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SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

As the subject of elementary school accommodation at Chester-le-Street is exciting a great deal of interest in that neighbourhood, and as the compulsory establishment of a School Board seems almost inevitable, we furnish our readers with a more extended account of the question than was reported in last week's *Guardian*.

A few months ago a communication was received by the managers of the Chester-le-Street National Schools notifying that the school accommodation was inadequate to meet the educational requirements of the town. A circular was then issued by the School Committee appealing for subscriptions to the amount of £800, for the purpose of building a new school. The committee then stated that they believed that they would not appeal in vain to the inhabitants and those connected with the town to raise a building worthy of the occasion, to be named after the Queen, which should be a permanent benefit to be handed down to future generations. Since the issue of this circular over £500 has been promised towards the building fund by several gentlemen and colliery proprietors in the township. The tradesmen of Chester-le-Street, however, declined to subscribe to the fund unless the Co-operative Society, which is rated upon upwards of £1,000, gave a donation which would bear some proportion to the rateable value of the society's premises. Matters have been at a standstill anent the business until the result of the society's decision at their quarterly meeting was known. The members of the Store held the quarterly meeting on Saturday week, the chair being occupied by the president (Mr R Hamilton). The large hall was crammed in every part and the proceedings throughout were of a lively and animated character.

The SECRETARY having read the minutes of the last meeting,

Mr W. PRICE (Plawsworth), took exception to the seventh item on the agenda paper before the meeting, the paragraph reading as follows:—"The re-consideration of the appeal from the committee of the New National Schools for Chester-le-Street." He wanted to know if this meant that they were to consider the appeal that was moved off the Board at their last meeting? Being answered in the affirmative, he moved a vote of censure upon the committee for the action they had taken in the the matter, remarking that it was a piece of the greatest high-handed business that had come within his experience during the last 20 years. They (meaning the clergy of the Church of England) had been the greatest hindrance to progress. The speaker then began a statement about a letter signed "Truth" which had appeared in a Durham newspaper.

Mr S. R. DAVIDSON rose to order, and said that the paper was not evidence.

Mr PRICE then concluded by moving a vote of censure on the committee.

Mr R. CLARK (insurance agent) then made an attack upon the society concluded by stating that the action of the committee was illegal, and that they had to a very large extent depreciated the confidence reposed in them.

A prolonged and angry discussion ensued, during which Mr Watson Young and several members of the Primitive and Wesleyan bodies took a prominent part.

Mr YOUNG loudly shouted that they wanted a change.

Ultimately, after over an hour had passed, it was resolved by an overwhelming majority that the vote of censure should not be put then, but that the meeting should proceed with the business as it appeared upon the agenda paper.

The CHAIRMAN explained the reasons which had led the committee to bring the question of the National Schools before that meeting, and concluded his address by stating that the committee had acted as they thought best in the interests of the society.

Mr S. A. DAVIDSON moved that the society give a donation of £100 towards the proposed school fund. He said the managers of the Chester-le-Street National Schools desired to enlarge their school accommodation to meet the requirements of the growing population. All the larger ratepayers had offered a similar sum, in order to save themselves from the more costly luxury of a School Board. It was often contemptuously stated that their society was a religious association. After that night he would hardly feel so prepared to deny this as he had done in the past. The religious tone which had been introduced into the discussion ought never to have been imparted into it. It was not a question of Canon Blunt, or anybody else, but the question was—What was the cheapest course for them to pursue? The brewery had offered to give a £100. Did they think that the brewery cared two straws about the education of the place? No! They were wise as serpents, and they knew that it was the best thing they could do to give a £100 to avoid further taxation. If they had a School Board to-morrow they would not possess any more voice in the educational arrangements of the schools, and they would not even have the appointment of the office cat. (Laughter.) He (the speaker) was not a ratepayer in Chester-le-Street. Very few of them were. He did not care a straw about the education of Chester-le-Street, but it had to be provided for, and the Government had ordered extra accommodation, and they, as a society, had to face it. It was purely a business matter. Therefore, in the interests of the society, he moved that £100 be given as a donation.

Mr JOHN CLARK opposed the resolution, and together with Mr ROBT. CLARK, Mr WATSON YOUNG, Mr G. GALLON, and Mr JOSEPH BRUCE loudly declaimed against the proposal.

Mr A. THOMPSON spoke of the good that had been done by the present School Committee.

Mr HOLLIS opposed the motion, and said that if they gave a donation they would not be represented on a committee, and that wherever there was taxation there should be representation.

Mr ISAAC SMILES interposed, and said that he would like to deal with the statement just made by Mr Hollis. In the event of a School Board being formed, a very small percentage of the members would be permitted to vote for men to represent them on the proposed Board. Members residing at Sacriston, Waldridge Fell, Edmondsley, Pelton, Pelton Fell (part), Ouston, Perkinsville, West Pelton, Daisy Hill, New Lambton, and Harraton—the whole of the members drawn from these centres would not be allowed to vote, as they did not reside in the township, therefore they would have the very thing that Mr Hollis contemned—namely, taxation without representation.

Mr R. CRAMMAND (Pelton Fell) spoke on behalf of the motion, and taunted the opponents of the motion with their new-born zeal for the rights and liberties of their children, and their desire for a School Board. If they were acting from principle, why did they not start a School Board agitation long ago? Why did they wish to take shelter behind the Co-operative Society?

The respective speakers against the proposal continued to introduce a great deal of feeling into their speeches.

Mr J. CARSS said he held that the good of the society should be their main consideration.

The discussion, which had gone on for hours appeared as if it would result in nearly all the members, with the exception of the Primitive Methodists present, going home, as most of the country members had business to do, and the hour was late.

The motion was lost, 86 voting for it, and 106 against. The supporters of the resolution asserted that had the motion been put at an earlier hour, it would have been carried easily.

In consequence of the decision of the above, the School Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, and after discussing the matter, on the motion of Mr J. TURNBULL, sen., it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Education Department that the managers of the Chester-le-Street National Schools are unable to provide the additional accommodation required by the Department.

MEETING OF TOWNSPEOPLE.

In compliance with an influentially-signed petition presented to the chairman and committee of the Chester-le-Street National Schools, a town's meeting was held in the Girls' School-room, on Wednesday night, for the purpose of considering the position of the town respecting the proposed new schools. The chair was occupied by Mr Lindsay Wood.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the schools had been carried on in an efficient and satisfactory manner. But the population had increased, and it was necessary that additional accomodation should be provided. The question before them was how were the funds to be raised.

Canon BLUNT said the sum required was £1,080. About £430 of that had already been promised, and over £100 more he might almost say they felt reasonably certain of, which brought this amount up to £450, therefore £460 was still required. The committee had decided to grant a concession to the townspeople of representation on the committee in the carrying on of the schools, and he hoped that the meeting would see its way clear to help on the great and important work.

Mr PYLE asked how much more money was required to build new schools.

The RECTOR said they would require about £1,000, and he had already got premises of £500.

Mr PYLE said it was evident that the money would have to be raised in some way or other, and he approved of voluntary effort. He thought that if the noblemen and gentlemen who had already promised would increase their subscriptions a little, the working-men would then come forward with their half-crowns and five shillings.

Mr PICKERING asked what was the nature of the concession granted.

The RECTOR said that they had decided to admit two Nonconformists to the committee. One vacancy would be made at once, but when the other would occur he could not tell.

After some further discussion, the CHAIRMAN moved—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, every endeavour should be made to raise funds for building additional school accommodation without the aid of a School Board."

Mr HALL seconded the motion, which was carried with one dissentient, amid considerable enthusiasm.

A subscription list was opened in the room, and a committee appointed to wait upon the various ratepayers to obtain their support and subscriptions. It was mentioned that Lord Durham had given £100, Mr Lindsay Wood £100, R. Fenwick and Co., brewers, £100, Col. Fife-Cookson £25, and between £30 and £40 was promised in the room.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this Board was held in the Guardians' Room, on Thursday sennight—Mr Thomas Robson presiding. There were also present Messrs John Crawford, John Kirkup, Peter Oswald, W. B. Tully, Geo. Ridley, W. Ironsides, Thomas Hepple, Rev. W. W. Phillipson, R. Crawford, Thos. Langton, John Chrystal, R. T. Swallow, John Humble, John Tully, John Mitchell, J. Lyall, G. Snowball, Robt. Jas. Coxon, and the Clerk (Mr R. Dickinson).

WORKHOUSE RETURNS.

The Master's Journal stated the number of inmates in the house to be 147, as against 131 at the same time last year. The same number of vagrants 149 had been relieved during the past fortnight, as during the same time last year.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN THE HOUSE.

The Master reported that the Rev. Henry Oakley, Congregational minister, was unable to attend his ministerial duties, consequently the services which he conducted in the poor-house had been discontinued. Leave was asked for some of the deacons of the Chapel to continue the services, subject to the approval of the Guardians.

The CHAIRMAN said he could see the indiscriminate admission of laymen into the house for conducting religious services would give rise to great confusion among the inmates, but as the permission was only asked for temporarily, he did not see any objection to granting it. He asked how many of Mr Dakley's flock were in the house.

The Master said he thought only one Congregationalist.

Mr OSWALD: It is not quite that, sir. The services are no doubt meant for the benefit of all the inmates. He moved that, without setting up any precedent, the deacons be allowed to conduct services until Mr Oakley was better, or until some ministerial appointment was made in his place.

This was carried unanimously.

THE GUARDIANS AND FOOTBALL PLAYING.

On the application of the Master, it was decided to allow the boys in the house to play football with the British School boys on Saturday afternoons.

A DISPUTED ACCOUNT.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that the Guardians might be surcharged if they paid Dr Allen certain moneys for vaccination fees which they had included in their returns.

The CHAIRMAN explained that some time elapsed between the appointment of Dr Allen by the Guardians and the approval of the Local Government Board; the doctor in the interim doing all the necessary work pertaining to his office. The sum in dispute was £6 3s 6d.

Mr HUMBLE: The doctor is legally entitled to the money. He ought to be paid.

The CHAIRMAN: Not legally entitled, but in all fairness entitled.

Mr HUMBLE moved, and Mr MITCHELL seconded, that the amount be paid.

Mr OSWALD moved that the opinion of Mr Hockin, district auditor, be taken before anything was done.

The CHAIRMAN: You had better withdraw, Mr Humble, and let us be unanimous when we go to the auditor.

Mr HUMBLE pressed his motion. Ultimately, on the suggestion of his seconder, Mr MITCHELL, he withdrew, and the amendment was unanimously adopted.

LIMITED WORKHOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to inspect the workhouse and see what steps could be taken to increase the sleeping accommodation, which was reported by the Workhouse Master to be insufficient, recommended the addition of one or two beds in certain of the wards, and the alteration of others.

The CHAIRMAN said after going very carefully into the matter, the Committee considered their recommendations would meet the present requirements, allowing an addition of ten or a dozen beds.

On the motion of Rev. W. W. PHILLIPSON, it was decided to adopt the suggestions of the committee.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Mr Robson also presided over this meeting, which was afterwards held.

PELTON CEMETERY.

A letter was read from the Local Governmen Board respecting an application by the Authority to borrow £1,000 for the proposed cemetery at Pelton, stating that before anything further was done a public enquiry would be held as soon as an inspector could be sent down, and of which due notice should be given.

CRAGHEAD AND WAGTAIL SEWAGE.

Mr Turnbull wrote respecting the purchase of land from his principals (Messrs Fenwick) for this sewage scheme. The purchase ought to have been completed on the 23rd inst., but as he had not heard from the Authority he was anxious to know what they intended to do before he left Chester-le-Street. He also found that part of the land was copyhold and part of it freehold; two sets of deeds would therefore be required, and he would suggest that the distinctions be marked on the Authority's plans.

It was resolved to instruct Mr Balfour to make the necessary distinctions on the plans.

WATER SUPPLY.

A letter from the Consett Water Company was read, stating that if the Authority would guarantee that the water would be taken by all the 17 houses at Stoddart's Buildings, the Company would be willing to lay down the metal service pipes to the dwellings at once.

In answer to the CHAIRMAN, the Clerk said they could compel the owners of the houses to accept the water service seeing that it had been proved that the water at present supplied to them was not fit for consumption.

Mr Barrass said no alteration had been made in the water supply, and the CHAIRMAN said he thought it would be prudent to give the undertaking required.

Mr MITCHELL moved that the guarantee be given, and notice be served upon the owners of the houses. Agreed to.

THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Duncan) reported that the death-rate was higher than usual, owing to the cold and changeable weather, but the district was nearly free from zymotic diseases. The number of deaths registered during the fortnight was 47, giving a death-rate of 21·9 per 1,000 per annum; 52 births had been registered in the same period, giving a birth-rate of 27·5 per 1,000 per annum. A fresh case of typhoid fever was reported from Usworth Colliery; the patients suffering from that disease at Lumley were now convalescent. The epidemic of scarlet fever at Springwell was abating.

STANLEY BURN.

On the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN, it was resolved to defer discussion on this subject until something further was before the Authority.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that the Authority would at its next meeting, proceed to the appointment of medical officer, Dr Duncan's term expiring at Christmas.

A HEAVY PAYMENT.

Mr T. Barrass (inspector) reported that he had inspected the reservoir constructed for the Authority by the Consett Water Company with a view of gaining greater pressure at Chester-le-street, and found the work had been completed in a satisfactory manner.

The Clerk was instructed to forward a cheque for £750 to the Consett Water Company in completion of payment for the same.

The Authority afterwards arose.

ORPHANS OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

CONCERT AT WEST STANLEY.

"Amid so many ill considered and Utopian schemes for the attainment of a social elysium as are now being aired through the medium of the press and by public speaking, it is satisfactory to fall back upon the ever-recurring displays of practical Christianity in operation. Occasions like the one under our notice at least give scope for the healthy and beneficial exercise of "Individualism," and testify in a substantial way to the local common-sense estimate of the sterling worth of the old Christian precept—"Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." It was evidently the wish to shew their lively faith in this precept which prompted those who in such large numbers attended the concert held in the Stanley National School, on Thursday evening last, 24th inst., in aid of the orphans of school teachers, and having reference to the special benefit of the widow of the late Mr John Green, schoolmaster of the Oxhill Board School. Mr Darney, of the Stanley National School, assisted by a number of his friends, was the leading promoter of the concert, and by throwing into the work that untiring energy and methodical procedure which so signally characterises all his undertakings, he has succeeded in getting up what has proved to be probably the greatest financial success in concerts Stanley has ever known. Twenty pounds and one shilling was taken for tickets, and this, after deducting one guinea for expenses, left a balance of nineteen pounds clear profit to forward to the office of the institution. With reference to the concert itself, we note that in anticipation of a crowded house arrangements had been made for accommodating the greatest possible number, and the result fully justified the anticipation. The vicar (Rev J. Crennell) occupied the chair, and in deference to the length of the programme he, with considerable tact, confined his opening remarks within the smallest compass compatible with the efficient discharge of his duty. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo, "Reminiscences," by Mr Hinckley, and was continued as follows:—Songs, "Village blacksmith," Mr Dunn, and "Afton water," Mr Saunders; duet, "What are the wild waves saying?" Mr and Mrs Hedworth; song, "The miller and the maid," Miss Fairley; song, "The last of the boys," Mr Bentley; violin solo, Mr J. W. Thompson; song, "Little gipsy Jane," Mrs Hedworth; song, "Cough, John," Mr Arkless, and as an *encore* sang "The baby can talk;" banjo, Dr Johnson, also *encored*; song, "Tom Bowling," Mr Morpeth; song, "Rule Britannia, Mr Hedworth; duet, "Let us gather wild flowers," Misses Swallow and Scott; song, "On the ramparts," Dr Duncan; pianoforte solo, "Diamonds," Mrs Burgess; song, "Bonny Mary of Argyle," Mr Dunn; duet, "No hope beyond," Messrs Morpeth and Telford; song, "Battle of Sterling," Mr Saunders; song, "In the cloisters," Miss Fairley; banjo, Dr Johnson, who was again *encored*; song, "When other lips," Mr Morpeth; song, "Steering home," Mr Bentley; violin solo, Mr J. W. Thompson; song, "Chiming bells," Mrs Hedworth; song, "Midshipmite," Mr Hedworth; song by Mr Arkless; trio, "Protect us through the coming night," Misses Swallow, Scott, and Dr Duncan. All the pieces were well appreciated, though few *encores* could be allowed in a programme so full. On the whole, we think it will be generally pronounced to be one of the best amateur concerts it has been the privilege of this district to enjoy, and great thanks are due to those who have so generously helped to make it a success. After votes of thanks to the performers and the chairman, the National Anthem was sung, and most of the artists and some friends adjourned to Mr Darney's house to refresh themselves with a substantial supper provided there by Mrs Darney.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

The committee of the Wolsingham Mechanics' Institute have purchased the Cross Keys Inn, situated in the Market Place.

Mr James Rowland, farm bailiff, Roughside Hall, Blanchland, has been 64 years in the service of the Hall family, and now represents the fifth generation of that respected family.

The public, and especially travellers and tourists will be glad to learn of the recovery of Mrs R Bright, of the Cows Hill hotel, who for nearly the third of a century has catered for their comfort. The kindly hostess has been prostrated with a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs.

Much regret is felt at the now certain departure from Cows Hill, at an early date, of Mr J. Coulthard, postmaster, who has secured a situation at Stockton-on-Tees. Mr Coulthard is a young man of the most obliging disposition and fidelity to the duties of postmaster, to which he has long been accustomed, having succeeded his uncle, with whom he resided.

Stanhope Castle and moors are still in the market. Mr Henry Fell Pease, M.P., vacates them at May-day next. They have been held by the Pease Family for a number of years. The gardners, keepers, watchers, and horse drivers have all received their notices. It is a splendid summer residence, situated amid picturesque scenery, and in the heart of the Wear valley, surrounded by heather-clad hills, in a pure and bracing atmosphere. It will not long stand unoccupied.

On the occasion of the presentation to Mr and Mrs Coseby, at Stanhope, on Monday night, the genial old doctor looked his best, and his welcome presence on the occasion threw life and vivacity into the affair. The Stanhope ladies know that if they want a thing to be a success, the doctor must be in it somewhere, hence their foresight on this occasion, and their being fortunate enough to secure his valued services. Mr and Mrs Coseby leave Stanhope amid the good wishes of the people, not only of the congregation and worshippers af Stanhope Shurch, but also of the various churches in the place.

The amusing incident of the billy-goat disturbing a Methodist prayer-meeting at Stanhope (which was published in the *Guardian*) recalls to mind a similar circumstance which happened some years ago. In the early days of Methodism in Weardale it is related, in the life of Johnny Oxtably, when preaching at Stanhope Hall, that the devil made his presence felt, and the people put an ass into the place, all wrapt in straw ropes. Half-a-century has elapsed since that time, and the people living in East Lane have but little improved.

It is now a settled fact that a Co-operative Store is to be opened at St. John's Chapel, and the dalesfolk are afforded room for a little consideration of the future. A leadmining district, where the men get only 50s a month as subsistence money, with the surplus of their earnings (if there be any) paid half-yearly, does not, at first glance, appear to be a field where success will attend the ready-money system of our "co-op's." Hitherto, a mutual hallowed confidence has existed between the tradesmen and the honest miners with their families who, when occasion of bad luck in the mines necessitated it, have been given unlimited credit to help them through the "twitch" until fortune smiled upon them—else they might have starved or moved away. Doubtless there are many who've never known want, but still the intermixed relationship amongst the Weardalians will carry its own weight, while those who gauge the future by the past will pause, no doubt, ere they erase the axiom that—"A friend in need is a friend indeed."

Football.

FIXTURES.

Dec. 3.—Consett v. West Hartlepool, at Consett.
" 3.—Shotley Bridge v. Benwell Hill, at Benwell.
" 3.—Leadgate Exiles v. Burnopfield, at Leadgate.
" 3.—Leadgate 1st and 2nd v. Catchgate Red Stars 1st and 2nd, at Catchgate.
" 3.—Hobson Temperance Rangers v. West End Reserve, at Newcastle.
" 3.—Hobson Temperance Rangers 2nd v. Elswick Rangers 2nd, at Newcastle.
" 3.—Tantobie 2nd v. Burnopfield Rovers 2nd, at Burnopfield.
" 3.—Pelton Fell Harriers v. South Hetton, at Hetton.
" 3.—Northern 3rd v Ryton 3rd, at Newcastle.
" 3.—Ryton 1st and 2nd v Durham City 1st and 2nd, at Ryton.
" 3.—Birtley v Durham University, at Birtley.
" 3.—Ouston v Birtley Juniors, at Ouston.
" 3.—Burnopfield v Tantobie 2nd, at Burnopfield.
" 3.—Eppleton Church v Crook Juniors, at Eppleton.
" 3.—Hamsterley v Mickley, at Mickley.
" 3.—Gateshead St. Mary's v Esh Stags, at Gateshead.
" 3.—West End Reserve v Burnopfield, at Newcastle.
" 3.—Heaton Rovers v Birtley, at Birtley.

ASSOCIATION.

Langley Park Rovers beat Daisy Hill Royal Blues on the home ground by three goals to nil.

Langley Park 2nd and Bearpark 2nd played on the ground of the former. The match resulted in a draw neither side scoring.

Leadgate Exiles Bards beat Gateshead St Mary's on the ground of the former by two goals to one.

Leadgate Exiles beat Leadgate United by three goals to one.

Edmondsley Strangers 2nd beat Craghead 1st by one goal to nil.

VILLA A v. BURNOPFIELD ended in a draw of one goal each.

WALDRIDGE FELL 2ND v. PELTON FELL 2ND—Played at Waldridge, and resulted in a win for Pelton Fell by one goal to nil.

SWALWELL RANGERS B v. POSTAL TELEGRAPH.—Played at Swalwell, and ended in a draw, no goals being scored.

GALLOWGATE LEATHER WORKS v. SWALWELL RANGERS played a draw of two goals each on the ground of the former.

BEDE COLLEGE, DURHAM, v CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Played on the College ground at Durham, the visitors winning by four goals to one.

SWALWELL RANGERS JUNIORS v. DOUGLAS 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the Rangers by one goal (P. Hickett) to none.

CONSETT SHAMROCKS v. MEDOMSLEY ROVERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a hard-contested game the Shamrocks won by two goals to nil.

PRUDHOE HALL v. HARP.—Played on the ground of the former. The Harp winning the toss elected to play down the hill with the wind in their favour. The game resulted in a win for the Harp by one goal to none.

OXHILL v. GREENCROFT.—Played on the former's ground. Greencroft played badly with the wind in the first half-hour. When they changed, however, Greencroft stole a march against the wind, and the game resulted in a win for the visitors by three goals to one.

HOBSON TEMPERANCE RANGERS v. TANTOBIE.—Played on the ground of the latter. The game ended in a win for Hobson by one goal to none. Good play was impossible owing to a strong wind.

LEADGATE EXILES v. LEADGATE UNITED.—Played at Leadgate with the Tow Law Red Skins, and after a quiet and pleasant game, victory fell to the Exiles by 3 goals to 1.

LEADGATE EXILES' BARDS v. ST. MARY'S, GATESHEAD.—Played on the ground of the former, in the presence of a large muster of spectators. The game occupied two twenties, and after a one-sided match, terminated in an easy victory for the Bards by two goals and two disputed (on the plea of off-side) to nil. The visitors were entertained to tea, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LEADGATE EXILES' JUNIORS v. NEWCASTLE NORTH-EASTERN APPRENTICE JUNIORS. — The latter arrived at Leadgate to play off their fixture with the Exiles. The game had to be cut short owing to the late arrival of the city lads. The game was well contested. After the kick-off, give-and-take play having lasted for a few minutes, the home team began to warm to their work. The forwards played in admirable style, and soon invaded the visitors' goal. After a slight scrimmage at the goal mouth, the first point was secured by that celebrated dribbler, Owen Slain, and at the call of time, the Exiles won by 1 goal to nil.

RUGBY.

HENDERSON'S WANDERERS (DURHAM) 2ND v. NEWCASTLE RANGERS 2ND.—Played at Durham, when the home team had the best of a drawn game by seven minors to nil.

TYNEDALE 3RD v. RYTON 3RD. — Played at Ryton, and resulted in a win for the visitors by a try to nil. R. Bates got the try.

BLACKHILL JUNIORS v. ST. CUTHBERT'S (Shotley Bridge) JUNIORS.—Played in Shotley Spa Grounds, and ended in an easy victory for Blackhill by 1 goal, 3 tries, and 4 minor points, to 1 disputed try. Blackhill:—Full back, E. McIlrue; three-quarter backs, J. Brown, G. Hewitson, and J. Williams; half-backs, J. Scott and E. Evans; forwards, W. Brown J. Askew, W. Byers, G. Aitkin, E. Robson W. Atkinson, T. Barnett, E. Butler, and R. Stobbs.

