would not allow a sister-in-law to represent a defendant.—The Chairman: I have expressed an opinion repeatedly that we cannot tolerate such a state of things.—Mr Smith: The idea of a sister-in-law appearing for a defendant is something fearful.—The Chairman wished it to be made known that double penalties would in future be inflicted in cases where the persons summoned at the Court were not directly represented.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

John Williams, who was accused by P.C. Kettlewell of drunkenness at Cornsay Colliery, on the 17th ult., was fined 5s and expenses.

Robert Williamson was summoned by P.C. Minto for having being guilty of the same offence at Annfield Plain, and was ordered to pay a penalty of 5s and costs.

James Green, of Biggen Drift, a pitman, having been found by P.C. Bradley under the influence of liquor, at Lanchester, on Saturday night, 24th ult., was punished in a like manner.

FATHER AND SON "IN THEIR CUPS."

Thomas Porter, sen., and *Thomas Porter*, jun., father and son, were proceeded against by P.C. Raine for having been fighting and creating an uproar, whilst in an intoxicated condition, at Esh Colliery, on the 10th ult.—Mrs Porter was admonished to look more after her husband and son, and was mulcted in a fine of 5s and 5s 6d costs for each offender.

Wm. and *Ed. Kirkland*, likewise father and son, having been found drunk and fighting on the same occassion, were similarly dealt with.

THE PRIZE FIGHT NEAR CONSETT: SEQUEL.

John Thomas Lazenby, a miner, was summoned by James Little, a young fellow living at Dipton, for having assaulted him in Siddle's beerhouse, at Kyo, on Sunday night, 25th ult. Mr J. McCartan (Consett) prosecuted.—Complainant deposed that he went into the beerhouse on the night in question, when defendant asked him to have some beer with him, and because he would not he said he was getting very independent. Complainant replied, "Don't pick at me, Jack," when defendant struck him.—The Chairman: There was no harm in his saying you were independent.—Mr McCartan: Why did you take offence at what he said?—Complainant: I did not speak to him before he spoke to me, and he was turned out of the house by Levi Burton.—In reply to defendant, Little said that he went into the far kitchen to ask a friend if he was going home. He said no in reply to defendant's request to have a glass of beer. He (Little) never "squared up" to a man in his life.—Thomas Ross and Elizabeth Siddle gave corroborative evidence.—The last witness added that defendant was one of the principals in the prize-fight which took place near Consett on the preceding day.—Mr A W Granger: Did he win?—Witness: Yes; he was the "champion." (Laughter). He talked about nothing else but prize-fighting, and would have "fitten" anybody. They frequently had occasion to order him out of the beer-house, and ultimately he was ejected.—Daniel McGregor and a young man named Owen Wood called by defendant as witnesses, stated that Little showed fight first, putting his fist near Lazenby's face.—It was elicited in evidence that the defendant's antagonist was a man named Brannigan, a brother-in law to the complainant.—Defendant asserted that he could not strike the complainant, as Inspector Davison could tell their Worships that his hands were very much swollen with fighting on the day before. He had also "fitten" with two men—one on the Sunday forenoon and the other in the afternoon, and now the complainant came to "tackle" him on the Sunday night. (Laughter.) He merely stood up in his own defence. It was not complainant's fault that he did not hit him, because he parried the blow.—The Bench considered that they were a quarrelsome class of people in that part, and fined 25s, including costs.—Summonses were subsequently granted against the principals, seconds, and ringleaders participating in the prize-fight.

A NEW METHOD OF CHEATING THE EXCISE.

Thomas Hart, William Little, George Lyal, Ralph Dixon, William Murphy, Robert Brown, and *Robert Roberts*, all belonging to West Stanley, were summoned by Sergeant Davidson for keeping dogs without licenses.—Each defendant was fined 5s and costs.—Hart said he had only had the dog a week or ten days, but the sergeant stated that there was a system of defrauding the Revenue by transferring the dogs from one person to another.—Brown's defence was that he was merely training the greyhound for a man living at White-le-Head. He had had the animal in his possession three months.—The Bench told this defendant that he was liable. He must recover the fine from the person who engaged him.—Mr Van Haansbergen: You can include the penalty in your training bill. (Loud laughter.)—Another defendant alleged that his dog was only seven months old, and he did not think it was necessary to take out a license this year. The sergeant had informed him that he would not trouble him again this year.

BREACH OF THE MINES ACT.

George Lyal, a coal-hewer, was proceeded against by the owners of West Stanley Colliery, for a breach of the regulations by carrying matches into a part of the mine where such are prohibited. Mr McCartan (Consett) prosecuted, and Mr T. W. Welford (Consett and West Stanley) defended.—Mr McCartan said it was a serious offence, but they had no particular feeling in the matter except that they must put a stop to this sort of thing.—Mr J. M. Wilson (manager) produced the special rules.—John Christer, overman, deposed that he searched defendant on the date named, and found three matches produced, loose in the coat pocket of Lyal. There was gas in the pit occasionally.—Mr Welford, on behalf of defendant, pleaded guilty, and said it was an accident, for which they were sorry. His coat was being mended that morning, and he being late picked up his brother's coat and put it on, not knowing the matches were there. He hoped they would inflict a small fine.—The Chairman said it was a dangerous thing, and inflicted a fine of 20s, including costs.

ALLEGED WIFE DESERTION.

Thomas McIntyre, now of Wallsend, formerly employed by the Ushaw College authorities, was summoned for deserting his wife, Mary McIntyre, and six children, who were left chargeable to the Lanchester Union. Defendant decamped before last Easter.—Defendant alleged that his wife did not treat him properly, and he was forced to leave her.—The Bench advised defendant to take his wife out of the Workhouse, and provide a home for her, otherwise he would have to go to prison.—Defendant left the court along with his "better half," making a profound bow to thir worships.

GAME TRESPASS.

George Lee, lamp-cleaner, Ushaw Moor, was charged by Charles Drury, a gamekeeper, with trespassing in pursuit of game on the land in the occupation of Sir H. Chaytor, J.P., at Ushaw Moor, on the 25th ult.—Drury stated that his son and he came across a trap set and a rabbit fast in it at 3·10 a.m., and they lay watching until 10·15 a.m., when they saw the defendant take the rabbit out of the trap. The man offered £1 at first to keep it out of court, and afterwards 25s, but he declined, as he let the man off on a previous occasion.—A fine of 40s and costs, in default, two months' hard labour, was imposed, this being the third conviction against the defendant.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, Dec. 10th.—Before J. Priestman, Esq. (in the chair), Jas. Annandale, Esq., Wm. Green, Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

THE DRUNKEN LIST.

James McCoy, of Lintz Colliery, *Thomas Cassidy, Peter Stubbs*, and *Robert Calligan*, were severally summoned by Sergt. Thornton for being very drunk and disorderly at Dipton, on the 23rd and 30th days of last month.—Calligan was fined 10s and expenses for non-attendance at the Court; the rest of the culprits were ordered to pay 5s fine only, with costs.

James Morrison appeared to answer a charge, preferred against him by Sergt Tate, of being under the influence of liquor at Blackhill, on November 20th, and was likewise mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs.

Nicholas Boyle was summoned for drunkenness at Blackhill, on the 24th ult., and was fined in a like sum.—P.C. Lawson proved the case.

Rose Ann Docherty was fined 2s 6d and costs, upon the affirmation of P.C. Phillipson, because she was going about Blackhill in a tipsy state, on the 25th ult.

John Gibb, who was accused by P.C. Newton of being guilty of a like offence at the same place, on the same date, was fined 5s and costs.

Patrick Hackey was brought up by P.C. Tomlinson for having been drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the 1st inst.—Fined 5s and expenses.

Joseph Barron, of Dipton, was proceeded against by P.C. Newton for having been very intoxicated at Redwell Hills, on the 26th ult, the officer having to assist the man home.—A similar penalty was imposed.

P.C. Richardson charged *John Renshaw* with being drunk and causing a great disturbance at Consett on the 2nd inst., and he was ordered to bear 5s fine and costs.

William Marriott (who was represented by his wife) was fetched up by P.C. Million for creating a noise in Princes Street, Consett, while under the influence of liquor, on the 1st December, and was punished in the same fashion.

Hugh Thompson appeared in response to a summons, taken out by P.C. Rogerson, charging him with being inebriated at Burnopfield on the 24th ult.—A fine of 5s and expenses were inflicted.

John Craig and *William Hunter* were both summoned by P.C. Stubbs for a drunken offence committed in Front Street, Leadgate, on the 2nd inst, and were mulcted in the sum of 5s and expenses.

Bridget Smith, a hawker, neglected to appear to answer a charge, instituted against her by P.C. Newton, of being drunk and disorderly at Iveston, on December 1st. The officer said that the woman had only been in the village a week, having come from the neighbourhood of Lintz Colliery. She had now disappeared.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment in default.

Letitia Scott, an old offender, was brought up by Sergt. Tate for being drunk and kicking up a row at Vicarage at Blackhill, on December 1st. The policeman added that on two previous occasions defendant had annoyed the people at the same place. — The woman pleaded guilty, remarking that there was a man working at the Vicarage who formerly lodged with her, and left owing her money. When she took a glass of drink it upset her, and she imagined that she ought to have her money.—The Bench let her go on payment of a fine of 2s 6d and costs.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO QUIT.

John Holmes pleaded guilty to being drunk and refusing to leave Mr Stone's publichouse at Burnopfield, at closing time, on November 30th, and was fined 5s and costs.—P.C. Rogerson preferred the charge.

"DRUNK AND MAD."

Robert Milburn, a member of the Shotley Bridge St. Cuthbert's Football team, and a well-known athlete, was summoned by P.C. Vickers for being drunk and causing a disturbance at Shotley Bridge, on December 1st.—The officer deposed that at about a quarter to twelve o'clock he was in Front Street, when he heard a disturbance going on in Snows Green Road. He went to the street behind Aitken's beerhouse, and found defendant and several other young fellows congregated. They were cursing and swearing, and making a terrible noise. He ordered them off home, and told Milburn that he would be summoned. — Defendant emphatically denied the charge, and called George and Archie Lowes, Wm. Richardson, and Henry Wilson, all members of the Rugby Football Club, to prove his innocence. They denied that Milburn was intoxicated; all the drink he had partaken was three gills of beer. Richardson declared that they were doing nothing, although the constable was very "obstropolus." (Laughter.)—In answer to Vickers, witnesses made a variety of statements as to what time they actually entered Aitken's beerhouse—deviating from 20 minutes past nine to 10·15 p.m. Some asserted that the constable spoke them at the corner of the Post Office, and not in the street behind the beerhouse. Conflicting assertions were likewise made as to three bottles of beer being carried out of the public-house.—In the result, the Bench considered the evidence for the defence contradictory and unsatisfactory. They saw no reason to disbelieve the officer's statement, and fined the defendant 5s and expenses.—Defendant: It's very hard to be brought here and fined when one is innocent.

THREE CHARGES IN ONE DAY.

John Jardine, a miner, was fined 10s and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Dipton, on the 23rd ult.—P.C. Sanderson, who had a case, stated that he found the defendant standing against the wall. He refused to move till he had pulled a portion of it down.—Defendant was further charged with causing damage to the amount of 1s, to a wall on the boundary of the Marquess of Bute's estate at Dipton, on the same occasion, and was fined 5s, besides ordered to pay 1s damage.—Mr Van Haansbergen complimented the police for his activity.—Mr David Mole, acting for the Collierley School Board, also took out a summons against the defendant for neglecting to make his children attend school.—Jardine was further fined 5s, including costs.—The total penalties amounted to 31s 6d.

EDUCATION ACT.

Hannah Smith, of Lintz Colliery, and *Charles Panting*, of Consett Park, were both summoned by Mr W Ward, schoolwarden employed by the School Attendance Committee for the Lanchester Union, for the irregular attendance of their respective children at school.—Smith was dismissed with a caution, and Panting was fined 5s, inclusive of costs.

John Smith, of Blackhill, who was summoned by Mr A McKean, on behalf of the Benfieldside School Board, for a like offence, was fined 5s.

CANDIDATES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

In the cases preferred against *Catherine Quinn* and *John Connor*, of Shotley Bridge, Mr McKean stated that their parents had avowed that they could not get their children to go to school. The Attendance Committee recommended their Worships to commit the youngsters to an Industrial School, but it was agreed to adjourn the summonses till after the regular Board meeting, the schoolwarden being instructed to point out that attendance orders must be granted by the Bench before truants can be sent to a Reformatory School.

Mr D Mole, school-attendance officer under the Collierley School Board, summoned *Matthew Carr, Patrick McAloon*, and *Thomas Connolly*, for an offence against the Education Act.—Cain and Connolly were fined 5s. McAloon was discharged, because her husband had left the district, and future summonses are to be taken out in the wife's name.

AN INTERESTING SCHOOL BOARD POINT.

Thomas Gatiss, miner, South Medomsley (who was the leader of the men connected with the strike at that colliery nearly three years ago), was summoned by the Collierley School Board for not sending his children to school. Mrs Gatiss appeared at Court.—Mr David Mole, the attendance-officer, stated that the Board were very reluctant to take these proceedings. Formerly the Guardians paid the fees of the defendant's four children, but they had now ceased to do so. However, they continued to send the children to the schools, but had not paid the fees. He (believed that Mrs Gatiss was anxious for the children to go to school, but they had not paid any fees for three months.—The Chairman: Have the children been regularly attending school?—Mr Mole: Yes.—The Chairman: Then we cannot deal with the case.—Mr Mole: But the children were marked absent in the registers because the fees were not sent.—The Clerk of the Court (Mr A W Granger): Then you ought to sue for the school fees.—The Bench stated that they could not fine the defendant for non-attendance when the children were attending school. The case must be dismissed.—A summons against another parent (Thomas Marriott), preferred under precisely similar circumstances, was then withdrawn by Mr Mole.

TRANSFER OF LICENCE REFUSED.

The Bench refused to grant the transfer of a license of a beerhouse known as "The Flying Poker" in Durham Road, Blackhill, from Owen Matthews to George Cummings.—It transpired that a few days after Cummings entered the premises, the police found a number of intoxicated people inside the house. The authorities accordingly brought a charge against the holder of the licence (Matthews) for permitting drunkenness, and he was fined 40s and the licence endorsed, although he had quitted the house some days before.

UNFOUNDED CHARGE AGAINST A COLLIERY OFFICIAL.

Andrew Smailes, a respectable-looking elderly person, an engineman and joiner employed at Lintz Colliery, was summoned for having assaulted Jane Strong, a married woman, living at house No 24, on Saturday, 1st inst. Mr J R Wilson (Newcastle) defended.—Prosecutrix deposed that between twelve and one o'clock, she went into the pantry to get some coals, when defendant entered, and she asked him what he wanted? He replied "Nothing," but afterwards said "I offer you a shilling." She retorted "I neither want you nor your shilling." He then caught hold of her, and placed his arms around her neck. He then tried to handle her in an indecent fashion, but she refused to allow him. She endeavoured to rush away, but he held her fast. After struggling for half-an-hour, however, her husband came into the kitchen by the front door, and attempted to open the pantry door, but could not push it open, as defendant kept it fastened. She did not shout very loud, but she asked him to let her go. Defendant eventually made his escape by the back door, just as her husband opened the pantry door, and saw Smailes making his exit.—Cross-examined by Mr Wilson, prosecutrix explained that the inner door between the kitchen and pantry doors was open. The children were in the kitchen; the back door was "unsnecked." When the back-kitchen and the inner doors opened, they touched each other; therefore anyone in the pantry would be shut in a trap by a person entering the kitchen. When she applied for a summons she told the same story as she had done that day.—Mr Wilson understood that his client was to be brought there on a more serious charge.—Complainant (proceeding) said the back door of their house was right opposite the defendant's workshop. She saw Smailes every day. He did not come out of the shop door straight into their house, as he might easily have done, but walked round to the front. The door sneck of their house had been off about a year, and she asked defendant to repair it. Complainant requested Smailes a good bit since to come and look at the sneck. She did not invite him into the house on that particular Saturday. He came into the pantry, and shut the back door, subsequently closing the inner door. She was present when her husband charged defendant with committing a rape upon her. The first time she saw defendant that morning was when he came into the house about eleven o'clock, and asked what time it was? She did not hear her husband say that he would take him to Consett for "raping" her, but her husband charged him with assault. Defendant then said "Let me be off." He never spoke to her except to ask "Do you say that?" She answered, "He (her husband) says so." Defendant replied, "I have not done anything wrong." She did not make any charge against him. Her husband did not actually see anything wrong.—By the Bench: She tried to get away before her husband came. The outer (or pantry) door was shut. Smailes had previously been to see the sneck, but did not look at it that day.—To Mr Wilson: She heard Mrs Darbyshire (who overheard her husband charging the defendant) say, "You take him to Consett. I'll take him there."—Prosecutrix's husband attested that he was going down to the pit to seek his picks, when he met Smailes, and they passed the "time of day." When he returned to the house, defendant was in the pantry along with his wife. One of the children said "Da, there's a man in the pantry 'ribbing' ma." (Laughter.) He consequently made a rush at the pantry door, but he could not get it open. When he did get into the pantry, however, he observed the defendant making a rapid exit by the back door. Later on, he met defendant, and said "Mr Smailes, what do you think of yourself?" He asked witness not to make any noise, and wanted him (Strong) to go across to his shop. Witness replied, "No, no. I'll take you to Consett." Defendant retorted, "I don't care."—Questioned by Mr Wilson, Strong admitted that Mrs Darbyshire, Mrs Winship, and Mrs Cooper were at the door when he preferred the charge against Smailes. He saw the defendant come out the house. Witness asserted that Smailes pushed himself against the pantry door to prevent him opening it, but Mr Wilson told him that he could not possibly see right through the door.—Witness waxed most indignant, and informed the solicitor that he had not come there to speak to him. He explained that as soon as he got the pantry door open, he observed Smailes moving off the door step, and go round the pantry corner. The back-door sneck was broken, and it was defendant's duty to repair the same. He accused Smailes of assaulting his wife, and described to him exactly what had taken place. He met the defendant on the Low Farm going towards Lintz Colliery, distant about a quarter-of-an-hour's walk from their house. When witness got back to the house, the shop was shut up.—By the magistrates: He heard a "scrimmage" in the pantry after he spoke to the children. His wife was exclaiming "Behave," and "Let me be away from you." — Elizabeth Cooper (next-door neighbour) spoke to seeing defendant come out of the back door. He was not agitated, neither did he walk swiftly. Smailes came through their house; he was in the habit of calling there.—Defendant repudiated the allegation *in toto*.—Mr Wilson asked their Worships to let his client depart without a stain upon his character; because it was a very serious charge indeed to bring against a man without any corroboration, particularly a person occupying the position that defendant did. He had the colliery manager (Mr Saunders), who had been acquainted with defendant for five years, and he would tell the Bench that there had never been the slightest charge or suspicion against him in any way. It was the duty of Smailes to go to all the houses from time to time to execute sundry little repairs, where required. On the Saturday in question, Smailes closed his shop earlier than usual intending to go to Newcastle. He came out of the front of his shop, passed round the gable end of a row of house, where several men were playing at "pitch and toss," and in passing he saw the prosecutrix standing at the door with a shovel in her hand. She asked him to go in and mend the sneck. Smailes accordingly went in at the door, and looked at the sneck. He was only in the house about a couple of minutes, and promised to repair the sneck next week. His shop was right opposite the complainant's back door, and if he had entered the house for any such purpose as alleged by the prosecution, he need not have travelled right around to the front, but could have gone directly by the back-door. He had plenty of opportunities of visiting the house. When he emerged from the house Mrs Cooper stated that he was not rushing away, as one would suppose, but was walking quietly, and was not in the least "flurried." He called at Cooper's house as he was accustomed to do, having to meet there a man called Turnbull, who had agreed to accompany him to Newcastle. Smailes had to shut up the shop earlier than usual to catch the one o'clock train to Newcastle. If the complainant's story, as regards the time, was correct, then his client could not by any means have caught the train and gone to Newcastle that day. He (Mr Wilson) was rather astonished to find that Mrs Darbyshire had not been called as a witness, because defendant had occasion to summons Darbyshire some time ago for stealing coals belonging the colliery. Since that period, his client had been continually annoyed and threatened by Mrs Darbyshire and Mrs Winship, and they declared that they would have their revenge. If it had not been for these women, therefore, his client would not have been at Court that day, and the prosecution was instituted out of pure spite.—Mr G. R. Saunders, manager of Lintz Colliery, averred that he had known the defendant for five years, and never heard the slightest complaint against his character. He could trust Smailes with anything. Witness was quite astonished when he learnt that such an accusation had been made against him. It was defendant's duty to repair the damaged sneck. He knew that some ill-feeling existed between the women and Smailes, because of a previous prosecution for coal stealing. — The magistrates, after a brief private consultation, came to the conclusion that the assault had not been proven, and dismissed the summons, complainant having to defray 10s as Court expenses.

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Lectures. — W. Fletcher Ray, Professor of Phrenology and Physiology, has been delivering a series of lectures in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, on Phrenological and Physiological subjects. The townspeople have been highly pleased with Pro. Ray and his lectures, of his remarkable ability to read character. This the people have had excellent proof of, as the lecturer examined publicly each night four of the townspeople, and the correctness with which he has described each character is simply marvellous. The hall has been crowded to excess, numbers not being able to gain admission. Pro. Ray has had a good time of it; he has been kept busy each day reading heads privately. A good number of the spinsters and bachelors have been to consult him, to get a description of the partner suitable to them matrimonially. This is very essential, especially to bachelors, as numbers of the ladies' heads Pro. Ray examined, plainly showed their desire to "wear the breeches."

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

Tow Law beat Shildon by six goals to three.

Stanhope II. defeated Wolsingham Church Institute by eight goals to nil.

Langley Park Rovers beat Heaton North End by four goals and one disputed goal to two goals.

Washington Church Choir and Birtley National School played a draw of one goal each.

Pity Hill School v Birtley National School.—Played at Birtley, and resulted in a win for the home team by one goal to nil.

Esh Church v Esh Excelsior.—Played on the ground of the former, the visitors winning by six goals to three.

Cornforth Church Institute II. v Cornsay Rovers II.—Played on the Cornsay ground, and, after an evenly-contested game, resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

Stanhope 2nd v Wolsingham 2nd.—Played at Stanhope, resulting in a victory for Stanhope by eight goals and a disputed goal to Wolsingham nil.

Pelton Fell Harriers v Wrekenton Stars.—Played at Wrekenton, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to nil.

Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd v Wrekenton 2nd.—After a good game resulted in a win for the Harriers by three goals to nil.

Cornsay Rovers v Cornforth.—Played on the Cornsay ground, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by three goals and one disputed goal to nil.

Cornsay Raggy Lads 2nd v Cornforth Rovers.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a well-contested game, resulted in favour of the home team by one goal (disputed) to nil.

Stanhope v Wolsingham "Awkward Squad."—Played at Stanhope between Stanhope 1st eleven and the "Awkward Squad" team, the men of which had never played a football match before, and resulted in a victory for the "Awkward Squad" by two goals to one.

Leadgate St. Ives v Leadgate Young Exiles.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the Exiles by two goals to one. After the match the visitors were entertained to tea, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Ouston Rovers v Edmondsley Union Star.—At Edmondsley. The home team kicked off, but Ouston soon took the ball up, but could not score. On changing ends, Ouston had the game all their own way, and won easily by seven goals to nil.

East End v Birtley.—East End had a visit from Birtley, and the game, which was of the finest description throughout, resulted in a draw, each team scoring a goal. There was a large attendance of spectators, the popular side being especially crowded, and they warmly applauded the splendid efforts of the players of the respective teams.

Lintzford Juniors v Lintz Colliery School.—Played at Lintzford, resulting in a win for the Juniors by two goals to nil. It was a fast and pleasant game, and the School had hard lines in not scoring. Lintzford team—Goal, A Sinclair; backs, J Sinclair and J Seath; half-backs, G Dixon, J Southwick, and R Weightman; forwards, A Southwick (capt.), J Andrews, T Seath, J Reed, and W Seath.

West Pelton v Washington North End.—This match was played in splendid weather at Washington. Frazier kicked off for Washington by passing to the right wing, who were dispossessed by Thompson, the latter sending to Pattison, who sent in a shot which Oates headed out. Give-and-take play was the order for a while, until Theobald sent in a hot shot which the goalkeeper very feebly returned, with the result that Greenwell rushed up and scored number one for West Pelton. From the kick-off the ball was taken up by the visitors' right wing, only to be dispossessed by Oates, who was playing a brilliant game, the latter dribbling right up the field, but was stopped by Bell. Half-time arrived with the score standing—

West Pelton ....One goal.
Washington ....Nil.

Campbell re-started the ball after a brief rest, when a lot of give-and-take play took place in the centre of the field for a considerable time, until Washington right wing broke away and sent in a nice shot which scored. The visitors' custodian was too far out, and could not get back in time to stop the ball, or the final score of Washington would have been nil. From the kick-off the home forwards worked the ball up until stopped by Kerr, who gave to Roxby, the latter sending to Theobald, who, after a brief struggle with the backs, scored the second goal for West Pelton. A dispute arose about the point, Washington claiming that Theobald was off-side, but the umpire gave his decision against them. For Washington Oates played a brilliant game, whilst for West Pelton Theobald was most conspicuous, although the whole of the team played well. Final score—

West Pelton ....Two goals.
Washington ....One goal.

Medomsley v Coanwood.—These teams met on the ground of the latter. The visitors won the toss, and elected to defend the eastern goal. The ball was set in motion shortly after one o'clock, and at once carried into the home territory. Medomsley gained a corner, and Wilson in endeavouring to clear, headed through his own goal, and the visitors thus scored a goal. Give-and-take play followed, and Medomsley secured another corner. Campbell sent in a beauty, from which Snowdon scored the second goal. Both sides now warmed to their work, the home team being repeatedly urged to "play up." Several times they appeared dangerous, but half-time found the score standing—

Medomsley ....Two goals.
Coanwood ....Nil.

After a well-earned rest, the ball was again set rolling. Some fast play now ensued, and both teams put in all they knew. Parminter at one time looked dangerous, but Barron and Cant, backed by the redoubtable Beadling, were not to be beaten. The home team had a good chance of scoring soon after, but were weak in front of goal, and the forwards, though playing well individually, lacked combination. Hunter made a good run, but was stopped by the ball being given in touch, evidently to his great surprise. The Coanwood backs were kept hard at work, and made several good returns. A corner now fell to Medomsley. Campbell again placed the ball splendidly, but the forwards shot wide. Shortly after Hunter scored the third goal for the visitors. No further scoring took place, and the game ended with the score as under—

Medomsley ....Three goals.
Coanwood ....Nil.

For the winners Hunter (capt.), Campbell, Simpson, and W Cant were conspicuous, but all the team played well. For the losing team Parminter and Wilson showed good form; Whitwell frequently cleared well, but missed a good chance of scoring from a corner. Medomsley team—Goal, Geo. Beadling; backs, W Barron and W Cant; half-backs, G Moon, R Simpson, and J Hunter; forwards, R Cant and R Campbell, right wing; T Bramley, centre; J Hunter (capt.) and T Snowdon, left wing. Umpire, Mr J Snowdon.

Elswick Rangers v Leadgate Park.—On Mill Lane ground, Bentinck, in admirable weather for football, and before a fair attendance of spectators. The home team winning the toss, decided to play up the hill, Jackson, for the visitors, starting the ball. Play was entered upon in a very friendly spirit; no rushing, but a quiet and orderly game being the rule of the day. Although the play was chiefly confined to the visitors' territory, the onlookers had no reason for complaint, as some very neat and scientific moves were attempted and achieved, without unnecessary harshness. The visitors defended their stronghold stubbornly, tackling well, and frustrating the effect of some very good shots, their backs doing a lot of hard work right up to the finish, showing they were possessed of stamina in addition to their weight. The call of time showed a victory for the home eleven with the score as under—

Elswick Rangers ....Seven goals.
Leadgate Park ....Nil.

After the match, the visitors expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the Rangers' play on the field; nothing occurring to mar the good feeling and friendliness, and hoped when the Rangers came to play the return on their ground they would be able to return the compliment and reverse the verdict, as they, the visitors, meant to prepare for the event, and place the strongest possible eleven upon the field. Teams: Rangers—Goal, A McLeod; backs, M D'Arcy and Alf Perkins; half-backs, A Milligan, A Broadfoot, and J Finley; forwards, J Nugent, J Baxter, J McCrimmond, W McCrombie, and T Brown. Umpire, Mr James Low. Leadgate Park—Goal, J Quinn; backs, W McGee and P Hughes; half-backs, J Makepeace, W Tomlinson, and J Monaghan; forwards, A Little, T Read, F Jackson, C Quinn, and P Quinn. Umpire, Mr W Brears. Referee, Mr J Smith.

DURHAM MEDALS COMPETITION.

Wolsingham v Evenwood Wanderers II.—Played at Wolsingham, the result being—Wolsingham, six goals; Evenwood II., two goals.

RUGBY.

Blaydon Star v Sunderland St. Mark's II.—Played at Sunderland. Score: Blaydon, one try and five minors; St. Mark's, one disputed try and two minors.

Haswell v Hamsterls.—Played at Haswell, and resulted in a win for the home team by a try and five minors to one minor. The proper score was one goal, one try, and five minors for the home team; but the referee disallowed the goal on account of its being kicked from a free kick, the result of a knock-on in the field of play, which, according to the new rules, counts a goal.

