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FROSTERLEY CHURCH FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—I take this opportunity of emphatically denying any knowledge whatever of the parties signing themselves "Rusticus" in your paper. I am not a member of Frosterley Church, and have therefore no interest whatever in its affairs. For the sceptical, I may add that when I contribute to the local press my name will be attached as under—

Valentine A. Rippon.

Rogerley Hall, Frosterley, Dec. 1st, 1891.

CO-OPERATION AND THE DRINK TRAFFIC.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—As we travel through life, if we are observant at all, we cannot fail to see the *great* inconsistencies that meet us daily in the face; and to my mind one of the greatest could be seen very prominently at the opening services of the new Co-operative Store and Hall on Saturday, November 21st. I was kindly invited to attend, and see the new premises which I had heard so much about, and I think they will be an untold boon to the business facilities of the ever-increasing Co-operative Society in the rising town of Stanley. The tea was very good, but during the able addresses of Messrs Scott and Baillie (who endeavoured to show the advantage of co-operation, which few dispute when thoroughly and systematically carried out), I was extremely astonished to find the Conservative and coercive spirit so strong in their addresses, and the unfair way they dealt with private tradesmen, and urged and forced co-operation down their throats as such a benefit to the masses; for we know that people *do* get decent value for their money of the majority of tradesmen. While upholding this institution, and trying to sweep away private tradespeople, not a word was sounded against the horrible drink traffic, which has done and is doing more damage in a week than private grocers and drapers have done to fellow-men since the world began. Doubtless there would be all sects and creeds, and not even the Methodists (which would likely be represented) gave any sign or token as to their side and opinion. I am afraid, sir, that the "public-house on wheels" calls at too many of their doors. They shrink from the question, and both managers, directors, and all connected with the stores, for the most part, are nothing but huge stumbling blocks in the way of that co-operation which those 28 members established in Rochdale in 1843 for the moral and financial elevation of the working man. Where is the store that is not injured by these fuddling, tippling directors? In fact, co-operation seems to harbour and encourage this great demon drink, the spoiler of homes and lives. I have seen, and am substantially informed, that during the check days and dividend days numbers are seen walking between the public-house and the store, at times buying sweets to suck at the counter, then spending the evening in slushing at the public-houses, and having to be led home incapable. This speaks well, doesn't it, for those leaders of the people who declaim so much against private tradesmen both on platform and through the press, yet never utter a word against this hideous monster drink. Instead of that a lot of business is done through this drink, and both Saturday and Sunday nights are spent spreading by example the greatest enemy our nation has—drink. Leaders of the people. Advocates of reformation. Poor things. If the blind lead the blind they will both fall into the ditch. Then I suppose there is a temperance lodge in force at Stanley. But, oh dear, if there is no more stir made than what it has made, and they do not let people know they are in existence, they had better put up the shutters or pull down the blinds. No attempt at stopping the drinking accommodation seems to be made. Enlargement can go on in these places for people to gulp down whiskey or beer, while there is not decent accommodation for commercials to get a tidy dinner on account of the drunkenness. Thanking you, Mr Editor, for you space and trouble. —Yours &c., Agitated Onlooker.

DILAPIDATED BRIDGE AND FOOTPATH.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to call the attention of the Highway Board of the township of Medomsley to the state of affairs existing between West Billingside and Low Bradley Farms, in the shape of the footbridge that spans Pont Burn, and the approaches thereto. A few days ago, I had occasion to traverse the road in question, when fancy my surprise and disgust to find it almost impassible. At one time the bridge and approaches to it stood thus: A good road to and from (taken into consideration its situation) the bridge, which is composed of a plank about nine inches wide, with twenty feet span, and having two good sound posts supporting the centre of the bridge underneath, and a firm rail fencing along each side and branching off at the ends in such a manner as to make it doubly safe, but the place is now disgraceful in the extreme, as instead of a road even decent to walk upon, you have to be content with walking either in or along the sides of a deep gutter, the water being allowed free scope down the centre of the footpath. The bridge is still worse, as the supports are both rotten off and washed away; the railings at the ends of the bridge are all broken off and disappeared, and also the hand-rails along each side are almost totally destroyed, and what is left is that which if any one not aware of the danger will, without doubt, be precipitated into the bed of stones which lie in the bottom of the stream, a distance of ten feet, and a serious accident might occur, then no doubt the place would be remedied. Hoping this will have the desired effect of bringing the Highway Board to bear upon the matter as soon as possible, as "a stitch in time saves nine." Thanking you for granting me a space for the above lines in your well patronized paper.—Yours &c.,

T. Clark.

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(Before Mr Justice Wills).