CONSETT 2ND v HAMSTEELS.—Consett journeyed to Hamsteels to play the new club of that place their opening game. The play was in four periods of 15 minutes each, and the Consett captain winning the toss, he elected to play with the wind, and the Hamsteels captain kicked off. Consett pressed and confined the play to the home 25, when J. Anderson getting possession he, by a good run, secured the first try, which was quickly followed by a splendid run by A. Wood, who also managed to place the ball behind the coveted line. Owing to the heavy wind which was blowing across the ground goal kicking was at a discount, as out of four very easy places the major point was never scored. The home team played well for a first match, but the combination of the visitors puzzled them, and they were beaten by four tries and four minors to two minors. For the visitors, Wood, Anderson, and Lumsden played well, and we would advise the forwards to let the ball out more when playing on their opponents' goal line. For the home team, all struggled hard to avert defeat, and we are sure that with a little practice and attention to the advice of the able and well-known gentleman who has taken them in hands they will give a good account of themselves before the season closes. The tries were got by Anderson, Wood, Lumsden, and Moss one each. Teams:—Hamsteels—Back, J. Fisher; three-quarter backs, T. Brown, J. Hasson, and R. Smith; half-backs, J. T. Anderton and T. Nichol; forwards, R. Barkas, R. Gibbons, J. Heightley, A. Gooding, A. Welsh, T. Nattrass, P. Donnolly, John Hasson, and H. Waite. Consett—Back, G. Aitken; three-quarter backs, T. Grey, J. Anderson, and T. Richley (captain); half-backs, J. Askew and A. Ward; forwards, S. Brodie, J. Fiddes, J. Smart, G. Smiles, M. Hamilton, F. Moss, A. Wilson, T. Lumsden, and A. Wood.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Pelton Fell Harriers A.F.C. 1st team would like to arrange a match with a good 1st team on Saturday, December 3rd; match to be played on the above ground. Will play return if necessary on Saturday, January 7th. Address, John Winn, secretary, Dove Cot, Pelton Fell, near Chester-le-Street.

A football club has been commenced at Victoria Garesfield, under the name of the Chopwell Primrose Juniors, and the secretary would like to arrange matches with juniors under 16 years of age. Address, Thomas Teasdale, Chopwell Cottages, Victoria Garesfield, near Lintz Green.

At a special meeting of the Burnopfield Temperance Rangers A.F.C. it was resolved to change the club's name to the Hobson A.F.C., and in future all the fixtures will be played in the name of the Hobson A.F.C. All fixtures stand good. Hon. secretary, W. Gordon, Hobson Colliery, Lintz Green.

Chopwell Rovers A.F.C. have the following vacant dates, and would like to arrange with second or good third teams:—At home, December 23rd, January 7th and 21st, February 4th, March 3rd, 17th, and 31st; away, January 14th, March 24th. Secretaries will kindly communicate with William Smith, 2, Chopwell Cottages, Victoria Garesfield, *via* Lintz Green.

Medomsley 1st team are without a match for Saturday next, and will be glad to hear from any first team similarly situated. Home ground preferred. Address the hon. sec., Medomsley, Lintz Green.

St. Cuthbert's would like to arrange a match with any junior team; ages not to exceed 16 years. Vacant dates:—December 3rd and 17th at home, and December 10th and January 9th away.—J. R. ...n te..s, Benfieldside.

THE CONSETT CAPTAIN AND THE DURHAM COUNTY TEAM.—The following letter, signed "Invictor," appeared in the *Newcastle Journal*:—During the past week "Justice" and others have been writing very disparagingly of the selection of Jameson as half-back for Durham County, and by their ill-advised badgering have attempted to throw dust upon both him and the County Selection Committee. However, their efforts to frighten Jameson, and so get the place for some player more favoured by themselves, have been unavailing, they having only put him more upon his metal, and the result is that in both the match with Yorkshire and the match with Middlesex he has come off with flying colours, thus proving that the Selection Committee were possessed of more discernment than they were given credit for having. A Darlington newspaper in reporting the Yorkshire match, says:—"Jameson at half did some splendid work, but was not always supported by A. R. Wilson;" and your own representative, in reporting the same match, says "that his selection was fully justified, and that he was one of the most conspicuous players on his side." In reporting the Middlesex match, one of your contemporaries says that "the Durham forwards and halves played splendidly," as indeed they must have done to have held their own so long against a team comprising so many Internationals. In concluding, I would wish to remind "Justice" that in order to really bear the name he has given himself he ought to apologise to both the committee and Jameson for his ill-timed attack upon them.—The writer of "Athletic Notes" in the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* also praises Jameson for his excellent playing.

Cricket.

BURNOPFIELD CRICKET CLUB.—Subjoined is an account of the performances of the club during the past season:—They have played 11 games, won 8, drawn 2, and lost 1. Of their completed innings, they have a total of 936 runs, or an average of 93·6 per innings; while of their opponents' completed innings, they have reached a total of 288 runs, or an average of 32 runs per innings, being in favour of Burnopfield of 648 runs in the total, and an increase in the average of 61·6. For a country club, an average of 93·6 runs per innings is not bad, while the small scores of their opponents are in a great measure due to the excellent bowling of Messrs W. Hogarth and Lamb, who throughout the season bowled with splendid regularity. The highest average for batting is divided between R. Armstrong and T. Southren, both having an average of 15·5 per innings. If the members of this club only hold together, the club next season need not be afraid of meeting clubs who aspire to be some above the ordinary run of country clubs, as there are some promising players coming on. The finances of the club, although not in a flourishing state, are satisfactory, as, after paying all claims, a small balance still remains in the treasurer's hands.

DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP.

A meeting of the representatives of the various cricket clubs was held on Monday night at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, to consider the advisability of instituting a challenge cup competition for the cricket clubs in the county. It will be remembered that a meeting on this subject was held at Durham last January, when the opinion of the majority of the representatives present was distinctly in favour of the institution of a challenge cup competition, but it was deemed expedient to defer the final decision on the question until the present time. The chair was taken by Mr Horsley, Darlington, and the following clubs were represented:—Dr Geo. Renton and Wm. Ramsey, Consett and District; —Sewell, Ushaw Moor; T. E. Main, North Durham Club; T. D. Dales, Medomsley; T. Tomlin and W. Greener, Shildon; and Capt. Douglas, Blaydon.—The Chairman said the object of the meeting was really to give a sort of fillip to cricket throughout the county. He thought that something was wanted to put the cricket in the county on a better basis, and that that want would be met by having a challenge cup competition. He might say that on behalf of Darlington they were thoroughly in favour of the proposed competition. He would ask the hon. secretary to read the notice of the meeting.—Mr Mallett read the notice of meeting, which stated that if a cup competition was opened it would only be open to clubs who were or would become members of the county club.—The Chairman said, to put the matter into form, he would move from the chair that there be a challenge cup competition, and as Mr Mallett had suggested to him, he would add to encourage and develop the game of cricket in the county of Durham.—Mr Mallett explained that the reason he had requested this addition of words, was simply that they might have something definite before the meeting, and then if that proposition was carried they could at once proceed to consider the details of the competition.—Mr Edgar (Bishop Auckland) seconded the proposition, and it was carried with one dissentient.—After some discussion in reference to ground, time of play, and choice of umpires, the same resolution was again put to the meeting, and carried again with one dissentient. The following were appointed a committee to consider the details:—The Chairman, Mr Grundy, Mr Edgar, and Mr Mallett.

Sporting Items

RABBIT COURSING AT SOUTH MOOR.—A large company witnessed the rabbit coursing run off in a field near G Coat's, South Moor. Result:—Third round—Win if ye Can beat Box Egg, Win if ye Can beat Pay Week End, Box Egg a bye. Final—Win if ye Can beat Box Egg, and took first and second money.

WRESTLING AT PRUDHOE.—The competition for the silver cup given by Mr Tulip, Half-way House for men of all-weights, was resumed, with the following results:—Final falls: Dobson, West Wylam, threw Nixon, Durham, twice and won. Youth's prize: Sixteen entries, won by R. Paisley, Mickley; J. Howdon, Mickley, being second. Mr M. Dickinson, was referee.

RABBIT COURSING NEAR CONSETT.—On Saturday afternoon, at the Number One Grounds, a rabbit sweep was brought off, Mr John Armstrong adding £1 to the entrance fee of 3s 6d each. There were 16 competitors. The result was that Ledger's Little Kate took first and second prizes (£2 10s); Routledge's Wild Tommy 3rd (5s); and Brown's Turban 4th (5s).

SHOOTING AT BLACKHALL MILL.—The sparrow shooting handicap promoted by the members of the Blackhall Mill Gun Club was brought to a close in a field adjacent to the Ship Inn, on Saturday. There was about 30 competitors. Result:—Richard Wood and Isaac Herdman killed five birds each, and divided the first and second prizes, while John Anderson, with four birds down, took the third prize.—Afterwards the company partook of supper provided at the hostelry.

RABBIT COURSING AT TOW LAW.—The greyhound coursing at rabbits near Miners' Arms Inn, Tow Law, promoted by Mr J. Maddison, resulted as follows:—S. Elliot's Wonder beat T. Gregg's Jenny; G. Hewitson's Too Little beat G. Wilson's Puffer; R. Armstrong's Little Wonder beat C. Morrison's Sam. Second round—Little Wonder beat Wonder; Too Late a bye. Final—Little Wonder beat Too Late, and won. J. Maddison officiated as slipper and T. Gregg as judge.

WRESTLING IN WEARDALE.—A crowded gathering of spectators assembled on Saturday night, at the Athletic Club to witness the final contest, as it proved to be, for the silver cup for 10-stone men. A baker's dozen essayed to prevent the third successive victory of E. Rowell, Burnhope, without avail. Eventually the last-named was opposed by Jem Pattinson, Weardale, in the final, whom he cleverly disposed of over the left foot in loose holds, securing the cup as his own property amidst loud applause. A second prize was won by Tom Whitefield, Iveston.

CONSETT ROYAL GROUNDS.—The opening heats of the £7 10s 120 yards footrace handicap, promoted by Mr Edward Wylam, of the Freemasons' Arms, Front Street, Consett, were brought off on Saturday afternoon at the above-named grounds. Owing to the prevalence of a strong gale the attendance of spectators was not numerically so large as might have been expected, although 71 entries had been secured. Result:—Heat 1—W. Black, Shotley Bridge, 22yds, 1; T. Brown, Dipton, 27½, 2; J. Turner, West Stanley, 19, 3; T. Nelson, Crook, 18, 0; J. Archer, Benfieldside, 26, 0. Won by two yards. Heat 2—A. Luke, Waterhouses, 20½, 1; J. Taylor, Blackhill, 17½, 2; J. Wesley, Happy Land, 23½, 3; J. Bell, Consett, 22, 0; C. Donald, Tanfield, 23, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 3—A. Elsdon, Leadgate, 25, 1; J. Farrage, The Spen, 25½, 2; M. Wilkinson, Blackhill, 25, 3; Young Cunningham, Dipton, 23½, 4; W. Elliot, Consett, 26, 0 Won by a foot. Heat 4—T. Harrison, Leadgate, 21½, 1; J. Cunningham, Dipton, 18½ 2; J. H. Hall, Shotley Field, 21½, 0; R. Nevins, Lintz, 18, 0; W. Wilson, Durham, 7, 0. Won by three yards Heat 5—J. Bowman, Dipton, 19, 1; J. Simpson, 21½, 2; R. Fenwick, Willington, 20½, 3; T. Dryden, Blackhill, 27, 4; J. Ledger, Newburn, 13½, 0. Won by a yard and a half. Heat 6—T. Davison, Castleside, 19, 1; D Carr, Hebburn, 16, 2; J. Watson, Tantobie, 21, 3; W. Blake, Sunderland, 13½, 0; W. Thorpe Brandon, 19 0. Won by a yard. Heat 7—J. Ashman, Castleside, 20, 1; G. Blackman, Newcastle, 19, 2; G. Willey, Leadgate, 23½, 0; F. Fagan, Hebburn, 15, 0; T. Stephenson, Waterhouses, 19½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 8—G. Browning, Crook, 20½, 1; J. Eltringham, Dipton, 13, 2; H. Bowey, Blackhill, 24, 0; J. Moor, Willington, 21, 5. Won by a foot. Heat 9—T. Elliot, Boyne, 13, 1; G. Watson, Benfieldside, 20, 2; J. Forbes, (late Wilde,) Consett, 25, 3; J. Robson, Deckham, 18, 4. Won by half a yard. Heat 10—G. Kennedy, Dipton, 22½, w.o. Heat 11—J. J. Allan, Blackhill, 20, w.o. Heat 12—J. Johnson, Blackhill, 23½, 1; F. Williams, Benfieldside, 25½, 2; T. Thompson, Consett, 19, 3; W. Hopper, Spennymoor, 13½, 4. Won by a foot; tho others close up. Heat 13—R. Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 18½, 1; J. Micheson, Spennymoor, 19½, 2; W. Elliot, Tantobie, 17½, 0; W. Parker, Consett, 22, 0. Won by one yard. Heat 14—J. Murray, Consett, 20½, w.o. Heat 15—W. Reed, Durham, 11, 1; M. Siddle, Blackhill, 23, 2; P. Finnigan, Consett, 25, 0; W. Dixon, Wylam, 19, 0. Won after a dead heat by a foot Heat 16—R. Weaver, Consett, 25½, 1; W. Hobday, Blackhill, 23, 2; G. Wilson, Consett, 24, 0; S. Hood, Spennymoor, 20½, 0. Won by two yards. The officials were:—Judge and handicapper, Mr Jos. Dodds; pistol-firer, N. Lamb.—The draw for the final heats resulted as under:—Heat 1—Reed, Weaver, Milburn, and Murray. Heat 2—Kennedy, Elliot, Bowman, and Elsdon. Heat 3—Browning, Johnson, Allan and Ashman. Heat 4—Hanson, Luke, Black, and Davison.

GOOD DAYS SPORT WITH THE BRAES OF DERWENT FOXHOUNDS.—These hounds met at Greenside, at the village inn, kept by the keen sportsman Mr Wales (who is always willing to walk a hound or two and do anything to forward the interest of the hunt so far as lies in his power). Thither we wended our way pretty punctually, for the field was so large—a luxury seldom experienced when a good day if meted out to us—and there was no one to wait for. I remember in former years, as this month happens, we in our discontent were loud in our cries for rain; everything was dry, the ground was parched up with winds, and every atom of scent was destroyed. But no such cry issues from our throats this year; the rain continued to fall in sheets, and many days before; the ducks in the village pond disport themselves, and are in their glory. However, there is nothing as yet at which to grumble. The ground was certainly a trifle moist, and the going heavy, but scent was vastly better than is usual at this time of the year, and if only the frost will be moderate, let it rain and welcome. Col. Cowen now gave the order to try Chicken Wood close to, and no sooner was the hounds put in than Reynard broke cover at the west with a determined style that made us all prepare for a bustle. The dash of the pack in the wood showed at once the game was on foot, and right merrily did they follow this line to the open. Then the pace was great through the deep lands in the hollow in front of Reily, by Mires Farm, but onward they went, and the pace at the start was evidently too much for poor Reynard, and he found a sheltering spinner in Martin's Wood, but only for a minute. No peace was then to be found, and the hounds pressed him through in gallant style, over Pawston Birks to Esh Tree, pointing south to the flats, and past Sherburn Tower, on to near Shotley and Derwent road, where he was headed. The first check then took place, and was hailed by all with delight, as men and horses look as if they had had sufficient. However, Siddle Dixon was in attendance (accompanied by Lord Ravensworth and many others, who had ridden hard), and held his hounds on a little to the left, when they hit him off upon Sherburn Green Hill, pointing for Barlow Fell, and surely no one shall say it was the fault of huntsman or hounds. To the hill we were doomed, and it had to be negotiated as best as we could with blown horses. However, onward we pressed on to Barlow Fell to Mrs Burnett's plantation, were our good fox turned east over Mrs Robson's farm to the north of Norman's Riding, going at rattling pace down to Watergate over Stampley Moss Farm, and through Snook Hill Farm, where Mr Bullerwell viewed him (a proper sort of farmer, who never blames the fox for killing poultry, and rather than see Reynard destroyed he would give him his best turkey). Onward to Thornley Burn, when the wood was made to ring by the cry of the pack, showing plainly the game was close at hand. They made it too hot for him, so that he had to come out for a breath of air, and here he showed the determination of a fox, as he pressed on to the north over some of Mr Bullerwell's land to the corner of "The Lands Wood," when he just entered and made down the foot road towards Winlaton Mill, closely pursued by the determined pack, who ran into him at Shotley and Derwent turnpike road, ending a run of forty-five minutes with only one check. Those who went from start to finish were unanimous in their opinion of the greatness of this run. And we thought we had sufficient for the day; but not so our worthy master, as he gave orders to try Thornley Burn, and ranging a few covers, the "tally-ho" was given, when Reynard burst out of Rowlands Gill, pointing to Low Spen to the edge of Chopwell Wood, which he found he could not reach; the hounds flying at his brush forced him to turn past Beda Lodge and over Beda Hills to the Sliding Braes, and on to the Derwent, which he swam, closely followed by the pack, over the Friarside pastures, to Derwent Bridge, where he found his pursuers gaining on him so he took to the Burnopfield Road for about a mile, then into Bustybank Wood, where he entered the earth only about 50 yards in front of the determined pack. So ended one of the best day's sport the hounds could possibly have; and both horses and hounds had had enough when we wished each other good night.—FOXHUNTER.

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Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Nov. 24th.—Before Rev J. P. De Plaidge (in the chair), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq and W. R. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

ASSAULTS.

William Sambells was charged with committing an assault upon Mary Minto, a deaf old woman, at Oxhill, on the 10th inst.—A cross summons was issued, on which Sambells charged Isabella Robinson (Mrs Minto's married daughter) with assaulting him on the same occasion. Mr W. H. Oliver (Durham) appeared on behalf of Sambells, while Mr Welford represented the other parties.—The case was of an amusing description. Defendant's daughter made ugly faces at the old woman, and spat in her face, and when prosecutor told Sambells what had happened, it was alleged that he felled her over the left arm with the poker. The injured part was now covered with a bandage.—The defence was that Mrs Robinson assaulted the defendant, and her mother was spitting at Sambells, when she fell against the stencil and Robinson dragged her into the house.—The Bench dismissed the summonses, and called upon both parties to defray their court expenses.

John Morgan was charged with having committed an assault upon Mary Jane Blackburn, at Catchgate, on the 13th inst. Mr Welford prosecuted, and Mr Oliver defended.—It transpired that the parties, who are neighbours, quarrelled over a bag of dirt which complainant threw out of her house, and had subsequently been hung up on the defendant's door. The latter became pretty exasperated, and proceeding to Mrs Blackburn's house, and kicked her in the most shameful fashion.—The charge was denied by the defendant.—After a full investigation, the magistrates fined defendant 5s. and 18s 6d court fees.

Mary Ann Hall, a young woman, was next placed in the dock charged with having assaulted Mary Morgan, on the same date. It was alleged that whilst the previous assault was in progress, defendant picked up a stone and flung it at the complainant.—During the course of the proceedings, an angry altercation ensued between the complainant and one of the defendant's witnesses, Mrs Johnson, the result being that the latter had to be forcibly taken out of court, exclaiming that the complainant was a nuisance to the neighbourhood.—The case was dismissed, complainant paying the costs.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS AT LANCHESTER.

James Humble, the landlord at the King's Head hostelry, at Lanchester, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises.—From the testimony of Inspector Davidson, two men named Riley and Lowes, belonging to Square House, went into the house about 12·30 p.m., and remained till after three o'clock, having partaken of three pints of beer each, besides some glasses of whiskey. After drinking the whiskey, Riley stated that he had no idea of what transpired afterwards.—Defendant explained that he was away from home, and returned by the three o'clock train from Durham. On his arrival he saw Riley and Lowes sitting in the house, and perceived that he had had too much liquor; consequently, he ordered the men away. He went out, but staggered back again, but defendant refused to admit him. His companion (Lowes) advised the landlord not to be too hard upon him as he had been unwell lately. He, however, refused to admit the man, and ultimately Lowes agreed to escort his companion home.—It seems, however, that late on, Inspector Davidson found David Riley lying in the gutter along the roadside towards Cornsay, in a beastly state of intoxication, his companion (John Lowes) was sitting by his side, but was not so drunk.—The Chairman stated that the magistrates had arrived at the conclusion that there was no doubt these men got far too much drink in his house. There was a growing feeling in the place of indulging in drink too freely, and it was becoming quite a scandal to the whole neighbourhood. They must look to the licensed victuallers to maintain order, and not to allow their customers more drink than was sufficient for reasonable refreshment. He knew of his own knowledge that these men were in a beastly drunken state after they were turned out of his house. The only mitigating circumstances were that defendant was away from home at the time, but he should remember that he was responsible for all that transpired in his house during his absence. Taking these things into consideration, and the fact that there were no previous convictions against the house, and the landlord had hitherto borne an excellent character, they would only impose a fine of £1 and costs, the licence not to be endorsed.—Defendant stated that he was very particular about not allowing drunken people in his house.—The Bench: The fact is a great number of people have been going about the village in a drunken state, and we must put a stop to it.

John Lowes was found guilty, upon the evidence of Inspector Davidson, of having been drunk at Lanchester, on the same date, and was fined 5s and costs.

[The other defendant *Riley* was locked up and disposed at the time by Mr M. Kearney.]

ALLEGED OFFENCES AGAINST THE GAME LAWS.

John Ritson, farmer, of Knitsley Grange, near Consett, was summoned for having committed two offences against the Game Laws, viz:—Killing a partridge in the close season, on the 23rd Sept. and also with taking game on the Knitsley Grange Farm, without having a license to do so, on the same date.—The information was laid by Mr Thomas Leech, the Excise Supervisor, of Durham, who called John Walton, gamewatcher, in the service of Mr Taylor, who spoke to seeing the defendant between twelve and one o'clock on the date in question ranging one of his grass fields, which was very bare, and shoot at a pheasant, which he lamed on the leg. He followed the bird and fired another shot, killing it outright. Ritson then deposited the bird in his pocket, and witness (who was standing on the turnpike some distance away) charged the defendant with killing a pheasant during the close season. Ritson ran off into a plantation, and witness pursued and overtook the defendant, and again charged him. Ritson, however, denied that he had shot at a pheasant, but declared that he had killed a rabbit. He turned out his pockets, but there was neither a rabbit nor a pheasant therein.—Cross-questioned, the keeper stated that he dared not enter Ritson's land because the latter affirmed that he would bring him up for trespass. (Laughter.) His master had negociated for the shooting over the farm; but he had not succeeded. He entertained no ill-feeling against the defendant.—Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, appeared for the defendant, and called John Ramshaw, groom, of Consett, who alleged that he was in Ritson's company on the morning in question. He observed defendant shoot at a rabbit, which he lamed in the left leg, and the boy followed the animal and killed it. Ritson then made him a present of the rabbit. Just then he heard the gamekeeper "holloaing" out something at the top of his voice. (Laughter.)—The magistrates said there was oath against another, and they must dismiss the case.—The next offence against the Excise Game Act was then gone into at the request of Mr Leech, the evidence being the same as that already adduced.—Mr Leech admitted that Ritson had a right to kill rabbits, but could not take game without a license.—Mr Welford: I'm very glad to hear you say that.—The summons was likewise dismissed.—Mr Welford applied for expenses, which were not, however, allowed by the Court.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, Nov. 28th.—Before Jon. Priestman, Esq. (in the chair), and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

THE EBCHESTER ANTI-VACCINATOR.

William Thompson, a signalman employed by the North-Eastern Railway Company, stationed at Ebchester, was summoned at the instance of Mr John Proud, vaccination officer for the Lanchester Union, for disobeying the orders of the court in refusing to have his two children vaccinated.—Mr Proud stated that the defendant had been five times before the court for this offence. He was last summoned on the 13th June this year, when the magistrates fined him 5s and costs in the case of George William (the eldest boy), and granted an order for his youngest son (Charles Bradlaugh) to be vaccinated forthwith. Neither of the children had undergone the necessary operation.—Mr A. W. Granger (Magistrates' clerk) pointed out that the Bench could not fine defendant more than twice in succession for the same child, therefore it would be requisite to issue another order for George William to be vaccinated.—Mr Proud also applied for his expenses, claiming 5s per day for each of the five times he had attended the court.—Mr Granger: That is for the magistrates to determine.—Defendant pleaded guilty to the charges, but entreated their Worships to throw aside all bigotry and prejudice, and candidly think that he was not there for a criminal offence, but on an honest and conscientious charge of protecting two innocent children from the poisonous lancet of the medical faculty. He urged upon their worships not to inflict a heavy penalty. It was in their power to impose any fine varying from 5s to 20s. If a substantial penalty was imposed, he was afraid that he would have to go to prison.—Mr Proud said he had been instructed by the Government Inspector to apply for his expenses.—Defendant (emphatically): I cannot pay his expenses. I was fined 5s and costs on the last occasion—£1 3s altogether.—Mr Proud stated, in answer to the Justices, that the Guardians did not pay them a specified salary for acting as vaccination officer. That was the only position he held under the Guardians, and he was allowed 9d for every child that was vaccinated in the Union. The Guardians defrayed the cost of issuing the summonses.—Defendant declared that about £100,000 a year was paid to Mr Proud and other officers for carrying out the vaccination laws. It was exceedingly hard that he should be called upon to defray Mr Proud's expenses.—The Bench fined Thompson 5s and costs (18s 6d in all) for not having Charles Bradlaugh vaccinated. They also issued an order for George William to undergo a similar operation.—Defendant: I cannot pay.—Mr Granger: Then you should comply with the law.—The Chairman: Then we shall be obliged to send you to prison.—Thompson: It is monstrous that I should be brought here and fined 18s 6d for this. If I had assaulted somebody I should not have been so heavily punished.—Mr Granger: Have you any furniture that we can levy a distraint upon?—Defendant: Legally speaking, I have not.—The Chairman: We feel reluctant to commit you to gaol, but we are bound to enforce the law. If we allow you 14 days, can you pay the money?—Defendant: Yes; I think so.—The Chairman: Very well.

ALLEGED WIFE-BEATING.

John Guy was charged by his wife, Jane Guy, with having committed an aggravated assault upon her at Burnopfield, on the 19th inst.—It was alleged that he had beaten her and given her a pair of black eyes.—P.C. Rogerson intimated that the parties had compromised the case, and the defendant expressed his willingness to pay the costs already involved.