Consett v Tyne Dock.—Played at Benfieldside, before a large company of spectators. The visitors won the toss and kicked off with the wind in their favour. The home team soon assumed the aggressive, but nothing was scored till close upon half-time, when Gibson dropped a goal for Consett, and a minor point was also obtained. In the second half the Consett forwards kept the ball well in the visitors' territory, and Jameson had a shot at goal which was within an ace of scoring, but only a minor resulted. Tyne Dock were unable to register a point of any kind, and Consett therefore were hailed the victors with the score as under—

Consett ....One goal, two minors.
Tyne Dock ....Nil.

The home team had decidedly the best of the game throughout, play being almost continually within the visitors' lines. Consett had several second team men playing for them, while Tyne Dock arrived with three men short, and sub-stitutes had to be provided out of the Consett and Shotley Bridge clubs. Teams:—Tyne Dock—Full back, Keers; three-quarter backs, Pescod (capt.), Dunn, and Caisley; half-backs, Hull and Brown; forwards, Slater, Batey, Young, Stoker, Jamieson, Foreman, Robson, Grant, and Telford. Umpire, Mr R Blenkinsopp. Consett—Full back, J Aitken; three-quarter backs, P Gibson (capt.), J Todd, and T Grey; half-backs, T Jameson and J Anderson; forwards, W Turnbull, J Lancaster, J Forrest, A Ward, A Wood, J Askew, G Aitken, J Pattinson, and J W Robinson. Umpire, Mr M Hobday.

JOTTINGS.

Swalwell Rangers Association Club has broken up. Any clubs having fixtures with this club must therefore cancel them.

Leadgate Young Exiles 1st and 2nd teams would like to arrange matches with any club in the district—first teams' ages not to exceed 14 years, and the second teams' ages not to exceed 12 years. Address N Hill, 54, Plantation Street, Leadgate.

Medomsley A.F.C. would be pleased to arrange a match with any good club at home on Christmas Day. Would be willing to play a return match. Address J Ross, Medomsley, via Lintz Green.

The West Pelton Lilywhite Juniors (Association) have Dec. 22 vacant at home, and Jan. 19 away, and would be glad to hear from any junior team whose ages are under 17 years. Address James Lee, 36, Grange Villa, Chester-le-Street.

The Consett Rugby Club is endeavouring to arrange an Association game with the Leadgate Exiles during the Christmas holidays. It would be highly interesting if a fixture could be made.

The game between Consett and Tyne Dock was one of the best played by our local club, although they had not a representative team in the field.

The *North Star* says:—"One of the surprises of the second round for the Durham Cup was the defeat of Gateshead by Leadgate Exiles, but the latter are a good team, and want badly to get at Birtley." Well, fortunately or unfortunately, the Exiles have been drawn to play against Birtley in the third round of the Cup. The match, however, has to be fought out at Birtley. This will be the third time the Exiles have met Birtley on the ground of the latter, two of the games being in the Cup competition. It is certainly "hard lines" for the Leadgate team that they cannot get a chance of trying conclusions with Birtley at home.

Medomsley undertook the long journey to Coanwood (a distance of 50 miles) on Saturday to play the latter club. The home team had solicited outside assistance, and placed a good team in the field. The visitors, however, played about the best game they have done this season, and after a fast and interesting game, Medomsley were declared victorious by three goals to nil. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing. By the way, who were those four members of the Medomsley team who missed the train at Coanwood and had to make the return journey in a cattle-truck?

Nothings succeeds like success. It ought to be a consoling thought to the Leadgate Exiles to know that they are the only club in the North which now stands undefeated this season. They have played eight matches, of which they have won seven and drawn one, scoring 27 goals against their opponents' six goals.

Medomsley Football Club.—This club held a most successful ball in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley, on Friday evening. There was a very large company present, visitors attending from Dipton, Consett, Westwood, Leadgate, &c. Dancing, which commenced at half-past eight o'clock, was kept up with great vigour till 4-30 on Saturday morning. Messrs Dawson, Allendale, supplied the music, which gave every satisfaction. The club wish to thank Mr J. Walton for his great kindness in granting them the use of his piano for the evening.

Pelton Fell Harriers 2nd still remain unbeaten this season, having played 10 matches, of which they have won six and drawn four, scoring 32 goals to nine. They have vacant dates for 3rd teams. Address Wm. Lowther, Chester-le-Street.

The Stanhope 1st eleven played on Saturday in suits which had been bought and presented to them by Major Scott Jervis, of Stanhope Castle and Crawley Hall.

Dunston failed to put in an appearance at Lintzford on Saturday, and also omitted an apology. Lintzford had prepared refreshments for the visitors, but no team came. It is very disgraceful the manner in which clubs about Newcastle treat country clubs. In consequence of the non-appearance of Dunston, the captain and vice-captain chose teams on the ground, the latter team winning by three goals to nil.

TANFIELD LEA v LEADGATE EXILES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Will you kindly correct a slight mistake which appeared in my last letter? In my letter it says Tanfield got nearly 10 goals. I intended to put nearly six, not knowing the exact number. However, I apologise to the Exiles for the error, which was quite accidental. It should have been five to one. Hoping you will kindly insert this in your next issue, yours, etc.,

A Player.

MEDOMSLEY JUNIORS v CONSETT ROYAL OAKS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In your report in the *Guardian* of Dec. 8th of the match between the Consett Royal Oaks and Medomsley Juniors, it is untrue to say that the Juniors left the field because they were frightened. They went to play Association football, not Rugby. In the Association rules it does not say that when a ball goes over the top of the bar it is a goal, as the Royal Oaks wanted to call it. The second goal they claimed was also against the rules. The Consett centre forward (McCoy) was behind the Medomsley goalkeeper and backs when it was kicked, and was thus clearly off-side. As the Juniors could not get fairplay, they left the field.—Yours, &c.,

Dec. 10th, 1888. Veracity.

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Monday night, Mr Richard Murray, who is a candidate for the Consett Division of the Durham County Council, addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of the electors in the Roman Catholic Schools. Mr Murray secured the services of Mr Thomas Dunne, of Bishop Auckland, as Chairman, who was supported by the following gentlemen:—Councillor R. B. Annison, Sunderland, Mr Nathan Elsdon, Mr J. G. Murray, Mr E. Wylam, Mr J. Morgan, Mr Michael McNally, Mr Walton and Mr G. Heslop.

The CHAIRMAN, who, on rising, was greeted with loud applause, said: Since I came into the town to-night I have been told by some individuals that there is a certain amount of politics mixed up with this meeting, but I may tell you that, for my own part, I am not aware of anything of the sort. (Hear). I can assure you that I do not believe myself that there are any politics at all in the matter. We want you to use your vote, which you have got entirely in your hands, as you think proper. Again, some have been curious enough to ask why I have come all the way from Bishop Auckland to preside over this meeting? I may tell you that I am still a property-owner in Consett, still a ratepayer, and I still retain a vote in Consett. That is the reason why I came from Bishop Auckland. When you have got the franchise it is for you to look out for yourselves. Don't study the interests of Mr Murray. Don't study the interests of Mr Jenkins. Study your own interests. The Chairman then referred to the Dukes, Earls, and Lords, who had come to the front, and asked the ratepayers of England to return them as their representatives. Their motives he contended could not altogether be pure. He referred them to Lord Durham, the Marquis of Londonderry, and also the Earl of Ravensworth, and asked whether, if these gentlemen were returned as representatives, they would represent themselves or the people? They would represent capital. He wanted to let them see which way the tide was flowing. The question was between capital and labour. What interests did Mr Murray represent? Someone might say Mr Murray represents the liquor traffic! He quite admitted that, but he represented there own interests. He had known Mr Murray for 25 years, and he knew this much about him that when Mr Murray was called upon to do something for the poor, he was one of the foremost men amongst them to do all he could for them. (Applause.) It was his candid opinion that they would not put themselves into the hands—he would not say of the employers of labour, but of the servants of the employers of labour! who had to do what they were told. He gave them his honest opinion that the right man to represent them was Mr Murray. (Applause.) Mr Murray was an honest and straightforward man. It was not a question, he inferred, between different political views; but it was a question between the workmen and the employers (Loud applause).

Mr R. MURRAY, whose rising was greeted with much applause, then addressed the electors. He said he preferred to address them as "friends and nieghbours" instead of "ladies and gentlemen," because he was so well acquainted with the most of them, although, perhaps, they did not know all his history. He then proceeded to give a sketch of his life. He was born in 1839, and was just 12 months old when the Derwent Iron Company was formed. He came to Consett in 1845, being then only six years of age. Consett then was very small. There were only 39 houses in the whole of Conside and Knitsley and the population was 195. He could just remember that George Fortser came from the Bishopwearmouth Iron Works in 1846 to manage the Derwent Iron Company. In 1851 the population exceeded 2,000. In October, 1857, a great calamity overtook the northern part of England. He referred to the failure of the Northumberland and Durham District Bank, which bank the Iron Company had been identified with since the commencement. When the Bank unfortunately failed they owed them nearly one million pounds, the exact amount being £960,000. The business of Consett was then thrown all topsy-turvey. Mr Jonathan Priestman—(hear, hear)—and another gentleman afterwards formed a new company, taking over the liabilities of the old one. The Limited Liability Companies' Act then came into force, and they registered their company as such, calling it the "Consett and Derwent Iron Company." It soon closed, however, as the great debt which they had undertaken to pay off proved a gigantic incubus upon their progress, and they could not succeed. The most successful part of Consett was organised by Mr Jonathan Priestman—(loud applause)—a gentleman whom he thought had not received the credit which he deserved. Mr Priestman had been the salvation of Consett. (Hear). In 1864 a new company was again formed under Messrs Jonathan Priestman, David Dale, Henry Fenwick, J. Henderson, and others. Through the influence of the Court of Chancery, they had been released from a lot of their liabilities, and since that time it had proved very successful indeed. He would now, after giving them a short sketch of his life, come to the real business of the evening. The people who paid the rates had hitherto not been allowed to select proper persons to administer those rates, which they would be able to do now. (Hear, and a Voice: "Home Rule!") Mr Murray then told the audience how much was spent every year upon certain things, and which came from the ratepayers' pockets. He had no objection to the magistrates spending this money: but the Local Government Act was a step in the right direction, he thought. (Applause). The new Act required that each county should manage its own affairs. He next gave a summary of the duties of County Councils. He requested them to vote according to their consciences. The voting was by ballot, and therefore no one could possibly tell whom another person was voting for, unless they were informed by the voters themselves. Although he had often "put up" at elections of different kinds, he had never been the man to go amongst his neighbours and try and find out who they were voting for—(applause)—because he thought every man had a perfect right to use his vote according to the dictates of his conscience. (Hear). The County Councillors were not elected for the purpose of making, but simply administering the law. There were about 192 bridges in Durham which the County Council would have to maintain. The next he had to talk about, he was sorry to say, was rather personal, yet he felt bound to say something in vindication of his character. It was quite unnecessary, he thought, to remind them that he was first in the field, and had his address published before there were any signs of opposition. He first heard of an opponent when reading the report of a temperance meeting in this town, in which one of the speakers asked the people to withhold their promises as it would be very disgraceful to uphold one who was engaged in the liquor traffic. (Applause). They had a perfect right to their own opinions. He liked to deal fairly with everyone. He had teetotallers in his own service, and had employed them for years, and he had also had in his service men of all denominations of religion, and he defied anyone to stand out and say that he had ever sneered at any one of them on account of their religious opinions. (Applause). It was between a man and his conscience what his religion was. If a man was minded to be a teetotaller he had a perfect right to be so. (Hear). The address of his opponent commenced by telling them he was manager of the Consett Iron Works. All very well; but he asked were there not favours on both sides? What use would their furnaces, mills, and engines be to them if they had no bone and sinew to work them? The favours were on both sides. There were always two to a bargain; and the shareholders of the company had got bigger pay in many instances than the man who made the iron. Then his opponent said he had been a Magistrate and a Guardian of the Poor. He believed that he could point out a man, who, if he had been nominated as a candidate, could have beaten his opponent in spite of all his qualifications. He referred to Mr John Calvert, who, he was sorry to say, had taken a political view of the case. There was no politics at all to do with the question. (Voice: "There ought not to be.") Had they come to such a time, however, when every other body must retire in discomfiture because the Manager of the Consett Iron Works wanted to be put in? He hoped he had breathed Consett air too long to be put to flight, or made a coward by such a spirit! (Prolonged applause). He said. "Because Richard Murray is engaged in the liquor traffic I will oppose him in the interests of the temperance party." When did Mr Jenkins become a teetotaller? If Mr Jenkins was engaged in the liquor traffic, and ashamed of it, he was not. It was a very old trade. It was mentioned in the Bible. The good Samaritan took the man who had fallen amongst the thieves to a public-house. (Laughter). Mr Murray then read an extract from a *Consett Guardian* which was published a number of years ago, showing that Mr Jenkins in that year applied to the Lanchester Justices for a license for a public-house at Langley Park and that he obtained it. (Applause). As he said before, he admired religion in any shape; but he detested such *cant*. It was nothing more or less than downright hypocrisy! Because this William Jenkins applied for a license, got it, and has it yet, Richard Murray was everything that was bad because he did the same thing! (Laughter, and a Voice: "Will you shut your houses on the Sunday?")—Mr Murray: "If you wish me, yes."—(A Voice: "No, no."—Laughter). Mr Murray went on to say that he hoped the contest would be carried out in an orderly manner. He was very sorry that he had been compelled to make such personal remarks; but he considered that he was only doing a duty to himself, and moreover a duty to them. He had a perfect right to protect himself from any such like assertions. (Hear.) He would promise them that he would faithfully fulfil the duties imposed upon him to the best of his ability, and a busy man could generally get things done when a lazy man put them off till to-morrow. He would not represent any individual section, but he would represent Consett in its entirety if it should be their pleasure to elect him. (Loud applause.) If, on the other hand, they imagined that he would disgrace them or neglect his duties, he should say they would be the biggest fools on earth to send him as their representative. He had had a suggestion thrown out to him that night, which was: "Supposing a *bona-fide* man wished to represent a union or a body of working men, would he retire and leave the field open to him?" He said emphatically that if his opponent, Mr Jenkins, would retire, he would decidedly retire under such-like circumstances. (Loud applause.) But, so far as workmen were concerned, he might tell them that he had done as much manual labour as anyone in the room. (Hear.) The question had again been asked as to why he was in that school and not in the New Town Hall? He begged leave to tell them that it was for the purpose of saving as much expense as possible, because the expenses were limited, and it would not be very nice should he happen to be elected, to be afterwards told that he was disqualified from taking his seat because he had spent 6½d more than the prescribed sum. (Loud applause.)

A VOICE: I am very proud to know that you are going in for the colours of the working men.

Mr N. ELSDON proposed "That this meeting is of opinion that Mr Murray is a fit and proper person to represent the Consett Division of the Durham County Council," at the same time remarking it was very evident Mr Murray had some brains in his head, or he would never have risen to such a position as he was in that night.

Mr M. McNALLY seconded the resolution. He stated that Mr Murray was at his own disposal, whereas Mr Jenkins had not merely one master, but 150 masters, and he could not neglect his duties to go and represent the workmen. There was no doubt that Mr Jenkins was a great business man; but he wished them to understand that they could safely load a ship so far, and another ton would drown her. (Hear.) He had a great respect for Mr Jenkins; but he did not want the man to do anything more than he was able to do. Mr Murray was a large ratepayer in the district, and it would therefore be to his own interest to look after the interests of the ratepayers. He regarded it as absolute nonsense for a man to preach what he did not practice. Close the Langley Park house, Mr Jenkins; but until you do that it is all hypocricy.

Councillor R. B. ANNISON, Sunderland, supported the resolution. He said although the subject of the meeting was at the best only a dry one, it was nevertheless a very important one to the working men. (Hear.) He did not know Mr Jenkins personally, but he knew that he was the manager of the Consett Iron Company, and he would like them to remember as ratepayers that their interests were not always identical with the interests of a big Company. (A voice: "Very often.") Someone says "very often." He agreed with that. It was a very important thing to have a large company to give them employment, but it was also a very important thing for such a company to have men to do their work. He thought they had before them a man who had risen amongst them; a man who had made his money amongst them. (Applause.) He did not want to say anything disrespectful of Mr Jenkins. He had, however, the pleasure of reading one of his speeches in which he said: "It was not my intention to have asked the ratepayers of this district for their support, because I had not time." But there was a tail greater than the head in this case, and it was a small teetotal faction who persuaded Mr Jenkins to represent them against his own good sense. This tail that wagged the head, what was it? (Laughter.) It was a few busy-bodies who would prevent him and them from taking a glass of beer. They would rob Mr Murray of his money and smile at the deed. Had Mr Murray ever shown such one-sided views? Had he ever said to the Salvationists: "I cannot let you have my hall to worship in because you are not of my own views?" ("No.") Mr Murray, on the contrary, had said: "All denominations are welcome to my purse and to all I can do for you." He (the speaker) inferred that he was as big a teetotaller as Mr Jenkins. He had no objection to taking a glass of beer; but he objected to any man being drunk. He had no compunction in saying that there was a number of so-called religious people rallying round Mr Jenkins who would not have the least objection to taking from Mr Murray a £5 note for religious purposes, although that money was made out of the liquor traffic. (Applause.) In Mr Murray they had a candidate second to none. (Hear.) He congratulated the meeting upon its orderly character. He hoped they would have no bitterness in their hearts during the election, but that they would have a strong determination in them. The Consett Iron Company was no doubt a valuable and important institution in the district, but they had a great question before them, and that was to make big dividends. (Hear) He hoped, in conclusion, that the ratepayers would not be so foolish as to be dictated by a lot of busybodies who were determined to thrust upon every man their dogmatic principles. (Loud applause).

The CHAIRMAN then put the resolution, and only three persons opposed it. He congratulated Mr Murray upon the result, which was almost unanimous in his favour.

Mr MURRAY responded, and asked them to pass a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr WYLAM seconded, and it was carried amidst loud applause.

The CHAIRMAN thanked them for their expression of appreciation of his humble services, and hoped that everything in connection with the election would be carried out in an honourable manner.

Three cheers were next given for Mr Murray, which brought the enthusiastic meeting to a close.

MEETING AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Thursday se'nnight Mr James Annandale, J.P., candidate for the Benfieldside Division, addressed a large and influential meeting in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. The speaker was accompanied on the platform by Messrs J. Priestman, J.P., J. Lax, F. Priestman, W. Wheatley and J. Eltringham. Letters were read from Rev A. Baillit and Mr John Booth, expressing their sorrow at not being able to attend. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Priestman, J.P., who, in his opening remarks said that there had often been a discussion as to whether an English Member of Parliament was a delegate or a representative. Now, a delegate was one who went to a place to vote according to instructions he had received from those who had sent him; while a representative had to use his own judgment on questions, and vote as he thought right. In his opinion an M.P. should be partly a representative. If a gentleman was sent to Parliament to vote in some particular manner he would be a delegate, and if he changed his opinions of that subject, still he ought to vote according to his promise, and therefore he should resign his position in the House rather than vote against his promise. The position of an M.P., and that of a member of the County Council was similar in kind but less in degree. There were questions coming before Parliament on which they could send their member to vote in a particular way, but they did not yet know the exact duties of the County Council, and all the questions with which it would have to deal with, so what they wanted in the County Council was a person to whom they could safely trust the bulk of their local business. And as they did not know what would come forward, they wanted a man as their representative who would use his judgment, and in this case they would have to be more particular even than when sending a member to Parliament. In the first place, they wanted a man of experience. Now, he did not think that there was any one in that division who had had the same experience in that sort of work that would occupy the attention of the County Council as Mr Annandale. (Applause). Then another thing was that their money should not be wasted, and as Mr Annandale was well-known to be an economist, he would not be wasteful of the public money. (Applause). He thought that politics should not have anything to do with the election of County Councillors—Mr CARSS: Why not, Mr Chairman?—but while they should not, still he was afraid they would. In the business that would come before the County Council there might be questions having a political character, but, he thought, with regard to Mr Annandale, the strongest Conservative would consider him a revolutionary, and the strongest Liberal, a reactionary. Therefore he was very unlikely to have his judgment biassed in the Council. (Applause). Then they had to look also to the general character of the candidate they were going to choose to represent them, and if they did, he thought that they could trust Mr Annandale to do the best he could for them, to the very best of his judgment and ability. (Loud and continued applause). The Chairman then called upon

Mr ANNANDALE to address the meeting. He said he appeared before them that evening to ask their approval of his candidature for the County Council. He appeared before them simply as a ratepayer, and in that capacity alone. It was only when another gentleman, who was much more fitted for the post than he was, refused to come forward as a candidate, that he (the speaker) came forward and issued his address. There had been another gentlemen in the field, but he had now withdrawn. He was not there to say one word against Mr Siddell, who was his friend and the friend of all those present, and he only hoped that as Mr Siddell had retired from the contest, he would now throw his influence and power into the scale to ensure his (the speaker's) election. (Applause) If Mr Siddell had carried on the fight, there would not have been one drop of bad blood brought into it or caused by it, and he felt sure that they would all have been better friends at the end than at the beginning. (Applause.) If the electors elected him as their candidate he could only accept the honour on a platform free from every political, social, and religious bias. (Applause.) If elected as a member of the Council, his pride would be to represent his constituents faithfully and to the best of his ability, but not as an automaton to be wound up, nor as a Jack-in-the-box to be pulled here, there, and everywhere. (Laughter and applause.) His sphere in life was not that of an orator, but a man of the desk, and a person of few words. (Hear.) At present the business of the County was transacted by three different classes of Boards. Mr Annandale then spoke of the different work that would be done by the Council, and said that although a great deal of power was in this way taken from the magistrates, those personages had always done their work with economy and sterling honesty. (Applause, and a voice: "Question.") But the Act had made a change whereby those who paid the piper might have the pleasure of setting the tune. (Laughter.) The Act had been praised by many, and by others called a skeleton, but it seemed to him to be a rather robust kind of skeleton, and to have a lot of flesh and blood upon it. (Laughter.) It was what our American cousins would call a "big order." (Applause and laughter.) A great satirist and wit had said—

"A merciful providence has fashioned us hollow,
On purpose that we may our principles swallow."

(Laughter.) He asked them to judge from his past career if he was likely to take the chance of this merciful providence? If they thought he would they ought not to elect him, but if they did elect him he would conclude that they did not think he was desirous of availing himself of such an opportunity. If they returned him on the Council, he would endeavour to represent them faithfully and well. (Great applause.)

Mr H. CARSS asked if Mr Annandale would read section 20 of the Act, and give his opinion about it?

Mr ANNANDALE did so, but pointed out that the powers referred to were not yet granted to the County Councils.

Mr CARSS said that the order in Council would come by and by, as that was the intention of those who framed the Local Government Act. It was a very important matter indeed, especially to those who are advocating Local Option, to know what the candidate's opinion on the matter was. In his (Mr Carss's) opinion it was the Act in a nutshell. (Applause.) When these matters come before the Council, will the candidate use his best endeavours to restrict the number of public-houses? When the money derived from the licenses of these houses goes into the hands of the Council, there may be a desire on their part to extend the number of licenses in order to save the pockets of the ratepayers at the moral expense of the people. Then there were such things as tied houses, which were almost a disgrace. The persons who occupied these tied houses had to sell any sort of liquor that the owners of the houses chose to supply. The ratepayers had to keep the publicans paupers, and it was very important to them that some restriction should be put upon the houses. He thought the owners of the houses should be licensed, and not the house. Then came the question of choosing aldermen. It was in the power of the Council to choose the aldermen outside of the councillors, and thus a man whom the electors had rejected might get in in spite of the electors. He did not think this was just. So he would ask if the candidate would give a pledge that he would endeavour to choose the aldermen from among the councillors? (A voice: "Put him out.")

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is perfectly right for any man to ask the candidate what he will vote for, but it is not right to go into a discussion of the Act. (Applause)

Mr CARSS: But the candidate introduced the subject himself, and I am only replying.

The CHAIRMAN: We are not here to hear the views of everybody, but to gather the views of the candidate. (Applause.)

Mr CARSS: Mr Annandale has expressed his views on certain points, and——

The CHAIRMAN: You are at liberty to ask him his opinion on anything you like, but I think it would not be in order to go beyond that. (Applause.)

Mr CARSS: Then will Mr Annandale protest against the aldermen being chosen from outside the Council? I also protest against a meeting being called by ticket and post-card, and I hope Mr Annandale will call a public meeting by placard, and thus let everybody have a chance of attending.

Mr HARRISON (Mayor's Chambers): I believe it is a public meeting. At any rate it is not a hole-and-corner one. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr ANNANDALE, in reply to Mr CARSS, said that (1) no such inducement as Mr Carss spoke of would influence him to extend the number of public-houses. (Applause.) (2) As he wanted the aldermen to be head and shoulders above the County Councillors he would always vote for that man whom he thought was best fitted for the post. (Applause.) (3) He had been 25 years before the ratepayers of this district, and if they did not know him thoroughly by this time he would retire. (Loud applause.)

The CHAIRMAN then called upon Mr Lax to propose the resolution.

Mr LAX, who was received with applause, said that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to propose Mr Annandale as a fit and proper person—fit and proper in the best and most comprehensive sense of the terms—to represent the Benfieldside, including Ebchester, Division in the Durham County Council. Mr Annandale possessed the necessary qualifications, and he (Mr Lax) did not think it necessary that he should pay much. He thought that Mr Annandale must have anticipated the passing of the present Act, for his training has been such as to fit him for the post, and this would now furnish him with a fitting field for his talent. For the past 25 years Mr Annandale had been a member of the Benfieldside Local Board, and for the past 10 years had been chairman of it. (Applause.) He thought it showed the esteem in which his colleagues held him, when he told them that each time Mr Annandale had been elected chairman by a unanimous vote. (Applause.) Besides he was a magistrate, and had gathered information there which would be of great use to him when he went to the County Council. He was proud to feel that their candidate was going to the council, and thought it would be a graceful and very desirable thing to send him there without a contest. But if there should be a contest, he felt sure, though not a prophet, that Mr Annandale would head the poll by an enormous majority. (Applause.

Mr HARRISON: If you are not a prophet yourself, perhaps you are the son of one. (Laughter).

Mr JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM, who was received with applause, rose to second the motion, and said he felt exceedingly proud to have the honour of being asked to second the motion that Mr Lax had proposed. He thought the electors could not have chosen a better man for their candidate than Mr Annandale. (Applause). He (the speaker) had been a member of the Local Board for many years, and there he had had opportunities of seeing what Mr Annandale was worth as a chairman, and he must say that he thought he was one of the best men in the township of Benfieldside. After the exposition of the work to be done by the County Councillors that they had had that night, they might be sure that Mr Annandale had spent a considerable time over the study of the Act. He knew for a fact that it was not Mr Annandale's wish to come forward to represent the Benfieldside Division, but he was persuaded into it, as other gentlemen whom he (Mr Annandale) thought more fitted for the post, refused. He was not afraid about the return of Mr Annandale as the member for this Division, and thought he was the best man they could have got. (Applause). Some people thought that they were honouring a man by sending him to the Council at Durham, but he thought that the honour should be on the other side, for a man who went to Durham, and did their business without pay, was honouring them. He had been connected with Boards of different descriptions for many years, and there were some gentlemen who, when elected, thought they did their duty by attending two or three meetings out of 25 or 26; but Mr Annandale was not one of this sort—he attended to his duty faithfully and well. They had been asked about public meetings, but surely their candidate was well enough known in the district. He had issued his address previously, and therefore the electors knew what he intended to do, if elected, so that the holding of that meeting was to see if Mr Annandale's candidature met with the approval of the people. (Applause.) His name was so well-known to the electors of the Benfieldside division that the people would have been quite willing to do without a public meeting. And if there had been a contest, he felt sure that the people would be quite satisfied to vote for Mr Annandale without putting him to the expense of calling a public meeting. He (Mr Eltringham) had spent many an hour in studying the Act, but he could not have told them one-fourth of what had been told them by their candidate. The County Councils had the management of a large amount of money, and they wanted a man to represent them who could deal with figures. (Applause.)

Mr ROBINSON, in supporting the motion, said it afforded him very much pleasure to support the resolution that Mr Annandale should represent the Benfieldside division in the County Council. He had been informed that Mr Annandale was not a public speaker, but after the address they had heard that night from him, he thought that with a little more catechism—(laughter)—he would be perfect. (More laughter.) Mr Annandale had been connected for 25 years with every good work in their district, and this showed how interested he was in them, and that he was the right man to be their representative. (Applause.) He had not yet heard a man in the district say that Mr Annandale was not the best person they could send to the County Council, so he considered him virtually elected. (Cheers and laughter.) The people in this country had a super-abundance of law, but they often had to complain of its justice—(applause)—but although this was a new law, Mr Annandale seemed to grasp and understand it in all its details, and he had not the slightest doubt that when they sent him to the Council he would do his duty with credit to himself and credit and satisfaction to his constituency. (Applause.)

Mr F. PRIESTMAN, in supporting the resolution, said he had the good fortune—or mis-fortune (laughter)—to be on two Local Boards, and he had always been surprised at the management of the Benfieldside Local Board. He thought that they could not have found a more suitable person to represent them on the County Council. (Applause.)