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER NEAR DIPTON.

Joseph William Wilson, 23, miner, and *Patrick Hogan*, 29, miner, were charged with feloniously wounding Joseph Henery, with intent to murder, at Hill Top, near Dipton, on September 18th. Mr Williamson prosecuted, and the prisoners were undefended.

Mr Williamson, in opening the case, said the prosecutor and his brother-in-law, on the night of the day in question, went from Scotswood-on-Tyne, where he lived, to Hill Top, near Dipton. They went to Freek's public-house, and subsequently to Turnbull's beer-house at Hill Top. When they came out of the latter place there was a row going on between two women, and there was a crowd of men about. When the prosecutor came out of the house, he was struck several times on the face with a man's fist. He did not know any of the men, and could not say who struck him. After he was struck he and his brother-in-law went away towards home, and a crowd of men followed them, throwing stones at them. Prosecutor was struck twice with the stones, and he and his brother-in-law ran away along the railway, to a place where there were some whins, and amongst these they hid themselves. Some of the crowd passed them, but others discovered them. Prosecutor said to his brother-in-law that there was nothing for it but to rush out and run for it. They did so, and prosecutor, feeling himself growing weak from the blows with the stones, gave his brother-in-law his watch, and told him to run for his life. The crowd chased his brother-in-law some distance, and then returned to where he was. He felt a stone strike him on the forehead, and then he lost consciousness. He had all his clothes on when he was struck, but when he regained consciousness he had neither coat, nor boots, nor hat. He came to his senses about five o'clock the next morning, and made his way across two fields to a neighbouring colliery, where the engineman attended to him.

The prosecutor was called, and bore out the statement of the counsel. He said he did not begin any fight. They attacked him without his doing anything.

Cross-examined by Wilson: He did not say he could fight anybody in Hill Top, and he did not commence to fight with Wilson.

Andrew Scollins, a miner, of Lintz Colliery, gave corroborative evidence, and said he observed the prisoner Wilson amongst the crowd. He saw stones thrown.

Robert Beattie, engineman, of Dipton, said the prosecutor came to the engine-house where he was working about four o'clock on the morning of the 19th Sept. His face was covered with blood, and was all cut. He had nothing on but a shirt and pair of trousers. He seemed very weak, and was trembling with the cold. He made a complaint to the witness, who sought the police-sergeant; and the prosecutor was then attended to.

Adam Haslam, a miner, of Dipton, said he remembered the night of the 18th September. About eleven o'clock that night he saw the prisoner Wilson at Hill Top. He saw Wilson strike Henery about the face with his fist. Witness spoke to the prosecutor and his brother-in-law going off along the railway, and to the crowd following. Witness was amongst the crowd, and saw stones thrown. He saw Wilson again strike Henery when he was down. He saw Hogan kick the prosecutor at the same time. Witness then went away.

William Armstrong, Thomas Bell, Thomas Callaghan, Peter Lynn, Police-sergeant Thornton, and Police-sergeant Nicholson gave evidence.

Dr Arthur Henry Attwater, a physician at Whickham, said he examined Henery, who suffered from very serious wounds on the head. His condition was so serious that they thought he was dying, and his depositions were taken.

For his defence, Wilson said he had had a fight with the prosecutor.

His Lordship said he did not think the prisoners intended to murder.

The Jury found the prisoners guilty of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

His Lordship said the case was a very bad one. It was simply the fact that the man was a stranger to them, and they thought perhaps a stranger ought not to intermeddle with the quarrels of their village by being present at them. They pursued Henery mercilessly; they beat him with stones, struck him down and kicked him. His skull was almost broken to pieces, and had he not been a man who had led a very good life, he would never have lived. Under the circumstances, the sentence must be a heavy one, and the prisoners would each have to go to penal servitude for eight years.

THE SERIOUS AFFRAY AT HOBSON COLLIERY.

George Craig, a young man of respectable appearance, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Patrick Collins, at Hobson Colliery, on October 17th. Mr Greenwell prosecuted, and Mr Hedderwick defended.