A DARLINGTON WAIF: SINGULAR STORY.

John Mooney, a little boy of 9 years, who was of such a small stature that he could hardly be seen in the dock, was charged by Sergt. Best with wandering about Queen Street, Consett, early on Sunday morning, without being under control.—The lad, who seems to be sharp and intelligent, told the Bench that he belonged to Darlington, which town he left last Friday, and reached Consett on Sunday morning. His father and mother were dead, the former having died about a month ago. His older brothers, who were steel-workers, refused to keep him any longer, and had turned him out of the house. He had been to Consett five times previously, always walking the distance. (Laughter.) He wanted to get to Prudhoe, where he had an aunt residing. He had some relatives in Consett, but was unable to find them. He had stayed with a pedlar named Burridge, in King Street.—The Magistrates, who seemed to be puzzled as to what they should do with the culprit, eventually remanded him to Lanchester Workhouse, in order that inquiries might be made respecting his nearest relatives.

ASSAULT UPON THE PARK CUSTODIAN:

EXTRAORDINARY ALLEGATIONS.

Edward Lennox, a very respectable-looking man, of Roger Street, Blackhill, was summoned for having assaulted Richard Ashdown, of Blackfine, the keeper of the Consett and Benfieldside Public Park, on the 19th inst. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared to prosecute, while Mr C. H. M. Robson (Messrs Clark and Robson, Newcastle) conducted the defence.—Mr Welford, in opening, detailed the circumstances of the case, affirming that the assault was perpetrated without the slightest provocation. Unfortunately, his client married the defendant's mother, and some family quarrels had been going on for some time. However, Ashdown had not spoken to Lennox for six weeks prior to the occurrence.

Prosecutor, whose head was enveloped in a large bandage, said:—On the 22nd inst., about seven o'clock a.m., I was proceeding to my work at the Consett Park. I was just going to get over the fence behind the new Vicarage at Blackhill, when I heard Lennox shout out "You dirty old b——." I was then in the Park, and about three or four yards from the highway. It was dark, and I could not see who it was. I replied "I have nothing to do with you." I then mounted the fence and was going to my work. The man felled me on the head, and knocked me down. I think he had something in his hand. I tried to get up, but he kept striking me, and saying "You dirty old b——, I will kill you." I endeavoured to regain my feet a second time, when he fell upon me and beat me again. Then the defendant left me and went towards the Royal Hotel. I afterwards went across the Park to the Police Station, and gave information to the police. I also proceeded to Dr Renton's surgery and had my wounds dressed. I had not spoken to Lennox for six weeks prior to the assault.

Cross-questioned by Mr Robson: He would be 100 yards from the main road. Did not call out to Lennox, "Whose house are you going to rob now?" nor did he accuse him of having robbed him or assisting his mother to take the things away from his house. There had been some trouble since he (complainant) had married the defendant's mother.

Mr Robson: Was not the trouble caused by the fact that you went through the form of marriage ceremony with Mrs Lennox when you had a wife living? (Sensation.)—Complainant: No. My other wife was dead when I was married to Mrs Lennox.

Did not Mrs Lennox find out that you had a wife still living away from you, and for that reason she separated herself from you?—I cannot tell the reason she left me.

Is it not a fact that you married her when your first wife was alive?—No; it is not true.

Did not your first wife die in 1885?—I cannot exactly say. It was before that.

And did you not go through the form of marriage ceremony with Mrs Lennox in 1881?—I do not remember. I was wedded to her a few years ago.

Was it not in 1881?—It might be.

Will you swear that your first wife did not die after that period?—No, I will positively swear that at the time I married Mrs Lennox my other wife was dead.

Is it not a fact that some time back Mrs Lennox received a letter from the rector of a certain parish informing her that you had a wife still alive?—I am not aware what letters she received, but I know that a communication was sent to her telling her that these allegations were false, my wife having died at Bradford.

Did not the trouble begin in consequence of these statements, and that was the reason Mrs Lennox parted from you?—Yes, there was some bother about this six weeks ago.

In reply to further interrogations, Ashdown said he had never seen the defendant in his own house. He believed that Lennox was night-foreman at the Iron Works, but could not speak as to his character. Complainant only knew that he had taken some articles away from his house; but he had not therefore accused defendant of robbing him. He did not jump over the fence and shout that he could show Lennox what he meant. He did not strike the defendant; he never had a chance of doing so. (Laughter.) He had been acquainted with Lennox for about three years, but had seen very little of him. On one occasion, defendant came to his house, and threatened that he would kick the old b—— out. He wanted to keep the man away from the house because he got things from his wife. Never called the defendant a thief. Did not think that Lennox could be coming home from work that morning, as he need not travel *via* Cemetery Road to reach Roger Street.

Mr Welford explained that the only other witness was a person named Watson, who saw Ashdown proceeding to work just before seven o'clock on the morning referred to.

Mr Robson, on behalf of the defendant, stated that his client was a sober, industrious, and hard-working man, who had borne an excellent character, and had by his perseverance and diligence attained the position of night foreman at the Iron Works. It was incredible therefore, that Lennox should attack the complainant in the manner alleged; and this without the least provocation. Ashdown's story could not for a moment be believed. Defendant had been for a number of years conductor of Consett Salvation Army Band, and was at present the leader of the Blackhill Christian Mission Brass Band. Did their Worships suppose that a person holding these offices would call the complainant an old b——, and then knock him down and fell him three times? The fact was that quarrels had sprung up out of certain family grievances. However, the parties had not spoken to each other for several weeks, till the morning of the 22nd inst. His client was returning home from his work when Ashdown, who was in the Park, accosted him with the impertinent remark, "Whose house are you going to rob next?" and furthermore accused him of going to his (complainant's) house and getting things from his mother. Lennox indignantly repudiated these fasehoods, whereupon Ashdown jumped across the Park railings, and struck at him. To show that his client was a highly respectable person, Mr Robson handed in certificates from the Iron Works' managers, relating to his good character during the past eight or ten years.

Mr Welford: Oh, we have characters for gentlemen extended over twenty or thirty years.

Adam Brodie, accountant, Consett, who had personally known the defendant for the past twenty years, spoke of the unimpeachable character he had borne hitherto.

The Magistrates consulted together, and arrived at the conclusion that Lennox did assault Ashdown, under considerable provocarion, but not sufficient to justify him in doing what he did to the complainant. He would be fined 5s, and pay the costs.

Ashdown was next placed in the dock to answer a charge of assaulting John Elliott, at Consett, on the 19th Nov.—Complainant stated that he was sitting in Palmer's public-house, in Front Street, when the defendant and said to him "You b—— thief. You're here!" After a few high words Ashdown dealt him a half-swinging blow on the face with his doubled fist.—By the Bench: He was quite sober. Ashdown also used threatening language to complainant. Defendant asserted that he would knock his brains out as well as those of his brother Ned (referring to Lennox):—Cross-questioned by Mr Welford (who defended): He did not know about getting a summons for the defendant on the Monday following. He did not take out a summons against Ashdown till after he had been attacked by Lennox, although the latter had never spoken to him about the affair.—The defence was that Elliott was making use of scandalous observations respecting Ashdown and his family connections, when the latter became somewhat excited during the course of the argument, and pushed the complainant away. He never struck at Elliott. There was a table separating them.—The Bench said they could hardly construe that into an assault, and dismissed the summons, complainant having to bear the expenses.

ALLEGED WOUNDING CASE AT DIPTON.

Margaret Connolly, a married woman, of portly figure, surrendered upon her recognisances to answer a charge of unlawfully wounding Richard Berrigan, alias Brett, a young fellow, at Dipton, on Sunday night, Nov. 13th.—Mr Welford prosecuted, and Mr Robson defended.

Prosecutor, a coal-miner, adduced that on the evening named, Edward Cavanagh and himself were in company together. They quitted the Red Lion Inn at closing time (10 o'clock), and proceeded to Connolly's house, where there were a couple of men, besides the prisoner and her two daughters. Some beer was on the table, and the prisoner was standing with a glass in her hand, containing liquor. The woman said "Here's the dirty b—— coming" (meaning the prosecutor). He enquired "What have I done to you, Mrs Connolly?" She replied "You have been calling my son at the pit." Prosecutor answered "I just wanted what was right," to which she asked "Have you not got it?" Cavanagh said to the prosecutor "Let us go out." They were both in the act of leaving the dwelling, Cavanagh having got out, while he (Berrigan) had reached the doorway, when the prisoner called him a "red-eyed w——." On hearing this filthy expression, prosecutor turned round, whereupon the woman flung the glass she held in her hand at him, the missile alighting on his nose, and cut it very badly. Afterwards a man called Bates hit the prosecutor on the face with his hand, and Connolly followed this up by dealing him a blow on the head with a heavy coalrake (produced). Berrigan fell stunned upon the floor, and called out "Murder!" Whilst he was prostrated, the woman gave him another blow with the weapon. He succeeded in getting upon his legs, and was making for the doorway when the prisoner struck him another heavy blow on the skull with the coalrake. This caused him to stagger forward, and he fell down in the street. Cavannagh essayed to lift the prosecutor up again, but he stumbled against the window, and the panes were broken. After that, he did not recollect anything more that transpired until he found himself in their own house. He could not tell how he reached it. Prosecutor was attended by Dr Beadle that night, and was confined to his bed for nine days. He was still unable to follow his employment.

Cross-questioned: They were not drunk when they left the Red Lion. They did not go to the prisoner's house with the intention of fighting her husband. After getting inside, he did not have any angry words with Connolly respecting her husband. She did not take him and put him outside the door. Did not then go round to the back door and kick it open; neither did Bates strive to pull him out. He never threatened to murder Mrs Connolly, nor did he strike at her. Cavanagh did not tell him to come away from the place.

Edward Cavanagh attested that after arriving at Mrs Connolly's house, fearing a disturbance, he said to Berrigan "Let us both go out." Witness went outside, and heard a noise resembling the breaking of glass. Turning about, he saw blows struck and heard a great deal of scuffling. Prosecutor shouted "Murder!" Cavanagh was about to enter the house when Berrigan came towards the door, being followed by the prisoner. He saw her swing a coalrake in her hand and strike the prosecutor. His hat was off, and he fell forward. He was bleeding profusely from wounds upon the head. Witness carried Berrigan about 15 yards, and had to lay him down. Just at that moment Sergeant Thornton came up, and a man named Conway assisted to carry the prosecutor home.

James Conway, miner, South Medomsley Cottages, spoke to hearing, about 10·30 p.m., cries of "Murder!" and saw that Berrigan had been frightfully wounded. He spoke to the prosecutor, who said, "Connolly's wife has murdered me." Sergeant Thornton now appeared on the scene, and shined his lamp upon the youths, who was literally covered with blood. He did not speak for some time after. They carried him into his house.

Sergeant Thornton deposed that on the night in question, whilst near the Co-operative Stores, he heard shouts of "Murder," repeated two or three times in succession. Proceeding to the spot, he found the prosecutor lying upon the ground, with Cavanagh and Conway beside him. He observed that Berrigan was almost covered with blood, and there was a large pool of that sanguinary fluid upon the ground. Entering Conway's house, he saw the prisoner and others there. The place was in great disorder; a quantity of broken glass was upon the floor, which was smeared with blood. A pane in the window was also smashed. The officer saw the prisoner's daughter leave the house, and he followed her into the street, and took the coal-rake (produced) out of her possession. She had it concealed behind her dress. He asked her what she was doing with the weapon, and she rejoined "My mother told me to take it out of the way." Subsequently, she said "Please sir, it was not me that hit him with it." The coalrake was stained with blood. The Sergeant watched Connolly's house till the following morning, and about eight o'clock he apprehended the prisoner, and charged her with wounding Berrigan. She retorted, "What could I do? He smashed the window. I broke a cup over him." Witness produced the prosecutor's clothing, which was taken off that night. The things were saturated with blood.

Dr Beadle, of Dipton, recapitulated the evidence already given by him. Prosecutor suffered from three large scalp wounds—one being three inches long, and the other two about two inches. All the wounds extended down to the bone. Complainant lost a vast amount of blood, and was in a weak condition. Berrigan had also a wound on the nose which almost divided that organ into two.

By the Bench: Prosecutor was never in danger of his life.

On being charged in court, prisoner declared that she was not guilty. She alleged that Berrigan entered her house, where Watson, Bates, Brown, and her two daughters were sitting. Prosecutor asked for her husband, and declared that he would do anything he liked with him. She ordered both Berrigan and his companions to quit the house, and eventually she put them outside. They knocked the door in and broke the window. A scuffle ensued, and in the darkness, some one flung a cup at the prosecutor. Blows were freely exchanged, and Berrigan fell down upon the fender. She emphatically declared that she never felled the prosecutor with the coal-rake. He came into her house with the intention of fighting her husband. When they broke open the door, Berrigan declared that he would kill her.

Thomas Bates, miner, who was in the prisoner's house, stated that some high words passed. The window was smashed, and when the door was broken open, prosecutor rushed in very wild. Mrs Connolly was standing up, while her "lassie" was half-lying upon the floor. Fearing that something serious would happen, witness went between Berrigan and the prisoner, and tried to get the former out of the house. Did not see a poker used to his knowledge. He did observe a weapon in Mrs Connolly's hands, but could not tell what it was. Eventually, prisoner got the prosecutor out of the house. Mrs Connolley was quite able to take care of herself. Berrigan was mad with drink.

In answer to Mr Welford, witness denied that he ever hit the prosecutor, or knock him upon the fender. He might have fallen down. Witness had had a glass or two himself that night, but many a time he had had more. (Laughter.) When Sergeant Thornton entered the house, the woman soid, "Just look at Bates' hands." The officer replied, "But that is nothing to the man's head."

John Harrison, carrier, was coming home from Flint Hill about eleven that night, when he heard a disturbance. On reaching the spot, he perceived Berrigan standing in front of Connolly's door, and threatening that he would kill the prisoner. Prosecutor next went to the door and tried to kick it in; but failed in this, he "shoved" his fist right through the window, the glass was broken and the lights were extinguished. Kavanagh, who was standing about 15 yards away, asked the complainant to come away home. Berrigan went across the road, cursing and swearing, and stood for some moments, and witness walked up to see who it was. Prosecutor subsequently went round to the back door and kitchen again, and giving it a tremendous blow it was forced open. He did not hurry himself across the road, but as he entered the house he heard screams of "Murder!" Immediately afterwards, prosecutor came out of the house bleeding very much, being followed by the prisoner. He was then threatening to kill Mrs Connolly and Bates. Kavanagh endeavoured to get the prosecutor home, but he became stupid, and laid down till the arrival of the sergeant.

Evidence was also tendered by Joseph Watson, Woodman, Pontop, Thomas Brown, and others.

After a protracted hearing, the justices committed the prisoner for trial at the Quarter Sessions. Her bail was renewed.

A charge instituted by Mrs Connolly against Berrigan for having assaulted her on the same occasion, was dismissed; although the Bench thought the evidence important as showing the amount of aggravation Berrigan had subjected her to.

SECOND COURT.

Before Jas. Annandale, Esq. (in the chair) and W. Green, Esq.

THE DRUNKEN LIST.

Patrick Hart was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Nov. 19th.—Sergeant Davidson stated the facts, and the defendant was fined 5s and costs.

William Brown was found guilty, upon the testimony of P.C. Stubbs, of having been drunk and causing an uproar at Leadgate, on the 11th inst.—Defendant was also fined 5s and expenses.

Joseph Thompson, Peter Gilroy, George Elsbury, and *James Sullivan*, all of Iveston, were proceeded against by P.C. Stubbs for being intoxicated at Leadgate, on the 11th and 12th days of Nov.—Gilroy failed to appear, and was mulcted in a penalty of 10s and costs; the rest of the defendants were let off on payment of a fine of 5s and the fees incurred.

John McAllum and *Thomas Simpson* were summoned by P.C. Hudson for drunkenness at Blackhall Mill, on the 13th inst., and were likewise ordered to pay fines of 5s and costs.

Matthew Pattison, of Medomsley, who was charged by P.C. Robinson with having been inebriated at Allendale Cottages, on the 9th inst., was fined in a like amount.

P.C. Vickers summoned *Thomas Cooper* for having been drunk and guilty of disorderly behaviour at Shotley Bridge, on the 19th Nov., and was likewise fined 5s and costs.

George Patterson was accused by P.C. Richardson of being drunk and incapable at Consett, on Nov. 18th, and was similarly fined.

Thomas Bell was charged at the instigation of P.C. Phillipson with having been inebriated at Blackhill, on the 19th inst., and was mulcted in 5s fine and the costs.

Lawrence McBride was convicted, upon the evidence of P.C. Newton, of having been found drunk and creating a disturbance at the same place, also on Nov. 19th, and was similarly fined.

John Wilkinson, charged by P.C. Lawson with drunkenness at Blackhill, on Nov. 19th, was ordered to defray a fine of 5s and 5s 6d expenses.

Thomas Stokoe pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by P.C. Scott, of having been drunk and uproarious at Consett, on the 25th inst.—Fined 5s and costs.

Elizabeth Smith, having been found by P.C. Newton in a very drunken condition at Blackhill, on the preceding Saturday evening, was let off with a fine of 2s 6d and payment of the Court fees.

John Flannigan was brought up on a charge of drunkenness, Sergt. Tate having come across him at Blackhill, on last Saturday evening, in a helpless state of intoxication.—The Bench fined him 5s and costs.

Patrick Cooke was mulcted in the same penalty for drunkenness at Blackhill, on the same date, the charge being proven by P.C. Lawson.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Hugh Cain appeared in answer to a summons charging him with fighting at Consett on the 12th inst.—P.C. Richardson narrated the circumstances, and the defendant was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, besides paying the Court fees.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

Thomas McKenna and *Felix McIver*, both of Blackhill, appeared to answer charges made against them by Mr Alex. McKean, on behalf of the Benfieldside School Board, for not causing their children to attend school.—Both cases were dismissed.

ADULTERATION OF PEPPER.

George Murray, grocer, of Front Street, Dipton, was proceeded against under the Food and Drugs Act, for having sold to Supt. Oliver, on the 11th inst., a quantity of clove pepper, which, on being submitted to Mr W. F. K. Stock, the county analyst, Darlington, was found to be adulterated to the extent of 70 per cent with a substance called pimento.—The court imposed a penalty of 5s and costs.

ASSAULTS ON THE POLICE.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S ROWDYISM.

Felix Crawley, of Front Street, Consett, was brought up on a charge of assaulting Sergt. Best on the previous Saturday night.—About 10·30, the officer was on duty in Medomsley Road, and just after passing John Street, he was accosted by the prisoner, who exclaimed "What do you want here, you b——." Without any interference on the part of the Sergeant, Crawley immediately picked up a number of loose stones off the roadway, and fired a volley of them at Best, four of the missiles alighting on his helmet, and striking him on the back. Crawley then ran off, but was chased by the officer, and was taken just as he was about to take refuge in Mrs Grant's house.—The Magistrates having commented upon the base act of cowardice in throwing stones at the police, especially in the dark, inflicted a fine of 40s and costs, but as the prisoner could not pay, he was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

John Cunningham, a metal-carrier at the Consett Iron Works, a strong muscular fellow in appearance, was also put forward on a charge of assaulting P.C. Lawson, at Consett, on Saturday last.—The evidence showed that about 11·30 p.m. P.C.'s Lawson and Million came across Cunningham in a very drunken state in John Street. They attempted to take the man into custody, but the prisoner resisted with the utmost violence, knocking his captors upon the ground. He then kicked and beat Lawson in a savage fashion upon the legs, bruising and breaking the skin, and producing a nasty wound. It was with considerable difficulty that the prisoner was conveyed to the lock-up. Lawson was in a very exhausted condition on arriving at the Station house.—In this case, the magistrates fined the prisoner 20s, besides pay 8s 6d as Court expenses.

A charge preferred against Cunningham for having been drunk and disorderly at Consett, at the same time and place, was dismissed.

THE WOUNDING AFFRAY AT DERWENTCOTE.

George Manuel, a steelworker, living at Blackhill, was brought up (after being repeatedly remanded) charged with unlawfully wounding an old man named John Outram, a smelter, employed at the Derwentcote Forge, on Sunday night, Nov. 13th.—Mr T. W. Welford conducted the prosecution.

Complainant had his head tied up in a bandage. He deposed that on the date mentioned he proceeded to Swalwell along with the prisoner. They left that place in a dog-cart, about 5·30, reaching Derwentcote about an hour later. They were both friendly with each other, and they entered the complainant's house. Soon after seven o'clock, the prisoner expressed his intention of going home to Blackhill. Outram, however, objected, and said "You are going to stay here all night." Complainant was on his knees at the fireside, when Manuel arose for the purpose of departing. He caught hold of the prisoner by the foot, and was about to unfasten his boots, so that he could remain all night, when Manuel struck him with both his hands. Prisoner then took up his stick, and felled him across the head, and also struck his hand, until the weapon was broken. Manuel finally snatched hold of complainant's stick, and dealt him several blows with that, likewise smashing it. Outram begged of his assailant not to murder him outright. He managed, however, to crawl to the door and shout out "Murder!" Subsequently the prisoner walked away, and Edward Noble came to his assistance.—Prisoner cross-questioned the complainant with a view of showing that he was the agressive party, but these imputations were absolutely denied, and Manuel asserted that Outram was telling falsehoods.

Edward Noble, a warehouseman, living at Derwentcote forge, stated that at seven o'clock on Sunday night, he went to Outram's house to see him about going to work on the following morning. Prisoner was there, and he and complainant seemed to be on friendly terms. Both were under the influence of liquor. Witness heard Outram ask the prisoner to stay with him all night, and he (Noble) subsequently took his departure. About half-an-hour afterwards, witness heard, whilst sitting in his own house, cries of "Noble" and "Murder!" He ran in the direction of Outram's cottage, when he perceived the prisoner standing about 20 yards from the doorway. When witness arrived at Outram's house, he found him lying outside bleeding from several wounds upon his head and hands. Witness lifted him into the house, whereupon the complainant exclaimed "Oh! protect me, or Manuel will murder me." Just then, the prisoner came up and asserted that Outram had hit him upon the hand. Witness persuaded the prisoner to return to Blackhill, and then went and sought Dr Marshall at Blackhall Mill.

P.C. Hudson, of Ebchester, testified that on the succeeding (Monday) morning, he proceeded to Outram's house and found him in bed, suffering from severe wounds upon the top of his head and hands. The officer asked him "Who has done this?" and his reply to the question was that Manuel was his assailant. Witness proceeded to Dr Marshall's surgery, and that gentleman gave him a certificate stating that Outram was lying in a critical condition. After that, Hudson went in search of the prisoner. He produced a broken walking stick found in Outram's house, which belonged to the prisoner; likewise the head of a walking-stick owned by the complainant.

Sergeant Tate, Blackhill, spoke to apprehending the prisoner at that place on the Tuesday morning, and charged him with wounding Outram. His answer was "What I did to the man was done in self-defence. He attacked me first." The Sergeant handed in a walking-stick, minus the head, discovered in the prisoner's house. The article was identified by the complainant as his property.

Dr Marshall, practising at Blackhall Mill, described the nature of the injuries sustained by Outram on the top of the skull and his hand. His head was so badly bruised and battered that it was swollen all over. He also certified that the injured man remained in a dangerous condition for several days.

On being charged in court, prisoner pleaded not guilty. In the course of his incoherent and rambling statement, he positively declared that, after reaching Outram's house, the latter pressed upon him to stay all night. He told the complainant that he wanted to go home to his wife and children. Outram then shoved him into the house, and a scuffle ensued. Complainant beat the prisoner with his stick, and he (Manuel) had to stand up in self-defence. He further alleged that the complainant received his injuries by falling upon the fender and bruising and cutting himself.

The Magistrates committed the prisoner for trial at the Quarter Sessions, but agreed to let him out on bail.

MR AUBERON HERBERT'S CAMPAIGN IN THE NORTH.

SPEECH AT WEST PELTON.

On Monday night, the Hon. Auberon Herbert delivered the second speech in his present campaign in the north at West Pelton, under the auspices of the West Pelton Liberal Association. Mr Humble, vice-president of the association, took the chair, and there were present Messrs Walter T. Allan, E. T. Nisbit, John Lumsden, Charles Ritson, Philip Kirkup, John Anderson, John Buglass, George Weddell, the Rev John Mathwin, a few ladies, and some 500 miners and others.