Mr W RAW also supported the resolution, and said he knew that Mr Annandale would weigh his words before he spoke, and his action before he voted; and they ought to be thankful to him for being willing to spend his time in their interests. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN then put the resolution which was carried unanimously, Mr Carss abstaining from voting either way.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

MEETING AT IVESTON.

On Thursday se'nnight, Mr C D W Balleny, St Ebba's, addressed a meeting of the electors of the Leadgate and Medomsley division in the village school-room, Iveston. Mr J H Hudson, Castle Dene, was unanimously elected to the chair, and ably discharged a chairman's duties. The company present was not a large one, but all seemed to have only one aim in view,—viz: to return Mr Balleny at the election.

The CHAIRMAN felt proud to be allowed to preside over their first County Council meeting. The Iveston people all knew Mr Balleny to be a proper person to represent them on the Council. Some of those present, he believed, had known him from his infancy, and were bound to know that he had done a great deal for the village. (Hear.) He could not tell them what all the duties of the County Council were, but he firmly believed that the new Act would prove a blessing to the English people.

Mr C. D. W. BALLENY then arose amidst loud applause to address the meeting. He said it would perhaps be better if he explained at the outset what the Local Government Act of 1888 was. After doing that he would explain his reasons as to why he ventured to ask them for their support at the election. He said it had long been considered requisite and necessary that the people who provided the funds for the expenditure of the county, should have more direct control over those funds. (Hear.) The Government, recognising the fact, passed the Act which he had just referred to. It necessitated that a county should be divided into certain districts, and that each district should send a councillor to represent them. The magistrates had divided the Parliamentary division of North-West Durham into seven separate districts, one of them being the Leadgate Local Board district, which included Iveston and Medomsley. The business of the county had been managed by the magistrates from time immemorial; but a great change would take place on the 1st April, 1889, when a large number of the county affairs would pass into the hands of the County Council. The magistrates would, however, retain all their judicial functions, such as the trial of prisoners, &c. The speaker remarked upon the wisdom of having all the elections at about the same time, and showed that there would be any amount of time during the day of the election for working men to record their votes. He thought, moreover, that the Act would need to be amended before it was in proper working order. He then read over to his hearers the manifold duties of a County Council, and was at great pains to try and make them thoroughly understand the nature of the Act. He said someone—he did not know whom—had taken the liberty of saying that he (the speaker) was not legally qualified to act as their representative. He had, however, consulted his lawyer that very day upon the matter, and he assured him that he was in every respect qualified for the position. (Hear.)

A VOICE: Would you mind giving us your opinion, Mr Balleny, upon the Educational and Compensation questions?

Mr BALLENY said he did not think those were questions which concerned County Councils; but he did not mind telling them that he did not believe in the system of having your children educated at other people's expense. He thought it was an insult to respectable people; nor was he prepared to vote for Local Option. Although he firmly believed that there were instances in which a publican was entitled to a limited degree of compensation if his license was taken away from him at a time when he was conducting his house in a proper manner. (Applause).

Mr BARKER proposed a vote of confidence in Mr Balleny. This was seconded by Mr W ROBINSON, and carried in the usual manner.

Mr BALLENY responded, and afterwards moved a vote of thanks to the worthy chairman.

Mr SHEARER seconded, and it was passed.

MEETING AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Monday evening, Mr C. D. W. Balleny, of Ebchester, one of the candidates for the representation of the Leadgate division of the Council, addressed a meeting in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley. Rev W Cockin (vicar of Medomsley) presided, and amongst those present were:—Messrs John Hunter, R Moffitt, A Leath, W Robinson, J Hunter, T Calvert, J Calvert, J Thompson, J Minto, &c. There was only a limited attendance.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting, said he had great pleasure in coming there to support his friend, Mr Balleny, who would doubtless enlighten them with regard to the new County Councils.

Mr BALLENY said his speech would to a great extent be a repetition of what he had said at Croniwell and Iveston. He went on to enumerate the duties, &c., of the County Councils at great length. Mr Balleny said he did not want to boast, but would mention some of the reasons why he considered himself a fit person to represent them. He had been a Poor Law Guardian for some time, and manager of Iveston and Ebchester schools. He had also held numerous other public offices, and if elected would do his utmost to represent them in a manner to meet with their approbation. (Applause.)

Mr J CALVERT (Medomsley) put a number of questions to Mr Balleny on behalf of the "Sons of Temperance" Society, respecting Local Option, &c.

Mr BALLENY, in reply, said he did not entirely agree with Local Option, although he was strongly opposed to excessive drinking. With regard to granting compensation to publicans for the loss of their licenses, he certainly thought they should receive some little remuneration, providing their houses had been respectably and lawfully conducted. (Hear.)

Mr R MOFFITT proposed the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of this meeting Mr Balleny is a fit and proper person to represent this division on the County Council."

Mr A LEATH seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr BALLENY returned thanks, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

MEETINGS IN UPPER WEARDALE.

Major Scott Jervis, of Stanhope Castle and Crawley Hall, held meetings for the furtherance of his candidature as representative of Stanhope parish on the County Council, in Upper Weardale, on Saturday, at Lanehead, Wearhead and Westgate. At Lanehead the meeting was held in the Board School. Mr Thos. Fairless presided, a good company being present. At the close of the meeting a show of hands was requested of those in favour of Major Jervis, when a large majority was held up in his favour.—At Wearhead the meeting was held in Barrington School-room. Mr O. Monkhouse in the chair. There was a large attendance. On a show of hands for Major Jarvis as their candidate, only one voted against him.—At Westgate the meeting took place first in the Barrington School, which soon became too small, so that it was adjourned to the Board Schools. Rev J. Schofield presided. Major Jervis delivered a capital speech, and was well received, as he was at all the places. He gave an interesting *resume* of the Act and proffered his reasons why an independent man should be elected in preference to a professional gentleman. On a vote of confidence being put to the meeting only three voted against him.—The election will take place on January 24th.

COLLIERLEY DIVISION.

Mr Hobson of Harperley Mills, in reply to an influential requisition, has declined to be nominated for the Collierley district. He pleads advancing years, being in his 66th year, and declining health. His private business and public appointments, consisting of a membership of the Board of Guardians, Lanchester, and several committees in connection therewith, and the fact that he is waywarden and member of the School Board for Kyo, also prevent him coming forward. It was with real regret, he assured the deputation, that he could not meet their wishes.

MEETING AT HAMSTEELS.

A meeting of the electors was held in the National School-room, lent for the occasion, in support of Mr Ernest Forster, working men's candidate for the Esh Division of the Durham County Council. Rev F. G. Wesley (vicar) presided, and there was a good attendance of workmen. Mr Wesley said that it gave him great pleasure to be present with them, as he liked to encourage freedom of speech; and since they had now the privilege of voting under the new Act, he thought they should fully discuss the matter, as it would require their discretion.—Mr Forster said he appealed to the electorate in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1888, as they would shortly have to appoint a member to represent them on the County Council, whose duties were various and important, and greatly affecting their interests. He came forward and offered himself as a candidate, hoping they would give him their support. He had lived among them for years, and he thought he was well-known in the district. He had laboured with them, and at all times done what he could to protect their interests so far as their labour was concerned. (Applause.) It would be, were he elected, his constant endeavour to serve their interests in common with his own. (Applause.) He should give especial attention to the rates, as he thought they were not rated equivalent with the rich. Also the adulteration of articles of food would receive special attention. (Applause.)—Mr T. McDonald moved, and Mr W. Shaw seconded, the following resolution:—"That Mr E. Forster is a fit and proper person to represent us on the County Council, and we pledge ourselves to give him our support," which was carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

TOW LAW AND WOLSINGHAM.

At the regular meeting of the Tow Law Local Board last week—Mr Joseph Ridley (chairman) presiding—the Clerk (Mr E. Milburn) read a lengthy petition which he had prepared, as directed at the last meeting, objecting to the change of the name of the county electoral division by the justices assembled at the last Quarter Sessions at Durham, from Tow Law to Wolsingham. The principal arguments embodied in the memorial were that Tow Law comprised three-fourths of the population in the Division, and that its affairs had been conducted by a Local Board for over 20 years. The document had been forwarded to Sir J. W. Pease M.P., who had sent it to the Local Government Board. Their Lordships replied to the effect that they had no power to interfere in the matter.—Mr W. Atkinson contended that it was an important question, and he moved that the Board protest against the changing of the name to the magistrates at the forthcoming Quarter Sessions.—This was seconded by Dr Wild, and carried without opposition, although Mr W. Ridley said it was immaterial whichever way the division was designated.—A requisition signed by a number of tradespeople and others, was forwarded to the Chairman of the Board, asking him to convene a town's meeting, for the purpose of choosing a gentleman qualified to represent the division on the County Council.—It was mentioned that Mr T. E. Fenwick had been selected by the ratepayers of Wolsingham; and as the Chairman (Mr Jos. Ridley) promised to offer himself as a candidate, if it was the wish of the public, it was decided that the Board should not convene a public meeting, but the Clerk will communicate with the memorialists, informing them that the overseers or themselves can call such a meeting.—Rev G. P. Wilkinson, of Harperley Park, has issued his address as a candidate for the representation of the Division; while it is expected that Mr G. R. Wooler, solicitor, Wolsingham, will be a probable candidate.

A public meeting, largely attended, of householders in the Wolsingham and Tow Law Division took place in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, on Tuesday night, to discuss matters in connection with the County Council. Five gentlemen are before the ratepayers as conditional and unconditional candidates to represent the Division, viz: Rev G. P. Wilkinson, Harperley Park; Messrs Fenwick and Wooler, Wolsingham; and Messrs Ridley and Wild, Tow Law.—After a lengthy and spirited discussion, the meeting refused to vote for any of the candidates until they had explained their views, which they are to be asked to do at a public meeting on Saturday first.

STANHOPE DIVISION.

County Council matters are moving in Stanhope. Dr Livingstone has issued his address.

MEETING AT LANGLEY PARK.

A requisition meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, in the British Schools, Langley Park, in support of Mr E. Forster's candidature for the County Council of Esh Division. Mr W. Logan took the chair. The spacious school-room was crowded with ratepayers.—Mr E. Forster met with a most enthusiastic reception. On rising, he said that he sought their suffrages on the ground that he was utterly opposed to class representation and class legislation. He, therefore, called upon all workmen to combine and mutually help him as a labour candidate. He thought they would recognise the grand principle of Government, which would be in future what the electors choosed to make it.—A resolution, "That Mr E. Forster was a fit and proper person to represent them on the County Council," was carried almost unanimously.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday in last week—Mr T. Robson in the chair. Also present:—Mr H. W. Kerrich-Walker, J.P., Rev W. W. Phillipson, Messrs G. Ridley, J. Crawford, Edward Nicholson, R. Darling, J. Snowball, W. Gascoigne, Geo. E. Steele, J. T. Anderson, P. Hay, J. Humble, T. Wilson, J. C. Potts, J. Cook, J. Hodgson, W. Robson, J. Lisle, T. Langton, Jos. Witherspoon, J. Chrystal, and the Clerk (Mr R. Dickinson).

SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

A letter from Mr James Joicey, M.P., was read, stating that he had presented the petition of the Guardians in support of the Sunday Closing Bill.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The CHAIRMAN said that in accordance with notice given at the last meeting, it would be necessary for the Guardians to appoint two Inquiry Officers. Their Relieving Officers (Messrs Armstrong and Turnbull) whose engagement expired at Christmas, had discharged the duties of inquiry officers in an efficient and a satisfactory manner.

Mr HODGSON moved, Rev W. W. PHILLIPSON seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Messrs Armstrong and Turnbull be re-appointed as Inquiry Officers.

The School Attendance Committee recommended the re-appointment of Mr William Parkin, whose term also expired at Christmas, as attendance officer. Mr Parkin had performed his duties in a satisfactory way.

On the motion of Mr NICHOLSON, seconded by Mr SNOWBALL, the recommendation of the committee was adopted, and Mr Parkin was re-appointed.

RELIEF STATISTICS.

Mr J. Armstrong, relieving officer for Chester-le-Street sub-district, reported that he had expended for out-door relief, during the fortnight amounting to £62 7s 4d.

Mr R. Turnbull reported that he had during the same time, and for the same purpose, disbursed, in the Harraton sub-district, £59 14s 10d.

Cheques for the amount were ordered to be signed accordingly.

MASTER'S JOURNAL.

The Master (Mr Aikman) reported that the number of inmates in the House that day was 123, as against 148 at the same date last year, shewing a decrease of 25. During the fortnight 119 vagrants had been relieved, as compared with 174 during the corresponding period last year, shewing a decrease of 55. They had two pigs fit for slaughter; what was to be done with them?

In reply to the CHAIRMAN, the Master said they had recently killed two pigs for the House, and they could do with more bacon.

Mr HAY thought the best thing to do with the pigs was to send them to the mart, and sell them for what they would bring. They did not need so much bacon in the House; it could not be consumed fairly.

The CHAIRMAN stated that they had tried selling their fat pigs before; but the Guardians in their discretion—and he thought very wisely—decided to kill the pigs and consume the bacon upon the premises. It was certainly more economical than buying bacon.

Mr SNOWBALL moved that the pigs be slaughtered and the bacon used in the House. Several Guardians seconded.

Mr HAY said he would not move an amendment.

The Master asked: Would the Guardians allow the inmates their Christmas dinner, as usual?

The CHAIRMAN: There could only be one answer to that. The Guardians would only be too glad.

Agreed *nem con* and without being put.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

DAISY HILL WATER SUPPLY: A MEMBER CENSURED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board which stated that their Lordships had received a letter from Mr Todd, on behalf of the inhabitants of Daisy Hill, Edmondsley, respecting the water supply at that place; also a copy of a petition signed by 244 inhabitants, which had been presented to the Sanitary Authorities. Their Lordships wished to know what steps the Authority were taking in the matter? Two letters on the same subject from Daisy Hill were also read. One complaining of the inferior quality and deficient supply of water, and the other drawing the attention of the Authority to the fact that Mr Balfour C.E. had not surveyed the district, as recommended and directed by the Authority a month previously, and as wished by the inhabitants of the district.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the Edmondsley letters were very courteous.

The Clerk explained that as he had not received Mr Balfour's report, he had telegraphed to him that morning, and had received a reply from Mr Balfour, jun. stating that his father was unwell, and unable to make the survey.

Mr HAY: The best thing that they could do would be to appoint a committee and investigate the matter for themselves; they had been deceived long enough about the water supply. He then proceeded to deal at considerable length with the manner in which water was supplied to the village of Edmondsley and Daisy Hill, and urged a formation of a committee, and the desirability of having a Government Inspection to make an inquiry into the matter. He might also tell the authority that he was responsible for the action the inhabitants had taking in writing to the Local Government Board. He had advised them to adopt that course. (Sensation.)

The CHAIRMAN: They would all remember that a month previously a deputation from Daisy Hill waited upon the Authority, and stated their case fully. After a consideration of the matter the whole of the members present on that occasion, and Mr Hay was one, agreed to the adoption of a certain course, which was that Mr Pattinson should analyse the water, and that Mr Balfour was to survey the district and report thereon. They had had Mr Pattinson's analysis, which were considered very satisfactory, and they had heard that Mr Balfour was unable, owing to indisposition, to complete his survey; and yet they were asked to depart from a course unanimously adopted, before that course had been completed. He considered the Authority would stultify itself if it adopted any such suggestion. They would excuse him, as Chairman, for saying so, but he considered that for any member of the Authority to take any outside action in respect of any matter under the consideration of the Authority was, to say the least of it, not in very good taste. (Hear.)

Mr HODGSON said that in the course of his remarks Mr Hay had made some statements which he thought he was entitled to reply to.

The CHAIRMAN: It would be better not.

Mr HODGSON urged that he had a right to correct the statements made by Mr Hay.

Mr HAY claimed the right of replying to Mr Hodgson if that gentleman allowed to speak.

The CHAIRMAN: It would be better to allow the matter to stand over until they had Mr Balfour's report; that would enable them to go fully into the whole question. He could not allow further discussion on the matter there; no good could come of it, if the Authority meant to carry out their original plan.

Mr HODGSON: Very good sir. He hoped, however, to have further opportunity of correcting Mr Hay's statements.

The subject then dropped.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY OFFICERS.

The CHAIRMAN said that pursuant to the notice he gave at the last meeting, it would be the duty of the Authority to proceed to the appointment of a medical Officer of Health, and a Sanitary Inspector in the places of Dr Duncan and Mr Thomas Barras, their engagements terminating at Christmas. Both officers had discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the Authority. He thought they could not do better than re-appoint them. Dr Duncan's appointment would be for one year only.

Rev W W PHILLIPSON moved, Mr G E STEELE seconded, and it was resolved unanimously that Dr Duncan be re-appointed as Medical Officer of Health for one year.

The CHAIRMAN: With respect to the Sanitary Inspector he might say that Mr Barras, who had served them for 15 years, was a most painstaking officer; he had shown neither fear nor favour, nor had he spared anybody's feelings in the discharge of his duties. They were recommended to re-appoint him for three years, as had been the custom hitherto.

Mr HAY: Was it not possible, and also advisable, to curtail Mr Barrass's appointment to one year instead of three? There might be some changes made in the meantime by the division of the districts by the County Council.

The CHAIRMAN did not anticipate any material changes that would effect the appointment if made for three years. They had previously made the appointment in the same way, and it had worked very satisfactory. One year was a very short time—too short—for an appointment of that sort.

Mr WILSON said he thought there were some nuisances that Mr Barras might look a little more after; he attended, of course, to his own district. The sewage pipes there were neglected in the matter of regular shindy.

The CHAIRMAN had not heard of that before; it was however a very proper thing for Mr Wilson to mention, and he would take care that it was brought to Mr Barras' notice.

Mr STEELE moved that Mr Barras be re-appointed Sanitary Inspector for the ensuing three years, from Christmas.

Rev W. W. PHILLIPSON seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ANDREW'S HOUSE WATER SUPPLY.

A communication from Mr Lambert, Clerk to the Whickham Local Board, was read asking the committee of the Authority, appointed for the purpose, to meet the committee of the Whickham Local Board at Newcastle, on Saturday, to further consider the question of the joint scheme of supplying Andrew's House, Marley Hill, and Causey Rows with water. Mr Lambert had also enclosed a letter he had received from the Consett Water Company, respecting the matter, in which it was stated that the Water Company could not continue to supply the district directly through the pipes; but would on certain conditions supply by meter at Crookgate at the rate of 1s per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum payment of £42 per annum; the local authorities to defray the cost of laying down the pipes.

The matter was then referred to the joint committee.

USWORTH WATTER SUPPLY.

Mr LISLE drew attention to the scarcity of water at Usworth. They were worse off than the Edmondsley people appeared to be. There was a great deal of trouble there for want of water.

Mr WILSON: There were five taps for the whole of the colliery.

The CHAIRMAN: They must make up their minds on that occasion to deal with the question—that important question. Everything that could be, had been done, to bring about a satisfactory arrangement between the owners of the colliery and the workmen. If those negotiations failed, then the Authority must step in, and deal with the matter. (Hear.) He for one felt himself pledged to that course. (Hear.) He was most anxious that not only Usworth, but every place within their boundary should be properly attended to. (Hear). There could be no doubt about it, they must take the bull by the horns. (Applause.)

The matter was then referred to the Usworth committee to be reported upon at the next meeting.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Dr Duncan, Medical Officer of Health, reported that during the fortnight, 34 deaths and 46 births had been registered; giving a death-rate of 18·1, and a birth-rate of 24·4 per 1,000. The epidemic of scarlet fever was dying out at Chester Moor. He had heard of scarlet fever at Birtley; but on visiting the place was informed by Dr Wilson that he had not attended any cases, but had seen a number of cases of infectious sore throats. The health of the district was good.

Cricket.

A meeting of the Northumbrian touring cricket team was held in the Alexandra Hotel, Newcastle, on Wednesday se'nnight. The chair was occupied by Mr Ernest E. Robinson, and Mr W. A. Leadbitter took the vice-chair.—The Chairman read over a list of the fixtures for next season, which included matches with Northumberland, at Heaton; South Northumberland, at Gosforth; and Ripon, Otley, Bradford, Halifax, and Harrogate, in Yorkshire. The team will be captained by Mr W. A. Leadbitter, of Consett and District Cricket Club, and will be chosen from Messrs Leadbitter (Consett and District), — Robinson (Newcastle Club), A. S. Godfrey, (Consett and District), J. Thompson (North Durham), C. Sharpe (North Durham), Anderson (Wallsend), Elliott (Wallsend), Thos. Jameson (Consett and District), I. Richards (Consett and District), W. Farmer (Tynemouth), G. Simpson (South Northumberland), A. W. Welch (Stockton), Bousfield (Durham City and Bishop Auckland), and Wm. Turnbull (Consett and District). Mr Ramsay has kindly consented to act as umpire for the team during the tour in Yorkshire, while Mr R. Heymer is going as scorer if he is at liberty.

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BLACKHILL. 538

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NOTICE.

THE FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE & DISTRICT 370th STARR BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

THERE will be no Subscriptions taken on Tuesday, 25th December, 1888, and Tuesday, 1st January, 1889, being Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. If paid on Tuesday, 8th January, no Fines will be charged for those two weeks.

By order,
R. JACKSON, Chairman.
537 J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL, BLACKHILL.

A NIGHT WITH THE YOUNG FOLKS.

THE Superintendent and Teachers of the above School beg leave to announce to the Parents and Public generally that they intend holding a MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENT by the Children and Teachers, in the Agricultural Hall, Blackhill, on Saturday, 22nd of December, 1888, Chair to be taken by the Rev. T. J. STOREY, M.A., Vicar. Doors to be open at 7; to commence at 7·30 prompt. Proceeds for Sunday School Building Fund. Admission, 1s., and 6d.; Children, Half-price. 539

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1888,

THE

REV. G. TALALUN NEWTON,

Of Newcastle, will (D.V.) Preach in the above place.

Service in the Afternoon at 3 and Evening at 7. Collections towards the Liquidation of the Chapel Debt.

A STALL for the SALE of USEFUL and ORNAMENTAL GOODS will be opened at One o'clock by MR JOSHUA LAX, Shotley Bridge. The REV. G. T. NEWTON and the Circuit Ministers are expected to take part in the Ceremony.

PLAIN TEA and REFRESHMENTS from Four until Ten p.m., 6d each, with Ham, 9d. Vocal and Instrumental Music at Intervals. 501

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

LEADGATE AND MEDOMSLEY DIVISION.

MR. C. D. W. BALLENY will ADDRESS THE ELECTORS in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, on Monday Evening Next, at 8 o'clock.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

LANCHESTER DIVISION.

A PUBLIC MEETING, in support of the Candidature of MR GEORGE G. TAYLOR SMITH, for this Division, will be held in the School-room, on Monday, December 17th, 1888, when the Candidate will explain his views with respect to the Local Government Act, and MR JOHN ORR and other Gentlemen will Address the Meeting. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock in the Evening. 555

SALVATION MEETINGS.

UNITED EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS will be held in the CO-OPERATIVE HALL, CONSETT, commencing on Sunday, January 20th, 1889, to be conducted by the REV THOMAS WHITEHOUSE, the founder of the original "Hallelujah Band," when the Ministers and Members of the various Churches in the district will take part in the Services. 547

Public Notices.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!!!

LOOK OUT for the Grand DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT given by the Children of St. Mary's Schools, Blackhill, on Friday, December 28th, and Monday, December 31st. Fairies, Gipsies, and Robbers in splendid style. 545

I, HENDERSON NATTRASS, of Castleside, hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts my wife, PHILLIS NATTRASS, may contract after this date.—December 13th, 1888.

NOTICE.—WILLIAM BOWMAN, South Moor, will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts contracted by his Wife, FRANCES BOWMAN, after this date. 561

NOTICE.

I.U.O. MECHANICS.—DERWENT VALLEY LODGE.

ALL MEMBERS are requested to meet at the Lodge Room, on Saturday First, December 15th, 1888, at 2·15, to attend the Funeral of Bro. THOMAS WHORRALL. *Cortege* leaves the residence at Three o'clock. 552

W. WATSON, Secretary.

A GRAND MAGIC LANTERN ENTERTAINMENT, illustrative of Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress," will be given in the Consett Primitive Methodist Sunday-school, on Monday Night, December 17th, 1888. Musical Selections, Connective Readings. Admission — Adults, 3d; Children, 1d; a few Front Seats, 6d. 557

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THE NEXT TERM begins January 29th, 1888. For Prospectuses and particulars apply to

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MEDOMSLEY DEBATING AND MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

IN connection with this Society a LECTURE will be given in the National School, Medomsley, on Tuesday, December 18th, 1888, by Rev. GEO. H. ROSS-LEWIN, M.A., Vicar of Benfieldside. Subject—"St. Cuthbert: his Life and Times." Chair to be taken at 7-30. Admission Free. All are invited to attend. 540

LEADGATE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.

THE LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHOIR will give their ANNUAL SERVICE OF PRAISE in the above Chapel, on Christmas Day, December 25th, 1888, when Solos, Duets, Choruses, &c., by the following Composers will be sung—Handel, Spohr, Peregolesi, and others. For particulars see Programmes. Organist, Mr. J. W. HEDLEY; Conductor, Mr. J. DAVISON. Mr. E. B. FOSTER will Preside. Doors open at Half-past Six; to commence at Seven o'clock p.m. Admission—Reserved Seats, 1s.; Unreserved Seats, 6d. Tickets may be had from the Members of the Choir and at the door.

ST. IVES INFANT SCHOOL, LEADGATE.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE Office of Compline will be Sung at 8·30 p.m., after this the Children of the Church of England Temperance Society will Act "THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST."

Scene 1—The Legend of the Cherry Tree.
Scene 2—Shepherds in the fields Abiding.
Scene 3—The Stable.
Scene 4—Herod's Hall.
Scene 5—The Visit of the Magi.
Scene 6—The Seven Champions of Christendom.

TICKETS—Price 3d, from the Secretary C.E.T.S. No money taken at the door. The audience will be requested to remain very quiet, and make no demonstration of any kind. 548

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1888.

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CORN FLOUR	at 3d ,,
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PURE LARD	6d ,,
PRIME HAMS	6½d ,,
1lb TINS MILK	4½d each
NUTS (real Barcelonas)	2½d per lb
MATCHES	1½d per doz
CARR'S SCOTCH OATEN ...	7½d per packet
LEMON PEEL (finest thin) ...	4½d per lb
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SPLENDID RAISINS	3d ,,
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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE.—A MEETING of the COMMITTEE and SUPPORTERS of Mr. WILLIAM JENKINS, J.P., who is a Candidate for the Consett Division of the Durham County Council, will be held in the Smaller Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, and every Wednesday Evening until further Notice.

Full particulars may be had from Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. 531

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COLLIERLEY DIVISION, embracing the Townships of Collierley, Greencroft and Kyo.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

At the request of a large number of friends I have been induced to offer myself as a candidate for the representation of the Division in the County Council shortly to be elected.

I am now an old inhabitant and ratepayer in this Division,—for many years taking an active interest in its affairs, and as a member of the School Board and Poor Law Guardians I have enjoyed your suffrage for many years past, and am, therefore, not only well known to you, but one whose interests are identical with yours as ratepayers.

On these grounds, therefore, I venture to ask your generous support and honour to be your first representative.

In the carrying out of the various functions connected with the Board relating to Main Roads, Sanitary Improvements, Allotments Act, Industrial Schools, &c., my constant aim shall be the greatest good to the greatest number at the smallest cost combined with efficiency.

Hoping that my views and aims will meet with your approval, and merit a favourable verdict, and thus show by consistent and faithful discharge of the duties as your representative, you have put "the right man in the right place."

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Faithfully yours,
J. A. CURRY

Bradley Lodge, Dipton, Nov. 1st, 1888.

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, December 17th, 1888.—New Town Hall Buildings, Consett.—To Drapers, Grocers, and others. Sale of Superior Shop Fixtures.

MESSRS. A. AND R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Messrs BAIN and Co., who are declining Business, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises, under the New Town Hall, on Monday, December 17th, 1888, the whole of the Superior SHOP FIXTURES and GAS-FITTINGS, including—Counters, with Polished Pine Tops; Pedestal Desk, with 9 Drawers; 2 Dozen 12-inch Brass Window Side Brackets, with Sockets; Iron Window Rods and Suspenders; 18 Hat Stands; 4 Cane Chairs; Smoking Chair, together with the whole of the very Superior Gas-Fittings, &c. 530

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock p.m.

Date not yet Fixed.—Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture belonging to a Gentleman leaving the neighbourhood.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on an early date, the whole of the Superior Household FURNITURE, belonging to a Gentleman leaving the neighbourhood.

FOR SALE, EIGHTY-SEVEN SHARES in the Consett New Town Hall Company, Limited. Also, Shotley Bridge Starr-Bowkett BUILDING SOCIETY SHARES.—Apply, A. BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

☞ CHRISTMAS SHOW.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL PRIZE EXHIBITION of FAT CATTLE and SHEEP, and SALE in connection with the same, will be held at the above Mart on Monday, December 17th, 1888, when the following Prizes will be offered for competition:—

Class.	1st Prize. £ s.	2nd Prize. £ s.
1—For the best Fat Heifer	3 0	1 10
2—For the best Fat Steer	3 0	1 10
3—For the best Fat Cow...	3 0	1 10
4—For the best Fat Bull (open class) ...	2 0	1 0
5—Champion Prize (open class) for the best Fat Beast (any class), presented by the Licensed Victuallers of Tow Law	3 0	1 10
6—For the best pen of Five Fat Sheep, Leicester or Cross-breds ...	1 0	0 10
7—For the best Pen of Five Fat Shearlings, Leicester or Cross-breds ...	1 0	0 10
8—For the best Pen of Five Fat Hoggs, Leicester or Cross-breds ...	1 0	0 10
9—For the best Pen of Five Fat Black-faced Wethers...	1 0	0 10
10—For the best Pen of Five Fat Black-faced Ewes	1 0	0 10

CONDITIONS.