Mr Greenwell having opened the case,

Patrick Collins, the prosecutor, was called, and said he was a miner living at the Lintz Colliery. On the day in question, which was a Saturday, he was at The Hobson public-house, where he saw the prisoner. Witness asked the prisoner to repay half-a-crown he owed him. Prisoner refused, and a quarrel ensued, both parties being put out of the house. Outside, the prosecutor took off his coat to fight the prisoner, who, however, ran away. Witness then missed the coat, and went home. Before he got home, he met two men, one of whom was the prisoner. The other man, whose name he did not know, said "Here's the ——." Witness said he was not a ——, and prisoner said he was, and told his companion to strike witness. The other man did strike, and witness struck back. Prisoner then started, and they were all fighting together. Prisoner hit him on the face with a bottle, and knocked him down senseless. When he came to himself again, he missed a silk handkerchief from his neck, and some money from his pocket. He went home, and subsequently went to prisoner's house, where he asked for his coat, handkerchief, and money. Prisoner was not in, and witness returned an hour afterwards with a pick. He knocked at the door, but it was not opened, and he then struck it twice with the pick. Prisoner's mother came to the door, and told him the prisoner was not in. He left, and returned again at midnight, this time with nothing in his hand. In the meantime, however, witness's wife saw Craig, and asked him if he knew anything of the coat and money. Prisoner and witness's wife commenced an altercation, and witness coming up, said he wanted his things, or he and prisoner would come to "bats" about it. Prisoner told a man named Powell to fight with witness, and they did fight. Whilst they were fighting, the prisoner went and got a coal-rake, and with it struck the witness on the face. Witness fell down, and remembered nothing more. The result of the blow was that he had lost his left eye.

Cross-examined: He had had four or five gills of beer before he was turned out of The Hobson. He was not fond of fighting, and had never fought a battle in his life. Prisoner admitted owing him half-a-crown, and said he would not pay. He did not strike the prisoner first in the public-house. He did not go into Craig's house brandishing the pick, and chase him out of the back door. Neither did he threaten to "hew his entrails out." He had not recovered his jacket yet.

Mrs Collins, the wife of prosecutor, and other witnesses gave corroborative evidence.

For the defence, it was alleged that Collins was the aggressor throughout, and that the prisoner acted in self-defence. Witnesses were called in support of this view. Whilst the case for the defence was proceeding,

His Lordship intervened, and asked the jury if they thought they could convict. Prisoner, according to everybody's testimony, did everything he could to avoid a fight, but the prosecutor was said to have gone to his house three times, and to have provoked a quarrel. He thought Craig had shown great forbearance.

The jury intimated that they had heard enough, and returned a verdict of not guilty.

The accused was discharged.

SINGULAR WOUNDING CASE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

John Alexander Paget, sinker, 20, a respectably-dressed young man, was indicted for feloniously wounding George Ritson, with intent to do grievous bodily harm, at Chester-le-Street, on September 25th.

Mr Harwood, who prosecuted, said the prisoner and prosecutor and others, were, on the night of the day named, in the same public-house at Chester-le-Street. The parties came out, and began to argue about that somewhat fruitful source of quarrel—about some girl. They argued some time, and then, the prosecutor would tell them, the prisoner got too close to him and the prosecutor put his hand on the prisoner's shoulder to push him off. Prisoner thereupon pulled out a knife, and it was alleged stabbed the prosecutor in several places about the neck and face. The defence, he understood, from what the prisoner said, would be that he acted in self-defence, but it would be a question how far a man was entitled to use a knife in self-defence.

The prosecutor, in his evidence, said they were all together in the King's Head public-house. Witness and a friend went out, and were opposite the Crown Inn, when the prisoner and a friend came up. Witnesses [illegible] "Hallo, [illegible] have you [illegible]" about [illegible] a young woman named Lily [illegible]. Prisoner [illegible] and they all went [illegible] the [illegible] when the prisoner said "You are [illegible] better [illegible]," and added that he would make a kid of witness, who replied "I might make a kid of you, instead of you making one of me." It was then that the prisoner was alleged to have stabbed the p[illegible]

Corroborative evidence was given, and a witness named Curry said that before prisoner struck the prosecutor, the latter lifted his hand to prisoner. Witness took the knife from Paget.

Other evidence was given, and the prisoner, on being charged, said he had acted in self-defence.

Prisoner, when asked what he had to say to the jury, said that he was very drunk, and did not know what he was doing.

A policeman named Ogilby, re-called by the Judge, said that prisoner, when apprehended, less than an hour after the offence, was not drunk, but was under the influence of liquor.

His Lordship, in summing up, said it was for the jury to decide whether they could acquit the prisoner of an intent to do grievous bodily harm. When one man struck another a blow, and even shoved him, retaliation was pretty sure to follow, and in this way perhaps a lot of bad blood was cured which could not be cured in any other way. If the circumstances had been as he had indicated, he should not have thought very much of the matter, but there was an enormous difference between that and using the knife.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

His Lordship said there appeared to have been singularly little provocation given to the prisoner, who would be sent to penal servitude for five years.