The Lecturer, who was received with applause, said they all felt the great change that had taken place in this country and other countries during the last few years. There had been many changes, but perhaps the most remarkable and far-reaching one had been the way in which power had passed from the hands of a few into the hands of the people. In looking at the way in which power had been used did they think the exercise of power by some over others had been for the happiness of the world? If they wrote the history of the sufferings of the world, they would write the history of power. Having got that power, he would ask them how were they going to use it. Were they going to use it in the old way, by moulding, and shaping, and regulating, and governing their fellows? Was it not enough for a man to take charge of his own life without trying to take charge of another man's? When nature gave them separate faculties did she not mean that they should take charge of themselves; not that another man should do so. There was a small party calling themselves individualists, but they believed the future depended on the creed they were preaching. They believed that there never could be a real, true, peaceful, and prosperous society unless they built upon the great principle of respecting the rights which they possessed as human beings; and not wishing to take possession of any part of another man. There were two methods in the great work of life—the voluntary and the compulsory method—the voluntary being the one in which men gave their own consent to their own acts. The compulsory method was that which Government did for them when it said—"This is a condition under which [illegible] you, and you will have to accept it." But they must have the power before they give it to the Government. Their own happiness could not be won by anybody but themselves. Parliament passed laws, but what change came over their character by the passing of the laws? Would it not be marvellous if there had been any change? (Applause.) If they wished to change a man, they must do it by a change inside him, to call out in him great fountains of energy. They had got into the habit of thinking that the evils of life could be changed by Government, but they had to see that no happiness was done for them but by certain influences inside their character, not outside. By their system of education the children were driven through examinations, and their lives made a burden to them. (Loud applause.) He was glad that they took an interest in it, as many men were, but though they were their own children, they had no voice in the matter. Progress was difference, and there could be no progress without difference. (Loud applause.) They were made better not by punishment, but by better men having friendly and kindly intercourse with them, and especially by better women, and above all by better examples. (Loud applause.) Instead of compelling, they should have persuading, committees. (Applause.) They all knew what a curse drink was, but if they put it down by force did they change the man himself? (Loud applause.) That was the real thing; nothing would answer their purpose, nothing was worth doing, nothing was worth taking the trouble about, except to change the nature of the man himself. (Hear, hear.) They had to get at the man's mind—(applause)—and then they made him an altered man. Drink would be driven underground, and they would have a miserable system for a free people of spying upon each other. The only way was by men persuading each other, and when force was used persuasion was not used, becaused it was useless. Instead of having these great central machines they should get into the habit, whenever they wanted a thing, of voluntarily forming into groups to do it. (Loud applause.)

Rev John Mathwin said he would just like to say something in reference to their school. The children did not attend by any compulsion. It was not by and force that the policemen used; it was not by any force that the parents or the school managers used. It was a punishment for the children not to attend school. The school was a voluntary one.

A number of questions were answered by Mr Herbert.

The Lecturer was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and a hope was expressed that he would visit them again.

Votes of thanks to the Lecturer and chairman were carried with acclamation.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

East Pontop Colliery, owned by Messrs Pears and Co., situated at the extreme end of Catchgate, is at present in a very prosperous state. The colliery is working eleven days per fortnight. There are at present about 70 coal hewers employed, and producing over 50 scores per day. Mr John Swallow, of Bushblades, is the resident manager for the company, and Mr George Browell, of Carrmyers, is under manager. On Saturday last, the first sod was cut by Master Swallow, son of the resident manager, of a new sinking shaft, ten feet wide, to be put down to the Shield Row seam. This new shaft is a little way to the north of the present winding engine house, the depths of which will be about eighteen fathoms. The sink is let to Messrs Romney and Sons, and if all goes well, they expect to bottom this new sinking by the end of January, 1888. As a rule the Shield Row seam is a good workable seam, about six feet thick, and will, when completed, give work to a good number of men. As this company has two good managers, the work will probably be pushed forward. This company make first-class coke at East Pontop, and the masters and workmen are, as a rule, very agreeable to each other. Disputes which arise at this colliery are amicably arranged between masters and workmen. I am informed that it is with difficulty a stranger can get employed here, as they are constantly well supplied with men and boys.

A BUTCHER IN DIFFICULTIES.

On Friday evening last, about nine o'clock, as a butcher was leaving West Kyo, his cart-wheel came in contact with a projection from the fence, by which his cart was upset and the shafts broken. Fortunately assistance was at hand, and the horse, which made several attempts to "bolt," was secured without further accident.

THE WEATHER.

As a result of the severe weather there is quite a number of children ill of bronchitis and other complaints. Many adults are also suffering from rheumatics, sciatica, and other excruciating pains.

Trade Notes.

SHORT TIME AT WOLSINGHAM STEEL WORKS.—Most of the hands employed at Stanners' Close Steel Works, Wolsingham, have been put on three-quarter time, and a few have been suspended.

THE WEARDALE INDUSTRIES.

"Old Hand" writes in the *Auckland Chronicle*:—"I should think if ever the adage 'that things were sure to mend when at their worst' was verified it was the case in Weardale a week to-day, when it would be a difficult task to recount the sense of joy at the recommencement of the ironstone working by the Weardale Iron Company, as never since the draining-with-the-hatchet era has such a deplorable state of things been experienced by the industrious, frugal dalesfolk. It cannot be said that the *modus operandi* of the Lead Company is giving satisfaction, nor as things go financially at present will they ever do. There is no doubt that the general mining skill of the men recoils from the method in practice, to which the announcement of an 8 per cent. dividend to the shareholders has contributed much. Weardalians are 'cute capitalists enough to see that such interest at the present depressed moment can but convey one idea, which all the efforts of the public cannot dispel, in the eyes of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The Iron Company are regarded as the best of paymasters in promptitude and fairness, hence the pleasure which hails their operations.

"The above illustration of the vicissitudes to which mining speculators are subject has a rather sorrowful counterpart in the person of an old public servant who was for years stationmaster at Benfieldside—Mr Samuel Leybourne—who was lately lessee of the Edmondbyers mine, near Stanhope, and who, within a few months of his financial collapse, was offered £20,000 for his venture. I have met this victim of fickle fortune frequently in his new capacity as insurance manager and agent; and 'tis hard to think but that 'the back's aye made for the burden,' as Mr Leybourne has lost none of his customary courtesy and affable demeanour under the terrible pains of adversity above recorded, through no fault of his own."

ORNITHOLOGY OF WEARDALE.

Bubo Marimus (Eagle.)—This is the largest and most powerful of the owls, measuring 28 inches in length, physically endowed with quickness and savage energy, its destructive propensities are dreaded where it takes up its abode, attacking indiscriminately young lambs, fawns, hares, as well as birds of large size. The colour of this fine bird is brown of different shades, the circular disc surrounding the face rather inclines to red, mixed with white, giving it a still more sedate appearance. Two tufts of brown feathers ornament the top of the head resembling horns. The plumage, like the rest of this family, is soft, with a thick coat of down beneath, protecting it from the severe cold to which it is exposed. The bulky nest is most frequently built on rocks or dismantled buildings, ruins, &c., in which seldom more than three white eggs are deposited. On the European continent it is the most common where it takes up its abode—in gloomy, unfrequented woods, where it breeds in security from man's treacherous art. It is found in Asia where the interminable untrodden wastes of this huge continent offer an asylum suiting the habits and wants of its existence. Seldom does it visit Great Britain, although cases are authenticated of its having done so. A good mature specimen was shot many years ago, under rather melancholy circumstances, at Jarrow Slake, Northumberland. In the dusk of the evening for some nights in succession it was seen hovering round the gibbet, on which barbarous kind of torture was suspended a human being. A gentleman of some sagacity ultimately shot it. When he was rewarded with the above-named visitor, the late Rev W. N. Darnel, vicar of Stanhope, Weardale, became the purchaser, and in after years taking pleasure in showing it to his friends, not forgetting to relate the strange facts regarding its capture. It is a blessing we live in days when gibbeting human beings in this country hath become a thing of the past. We may picture to the imagination the excrutiating torture and agony these poor wretches must have suffered, as hung up before the public gaze, pitied by some; scorned by others; racked with pain almost to madness in the solemn hours of the night. The glittering twinkling stars rising before the gaze, and as slowly departing, withal the birds of prey wheeling their death dance as though conscious of the coming feast, the pale beams of the moon falling on the contorted countenance, the stifling groans emmitted by the luckless victim telling too plainly the fearful agony he was suffering. Happily those dark, benighted times are among the records of departed generations in England. In Hungary, this brutal custom is still adhered to, the gibbet being a common mode of punishing the brigands and gipsy bands that infest that country; very oft some of their number paying this awful penalty. In Weardale, the limestone caverns established data retrograding some thousands of years, when owls of large size must have been numerous. We need only take one instance—the remains discovered in Heathery Burn cave, once a beautiful place, the cavern extending a great distance beneath the heather-clad mountains—where mixed up in a confused mass were human remains, with bronze, bone, jet, and stone implements. Bones of various birds and animals lay in profusion. The leg and skull bones of a large species of owl was conspicuous for the quantity. One thing that still more substantiates the opinion is a great number of petrified pellets, always accompanying the abode of the strigidae, were encrusted in the calcerous cement. A great thickness of stalagmite covered the whole, preserving the deposit for ages. How these bird and animal remains were embedded in confused order, with tools of human skill, we can only surmise they either formed a portion of the food of these ancient aborigines mid these limestone caverns, otherwise these birds and mamalia took possession when this cavern was deserted of human beings. Some of our most learned archeologists give a great age to these cavern remains from 2,000 to 4,000 years. This cave is one-and-a-half miles from Stanhope, in a north-west direction. The greater and best part is now destroyed, and presents nothing to interest the eye of the visitor. The approach to the vicinity winds along the banks of a romantic stream, intersected with foliage of every hue. Weird and picturesque scenery gladdens and fascinates the eye. The rude handiwork of nature in architecture of the wildest description greets the visitor at every turn of the glen. The soft whispering of the meandering stream blends with the health-inspiring boom of the cooling waterfall as it pours the little rivulet o'er the fern-fringed cliff into the mountain streamlet rippling over its rocky bed. The soft, cooing notes of the ring-dove from the recesses of the pine tree adds sweet pleasure to the ear. The shrill scream of the kestrel and sparrow hawk, the noiseless dive of the dipper, the harsh croak of the carrion crow, the chattering of the magpie, add to the pleasure of this favoured spot. A mature eagle owl, now in the possession of Harriet Peart, in the high part of Weardale; this, I think, is a local capture, preserved by W. Tinkler. In the next I shall refer to our brown or tawny owl.

THOMAS TINKLER.

Leadgate, November, 1887.

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"THE SCAMPS OF LONDON." 717y

Thursday, December 8th, 1887.—The Party of Individual Liberty.

MR. AUBERON HERBERT will deliver an ADDRESS on "Individual Liberty," in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Thursday, December 8th, 1887; at the close of which he will be prepared to answer questions relevant to the subject. Chair to be taken at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

NOTICE.

THE Members of the First Shotley Bridge and District (370th) Starr-Bowkett Building Society will hold their next APPROPRIATION BY BALLOT on Monday, December 19th, 1887, at 7·15 p.m., in the Sons' of Temperance Hall, Blackhill.

Members should see that their books are paid up, and clear to participate in the Ballot.—By order,

M. NOBLE, Chairman.

706y J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Commercial Inn, West Stanley

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is favoured with instructions from Mr JOHN CLARKSON, Commercial Inn, West Stanley, who is retiring from business, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, December 14th, 1887, the whole of his Valuable FURNITURE, HORSES, &c., &c. Full particulars next edition.

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JOSEPH VICKERS Auctioneer.

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TOW LAW AUCTION MART. — CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE OF FAT CATTEE, on Monday, December 19th, 1887. £30 in Prizes.—Prize Schedules on application to the AUCTIONEER, Tow Law.—Entries close on Monday, December 12th. 695y

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Thursday, December 8th, 1887. — Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett. — Sale of Furniture, under distress for rent, including—3 Bedsteads and Mattresses; 3 Tables; 2 Forms; 6 Chairs; Clock; Poss-Tub and Staff, &c.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE will SELL BY AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, on Thursday, December 8th, the FURNITURE, as above, under distress for rent. 754y

Sale to commence at Two o'clock in the Afternoon.

Saturday, December 10th, 1887.—Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Effects, including Mahogany Press, Desk Bedstead; 2 Brass-Mounted Bedsteads; 4 Iron Bedsteads; Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; Easy Chair; Rocking Chair; 6 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; Feather and Down Bed; Superior Cottage Pianoforte, by Avill and Smart; Fine-toned Pianoforte, by Robinson, &c.

Also, the remainder of the Oil Paintings and Engravings remaining from Messrs GIBSON BROTHERS' recent sale.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Messrs. Campbell and another, who are emigrating, to remove and SELL BY AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Saturday, December 10th, the whole of the Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, 2 Fine-toned Cottage Pianofortes, Feather and Down Beds, &c.

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

Preliminary advertisement.—Wednesday, December 14th, 1887.—Harvey Street, Consett.—Important Sale of Builders' Plant, belonging to the Estate of the late THOMAS DAVISON, deceased, including—Scaffolding Poles, Battens, Trestles, Ladders, Barrows, Bricks and Lime, Timber, Chains and Ropes, Tools, &c., &c.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed by the Representatives of the late THOMAS DAVISON, deceased, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises, in Harvey Street, Consett, on Wednesday, December 14th, 1887, the whole of the Superior BUILDING PLANT and MATERIALS.

To Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Innkeepers.

Castleside, near Consett, County of Durham.—Sale of Fully-Licensed Freehold Country Inn.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE, Members of the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors, are instructed by the Executors of the late R. DAVISON, deceased, to OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Turf Hotel, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Thursday, December 15th, 1887, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to Conditions to be then and there produced and read, all that Commodious and Substantially-Built Fully-Licensed

FREEHOLD PUBLIC-HOUSE,

situate at Castleside, near Consett, in the County of Durham, as at present occupied by Mrs ANN DAVISON, and known as "The Smelters' Arms Inn," and containing—Parlour, Kitchen, Tap-room, Bar, and Snug, Club Room, and Three Bed-rooms; with Excellent Cellarage, Five-Stalled Stable, Coach House, Piggery and Large Yard, with the usual Conveniences attached thereto.

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By Mr. Thomas Wetherell.

IMPORTANT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SALE FIXTURES.

Monday, December 12th.—Bowes' House, Fence Houses, Annual Fat Stock Sale, the property of the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham.

Wednesday, December 14th.—Brancepeth Castle Annual Fat Stock Sale, the property of the Right Hon. Viscount Boyne.

Full particulars in due course.

THOS. WETHERELL, Auctioneer.

45, Saddler Street, Durham.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Cottage for Sale.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by the Mortgagee, will OFFER for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr J. MOFFITT's, Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, on Monday, December 19th, 1887, at Six o'clock p.m., all that

LEASEHOLD COTTAGE HOUSE,

situate on Medomsley Bank, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham; containing—Kitchen, Small Bedroom, and Pantry, on the Ground Floor; Large Bed-room, on the Second Floor; and Yard and necessary Out-Buildings behind the Cottage. Term of Lease is 99 years from May 1st, 1878, at a Ground Rent of £1 10s per Annum.

The Cottage will be sold subject to such Conditions as will be read at the time of Sale.

The present Tenant will show the Cottage, and further particulars may be had on application to JOHN BOOTH, Esq., Solicitor, Shotley Bridge; Mr J. PUMPHREY, Elm Park; and the AUCTIONEER, Shotley Bridge. 724y

☞ JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

10, WOOD STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1887

Present Entries.

12 Fat Cattle.
115 Fat Sheep.
2 Veal Calves.
10 Calving Cows.
4 Geld Cows.
A number of Pork and Store Pigs.
Calves, Poultry, &c.
Coup Cart, Dog Cart, Harness, &c.
12 Large Mugs for Pickling; Bread Mugs, &c.

Sale at 12·30.

NICHOLSON & MURRAY, Auctioneers.

THE CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE will be held on Monday, December 19th, Early Entries will oblige

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Holling Hall Farm, near Lanchester.

NICHOLSON and MURRAY have received instructions from Mr GEORGE SWINBURN, who is declining Farming, to SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, December 21st, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, part of the HAY, STRAW, TURNIPS, &c. Particulars next week. 749y

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

NEWBIGGIN, near Lanchester.—Important Sale of FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FARM PRODUCE, and EATAGE OF GRASS LAND, &c., the Property of J. W. Armstrong, Esq., who is declining Farming, on Thursday, December 15th, 1887. Particulars in next week's *Guardian*, Daily Papers, and Bills.

748y NICHOLSON & MURRAY, Auctioneers.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

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MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mrs MORGAN and others, will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, a quantity of Valuable and useful Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, &c. See Bills for particulars.

Sale to begin at One o'clock prompt. 698y

Sale of House Property at Clough Dene, near Tantobie.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, honoured with instructions from Mrs HARRISON, will OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs ELLIOTT's, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, on Wednesday, December 7th, 1887, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, the following desirable

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 1887.

CHARITY AND WINTER.

ONCE more winter is almost upon us, with its pleasures and seasonable delights for the prosperous and comfortably circumstanced, and its pains and penalty for the poor whom we have always with us. The well-to-do are bethinking themselves of their festive re-unions, their skating parties, the theatre, and the numberless other good things which make life endurable in yellow, murky days of lowering skies and blacknights of bitter winds and drifting rain or snow. The skating season is coming, and the thermometer just now is keenly conned by all who possess one and enjoy the splendid, healthful sport provided by the sheets of water around us, whilst even the very smallest of the children in happy homes are prepared to give ecstatic welcome to the advent of "beautiful snow." And even the best of us don our furs or our great coats and go out the more blithely on the morning when we awake to find the world white and the roads iron, something so novel is there in snowbound streets and Arctic temperatures. There is in

fact a winsomeness and romance about winter in which all the other seasons fail, and it may be—no doubt it is—the grim cruel contrast between good food, stout clothing, and snug homes, and the starving misery of which the streets are at this time indicative which throws a halo around what would otherwise be the saddest and most austere of seasons. We sit by a bright fireside, with all the necessaries of life and perchance not a scanty share of its luxuries at our elbows, and as the wind shrieks and howls around the gables of the house and rumbles amongst the chimney pots with wild insensate wrath in the darkness and dreariness of the night, we thank God in sleepy satisfaction that our lines have fallen in pleasant places. It is a comparative content, and the family fireside is all the merrier because it is winter. But there is another side to the picture—as dour and death-like as the first is instinct with good cheer and happiness. Without fuel, food, and clothing, winter becomes transformed into a terrible monster with the blight of death in its breath. Such we are sorry to say, it is to hundreds of human beings in our own town of Consett, and, bad as things are in this respect every winter, they are particularly so at a period when work is scarce—a period of depression so long continued that we cannot but hope for its early end. But until a change comes the intensity of its bitterness only becomes augmented as day after day goes by. We trust, therefore that local charity will not be wanting, but that the purse strings of those who have will be freely relaxed in favour of those who have not. Organised charity, of course, is the best and the most lasting.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

TEMPERANCE.

The temperance question seems for the moment to be in the ascendant both at Consett and elsewhere, two public gatherings for the avowed propagation of its principles having been held in this district during the past few days. Nothing worth acquiring can be obtained without effort, nor when acquired can be treasured without the exercise of due vigilence. The law of rust quickly asserts itself, to avoid which it is essential that periodical burnishings—which is but another name for renewed effort—should be frequently resorted to. This law the temperance party seem to thoroughly understand. The present would indeed be a happy world were men temperate "in all things," as the apostle Paul puts it, and the reason why intoxicating beverages are singled out for special mention is no doubt due to the almost super-human influence which they exert on mankind. The subject is one quite beyond my comprehension. I am not an extremist, and never therefore go the length of preaching total abstinence, owing probably to the fact that at no period of my life did I ever practice that commendable virtue—for it is almost regarded as such nowadays. At the same time I have no hestitation in impressing upon young people the great advantages to be derived from joining these temperance organisations now scattered broadcast throughout the land. Such a step is very desirable, for many reasons. Temperance is a passport to good society, so many and varied are the attractions provided in these days to keep those who mean well in the right path. No man can justly excuse himself on the ground that he is neglected by his fellows. Never was there a time when the spirit of common brotherhood was so powerful for good as it now is. Verily, the man who runs riot in these times must be sensible that he is sinning against the light. I have frequently drawn attention to the desirability of inculcating a loftier ideal of manhood among the people as an attitude against the sin of intemperance. I have long cherished the opinion that a just sense of right and wrong was sufficient in itself to prevent a man from becoming a drunkard, and from falling into other gross vices. "To err is human," no doubt, but a systematic course of wickedness involving neglect, it may be ruin to one's own household, ought to be called by another name. The conquest of self ought to occupy a more prominent position in modern individual culture than it at present does.

ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

[By "Rambler."]

The announcement made yesterday (Thursday) that Mr R. W. Rippon, barrister, the son of the town surveyor of Consett, intends coming forward as a Unionist candidate to contest this Parliamentary Division against Mr Atherley-Jones, the sitting member, will be received in both political camps with feelings of surprise. Whether the assertion is made in all earnestness or not, remains to be seen, but any one acquainted with Mr Rippon's determination of character, know full well that if he sets his mind upon contesting the constituency, he will most assuredly do so. As far as I can learn, however, the Conservative party do not look upon the probable candidature of Mr Rippon in a favourable light, and they more than hint that they have a better man in embryo in the person of Mr Edward Ridley.

A correspondent propounds the following pointed queries: What is the present illuminating power of gas supplied to the district? For what purpose are the members of the Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards elected? and Do the masters teach the children attending the various day-school to speak Billingsgate? If any person can favour me with a satisfactory and conclusive answer to any or all of these questions, I will go to chapel next Sunday and undertake to drop a whole threepenny bit on the collection plate! There's a sample of disinterested generosity for you.

I understand that the testimonial fund on behalf of the late Sergt. Wm. Norman, of Leadgate, is progressing favourably, and it is to be fervently hoped that a nice round sum may be realised to support the widow and family of nine young ones left behind. He was a model police-officer, and his wife and children deserve all the money that can be gathered on their behalf.

For some time past the tradespeople in the neighbourhood of Annfield Plain have successfully carried on a system of closing their places of business at noon, every Wednesday. I now learn, with pangs of regret, that one of the shopkeepers at Catchgate has broken through this wholesome and excellent rule, and now keeps his establishment open all the day on Wednesday. Let me trust that his brother tradesmen will endeavour to induce this erring tradesman to see the folly of his ways.

Mr Auberon Herbert intends delivering at Consett another of his interesting addresses on "Individual Liberty," which is a subject which he has made peculiarly his own. Those who heard him on his last visit will bear me out in saying that he stated his case in a fair, interesting, and lucid manner, and so that, although you might not wholly agree with his arguments, you would find it difficult to confute them. His easy method also in answering questions, many of them referring to abstruse matters, excited the astonishment of his audience. I trust that a good number will attend the New Town Hall on Thursday evening next.

Mr John Suddes, of Blackburn Farm, near Esh, has a cow, which, on Friday last, dropped a calf which had in reality two perfect heads! the second head being protruding from its neck. Unfortunately this born curiosity died a few minutes after its birth, and its carcase was immediately buried in the ground. The circumstance was soon noised abroad, and people flocked from all parts to have a look at this interesting and wonderful creature; but they were doomed to disappointment. The cow is now thriving well.

I have repeatedly heard it stated that the erection of a Bray's lamp at Consett—say at the point of the crossing of the roads of Victoria Street, Trafalgar Street, Havelock Street, and the thoroughfare between the "rows" of the Consett Iron Company's houses — would be a useful addition to that somewhat darkened sphere. This method of a better illumination is all the more necessary now that the Theatre is in full swing, and the fact that balls and dances are held almost nightly in the Lecture Hall or Assembly Rooms in that vicinity, besides the existence of two chapels close at hand. Perhaps some energetic member of the Local Board will be prevailed upon to broach the subject at the monthly meeting next Wednesday.

A Chester-le-Street resident gives expression to the following wail:—"When roads are only good and passable in dry weather, they are not roads at all, in the proper sense of the word; and are in the condition ascribed to Scottish roads, prior to the advent of General Wade. A General Wade would be a blessing to the dwellers on Dr Murray's Ropery Lane estate. The roads there are a perfect quagmire; and their condition is no doubt answerable for the number of empty houses in what is, otherwise, the pleasantest part of the old town. I don't know whose business it is—or whether it is anybody's—to look after what ought to be the roads at the place alluded to, but judging from what has been done for the town by the Medical Officer of Health and the Waywarden, during their term of office, it is fair to infer that neither of these gentlemen are to blame in the matter. We shall probably be hearing something more about the Local Board one of these days."

Much amusement was caused among a few of the congregation of Tow Law Church on Sunday night, by a mishap which occurred to a much-esteemed and respected matron belonging to the congregation. On looking for the first hymn in what was presumably her hymn book, this lady was horrified to discover that she was in full possession of a copy of "Robinson Crusoe," and no better luck attended her examination of the prayer book, which turned out to be the highly, moral, and instructive history of "Gulliver's Travels." A fair amount of harmless chaff has been the result.

A respectable but somewhat illiterate lady residing not far from the neighbourhood of the new Cemetery at Tow Law, had been in the habit of sending a paper to a friend in another town, and a neighbour was generally enlisted to write the address. One day, lately, this neighbour was not available, and the good lady at once hurried off to the Post Office, and was noticed by the Post-mistress putting the stamp on to an unaddressed wrapper. On this fact being pointed out, the following reply was given:—"It'll not matter, will it? I thow't that as I'd had sent the papers for so many weeks, regular, the Post Office fellows would know where to tak it to without ony direcksuns. They mun be a lot of sleepy-headed fellows."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[By the "Old Crow."]

Mr Frank Fuller with his Company commenced a week's engagement at the Theatre Royal, Consett, on Monday, appearing in the play of *Mat Graves; or, the Yorkshire Brothers*. There have been fair audiences during the week.

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Mr Fuller, in the dual rôle of Mat and Reuben Graves, appeared to advantage on the occasion of "Old Crow's" visit, his astonishingly quick changes of dress proving one of the features. Miss Lilly Melville, a very young lady, in the part of "Patience Platter," showed herself an actress of great ability, and there is not a doubt that with proper care and training she is likely to make headway. This young lady's acting on Monday night was the most pleasing item of the performance, and "Old Crow" has great pleasure in speaking well of her. The other members of the Company gave efficient support.

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Last (Thursday) night, *Jo! the Crossing Sweeper*, was given, and will be repeated to-night (Friday). This play is, as "Old Crow's" readers will doubtless know, an adaption of Mr Charles Dickens's "Bleak House," and should be seen by all who love pathos in drama. Miss Lilly Melville is the "Jo," a part which, considering her age, she pourtrays with remarkable success.