1.—All Stock, entered for Prize Competition, must be sold to the highest bidder, Without Reserve.
2.—Classes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, to be the *bona-fide* property of the Exhibitor two months previous to the Show.
3.—Competitors to have been patrons of the Mart during the last twelve months, classes 4 and 5 excepted.
4.—All disputes to be decided by the Committee, without legal or other appeal, within one month after the Show.
5.—All entries for Prize Competition to be sent to the Secretary not later than Monday, Dec. 10th.
6.—Entrance fee for Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 4s entry; Class 5, 5s each entry; Classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2s each entry.
7.—All Stock to be in the Show Yard by 9 o'clock, a.m. Judging at 9-30 o'clock. Sale at 12 o'clock.
8.—Admission to the Show Yard, by Catalogue, 6d each.
9.—Stock, not intended for Prize Competition, may be entered until Wednesday, Dec. 12th.

JOSEPH VICKERS, AUCTIONEER.
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By Mr. James Turnbull.

Belle Vue, Dipton.
Sale of Substantial Household Furniture and Furnishings.

MR JAMES TURNBULL, having received instructions from Mr WILLIAM SMITH, Spirit Merchant, who is declining business, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, December 19th, 1888, at Twelve o'clock, the whole of his Substantial Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising Handsome Mahogany Chippendale Sideboard, with Shaped Front, 6 Fluted Legs on Claw Feet, 6 feet long; Mahogany Round Centre Table; 2 Small Mahogany Bookcases; Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Card and Chess Tables; Mahogany Hair and Spring-seated Sofa; Mahogany Hair-seated Couch; 6 Hair-seated Chairs; 2 Mahogany Hair-seated Easy Chairs; Mahogany Arm Chair; Arm Chair, in Leather; Inlaid Corner What-Not; 2 Painted Dressing Tables and Washstands; Bedroom and Kitchen Chairs; Folding Arm Chair; Polished Cheffioneer; Desk Bed; Painted Chest of Drawers; Handsome Gilt Timepiece, under Glass Shade; Walnut Eight Days' Clock (inlaid); Metal, Brass, and other Fenders; 3 sets of Steel Fire Irons; Radiating and other Ash Pans; 2 Feather Beds; Bolsters and Pillows; Iron Half-Tester Bedstead; Painted Press Bedstead; Mahogany Dressing Glass; Gilt Mantel Mirror; number of Pictures, in Gilt Frames; Oleographs and others; quantity of good Oil Cloth; 18½ yards of good Tapestry Carpet; Felts and other Carpeting; Hearth Rugs; Red Damask Window and Bed Hangings; Mahogany Cornice Poles and Rings, with 2 pair of White Shades; large Velvet Pile Table Cloth; Kitchen Tables; Flour Bin; Portable Washstand; Horn Hat Rack; Window Blinds and Rollers, &c.

PLATED GOODS AND GLASS:

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A quantity of Quarry and Walling Tools, Old Brass, &c. Also the Gas Fittings, and a 3-Light Dry Gas Meter. 554

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Town Hall, Catchgate.—Friday, December 21st, 1888.

MR GEORGE R. HOBSON will hold his Annual GEESE SALE in the Town Hall, Catchgate, on Friday, December 21st, 1888.

Sale at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

By Mr. John Crawford.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at an early date, the late Mrs. REED'S Valuable Household Furniture.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John S. Murray.

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CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF FAT CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, VEAL CALVES, &c.

£30 GIVEN IN PRIZES.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1888

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150 to 200 Prime Fat Sheep, including several lots of Prime Scotch Wedders, 3 and 4 years old, specially Fed for this occasion.
A number of Prime Veal Calves.
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10 Fat Geese.
Also expected forward 15 to 20 Calving Cows.
Set of Spring Cart Harness, new Saddle, Horse Rug, and Quarter Sheets, &c.

The quality of the Fat Stock entered for this Sale are all, without exception, really good, and many of those for competition would grace any Prize Show. Stock are, among others, entered from the following well-known local feeders:—W. B Van Haansbergen, Esq., Mr James Anderson, the Derwent Co-operative Store Farm, John Annandale and Sons, John Hunter, J. Allison, William Thompson, Hepple, Teasdale, Bushby, T. R. Dolphin, Shearlock, Potts, Cowen, Pattison, Sanderson, and others.

Judging at 11. Sale at 12.

J. S. MURRAY.

An ordinary will be provided at 12 o'clock. 569

NOTICE.—The next SALE at the MART will be held on SATURDAY, DEC. 22ND, on account of Newcastle Market being held on Monday, Dec. 24th.

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GET A ONE SHILLING BOTTLE TO-DAY.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

DUTY EXCEEDED.—"Obsta Principus" writes complaining of the unhuman conduct of a police officer on Saturday evening last towards an unoffending man who was rather drunk, and who was severely struck by the police officer.

"ONE WHO KNOWS" questions the statements made by us in forwarding the candidature of a gentleman for the County Council. His letter, however, is too personal for publication.

J. T. L.—We have no space to insert your letter respecting the late fight near Little Greencroft. Our reporter was supplied with the information which we gave last week by those who ought to know, and he was assured it was a prize-fight. There was a fight, however, and we regret to learn from your letter that such was forced upon Lezenby by his opponent.

FOOTBALL MATCH.—TANFIELD LEA v TOW LAW. We have received several letters in reference to our report of this match, and the writers aver that such report was incorrect in almost every particular. We are sorry we have not room to insert these letters.

Several letters from Tow Law relating to the the Mechanic's Institute and the Salvation Army are crowded out this week.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1888.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

AN OMINOUS PROPOSAL.

To the Chairman of the Consett Local Board belongs the credit of having introduced something that is really fresh in a very stale subject. I don't know how the joint Boards of Consett and Benfieldside may take it, but things have surely come to a turning point when they have been told to give back the land, to render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and to the Consett Iron Company the grounds which was given in trust for a specific object. It is evident that the Chairman of the Board feels the situation keenly, and the Boards cannot do better than wash their hands of a bad bargain, for such to them it has unquestionably proved. Without upbraiding either the one Board or the other, the fact is so palpable that it were sheer folly to attempt to gloss it over—that neither of the bodies named can render a very attractive account of their stewardship. Well may Mr Jenkins say that the question is not a public one. Had it been so the local authorities would have been called to order many months ago; but as matters stand they may cavil until Doomsday, for the fact has gradually been forced upon the people that the members of the Local Boards will do absolutely nothing in the way of providing a Public Park for the town and district.

STANDS CONSETT WHERE IT STOOD?

I have frequently had occasion to speak of the high moral tone characteristic of the inhabitants of Consett and district, but events have transpired of late that have marred the fair picture which I had long cherished. Witness the reception last week by the Consett Local Board of the petition in favour of closing public-houses on Sunday. What a falling-off was there! The favourite *ruse* of letting the hated document lie upon the table was introduced and thwarted, the firm attitude assumed by the chairman having the effect of casting the die. It was better to bring the question to a definite issue notwithstanding the fact that the amendment was lost, and the petition bears the solitary signature of the Chairman. The result is satisfactory in the sense that the public can now weigh the merits of their respective favourites touching their views on one of the foremost social questions of the hour. The subject of Sunday Closing is one that occupies a broader basis than it could possibly do were it a question promulgated by the temperance advocates only. In such a case, never having been a total abstainer, I should have been less sanguine about its success in the near future. Besides, there would have been a very pronounced exhibition of inconsistency in supporting a theory that one did not care to practice. My reason for advocating the proposed scheme of minimising the privileges of dram shops and putting them on an equal footing with pawnshops and other emporiums, is simply because I have witnessed the wholesome effects upon the population produced by the Sunday Closing of public-houses. I have pleasing reminiscences of an epoch in my life when the peace of the Sabbath was such that the fact was forced upon the mind that it was Sabbath in very truth. The adoption of the scheme in England would mark a definite stage in the march of social progress, and what is aimed at is withal so reasonable that its final realisation cannot be long deferred. I am disposed to think that the jet of cold water ejected by a few interested individuals, will yet return to its native source in a more frigid form than when it vainly strove to stem the rising tide.

MORE TREES FOR LEADGATE.

The proposal to beautify the grounds of the Infectious Hospital at Leadgate is a bright idea, and one too that is so much in touch with the routine of things in that district that the scheme cannot do other than give satisfaction all round. It matters comparatively little whether the ground is trenched by able-bodied paupers or more independent sons of toil. Trenching is very hard work, and it is not to be expected that inmates of a Workhouse will do so very much of that sort of thing. If they could, they would be apt to seek a more practical outlet for their labour. In any case, it seems that it has been agreed to that trees shall be planted in the ensuing spring, and there is no doubt but the scheme will be duly carried out when the time comes.

TIT FOR TAT.

A very good example of setting off one old score against another was aptly illustrated the other week at Tow Law. It appears that the Railway Company took exception to an out of the way watercourse which they desire to see improved by covering in or otherwise. This the Local Board would rather not have been put to the trouble of doing, and the members have retaliated by trotting out a counter grievance which they have laid at the door of the Company. Such a course is quite permissible, and it may be that the Railway people deserve nothing better at the hands of the Board. It is an odd method of doing business; but there are queer folks in the world, and singular ways of dealing with them naturally present themselves.

In the Co-operative Hall, Dipton, on Saturday night, the Ojibbeway Minstrels gave a performance. By the bills which were circulated, the public were led to expect a great treat, but after witnessing the performance the audience were greatly disappointed.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Consett Theatre Royal has been closed this week. Mr C. Mangan's company performed before good houses last week end.

CONSETT PIG MARKET.—The fortnightly pig market took place on Saturday, when there was only a moderate supply. Prices ruled as under:—8-weeks' pigs, from 15s to 18s; 12-weeks', 18s to 22s. Prices were slightly in advance.

We are glad to state that Mr John Crawford, auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, has been appointed by His Honour, Judge Meynell, to act as bailiff to levy distress for rent in England and Wales, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

As announced in another column, a grand magic-lantern entertainment, illustrative of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," will be given in the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school, on Monday night first. For further particulars, see advertisement.

REV T. BROADBENT.—Our readers will be sorry to learn that this gentleman, who is the superintendent minister for the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, who came to this town at the last conference, has been indisposed almost ever since his advent. He has been obliged to travel into Yorkshire for to recruit his health and strength. His place is expected to be filled by another minister.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 741ST STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.—The directors of this society, according to announcement, held a public meeting and the 13th appropriation at West Stanley on Wednesday evening. The directors went down in force, with their secretary, solicitor, and two auditors. The meeting was held in Mr Watson's Long-room, Mr T. Collinson, Catchgate, taking the chair shortly after 7-30. The secretary read the minutes of the last appropriation meeting, and then the chairman spoke for a short time on the benefits of thrift. The secretary, Mr W. Elliott, was then called to address the meeting, which he did at some length, showing the working of Starr-Bowkett Societies and the benefits to be derived from joining. Questions were allowed, and several were asked, and were evidently well replied to, by the way the meeting received the answers of Mr Elliott. Mr T. Swainston, Consett, addressed the meeting. Scrutineers of the ballot were appointed by the meeting—Messrs Geo. Bullerwell and S. Ballentyne—who examined the balls and put them in their respective bags. Mr W. Cuthbert was asked to draw the balls, and much laughter and applause was occasioned when the number and name of the successful member was announced, it being Mr Bullerwell himself. The ledger was examined, and Mr Bullerwell was found to hold four shares duly paid up, and the meeting resolved, amid loud and repeated applause, that he was entitled to an advance of £400, free of interest for 12½ years. It is pleasing to note that the first Stanley ballot has gone to that district, and it is to be hoped that numbers more will join.—Several shares were taken up at the close of the meeting.

BLACKHILL

A series of highly-successful revival services are being conducted by Miss Turnbull in the United Methodist Free Church, Blackhill.

Our readers will see on referring to our advertising columns that the Rev G. Talalun Newton, of Newcastle, will preach in the Wesleyan Chapel on Tuesday afternoon and evening. A sale of work will also be held in the afternoon.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ASSAULT ON THE POLICE.—At Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Tuesday—before Mr James Annandale—*John Houldsworth*, a wrestler, was remanded on bail upon a charge of having assaulted P.C. Sanderson, at Dipton, on the preceding (Monday) night.

WEARDALE.

CO-OPERATION.—A public meeting was held in the long room of the Co-operative branch store at St. John's Chapel, on Saturday evening, on the opening out of the branch store at that place. A large company assembled, when addresses on "Trades Unions," "Co-operative Stores," and kindred subjects were delivered by Mr Geo. Scott, Newbottle (chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Newcastle Branch). Mr H. R. Bailey, hon. sec. of the Central Co-operative Board (Northern Section), and Mr Wm. Mason, Stanhope. Mr Geo. Moses, Butts, Stanhope, presided. The premises at St. John's were purchased some time ago by the Stanhope Co-operative Society, and were known as the "Black Bull Inn." They have been altered extensively at great cost, and are now replete with comfort, convenience, and the requirements of a Co-operative Store. On Saturday, the sales effected were highly satisfactory. There are upwards of 40 members to begin with, and it is expected that their numbers will be augmented.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

BICYCLING ON THE FOOTPATH.—At the Moot Hall (Newcastle) Police Court, on Saturday, *Thomas Smith*, miner, of Garesfield Colliery, for riding a bicycle on a footpath at Newburn, on the 1st inst., was fined 5s and costs.

MEDOMSLEY.

Mr Robert Moffitt, Medomsley, has an apple tree growing in his garden which is now in full bloom.

DIPTON.

In our report of Canon Body at Dipton last week, the name of Mr Clark was inserted, as having played the organ on that occasion. It should have been Mr W. T. Daglish.

The members of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Dipton, are thinking about holding a bazaar or a sale of work at a future date, and in furtherance of that object, sewing meetings have been started. The last one was held at Mrs Turnbull's, Springfield, on Monday evening. There was a number of ladies present, and it bids fair to be a success.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Saturday evening, a grand concert was given in the above place at Dipton by the choir trained by Mr Ward Davison, Blackhill. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Sinclair, Consett. An address was delivered by Rev C. Hunt, South Shields. The various solos, choruses, &c., were rendered in a manner which reflected great credit upon the performers and conductor alike. The vocalists were Miss J. A. Turner, Miss S. Joel, Miss L. Jones, and Mr W. Cuthbertson. Two capital recitations were given by Mr Edward Evans.—After the concert, a splendid ham and coffee supper was provided, and was patronised by about 100 persons.—On Sunday, sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Rev C. Hunt, and in the afternoon by Mr J. T. Skipsey. All the services were very well attended, and proved a decided success. In the evening the chapel was crowded.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—The monthly meeting was held at Dipton Schools on Wednesday evening—Mr W. Rutherford presiding. Present: Messrs J. A. Curry, E. Wilkinson, and W. W. Thompson (clerk).—Mr David Mole, attendance officer, reported that the Consett magistrates had refused to deal with two parents who were proceeded against by the Board for not causing their respective children to attend school. The children went to school, but had neglected to take the fees for several weeks, and had therefore been marked "absent" on the school registers. (The cases are published in another portion of this issue).—After considerable discussion, the Board instructed the head teachers to send home all children coming without the pence. If they then fail to attend, summonses will be taken out against the parents of such offenders.—There was a slight falling off in the average attendance at school.—The sewage pipes in the school-yard having become stopped up, Mr M. Johnson will be commissioned to remedy the same.—Arrangements were made for holding a children's concert in aid of the Teachers' Benevolent Fund.—The finances of the Board are in a satisfactory condition.

QUEBEC.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Monday evening, a "Married women's" concert was given in the above place of worship at Quebec. Mrs A. Browell, Cornsay, occupied the chair, and Mrs E. Newton was pianist. There was a fair attendance. The choir rendered the opening hymn. The following ladies took part in the programme:—Mesdames Cole, Halkier, Williams, Gardiner, Jones, Aynsley, Newton, Allport, Johnson, Hammond, Scott, Browell, and Brown. A vote of thanks to Mrs Browell for the manner in which she had occupied the chair, brought a most successful entertainment to a termination.

SWALWELL.

BAND OF HOPE.—The usual meeting of the Swalwell Band of Hope was held in the Presbyterian Church, when an address was given by Mr A. Fletcher, of Swalwell. Songs were rendered by Miss Charlton, Winlaton; Miss Cross, Swalwell; Miss I. Gibson, Scotswood; also Master J. Smiles, Swalwell; a dialogue by Mary J. Labouring and A. Banman; recitations by D. Labouring, R. Labouring, and Master Banman; also Mr G. Summer sang; a solo on the organ was given by Mr W. R. Lumley. Mr Spencer presided over the gathering, while Mr W. R. Lumley acted as accompanist.—On Monday, the infants' department of the Board Schools was filled with a mixed and highly-delighted audience. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr James Gilchrist, Marley Hill, who delivered a practical address. Master J. Gray sang with much feeling, "The minstrel boy," and "Chiming bells of long ago." Mr Dixon sang with much vigour "The boatman's story" and "They all love Jack," for which he was *encored*, and gave "The Old Brigade." Mr McAllister rendered in a sweet and musical style "The story of the emigrant" and "The rose of Allandale." Mr McCabe sang, in his own inimitable manner, "The white squall." Messrs McCabe and Burton sang a couple of duets, "Albion, on thy fertile plain" and "All's well." Misses Shield, Winlaton Mill, rendered a dialogue very creditably, and also sang a sacred song. Master Nevison's return visit was the event of the evening. His first effort was a classical performance on his violin, for which he received the hearty plaudits of the audience. His second piece was "Home sweet home," with variations, for which he was enthusiastically *encored*, and gave "Carnival de Venice." Master Murrell recited "The Soldier's Pardon." Mr W. R. Lumley presided at the piano, and played the accompaniment to Master Nevison. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded the president and the performers, and the meeting terminated with the benediction.

FROSTERLEY.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment was held in the Bridge End School-room, Frosterley, on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist Band of Hope. A good programme was gone through, and a very enjoyable hour was spent. The room was crowded. These Band of Hope entertainments at Frosterley are well-attended. They are held every Saturday evening, and reflect upon the workers in the movement the very highest credit.

RIDING MILL.

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY AND EARLY CHURCH ENDOWMENTS.—A lecture was delivered by Rev Arthur Lane on the above subject on Friday evening, in the School-room, Riding Mill. The lecture, profusely illustrated with diagrams of ecclesiastical buildings and famous scenes in early Church life, was a clear and powerful statement of historical facts; establishing incontestably the continuity of the English Church, and the private and individual nature of its endowments. The large school-room was filled, and the chair was occupied by Mr Ross Fuller.

WHICKHAM.

LOCAL BOARD.—On Thursday se'nnight, a meeting of the Whickham Local Board was held—Mr H. Wallace (chairman) presiding.—The financial statement showed that, after the payment of accounts amounting to £262 4s 4d, there was a balance in hand of £366 7s 10d.—The report of the Medical Officer showed that there had been a birth-rate of 17 per 1,000, and a death-rate of 13 per 1,000 per annum. With the exception of a few cases of whooping cough no cases of an infectious nature had come under his notice, and the health of the neighbourhood was good.—A letter was read from the Consett Water Company, which stated—firstly, that the company was prepared to supply Marley Hill and Andrew's House with water at the cost of the sanitary authorities; secondly, that the supply be taken from a meter at a point within the company's district at 1s per 1,000 gallons, the minimum quarterly payment being £42; thirdly, that, in case of failure in the supply from any cause, the company not to be held responsible; fourthly, that the sanction of the Water Company in whose district these places are situated to be obtained by the Sanitary Authority.—The consideration of the matter was adjourned for a month.

BLAYDON.

THEFT OF A COAT.—At Gateshead County Police Court, on Tuesday, *Robert Chapman* was fined 20s and costs, or in default 14 days' imprisonment, for stealing an ulster coat, the property of Thomas Hamilton, at Blaydon.

LOCAL BOARD.—The monthly meeting of the Blaydon Local Board was held on Thursday week—Mr Green in the chair.—The Clerk (Mr Dalton) submitted the financial statement, which showed an expenditure of £269 for the past month. Cheques were required for the payment of accounts amounting to £192 13s 1d, and one for £70 was asked for for surveyor's work, making a total of £262 13s 1d. The balance at the bank reached £667 16s 1d. The statement was passed.—It was reported that the Surveyor's estimate of expenditure for the ensuing month was £137 10s, as compared with £126 for the past month.—Dr Brown (medical officer), in his report, said he had nothing to communicate this month which was calculated to weaken the assurance that the district maintained its high health standard.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

SERVICE OF SONG.—On Tuesday evening, the united choirs of Birtley and Chester-le-Street gave the service of song, rendered at the annual gathering of the choirs in the Newcastle Town Hall, in the Chester-le-Street Wesleyan Chapel—Mr John Mitchell presiding. The soloists were Mrs Charlesworth, Mrs Rochester (Newcastle), Miss Riddell, Miss Davidson, Miss Carss, and Mr J. B Bowes. Mr A. B. Thompson presided at the organ, and Mr W. Wilson was conductor. There was a capital attendance, and the service was capitally rendered.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

YEARLY FUND SUPPER.—On Saturday evening, at Mr E. Taylor's, Fir Tree House, Cornsay, the Yearly Society held their annual meeting and supper. Upwards of 60 members were entertained to an excellent repast. Mr V. Hodgin, Esh, was elected to the chair, and Mr Sharp to the vice-chair. The secretary (Mr Jos. Black) presented the annual report, which showed the strength of the society to be highly satisfactory. There was a balance in hand which would allow of a dividend of 8s each being paid.—The Chairman, after congratulating the members on the healthy condition of the society, proposed "Success to the club," coupling with the toast the officers of the society.—The toast was heartily received with musical honours.—The healths of "The host and hostess," for the good things provided, and the Chairman being drank, terminated a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

PROPOSED CHORAL SOCIETY.—On Friday night, a number of gentlemen met in the British Schools to consider the advisability of forming a Choral Society for Cornsay and district.—Mr Green presided, and Mr W. Turner was elected secretary *pro tem*.—Mr Turner, in answer to the Chairman, explained the idea he entertained, and he thought it was the object of all present to bring together the musical talent of the district. He considered, therefore, it ought not to be confined to any particular sect, but be purely non-sectarian. (Applause).—A resolution, moved by Mr J. R. Jorden, and seconded by Mr T. Brown, that the society be called "The Cornsay Colliery Choral Society," was carried unanimously.—The following officers were elected:—President, Mr P. Kirkup; vice-president, Mr J. R. Green; hon. secretary, Mr R. Patterson; treasurer, Mr A. Browell; conductor, Mr Wm. Turner; librarian, Mr Robinson; pianist, Mr E. C. Newton; committee, Messrs J. R. Jorden, R. Ainsley, and T. Scott. The members meet on Tuesday evenings for practice.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

NEW PILLAR-BOX.—The inhabitants have been fortunate in having a pillar-box erected at White-le-Head. The want of such a convenience has been keenly felt, and two or three influential men made an application to Mr Hunter, Newcastle (Postmaster), to provide them with one. Mr Hunter kindly considered the matter, and sent out a surveyor, who reported on the real state of affairs, with the result that a pillar-box was erected on Wednesday, about the centre of the village. The inhabitants look upon it as a great boon, and naturally feel highly elated. The nearest post-office to them is at Tantobie, and Mr Holmes, the respected postmaster, has been appointed to clear the pillar-box twice a-day—morning and afternoon.

WATERHOUSES.

IRISH NATIONAL LAND LEAGUE.—Waterhouses Branch.—A grand concert was held in St Mary's Hall, New House, in support of Mr Parnell's fund. The spacious hall was crowded to excess. Mr Minto whose popularity is widely spread throughout the district, presided at the piano, violinist, Mr J. Dunn. Among the artists were the renowned comic, Mr J. Newman, the Newcastle comedian and Bro. Jacksons, clogy-dancers, Mr P. Tucker, Miss Alport, Cornsay, Miss Seedy, and Miss Minto, Esh Winning. Miss Seedy opened the programme by rendering in a very effective manner "My true hearted handy," and was followed by Mr Jackson who did full justice to the song "As I sat by my old cabin fire," in response to an *encore* he sang "The happiest lads in all the earth," a solo by Miss Alport, an exception favourite, entitled, "Why is this world so busy now?" created much enthusiasm, Mr J. Newman's abilities were distinguished in rendering, "What's strange about my face?" being loudly applauded, fairly bringing down the house. He afterwards responded to the *encore* by singing "You know I am in the police," which was highly applauded, also a song entitled "Among the green bushes of darling Tyro," "See that my grave is kept green," and "Poor dog Tray," by Mr Tucker were well received, Miss Sheedy in splendid style submitted "Beautious home of Killarny," and "Catholeen Maroneen" which met with general approbation, Miss Alport in pathetic style sang a solo "Drifting with the tide," followed by Mr Newman a song entitled "School-board man" the "Malitia man," concluding with "St. Patrick's morning," highly delighting the audience. "Jessie's dream," was sweet and most humourously rendered by Miss Minto creating quite a sensation. "The organ boy," by Mr Tucker, was much appreciated "Where the sweet violets grow," by Mr Jackson was worthy of the admiration it received.

BURNOPFIELD.

C.E.T.S.—On Monday, the annual meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Leazes, Burnopfield, when the following officers were elected for the coming year:—President, Rev T. Stirrup; vice-presidents, Rev P. Hughes and Messrs J. Gilchrist, T. Thompson and R. Dand; treasurer, Rev T. Stirrup; sub-treasurer, Mr Croudace; hon secs., Mr T. Morgan and Miss Darlow; committee, Misses Dand, Gladders, and Ramsay, and Messrs R. Appleby, Gordon, W. Scott, J. Gowland, M Brabban and W. Hindhaugh; pianist, Mr Hogarth. The report for the year, and balance sheet, which were both satisfactory, were passed, and arrangements made for the Christmas and New Year meetings, which include a conversazione, special and attractive entertainment, and coffee supper. To further extend the benefits of the Hall, it is contemplated to establish a "Help myself club," and a "Boy's Brigade" for the young men of the parish.

AMBULANCE.—The ambulance class that has been held in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield, during the last few weeks was examined on Monday night by Surgeon-Major Hutton. Thirty-eight students presented themselves for examination. At the close of the examination the students were addressed by the examiner, who complimented the students on the very efficient manner in which they had performed the various exercises in bandaging, stretch drill, &c. At the same time he told them that they were not perfect, in fact, he said he might tell them they were very imperfect, But when he told them they were very imperfect, he did not by any means intend to say that they had not done their exercise, and answered the questions well. But what he did mean was that it was impossible that they could become more perfect unless they continued to practice very frequently what they had learned during their attendance at the classes. They could no more expect to be deemed proficent from one session of ambulance instruction than any engine driver could who had driven a train once on a railway journey. He urged on them the necessity of meeting at least once a month, for bandage practice and stretcher drill, and was of importance that the course of lectures should be continued every year, as there were constantly young men coming forward who would feel it an advantage to go through a course of ambulance instruction. At the close of Surgeon-Major Hutton's address a vote of thanks proposed to him for the kind manner in which he had conducted the examination, and for his interesting remarks. The class has been conducted by Dr Mantle, Stanley, who will examine the second years students shortly. Students who pass three examinations will be entitled to the Bronze Madallion of the society. It may be stated that these ambulance classes are promoted by the Education Committee of Burnopfield branch of the Blaydon District Co-operative Stores have who provided a stretcher for the use of the ambulance classes and much assistance has been offered to the committee in the conducting of the ambulance classes by Mr G. R. Saunders, of Leazes House, Burnopfield, who takes an active interest in the promotion of ambulance work. Classes are also held under the supeointendance of the committee for shorthand, and are taught by Mr Jasper Cockburn. An evening school is held in the Free Methodist Chapel, Burnopfield, which is well attended by scholars. A class is also held for the study of arthmetic and book-keeping. These are conducted by Mr Andrews. The committee also are giving a series of magic lantern demonstrations of a scientific and entertaining nature. The charges of admission to these are merely nominal in order to cover the necessary expenses.

SUNNISIDE.

NEW CONNEXION CHAPEL.—During the last month there have been special services held in the above place of worship at Sunneside, near Gateshead, by Mr T. Anderson, who has preached to large audiences. It will be remembered that last winter while labouring there, he found a good choir which rapidly increased in numbers. "Praise meetings" were held in the chapel to bring the week-night services to a close. A varied programme was gone through, Mr Fenton presiding at the harmonium. Various hymns and choruses were sung out of Christian Choir and Sankey's hymn books. Miss Davison sang "Beautiful land," with great taste, also a solo by Miss Rolf, "A weary gleaner," a duet was sung by Mrs Bone and Mr Anderson, a trio, "When my final knell," was contributed by Mr Anderson, Miss Pattison and Miss Wallace, the chorus "Pardon, peace and power," by Mr Anderson, Miss Fenwick, Miss Gladders, Mrs Bone and Miss Pattison, was well done, "Love at home" was sung by Mr Anderson, Mr Fenton, Mrs Bone and Miss Pattison, a duet "What shall the harvest be" by Mrs Elliot and Mrs Bone, was well rendered. Mr Wm. Askew gave an excellent address which was greatly applauded by the audience. The meeting closed by singing and prayer. All seemed to have profited by the evenings proceedings.