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It will probably be of interest to the readers of this column to know that Miss Edith Blanche, who made such a favourable impression recently in the part of "Bessie Merrybright" in *The Unknown*, is engaged for the Christmas pantomime of *Cinderella* at the Grand Theatre, Leeds.

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Mr John Tulley, who appeared some time ago with such success with his *Mark of Cain* Company, informs "Old Crow" that he has been engaged specially for the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, for an extended period, commencing at Christmas, to play a prominent part in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which is to be put on there in place of a pantomime this year. If it will do him any good, he has the best wishes of your old bird.

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Not the least successful of the gentlemen who appeared in *The Mark of Cain* was Mr Sidney Bolton who, it will be remembered, was the "Mr Spriggins" of the piece. This gentleman also has got well fixed for the pantomime at Bath. May success attend his efforts in that genial south country town.

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Nothing daunted by his great loss, Mr T. P. Barnum, the great American showman, is already arranging for the reconstruction of his burnt-out show. Mr Barnum, by the recent fire, sustained a loss of close upon one million dollars, but is not done yet! He suffered considerable loss from previous fires, and soon was able to overcome them. He will surmount his present difficulty. In his advertisement, in which he announces his intention of re-building, he characteristically declares that "it will be new before the ashes of the great fire have become cool." It is reported that this remarkable man intends to visit England next year with his great show. In such an event it will not be too much to say that he will outbuffalo Buffalo Bill!

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Here is a sad story illustrating somewhat the "seamy" side of the stage. A young lady, only eighteen, writes to the leading professional journal that she is destitute; that she is the only support of a widowed mother, and has been so for the last nine years. That widowed is a niece of the great comedian, the late Mr Charles Mathews! The young lady has held high positions in the profession, young as she is, having taken prominent parts in Gilbert and Sullivan's operas—*H.M.S Pinafore* and *The Mikado*. She is now at this moment without a penny in the world. For five months she has been out of an engagement, and, although she has made over forty applications to theatre managers in London and the provinces for an engagement in one of the Christmas pantomimes, she has failed to get appointed. She lives with her poor mother, occupying one room of a lowly, humble house in the suburbs of the "Great City," having barely bed clothes to cover them! This seems hardly credible, but there is little reason to doubt its truth. The young lady gives her name—a name well-known to "Old Crow," who, on more than one occasion, has admired her abilities. She pleads, as a starving woman, for help, and that help will be forthcoming! But sad as it may be to tell it, her case is but one out of hundreds!

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The examination of Mr J. Goodfellow, draper, &c., Consett, is fixed to take place at the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court, on Tuesday next.

According to a Government return issued on Wednesday, there were in 1885 some 390 lodges of Friendly, Industrial, and Provident Societies and Trades Unions in the County of Durham.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, a very heavy shower fell in this district, the ground being covered to a depth of three and four inches. On Wednesday, however, the snow melted away.

We would remind our readers that the Hon. Auberon Herbert, who is at present conducting a campaign in the North of England in furtherance of "The Party of Individual Liberty," will address a public meeting in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Thursday evening next, at 7:30 p.m.

Consett Local Board v. Consett Co-operative Society.—We are informed that the committee of the Consett Provident and Industrial Society have decided not to proceed with the appeal against the Consett magistrates in reference to the foregoing action, and have paid the costs incurred in the legal proceedings.

United Methodist Free Churches.—Yesterday (Thursday) were held throughout the denomination the first of the December quarterly meetings, which meetings are usually very important to the ministers and circuits, as, except in cases where earlier action is taken, invitations for the following connexional year are given and received. As a fact, in Free Methodism many engagements are already made for the connexional year commencing in August, 1888, but many of them yet await the confirmation of the December quarterly meeting. Rev James Martin, who has laboured so diligently in the Consett circuit for the space of 18 months, will remain for another year.

Death of a Builder.—We regret to state that Mr Thomas Davison, a building contractor, died on Saturday morning, at his residence in Medomsley Road, Consett, after a short illness, at the age of 51 years. Mr Davison has been ailing in health for a considerable period, but was nevertheless enabled to attend to his duties. His last act was to superintend the erection of the handsome block of premises just erected in Newmarket Street for the Consett Co-operative Society. He was a staunch Gladstonian Liberal. Deceased leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.—The remains of Mr Davison were interred in Benfieldside Cemetery on Monday afternoon, a great number of persons attending the funeral.

Theatre Royal.—For the current week, Mr Frank Fuller's dramatic company have been enacting at the Theatre Royal, Consett, the following:—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, *Mat Graves, or the Yorkshire Brothers*, and last (Thursday) night, and this (Friday) evening, *Jo*, the production of Charles Dickens, in his novel of "Bleak House, the chief character being pathetically portrayed by Miss L. Melville, a very young impersonator. Mr Fuller travels with a first-class company, and the performance was witnessed on the opening night by a "bumper" house. Since then, the theatre has been fairly well attended. The farce, *Give a Boy a Chance*, was highly amusing.—Next week, the pieces will comprise *Linked to Crime*, and *The Scamps of London*.

Railway Snow Ploughs.—The North-Eastern Railway Company are determined to be better prepared for the snowstorms which so frequently stop traffic between Tow Law and Consett, &c. They have built new snow ploughs of enormous proportions, and corresponding weight, the latter representing twenty-eight tons. One of these "ploughs" is standing at Barnard Castle. The plough end looks like the stem of a steamer, the iron platform on which it rests being some inches only above the rails There is a stove and cooking range, and seats so arranged that they may be used with comfort, as couches. A table and ample cushioning is also provided, as well as screw-jacks and other appliances for replacing dis-railed vehicles and doing other work necessitated by storm-stayed traffic on the bleak and inhospitable regions over which some trains have to pass.

Manners and Customs of the People of the East.—The inhabitants of Consett and district are promised a rich treat on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., when Mr Joseph Audi (son of the Sheik of Ramallah, near Jerusalem), will deliver a lecture on the "Manners and customs of the people of the East," in the National Schools, Consett. The lecturer will explain the city and the sacred places surrounding Jerusalem, the various religions and places of worship, how the Bedouins of the desert live, how the Arabs live, and their marriage ceremony; and will also explain the parables of the ten pieces of silver, the ten virgins, and the Good Shepherd. Several ladies and gentlemen will, along with the lecturer, be dressed in Oriental costumes, and other curiosities will be shewn to describe more fully the manners and customs of the people. Mr Audi has also lectured on this subject in several towns and villages in the North of England, and is well spoken of by gentlemen of influence in Newcastle. To Biblical students and to Christians generally, the lecture will be of great interest, and we are free to confess that some time ago we received more instruction from a similar lecture than could have been obtained by many years of study, the parable of the ten pieces of silver being illustrated in such a manner as had never entered the minds of the audience up to that moment. We trust the lecture will be well-attended by our Sunday-school teachers and older scholars.

Entertainment.—An entertainment of a miscellaneous character was given in the Baptist Church, Consett, on Saturday se'nnight. Solos were given by Messrs W. Davison and W. H. Lewis, duets by the Misses Davison, and recitations by Mr E. Bird and Miss M. A. Bell. At the close of the entertainment, a presentation, consisting of a handsome writing desk, was given by the teachers and friends of the Sunday-school to the secretary, Mr W. S. Moss, on the occasion of his marriage. The desk bore the following words: "Presented to Mr Wm. S. Moss, by the teachers and friends of the Consett Baptist Sunday School, on the occasion of his marriage. Sept. 12th, 1887." The presentation was made by Mr T. Little, who in a very neat speech alluded to the manner in which Mr Moss had identified himself with the church, and worked for its good. Mr W. Dodds endorsed the remarks of Mr Little. The proceedings were brought to a close by a coffee supper, to which a good many sat down. The following were the waitresses:—Misses Annie Emmerson, E. Farnsworth, and M. Mills; Mrs Bird and Mrs W. S. Moss, assisted by Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Mathieson.

BLACKHILL.

The man reported to be seriously crushed between the engine and wagons at the Consett Iron Works last Friday, was Thomas Barron, of Blackhill. He still lies at the Consett Infirmary, and seems to be recovering.

Entertainment.—On Monday night, a very interesting entertainment was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Blackhill, consisting of songs, readings, recitations, and a musical quartette by the Blackhill Brass Band, entitled "Strike the lyre." The chair was occupied by Mr J. G. Cooke, Blackhill. There was a large company present. A collection was made in aid of the Sunday-school building fund.

Death of a Child From Convulsions.—On Thursday se'nnight, a child of 21 months, named Edith Mary Watson, living with her parents at No. 57, Cutlers Hall Road, Blackhill, died in a very sudden manner. The child passed a restless night, and about 10:30 a.m., it took a fit, and expired immediately afterwards. Dr Richards saw deceased about half-an-hour afterwards, and gave his opinion that the child had died from convulsions. It was not necessary to hold an inquest.

Benfieldside Royal Auction Mart.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray, had forward on Monday a fair number of fat cattle, but the quality was not so good as usual. Sheep and cows showed a considerable falling off in numbers, there being less than advertised, but about double the number of fat cattle. Trade was fairly good, and prices satisfactory. Twenty fat cattle brought from £6 10s to £13 15s; cows sold up to £15 15s. Sheep; Scotch ewes, 13s to 20s 6d; wethers, 24s 6d; H.B. shearling, to 36s, lambs, to 27s; bacon pig, £5 7s 6d; turkeys, to 8s 6d; geese, to 6s 9d; chickens, 9d to 1s 11d; potatoes, 3s 4d per bag. Beef, 6s 6d to 7s 3d per stone. Mutton, 6d to 7½d per lb.

HOLMSIDE.

Craghead Church Mission Choir.—On Saturday, a concert was given by the above choir to a large audience in Holmside National School (kindly lent by Mr W. Hedley, J.P., Burnhopeside Hall) when a most enjoyable entertainment was provided by Miss Fairley, Shaftoe House, who has acted as conductor of the choir since the opening of the mission about four years ago. The room, which was nicely arranged for the occasion, was filled with a large and appreciative audience. The first part of the programme was miscellaneous, and the various performers were greeted with well-merited applause. Part songs, "Ply the Oar," "Autumn," and "Softly fall the Shades of Evening," by the choir. Duets, "The New Kingdom," by Miss J. Dodds and Master G. Hunter, and "O lovely peace," by Misses M. Fairley and J. Oxley, and a piano solo, "Harp Elienne," by Miss Fairley, who also acted as accompanist. Mr J. T. Forster, Burnhope House, was chairman. Part II. introduced us to a troupe of Anglo Christy Minstrels—viz, a number of black gentlemen, and between each two "niggers" sat a white lady alternately, the tasteful appearance of the ladies forming a pleasing contrast, and at the same time supplied the necessary soprano for the chorus. The names of the performers are as follows:—Mr David Logan, centre; Mr C. Horsley, Newcastle, and Miss Simpson, Newcastle, bones; Mr W. Bell, Newcastle, and Miss F. Fairley, tambourines; and the following ladies—Misses G. Chapman, M. Fairley, K. Fairley, R. Pomeroy, S. Hann, and J. Orley; Messrs J. Pomeroy, M. Hann, J. Craigs, J. Galley, F. Staff, and G. Hunter, with Miss Fairley as accompanist. The troupe opened out with a loud chorus, "Sound the tambourine," which gave the two corner men an opportunity of "doing a bit fling," and by the song, "Massa Tambo," sounded his tambourine against an oil lamp hanging over his head (without previous rehearsal); but the lamp was promptly removed by Mr Fairley without further damage. Mr Bones then went into great grief about his wife in a song, entitled "She was," and in which "Tambo" expressed his sympathy very loudly. Miss G. Chapman sang "Cradle is'nt empty," and Mr J. Pomeroy introduced "Kingdom coming" to the lively chorus of his brethren. Master G. Hunter (treble) sang very nicely a song, entitled "By the lone river side," after which Mr Bell mesmerised Miss Simpson in his way, and much to the amusement of the audience, followed by a song "The black brigade, sung by Mr M. Hann. Miss K. Fairley sang very tastefully a pretty song, entitled "Farewell," and after some further jokes between Messrs Horsley and Bell, Mr David Logan sang "Love letters." Mr W. Bell than sang a difficult song, entitled "The laughing nigger," and the result was "a laughing audience." A pretty song by Miss F. Fairley, entitled "Call me not back," was deservedly applauded, and a duett, "Stop dat knocking," by Miss K. Fairley and Mr Joseph Craigs, was also well rendered. The last song, "Sweet Evelina," was sung by Mr A. Galley, and the final chorus, "Merrily on we go," by the troupe, brought to a close a very successful programme. The "corner" men, Mr C. Horsley (bones) and Mr W. Bell (tambourine) deserve special praise for their efforts which were most successful, and met with the hearty appreciation of the audience. Miss Fairley also had one of the most important parts allotted to her in acting as accompanist, and we are glad to observe that as well as being a good vocalist she is also a good accompanist. The proceeds of the concert are to be devoted to the choir fund, who are to be congratulated on the success of Saturday's concert, and we trust that they will always meet with the same good support in the future in placing before the public an opportunity of enjoying an evening's harmless fun and amusement, as in this their last effort.

TANFIELD.

Church of England Temperance Society.—A meeting of the Tanfield branch was held on Tuesday night, in the National School-room, and in spite of the inclement weather the attendance was exceptionally good. The chair was taken by the president (Rev T. H. Archdall). The programme was opened with a pianoforte solo, given by Miss Agar, after which the choir sang "Little Nell." A recitation, "An easy remedy," was next given by Mr J. Hunter, and then Mr Walker sang "Tom Bowling" wth his usual ability. Miss Jenny Watson gave a recitation, "The psalm of life," which was followed by a dialogue, entitled "Betty Sneer's observator," rendered by Messrs J. Hunter and J. Wilkinson, and Misses M. Wilkinson, M. Mossom, D. Mossom, and E. Smailes. Mr Gresty (West Pelton) now appeared in character with an amusing nigger song, accompanied with his banjo, which demanded an *encore*. Another recitation was given by Miss Jenny Watson, "The rainbow," and Mr Walker next sang "That nice;" a recitation, "The world," being given by Miss Annie Lowe. Mr Williamson followed with a song, to which he received an *encore*. Dr Johnson, of Stanley, was next, and delighted the audience with his amusing songs and banjo accompaniment. Miss Newell now sang "Five o'clock in the morning," and Mr Gresty again appeared with a banjo song, and, being *encored*, gave a duett with Miss Agar on piano and banjo. Dr Johnson concluded the programme with some of his favorite songs, and the meeting was closed in the usual form.

MARLEY HILL.

Serious Assault Down a Pit.—At the Gateshead County Police on Tuesday, *James Cranny*, hewer, Marley Hill Colliery, was charged with an assault on James Liddell, on the 14th inst. Mr T. Lambert appeared for the prosecutor, and Mr T. J. Forster for the defendant. Mr Lambert, in opening the case, said that both the prosecutor and defendant were hewers in Marley Hill Colliery, and the assault complained of had taken place down the pit. The prosecutor was working near the defendant in the colliery, and had filled one tub and taken an empty one in to fill it when the defendant, it was alleged, pushed the full tub into where the prosecutor and his "marrow" were working. Prosecutor then came out and complained to defendant, and said he would not allow him to go on with his work until he pulled the full tub out of the way. Defendant then took his pick and struck the prosecutor over the eye. It was not the sharp end of the pick fortunately, but the blow was such as it stunned him, and he was unconscious for about a quarter-of-an-hour. In consequence of the blow prosecutor had been off work for a week.—For the defence it was submitted that the going in of the waggon was an accident, and that as regards the blow the defendant had struck in self-defence, being mentioned by the defendant and his "marrow."—The Bench imposed a fine of £1 and costs.

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DIPTON.

In our report of the Oddfellows' concert at Dipton last week, we omitted to state that Mr J. Humphrey gave two songs in first-class style, and received an *encore*.

GREENCROFT COTTAGES.

Entertainment.—On Saturday night, Nov. 19th, a magic lantern entertainment was given in the United Methodist Free Church Mission-room, Greencroft, by Mr J. Smith, fo Annfield Plain, assisted by Mr G. Burton, of the same place. A great number of pictures were shown, representing some ancient building in different countries—Ireland and foreign parts. The structures have been exceedingly pretty in their time. They were built in the seventh and ninth centuries, and are now lying in ruins. There was also shown a representation of a coal-mine in America, where several lives were lost by an explosion of gas. Other coal mines were exhibited where the miners have been flooded out, and dead bodies floating about on the water. A capital portrait was on view of that good man Robert Raikes, the founder of sabbath schools, and many members of Parliament, &c. A good number of people were present, and enjoyed a pleasant evening. A vote of thanks was given to the two gentlemen for the able manner in which they discharged their duties, bringing an enjoyable evening to a close by singing the doxology.

STANHOPE.

Mr W. M. Egglestone preached in the High Street Chapel, Stanhope, on Sunday evening, in the room of Miss J. P. Earl.

Rev James Cosbey (curate) preached his farewell sermon at Stanhope Church, on Sunday evening, to a very large audience, prior to his leaving for Ings in the lake district this week.

Sudden Death at Frosterley.—There died at Hill End last week one of Nature's noblemen—Thomas Walton, in the 46th year of his age, for many years a leadminer for the London Lead Company in their Bollihope mines. Latterly, he toiled in the limestone quarries, and was frequently chosen as deputation to meet the masters in the joint committee of men and masters at Darlington. When any grievance was to be redressed and any wrongs "righted," he was the chosen champion of the men. He was of a bold, fearless, and undaunted disposition, yet kind and courteous withal. He was trusted by the men and respected by the masters. His honest, straightforward manner won for him the esteem and regard of both. He was an active worker for the Quarrymen's Branch of the Cleveland Miners' Association, and ever and anon knotty questions were turning up which he approached cautiously yet fearlessly. He battled for the rights of his fellow-workmen. He was also an active member of the Primitive Methodist Church at Frosterley, and was at one time leading singer and violin player in the chapel. He was also connected with the Band of Hope movement at that place and took an active part in its entertainments. In politics, he was a staunch Liberal, and an ardent admirer of the Grand Old Man. He was at work on the Monday, and died on the Wednesday evening. A gathering in his ear got to his brain and killed him. His end was peace.

"He needs not a tablet to record his worth,
It will live when fame's laurels have perished,
And the mouldering marble of earth
And the world and its heroes have vanished."

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

Old Cornsay Water Supply.—At a special meeting of the members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority yesterday (Thursday), under the chairmanship of Rev J. P. De Pledge, the report of the county analyst (Mr W. F. K. Stock, of Darlington), with reference to the alleged contamination of the water supplies at the village of Old Cornsay were considered. The analyst certified that the water in two of the wells was perfectly pure, and fit for domestic purposes; but the third well was polluted.—It was pointed out that the water in the last-named well was not at present used by the inhabitants, and it was therefore agreed to allow the subject to remain in abeyance till the next regular meeting of the Authority.

OXHILL.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—A pie supper was held in the above chapel on Monday night, Nov. 14th, kindly provided by Mr Kay, manager, Oxhill. Although the weather was very unfavourable, a good number partook of the eatables provided. There were a number of pies left, and made it necessary to have another supper on the Wednesday night. There was a good attendance on this night, and the rest of the pies were soon disposed of. The proceeds of the supper, which realised above £6, are to be given to the trust fund of the above chapel, on which a debt of £60 is remaining. The thanks of all connected with the chapel are due to Mr and Mrs Kay for the deep interest they have taken both on this and former occasions in promoting and bringing to a successful issue objects for the advancement of the chapel interest.

The Late Mr Wm. Ledger.—On Sunday, Miss Earl, of Stanhope, preached three impressive sermons in the Primitive Methodist chapel, Oxhill, on the death of Mr Wm. Ledger, son of Mr David Ledger, Oxhill, in whom Miss Earl has taken a great interest, as she was instrumental in his conversion a short time before his death. On receiving news of his death she came and attended the funeral on Saturday, and preached his funeral sermon in the morning, being requested to do so by the friends of the deceased. A large number were present at the afternoon and evening services.

LANCHESTER.

The Lanchester Joint Hospital Board did not hold a meeting yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

At Lanchester, a few days ago, Mr John Cumming, of Langley West House, held the rent audit for the Butsfield estates, for the Rev E. S. Greville, of London, when the tenants of the land were returned 15 per cent of their rents.

Lanchester Highway Board.—A Finance Committee meeting took place at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, when there were present: Messrs W. Logan (presiding), J. Wilkinson, W. Rutherford, N. Clark, the clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the assistant-surveyor (Mr Henry Dixon).—The only business was to pass cheques for the monthly accounts, amounting to over £330.

Our readers will notice, with regret, that Miss Hannah Gibson, a schoolmistress at the Elswick Schools, Newcastle, died on Saturday, after a short illness, at the age of 25 years. Deceased occupied, for the space of two years, the post of schoolmistress at the Lanchester National Schools, and only relinquished that appointment a few months ago.

The Rating of Farms and Plantations.—The Assessment Committee of the Lanchester Union met yesterday (Thursday) afternoon—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., in the chair.—Several appeals were heard against the rating of farms, the principal being that of Mr Ed. W. Balleny, of Little Greencroft, whose assessment of the house property was slightly reduced, the land to remain as heretofore. The other instances were not altered.—Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., The Woodlands, also appealed against the rateable value of his woods; but as the Committee had a fixed rule for the assessment of woods and plantations, they did not feel disposed to alter it. However, after a protracted discussion, the subject will be gone into fully at an ensuing meeting.

WATERHOUSES.

Trades Unionism.—A large and influential meeting was held at the Stags Head Inn, Waterhouses, on Monday night, under the auspices of the Durham Federation Board. Mr Shaw presided. Addresses on Trades Unionism were delivered by Messrs Lambton, Trotter, W. H. Patterson, and E. Foster.

WEST STANLEY.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—The programme performed at the annual concert recently, was, with a little alteration, repeated on Saturday evening last to an appreciative audience, in aid of the funds of the chapel. In order to make the chapel more comfortable, it has been found necessary to add a new heating apparatus, the cost of which will be about £50. Mrs Magee, the wife of the respected minister, has made most strenuous efforts to clear off the debt incurred, and has collected over £23 towards the amount. There is still about £15 of the necessary amount required, and it is to be hoped the friends will be able to make up the sum. Too much praise cannot be awarded to Mrs Magee for her labours in this movement.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.

A Curious Hiding Place for Ducks.—On Tuesday, John Watson was remanded at Hexham until the Petty Sessions at that place on a charge of stealing two ducks, the property of William Veevers, at Ovingham, on Saturday night, the 26th inst. Complainant gave information to the police, who visited the prisoner's house at Ovingham about 2:30 in the morning, and found the missing ducks up the chimney.

WINLATON.

Mr S. Warner, late organist of the Parish Church, Winlaton, has been appointed organist of Christ Church, Walker.

BUTSFIELD.

Woodcock Shooting.—On Friday, at West Butsfield, Mr W. Logan and friend shot six woodcocks, besides a quantity of other game.

The Shocking Death of a Farmer.—At an inquest held on Saturday, at Butsfield Burn Farm relative to the death of Henry Nicholson, aged 61, who was found drowned in the Browney Burn under the circumstances related in last week's issue, after hearing the evidence, a verdict that the deceased was found drowned, and that death was due to failure of the heart's action.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Alleged Horse Stealing at Lamesley.—At Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions on Monday, William Appleby, Edward [illegible], and Thomas Blackburn, were remanded on a charge of stealing a valuable mare, the property of Mr T. H. Wallace, Chowdean, Lamesley, on Thursday last. Sergt Simpson arrested the defendants at Durham, and afterwards recovered the horse at Sunderland.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

Ambulance Class.—On Friday night, Dr J. W. Smith, of Ryton, gave the first lecture of the course to the above class, at Beda Lodge, near Victoria Garesfield. There are at present 23 students, but it is hoped to make up the full number of 30 before the next meeting. The owners of Victoria Garesfield (Messrs Priestman and Sons) have promised to supply the stretcher, &c, and the lecturer has offered his services. The students were mainly composed of workmen belonging to Garesfield, Spen Colliery and Lintz Ford Paper Mills.

PRUDHOE.

Sudden Death at Horsley-on-Tyne.—An inquest was held on Friday, at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Horsley-on-Tyne, near Prudhoe, before Mr W. B. Eldon, deputy-coroner, on the body of Wm. Hetherington Davidson. The evidence showed that at 4:30 on the Thursday morning deceased got up out of bed and dressed himself, with the intention of going to work. While at breakfast, a man who worked at the same pit (Wylam) as Davidson called and told him that the pit was idle for the day. Deceased then left his house, and acquainted other workmen of the fact, and returned to his house and sat down by the fireside, and smoked his pipe. He subsequently lay down on the bed beside his children, and was some time afterwards found quite dead.—Verdict: "Died from natural causes."

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Saturday night, a fruit banquet and public meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Annfield Plain. The members of the church met the Mission Brass Band, and processioned the place to the chapel. After arriving there, the service was commenced by Mr J. Sanbury giving out that grand hymn, "Would Jesus have the sinner die?" and prayer. Afterwards, Mr P. Reay was called upon to preside, and he did in a happy way, giving an earnest and able address on the grandeur and success of the gospel of Jesus Christ.—Addresses and solos were given by the young men of the church and Miss J. Hogg. The Mission Band also rendered selections of music in an able manner. Fruit was served at intervals.—Votes of thanks to the band, speakers, singers, and chairman brought a good and happy meeting to a close.—On Sunday, Miss Hogg preached to overflowing congregations, many being unable to gain admittance at the evening service. The services have been held during the week, and will be continued.

CASTLESIDE.