BIRTLEY.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The Birtley Co-operative Society's 109th quarterly meeting was held in the Society's Hall, on Saturday night, when the balance-sheet, presented by the secretary (Mr J. Grieves), showed the total sales for the quarter to be £14,585 6s 6d, being an average of £1,215 8s 10½d per week, as compared with £1,176 17s 0½d, or an increase of £38 11s 10d per week, the total membership being 1,439, or a decrease of 38, and a dividend of 3s 4d in the pound. Some interesting items were furnished by the secretary, among which the disloyalty of members was shown by the statement that the amount spent per member only reached 11s in the pound. The principal item was the suggestion of employing a permanent secretary. This society has hitherto had the duties of this office performed for many years by Mr Grieves, who has very efficiently conducted this important branch. The advocates for a permanent secretary determined to test the meeting, and by ballot declared in favour by 61 votes to 41. Speculation is very rife as to who is to fill the position. Another important change followed, when Mr J. English was appointed vice-president, and in this case also an old official was voted out, Mr Watson for many years having filled that position. The society's premises are being enlarged, and negotiations are pending with a view to the extension of the business premises at the Washington branch.

WEST STANLEY.

MAGIC LANTERN.—A phantasmagoria lantern entertainment was held on Wednesday night, at the Wesleyan Chapel, West Stanley, when some splendid scriptural views were shown to the audience, and were highly appreciated. The proceeds were in aid of the new organ for Burnopfield Wesleyan Chapel.

ESH COLLIERY.

CONCERT.—On Monday evening a concert was held in the Iron School-room, Esh Winning. Mr J. G. Grofton, Esh Villa, presided, and there was a good attendance notwithstanding disagreeable weather, pianist Mr J. Newton, Waterhouses, accompanist, Mr J. Minto. The following artists took part—Miss Alport, E. Minto, Stephenson, Darkenshaw, Messrs G. E. Ward, T. Harrison, F. Howson, T. Roberts, J. Galley, F. Tucker, McDermott, M. Davison, W. Stubbs and Mr J. Cannarvon.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, Annfield Plain, missionary services were held on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. Rev F. S. Chesters, Annfield Plain, delivered two excellent sermons. The rev. gentleman took for his text in the morning the words "Not by might nor by power," &c. In the evening the text was taken from Christ's parable of the fig-tree. In the afternoon, Mr Chesters addressed a large gathering of children. Mr Greener was in the chair.—On Monday evening, a large missionary meeting was held, when Rev F. S. Chesters read the report, which was of a satisfactory character. He also gave an excellent sketch of mission work in Africa. The chair was ably occupied by Mr Greener. Rev J. W. Keyworth, Shotley Bridge, and Rev Mr Mayers, Consett (Mr Broadbent's substitute), also delivered missionary addresses. The collections were in excess of last year, and the services were a great success.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—A correspondent writes:—"The Y.M.C.A. of Annfield Plain is trying to benefit the young men as far as they possibly can. The rooms are made comfortable, and are provided with good fires and lights. There are provided a large number of books and newspapers of various kinds to attract the readers' attention, and the great wonder is that there are not more of the young men, and elder ones too, found attending the institution. It may be that a suspicion has got abroad that it is only for young men. It is true we want all the young men to come, but is it not also true that where the fathers go so will the young men follow. I don't mean fathers of families only, but the fathers and leaders in our various churches and Sunday-schools. The association is purely undenominational. Here we meet together for mutual instruction and profit, and we must know that by helping others we are ourselves helped. A teachers' class is held every Tuesday night, and we think this might be a great deal better attended than it is. Sunday-school teachers and searchers after Bible knowledge are freely welcome."

TOW LAW.

TEMPERANCE FREE AND EASY.—The usual fortnightly temperance free-and-easy was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, the place being "crammed." Valuable prizes were given for singing by adults and recitations by juveniles; and special prizes for the best story. There was a good competition in each class. During the evening Professor Ray gave two recitations in capital style. Mr W. T. Brewer acted as chairman, the judges being Rev G. Samuels and Messrs A. W. Emerson and G. Newton.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES.—Mr R. Clark, Templar missionary, Newcastle, addressed various meetings in the district during last week. He commenced last Wednesday by addressing an open lodge meeting of the "Beacon of Hope" Lodge in the Wesleyan School. On Thursday he did good service at Hamilton Row, on Friday at East Hedleyhope, and on Saturday at Wolsingham. Mr Clark also gave an address at a meeting at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Tow Law, on Sunday afternoon, and concluded a good week's work by attending meetings in the "Pride of the West" Lodge-room, Tow Law, on Monday, and at Sunniside on Tuesday. He has made many friends during his visit, and his earnestness and eloquence cannot fail to help forward the cause of temperance in the locality.

STANHOPE.

The Primitive Methodist ladies' sewing meeting was held on Saturday, in the School-room, The Square, Stanhope. The financial results were £3 13s. Mrs J. Thoms Longstaff provided tea.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE.—On Sunday morning the Stanhope Volunteers, headed by the Stanhope Band, marched up the street from the School "Brig," to the inspiring air of a lively tune to the Market Place, from whence they filed into the church. The bandsmen were in uniform. After service they formed and played down again. It is customary for them to attend church annually.

ADVENT SERVICES.—An interesting service was held in Stanhope Church on Sunday afternoon, it being the second of a series of Advent services for men only on Sunday afternoons. Bishod Mitchinson, D.D., preached an able and instructive sermon on the "Manliness of Christ." The Bishop of Penrith conducted the services. Stanhope Saxhorn Band played the music to the hymns sung. The excellent manner in which they performed Hadyn's composition, "The national hymn of Austria," reflected upon them and their leader the highest credit; in fact they performed the pieces all remarkably well. The tunes being played at an easy pitch, there was consequently a good ring, such as is seldom heard along with the organ.

MICKLEY.

CONCERT.—A grand sacred concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Mickley Square, on Saturday night, by the Christian Lay Church choir and other friends from Hexham and Fourstones. There was a large attendance. Mr S. Little occupied the chair. The programme was rendered in a very creditable manner:—Anthems by the choir; solos by Mr Herd, Miss Towns and Miss Tweddle, Hexham; violin solos by Mr Henderson, Fourstones. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and various performers. The proceeds were in aid of Mr H. Robson, who has been off work ill for about three years.

EVENING CONCERT.—A grand evening concert was held in the Town Hall, Stanhope, on Saturday night, under the auspicies of the Stanhope Agricultural Lodge of Odd Fellows, on behalf of West Coast Convalescent Home, originated by Dr Robinson, and promoted by Mr J. J. Robinson, Durham, and a few friends. The Bishop of Penrith gave an address during the interval, on the permanent benefits of Convalescent Homes. He said the first time he spoke in public in Weardale was on Convalescent Homes at the Odd-Fellows' jubilee gathering, at the Low Butts, in June; Mr J. W. Rodham presiding.—The singing of Miss Longstaff was splendid, and she sat down amid immense applause. She is an excellent singer. So are the the Miss Hogarths, Miss Bellerby's rendering of the "Better Land" was capital. Mr W. Waller's rendering of "Father O' Flynn," and Miss Longstaff's "Caller Herrin," fairly brought down the house; they each received an *encore*. Mr Roddam's reading took immensely. Generally Mr Roddam makes a happy hit with his humorous readings. The performance of Miss Temperley and Mr Bell on the piano deserves special praise, as does also the singing of the Misses Stephenson, of Bollihope. Willie Todd is an excellent reciter, and pleased well, Mr Chapman also did well, while the Bishop of Penrith can be at home among the humorous as well as the grave sides of human life. Votes of thanks to the chairman and the performers were carried by acclamation.

DEATH OF MR WM. HEDLEY, OF BURNHOPESIDE.

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the decease of Mr Wm. Hedley, J.P., of Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester, the sad event having taken place at his residence last (Thursday) night, at the advanced age of 81 years. It has been generally known for some weeks past that Mr Hedley was lying seriously ill, and during the last fortnight he has so gradually declined that yesterday morning no hopes of his recovery were entertained by his friends and medical advisers. The announcement, therefore, will not be unexpected by the large number of friends of the deceased gentleman; and especially the large number of workmen in his employ; for most assuredly between them and Mr Hedley there existed a feeling of friendship which it was most feeling to witness. He has received attention at the hands of Dr Page, Newcastle, Dr Wilson, Lanchester, and other professional gentlemen. His illness, it is supposed, was due to advancing years and a feeble frame. Next week, we propose to publish a full history of Mr Hedley's interesting and useful career.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The usual meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Public Offices, Mr W. H. Hedley in the chair. Members attending: Messrs Geo. Nicholson, Wm. Brown, Wm. Keenleyside, John Parker, J. H. Hudson, T. Lammonby, M. Robson, the clerk (Mr M. Coupland), and the surveyor and inspector (Mr T. Longstaff).

TREE-PLANTING IN THE PARK.

The subjoined report was read:—GENTLEMEN,—Your Park Committee beg to report that they have received Messrs Fell and Co.'s account for the trees planted in the Park. The account, dated Nov. 5th—£15 18s 6d—is in accordance with contract. Our Surveyor certifies that he has received the trees, and has got them planted in good order, and we recommend the bill to be paid. Two additional accounts for stakes and extra trees the Committee considered necessary, to complete the planting, and we recommend the same to be paid—viz., one account, dated Nov. 9th, for £7 7s 7d, and the other account, dated 12th Nov., for £3 7s 6d. The specimen trees ordered on behalf of Mr Jenkins have come to hand, and have been duly planted in the centre of the Park, and we understand the Clerk has received a cheque in payment of the same. It is gratifying to the Committee that the people generally have taken a great interest in the planting of the trees in the Park. Many of the trees were planted by the inhabitants and members of the Board. Mr Moat represented Messrs Fell in a very affable manner, and gave every facility, which was highly appreciated, and many availed themselves of the opportunity of planting trees, and no doubt it will be a pleasure to watch their growth. Several ratepayers in the district kindly came forward and provided and planted trees at their own cost.

The CHAIRMAN said it would be necessary for the Board to pass the original accounts, and the bills of £7 7s for stakes and £3 7s 6d for additional trees.

Mr HUDSON considered it strange thing the total expenditure was so much above the contract.

Mr PARKER: The stakes were necessary to protect the trees.

Mr HUDSON: But surely the Committee could have seen that the trees required staking. It is merely wasting a lot of money for nothing. The trees are far too rank, and if the hedge were mine, I would take out two quicks and leave one. You will have to do this before the fence will grow. I think the contractor has put in as much as he possibly could to make a big bill.

The Clerk said the quicks were according to the tender.

Mr HUDSON submitted that the Committee ought to have ordered a quantity of quicks and planted them accordingly. Now, however, they had been planted as thick as it was possible. When Mr Longstaff said anything to the man, he told him that "he was master there, and would have his own way."

Mr PARKER: He was a practical man and our Surveyor was not.

Mr HUDSON: But a practical man can contrive to run up a long account.

Mr NICHOLSON explained that the planting had been carried out in a highly satisfactory and systematic manner. A good many people acquainted with planting averred that the ornamental aspect of the trees was exceedingly pretty; and the Park would be a valuable acquisition to the district. There had been a slight "eruption" between the man and their Surveyor, but they were better friends afterwards.

Mr HUDSON was quite satisfied with the manner in which the trees were planted, but he certainly found fault with the quantity of quicks in the hedge. If the committee had only acted upon his advice, and ordered a certain number of trees and quicks, they would not have had so much to pay for "extras."

Mr ROBSON understood that at the last meeting it was left to the Parks Committee to carry out the planting of the trees to the best of their ability. Some people had to make their livelihood out of the "extras." He moved that the foregoing report be confirmed.

Mr LAMMONBY was surprised at Mr Hudson raising the objection, and never suggesting to the committee that the stakes would be required.

Mr HUDSON fully expected that the stakes were included in the original estimate. There was plenty said about protecting the trees.

Mr NICHOLSON pointed out that Messrs Davison and Hudson were added to the committee to assist in the tree-planting. Mr Hudson had never looked near hand, and now was finding fault with what the committee had done.

Mr HUDSON replied that it was only for the purpose of trenching that they were elected on the committee, and not for planting.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE remarked that at election times Mr Hudson was always a little "bit out." (Laughter). He seconded the motion that the accounts be paid.

The CHAIRMAN enquired if there was any amendment; but

Mr HUDSON said the money must be paid. He thought a vote of censure ought to be passed on the committee. (Loud laughter).

Mr NICHOLSON: You are passing a vote of censure upon yourself, Mr Hudson. (Renewed laughter).

Mr HUDSON: Nothing of the sort. I defy you to produce the minute-book to show it. (Laughter). It grieves me very much to see that any public body should be imposed upon by anybody.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the minute-book, which confirmed the statement that Messrs Davison and Hudson were appointed as members of the committee in January last.

Mr PARKER: A member of the committee said that Mr Hudson was sure to find fault.

Mr HUDSON: I'm not finding fault. I want some of your spare trees for Iveston.

Mr ROBSON believed the Clerk promised to supply trees for Iveston.

The Clerk: A portion.

At a later stage, Mr HUDSON gave notice to move a resolution, next month, that a number of trees be planted at Iveston, the Clerk to prepare an estimate of the costs in the meanwhile.

The Clerk announced that he had forwarded to Mr Jenkins, Messrs Fell's account amounting to £6 2s 10d for supplying 12 specimen trees, and Mr Jenkins had paid the money, besides transmitting a letter to the Board expressing his gratification that they were progressing so pleasantly with the Park.

Mr LAMMONBY considered it would only be right for the Board to acknowledge the kindness of Mr Jenkins, for the way he had favoured them since they acquired the Park from the Consett Iron Company. He encouraged them to do everything and appreciated what they had already done. Although Mr Hudson did not concide with everything that had been carried out by the committee, he (the speaker) thought they were greatly indebted to the Consett Company, and he moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr Jenkins.

Mr HUDSON denied that he had found any fault with the Consett Iron Company.

Mr LAMMONBY: I did not say so.

Mr HUDSON: It is tantamount to the same thing.

Mr PARKER: It is the committee (including himself) that Mr Hudson is finding fault with.

Mr HUDSON in seconding Mr Lammonby's proposition, considered that as Mr Jenkins had benefitted the Board out of his private purse, it was only right that his generosity should be acknowledged.

Mr LAMMONBY contended that the planting had been carried out very cheaply indeed, inasmuch as some ratepayers had declared that the Board had spent £100 or £200. They had something to show for their outlay, as compared with their neighbours in the surrounding district.

Mr PARKER jocularly remarked that if the auditor surcharged the Board for the cost of the tree planting, Mr Hudson would be the first to dip his hand into his pocket and help them.

Mr ROBSON observed that looking at their neighbours' park, upon which about £270 had been spent, and contrasting it with Leadgate, where they had not expended a third of that sum, they had a good deal more to show for their money.

Mr HUDSON: Never mind about our neighbours. If they have a mind to hang themselves, that is not our look out.

The resolution was carried, and the Clerk will communicate the same to Mr Jenkins.

MR KINLEYSIDE'S SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

At the October meeting of the Board, it was notified that Mr Kinleyside, butcher, had erected a temporary structure in his yard, to be utilised as a slaughter-house. The Board passed a motion that the floor should be cemented, but as Mr Kinleyside was liable to be turned out at three months' notice, and as his landlord declined to do anything, he thought it unnecessary to cement the floor, but was willing to lay down flags and fill up the crevices.

Mr LAMMONBY accordingly proposed, pursuant to notice, that the minute relating to the cementing be rescinded.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that there was no minute in the book to that effect, but only an endorsement on the plan.

Mr HUDSON having seconded the proposal, it was adopted.

Mr NICHOLSON next proposed that Mr Kinleyside be permitted to lay down a flagged floor, and cement the crevices, to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

This was seconded by Mr PARKER.

Mr BROWN objected, on the ground that it was establishing a bad precedent. They ought not to make fish of one person and flesh of another.

Mr HUDSON reminded the Board that Mr Kinleyside had the flags in hand.

The Inspector said that Dr Page, Government Inspector, recommended all slaughter-houses to be cemented.

Mr HUDSON replied that had it been Mr Kinleyside's own property, the Board would probably have enforced the cementing of the floor.

Mr ROBSON failed to see the force of the argument. It was immaterial to the Board whether the applicant lived in his own property or not.

Mr BROWN said that blood would penetrate flags that were porus.

Mr HUDSON: So is cement porus.

Mr BROWN: Not so much as flags.

Mr HUDSON stated that if the man turned obstreperous he could put in a flagged floor, and the Board could not prevent him.

The CHAIRMAN said that if the Board took a case into the magistrates' Court, and it was backed up by the Medical Officer, they might compel a slaughter-house to be cemented.

The motion was agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that during November they had a good deal of wet weather, and the roads had needed considerable attention, being soft and spongy. A lot of scraping had been done on Durham Main Road, 50 tons of limestone and 30 yards of slag had been laid on, 41 tons of limestone broken, also scrapings carted off and ashes carted on the footpaths. On Pont Lane 20 yards of slag was carted and laid on, and part watertabling done; also about 10 yards of slag sprinkled on. The following is the pay-bill:—

	£	s.	d	£	s.	d
Durham Main Road						
Manual labour	7	13	4			
Team do.	2	14	0			
				10	7	4
Other Roads						
Manual labour	10	1	9			
Team do.	1	15	1			
				11	16	10
Total				£22	4	2

The planting was now finished in the Park, and the account for manual labour would be laid before the Board. The short time the trees had been planted, he considered they had been well taken care of, no damage having been done. This reflected great credit upon the inhabitants, especially the children of the place.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Longstaff further reported that the Consett Iron Company had commenced to make a back street at Crockhall Blue Row, likewise repairing a street in front of the same dwellings. Gas burnt in November, 163 hours. The gas lamps were burning very badly, and anything but satisfactory; there being at times little more than half the usual light. Iveston village oil lamps had burnt well during the month, and a bill would be laid before the Board for oil, &c., for the same. He would report upon the dairies and cowsheds by next month, when he anticipated that those who had received notices would have completed their repairs. Mr Stobbs wanted to have a slaughter-house in Watling Street, and Mr R. Hall desired to kill a pig or two every week in a wash-house at the Coach and Horses Inn: He supposed that these places would have to be registered. The improvements to the Queen's Head Inn yard were now finished, the yard having been paved with bricks, and an extra gulley-trap put in for the use of the stable.

The collector had gathered and paid over to the treasurer, £6 3s 6d on account of the General District Rate.

THE QUALITY OF THE GAS.

Mr LAMMONBY said the gas had been burning very badly during the last fortnight, and the secretary of the Shotley Bridge Gas Company had taken no notice of the communications sent to him by the Surveyor. He suggested that an official complaint should be forwarded to the Directors. There was a letter in last week's *Guardian* complaining that the lamp near Redwell Hills crossing had not been lighted.

The CHAIRMAN: That is not in our district.

The Clerk explained that this lamp was lighted by the Board, and the cost borne by the South Medomsley Coal Company.

The Surveyor stated that when complaints were made respecting the gas, he had telegraphed to Shotley Bridge, but there had been no improvement.

The Clerk remarked that Mr L. Nicholson and Mr Parker sent a post-card, which was laid before the Directors. The pressure of the gas had been affected in consequence of the necessary repairs; certain pipes having become submerged. He had urged upon the manager to engage extra hands to execute the necessary repairs, and therefore avoid so much delay. They had plenty of gas, and it was to their advantage to supply their customers, only the difficulty was in getting sufficient force sent to Leadgate. He suggested that a strong letter should be forwarded to the Shotley Bridge Gas Company.

Mr HUDSON averred that a testing place was required at Leadgate.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE: It is not the quality of the gas that we complain of; but there is not sufficent. There is none sometimes.

Mr HUDSON: They are bound to have lights equal to 12 sperm candles.

The Clerk said the average depreciation of gas was 22½ per cent.

Mr HUDSON: What do they allow off this Board when they are only supplying one half of a quarter of a light? It would be better to lay the pipes upon the surface of the ground, so that if there was any defect it could at once be remedied.

Mr ROBSON: Do you suggest that the pipes be attached to the telegraph posts? (Laughter.)

Mr PARKER: We must threaten the Gas Company that we will try the electric light or oil lamps at Leadgate.

Mr HUDSON: Well, make your estimate and lay it before the Board.

Mr NICHOLSON said that when a director of the Gas Company resided at Leadgate the Surveyor had no difficulty respecting the gas. Was there not an enterprising inhabitant qualified to act upon the Board of Directors?

On the motion of Mr LAMMONBY, seconded by Mr HUDSON, a complaint as to the quality of the gas is to be sent by the Clerk to the Company.

IVESTON OIL LAMPS.

After discussion, it was agreed to try a special kind of "D D" oil for the street lamps at Iveston.

AMATEUR BUTCHERS.

It was decided to grant permission to Messrs Stobbs and Hall to use the places aforementioned as killing-shops, the same to be under the supervision of the Inspector.

THE SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones wrote that he had presented the Board's petition to the House of Commons in favour of the Sunday Closing of public-houses. He expressed his gratification at the action of the Board, and trusted their example would be followed by similar bodies.

THE COUNTY COUNCILS ELECTION.

The Board granted the use of their room to Mr J. McCartan, solicitor, Consett, as returning-officer, for the nomination of candidates for the County Council and the counting of votes about the 19th and 25th days of January, at a charge of 10s 6d.

STONEY HEAP WATER SUPPLY.

The CHAIRMAN having explained what the Lanchester Sanitary Authority had done towards providing a supply of water for Stoney Heap, Happy Land, &c., it was resolved, on the motion of Mr NICHOLSON, that Messrs Parker, Brown, Hudson, L. Nicholson, and J. J. Hedley be appointed a committee to investigate and report to the Board.

Mr HUDSON did not think the Board should apply direct to the Consett Water Company and saddle the inhabitants with an everlasting rate, but try to get them an independent natural supply.

FINANCIAL.

The accounts for payment represented a total of £61 3s 3d; the sum of £105 12s 2d had been paid to the Board's treasurer during the month, and the balance in hand was £87 8s 8d, after paying the aforesaid accounts.

THE VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Mr Jenkins suitably acknowledged the expression of sympathy passed by the Board at the last meeting on the occasion of the death of his eldest daughter.

THE CARTING CONTRACT.

At the request of the Surveyor, it was decided to give the cartmen three months notice, with a view to the Board's leading being let by contract, the members having an opportunity to consider the subject between now and the 25th of next March.

ENTERTAINMENT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The temperance party in the vicinity of Shotley Bridge—judging by the number present and the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday evening—are at last becoming alive to the importance of the work in which they are engaged. An attractive programme had been arranged, which contributed much to the largeness of the audience. Mr Wm. Campbell (who occupied the chair) opened the proceedings in a few well-chosen remarks, and the choir then gave a selection of music, "He rose, He rose," from the "River Singer," in a beautiful manner. Miss M. Oley gave a recitation, entitled "Dip your roll in your own pot," in good style, and Mr P. Maund, in his song, "Have courage, my boys, to say no," fairly brought down the house. Misses Gibson and Coxon next came in for a share of applause in a dialogue on "The use and abuse of alchol." Mrs Barron received quite an ovation for the way in which she sang "Nay, John," and Mr Rd. Campbell contributed, in excellent style, a reading, "The wonderful sack." Mr Jos. Oley (an old temperance veteran) gave a short address, in which he made touching allusion to the death of the great temperance reformer—Mr George Dodds—a man whose name will live on forever in connection with the cause of temperance. The choir next rendered "Yield not to the tempter" in a very able manner. Miss Clarkson was well received in giving a recitation, "The gambler's wife." Mr P. Maund received an *encore* for his song, "Come home," and in response sang "A happy nest at hame." Mrs Barron brought the programme to a close, and sung "The cause of temperance" in excellent style. Mr W. Urwin conducted the choir, while Mr L. Urwin accompanied on the harmonium. It is not too much to say that this entertainment was one of the best that has been given in connection with the Band of Hope, and we trust that the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted will before long again appear before a Shotley Bridge audience.

SACRED CONCERT AT DIPTON.

A sacred concert was given in the Wesleyan Chapel, Dipton, on Saturday evening, by the Tantobie Wesleyan choir, in aid of a member who has been ill for some time. The audience was not quite so large as it was hoped, nevertheless there was a goodly number present. The programme was introduced by the anthem, "Behold I bring Him forth" (Brotherton), which was rendered in a very satisfactory manner, the attack upon the chorus being specially good. The hymn, "Land of rest" (Newman), followed, after which the well-known air, "Arm! ye brave" (from *Judas Maccabeaus*), was given in a capital style by Mr R. Thirlwell, who possesses a very fine cultured voice. The anthem, "Seek ye the Lord" (Kinsey) was next executed by the choir with telling effect, the contrapuntal parts that run throughout the anthem being splendid. A quartette, "God is a spirit" (Bennett), was sung with much precision by Misses Watson and Brown, and Messrs Forster and Smailes. Miss Brown again appeared in the solo, "The four anchors," which she sang in her usual brilliant manner. The "Comrade's song of hope" (Adam) was given next, and was *encored*. The following pieces concluded the programme:—Quartette, "Come unto Me," Misses Brown and Luke, Messrs Baker and Hall; solo, "What is heaven?" Mr R. Thirlwell; anthem, "Leave us not; neither forsake us" (Stainer), choir; duet, "O lovely peace" (Handel), Misses Watson and Brown; anthem, "The sun shall be no more" (Woodward), choir; duet, "The two dreams" (Glover), Messrs Forster and Thirlwell; chorus, "Hallelujah" (Handel), choir. It is scarcely necessary to add that the whole of the performers acquitted themselves in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. Great credit is due to their worthy and respected choirmaster, Mr John Gedling. The chair was occupied by Mr S. Swalwell (Dipton), who made some very valuable and practical remarks during the evening. Mr M. Forster (Tanfield Lea) wielded the baton, with Mr James Gedling as accompanist.

CONCERT AT IVESTON.

A very good and most interesting concert was given in the Iveston village school, on Monday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the performance:—Misses Todd, Thompson, and Collinson; and Messrs Henderson, Telford, Arkless, and Robinson. Miss Todd's rendering of "Killarney" was exceptionally good, and received a great ovation. Miss Thompson sang "Silver herring," but, labouring under a cold, she was compelled to desist for the rest of the evening. Miss Collinson was favourably received, being *encored* for "To the woods," and was well applauded for "The way to the fair." The male artistes all did well, Messrs Telford and Arkless being a fund of amusement in their comic duet, "Upper ten and lower five." Mr Telford also sang "Paddy's wish" (*encored*) and "The world turned upside down." Mr Arkless caused much laughter by the song, "The child can say 'Papa,'" and, being *encored*, gave "Cough John." Mr Robson's elocutionary powers are of no mean order, his rendering of "Mary Queen of Scots," was almost unique. The children sang in good time, and were well appreciated. Miss Jeffrey acted as accompanist. Rev J. W. Mitchell very ably presided. The concert was largely attended, and the committee and inhabitants express their sincere thanks to the performers for providing such a rich treat.

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WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—An entertainment and coffee supper was held at Tantobie on Saturday. There was a large audience. Mr Lane (Leadgate) recited several pieces in his accomplished style. Mr G. Hedley and Mr Steward (Leadgate) sang several choice pieces. Messrs Fawcett, Cotton, and Hall (Tanfield Lea) gave trios. Mr Maughan recited a piece. The accompanists were Messrs Jas. Gedling and G. Pringle. The chair was filled by Mr J. Bulmer. A coffee-supper was afterwards held, when a large company sat down. The tables were presided over by Misses Brown, Nicholson, Stoker, and Oswald. The proceeds were in aid of the trust fund.

CONCERT AT BURNOPFIELD.

A very successful concert was held in the Temperance Hall, Burnopfield, in aid of the Lintz Colliery schools. Mr G. R. Saunders, Lintz, occupied the chair, and stated that the concert was held to provide new apparatus for the above school, which had unfortunately been in very low water for about two years, but now was in a flourishing condition, having over 200 children on the books.—The concert was opened by a pianoforte solo by Mr Smythe, who was followed by the school children singing "Isle of Beauty." Mr Jarrett followed with "Mary of Argyle," and Miss Riddle with "The lost chord." Master Nevin was well received, and rendered the recitation "Razor seller" in a capital manner. Miss Fairley followed with "Awfully awful," and was deservedly *encored*, after which Mr Abbott sang "Dearer than life." Mr Smythe followed with "Leonard," and was *encored*. This was followed by Master Nicholls reciting "Please to ring the bell" in capital style. Miss Fairley sang "Ruby" and was again re-called. The audience demanded another *encore*, but owing to the length of the programme this could not be acceded to, much disappointment being manifest though not expressed. Miss Fairley's singing was a real treat. Mr Andrews followed with a reading, "An actor's story," which was given in good style, and Messrs Jarrett and Abbott rendered "Love and war." Mr Smythe sung "Alice, where art thou?" and Miss Riddle was *encored* for "We two." Miss Innes, one of the children, sung "Strangers yet" very nicely, and was followed by Messrs Jarrett, Abbott, and Hogarth in the trio, "A little farm well tilled," which received an *encore*. Miss and Master Innes greatly pleased the audience by singing "A B C." Mr Jarrett then rendered "Once again," and was re-called. Master Wilson recited "The doctor's apprentice" in first rate style, and was followed by Mr Abbott singing "The powder monkey."—Rev T. Stirrup proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, who, he said, had rendered a capital programme, being all deservedly applauded.—The Chairman, in calling upon the children to sing "Good night," remarked that as well as passing a successful examination last year, the people would see that the children could sing and recite in good style.—Mr Smythe (accompanist) struck up "God save the Queen," which was joined in by all with hearty goodwill, and an eminently successful concert was brought to a close.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had again forward on Monday, 9 fat cattle, 21 cows, 129 fat sheep, 2 pork pigs, 6 small pigs, 6 calves, poultry, and miscellaneous lots. For cows there was an extremely animated trade at high prices; but cows are extremely bad to get at any price. Fat sheep were also a good trade, but cattle were such a mixed lot that it is difficult to make quotations Cows, £10 10s to £18 17s 6d; fat cattle, £10 to £17 10s; sheep to 48s 6d; lambs to 42s; pigs, 10s 6d to 35s. The Christmas show and sale will be held next Monday, for which a fair good entry is expected forward, including some extraordinary good heifers up to 100st ne.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 25 cows, up to £21; 16 fat cattle, up to £16; 21 store cattle, up to £8 17s 6d; 4 calves, up to 30s; 154 fat sheep and hoggs—fat sheep up to 43s—top, Mr Nichol, West Shields; fat hoggs up to 32s 6d—top, Mr Hopper, Butsfield.