Grand Juvenile Entertainment. — The residents of Castleside and district had once more the opportunity of listening to the beautiful music given in the Board Schools of the above village by the scholars on Wednesday evening. Notwithstanding the somewhat inclement weather, the large school-room was crowded to overflowing with an exceedingly appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by Mr T. J. Muse the worthy chairman of the School Board, who, in his usual genial happy manner, presided over the annual gathering. He congratulated the master (Mr T. Duckworth) and his assistants on the proficiency attained during the past year, as evidenced by the percentage of children who had satisfied the inspector in his examination. He also humorously alluded to the somewhat singular coincidence of there being the same number of boys and girls on the school register, viz—120 boys and 120 girls—remarking that "there was a Jean for every Jock." The programme consisted of songs, part songs, recitations, and dialogues, the latter being given in character. The whole were rendered most efficiently, and gave great satisfaction to the audience, who, by their plaudits, gave evidence of their appreciation of the efforts of the young aspirants to fame. Great praise is due to the training of Mr Duckworth for the exceptionally high standard of merit displayed by the children throughout the entire performance. The whole of the musical accompaniments were rendered with great skill and taste by Mr H. A. Ridley, of Benfieldside. When the lengthy and interesting programme had been exhausted, the chairman proposed, and Mr W. J. Scott, The Sycamores, seconded, a vote of thanks to the various performers, which brought this very pleasant gathering to a close.

TOW LAW.

On Friday night, Robinson's Variety Company gave an entertainment in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, in aid of a miner who was injured at his work some time ago.

On Tuesday night, the subject of the article read before the members of the Presbyterian Mutual Improvement Society, Tow Law, was "Events in the life of King David," by Mr Dawson. The subject was handled at length, and at its close a discussion ensued.

Tow Law Auction Mart.—Mr Vickers had forwarded on Monday 22 cows, which made up to £17 5s; 25 fat cattle, to £16 7s 6d; 13 store cattle, to £6 7s 6d; 6 calves; 185 fat sheep and lambs, to 60s 6d.

Lecture by Rev Wm. Baitey.—In connection with the Primitive Methodists of Tow Law, a most amusing and interesting lecture on "Music" was given by Rev Wm. Baitey, of Crook, on Wednesday night, in the Mechanics' Hall, with Mr Joseph Vickers in the chair. A good company attended to listen to Mr Baitey, who is deservedly popular in the district, and they were well rewarded for their trouble. The lecture was illustrated by selections of vocal and instrumental music by the members of the chapel choir, and the proceeds will be devoted to the fund for the improvements in the chapel, which are now being carried out.

EBCHESTER.

The Witwatersrand Gold Fields.—We are indebted to our friend, Mr John Charlton, of Tynedale Cottage, the Transvaal, Africa, and formerly of Ebchester, for a copy of the special number of the *Transvaal Mining Argus*, a companied by a photograph of "1350 ounces retorted gold from the claims of Messrs Meyer and Charlton, being proceeds of 150 tons of quartz crushed, and photographed at Natal Bank, Johannesberg, Sept. 17th, 1887, by D. H. Davies." We trust that success may attend the firm of which he is a member.

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CHAPTER V.—Nellie.

Before the interview between Lord Seaforth and "Miss Nellie" ended, Lord Seaforth had persuaded her to forgive him for having deceived her, or rather allowed her to deceive herself about his name.

The error into which she had fallen was very easily accounted for. One morning "Miss Nellie" and her dog, a handsome collie, were crossing the road-way near St. George's Hospital, when the unfortunate collie was knocked down and run over by a hansom cab. The young man seated in the cab heard the girl's shriek as she saw what had happened, and he at once jumped out, and helped to lift the poor dog up, and carried it to its young mistress, who forgetting everything but her favourite's sufferings, knelt down on the pavement, and laid the poor brute's head tenderly on her lap.

"I am so very, very sorry," said the young man (Lord Seaforth), "but I fear the dog is done for, and if you will allow me I'll get him taken away, and put an end to him at once."

Then the girl (Miss Nellie) looked up indignantly, and Lord Seaforth saw how pretty she was.

"Do you mean take him away to be killed?" said "Miss Nellie." "Kill my poor, poor man" (and she once more bent over the injured dog, who looked up in her face, and tried to lick her hand) "because he is hurt! You shall not do that, sir! I will never leave Wallace, and he shall never leave me whilst he is alive."

"I am truly sorry," again said Lord Seaforth. "Shall I call a cab then, and drive you home with your dog?"

"If you will do that I shall be very much obliged," answered the girl, who was beginning to be aware that she was fast becoming the centre of a crowd.

So Lord Seaforth called a four-wheeled cab, and poor Wallace was lifted into it, and held partly in "Miss Nellie's" arms, and partly in Lord Seaforth's, until they reached the small house in a small street near Regent's Park, where "Miss Nellie" informed Lord Seaforth that her father, Major Blythe, then lived.

Nellie got out of the cab, and ran into the house first to break the news of the dog's accident to her father.

"For he is blind," she said to Lord Seaforth, "and that, of course, makes us love him, and think of him more."

Lord Seaforth smiled a grim smile at the situation he found himself in, after the [illegible] him. Sitting in a cab, nursing a strange dog! [illegible] felt repaid when "Miss Nellie" reappeared, leading her blind father by the hand.

"This is my father, Major Blythe," said Nellie. "I—I do not know your name—but he has been so kind to dear Wallace, father."

"My name is Seaforth," answered Lord Seaforth, getting out of the cab and smiling. "I am glad to make the acquaintance of Major Blythe—for I, too, am a soldier."

"Thank you for your kindness to my little girl," said Major Blythe, "and to the poor dog, who is an old and faithful friend to us all. Will you come in—Mr.—or are you Captain Seaforth?"

"I hold a captain's commission," answered Lord Seaforth, looking with some interest at the blind Major.

He saw a tall, grey-haired man, with a noble face, and an expression of almost touching resignation. This was the pretty girl's father, then—the pretty girl who, when Lord Seaforth looked round for her, was lifting out her injured dog from the cab, and speaking to it in tones of sympathising endearment.

They carried it together (Lord Seaforth and Nellie) into the meagrely-furnished parlour close to the house door, and Nellie went down on her knees and made poor Wallace a bed with a simple grace that the young man could not but admire.

She was pretty—not a regular beauty, though with perfect features—but it was a face with a charm. Modest, innocent and sweet, with bright, light, curly, ruffled hair, and a fair, smooth, fresh, rosy, girlish skin.

"She is a little rosebud," thought Lord Seaforth, and as he assisted her to make the dog's bed, he determined not to lose sight of "Miss Nellie."

"Let me bring you a 'vet' to see, Wallace," he said. "I know a very clever fellow who belongs to us, and he'll do what he can for the dog."

Lord Seaforth brought the "vet," and Wallace was nursed and tended until he was "the happiest dog alive," Seaforth told Nellie. Seaforth came very often to inquire after the dog, and sat in the little parlour and talked to the blind Major, and looked at the golden head of "Miss Nellie."

He called her "Miss Nellie" in these days. She was the Major's youngest daughter, and Miss Blythe—Margaret, the eldest—was from home. Seaforth soon learnt all the little simple family history. Major Blythe had been in an infantry regiment, and his sight had been affected by a sunstroke in India. Then he had left the regular army and had become an adjutant to a militia corps. But he gradually grew blind. They were terrible hours, he told Lord Seaforth in his simple way, when he first knew that his sight was doomed.

"She was my little comforter," he said, softly, laying his hand on Nellie's fair, ruffled curly hair, and the girl looked up and put her arms round her blind father's neck.

"I said I would be his spectacles!" she said, trying to speak lightly, but Seaforth saw her blue eyes grow moist, and the next moment she dashed away a tear.

A very tender love existed between the father and daughter. Major Blythe admitted to Seaforth that she was his darling, though "Margaret, my eldest daughter, is a most excellent, clever woman," the old soldier told his visitor; "but then, Margaret is ten years older than Nellie, and so naturally Nellie is the spoilt darling of the household."

"The spoilt darling of the household," however, showed very few signs of being spoilt. She was a bright, sweet, unselfish girl, with a little hot temper perhaps sometimes, but the moment it was over it was gone for ever. No one ever saw a frown or a sulky look on Nellie Blythe's fair face.

"She is like the sunshine," said her fond father, and soon Seaforth did not care to tell or think how much he thought of Nellie Blythe.

Their acquaintance went on very smoothly and pleasantly at first. Then Margaret Blythe returned home, and she shook her head and looked very grave when she heard about "Captain Seaforth."

"It is unwise to allow him to come here, father," she said to the Major. "He is in the Guards you say, and altogether an unsuitable acquaintance for Nellie."

Margaret Blythe was quite different in appearance to Nellie, but she also was good-looking. She was tall and dark and very determined, and she was a professional artist, and an illustrator of books when she could get employment. During her meritorious struggles (for the Blythes were very poor) Margaret had made the acquaintance of W. D. Vyner, the painter. The woman usually so cold and self-contained was not cold to the handsome artist. She admired him, and she grew fond and proud of him. Vyner was lonely, and not particularly happy, and he liked and respected Margaret Blythe, and he had drifted into an engagement with her. They had been engaged six months when he saw again the face of his first love at the Academy—when he learned that Nora Trelawn was free—that rich John Trelawn was dead, and that all his great wealth had come to his young widow.

Vyner had once met Lord Seaforth at the Blythe's and had been introduced to him as "Captain Seaforth." But Seaforth only went very rarely to the Blythe's house now. Margaret had given him to understand that he was not a very welcome visitor to her, and Seaforth (perhaps gladly) had taken advantage of this intimation to induce his friend Nellie to meet him unknown to her sister. They had met each other, and walked together many and many a time before Lord Seaforth had been urged by his mother to think of Nora Trelawn, before his own overwhelming embarrassments had often made him resolve to break with sweet Nellie Blythe.

But this was not an easy thing to the young man's heart. His wild and reckless life had grown wearisome to him, and the women on whom he had wasted his substance had palled upon him, but it was too late. Lord Seaforth was a ruined man, and what Lady Seaforth had told him was but too true. Unless he married a woman with a great fortune, his career was ended, and yet still he did not care to break sweet Nellie's heart.

For he believed that the girl loved him. Her soft, innocent eyes had betrayed this a hundred times, and though no binding words had absolutely passed between them, Seaforth knew that in honour he was bound to Nellie Blythe.

CHAPTER VI.—Margaret.

He did not accompany her home after he had told her that his real name was Murray, Viscount Seaforth, and that he was little better than a beggar. He [illegible] her at the Metropolitan Railway Station, which was almost close to the street in which Major Blythe lived, and then Nellie went on thoughtfully to her father's house.

The street door was opened as she approached it, and her eldest sister stood there looking anxiously out.

"Nellie, where have you been?" she said. "How late you are!"

"Only sitting in the park," answered Nellie, while the tell-tale colour flushed through her fair skin.

"'Tis too late for a young girl like you to sit in the park alone," answered Margaret. "Have you brought in father's paper?"

"Oh!—I've forgotten!" exclaimed Nellie in real distress.

"It is thoughtless and unkind of you," said Margaret, "when he has so few pleasures, and he has asked for it twice. I should have gone for it myself, but I dare not leave Hatton in the house alone for fear she sets it on fire."

"I will run and get the paper now, Margaret."

"No, I will get it; but Nellie come in here; I have got something to tell you." And the elder sister drew the younger one into a little back room, and closed the door behind them.

"Walter Vyner has been here," began Margaret "and he has just been telling me a shameful thing Nellie."

"What has he been telling you?" said Nellie quickly.

"That Captain Seaforth, whom you and my father think so much of, is actually not Captain Seaforth," continued Margaret. "Walter saw him at the private view at the Academy to-day with a lady whom he knew long ago, and this lady was with Lady Seaforth, and the man who has passed himself off here as Captain Seaforth is really Lord Seaforth! I call it exceedingly insulting to us."

For a moment Nellie was silent. Her delicate skin flushed, and her lips trembled; then she said sharply, almost defiantly—

"Yes I know."

"You knew, absolutely knew, that a man was coming to your father's house under a false title and never told it! Then I'm ashamed of you," exclaimed Margaret, very angrily.

"Very well, you can be ashamed," retorted Nellie, her quick temper asserting itself.

"When did he let you know this?" said Margaret, scornfully. "After he was found out to-day, I suppose, when he knew it was no use trying to deceive us any longer!"

Nellie bit her lips and did not speak.

"Can you not see through his motives for this?" proceeded Margaret. "He meant to amuse himself with a silly girl, and when anything serious might be expected to come of it he intended to vanish! There is, indeed, no Captain Seaforth, and *Lord* Seaforth has throughout acted in a most ungentlemanly manner."

"The mistake arose through me," said Nellie. "When he came here first, and you know how that happened, I said I do not know your name, and he simply said 'My name is Seaforth.' and it is 'Seaforth.' What deception was there in that? Perhaps he did not care to tell us he was a lord when we were living in a little house like this. It was from delicacy of feeling, Margaret, not from any wish to deceive. Then father said, was he Mr. or Captain Seaforth, never, of course, guessing his real rank, and he said 'I hold a Captain's commission;' and he does hold a Captain's commission. There! What lie did he tell? You are unjust, Margaret, and I think Mr. Vyner need not have come here to make mischief."

Nellie had talked till she was quite hot and red. She stood there facing her sister and defending her lover with sparkling eyes and quivering lips, a true type of womanhood! The man had erred, and the woman having herself forgiven him, would not permit another to disparage him.

"It is all very fine to talk thus," again commenced Margaret, but at this point her words were interrupted by an unkempt red head (on which was perched a very funny looking cap) being thrust into the door.

"Miss Blythe, please, master's howling for his papers," said the owner of the head and the cap.

"What an expression, Hatton! Why do you use such words as howling?" said Margaret, reprovingly.

"Isn't it right?" asked Hatton, and she put the thumb of her left hand on her hip, and stood looking contemplatively at her mistress.

She was a most comical figure! All angles, even the eyes being oblique of vision. She was the only hand-maiden of the Blythe family, and Margaret tried in vain to make her presentable. She insisted for one thing on calling her "Hatton" though "Becky" had been the name that this waif of the streets had gone by since her cradle in the dust-pan.

"But," Margaret Blythe had told her, "in all good families the female servants bear their surnames."

"And this is a 'good family?'" said Becky, with a sly look in the oblique eyes. "Oh, please, Miss, I didn't know it!"

Margaret could not help smiling at this, but still she insisted upon "Becky" being called Hatton, but the change of name did not change the girl. "Hatton" remained hopelessly comical and absurd-looking, and was a constant eyesore to Margaret's artistic tastes. But Hatton knew how to work.

"I've been at it ever since I was put down," she once told Nellie, "and my legs got that bowed with being put down and working too soon, that they've kept that way inclined all their life."

This odd-looking damsel, then, now stood looking at the sisters with her thumb upon her hip.

"What have I to say to master, Miss, when he yells out again for the papers?" she said, presently.

"Say I will get them for him; Miss Nellie has forgotten them," answered Margaret. And Miss Nellie took advantage of this break in the discussion with her sister, and as Hatton turned to leave the room she left it also, and went to seek her blind father.

"Father, I have been so naughty," she said, going up to the Major and slipping her little hand into his; "I forgot to get your paper."

"Well, my little girl, never mind; Hatton will get me one, and then you'll read it to me," he answered, stroking her small hand.

"And father, have you heard—has Margaret told you what a stupid mistake we have both made?" And the major felt the small hand twitch.

"No, darling, I've hardly seen Margaret to-day. Vyner has been here, and she has been talking to him."

"I know—well, it seems, father, we have made such a silly mistake. Don't you remember the first time—when Wallace was hurt, you know—how we asked somebody his name, and he said it was Seaforth?"

"Yes, darling, of course—Captain Seaforth."

"He never said *Captain* Seaforth," continued Nellie. "He just said 'Seaforth,' and that he held a captain's commission. Well, he is Seaforth, and he does hold a captain's commission—but father, he has another title, too—and he told me this to-day."

"Have you seen Captain Seaforth to-day, Nellie?" asked the Major, with just a shade of anxiety in his tone.

"Yes, I met him, and he said he had something to tell me," answered Nellie bravely, "and what do you think this something is, father? He is really Lord Seaforth."

"Lord Seaforth!" repeated the Major, "you, indeed, surprise me, Nellie."

"Yes, isn't it a surprise?" said Nellie, trying to speak lightly. "We have been entertaining, not an angel, but a lord unawares, it seems. And Margaret has been so stupid about it, father! She has been scolding me, and talking all sorts of nonsense, just as if he could have had any motive for deceiving us—it is so silly of Margaret."

The Major was silent for a moment or two, then he said—

"I wish this young man had told us this before, Nellie."

"But why, father? Isn't he just the same? He is a gentleman, and you are a gentleman. What matters it whether he is Captain or Lord Seaforth?"

"The world would say it was a good deal of matter, Nellie. Rank, like money, makes a distinct difference of class. It was not right of Lord Seaforth to allow us to go on calling him Captain Seaforth."

"Now, father, you are just as horrid as Margaret," said the "spoilt darling of the household," and she put her arm fondly round her kind father's neck. "Don't you begin scolding too, dear old man, or I'll have a fine life between you! Promise me one thing, father, that when he—when Lord Seaforth comes—that you will be quite kind to him, for you must not forget how kind he has been to us—and to the dear old doggie too!" and Nellie stroked the lame collie's head, for Wallace was sitting as usual at his master's feet, looking up with his soft, wistful, brown eyes, into that noble patient face.

CHAPTER VII.—The Old Love.

Walter Vyner kept his promise, and went to call upon his old love, Nora Trelawn, a few days after he had met her at the private view at the Academy.

Nora Trelawn was very rich, and she was also a woman of taste; and lately she had taken some pleasure and interest in the furnishing and adornment of her house, and Vyner saw all this, as he stood a moment or two alone in her drawing-room, and he saw also on the soft tinted walls two pictures of his own, which had been purchased through a dealer, and for which Nora had given a great price.

Vyner stood still, looking at his pictures thoughtfully, as we sometimes look at our own work. Perhaps he was not thinking only of his pictures—a dark-eyed girl, in the hazy meadows in the even-tide, was standing shadow-like before him also in his mental vision. But his contemplation of the real and the ideal, was speedily interrupted. A lady not knowing he was there now entered the room, and sat down on the first couch she came to, panting and fanning herself.

Vyner turned round and looked at her. It was Lady Stainbrooke, Nora's aunt; Lady Stainbrooke, a little browner and more wrinkled than she was five years ago, but otherwise not much altered. Vyner knew her again at once. He remembered at that moment the lie she had told Nora—the lie which had parted him from the girl he loved.

He made a slight movement, and Lady Stainbrooke looked up and saw him.

"Is that you, Mr. Vyner?" she said. "He is looking after Nora's money," she thought.

Vyner bowed a cold and stately bow, but the old lady held out a withered hand, and looked at Vyner with involuntary admiration.

What had the five years done for the handsome painter? His face was darker and graver, but he was handsome still. The sharply-cut features, the bright grey eyes, were unchanged, but the expression of the classic mouth was altered. The enthusiasm, the passion of youth had passed away, and a calm, almost a proud look of composure had replaced them. The man had gone into the arena, and fought and conquered. W. D. Vyner's name was known now all over Europe, and as Lady Stainbrooke looked at him admiringly, with her sharp brown eyes, she remembered this.

"So," she said, smiling and still fanning herself, "you are a great man now, Mr. Vyner—well, I prophesied you would be, long ago, if you remember?"

Vyner, who was a hater of shams, answered with more abruptness than politeness.

"I thought it was exactly the other way, Lady Stainbrooke?" he said.

The old lady laughed and showed her yellow teeth.

"Ah," she said, "I recollect that day, Mr. Vyner, when you fancied I was speaking about one of your pictures to my niece, Nora, but in reality I was alluding to some other artist. To be sure, it seems like yesterday, and yet it's five or six years ago, for it was just at the time when Nora was first engaged to poor, dear John Trelawn. You will have heard, I suppose, that he is dead, and that he has left a great fortune to Nora? Ah—all the men are after her now, Mr. Vyner!" and the old lady laughed again, enjoying her delicate little stab.

Vyner made no answer. He stood looking at Lady Stainbrooke with a half-scornful smile, for he knew that he at least could not be accused of seeking Nora for her money.

"I do not blame people in the least," continued Lady Stainbrooke in her jaunty, rather humorous way, "for paying court to the rich, for they are so much pleasanter acquaintances than the poor! One can never be quite sure indeed that a poor friend isn't going to ask for the loan of a five-pound note. And then the wealthy have so much in their power—even you great artists, Mr. Vyner, want patrons, you know!"

"Yes," answered Vyner bitterly, "we sell our work, Lady Stainbrooke, as you ladies sell your faces."

Lady Stainbrooke nodded her head and fanned herself more vigorously than ever.

"Not bad," she said, approvingly. "So we do sell our faces, Mr. Vyner, and therefore beauty is a great gift. Where should I have been now, I wonder, if I had not been a pretty girl—though perhaps you are surprised to hear I ever was? And where would Nora have been if she had not sold her face to poor, dear John Trelawn? She would not have had young Lord Seaforth at her feet, as she has now, I promise you!"

"She might have been a happier woman," said Vyner, gravely, and as he spoke the room door opened, and Nora herself walked in.

There was a glad light in her eyes, and a pink flush in her soft cheeks, and she held out her hand frankly and cordially.

"I am glad to see you, Mr. Vyner," she said. "I—I—have been expecting you to call."

"I intended to come yesterday," said Vyner, "but a man's time is not always his own."

"A lady in the way, eh, Mr. Vyner?" asked Lady Stainbrooke.

"You are fond of inventing ladies for my benefit, it seems, Lady Stainbrooke," answered Vyner, very grimly.

Lady Stainbrooke looked up at this sharply, and glanced from Nora to Vyner. She knew or rather guessed at that moment that some sort of explanation must have passed between them before John Trelawn's death, but she was too shrewd to remark upon this.

"I have been complimenting Mr. Vyner on his success, my dear," she said, turning to Nora.

"Yes," said Nora; "I have been pleased—and proud."

Her voice faltered a little as she uttered the two last words, and she cast down her dark eyes; and Vyner's voice also showed some emotion when he spoke.

"I see," he said, smiling, and with a sort of gesture towards his pictures hanging on the wall, "that you have been one of the patrons whom Lady Stainbrooke has just been telling me that we artists are obliged to court."

"Ah, Mr. Vyner, Mr. Vyner, that is a little too bad!" laughed Lady Stainbrooke, with a slightly forced laugh, for she did not wish to offend her rich niece Nora. "I said nothing of the kind, my dear, but I see, I see!" And Lady Stainbrooke nodded her head after her usual fashion.

"Well, what do you see, Aunt?" asked Nora.

"Mr. Vyner is too great a man now to like my little innocent jests—ah, yes, that is just the way—success is very trying, Mr. Vyner."

"Do you mean to the temper, Lady Stainbrooke?" asked Vyner.

"To the temper and the disposition," answered her ladyship agreeably. "It requires a strong head not to be turned by adulation."

"Mine has had no chance of being turned then," said Vyner.

"Ah ah, so you tell us," said Lady Stainbrooke, "but perhaps we know better. Nora, my love, don't you expect Lady Seaforth this afternoon?"

"She said something about coming in to see the new pattern I got at the Art School yesterday," replied Nora. "But it is no matter," she added indifferently.

"If I am in the way——" said Vyner rising, and understanding Lady Stainbrooke's hint.

"But you are not in the way," said Nora softly, and she looked smilingly at the painter.

"I am glad of that," he answered, "for it is pleasant to see the face of an old friend."

"And a patron, too!" said Lady Stainbrooke, with a little scoffing laugh.

She was a worldly old woman this, and put little trust in men, and less in women. She knew the world she thought, and the hearts of those who live in it, but she measured these hearts by her own narrow gauge. It was but natural that she should suppose that Walter Vyner had come to court Nora for her wealth, for she spent a good deal of time in courting Nora herself. There are feelings and motives that Lady Stainbrooke did not understand, and, therefore, she did not believe in them. She understood, however (as we have seen), the power of money, and she esteemed it above all earthly, or, alas, heavenly things!

But Vyner was not afraid of Lady Stainbrooke's sharp tongue. He stood there looking at his old friend, and he was not thinking of her as a wealthy widow, but as the bright girl he had loved long years ago. The shadow of these years, which at one time had changed Nora's face so much, at this moment seemed quite passed away. She also was thinking of her maiden days, and of the lover to whom she had given her young heart. And this lover was before her now—no chill poverty to part them now—nothing to part them, thought Nora Trelawn, as she smiled softly and looked on Vyner's face.

But presently Vyner gave a short impatient sigh, a jerk almost of the grandly shaped head. A memory had flitted across his mind. A woman good, true, and handsome; handsome, and yet without the nameless charm which makes true beauty, had risen before his mental vision, and stood there cold and shadow-like before Nora. To this woman he was bound in honour he remembered, and so he averted his eyes from the sweet attractive face of his first, nay his only love.

Nora noticed his change of expression, but she never thought of any other woman in the way.

"Is this good?" she said smiling, and pointing to a costly vase which she recently had purchased. "I am never quite sure you know Mr. Vyner whether my taste is good or bad."

Again Vyner thought of Margaret Blythe as Nora said these simple words. Margaret was quite sure about *her* taste. She thought she had the best taste in the world, and was fond of announcing this, and giving very decided advice upon all occasions.

"A little girl I once knew," said Vyner, with an involuntary ring of tenderness in his voice, "used to have a very pretty taste of her own if I remember right in the way of dresses and bonnets, etc., and that is I think the best criterion of a woman's taste. I hate an ill-dressed woman!"