CHESTER-LE-STREET CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SALE.

The seventh annual prize show and sale of fat cattle and sheep at the Chester-le-Street Mart was held on Monday, by Mr J. Turnbull. Owing to the open season and the poor turnip crop there was not the same number of stock forward as usual. Upwards of 90 cattle were entered, and about 82 of these were forwarded. About 260 sheep passed through the ring, and some pigs were also put under the hammer. The nature of the stock was all the could be desired. Big framed animals of undoubted quality were on the programme, and altogether the class of animals was such that any auctioneer might feel pleasure in disposing of. Mr Turnbull went through the various lots with promptitude and skill. The prices gained were excellent. An unfortunate accident happened which no amount of foresight could have prevented, but which resulted in more or less injury to three persons. Lot 20, a bullock, was put into the ring with another animal. The second animal was disposed of and taken out of the ring, when the bullock, which was a suckler, became nervous, and, after dashing several times round the ring, cleared the barriers and got amongst the people. Mr Fatherley, Colliery Row, was injured on the foot, and another man was more or less hurt in the face. The worst injury, however, was done to Mr Matthew Adamson, Burnopfield, who was hurt on the thigh by the horns of the animal. He was attended by Dr L. Smith, who stated that he had had a narrow escape from becoming a cripple for life. However, as matters are, pain and inconvenience will probably be all he will suffer. No blame for the accident can be attached to the arrangements or structure of the mart.

The sum of £42 was given in prizes. Judges:—Cattle: Mr W. Hand, Chester-le-Street; Mr Gibson, Houghton-le-Spring; Mr C. Robson, Chester-le-Street. Sheep: Mr P. Applegarth, Penshaw; Mr T. Henderson, Gateshead; Mr R. S. Palmer, Gateshead. Prizes were awarded as follows:—

Class 1—Pair of fat cattle, any sex, open, 1st, Birtley Iron Co.; 2nd, Earl Durham.

Class 2—Fat bullock, open, 1st, Birtley Iron Co.; 2nd, Earl Durham.

Class 3—Fat heifer, open, 1st, Earl Durham; 2nd, J. McIntyre.

Class 4—Fat bullock, tenant farmers, 1st, J. Kirkup; 2nd, P. Kirkup.

Class 5—Fat heifer, tenant farmers, 1st, J. McIntyre; 2nd, J. Kirkup.

Class 6—Fat cow, tenant farmers and cowkeepers, 1st, J. McIntyre.

Class 7—Fat bull, open, 1st and 2nd, Birtley Iron Company.

Class 8—Best animal in show, fed on Roger Errington's cattle spice, open, 1st, Birtley Iron Co.

Class 9—Pen of five fat hoggs, open, 1st, J. Brewis; 2nd, Birtley Iron Co.

Class 10—Pen of five fat shearlings, open, 1st, Birtley Iron Co.; 2nd, Dean and Son, Croxdale.

Class 11—Pen of five fat ewes, open, 1st, T. Young; 2nd, Birtley Iron Co.

Class 12—Pen of five fat cross-bred sheep, open, 1st and 2nd, Birtley Iron Co.

Class 13—Pork pig, under 8 stones, tenants and cottagers, 1st, A. Swinburne.

After the judging, a company of upwards of 70 sat down to a dinner at the Lambton Arms. The prize cattle in the first class fetched £40 and £36 10s, and were purchased by the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Store and the Birtley Co-operative Store respectively. The bull which realised the top price in this class also took the first prize in class 2. Lord Durham took the second prize in class 1 with a bullock and heifer, which sold for £38 and £34 to Mr Davis, Langley Park, and Mr Adamson, Burnopfield, respectively. The bullock also carried off second honours in class 2. Lord Durham won the first prize in class 3 with a heifer which sold for £34, and Mr McIntyre's neat built heifer, which was second, was sold for £24 Mr McIntyre's heifer was also first in class 5. In class 4 Mr J. Kirkup (Pelton Fell) took the first prize, and his bull was sold for £34 10s to Mr A. Adamson, Causey. Mr P. Kirkup's (Urpeth Riding) second prize animal sold for £33. The first prize in class 5 was obtained by Mr McIntyre's animal, which was disposed of for £24. Mr J. Kirkup's (Pelton) second prize heifer was bought by Mrs Henderson, Chester-le-Street, for £23 5s. Mr Atkinson, Whickham, bought the winner of the first prize in class 6 for £27. The Birtley Iron Company won both first and second prize in class 7, and their animals fetched £38 10s and £31 respectively. Animals not competing for the prizes were knocked down at prices varying from £15 to £24. The sheep of Mr Brewis, Waldridge, realised 56s, and the second prize sheep of the Birtley Iron Co. fetched 45s. In class 10 the first prize sheep were sold for 73s, and the second prize animals for 55s. For the first prize sheep in class 12, 63s, and for the second 61s were given. The first prize sheep in class 11 were purchased by Mr Hunter, Sacriston, for 71s, and the second prize animals were disposed of for 67s. Mr Walter Coxon, Picktree, bought the prize pig for 52s. Sheep not entered for competition went as follows:—Hoggs, 32s to 51s; the vendor of the top lot being Mr Brewis, Waldridge; shearlings, 45s to 53s 6d, the vendor of the top lot being Mr Watson, Pelton Grange; ewes, 41s 6d to 59s, the vendors of the top lot being the Birtley Iron Company. The principal buyers included the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society; Birtley Co-operative Society; Langley Park Co-operative Society; West Pelton Co-operative Society; Mr C. Charlton, Sunderland; Mr Atkinson, Whickham; Mr Lawson, Gateshead; Mr C. Robson, Chester-le-Street; Mr Brodie, Morpeth; Mr T. Nixon, Redcar; Mr Smith, Durham; Mr Young, Pit Hill; Mrs Henderson, Chester-le Street; Mr T. Henderson, Gateshead; Mr M. Adamson, Burnopfield; Mr Jewitt, Hartley; Mr J. L. Kirkup, Urpeth; Mr J. Stephenson, Sunderland; Mr J. Gibson, Houghton; Mr Robson, Rainton; Mr T. Maughan, Newcastle; Mr Monkhouse, Durham; Mr Hunter, Sacriston; Mr Crosby, Newsham; Mr T. Ryan, Gateshead; Mr Armstrong, Hetton; Mr Wake, Fence Houses; Mr J. Walton, Durham; Mr J. Tisdale, Newcastle; and Mr Fatherley, Colliery Row.

SAD FATALITY IN A WEARDALE LEADMINE.

On Saturday, Mr J. T. Proud, deputy-coroner, held one of the most exhaustive inquiries ever held in the valley at Mr Emerson's, King's Head, St. John's, into the death of Joshua Watson, leadminer, who was killed by a fall of "deads" in Greenlaws Mine, on Friday morning. Mr Plummer, Deputy-Inspector of Mines, watched the case for the Government; Mr Blenkiron and Mr Thompson for the Weardale Lead Company.

Joseph Watson, son of deceased, deposed that he was working about seven yards off his father, when without any warning, the wood supporting the "deads" (refuse) overhead snapped, and the weight fell upon deceased.

The Coroner: How long has this prop been in?—Witness: My father put it in a week ago.

Had you plenty of wood?—Well, we had another piece.

Would you have put in the same piece of wood which gave way if you had a choice?—No, I think not.

Had you any difficulty in getting timber to make your working safe?—Yes. Sometimes if there was timber we got it, and if not we had to wait.

Mr Plummer: Did you see any danger?—No.

Had you fired a shot any way near to shake the wood over your head?—No, not then.

Mr Blenkiron: Were you working "the forehead"—at the end where it it fell?—No.

You say that you had a difficulty in getting timber. Now, did you ask Mr Thompson for any?—No.

Why?—I don't know.

Mr J. Teasdale (a juryman): A man who was there told me that if there had been wood deceased wouldn't have happened his death.

The Coroner: Had you any other wood besides you to secure the roof properly?—Yes.

Mr J. Nattrass (a juryman): Hadn't you a spare prop lying beside you to have put in if you liked?—Yes.

Then why didn't you?—Likely my father thought it was sufficient.

Mr Plummer: But didn't you hear any doubt expressed as to its capability to bear the weight?—No.

The Coroner: Had you thought it wouldn't, how would you have done?—Very likely we would have put in the spare prop.

Did any one "jowl" the working to see whether it was safe?—What?

Mr Plummer: Did the agent try the place to see if it was safe?

Mr Corner: Leadmines are different in the "sills" to coalmines.

The Coroner: Oh! yes; I understand.

Witness: I never saw the agent try the place.

Mr Watson (foreman): But was it customary for him to ask anything, or had you been firing a shot near the place?—No.

Was it a side-running working?—No; I think not.

Mr Watson: Oh! that's all right, for I've seen side-running mines that would snap wood like matches.

Mr Blenkiron: Yes; but this is not one of those side-runnings.

John Walton Watson, another son, corroborated, and admitted in answer to the Coroner and Mr Plummer "that they had a spare prop had they thought fit to put it in."

The Coroner: Then why didn't you?—Witness: Because my father thought it was all right.

Mr Plummer: What thickness might this prop be through?—Well, probably about five inches, and four or five long.

The Coroner: Now, have you experienced any difficulty in getting wood when you required it?—Sometimes.

But have you ever risked your lives for want of it?—No.

Mr Plummer: Had you any fear that those who were in the day before firing shots would shake the roof?—No.

The Coroner: When were these shots fired?—The night before.

John Bland, one of the men working the night before, and belonged deceased's partnership, said that any shots fired were only about two feet from the prop which collapsed, and might be as far as four feet off.

Mr Blenkiron: How far were the props apart?—Witness: About three feet.

Isn't it common for there only to be props placed about five feet apart where so light a weight is?—I don't know.

The Coroner: Was there any more wood than what you had in to put up if required?—Yes.

Did you see any more wood when you got that which you had?—Yes; there was some.

Mr Nattrass: But you had another spare prop?—Yes.

Mr Plummer: Then, why didn't you put it in?—Well, deceased put the wood in himself, and very likely thought it was all right.

J. Fairless gave similar evidence, but said that they had two spare pieces of wood for props.

The Coroner: Now, be sure, Mr Fairless, as this is a very important question.

Witness: Yes; to the best of my knowledge.

Was there any more wood when you got this?—Yes; I think so.

Mr Plummer: You were not forced to take the piece that gave way for want of a proper piece?—Oh, no; the piece that gave way had been in before for three weeks in another part. Deceased had a pride in his wooding.

The Coroner: That alters the question.

The Coroner said the only verdict the jury could return, according to the evidence, was accidental death, but if they thought to make some rider for a better supply of wood in the future it would be all right.

After a long consultation and repeated directions from the Coroner, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and a rider that there was carelessness on the part of the company's agents, and that a better supply of wood be kept for the men's use in future.

The Coroner remarked that he thought there was a scarcity of wood in Weardale.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Some occupations tends to the development of certain diseases, and those who toil as miners are peculiarly liable to rheumatism, lumbago, and other allied complaints. In the goldfields and copper mines Holloway's remedies have been largely patronised by the workers to their very great advantage, and they can be confidently recommended as invaluable remedies for inward congestions, spasms and cramps in the bowels, and all those conditions of the lungs and liver to which those who work underground or in impure atmospheres are so peculiarly liable. For cuts, bruises, sprains and stiffened joints, the action of Holloway's Ointment is eminently healing and soothing, and a supply should always be at hand in case of need.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of fourpence, may be had at Robert Jackson's bookseller, 9, Newmarket Consett.

CHRISTMAS ARROWS.—This is the Quiver Annual for Christmas, and contains several well-written stories for Christmas time, which are embellished with many first-class engravings. The size is increased this year to 80 pages.

CASSELL'S ILLUSTRATED ALMANACK FOR 1889.—This almanack contains, in addition to the usual information, noteable men of the year, obituary of eminent persons, a chronicle of events for 1887-8, several excellent portraits, together with many beautiful engravings.

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CATCHGATE QUARRY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space to inform the property-owners and ratepayers of Kyo township of what is now going on? In passing by Catchgate quarry, to my surprise, I saw a new house almost completed. Will any of your readers kindly inform me who has a legal right to an awarded quarry in Kyo township after the stones are worked out? I say the ratepayers and property owners. This quarry should be left open after properly filled up and levelled over, and then made into a recreation ground for the children to play upon. One of our local gentlemen was filling it up very fast until the Sanitary Inspector came and gave orders for the place to be railed off, thus stopping the road. So as he has taken the responsibility I trust he will look after it, and stop any encroachment, as I should like to know if there has been any plan passed for the building?—Yours, &c.,

A KYO RATEPAYER.

Annfield Plain, December, 1888.

THE SUNDAY-CLOSING BILL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have been a little disappointed with the Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards in reference to the Sunday Closing of public-houses petition. Surely in a district that has been canvassed, and where there is such an overwhelming majority for Sunday Closing, the people's chosen representatives ought to be a reflex of that opinion; but is this so? I am afraid not. At the Benfieldside Local Board meeting the Sunday Closing petition was shunted by the beer barrel and weak-kneed abstainers on account of the political aspect of this question. Will the electors who send these gentlemen as their representatives be satisfied with this view of the question? Is it not more of a social than a political question? And is it not the desire of the Benfieldside ratepayers that the public-houses should be shut up on Sundays? I venture to assert that this is their desire, and if canvassed on the question a most pronounced opinion would be given. There is not time to get this done before the 14th inst., when the Bill comes before the House of Commons, but in the future when elections for Local Board members are taking place the Benfieldside ratepayers ought to see to it that these are elected who are a reflex of the opinion of the ratepayers.

With regard to Consett, it is certainly very humiliating to the ratepayers to know that only one advocate for Sunday Closing was present when the petition was before them for their consideration. At present the election of a County Councillor is before the electors of this district, and I hope and trust that in view of what has taken place at the Local Board in reference to this Sunday Closing petition, that the electors will do their duty, and show these aspiring and ambitious gentlemen which is the popular side of the question. I don't write as the champion of Mr Jenkins. He is quite able to champion his own cause; but I do most earnestly desire to draw the attention of the electors of this district to the very great injustice that has been done them, and the very great insult that has been brought to the district through the action of the Consett Local Board in reference to this petition to Parliament on behalf of Sunday Closing of public-houses on Sundays, and I trust that not only in the election of a County Councillor but also in the future election of Local Board members, this district will show clearly whether they approve of such conduct as has been shown to us or not.—Yours, &c.,

A RATEPAYER.

Consett, December 12th, 1888.

[Our correspondent is under an erroneous impression; there were *two* members of the Consett Board who supported the memorial—the Chairman and Mr Siddell.—ED. C.G.]

SACRED CONCERT AT CONSETT.

On Monday evening, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, the choir gave a very successful sacred concert in the presence of a well-filled house. The choir was assisted in their undertaking by the following artistes from Newcastle: Mrs Rochester, soprano; Miss Davidson, contralto; Mr J. B. Bowes, bass; with Mr C. F. Bowes (Associate of the College of Organists) as organist. This choir, which occupies a good position in their profession, was strongly augmented by the above-named vocalists. The pieces, embracing the greatest portion of the programme, were taken from the service of songs rendered in Newcastle for the past two years, and a great deal of interest was manifested both by the promoters and the singers themselves in order to make the concert a complete success. The proceedings were opened by hymn and prayer, after which the Chairman—Mr T. Watson—called upon the choir to render the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord," which was given in a creditable manner. Mr C. Stelling (tenor) then appeared in the solo, "Comfort ye, my people," (from *The Messiah*). This singer did full justice to the piece, and received the warm plaudits of the audience. The anthem, "The strain upraise," by the choir, was next given. This item is a very powerful one, and was executed exceedingly well. A solo, "By Jesus' grave," by Miss Davidson, was sung very nicely, the artiste being well applauded. The anthem, "Behold I bring Him forth," was opened by a solo from Mr Stelling, followed by the choir in full chorus. This piece is intended to describe the condemnation, death, and resurrection of our Saviour. The exclamation, "It is finished," was solemnly performed on the organ. The bass solo in the same, "Then came Jesus forth," was rendered by Mr J. B. Bowes. The selection was performed in an excellent manner, the vocalists being enthusiastically received. An organ solo was here given by Mr C. F. Bowes, whose splendid playing was universally appreciated. The anthem, "Leave us not," by the choir, was next executed in good form, and was duly acknowledged. "Honour and arms," a solo, by Mr J. B. Bowes, was rendered in such a praiseworthy manner as to win for the artiste a well-merited *encore*, which was acknowledged. The duet, "Come, ever-smiling liberty," was sweetly sung by Mrs Rochester and Miss Davidson, their combined endeavours receiving the approbation of all present. The choir at this point appeared in the chorus, "Achieved is the glorious work," and did full justice to the rendering thereof. Part II. was commenced with the anthem, "Hosanna to the Son" (Macfarren), in which the choir achieved a brilliant success, and to them great credit is due. Miss Davidson subsequently gave the solo, "He shall feed His flock," joined with another by Mrs Rochester, entitled "Come unto Him," both being executed in an accomplished style. The anthem, "The eyes of all wait upon Thee," was opened with a solo by Miss Smith; then followed a full chorus, which sounded very well. Mr J. B. Bowes, who was accorded a hearty ovation, then gave the solo, "Why do the nations," exceptionally well, his vocal efforts being awarded an *encore*. An organ recital was now given in such a manner by Mr C. F. Bowes that he was re-demanded, and he favoured his audience with another piece with the same result. We may say that these pieces were most exquisitively performed. The chorus, "Thanks be to God," was well given, considering it to be a most difficult piece to interpretate. The choir, however, received the econiums of the auditorium. The next was a solo, "Glory to Thee," which was rendered very creditably by Mrs Rochester. This lady possesses a very sweet and rich voice, and her capabilities were of such a high order of merit that she received the applause of everyone. Another solo was sung by Mr Stelling, entitled "In native worth," in splendid style, and was much cheered. The programme was brought to a close by the choir singing the anthem "The sun shall be no more Thy light by day." Mr C. F. Bowes acted as accompanist, while Mr M. Fawell, of Consett, conductor of the choir, wielded the baton with great credit.

Mr J. W. DAVISON proposed a vote of thanks to the choir and to the friends from Newcastle for their services.

This was seconded by Mr T. CARR, and carried by acclamation.

The proceedings closed in the usual way, everything passing off in a most successful manner.

"ROUGH ON CORNS."—Ask Chemists, Perfumers, or Grocers for "Wells' Rough on Corns." Quick, complete permanent cure for hard or soft corns, warts, bunions, 4d. and 1s. bottles.

Shooting Match at Consett.—A deposit of £1 was, on Saturday, placed in the hands of James Reed, of Iveston, to bind a match between J. Proudlock, of the Commercial Hotel, Consett, and R. Smith, of Winlaton, to shoot, with 1oz shot, single barrel, for £20. The second deposit of £3 was made good on Wednesday at the Commercial Hotel.

Salmon in Weardale.—A salmon 17lb in weight was found stranded in Bradley Burn, in the early part of the season during the flood, it is the largest fish known to have been caught so far up the river. Bradley Burn is situated between Witton-le-Wear and Wolsingham. One was caught at Ireshope Burn in Upper Weardale a year or two ago 11lb, and one at Bishop Auckland last year 13lb. So that the Wear is fast becoming a salmon river.

Boat Handicap at Ebchester.—An open boat handicap, promoted by the Ebchester Rowing Club, took place on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a very good company of spectators:—Heat 1—J. Charlton, Low Westwood, 1; T. Smith, Ebchester, 2. Won by a length. Heat 2—Joseph Charlton, Broomhill, 1; G. Parker, Broomhill, 2. Won easily. Heat 3—Owen Bowes, Hamsterley Colliery, 1; J. Archer, Westwood, 2. Won easily. Heat 4—J. Potts, Ebchester, 1; Wm. Fairless, Westwood, 2. Won by a couple of lengths. Heat 5—Wm. Forster, Westwood, 1; George Temperley, Ebchester, 2. Won by several lengths. Heat 6—George Jewett, Westwood, a bye. The final heats will be rowed off shortly. Mr M. Scott was referee, and Messrs S. Brough and Geo. Jewett were starters.

Pigeon Shooting at Tow Law.—A successful pigeon shooting was brought to a close at Mr Muse's. Milestone Inn, Tow Law, on Saturday. Some very good shooting was witnessed, the birds being excellent. Score:—Maid of the Mill, 20, 1 1 1 1 1 0; J. French, 18, 1 0; Little Joe, 21, 0; Gip, 21, 1 1 1 1 0; D. Coates, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1 0; Friendship, 18, 1 1 1 0; Grey Bull, 19, 0; R. Earnshaw, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 1; Little Joe, 21, 1 1 0; West End, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1; J. Proud, 19, 0; Sedgefield, 1 1 0; Butcher, 19, 1 1 1 0; Fox and hounds, 20, 1 1 0; Old Jack, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1. The stakes were divided Messrs Earnshaw, West End shot for by (Mr D. Coates, Wolsingham), and Old Jack by (Mr R. Weford, South Church,) who grassed all the six birds in succession.

Rabbit Coursing at Consett.—On Saturday afternoon, at the Number One Grounds, a rabbit coursing sweepstakes was run off, the promoter being Mr Thomas Batey, of the Tinmill Inn. Result:—First round—Ledger's Pork Pie beat Routledge's Silver Maid, Proudlock's Ounce of Shot beat Inglis's Blind Lass, Johnson's Fountain beat Lamb's Soft Lass, Routledge's Luck's All beat Proudlock's Ounce of Shot, 2nd lot; Robinson's Silver Maid, 2nd lot, beat Routledge's Luck's All, 2nd lot; Inglis's Blind Lass, 2nd lot, beat Ledger's Unknown. Second round—Pork Pie beat Silver Maid, Luck's All beat Fountain, Silver Maid beat Blind Lass. Third round—Pork Pie beat Luck's All, Silver Maid a bye. Final—Pork Pie beat Silver Maid and won. There was a good muster of spectators. Judge, R. Brown, Blackhill; N. Lamb, Consett, starter.

Grouse Shooting on the Weardale Moors.—The present season for grouse shooting has just closed, being one of the best known on the Weardale Moors for years. There has been a plethora of grouse. Over 2,800 brace has been shot on the Edmondbyers Moor by Mr Eccles and party from Blackburn. About 1,400 on the Bollihope, Westernhope and Pike Stone Moors, by Messrs Mason, Vickers, and party. On Thornhope Moor a large number of birds were shot and excellent sport obtained. Accounts from the other Weardale moors are not to hand, but it is a well-known fact that a very large quantity of birds have been bagged. Messrs Rodhom and Fenwick's party, seven guns, bagged 46 brace on Pike Stone Moor on Friday, Mr Vickers and party on Stanhope Moor, bagged about 40 brace, on Monday the last day of the act.

THE NORTH DURHAM HOUNDS.

The North Durham foxhounds are having a continuance of good sport, following the big day at Croxdale a fortnight ago, they had a capital day at Broomshields on Dec. 3rd. A splendid run of one hour and eighteen minutes and a kill. On Dec. 6th at Burdon a very fast run of thirty-five minutes and a kill. On Dec. 13th the meet was at Knitsley Station. The weather was all that could be desired, and a large field turned up. The covers at Woodlands were drawn blank, which was a great disappointment, but as they had been shot over on the Friday previous, it was no wonder. The hounds were then taken on Butsfield Burn where a fox was soon on foot and made for Satley, where he took refuge in a drain. The master wisely refained from wasting time to dig him out, and took his gallant pack back to Butsfield Burn, and he was soon rewarded by a very large dog fox, being viewed at the East end of the cover by the whip Frank, and Freeman had his hounds laid on at half-past one o'clock, and then the fun commenced. The fox made for Satley, then across a good galloping country, leaving Broomshields on the left, the pace now became furious, the hounds fairly flying across the large pastures. The master (Mr Rogerson) and his huntsman Freeman riding a steeple chase across the country which abounds in nothing but stone walls. Luckily the fox turned a few degrees to the north, which favours most of the field, and then straight away for West Butsfield, and, oh, those hills, before we reached the summit the hounds were far ahead making for Woodlands, but thanks to the fox turning to the east. We again come up with them, still going up the valley at racing pace, the music is most lovely, forty-five minutes without a check, then reynard seek shelter in his old home, which, a'las will be his no more, the hounds push him thro' a very thick cover where it is impossible to ride, and the hounds working so finely give the blowing horses time to get their wind, and the fox is driven out at the east end, and forced down the valley in front of Broadwood to Partridge Close where he turned to the west in the hopes of getting to Gladdow, but was pulled down at five minutes to three o'clock, after a run of one hour and twenty-five minutes over as stiff a hunting country as a Nimrod could desire. The master presented the brush to Miss Dickinson, of Shotley Bridge, who had ridden remarkably well, and the head was given to "The official time-keeper."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Music.—There is something very wonderful in music. Words are wonderful enough, but music is more wonderful. It speaks not to our thoughts as words do, it speaks straight to our hearts and spirits and to the very core and root of our souls. Music soothes us, stirs us up, it puts noble feelings into us, it melts us to tears, we know not how; it is a language by itself, just as perfect in its way as speech, as words, just as divine, just as blessed. Music has been called the speech of angels; I will go farther, and call it the speech of God Himself.

The Limitation of Egotism.—In the writings of Goethe, no less than in his life, we see the limitations which egotism imposes, and which not even his great genius could ever remove. "A man," said Cromwell, "never rises so high as when he knows not whither he is going." Although Goethe would fain follow his intuitions and yield himself to the impulse of the moment, his very intuitions had prudence and self-love in them, so firmly implanted that he could never escape from worldly considerations. But the old belief of mankind is wisest, which declares that the poet's inspiration is greater than worldly prudence, and that the oracles are sincere.

"He is Gone to Pot."—The origin of this phrase is as follows:—"A tailor of Samarcand, living near the gate that led to the burying-place, had by his shopboard a leathern pot hanging on a nail, into which he threw a little stone when any corpse was carried by; and at the end of every moon he counted the contents of his pot to ascertain the number of the deceased. At length the tailor died himself; and some time after one that was unacquainted with his death, observing his shop to be deserted, enquired what was become of him. One of the neighbours answered: 'The tailor is gone to pot as well as the rest.'"

The Bridge of Sighs.—I was in a prison in New York City a few years ago. There was a little iron bridge with an iron railing running from the court right into the prison. That bridge was called the Bridge of Sighs. On one side of that bridge and on the other was written in words of iron: "The way of the transgressor is hard." Do you ask why that bridge is called the Bridge of Sighs? The answer is plain—that nearly everyone went over weeping. Ask them. Ask those people who pass over that bridge every week if they have not found the way of the transgressor hard. Go down to yonder prison. Ask the inmates that question.

Origin of the Word "Turncoat."—This opprobrious term of "Turncoat" took its rise from one of the first Dukes of Savoy, whose dominions lying open to the incursions of the two contending houses of Spain and France, he was obliged to temporise and fall in with that power that was most likely to distress him, according to their success in arms against one another. So being frequently obliged to change sides, he humorously got a coat made that was blue on one side and white on the other, and might be indifferently worn either side out, and the white side was the badge of the French. From whence he was called Emmanuel, surnamed the "Turncoat," by way of distinguishing him from other princes of the same name and house.

Markets and Fairs.

Consett Produce and Provision, Saturday.—The following were the ruling prices:—

Flour, Hungarian 2s 0d per st
— Wates 2s 0d „
— Superfines 1s 10d „
— Fines 1s 9d „
— Households 1s 7d „
Wheat meal, 1s 7d
Indian meal, 1s per stone
Barley meal, 1s „
Sharps, 0s 11d „
Bran, 5s 6d per sack.
Beef, 6d to 9d per lb.
Veal, 7d to 8d „
Mutton, 6d to 9d „
Pork, 6d to 8d „
Bacon, 6d to 10d „
Hams, 10d to 1s „
Butter, 1s 4d to 1s 7d per lb
Salt do., 1s to 1s 4d „
Cheese, 4d to 10d „
Lard 8d „

Eggs, 6 for 1s.
Hens, 1s to 1s 6d each.
Chickens, 1s 9d to 2s 6d each.
Ducks, 2s to 2s 6d each.
Pigeons, 1s to 1s 4d p. couple
Geese, 7s to 10s 0d each.
Turkeys 6s 0d to 12s 0d each.
Rabbits, 1s 8d to 2s per couple
Potatoes, 8d to 9d per stone.
Onions, 1s to 1s 6d per stone.
Tomatoes 1s per lb.
French beans 4d per lb.
Grapes 6d to 2s per lb.
Apples 1s 6d to 2s per stone.
Strawberries 0d per lb.
Black currants 0d per qt.
Chestnuts 6d per lb.
Walnuts 6d per lb.
Dessert figs 10d per lb.
Damsons, 4d to 6d per qt.

Newcastle Corn, Saturday.—Only a moderate show of wheat from farmers at market to-day, which sold quickly at last week's prices. The arrivals coastwise were small but good from abroad for week, and prices ruled fairly firm, although trade was very quiet. Barley unaltered in value. Oats: Best old scarce, and very firm; new a fair sale, at last week's prices. Maize turn dearer. Beans and peas scarce, and fully as dear. Flour very quiet, and prices in favour of buyers

Sunderland Game and Poultry, Saturday.—Prices:—Chickens 2s 9d to 3s; ducks 2s 9d to 3s each; geese 6d to 10d per lb; turkeys 9d to 11d per lb; rabbits 2s 10d; pigeons 1s 4d pheasants 5s 6d to 6s 6d; grouse 4s 6d to 5s; snipe 1s each; hares 3s 9d to 4s 6d.

Sunderland Wholesale Fruit and Potato.—Saturday.—Potatoes: Scotch champions 80s to 0s 0d per ton; English champions —s per ton; Scotch regents 90s per ton; Scotch magnums 80s per ton Onions: Dutch 3s 9d to 4s per bag; Antwerp 0s 0d to 0s 0d per bag; Silesians 6s to 6s 3d per bag; globes 7s 6d per bag; Portugals 8s 6d to 9s per case. Carrots 2s 6d to 2s 9d per cwt. Apples: RDFB., 14s per barrel; DFB., 13s 6d to 14s per barrel; American Baldwins 12s 6d to 13s per barrel; French Russets 21s per barrel; French Russets 12s to 12s 6d per cwt. Oranges: Valencias 420's 11s to 14s per box; do. 420's —s per box; 714's 14s. Bags 5s 10d per 120 by case or half case. Figs: Naturals 22s 6d per cwt; boxes 4½d per lb. Dates: boxes 18s to 21s per cwt. Lemons 19s per case. Grapes: Almerias 10s to 15s per barrel. Nuts: Barcelonas 23s 6d per bag; Turkey 21s 6d per cwt; walnuts 21s per bag; chestnuts 11s per bag. Brazil- 28s per cwt; cokers 14s per hundred.

Newcastle Cattle, Tuesday.—Trade was steady for best description of cattle, but inferior qualities were sold at lower prices than last week. Business in sheep was slow, and prices were about ½d per lb lower. Prices, sinking the offal:—Beasts, prime heifer, 8s to 8s 3d per stone; secondary 7s 6d to 7s 9d; good steers 7s 9d to 8s; middling 7s to 7s 6d; cows and inferior 5s 3d to 6s 3d, pigs 4s 9d to 5s 6d per stone, sheep, small, 8¾d to 9d per lb, do., large fat 8d to 8¼d, do., tups and ewes 6½d to 7d per lb.

Newcastle Corn, Tuesday.—The demand for wheat was not active, but holders were very firm, and held for late rates. Maize on spot steady. Oats quite as dear. Beans and peas firm, owing to scarcity. Malting barley quiet sale, at late rates. Flour quiet and unchanged.

Hexham Corn, Tuesday.—At our market to-day there was a small supply of barley on offer from the farmers, but a dull trade was met, and we did not hear of any sales being effected. There were no millers in attendance—an unusual occurrence.

Hexham Provision, Tuesday.—Flour, extra superfines 1s 10d to 2s 2d; do., superfines 1s 9d; do., fines 1s 8d: maslin 1s 6d; oatmeal 2s 4d per stone, beef 3½d to 9½d, mutton 6d to 10d, veal 8d to 9d. pork 7d to 9d per lb, butter 1s 2d to 1s 4d, eggs 7 to 8 for 1s, potatoes 3d to 0d, Onions 1s to 1s 6d per stone, nuts 6d per lb walnuts 8d per lb, Brazil nuts 6d per lb, figs 10d per lb, carrots 10d per stone, cabbage 0½d to 1d each, cauliflowers 2d to 3d each, Brussels sprouts 3d per lb, beet 1s 6d per stone, celery 1½d to 3d per head, green grapes 6d per lb, Jersey grapes 4d to 6d, pears 2d per lb, apples 2d to 4d per lb, oranges 0½d to 1d each, pomegranates 0d each, rabbits 1s 10d to 2s 6d per couple, ducklings 2s 3d to 3s 3d each spring chickens 2s to 3s each, hens 1s 3d to 1s 6d each, hares 2s 6d to 3s 6d each, pigeons 1s to 1s 4d per couple.

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, from £5 0s to £6 5s; this year's growth, £3 5s to £4 10s; new land hay, £6 to £7; do., this year's growth, £3 12s to £5 5s per ton. Wheat straw 2s to 2s 6d; barley straw, 1s 9d to 2s 1d; oat straw, 2s to 2s 6d per thrave. Numbers in market—Carts of hay, 130, carts of straw, 69.

Newcastle Cow, Saturday.—There were 43 cows shown in to-day's market only, but they included a good proportion of animals of superior quality. Trade was very steady, cows of good quality having a ready sale. All changed hands. Shorthorn cows realised £19 to £29, and half-breds made £11 to £19.

Newcastle Wholesale Fruit and Potato, Tuesday.—There was a marked improvement in the attendance of buyers at the Green Market to-day. American apples were a very big supply. A good many oranges from Valencia and elsewhere are finding their way here, via Hamburg. Mistletoe does not find a ready sale, it being fully early for it. The John Ormston, from Hamburg, landed yesterday 1,100 bags of onions. From Rotterdam the Grenadier discharged 656 bags of onions, and 115 packages of fruit. Prices as follow:—Oranges: Valencias superior 420's 16s to 18s per box, ordinary 10s 6d to 11s 6d, Palermo 5s to 5s 6d, Malaga 420's 9s 6d to 10s 6d, Malaga lemons 18s to 22s per case. Almeria grapes 11s 6d to 20s per barrel. Onions: German globes 6s 6d to 7s per bag, Silesians 5s 3d to 5s 9d, Hungarian 5s 9d to 6s, Dutch 2s 9d to 3s 3d. Port 8s 6d to 9s 6d, Valencias 10s 6d to 12s. Nuts: Barcelona 21s 6d to 22s 6d per bag, walnuts 18s to 20s, Brazils 31s to 33s per cwt, monkey nuts 13s to 20s, cocoanuts 14s to 20s per hundred, Comadra figs in taps 22s to 23s per cwt. naturals in bags 25s to 26s, Elemé in small boxes 40s to 50s. Dates 15s to 17s per cwt. Russian cranberries 1s 4d per keg Parsnips 4s to 4s 6d. Turnips 1s 3d. South-Country celery 1s 2d to 1s 4d per bundle. Horse radish 1s 3d to 1s 6d per bundle. Potatoes. West Lothian and Mid-Lothian regents 84s to 88s per ton, best East Lothians 94s to 98s per ton, Perth and Fifeshire 82s to 88s, champions 70s to 72s, magnums 66s to 70s.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

WEEK DAYS.

Stations.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NWCASTLE Dep.	6·10	9·42	11·0	12·15	2·36	5·25	7·30
Scotswood „	6·17	9·49	11·7	12·22	2·37	5·32	7·37
Swalwell „	6·24	9·54	11·14	12·29	2·43	5·37	7·44
Rowlands Gill „	6·34	10·3	11·24	12·39	2·53	5·46	7·54
Lintz Green „	6·40	10·9	11·30	12·45	2·59	5·52	8·0
Ebchester „	6·53	10·18	11·40	12·55	3·12	6·1	8·13
Shotley Bridge „	6·59	10·22	11·44	12·59	3·18	6·5	8·19
CONSETT Arr.	7·5	10·27	11·50	1·5	3·23	6·10	8·25
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·34	...	1·12	3·25	6·33	
Knitsley „	7·21	10·45	...	1·23	3·36	6·44	
Lanchester „	7·30	10·55	...	1·32	3·45	6·53	
Witton Gilbert „	7·38	11·3	...	1·40	3·53	7·1	
Aldin Grange „	7·45	11·11	...	1·47	4·0	7·9	
DURHAM Arr.	7·50	11·17	...	1·52	4·5	7·15	

	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7·25	...	11·50	2·35	...	5·20	8·10
Aldin Grange „	7·32	...	11·57	2·41	...	5·27	8·17
Witton Gilbert „	7·40	...	12·5	2·48	...	5·35	8·25
Lanchester „	7·50	...	12·15	2·58	...	5·45	8·35
Knitsley „	8·2	...	12·25	3·8	...	5·55	8·45
CONSETT Arr.	8·12	...	12·35	3·18	...	6·5	8·55
CONSETT Dep.	8·15	9·5	12·40	3·25	...	6·10	9·2
Shotley Bridge „	8·20	9·10	12·45	3·30	...	6·15	9·7
Ebchester „	8·24	9·14	12·49	3·34	...	6·19	9·12
Lintz Green „	8·34	9·24	12·58	3·44	...	6·29	9·22
Rowlands Gill „	8·39	9·29	1·2	3·50	...	6·34	9·28
Swalwell „	8·47	9·37	1·10	3·57	...	6·42	9·36
Scotswood „	8·54	9·44	1·16	4·4	...	6·49	9·43
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	9·55	1·25	4·15	...	7·0	9·52

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	4·5	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 and a	8·45
Shotley Bridge	7·59	5·5	BLACKHILL d	8·50
CONSETT and a	8·5	5·12	Shotley Bridge	8·55
BLACKHILL d	9·20	...	Ebchester	8·59
Knitsley	9·22	...	Lintz Green	9·9
Lanchester	9·41	...	Rowlands Gill	9·15
Witton Gilbert	9·50	...	Swalwell	9·22
Aldin Grange	9·59	...	Scotswood	9·29
DURHAM arr	10·5	...	NEWCASTLE dp	9·40

SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

WEEK DAYS.

Stations.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASLE dep.	...	6·10	...	11·0	12·15	...	5·25
CONSETT	...	8·17	...	12·15	3·0	...	6·15
Rowley	...	8·25	...	12·23	3·8	...	6·23
Burnhill	...	8·35	...	12·33	3·18	...	6·23
Tow Law	...	8·47	...	12·45	3·30	...	6·45
CROOK arr.	...	8·59	...	12·57	3·42	...	6·57
„ dep.	7·30	9·1	11·15	1·0	3·56	5·30	7·0
Bishop Auckland	7·57	9·25	11·35	1·24	4·16	5·55	7·25
Darlington	8·30	10·0	12·10	1·55	5·5	6·45	8·15
Stockton	8·56	10·30	12·40	2·25	5·34	7·16	8·41
Middlesbro'	9·5	10·40	12·50	2·35	5·45	7·20	8·51
SALTBURN	10·10	11·14	1·26	3·9	6·19	8·6	9·26

WEEK DAYS.

Stations.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dp.	5·40	8·5	9·52	11·10	1·40	3·45	5·40
Middlesbro'	6·17	8·40	10·25	11·49	2·13	4·18	6·15
Stockton	6·27	8·49	10·32	11·58	2·21	4·26	6·22
Darlington	7·10	9·20	10·52	1·45	2·55	4·55	7·20
Bishop Aukland	7·43	9·46	11·33	2·15	3·25	5·31	7·48
CROOK arr.	8·4	10·8	11·52	2·33	3·44	5·50	8·10
„ dep.	8·8	...	11·33	2·37	...	5·51	...
Tow Law	8·20	...	12·5	2·49	...	6·3	...
Burnhill	8·35	...	12·18	3·2	...	6·16	...
Rowley	8·45	...	12·28	3·9	...	6·23	...
CONSETT arr.	8·55	...	12·28	3·17	...	6·31	...
N'WCASTLE	9·55	...	1·25	4·15	...	9·53	...

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CHAPTER XIV.

UNDER ONE ROOF.

Tom was a little surprised to find Mr. Axon still at the hotel; and Lily was annoyed. Nor did she make any effort to conceal her displeasure.

"Have you not gone home yet, Mr. Axon?" she asked, elevating her dainty, golden brows, and looking at him wonderingly.

He tried to smile; but the brandy had relaxed the muscles of his face, and he leered and blinked owlishly.

"Not yet, Lily," he said, with much impertinent gaiety. "Not yet. Going to stay all night; eh, Walter?"

"I don't wish my friend to return to Kentishtown at this late hour," Mr. Barr explained, a little confusedly.

Lily's face looked sadly troubled, and she bade them a hurried "Good night."

"She's tired," her father said apologetically to Gregory; "we were very early people at Sewton."

The auctioneer glared at Tom, as though Lily's early disappearance had been due to some influence of his. Then, declaring that he was as hungry as a hunter, he ordered an extravagant supper.

More than once during this meal Tom felt inclined to kick him from the room; the drink the man had taken had increased his freedom of manner and his impertinence; his arrogance too was becoming unbearable.

The young surgeon, fearful lest his temper should overpower his prudence, pleaded illness and retired some time before Mr. Axon had finished.

"A snob, sir, that fellow," Gregory exclaimed (his mouth full of stewed kidneys), as the door closed behind Tom's manly form, "a complete snob."

It was early morning before he would allow Mr. Barr to go to bed. He insisted upon celebrating their unexpected meeting with a bowl of punch. When at length Gregory was persuaded to seek his room, he ascended the stairs with a steadiness of gait that won the admiration of the waiter. With drink his voice grew thick; his eyes red; his ideas hazy; his countenance sodden and stupid-looking; but he never lost his legs. This was fortunate. The world will forgive a man making a fool of himself if he can walk straight while he does it.

He had scarcely plunged between the sheets before he was asleep; but the other three members of the little company passed a troubled night. Lily was haunted by a thousand terrors; Tom was perplexed and nervous about Walter Barr's future; while Walter himself tossed from side to side pursued by the shadows of the past, and contemplating, with not a little agitation, his interview with Lily in the morning, when he must explain to her that in future Gregory Axon was to live with them.

The anxious girl was up early. She looked feverish, and her eyes were red and heavy, as though she had been crying.

When Mr. Barr entered the room she was gazing vacantly into the fire. She ran to him and threw her arms around his neck.

"Oh, pa dear," she cried, "I do hope that that man is going to-day. I cannot bear to be under the same roof with him."

He kissed her, and stroking her hair, as was his frequent practice when he was troubled, he led her back to the hearthrug.

"You must not speak like that, darling," he said gently; "Mr. Axon is an old friend of mine."

"I cannot help it, papa," she declared. "I have striven to conquer my aversion and I cannot. I can't endure him. When he looks at me he makes me shudder."

"Strange," Walter muttered. "Gregory used to be popular with every one." Louder he added, still stroking her hair, "Don't you know, Lily, that Mr. Axon and I were schoolfellows together?"

"He said so," she answered.

"And once he saved my life."

"Did he *really*?" she asked, opening her dimmed eyes widely. "Did he really save your life?"

"He actually saved me from death, and from a very horrible death, too."

She looked wonderingly at her father, and was silent for a little time.

Presently, with great earnestness, she said:

"I do wish I could like him. I'm sure if he saved your life I ought to like him very much. I will try so hard—so very hard."

Walter thought that this was the time to explain the arrangement that had been made.

"I hope you will try, Lily, for Mr. Axon is going to live with us."

"Live with us?" she echoed blankly. "Oh no, papa, not live with us?"

"Yes, my dear, he is going to live with us: always."

"Always!" she repeated, letting her hands fall helplessly by her side, and looking piteously into her father's face, "always!"

"You forget, Lily, that you are soon going to leave me. I shall be all alone ——"

She burst into tears, and sobbing, cried:

"You said that we were all to be together and we were going to be so happy, and now—But he shan't live with us," stamping her foot with sudden passion, "that he shan't."

"Lily"—Mr. Barr spoke gravely—"if you knew the whole truth it would break your heart to think that you had spoken those words."

"Then, dear papa"—clinging to him and speaking excitedly—"why do you not give me your confidence? Why do you hide so much from me and treat me more as if I were a stranger than your own child? Open your heart to me, papa darling, and if you have a trouble, let me share it; if you are in any danger, let me help you to fight it. Oh, papa, this uncertainty, this suspense, this anxiety is killing me. Do trust me, do trust me," she pleaded; "it will lighten your trouble so much; and whatever it is it will ease my sufferings. Do, papa, darling, do!"

He gently unclasped her hands, and put her a little from him.

"I have a trouble, Lily," he said; "you know that I have. But I am older and wiser than you, my dear; that it is better, far better, that you never know its nature."

"No, no, papa. Indeed, indeed it is not."

"And if you love me," he went on, "never question me about it."

She reflected for a moment, and then asked:

"Are you in this man's power?"

"I have told you that he saved my life," Walter answered, evasively, not looking at her.

"I see it in your face," she half wailed; "you are in his power. Heaven save you!"

She cried bitterly for some time.

"But, papa," she suggested at length, "cannot you give him money, or whatever he wants, and be friends with him; do anything you think best for him, but not have him in the house? You pretend to like him, but I watched you yesterday, and I am sure that his constant presence brings back terrible recollections to you. If you are always with him your life will be miserable—and—and you will not live very long."

"Nonsense, nonsense, Lily, Gregory" (Walter sighed) "is one of the best fellows in the world. He wishes to live with us, and——"

"And you are obliged to agree?"

"I dare not thwart him," the wretched man was forced to confess. "Remember, Lily, it is as much as my life is worth to raise his anger."

"Your life!" she echoed. Then she bowed her head upon her breast.

"God give me resignation!" she murmured.

Just then Tom entered, and Walter briefly explained their future plans to him. The young surgeon was sufficiently surprised at hearing that Gregory was to be one of the family, and though he did not receive the news with much heartiness, he had no right to interfere with, or object to, the proposal.

"Lily will be leaving me soon," said Walter, with a poor attempt at cheerfulness, "and I shall want a companion. The arrangement is a very happy one—a very happy one."

Lily looked anxiously, pleadingly at Tom. If ever eyes spoke, her's said then:

"Let us be married quickly. Take me away Tom—take me away!"

Mr. Axon that morning was effusively polite to all of them, and particularly gracious to Lily. Perhaps he was ashamed of the previous night's excess, or (and this was more likely) his aching head, and his extreme nervousness and depression had considerably subdued him.

Mr. Barr and he were out the whole of the day searching for a house. Towards the evening they discovered one in the neighbourhood of the Regent's park that met with Gregory's approval. That night a letter was dispatched to the landlord, and before the end of the week they were established in it. Mr. Axon had completely abandoned his business He felt so confident of the future that he did not even attempt to sell it. A broker was called in to clear out the office, and the place was closed.

The place was no home to Lily. She appeared to be living in Mr. Axon's house, and to be dependent upon Mr. Axon's bounty. Her father seemed to have no control over the domestic arrangements, or over his own money. The insolent way in which Gregory would sometimes address her—generally when his libations had been unusually copious—excited her most violent indignation, and she had the utmost difficulty in controlling her passion; but her father's ominous words rang in her ears, "It is as much as my life is worth to raise his anger;" and with a strong effort she bore his impertinence in silence The struggle was a hard one, and often she would run away from all of them and lock herself in her room and sob bitterly by the hour together.

Had it not been for Tom—sympathising, loving Tom—the poor girl would have broken down entirely. Tom did more than encourage her with vain words of affection or vague ones of pity. He declared solemnly that he would discover the secret that gave Gregory such power over her father, and with all his might strive to destroy the evil thraldom.

Tom had come to town to be Walter's companion, and to generally look after his affairs. Gregory Axon had usurped his position, and there was now no need for the young fellow to remain in London. It was exceedingly disagreeable to him to encounter Mr. Axon every day; besides this, he detested dawdling his time uselessly away. He determined to return to Sewton until the wedding day was fixed. Lily solaced herself at his departure with the knowledge that the marriage was to take place with the least possible delay.

It chanced that after he had been away some ten days, he was recalled to London by private business of his own, and there then occurred an incident destined to affect, in the highest degree, the future of every character in this story yet introduced to the reader.

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LECTURE BY MR CAMERON.

On Wednesday night, Mr R. Cameron, of Sunderland, delivered a lecture on "John Bunyan, A. Fuller, R. Hall and J. Foster" in the Baptist Church, Highgate, to a large and very attentive audience. Mr Cameron is well-known in this district as a great scholar and orator, and the lecture was listened to throughout with the greatest attention. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Priestman, J.P., who in his opening remarks said he had great pleasure in introducing to them Mr Cameron. The lecture was a very interesting subject, biography; and he remembered reading in Thomas Carlyle that biography was the most universal and important study. With those few remarks he would call upon Mr Cameron to address the meeting.

Mr CAMERON, on rising, was received with applause, and said: It was very interesting to him to be in that church once more, after the lapse of well-nigh 20 years. He was trying to recall the features of the place, but could not succeed, but he was beginning to see some of the old faces that he had seen before. In the time of Mr Brooks, he was there frequently, and was pleased to see that they were prospering and extending their labours. The subject on which he was going to speak was suitable for a Baptist Church, especially as they had a member of the Society of Friends in the chair. (Applause). The chairman would not be offended at what he said. He was the son of a Baptist minister, and had two brothers, two uncles, and two cousins Baptist ministers. (Applause). He thought it was because people were now beginning to think that Christian character was of more consequence that in Christian ceremony now it was character first and ceremonial second. (Hear, hear). He had no doubt that the society that had done most to settle that conviction in the minds of the people was the "Society of Friends." They had shown that they could have all that was good and great without the ceremonial part, which, he thought, was getting too rife in their age. He thought it was always a sign that religion was getting dead and mechanical when people resorted much to ritual. He had found in church history that the more of ritual there was, the less there was of religion. Leaving that society he must take them back a long way to the outset. When printing was invented the first great result was a revival of learning, and the spread of books. When these books were spread, those who could read made great use of them, and the first revival proved to be one of letters. All the old classic authors were printed and studied carefully, and literature was the first thing to spring into life. To read the Latin and Greek classics was the great desire of all who called themselves educated people, and all learned men quoted from the great Latin authors. It was impossible to read any of the writers of those times without becoming almost tired with their quotations from languages. The reason was that all was so fresh and novel; and the general beauty and grandeur of of the Greek drama, and Roman poetry was spread among the people suddenly—in one generation. The second result was that the bible was circulated among the people, and if they wanted to know the effects of the circulation of this bible, they should read the description of Macaulay and other historians. They had heard how the great bibles were chained to the pulpits and those who could read them were surrounded by listeners. It was a wonderful fact that, though the Roman Catholic priesthood had to teach the bible to the people yet the people seemed in great ignorance even of that book which; now, the smallest child knew. The bible was taken to the peoples' homes and studied there in the leisure. The people were fortunate in having John Knox, and other great teachers to tell them that the bible was the source of all inspiration:—That there was a fountain of truth. (Hear, hear). They would find in it a guidance for their conduct, and the source of their faith and hope. That was the effect of the circulation of the bible upon a certain proportion of our population.. They received the bible and drew from it the inspiration of a new life, a new standard of morality, and new opinions upon the language and customs that surrounded them, such as the theatre, betting, and other sports that were so common during the times of Elizabeth and afterwards. And they drew the line between what was Christian and what was common, and some say that these men drew that line rather hard and fast, and condemned things that were not guilty in themselves. But when they understood the question as it was then, they might be brought to think that these Christians were not in the wrong. The English people in those days were divided into two classes, those who lived a life as they thought they found set forth in the Bible, and the other class who lived the old life as it had been, and went in for the drama, and this class was called the cavaliers. In every family they would find some who looked upon life and things seriously, and those who cared very little about the serious side of it and went in for pleasure. He thought that Nonconformists forgot how much was owing to the early Puritans, for England had been preserved in her moral tone and earnestness of purpose by those men, and how much the Puritan mind and principles advanced themselves into all other classes—into politics as well as the moral and social conditions of the people. At that time Cromwell—(hear, hear)—was the champion of Puritanism as far as politics went, and it was only when compelled by the plotters that surrounded him that he began to rule in an arbitrary manner. But beyond him, in the Puritan Society there were many of those Republicans who cut off the head of King Charles the First, and therefore you could not think that they respected kings much when they cut off the head of one of them. They would remember how the King had tried to govern in spite of the Constitution it had taken so many years to rear, and how he levied taxes without Parliament's consent. Then it was that Puritanism became the organ for demanding social liberty as well as that of conscience. Every age had its great representative or mouthpiece. Thus if you wanted to know about the Greeks you read Homer; the Romans, and you studied Virgil; and coming further down to the middle ages, they read not the great theologians and divines, but the poet Dante, and he would tell them of Catholicism in all its phases. The poet was the real interpreter of the age, for what he saw and felt he gave them in language which never perished. So if he wanted an interpreter of Puritanism he went to John Milton and asked him to tell him all. Milton was a learned man, for at the age of 19 years he was well read in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, and French, and could speak them almost as well as his mother tongue. (Applause). Well, he did not get all this learning by everlasting playing at football or smoking a pipe—(laughter)—but by sitting at his books and working hard. John Milton was no believer in the saying that error was strong. He believed that as truth came from God, so in the end it would prevail. (Loud applause). John Milton had passed away, and a long dreary period followed. Calvinism was the great error of that day, it about killed Christianity. He (the lecturer) liked to know the environments which surrounded men. He had seen the birthplaces of all the subjects of his lecture, except John Forster. They all knew John Bunyan, and John Bunyan, as all true men must, saw that Calvinism, in the highest sense, was not true, and he was careful to say that all men could work out their own salvation. John Bunyan could see things with his eyes closed, and he has given a true insight into the life of men. Who does not think often of Talkative and Pliable, the men with no backbone, who are so changeable. At every revival they have to be converted, and after the excitement has cooled down, they are converted again at the public-house. (Cheers and laughter.) And as Bunyan saw every type of character, he could take principles, such as truthfulness, honesty courage faith, and weave them into pictures which will live forever in the memory of [illegible] people who read them, One of the principle facts, in the lives of these four men, is that they all passed through some great crisis in their youth. John Bunyan went through a severe struggle, he felt, more than the people of the age, a striving of conscience, and he went through horrors—"through hell itself," he said. Fuller passed through the same, and every good man we knew has felt a spiritual sense of sin coming strangely home. Every man has a conscience, and that conscience will flame up, and the horror of sin will come upon him. We must all come to the time when the solemn realities of life come before us. We are better qualified for converting people when we have passed through this soul struggle. To have true sympathy we must have passed through sorrow, and John Bunyan had a large sympathetic heart touched with sorrow. Now there is a lot of things which education and science have dispelled since the time of Bunyan. We do not look at the present day for a devil with horns—(a laugh)—and witches have about died away, and yet at the time of Bunyan these things were thoroughly believed in. But we must take into consideration that education and science were, in comparison with to-day, very little known, and that the circumstances under which the people then lived favoured these opinions There was a long pause between Bunyan and poor Fuller. But some may say "who was Fuller?" I may say that Fuller made the greatest impression upon the people at this time. The literature of Gibbon, of Voltaire, of Payne, had been freely circulated, and the whole English intellectual world was charged by a cold scepticism. Fuller was a man of eloquence in the pulpit. He aroused men. He was afraid unless he might be seeking the praises of men, rather than the good of souls. It is said that when you heard Fuller preach you spoke to nobody; but if you heard Hall or any of the others, you said "How grand," "How beautiful." In this way we see the very essence of the man. Andrew Fuller was so conscientious that even when preaching he would be afraid of hurting some one, and yet he must tell them of the great love of God. Fuller wrote against the infidelity of France in very strong terms. Fuller is a man who should be more widely read; he is not dull. When you understand the man, you read with delight. Another trouble that Fuller had to fight against was this hypra-Calvinism. Andrew Fuller began a battle 150 years ago; the churches were dead, Calvinism was doing mischief; the great aristocracy did not think it was right to preach the Gospel to the poor, uneducated sinners; but Fuller's great heart burst through the bonds of creed, and so he commenced to argue the matter. He roused all the Calvinists against him; but in spite of all their opposition, this was the beginning of a great missionary enterprise. (Cheers.) Andrew Fuller looked around him, and he said that they must have a mission in India. He made arrangement with a cobbler named Carey to go out into India. Men laughed at the idea of a cobbler converting India, even the great Sidney Smith sneered at it. Thirteen shillings and sixpence was the first sum they could get together, but at last they got enough for to send Carey out to India. You have heard how out of this seemingly insignificant mission enterprise a great work was accomplished; you have heard of the relations with Havelock and Carey in India, and how, out of this small beginning, the great Baptist Missionary Society sprung up. (Applause.) For an insight into the character of Fuller he would recommend them to read his book—"The Gospel its own Witness." After Andrew Fuller comes the most cultured man this period produced—Robert Hall. Great as this man was in intellect, yet he was like a child. He was very absent-minded—always taking the wrong hat out of the vestry or the wrong top-coat, and they had on some occasions to remind him. (Laughter.) He sometimes liked men of this sort. Adam Smith—if he dare tell it—was once found in his night-shirt near Kirkcaldy, absorbed in the problem of "Political economy." (Laughter.) He was once staying at the house of Mr Mursell, and he (Mr Mursell) related the following story of Robert Hall:—Robert Hall and Mr Mursell were staying at the house of a lady, for whom Hall had the greatest respect, but unfortunately the landlady was very plain. Hall at this time had a severe pain in the spine, and Mrs Thompson came into the room to see him, while Mr Mursell was in an adjoining apartment. Hall, who was in great agony, began staring at her, and Mrs Thompson began to tremble. At last she walked into the room beside Mr Mursell, and burst out crying. "Mr Mursell," said the lady, "I did not think Mr Hall could be so rude." "Rude, madam," said Mursell, "why what has he been doing?" "Well, you know, I am not very beautiful, and he has been staring at me so." Mursell went to Hall to try and get an explanation of this singular behaviour. "Stared at her," replied Hall; "perhaps I did, but I was thinking how greatly she would be improved by the resurrection." (Laughter and cheers.) Robert Hall was a man of culture. He was at Brighton and at Bristol College. How did he employ his talents? He employed them by showing that religion demanded the highest intellect, and that its object was to ennoble and uplight men's lives. Hall knew no distinctions between rich and poor. The Lord and the peasant were as one to him. One of his greatest friends was a cobbler named Thompson. Of Thompson, Hall used to say: "He speaks to me like another conscience." Hall did good service in Parliament in the cause of Dissent, and he wrought a marvellous influence upon the people by his pamphlets. The great men of the day believed that knowledge was the great foe of the common people, and they thought that if the lower classes, as they were called, were allowed to gain knowledge and exercise their talents, they would become corrupt. But Hall took up their cause, and firmly maintained that the power which God had given the people should be developed. (Loud applause.) He took the highest views of men, and he took the highest views of life. Hall possessed the gift of eloquence. But we want more freedom than Hall gave us. He had thoughts, but they were not so deep as John Forster's. But undoubtedly the great charm of Hall lies in his pure type of character, in his great, noble life. (Cheers.) And now we come to the last. He (the speaker) got from John Forster more than from any other man a purpose in life. John Forster was specially fitted to write such a book as "Decision of character," because he was such a solitary being. His father and mother married late in life, and so John Forster was the child of a late marriage. The boy element was not found in Forster, he had a tendency towards melancholy. But behind this there lay great things in John Forster. He was a just man, he was so just that, going into a bookseller's shop, he would pick up a book and ask the price. Then he would ask how long it took to write, print, and publish the book. Generally he paid more than was asked, because he thought that the book had passed through a very expensive operation. The shop-keeper would stare and wonder whether the man had ever studied political economy—no, but he had studied Christian economy. (Loud cheers.) We want more men like John Forster in our great Metropolis, where the starving people live in misery; where the poor labouring man has little pleasure and no books. We want men of justice, men of courage—capitalists who shall pay honest wages. What is the life of our labouring people? What is the life of the charwomen in our great cities? If we studied these things as John Forster did we should have a better reform than Parliament can give us, we should have a Christian reformation. (Loud applause.) John Forster had a great love of nature. He could not pass by a dirty pond without looking at it, and then when he got home he would compare (in his journal) that pond to the human heart, full of rubbish and filth, until the pure water of God flowed into it, changing man's heart into a loving image of the Godhead. Forster failed as a preacher because he had not sufficient sympathy—he was isolated. When he was preaching he did not see whether his people were awake or asleep. One thing Forster could not understand, he could not reconcile the idea of God with eternal punishment. Forster wrote to the great Dr Chalmers on the subject, but the doctor said "he wished Forster would let these things alone until the Judgment-day." That was the doctor's way of getting out of it. What grand forefathers we had! If we want freedom of speech, if we hate oppression, it is the old spirit of Milton and Cromwell. But let us at least show in our day that it is consistent with human character to hate, oppression, and let us also take care that we preserve the high moral spirit of our forefathers. (Loud applause.)