"Quite right, Mr. Vyner," said old Lady Stainbrooke, blinking behind her glasses, "a well-dressed woman always looks well—but ah!—ah, it costs money." And she sighed, and moved her lean, wrinkled hands, for she was very avaricious, and hated to open her purse-strings even for her own adornment.

At this moment an exceedingly well-dressed woman was ushered into Nora's drawing-room. This was her next door neighbour, Lady Seaforth, who, in the interest of her son, was now very attentive to Nora.

But she forwarded this interest so gracefully, and with such well-bred ease, that Nora could not help liking her. Lady Seaforth was a handsome woman, with all the advantages of high caste to add to her attractions. The dust of the earth came not near her, and the stock from which she sprang for generations had been unmarred by labour. She was a haughty woman, but she wanted money, and so she bowed her proud head and went to Nora's. Nora personally she rather liked, but Lady Stainbrooke was an eye-sore and an obstruction the patrician dame decided whenever she contemplated Nora's marriage with her son.

She sometimes affected (still in her patrician way) the society of people of talent. They were gifted she thought, and so they ought to be cultivated. But in her heart she looked down upon the giants towering above their fellows, unless blue blood ran through their veins. Her grace and culture of manner, however, prevented this being visible.

"I am pleased to make Mr. Vyner's acquaintance," she said, when Nora had presented the painter to her. "I have long known and admired his work."

Vyner bowed, and took the compliment very quietly. He was past the stage when praise is so sweet, and recognition dearer than the breath of life. He had his pride too, but not the pride of birth, yet of his birthright. He had not been born with a great name, but with the genius to make one. He was greater than Alice Elizabeth, Viscountess Seaforth, whatever her ladyship might think. Alice Elizabeth, Viscountess Seaforth, would die and be buried, and have her title carved on her gravestone, and there would be an end of her; but Vyner's hand had carved a name that would not die and done work that would live as long as his canvas hung together.

So he did not bow very humbly to my lady. But my lady was very gracious. Mr. Vyner must dine with her some day soon, she said, and again Vyner bowed, and wondered if he would meet his old friend, his dark-eyed Nora, at Lady Seaforth's.

Then he went away, and the image of his dark-eyed Nora went with him.

"She is my Eve" he said, pacing backwards and forwards in his studio with his long strides, as the daylight faded. "God made her for me just as He made the first woman for the first man. She is part of me, and yet we are separated—ay, I know it well, by a promise I cannot break."

Yet that night he commenced a picture—it was his Eve as she stood in the Warbrooke meadows long ago, in her bright maidenhood, before the shadows had fallen upon her face.

(To be continued).

SEVEN DAYS IN DURHAM.

By WILL WANDER.

No, dear reader, I have *not* been doing my instalment of descriptive work in Durham Gaol this time. I state this at the outset for fear of setting forth a false impression. But I have done the next best thing to "being there" myself—I have come across an unfortunate gentleman who has recently been in durance vile in the pretty little river-circled city, and that individual has set down in a fair clerkly hand some sixty pages of manuscript for my information and your delectation. This author is minute almost to monotony, and so the reader must not expect to read at such length of his incarceration as might be anticipated could he look at the thick copybook at my elbow. We will not for instance enter into either the cause of his arrest or the subsequent proceedings at the Petty Sessions on his behalf. We will rather join him on the road, or, to be exact, the rail, to Durham, in charge of a constable. But let him tell his own story for a while:—

The Prisoner and the Publican.

"We got into the train, and I was fairly off. There was one or two other passengers in the same compartment, one of whom asked me the usual question, 'What have you been doing?' He was a portly publican—my offence had been over indulgence in drink—and he endeavoured to console me by hoping 'I would enjoy my ham and eggs' for breakfast next morning, an appropriate observation considering whence it came. On arriving at Newcastle we had to change, and here I discovered I was not the only unfortunate passenger booked for the same destination, for when we got into the train again there were two male and two female companions in misfortune, who with our escorts made a grand total of eight."

How they Came into Calamity.

"I must say that of the eight, the females were the most unconcerned. They made light of their sentences, which were for fourteen days' hard labour each, whilst the policemen looked most glum, and had they been in plain clothes, to the uninitiated they would have appeared the culprits. The conversation that ensued between the females baffles description, as each thought one had more right to talk than the other. One said she was only stepping off the pavement when she stumbled and before she knew where she was a policeman had her in custody and locked her up; but as the police superintendent had described her as 'a pest to the district,' it must have been more than a stumble for which she got sentenced. Another had only been talking to an old friend, whom she had not seen for four years, when she was arrested and charged with importuning, but as it appeared it was her eighteenth appearance they must have set the old friend story down as a myth. The two men were very quiet. One said he had left his work on Saturday as usual, and had gone home for his dinner, after which he went to have a shave, when he met with a friend with whom he had a glass or two of beer. While he was discussing some point with his friend, the police locked him up for being drunk and disorderly, but from what he let drop while telling this, it appears he had something in his hand with which he was enforcing his argument in favour of Home Rule on his friend when the police appeared on the scene. The other one had not much to say. He gave in he was the worse for liquor when he was locked up."

A Considerate Constable.

"The policeman who was taking me and I were talking to each other when we had a chance of hearing each other's voices, I was asking him what I would have to do and what it was like when I got inside the gaol, he gave me some good advice, telling me that if I only attended to the rules and did what I was told, the time, although it might seem long to me at first, would soon pass over."

Within the Prison Portals.

The party got into prison at length, and once within the forbidding portals, our author's first salute was—"Any pipes, matches, tobacco, or money?" After answering this query satisfactorily he was marched with the rest to the clerk's office and duly catalogued. His height was taken, his name, age, religion, occupation, marital condition, and other pertinent particulars, and then he was conveyed to a cell, concerning which he says:—

"There were three other prisoners in the cell when I was put in, and we were all kept here for some time, during which interval the main object of my companions seemed to be to chew as much of the tobacco which they had managed to bring in with them as possible. One of them had three halfpennies, and he was in a quandary as to what to do with them. He did not want them to be found on him, and yet he did not want to throw them away either. It was at last settled by one of the others taking them from him and putting them into a broken part of the sole of his boots, and there they remained until he was released from gaol which occurred on the same day as I was discharged."

A Convict's Clothing.

Our hero having been duly bathed, we find him taking an inventory of the new wearing apparel in which he found himself:—

"A linen shirt with turned-down collar, a pair of flannel drawers stamped with the broad arrow, trousers of white moleskin, evidently made to suit a person with very long legs and a very small waist, well patched and marked with the broad arrow in several places; a moleskin vest, a jacket, or sack rather, of a bilious colour and made of some thick material not unlike felt. This had a pocket in it—the only pocket in the whole suit. The sleeves of the jacket were too long and were a match for the trouser legs. The other part of it fitted where it touched. A stock for the neck, a glengarry cap (both made to suit the jacket), and a pair of black socks with a red stripe around the ancle completed my costume, minus my boots. As for boots, I was told to go in and fit a pair on my feet. This was rather an awkward thing to do, for out of the many boots I saw there were not two alike. Those I got both happened to be for the left foot, and one was several sizes larger than the other; these I had to wear until discharged. During the time I was in the gaol I never saw two boots on a prisoner's feet alike."

Our Prisoner's Apartment.

"The cell was about the same size as the others I had been in, but the furniture was different. There was a little shelf about four feet six above the floor in the corner, and on it a large can containing water the colour of a lemon. Directly underneath it, but just clear of the floor was a similar shelf on which were two rugs, and on these I placed my sheets, a movable stool and small table, and, reared up against the wall a plank bed. This bed on which I was to pass my first night in gaol was about two feet wide, and when laid in a horizontal position was about three inches off the floor, so that in the event of my rolling off it there was no fear of hurting myself."

His First Meal.

"After I had been in the cell a considerable time the door was opened, and, before I could get off my seat, what I took to be a ball was flung on the cell floor and the door closed. When I picked up the article I found it was a lump of brown bread made of Indian meal and in size about three inches square, marked with the figure 8 on the top. I had sense enough to know that this was intended for my tea, and although I did not care very much about the style of serving it, I tried to eat. As I had had nothing since about half-past eight that morning—it would be after six o'clock then—I felt rather hungry, and endeavoured to get some of it down, but I couldn't manage more than a couple of mouthfuls."

Visited by the Doctor.

"I was then left by myself until about eight o'clock, when I heard a great deal of opening and shutting of doors. Then the door of the cell I was in was opened, and someone put their head in and enquired if I was all right. Before I had time to answer it was withdrawn and the door shut. I could not at the time make out the meaning of this, but I afterwards got to know it was the doctor going his rounds. If saving time was his object, he certainly was successful."

The subject of this narrative was awakened next morning, after passing a fairly comfortable night, by the 5.30 a.m., bell. In accordance with prison dicipline he at once arose and dressed, made his bed, and had an imperfect bible and prayer book handed in to him. Later on another piece of bread was hurled at him, half of which, bite by bite, he contrived to force down his throat. Then he was taken out of his cell, and in company with nine others passed through a medical examination. Whilst this was proceeding a fresh batch of prisoners were brought in. One of these, confined for debt, was allowed to wear his own clothes, whilst another wore the blue stuff uniform supplied to prisoners awaiting trial.

Durham's Domestic Economy.

"The rules," proceeds our prisoner, "were read out to us and we were told what time we had to go to bed and when to get up in the morning, to be very particular in cleaning out our pans every morning, rolling our bed clothes up neatly, dusting the walls of the cell down and not to ring the bell in the cell unless absolutely necessary. The warder ordered a prisoner to shew us how to roll our bed clothes up every morning. The rug was folded into four folds and laid quite flat its full length on the floor, the blanket was folded the same way and laid on top of the rug; one sheet was then taken and rolled up as small as possible and then rolled up inside the other. They were then placed at one end of the rug and blanket and rolled up inside of them. Care had to be taken that none of the edges of the four articles stuck out—all had to be rolled up the one width as neatly as possible. We were informed that on Wednesday and Saturday mornings each prisoner would have to wash his cell floor, wood bed, shelves, &c., and as very little time would be allowed to do it in, we were advised to lose no time when doing it. A comb was then handed to me, a metal wash basin, and a can which would hold a gallon of water, a ticket with my name, occupation, religion, and the time I was 'in for' on it, another ticket with the figure 1 on it and a handful of rope of all diameters cut into lengths of twelve inches. I was not told what the rope was for, but, I had my own idea upon the matter."

The Medal Buttoned on His Breast.

"I was then taken up a flight of stairs along a corridor, and stopped opposite a cell door, off which my guide took a large circular medal made of the same material as my jacket, and marked in plain black figures on a yellow ground the corridor my cell was in and the number of it, this he fastened unto a button on my jacket. He then took the tickets and fastened them on the door, opened the door and showed me in. This cell which I occupied until my release looked larger and was certainly cleaner than any I had been in hitherto, and upon the card of rules and regulations exhibited therein I discovered the scale of prisoner's food. All prisoners receive the same food for the first week they were there—8 oz. brown bread in the morning, 1½ pints of stirabout (made of equal parts of Indian meal and oatmeal) at noon, and 8 oz. of brown bread at night—water without limit."

I must not exceed a couple of columns in my extracts from this glimpse of prison life, and I am warned that I have already gone far in that direction. So I start to summarise. Our prisoner appears to have had a dainty appetite, and at first the afore-mentioned "stirabout" filled him with feelings of revulsion; but he came to in time and later in the week was always ready for his food. On the morning following that portion of his story where I have just broken off, he gained his first experience in

Grinding the Wind.

"We were marched into a building with a glass roof. Along the sides or the wall ran a number of box-like divisions with a seat in each and numbered 1, 2, 3. In the centre was a large wooden erection about eight feet high and extending nearly the whole length of the building. On the top of this was a sunken platform, and at both sides directly opposite a number of boxes similar to those against the wall, but having no seat in them and numbered the same. At the back of some of the boxes were two perpendicular wooden handles and in others one horizontal handle. A sloping ledge ran from partition to partition, and just projecting under this ledge were what appeared to be steps to enable you to reach the handles. As we filed into the building every fourth man was made to sit down in one of the boxes against the wall, whilst the others took up their position at the centre boxes where the steps were. When we had all got into our boxes a bell rang, the steps began to disappear and fresh ones take their places and a voice called out "All on!" I did not attempt to get on for a second or two but stood watching this thing revolve, until a warder gave me a push from behind. I scrambled up and took hold of the handles, at the same time lifting my feet to meet the steps as they came round under the ledge. When the novelty of this sort of exercise wore off—and it didn't take very long—I came to the conclusion I was on a thing I had often heard about but never seen—a tread mill."

Trying to Break His Ankle.

Treadmill exercise is not so very exhilarating, it seems; but it gave our prisoner a good appetite for his breakfast. Then there was chapel to attend, and after it more treadmill! Whilst "doing his turn" he witnessed a curious attempt at self injury on the part of one of the prisoners:

"I took advantage to look around me and it certainly was laughable to see about fifty legs moving up and down, the perspiration rolling down their owners' faces and the owners themselves looking unutterable things. In one of the boxes was a young fellow who, instead of lifting his foot, allowed it to be carried round with the wheel, so that he was only prevented from being pulled under by keeping tight hold of the handles. When I had the chance I asked him what his little game was. He replied that he was trying to break his ankle so that he would be sent into hospital. He asked me if I knew how he could do it. I told him it was a silly thing to attempt, but then, if he was determined, to put his foot between the wheel and the part where the partition had been cut, to let the wheel revolve. I suppose, however, he imagined that this would afford him a very good chance of having his leg smashed if he tried it that way and so he didn't do it. He said he was 'doing a month' for poaching, and that a week had passed, but that he was determined to be sent into hospital somehow or other—he wasn't going to stand the mill for other three weeks. Whether he succeeded in his intention or not I don't know, as I never saw him again."

For the rest of my correspondent's communication I have no room. He was apparently fairly satisfied with the entertainment provided for him during his visit, and spent his time very pleasantly by working the treadmill and picking oakum in turns, and his only recorded complaint is as to the utter disregard of the warders for the prisoners' natural needs. Nevertheless I am fairly assured that the morning came round none too soon when a roughly-tied bundle of his own clothing was tossed into his cell and he was told to dress in them and depart. And shortly after he stood without the gates amid a crowd of other released prisoners—a free man once again.

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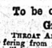
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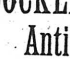
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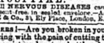
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LOCAL NEWS.

SLALEY.

FAILURE OF A YEOMAN.—At the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court, on Wednesday, Wm. Graham, a yeoman, of Combe Hill Farm, in the parish of Slaley, Northumberland, filed his petition. The usual receiving order was made.

HEDLEY HILL.

On Saturday, an entertainment was held in the school-room at Hedley Hill, when "The Factory Girl," in two acts, was played by several local ladies and gentlemen, concluding with the laughable Irish comic sketch, "Blundering Barney." There was a good attendance.

WEARDALE.

A quadrille party held in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, on Saturday evening, was only moderately attended owing to the weather.

THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—The wife of Thomas Wallace, who attempted to commit suicide at St. John's Chapel, as already reported, died on Sunday.

DANGEROUS PRANK-PLAYING.—While the evening coach was *en route* to Cowshill in charge of "Jimmy," in the tempest which raged on Saturday night, some youths stole up unperceived and turned the handle of the door at Laneside. Being crowded outside and in, a little girl, daughter of Mr Joseph Harrison, draper, was forced against the door, which yielded, and she rolled out on to the road in the darkness. The vehicle was brought to a standstill as soon as possible, and the lass was picked up no worse beyond being stunned, frightened, and covered with mud.

BURNHOPE.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Tuesday evening, Mr Thomas Howe, of Burnhope Colliery, retired to bed at about ten o'clock for the purpose of refreshing himself for his usual employment on the following morning. However, between eleven and twelve o'clock, Mrs Howe was unexpectedly aroused by her husband, who had taken suddenly ill, and before medical assistance could be procured he expired. Deceased leaves a wife and family of six to mourn his loss.—Yesterday (Thursday) the remains of Mr Howe were interred at Holmside Church-yard. He was followed to his last resting-place by a large concourse of people.

WOLSINGHAM.

Measles are prevalent in Wolsingham and neighbourhood. The day-schools are experiencing considerable difficulty thereby.

Last Friday night, a lecture was delivered to the members of Wolsingham Wesleyan Mutual Association by the Rev S. Miles, subject "John Wesley, his contemporaries, and coadjutors."

LECTURE.—A lecture was given on Thursday se'nnight, in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, in connection with the Church Institute, by Rev. G. R. Eden, vicar of Bishop Auckland, on the subject "How we got our Bible." Rev. Chancellor Espin, D.D., presided.

THE RECTOR OF WOLSINGHAM AND THE LIVERPOOL RITUAL DISPUTE.—The Chancellor of the Diocese on Wednesday gave his decision in the suit of the churchwarden of St. John the Baptist, Toxteth Park, and the Vicar, Rev R. Herring. Chancellor Espin (Rector of Wolsingham) has ordered the removal of the [illegible] of the choir stalls, and required that the altar steps must be taken away, or the platform be extended across the whole width of the chancel. A confirmatory faculty is to issue to the Vicar, subject to plans being submitted and filed in Court, for the valuable legal ornament (two candlesticks), the dossal hanging, and the present position of the pulpit. Mr Little gave notice of appeal from the decision to the Court of the Province, which must be held at York, where the cause will be re-heard by Lord Penzance, as Official Principal.

CONCERT.—On Saturday night, a concert was given in the Preaching-room, Tunstall Reservoir, by a number of the Frosterley Wesleyan Choir and other friends from the same village. The concert was composed of songs, solos, duets, trios, and anthems. The following were the artistes:—Messrs J. Chapman, R. Chapman, J. W. Chapman, and S. Greenwell; Misses M. Longstaff, Railbridge, Armour, Jopling, Johnson, and Chapman. Miss E. A. Collinson presided at the harmonium. The various pieces were received with acclammation, and reflect great credit on the several performers. Mr T. Collinson performed the duties of chairman.—Afterwards, a supper was held, the proceeds of which and the collection were devoted to the society funds.—On the same evening, an entertainment was given in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, which proved interesting to the juveniles.

MRS LEACH'S CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG LADIES DRESSMAKER for December is the Christmas double number, and is accompanied by a coloured picture—"Our Children's Christmas Morning," and a cut-out pattern—the "Ethelind" Pelisse. The work is invaluable to mothers who desire to see their children respectably clothed at a small cost.

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THE LATE SHIPWRECKS OFF CAPE HORN.—Extract of letter from David James (late master), of the barque *Colorado*, of Glasgow.—"Having lost our ship on Staten Island, on the 5th of July last, and having saved neither effects nor provisions, we were then compelled to travel over the island for ten days, subsisting on nothing but shell-fish and sea-weed. On the 19th of July, we came across another shipwrecked party of seventeen, the surviving part of the crew of the British ship "Dunskeig," of Glasgow, fourteen having perished through exposure. Now, the ship was lost on the 19th of June, and a lot of the cargo, consisting of EPPS'S COCOA, was washed ashore out of the wreck. There was nothing saved except the Cocoa, and we, numbering twenty-five men, were kept alive on it up to the 20th of August, when we were rescued by the steamer "Mercurio," of Buenos Aires, and landed there on the 13th of September. Too much praise cannot be given to this Cocoa for the preserved state that it was in, after being in the bottom of the sea, in the wreck of the "Dunskeig," for a fortnight, and then washed ashore, and lying on the beach and rocks of Staten Island for six weeks, subject to the exposure of the severest weather on the face of the globe. The island is situated in a region of perpetual ice, snow, and storms; and after all the test, it was as fresh and dry as if in the works. As we had a good stock of it there, we used it in a liquid state for drink, and also made it in a thick state, like porridge, and we also baked it on the fire, which made splendid bread, and kept us alive and warm on the barren island."

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An irate female seeks admittance to the editor's sanctum. "But I tell you, madam," protests the clerk, "that the editor is too ill to talk to anyone to-day." "Never mind; you let me in. I'll do the talking."

Johnny: "What is the difference between sense and sensation, papa?" Papa: "When I come downstairs, Johnny, to whip you, you usually bolt out of the door. That is sense. When I grab you and apply the whip, that is sensation."

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

MEETING AT CONSETT.

The annual meeting of the Consett auxiliary of the above society was held on Wednesday night, in the ante room of the New Town Hall Buildings. There was a fair attendance of ladies and gentlemen. In the absence of Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., Consett Hall, Rev Hy. Parkes (Wesleyan Superintendent), Consett, was voted to the chair, being supported by Rev. F. Steggall (Vicar of Consett); Alex. Baillie (Presbyterian minister), Blackhill; and D. W. Lewis (District Secretary for North Wales) who attended as the deputation from the Parent Society.

After devotional exercises, the CHAIRMAN, having expressed regret at the absence (through indisposition) of Mr Jenkins, who had invariably presided over these yearly gatherings, went on to say that he was somewhat disappointed that the meeting in connection with that excellent Society in Consett were not more numerously attended. (Hear.) The British and Foreign Bible Society was identified with all denominations of the Church. The rev. gentleman further stated that whilst he was acting as missionary in China, they received very substantial assistance from this Society.

Mr C. P. DOUGLAS (local secretary) read the report of the Consett branch for the past year. The voluntary contributions had amounted to £22 11s 9d, as against £21 7s 10d for 1886; and £22 8s 7½d for 1883. The largest contributions received during any year was in 1882, when the sum of £27 13s 1d was raised. The committee were pleased to call attention to the slight increase of small contributions. Renewed steps had been taken to interest the young in the operations of the Bible Society, and during the year Mr Porter had addressed the children of the Scripture Union. The juveniles had collected the sum of over £2, as compared with £1 15 in the year previous. (Applause.) Mr R. Frazer had intimated that he would be obliged to resign the office of treasurer, but would continue to have the depository for the sale of the society's publications at the Post Office. (Applause).

Rev. A. BAILLIE moved the adoption of the report. It was exceedingly gratifying, he said, to find that they had made some progress during the year, however slight, and he hoped that in the coming twelve months they would be able to announce a larger income. (Hear.) He regretted that Mr Frazer was relinquishing his post, but that gentleman had been in feeble health. He hoped that a worthy successor would be appointed. They were indebted solely to two ladies for the whole of the [illegible] collections gathered in the course of the year. He (Mr Baillie) thought it was a shame that in Consett and Blackhill only two persons were willing to undertake the task; it was too much work for them and he trusted others would volunteer to solicit subscriptions on behalf of the cause. (Applause.) He also hoped that the day was not far distant when the various sections of the Church would be more closely united to each other. (Applause.) The great Methodist bodies, which had become a mighty power in the world, ought to be [illegible] with each other. (More applause.) He believed that ere long there would be a reunion of all the Churches. (Applause.) They were moving in that direction, and although there might be differences on minor points, still they were agreed on the great fundamental principles of Christianity. (Loud applause).

The CHAIRMAN seconded the resolution, which was carried with unanimity.

Mr D. W. LEWIS, who was warmly received, then delivered a forcible and telling address, eloquently describing the operations of the Society during the past year, and dwelling upon its ramifications and agencies in various quarters of the globe.

After a few observations from Rev F. STEGGALL and others, the proceedings were brought to a close, a collection being taken on behalf of the Society's Funds.

PRESENTATION AT STANHOPE.

An interesting presentation took place in the New Bank Room, Stanhope, on Monday evening, when Dr Arnison, Butt's House, presented the Rev James Coesby and Mrs Coesby with a few handsome testimonials in recognition of the esteem and regard of the congregation of Stanhope Church. The room was crowded to excess. The genial old doctor, in a felicitous speech, made the presentation in the name of his numerous friends. The testimonials consisted of a purse of gold containing 13 guineas, a handsome set of china, complete, and a silver kettle and stand. The young ladies comprising Mrs Coesby's bible class also presented her with half-a-dozen silver tea-spoons. The inscription on the kettle was "Presented to Mrs Coesby by her Stanhope friends, as a mark of their appreciation of her services as organist for many years. November, 1887." Revs. J. P. Shepherd and J. W. Rees also made appropriate speeches on the occasion, and spoke in eulogistic and laudatory terms of Mr and Mrs Coesby, wishing them prosperity in the new sphere of labour into which they had been called—Mr Coesby having accepted the living of Ings, in the Archdeaconry of Kendal. —Mr Coesby feelingly replied, and thanked them on behalf of himself and his wife for the spontaneous outburst of kindness which they had manifested towards them in the many handsome presents they had made them. He said that whenever they used them, upon whatever occasion, he would always remember the kind-hearted people of Stanhope. He hoped to hand them down to posterity as a token of their kindness, their sympathy, and regard.—The ladies of the congregation had also prepared a grand tea in honour of the occasion, to which some 200 or more sat down at the well-arranged table containing choice viands, flowers, plants and ferns in pots. The ladies who presided at the tables were Miss Arnison, Butt's House; Miss Pattinson, Dale's Villa; Miss Thompson, Fair Field Hall; Miss Little, West Croft; Mrs C. Arnison, Butt's House; Mrs Wm. Fenwick, Market Place; Mrs John Thompson, Fair Field Hall; Mrs Vipend, The Square; and Mrs Elliott, Front Street. The arrangements were all carried out harmoniously, and reflected upon the promoters (Mrs Arnison and Mrs Fenwick) the highest credit.

WATERHOUSES AND ESH SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES.

An interesting gathering took place in the British School Waterhouses, on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the presentation of prizes to the successful students in the Science and Art Classes of Esh and Waterhouses Collieries. The school-room was well filled, for in addition to the prize distribution by Mr Arthur Pease, J.P., a most successful and enjoyable concert was given by the Waterhouses Brass Band, Choral Society, and school children. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Douglas, supported by Mr A. Pease, Mr J. G. Crofton, Mr J. J. C. Allison, Mr R. Taylor, Mr E. S. Pye, &c.—Mr R. Taylor read a report of Messrs Pease's literary institutes at Esh and Waterhouses. There were, he said, 677 members of the two institutes at Esh and Waterhouses. The number of volumes that had been circulated during the past year at Esh and Waterhouses was 2,058.