At the conclusion of the lecture, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr Cameron for his interesting and instructive lecture.

In acknowledging the vote, Mr CAMERON said he was greatly obliged for the kind attention he had received from the audience, and promised that when he came back again he would lecture on the "Life and times of George Fox," and trusted they would have Mr Priestman in the chair to correct him. He then moved a vote of thanks to their Chairman, which Rev A. BAILLIE seconded, and Rev E. W. JENKINS supported, and the meeting shortly afterwards terminated.

The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to paying the cost of painting the chapel, towards which the Chairman has kindly subscribed £1.

A MEDOMSLEY MAN KILLED AT WHITBURN.

We regret to announce that, at a late hour on Sunday night, Charles Beadling, aged 29, a stoneman, was killed by a fall of stone in the Whitburn Colliery, South Shields. Deceased formerly resided at Medomsley for a great number of years, having left that place about two months ago.—At the inquest, a verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned. He leaves a wife and family.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

FIXTURES.—SATURDAY, DEC. 15TH.

Consett v Gateshead Institute, at Gateshead.
Consett 2nd v Gateshead Institute 2nd, at Consett.
Leadgate Exiles v Gateshead St. Mary's, at Leadgate.
Medomsley v Rendel, at Newcastle.
Leadgate Park v St. Paul's Reserve, at Leadgate.
Shotley Bridge St. Cuthbert's v Durham St. Cuthbert's, at Durham.
Dipton v Lintzford, at Dipton.
Dipton Wanderers v Newfield Wanderers, at Newfield.
Hamsteels v Durham Y.M.C.A., at Hamsteels.
Tanfield Lea v Felling, at Felling.
Pelton Fell Harriers 1st and 2nd v Wrekenton Stars 1st and 2nd, at Pelton Fell.
Birtley v St. Augustine's, at Darlington.
West Wylam v Tyne Villa, at Hexham.
Mickley v Science and Art, at Newcastle.
Mickley 2nd v Science and Art 2nd, at Mickley.
Ouston Rovers v St. Thomas's, at Ouston.
Ryton 2nd v Newcastle Rangers 2nd, at Newcastle.

LEADGATE EXILES V GATESHEAD ST. MARY'S.—These teams will meet to-morrow (Saturday) to play off their return fixture on the Exiles' ground, St. Ives Road, Leadgate, when the undermentioned will play for the home team:—Goal, H Callaghan; backs, W McGee (capt.) and P Hughes; half-backs, P Quinn, W Costello, and J Monaghan; forwards, G Walton, C Quinn, J Costello, A Little, and J McMahon. Umpire, Mr J McCurley. Kick-off at 3-45 prompt.

TANFIELD LEA V FELLING.—These teams will meet at the Felling to-morrow (Saturday), when Tanfield Lea will be represented by the following team:—Goal, T Christopher; backs, W Milburn and J Robbs; half-backs, J Brown, J McDonald, and M Webb (capt.); forwards, J Gales and T Robson, right wing; J Smith, centre; G R Leadbitter and J Milburn, left wing. Umpire, Mr J Wood.

LINTZFORD V. DIPTON.—Lintzford will journey to Dipton to-morrow (Saturday) with the following team:—Goal, C Burton; backs, Andrews and Bennett; half-backs, McKenna, M Abbott, and Gibson; forwards, J E Taylor, G Burton, G Abbott, Allcorn, and Rule. Umpire, Mr T Smith.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

CONSETT.—A largely-attended meeting of Mr W. Jenkins' committee was held in the New Town Hall Buildings, on Wednesday night.—The reports of the canvassers were of a highly gratifying nature, showing that a large preponderance of the electors had signified their intention of supporting Mr Jenkins. His chances of success are of the most hopeful nature.

LEADGATE AND MEDOMSLEY.—It is announced that Mr C. D. W. Balleny will address another meeting in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, on Monday evening next.

LANCHESTER.—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., will begin his campaign as a candidate for this extensive division by addressing a meeting of the rated inhabitants in the Lanchester National Schools next Monday evening. The other speakers will probably include Messrs J. Orr, Annfield Plain, W. Allen, Lanchester, &c.

TOW LAW AND WOLSINGHAM.—Mr A. W. Emerson has been appointed secretary for convening the meeting at which the whole of the candidates will express their views. Great interest is being manifested in the election.

MEETING AT WESTWOOD.

On Wednesday evening, Mr George Nicholson, one of the candidates for the Leadgate and Medomsley Division, addressed the electors of Westwood in the Co-operative Hall—Mr Smailes occupied the chair.

Mr G. NICHOLSON, in introducing himself, explained that he was a resident in the Division, and also a ratepayer. He was no stranger to road improvements and sanitary works, having been a member of the Leadgate Local Board for many years. Some time ago the parish of Medomsley was part of the Leadgate Board district for highway purposes, and at the time there were some very great improvements carried out in the parish by the Board. (Hear.) There was one road especially—Allendale Bank—which was in an almost impassable condition. Well, they had the road properly macadamised and altered, and put it in almost as good a condition as was possible under the circumstances. There was another road put into "walking" order, which led down to Low Westwood. Previous to that being done, anyone who wished to get to the lower regions of Westwood would have had to go up the Medomsley bank, and right through the village of Medomsley before they could get to Low Westwood. At that time they also put down upwards of ten miles of footpaths in the parish. So he thought they would surely give him credit for having some knowledge of the district and its needs. The County Council would have to look after the roads and bridges (hear), and he was certain that they wanted someone to represent them in this respect. It was a long-felt want amongst them, he knew, to have a bridge across the river at Blackhall Mill. (Hear.) For at many seasons of the year the River Derwent at that point was not forded with safety, and was dangerous both to life and property. He was once one of a deputation respecting this bridge question at Blackhall Mill. All honour to the Leadgate Local Board, and to Col. Cowen, chairman of Blaydon Local Board, the joint Boards at that time approached the subject in a very business-like manner and spirit. He believed the bridge would have been built about that time had not very serious obstacles come in the way. The ratepayers in the higher part of the parish, who were not concerned at all in the bridge question, found out that they were going to spend a lot of money over it. They therefore grumbled about it, and subsequently applied to the authorities, who gave them power to sever their connection with them, and commanded that all documents, books, and money should be handed over to the waywardens of the Highway Board. They handed over then a greatly improved district and £159 1s 3d in money in the year 1880. The district had been improved for them, and there was besides a good balance in hand. If he was the successful candidate he would most strongly advocate that a good bridge should be built at the place he had referred to. (Applause). As they would most likely be aware, he was not forcing himself upon them; but he was the selected candidate at a meeting of the ratepayers held in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate. The voting for the Council was by ballot, and he held such a great respect for the secrecy of the Ballot Act that he would not canvass the district in order to see how many supporters he had amongst them. He did not intend to ask them individually to vote for him, but he hoped they would as a body repose their confidence in him. His opponent was a personal friend of his, He was an honourable and an upright man, and he (the speaker) would be the last one in the world to say a single word which might hurt his feelings. The Local Government Act of 1888 was a very extensive and far-reaching one. It put into their hands the management of lots of things which had formerly been managed by a judicial administration—that was, by magistrates appointed by Government, &c. The special clause in the Act which ought to interest them very much, however, was that upon the bridges. He just wanted to touch upon the bridge again. At the time when the question was formerly discussed there was some diversity of opinion in reference to the position of the bridge. There was a high ford and a low ford, and they thought the low ford would be the most practicable. They must not run away with the idea that if he was elected he would have nothing to do but ask that the bridge should be built and it would there and then be done. He would, however, do his utmost to bring the desired object about, and no man could possibly do more. He knew the way to properly lay before them the scheme in its best form, and he hoped that the County Council would see their way clear to build the suggested bridge. They would also have to appoint a coroner and a chief-constable. He believed they had nothing to fear in that respect at present, but it was nevertheless a very important matter, and one which he thought greatly affected the ratepayers. He knew that the police had many difficult and unpleasant tasks to perform, by night as well as by day. It was for them, however, to remedy the evil and stick to the good. (Hear.) He would do all he could to rectify the matter. It was the intention of the Government Board to transfer into the hands of the County Councils, at an early date, the Tramways Act, the Public Health Act, the Wash-houses Act, and the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act. The Bill in its entirety was a comprehensive measure, and taking the management of these Acts from one department to another many people thought would be a great shock to the national as well as the social position of the country. It was supposed the whole thing would not be in proper working order for three years. The licensing clauses for the sale of intoxicating liquors had been withdrawn. The temperance reformers and the promoters of the Bill in the House of Commons could not agree about the clause, and as they thought it would be a great pity to stop the Bill from passing just on account of that they agreed amongst them to withdraw that clause. As soon as they could come to terms upon the matter, the power would be handed over to them. The County Council would also have to provide the money to defray the expenses which were incurred by keeping the main roads in order. It would be a great saving to the Leadgate Local Board, and, he dared to say, a great saving to Medomsley also. If they did him the honour to return him, he would consider it his duty to advocate the greatest good to the greatest number. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN said after they had heard Mr Nicholson they would likely take a greater interest in the County Council. He hoped they would ponder over what Mr Nicholson had said.

Mr STONEHOUSE said he had a question to ask Mr Nicholson, but that gentleman had already answered it. As most of them sitting there would know, the question of having a bridge built over the Derwent at Blackhall Mill had for a considerable time occupied a most prominent place in their minds. He was talking upon the very same question some time ago to a gentleman, who said that if they could only get Mr G. Nicholson a seat on the Council he would be the most likely one to see about the matter, as he took a great interest in it. He had great pleasure in moving that "Mr George Nicholson is a fit and proper person to represent the Leadgate and Medomsley Division on the Durham County Council." (Applause.)

Mr J. S. BROWN seconded the resolution, and not one hand was shown in opposition to it.

Mr NICHOLSON moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

Mr M. ROBSON seconded, and the proceedings closed.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

Exception has been taken to Major Scott Jervis in certain quarters in Weardale as a candidate for the representation of Stanhope parish on the County Council, on the ground that he is a stranger and not much known. So he is. But is he the only stranger that has come into Weardale? Are there not others who now occupy positions of honour and trust in the dale who only a few years ago were strangers too? In their cases the people honoured them with their confidence and trust, and they have turned out well; and if some have done so, why may not another? Generally speaking, it is a stranger that gets on the best in Weardale—at least it has been so in the past, and is so still. Local talent is not appreciated. If a native attempts anything he is practically boycotted, but if a stranger comes and tries the very same thing, the people flock to him; if he is a business man, they patronise him far more freely than they would do one of their kith and kin. On the same principle, as did some of whom we read of in an old book of undoubted authority, who said of one of their own countrymen, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" I have known a few strangers in my time come into Weardale, especially into Stanhope, who were poor enough, whom the people honoured with their confidence, and who have risen into positions of wealth and affluence. In fact, they have made Weardale a veritable El Dorado—a terrestial Paradise, whereas, if they had been natives, they would have been thoroughly handicapped by those around them, and looked upon perhaps with contempt as upstarts, unless they had been possessed of extraordinary talents and risen above their unfavourable surroundings. If Major Jervis be a stranger, why not entertain him? The mere fact of his being a stranger should not be a disqualification. A very high authority tells us to "be careful to entertain strangers, as some by so doing have entertained angels unawares."

It seems an easy matter to "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel," at least one would infer so from the inconsistent conduct of some people. How they object to Major Jervis as their representative on the grounds of being a stranger, and yet how prone are the bulk of the Dissenters in the dale to run after strangers in their different pulpits, no matter what their antecedents may be or have been. "He is one of our preachers (yet a stranger) and we must hear him." Churchmen in this respect are little better than Dissenters. They like strangers occasionally, and go to hear and criticise, and yet they object to Major Jervis's candidature on the very same grounds because he is a stranger.

Major Jervis has had crowded meetings at Westgate and Wearhead, and the people were unanimous in showing their confidence in him. A show of hands at both meetings resulted in all but one in his favour at the one place, and some two or three in the other. He also addressed a meeting at Lanehead, where the majority were also in his favour. If he were only better known he would soon become a general favourite with the masses.

"The brave miners of Weardale, deny it who can,
Will fight like true Britons for a real good man."

He has every reason to be gratified with the receptions given him in the higher part of the dale, and if, as he says, he will make a house-to-house canvas, his success is all but assured.

The young ladies of Stanhope are to be complimented for their pluck and perseverance, and for the smart way in which they can bring to "the stickling point" a dilatory lover who is rather backward in coming forward. It shows the mettle of which the Stanhope young ladies are made of; so young men beware. Cupid's votaries in the little classic country town have almost reached perfection, as will be seen on the perusal of the following lines from a buxom damsel to her shy lover in the shape of a Leap Year proposal:—

"Dearest John, I want to know
Why you so often come and go;
And call me angel, darling, dear,
And make me feel I love you dear,
And when you steal a parting kiss,
You often call it exquisite bliss;
And yet, dear John, the truth to tell,
You manage to evade the point so well;
You say you love me better than life,
Then why not take me as your sweet, little wife?
You've told me so often, yet you stand aloof,
But the time has come for a practical proof.
This is Leap Year, dear, as the story goes,
When it's a lady's privilege to propose;
So what do you say, John, if we link our fates,
And sail at once for the United States?"

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION AT BLACKHILL.

A party of the friends of Mr J. S. Murray gave a complimentary supper to that gentleman at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday night. A splendid served was served up by the host and hostess, Mr and Mrs W. Eltringham. After ample justice had been done, it was proposed that Mr J. Parker should take the chair.

The loyal toasts were honoured in the usual way, and were followed by that of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" and "The trade of the district" A small present was then made to Mr Murray, as a token of their sympathy, subscribed by 960 persons in penny subscriptions.

Mr W. ROBINSON, in making the presentation, said be had known Mr Murray for a long time now, and there was no one for whom he had more respect. He honoured him as a man and esteemed him highly as a friend. He had never met a person, either man or woman, whom he had heard say a word against Mr Murray. (Hear). The presentation was made to Mr Murray not because he needed the money, but in order to show the sympathy that they felt for him in his position. He hoped that Mr Murray would long be spared to live among them, and he would see that he would have the same friends in the future as he had had in the past

Mr E. SLOANE had known Mr Murray for well-nigh 30 years, and had never yet heard anyone say one word against him.

Mr GEO. ELTRINGHAM endorsed the observations of the previous speakers.

Mr MURRAY, in replying, said he felt in rather a peculiar position that night. He did not believe in a two-faced man, but still he felt that night in two characters. He felt that he was in a position of which anyone might be proud. (Hear) He felt proud that he had lived so long among them, and to know by their contributions that evening that he had so many friends in the district. With regard to the decision of the magistrates, he did not blame them, because according to the evidence brought before them they had no alternative but to fine him; but, considering the provocation he had had, he thought they might have been more lenient. He thought that all who were acquainted with him, knew that he would not harm a worm intentionally. He had always tried to walk uprightly in the past, and he meant to do so in the future. He could not express his gratitude to them for their kindness, but he would try to live his thanks. He did not intend to appropriate the money that had been presented to him to his own use, but meant to give it towards some charity. (Applause). He thought they might give some of the old, poor people a good tea about Christmas time. (Applause). He intended to keep the purse as a memento of their kindness. (Applause).

Then followed the toasts "The host and hostess," "The visitors," and "The Press," and the evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by the toast of "The health of the Chairman and Vice-chairman."

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY WEARSIDER].

The chief item of gossip during the week has been the passage-of-arms between Mr P. Hay and the Sanitary Authority, represented by the Chairman. A full account of the meeting will doubtless be found in another column; it is therefore unnecessary for me to reproduce it here. Suffice it to say that the action of the Chairman of the Authority is generally endorsed, and the action of Peter Hay in the matter is generally condemned.

Mr J. Turnbull's seventh annual Christmas Show and sale of fat stock on Monday was quite a success. Although there was a slight falling-off in numbers, there was, according to the opinion of experts, a great advance in quality. This Mart is rapidly assuming a front-rank position.

The forthcoming election of a County Councillor for the district is already creating a deal of feeling in the neighbourhood. Although four gentlemen are spoken of as probable candidates, the contest will in all probability rest with Messrs Robson and Hay. Mr Mitchell informs me that he will certainly not contest the division, and it is in every way likely that Mr Kerrich-Walker will take up a similar attitude. The influence of those two gentlemen will also be given in favour of the respected Chairman of the Guardians and Sanitary Authority, whose suitability for the position of County Councillor is admitted and acknowledged on all sides.

I stumbled across a genuine "working-man" candidate for the County Council one day latterly. This gentleman proposed two or three unlikely people for his division—none of whom either cared for or wanted the honour. But the "working-man" knew what he was about, and he succeeded in getting himself adopted—just the thing he wanted. He straightway began the campaign, and went out canvassing with a lanthorn! Of course he had a supporter or two with him, who did the most of the talking, while he carried the light. Calling upon an elector to whom the "working-man" candidate was unknown, one of the spouters began his solicitation, winding up with the exhortation, "We want wor working-men to rise. Look at Tommy Burt and Charley Fenwick; and look what a man Alexander Macdonald was; they were all working-men. Noo let's hev wor working-man put in!" "Just so," said the elector, "but we hev Mr —— coming oot, and he is a good man, we knaa that!" Hereupon the candidate, with the lanthorn, stepped forward and spoke. "But he's a grand man this working-man that we're bringing oot. He's been on the School Board six years; ye cannot get off sending him to the Cooncil!" I left then.

CONCERT AT WEST STANLEY.

A grand concert was held in the United Methodist Free Church, Stanley, on Wednesday evening. Mr W. Armstrong occupied the chair, and an excellent programme was provided, although the company present was not near so large as was expected, probably on account of two counter-attractions being held in the village of West Stanley the same night. The first piece was a trio, entitled "Forgive, blest shade," ably rendered by Messrs Cotton, Hall, and Fawcett, Tanfield Lea. Mr R. Thirlwell, Tantobie, sang a solo, called "I'm a friar of Order's Grey," in excellent style. Mr Thirlwell is in possession of a splendid baritone voice, and does it full justice. He was loudly applauded. A duet, "The night before the battle's rage," was given next by Messrs Matthew and Nicholas Forster (father and son), Tanfield Lea. These two gentlemen have excellent tenor voices, and blend together wonderfully. The duet was very well received. Mr Treviana was expected to sing the favourite song, "Jessie, the flower of Dunblane;" but owing to reasons only known to himself, he left the building before his turn came, and never appeared. Misses A. Pringle and Susan Donald, Tanfield Lea, sang a duet, "Beautiful home," which was most efficiently rendered, and received its due share of applause. "Arm! ye brave," was given by Mr H. Cotton in his usual high-class style, and elicited outbursts of applause. A trio, styled "The sleighing song," was so well sung by Messrs Cotton, Hall, and Fawcett, that they were awarded a well-merited *encore*. These gentlemen seem to be able to sing any trio they undertake in faultless style, as their voices make such an excellent combination. Mr R. Thirlwell next sang "What is heaven?" followed by a duet from Messrs M. and N. Forster, entitled "I know a bank." Mr Treviana was down again for the "Slave ship;" but Messrs Fawcett and Cotton favoured the audience with a duet, called "Albion, on thy fertile plains," which is a splendid piece, and was capitally performed. A duet and chorus was given by Misses Donald and Pringle, the audience joining in the chorus. Messrs Forster and Thirlwell gave a duet, "List to the convent bells." to conclude the programme, in first-class style. The performers all volunteered their services, and they were highly appreciated. The proceeds were in aid of the chapel fund. Mr. J. Pringle accompanied the pieces, and performed his part in a most efficient and creditable manner.

Late Correspondence.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In the scriptures we are taught to add to our faith—virtue. I think one of the candidates for the Consett Division—Mr R. Murray—has substituted the word *cheek* for virtue when he presumes to ask the working classes to vote for him—a man who has availed himself of every opportunity to prevent working men obtaining a vote for Tory candidates, and who at one time acted as Tory agent, and did his very best to prevent anyone but Tories from getting a vote, and whose son is now the agent for the Tories in the North-Western Division of the county. He is also engaged in a traffic that is blighting, withering, and destroying the people—cursed drink. Moreover, by section 20 of the Local Government Act, it is intimated that the granting and renewal of licenses will be done by the Council by and bye. Would it be wise to send a publican to regulate the issuing of licenses? I think not. I hope the ratepayers of Consett will think so too.—Yours, &c.,

HENRY CARSS.

December 11th, 1888.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—For the first time to my knowledge a ticket meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, to promote the return of Mr James Annandale to the County Council, not an appeal to the body of ratepayers, but to a few only. The precious postcard inviting attendance was signed by two Tories and two Liberals. It is a great pity that Mr Siddell retired after the answers given by Mr Annandale relative to the election of Aldermen. I have no doubt but that Mr Siddell would have been returned by a large majority, as Mr Siddell is in favour of electing the Alderman out of the returned Councillors, and not go outside of the Council at all, which is a most important principle. Why is the Blue Bridge not repaired? Where is the Local Board Chairman's zeal for the public good. when we are deprived of the use of so beautiful a walk, on the Northumberland side of the Derwent? Why did the Chairman not advise the signing of the petition for Sunday Closing, which involves both the moral and physical weal of the people. The refusal to sign the petition by the Board will I hope be remembered by the people at the next election of the Board. I see the names of several professors of Christianity are noted as being presented at the meeting of the Board yet not one of them dare to propose the signing of the petition, but a publican publicly advocated the non-signing of petition.—Yours, &c.,

H. CARSS.

December 11th, 1888.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

A very successful missionary meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Thursday se'nnight. Able addresses were given by the circuit minister and deputation. Mr G. Richardson, Shotley Bridge, presided.

The Primitive Methodists held their missionary meeting and services recently, and raised the nice sum of £11 9s 4d.

The ladies connected with the Primitive Methodist Church have been applying their needles dexterously of late preparing for a bazaar, and at their tea meetings have succeeded in securing the attendance and sympathy of the young men and maidens. The young men, assisted by the ladies, gave a tea and supper on Saturday last, which realised the sum of £3. Well done the young men I hear, however, the "fair ones" intend beating them.

Perhaps the young men and the "beardless youths" of the village, upon whom the uncalled-for calumny of some ill-natured dyspeptic scribe fell a few weeks ago, may hope to recover their good name. We would suggest that your correspondent make himself acquainted with Dr Beecham or Mother Seigel.

The School Board meets on Monday first, and may take into consideration the suggestion of your late correspondent.

The electors of this part of the Lanchester Division of the county think it time the candidates for the County Council were making their appearance in public.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

DURHAM.—9th inst., the wife of Rev James Haworth, M.A., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MEDOMSLEY.—Parish Church, 28th ult., by the Rev W. Cockin, M.A., vicar, Walter William Ware to Margaret, second daughter of Wm. Cousins, engineer, Hamsterley Colliery.

LANCHESTER.—Register Office, 9th inst., Andrew Cooper, Langley Park, to Isabella S. Jefferson, Witton Gilbert.—Same date, Joseph Barker to Lousia Griffith, both of Milkwell Burn.—Same date, Thomas George Hammond, Blackhill, to Isabella Seaman, Consett.—Same day, James Coalman (widower) to Mrs Isabella Birkley (widow), both of Tantobie.—Same date, Francis Brown, Tanfield Lea, to Margaret Harrison, Ornsby Hill, Lanchester.

TOW LAW.—Parish Church, 6th ult., Geo. Page, of Herne Bay, Kent, to Katie Raine, of Barnard Castle.

WOLSINGHAM.—Register Office, 8th inst., Robert Moor, Elm Park Road Ends, Tow Law, to Sarah youngest daughter of Mr John Hills, Barrowjoss.

CHESTER-LE-STREET — 8th inst, Thomas Yates to Elizabeth Hutchinson, both of Sacriston—10th inst, John Cornforth to Margaret A. Smith, both of Grangeville, Pelton.

Primitive Methodist Chapel, 10th inst, by Rev J Taylor, John Smith, Chester Moor, to Sarah A Walker, Chester-le-Street.

CROOK.—Presbyterian Church, 5th inst., I. C. Wearmouth, Frankland Park, near Durham, to Mary Isabella, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Nesbitt, farmer, Butcher Race.

HEXHAM.—8th inst., Wylam Ramsay Walker, Hedley Colliery, to Annie, only daughter of the late W. Snowball, Hedley Grange, Stocksfield.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL.—3, Roger Street, 11th inst., aged 68, Thomas Whorrall. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, 16th inst. Friends please accept this intimation.

DIPTON.—Ewehurst Head, 7th inst, aged 59, George Henderson.

BURNHOPESIDE HALL, Lanchester, in the county of Durham, on the 13th inst, in his 81st year, William Hedley, Esq., J.P.

ESPERSHIELDS.—7th inst., aged 44, Mary, wife of W. Heppell.

BEAMISH LODGE.—10th inst., aged 41, John Livingstone.

WINLATON.—5th inst, aged 29, suddenly, Margaret, wife of James Gilfillan.

SWALWELL—11th inst, aged 24, Margaret, wife of T Lawson

WOLSINGHAM—13th inst, Joseph Hamilton

RYTON.—Tweedy's Buildings, aged 48, Isaac, eldest son of the late Robert Clark.

WEARDALE.—St. John's Chapel, 7th inst., aged 50, Joshua Watson.

BYWELL COLLIERY.—1st inst., Norman, youngest son of George Stanley.

DURHAM.—Lilac House, Sunderland Road, aged 59, W. R. Golightly, Wesleyan local preacher for 39 years.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Johannesburg, October 29th, aged 34, William, the beloved husband of Frances Taylor, formerly of Hunstanworth.

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