The CHAIRMAN said they were all under great obligations to the Messrs Pease for the many and varied facilities they offered for giving instruction to the people of that district, particularly to those connected with coalmining. The subject of education had engaged the attention of the firm for several years, and it was a matter of congratulation that young men who had obtained their education at the schools and institutes belonging the firm had qualified, and were now teachers themselves.

Mr A. PEASE, who was warmly received by the audience, said that when he was invited to come to Waterhouses that evening he felt it was a pleasure as well as a duty for him to do so. Wherever the firm, of which he was a member, established collieries they also established first-rate schools. They had elementary schools, of which they justly felt proud. Education was like putting tools into the hands of men and boys for their use in after-life.

Mr CROFTON moved a vote of thanks to Mr Pease, and trusted it would not be long before that gentleman visited them again.

Mr ALLISON seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr PEASE suitably responded.

The concert was then proceeded with. Special reference must be made of the musical drill by the children. Armed with dumb-bells, clubs, and poles, the children were put through a series of evolutions by Mr Potts, schoolmaster, which they executed in a very skilful manner, and to the appreciation of the audience.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30.—Before COL. SHEPPEE (chairman) and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Cartner and *Robert Oughton* were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Chester-le-Street, 20th Nov.—Cartner was fined 5s, and Oughton was fined 10s and costs.——For a like offence at the same place, 11th inst., *Joseph Elliott* was fined 7s 6d and costs.——*Richard Oughton* and *John Hedon* were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Edmondsley, 11th inst.—Oughton was fined 7s 6d, and Hedon 5s and costs.——*Anthony Nicholson* and *Edward Morton*, for a like offence at Sunniside, 13th inst., were fined 7s 6d and costs.——*Peter O'Brien*, at the same place, 20th Oct., fined 5s and costs.——*James Trasker* and *Jos. Briggs*, 19th ult., were fined 7s 6d and costs.——*Frank Lilley*, for a like offence at Sunniside, on the 21st ult., fined 5s and costs.——*John Grimes*, for being drunk and disorderly at Birtley, 12th ult., fined 10s and costs.——*Thomas Anderson*, drunk at Waldridge, 12th ult., was fined 2s 6d and costs.

WEAK CASES.

Reuben Bennett, miner, Pelton Fell, was charged with deserting his wife, Jane Bennett.—Complainant said defendant's mother chased her out of the house, and her husband had never provided her a home or taken her back again. When she asked him to keep her he refused to do so, and used bad language to her. —The case was dismissed for want of evidence, but complainant was advised to go to the workhouse, where the Guardians would take action to secure on defendant an order for her maintenance.

Robert Wilson, miner, Newbottle, was also charged with deserting his wife, Elizabeth.—Complainant said her husband would not work, and threatened he would disable her, so she came away, and had been working for herself, but twice since he had come to where she was and assaulted her. Case also dismissed, a fresh summons being issued on a charge of assault.

AN INEXCUSABLE OFFENCE.

A lad, *James McQuinn*, was charged with stealing coals, valued [illegible], the property of Messrs [illegible] and Partners, at Birtley, 5th inst.—P.C. Dodds saw defendant take the coals from the Ouston railway. He and his father were allowed a supply of coals from the Springwell Colliery, where they worked.— Defendant who pleaded guilty, was fined 2s 6d as a caution.

EDUCATION ACT.

Frederick Mayhew was fined 5s for neglecting to send his child regularly to school.

A PUBLIC-HOUSE QUARREL.

Newrick Shipley was charged with permitting disorderly conduct on his licensed premises, the Percy Arms, Chester-le-Street, on the 12th inst.—A witness named Guthrie said he saw Shipley fighting with two men in his house.—Defendant denied his liability, and he held he left his wife, who had been accepted as tenant by the landlord of the property.—The Bench said that so long as the [illegible] had not been made, the defendant was liable for the good conduct of the house. He would be fined 7s 6d and costs, and his licence would be endorsed.

Newrick Shipley, *Frank Shipley*, *Richard Shipley*, *James Wilson*, and *Joseph Spence* were charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting with each other on the 12th inst.—Each defendant was bound over to keep the peace for three months.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A MARE.

William Appleby, *Edward Lawson* and *Thomas Pinchbeck* were charged with stealing a mare, the property of Thomas Wallace, at Lanchester, on the 5th ult.—Mr Wallace said he saw the mare in the field on Friday, the 4th ult. He never saw it after that morning. He valued the mare at £ [illegible]—George Dryden, a coal hawker at Ferryhill, said that the prisoners came to him about seven o'clock on Saturday night, 5th November, and asked him if he would trade his mare for one they had; they had got her cheap, and he could have her cheap. Witness "swopped" his mare for the brown mare they had, and gave them 10s to boot.—Sergeant Simpson said he found the mare at George Dryden's stable, and afterwards arrested prisoners at Durham.—The Bench committed the prisoners for trial at the next Quarter Sessions at Durham, accepting bail for the prisoners, themselves in £100 each, and two sureties in £50 each.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Dec. 1st.—Before Rev J. P. De PLEDGE (in the chair) and W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq.

ARREARS IN BASTARDY.

Jacob Morduc, miner, of Throckley, Northumberland, was brought up to show cause why he had neglected to pay £1 15s 0d owing on an affiliation order to Elizabeth Ellerker, of Quebec.—The Magistrates allowed the prisoner to pay the amount due in monthly instalments of 10s.

THE DARLINGTON WAIF.

John Mooney, aged 9 years, who was remanded to the Lanchester Workhouse by the Consett Bench on a charge of having been found wandering about Consett on Sunday morning, without being under proper control, was brought before the Bench for the purpose of being discharged from that offence. He had expressed his willingness to return to the [illegible], and he was accordingly conveyed there. The Lanchester Poor Law Authorities will make enquiries with a view of ascertaining if Mooney has a "settlement" in the Darlington Union.—It is alleged that he had a brother who was fetched up in the Lanchester Workhouse some time back.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting was held yesterday (Thursday), at Lanchester. Mr W. Logan presided, and there were present Messrs Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, J. Wilkinson, and Rev C. Gillow.—The following were the reports sent in by the attendance officers:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with your instructions 2 cases have been taken before the Magistrates which were both dismissed with a caution, and I would now ask your direction in case the children are not kept in regular attendance at school.

During the month I have made 297 absentee visits embracing 370 children in the following parishes, namely:—Langley, 18; Esh (including Ushaw Moor) 130; Cornsay, 60; Satley, 17; Lanchester, 67; and Hedleyhope, 5; and also 23 visits to schools, making inquiries, &c.

I have found 5 children of school age in the street during school hours, who were not in attendance at any school. Of these, 4 have recently come to reside in your district, and 1 has recently attained the age of 5 years. Of the former number, 1 boy has passed the 5th standard.

Notices to attend school under your bye-laws have been served as follows:—2 at Quaking Houses, 1 at Cornsay Colliery, 1 at New House Cottages, 1 at Hill Top, 1 at South Moor, 1 at Holmside, 1 at Railway Terrace, New House, and 1 at Quebec.

Eight cases are entered in report book for your consideration and direction.—I am, gentlemen, yours obediently, JOHN GIBSON.

Lanchester, Dec. 1st, 1887.

To the Chairman and Members of the School Attendance Committee of Lanchester Union.

GENTLEMEN,—During the last month, I have made 630 absentee visits in your district, viz:—373 in Tanfield, 222 in Corbridge and Knitsley, and 35 in Iveston parish. Thirty-seven notices under your bye-laws have been served at Consett, 3 at Consett Park, 3 at East Stanley, 4 Lintz Colliery, and 3 at Crookhall. Notices have also been served at Tantobie and Tanfield Lea. Total, 52.

The ill-prepared state of a number of children to withstand the severe weather we have lately experienced and the prevalence of mumps, colds and measles, have materially effected the average attendance.

Nine cases are entered in the report book to be submitted to you.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, WM. WARD.

Iveston, Dec. 1st, 1887.

MESSRS W. FELL AND CO'S. CATALOGUE.—We have received from Messrs W. Fell and Co., nurserymen, &c., of Hexham, a copy of their annual catalogue, accompanied by a coloured plate of Whinham's "Industry Gooseberry," for which this firm have already booked orders for over 68,400 books, and which they are providing to all parts of the world. We congratulate this firm for their push and enterprise, and trust to hear of their continued prosperity.

SIR WILFRID LAWSON, M.P., AT PRUDHOE.

On Saturday evening, there was a large gathering of Liberals at Prudhoe, and the proceedings took the form of a tea meeting in the Lecture Hall, at which about 400 persons sat down, and afterwards a public meeting in the National School room. The meeting was largely attended, the room being crowded to the doorways. Mr Moorhead, Seaton Sluice, presided, and there were on the platform, in addition to a number of ladies, Mr M. McInnes, M.P., Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., M.P.; Mr J. C. Swan, Mr John Havelock, Rev. F. Raine, Mr W. Trotter, Mr S. Patterson, Mr W. Paxton, and others.

The CHAIRMAN having briefly opened the proceedings,

Rev. F. RAINE moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting welcomes Sir Wilfrid Lawson and Mr Miles MacInnes, our respected member, to Prudhoe, and also thoroughly condemns the enactment of a permanent Coercion Act for Ireland, and records its emphatic protest against the reckless attacks of the Government upon the right of public meeting, free speech, free press, and free combination. This meeting further expresses its belief that a satisfactory solution of the Irish question can only be arrived at by a policy of conciliation and on the principle set forth by Mr Gladstone."

Mr JOS. HARDY seconded.

SIR WILFRID LAWSON, Bart., who was received with cheering, supported the resolution. He said he had got a good impression of the people of Prudhoe during the five minutes he had been amongst them. He took the gentlemen who had just spoken to be fair representatives of political opinion there, and the way in which they had been received as showing that the inhabitants of Prudhoe were certainly people who went the "whole hogg." (Laughter.) They were the sort of people he liked. He was very glad that his friend, Mr MacInnes had given him an opportunity of making the acquaintance of his constituents. Theirs was a large constituency. Well, people generally took their colour and character in the House of Commons somewhat from the constituency they represented. Theirs was a large constituency—indeed the greatest in England, and therefore he presumed that Mr MacInnes was the greatest member of Parliament. (Laughter.) There might be an illustration of this in the following:—He once knew a member of Parliament who was rather opposed to his way of thinking; he was in the habit of getting too much to drink—(laughter)—and when someone remonstrated with him and said "You are drunk," he replied "I am never too drunk to represent my constituency." (Loud laughter.) But Mr MacInnes represented them in a better degree than that, because he took it that they were Radicals—(Voice: "To the core.")—and he looked upon him as a very promising young Radical. (Laughter and applause.) He could not help but get on in that direction. He derived benefit and pleasure in associating with him, and since his political votes began and he had had more to do with Mr MacInnes, he had learned to know and value him far better than before. (Applause.) Now, he said he was only a promising young Radical, but there was something better than the mere politician about him. They could apply to him those lines which said—"An honest man is the noblest work of God." (Applause.) He knew no more honest man anywhere than Mr MacInnes. (Applause.) But what use was it their coming to hold a political meeting there? (Laughter.) It was like carrying coals to Newcastle—almost to Newcastle. (Laughter.) If they were all Radicals, there was no chance of improving them very much. (Laughter.) He believed they were advanced Liberals there very much owing to the good work by old friends in former days, one of whom had now retired from the House of Commons—he referred to his friend Mr Joseph Cowen. He liked to look back to the education given to that district years ago. There was a saying that "The evil which men do lives after them—the good they do is interred with their bones." He disagreed with that, for the good lived too. (Applause.) Well, it was no good calling themselves Radicals unless they did something. What had they to do? What was a Radical? He believed in Mr Gladstone's definition of a Radical—"He was a Liberal in earnest." (Applause.) He hoped they were not like an Irish officer he once heard about. That gentleman made himself exceedingly agreeable—especially to the young ladies. (Laughter.) He made himself agreeable in every sort of way—he proposed to marry them. (Applause.) But one day when he proposed to a young lady she accepted. He cried out, "Oh, be jabers, did you think I was in earnest?" (Laughter.) Now, there was a great many politicians of that kind, he could tell them. When the promise came to be put in force they cried, "Oh, be jabers, did you think I was in earnest?" (Laughter.) Now, what work had they to do? Lord R Churchill the other day had asserted that in certain Government offices three men were employed to do the work of two men. That would never do in a business establishment, and his idea was that they should get rid of the odd man. (Hear, hear.) They were going by-and-bye to get rid of all sorts of useless people—those who had too much money and had too little work to do. (Laughter.) They might decide to look after the bishops and deans. (Laughter and applause.) They did not want to do them any harm, but he would go with the Radicals and say to them, "We don't require your services any more." (Laughter.) Big men were very often paid off in business concerns, and told they were not wanted longer. They were going to pay these big men off. (Laughter.) They would be treated very liberally, for, of course, they had understood they were engaged for life, whether they did any work or not, whilst well paid. (Laughter.) They were tired of the principle—they were going to make religious opinion as free as the winds. (Applause.) By-and-bye they would get rid of some of their soldiers too. When they had got the volunteers, what did they want with a standing army?—the volunteers were ready to fight anybody at any time and anywhere. (Loud laughter.) A standing army was a danger to the country, an exciting cause which led us into all manner of struggles, which ended in disgrace and shame for the deeds that were done. (Applause.) Now about Ireland. Mr MacInnes had told him he was a most remarkable man; he knew he was—(laughter)—for having made a speech at Halt whistle that afternoon without alluding to Ireland. (Laughter.) He had fallen away from grace since then for he was going to speak about Ireland. He wished they had all got into a special train and run down to Carlisle the other evening and heard Michael Davitt. (Applause.) They had a great success over that business. As soon as some patriotic people heard that Michael Davitt was coming to lecture in the Drill Hall, they set the machinery in motion known as a superior officer, and there came the order that he should not lecture in the Drill Hall. Possibly Michael Davitt was not thought respectable enough. (Laughter.) They got the theatre, but by-and-bye some of the proprietors issued their fiat against Mr Davitt speaking there. ("Shame.") But it all turned out very well. They discovered another theatre which they had never heard of before—bigger and larger than the other one, and there was rest for the soles of their feet. (Applause.) It was a grand meeting, and thoroughly shewed how the principles of Home Rule had progressed. And what did Michael Davitt say? He simply pleaded to the English people to be generous and just, and give to this country the same rights and privileges which were enjoyed by the people of this country. (Applause.) Why did people make all this fuss and opposition against having a Parliament in Dublin. Why, there were under the English sovereign twenty-five Parliaments already in existence, and yet it was said that the British empire would go to the bad to-morrow—(laughter)—if one were established in Ireland. This would be given by the great Liberal party, but the Liberal Dissentients blocked the way. It was a very sad thing to see what these men were doing at the present moment. Their grand old leader, Mr Gladstone—(applause)—was stopped by a handful of men, who were doing the dirty work of the Tories. (Applause.) They reminded him of a simile used by Mr Bright, when a certain number of the Liberal party went wrong, during the great Reform Bill. Mr Bright said: Sometimes you will see an express train going along at 50 miles an hour, with everything right and correct, and there came the costermonger's barrow—(loud laughter)—across the track, and all went to smash. (Laughter.) The costermongers were at work now. (Loud applause and laughter.) Who were these men? What did Mr Goschen represent? Why, the land holders, money holders, and that class of people—the golden calf. (Laughter.) He was very sorry, but Mr Goschen represented him. (Laughter.) He sat for the borough of St. George's, where he had a house—(laughter)—and he was much ashamed of himself. (Laughter.) Once when an election was going on he consulted a London Radical as to what sort of chance a Liberal would have. He replied—That constituency is amongst the basest and most corrupt in the whole of England. (Laughter.) He supposed there were more rich men there than in any other constituency—it was inhabited in a large measure by the enemies of the human race, and that was the place Mr Goschen sat for. (Loud laughter.) Lord Hartington represented the Whigs—an obsolete oligarchy, and Mr Chamberlain represented Mr Jesse Collings. (Loud laughter.) Now, if the Radicals were worthy of the franchise, they would make a clean sweep at the next election of all these obstructionists. Call themselves what they liked, they were real Tories, but they might be Tories without discipline. (Laughter.) Referring to Lord Salisbury's latest speech, he said he did not think much of it. He was talking again of disintegration. Well, if ever they wanted to floor their opponents in politics, use words of five syllables. (Laughter.) The Liberals were in favour of giving to Ireland some form of self-government, but Lord Salisbury would not give them local self-government. (Voice: "It's a lie.") No, no. They must not use strong language. That was a word of only one syllable. (Laughter.) Another thing more extraordinary was the idea of a policy of protection—a nice thing at this time of day—going in for starving the people, starving the poor, so that the rich might put a little more profit into their pockets. What was John Bright going to do now? He once said that anyone who would support protection was either a knave or a fool. (Laughter.) If he stuck to his old principles, he could no longer support the Tory Government, and must apply his remark to his great leader, Lord Salisbury. (Laughter.) The dissentient Liberals were stopping all reforms—amongst others the great cause he had advocated so long. (Applause.) It was pleasing to see how that question was progressing. He had been called "a fool with one idea." That was quite right. They did not want some one with no idea. (Loud laughter.) In fact he had been called all the names under the sun because he had said that the drink sellers ought not to be allowed to carry on business in places where people did not want it. (Laughter.) He wanted them to understand the position thoroughly. They did not want any great changes, or new laws, or fresh punishments. They wanted to let the people speak—let them say what they want, and that would satisfy them. (Applause.) He regretted much the absence of Mr Burt that night. There was no man in the House for whom he had more regard. He had noticed in the papers that there was a possibility that he might not secure re-election to the House. Those who had sent him to Parliament, it was said, did not wish to maintain him. That might or might not be; but if Mr Burt parted with his present constituency, if he should wish to stand or to be elected in any part of England, there was no place to which he would not go and assist him throughout the length and breadth of England. (Applause.) It was such men as Mr Burt that they wanted in the Commons. He would not betray them or sell them. He did not think he would be made a peer or the governor of Teheran—(laughter)—they would not even make him a baronet. (Laughter.) He hoped they would not. Anyhow, call him what they liked, he was the truest gentleman he had ever met in his life. (Applause.) He hoped he would long remain an independent member of an independent constituency. (Applause.) In conclusion, he urged them all to be prepared, to get their registers ready, and be prepared at the next election that came to send Radical members to Parliament to pass Radical measures. They must be united, determined, and fight for the Liberal party with true Liberal principles. If that meeting succeeded in stimulating them to do that he and his friends would feel that they had done something to help the cause. (Prolonged applause.)

Mr MACINNES, who was warmly welcomed, reminded that meeting that he promised to bring Sir Wilfrid Lawson to speak to them, and he kept his word. (Applause.) With reference to Sir Wilfrid's remark about members taking colour from their constituencies, that members should in no sense be delegates. They should always stick to their opinions, whatever they might be; but when they felt that they were no longer representing the opinions of the constituencies, they should not take their opinions from them, but resign from the position in which the constituency placed them. He was just as much a Liberal that day as he was when they first invited him to be their candidate. (Applause.) Mr MacInnes then briefly referred to the Government's Irish policy, and concluded by promising to return and address them at greater length during the winter, which announcement was received with loud applause.

Mr JOHN HAVELOCK and Mr J. C. SWAN also addressed the assembly, amidst frequent applause, and the resolution put was unanimously carried.

Votes of thanks having been passed, the proceedings closed.

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HOBSON v. WEST END RESERVE.—These teams meet on the West End ground, at St. James's Park, when the following will represent the Hobson:—J. Downie, goal; H. Taylor and G. Bell, backs; T. Amos, J. Leadbitter, and A. Parker, half-backs; James Leadbitter, W. Hogarth, J. H. Brown, J. McNeal, and W. Hallam, forwards.

BIRTLEY v. DURHAM UNIVERSITY.—Birtley play Durham University on the ground of the former. The following will represent Birtley:—G. Smart, goal; H. Clepham and R. Ellis, backs; J. Joyce, E. Bell, and D. Chrichton, half-backs; McAvoy, Hedley, Downie, Bolam, and Standley, forwards.

HAMSTERLEY RANGERS v. MICKLEY.—The following team will represent Mickley:—George Young, goal; R. Best and W. Middleton (capt.), backs; G. Crowe, E. Henderson, and T. Stokoe, half-backs; G. E. Middleton, sen., G. E. Middleton, jun., G. Bailey, J. R. Charlton, and J. Tiffin, forwards.

MICKLEY 2ND v. TYNE VILLA.—The following will represent Mickley:—W. Tulip, goal; F. Robson and G. Milburn, backs; R. Paisley, J. Wilkin (capt.), and T. Robson, half-backs; J. Crowe, J. Myers, W. Robson, T. Henderson, and M. Hall, forwards.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS

The fortnightly meeting took place at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) morning, and was presided over by Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith J.P. There were also present: Monsignor C. Gillow, Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Messrs W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Thos. Siddell, E. W. Balleny, W. Logan, John Wilkinson, W. Asquith, Rd. Murray, Thos. Taylor Smith, W. Clark, J. T. Todd, J. A. Curry, Wm. Rutherford, W. Cumming, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending Nov. 23rd	163
Corresponding week of last year	186
Week ending Nov. 30th	168
Corresponding week of last year	195
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	14
Corresponding fortnight of last year	8

THE BOARDING-OUT OF PAUPERS.

A letter was read from the Hartlepool Union enquiring if the Lanchester Guardians would accept married boys only to board out, instead of a proportion of girls and women as well, in order to relieve the overcrowded condition of their Workhouse.

After a little consideration, the Clerk was directed to reply to the effect that the Guardians were prepared to accept the members of each sex as arranged a month ago.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

It was decided to provide the inmates of the Workhouse with their customary dinner of roast beef and plum pudding on the Monday after Christmas Day, Mr John Reed, of Lanchester, being commissioned to supply the necessary provisions.

There was no further business.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BURNOPFIELD.—The Vicarage, 27th ult., the wife of Rev T. Sharp, of a son.

DURHAM.—25th ult., the wife of G. Oldham, [illegible], of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 26th ult., William Storey to Maria Waugh, both of [illegible].—26th ult., Henry Cuthbertson, Burnopfield, to Jane Ann Riddle, Dipton.

WOLSINGHAM.—Register Office, 25th ult., J. W. Ayers to Phoebe Woodhall, both of Tow Law.

STANHOPE.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, 26th ult., by Rev G. B. Glover, Joseph Race, Hawkwell Head, Weardale, to Mary Ann Watson, Daddry Shield.

At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, 26th ult., by Rev E. Pattinson, Thos. Fairless, Warden Hill, Weardale, to Elizabeth Potts, Plantation House, Weardale.

OLDHAM.—At Our Lady and St. Patrick, 24th ult., by the Rev Mr Brindle, Edwin, son of Joseph Marshall, jeweller, &c., Mount Pleasant, Consett, to Mary, daughter of the late M. Wood, of Beechey Street, Oldham. 736y

DEATHS

CONSETT.—Medomsley Road, 25th ult., aged 51, Thomas Davison, builder.

Delves Lane 10, Lloyd Street, on the 1st inst., aged 79, Elizabeth Henderson, mother of Mr John Sowerby, Miners' Arms Inn, Leadgate. To be interred on Sunday, the 4th inst., at Benfieldside Cemetery. Cortege to leave the house at 2.0. Friends please accept this, the only intimation. 732y

BLACKHILL.—5, Beattie's Terrace, 26th ult., aged 67, Geo. Englestone.

41, Durham Road (the house of his son-in-law, William Lamb), 26th ult., aged 82, William Urwin.

LANCHESTER.—25th ult., aged 69 years, William Walton.

MARLEY HILL.—High Row, 28th ult., aged 21, suddenly, Isaac, son of Tom and Thompson Brown.

SATLEY.—Butsfield Burn, 23rd ult., aged 61 Henry Nicholson.

BURNOPFIELD.—(At the residence of his son-in-law, Michael Cowland), 26th ult., aged 75, John, husband of the late Mary Stephenson, Todd Hill, Castleside.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—25th ult., suddenly, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Jos. Siddle.

Harbour House 29th ult., aged 70, Eleanor, wife of Richard Potts.

CORNSAY.—Hall's House, 26th ult., aged 48, Margt., wife of Henry Smith.

FROSTERLEY.—Bill End, very suddenly, aged 46, Thos. Walton.

STANHOPE.—27th ult., Nora, daughter of Duncan McCallum, draper.

WATERHOUSES.—27th ult., Harriet, daughter of Wm. Stobbs.

EDMONDSLEY.—1st inst., aged 60, Frances, widow of the late John Gibson.

ANDREW'S HOUSE.—27th ult., aged 17 years and 8 months, Thomasina, daughter of John and F. Wilson.

On the 26th ult., Hannah, the wife of Joseph Turnbell.

ELANDON.—Bridge Street 27th ult., aged 44, Jane, daughter of Elizabeth Scott.

WEST RYTON.—Beech Grove Terrace, 26th ult., aged 25, Sarah Jane, the wife of Robert Middleton, Brole and Trust Depot, Newcastle.

DURHAM.—Fowler's Terrace, 27th ult., aged 53, Jos., husband of Jane Wilson, late manager of Durham Co-operative Society.

NEWCASTLE.—111, Corbridge Street, 25th ult., aged 26, Margaret, wife of Norval Frazer, and second daughter of Matthew Watson, Swalwell.

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