"SMASHING" AT WINLATON.

John McNally (72), labourer, pleaded guilty to uttering base coin at Winlaton, and also to several previous convictions for similar offences. His Lordship, in passing sentence of five years' penal servitude, said prisoner was a thoroughly determined "smasher."

DEATH OF MR F. BAILEY, OF WHICKHAM.

A NOTABLE CHARACTER.

In the obituary column of this week's *Guardian* is announced the death as having taken place at Whickham on Friday of Mr Frederick Bailey, [illegible] first apprentice to George Stephenson, the famous engineer. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 91 years. He was born at Gibside Hill Head in the year 1800. His father was a veterinary surgeon, and had charge of the horses under the "Grand Allies." In this capacity he often met Stephenson, and became intimately acquainted with him. Stephenson often advised him to send his son Frederick to learn the engine building trade, but he never consented to do so until a simple incident occurred which filled him with a great admiration of the Killingworth engineer's mechanical genius. Mr Bailey had an old clock which he prized highly. It happened to get out of order, and he mentioned the fact to George Stephenson. The latter came up to Gibside, where he took the clock to pieces, and set it to work again as well as ever. The owner was delighted, and he determined [illegible] under Stephenson as an apprentice. Young Bailey went to Killingworth and remained four or five years. Of the life of George and Robert Stephenson there he remembered a great deal. He used to say that after he went to Killingworth the elder Stephenson did not work constantly so hard as he had done a few years ago. It was only when he was engaged upon some mechanical conception that he bent his energies to it with that unflagging determination which was such a prominent feature of his character. Mr Bailey remembered one occasion of the kind which nearly cost the inventor his life. This was when Stephenson was striving to provide an arrangement by means of steam which should serve for springs. He worked almost incessantly for several days packing the pistons in the boiler, and during a great portion of the time his apprentice, Bailey, was with him. A strong draught was passing continually through the boiler, but Stephenson paid no heed to it, and persevered at his work till it was finished. The result was that he was laid up for six weeks with an illness which well nigh caused his death. For a whole month young Bailey, who had likewise caught cold, did little else than fetch medicine to his master. In telling this story, Bailey used to remark that a great many people about Killingworth at that time actually wished for Stephenson's death. These were mainly owners of horses, whom the locomotive had deprived of a profitable occupation. There was then a Mr Riddell, who had charge of the stores at Killingworth. This person, it would seem, was a very active opponent of Stephenson's schemes. One day he came into the engine-shop when Stephenson, Bailey, and others were working with a new engine. There was a plank laid along the side of the boiler, and upon this Stephenson was standing working. As soon as he saw his visitor he jumped down, went over and took him by the shoulders, and ran him out of the door, saying, "Get out of this, sir; I know what you want here." Mr Bailey was wont to narrate a series of other stories illustrative of the life and character of the father of the locomotive, and he also remembered Robert Stephenson going to Dr Bruce's school in Newcastle. Bailey was still at Killingworth when the elder Stephenson married his second wife. In honour of that the proprietors of the colliery presented him with a silver tankard, and he called his workmen together to have a drink out of it. On the establishment of the engineering works in Newcastle the services of Mr Bailey were transferred thither, and he continued there till 1829, when he obtained an appointment in South America. He wrote to Stephenson, then engineer of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, informing him of his intentions. The great engineer wrote back trying to dissuade him; but Bailey went to America, and worked for a time at Santa Anna, where Robert Stephenson had been previously employed. At this time he assisted in putting up a water wheel which he had helped to make at the works at Newcastle. After six years' sojourn in America, Mr Bailey returned to England, and was working on the railway at Bedlington, when he paid a visit to young Stephenson in Newcastle. Robert kindly inquired as to his adventures and circumstances, and immediately found employment for him at the works in Newcastle. A grevious accident happened to him while he was there. To begin with, he had the use of only one eye, the left eye having been blinded by an accident while he was a child. In 1848, whilst working at the factory at Forth Place, a chip from another man's chisel went into his right eye and completely blinded him. For twelve months he was unable to see, and his wife had to lead him about. At the end of that time, however, he was sufficiently cured to resume work at the factory, and he was comfortable enough there till Robert Stephenson's death in 1859, shortly after which Mr Bailey left. His wife died in 1854. After 1860, Mr Bailey worked at several places, principally at York and Gateshead; but his defective eyesight was always against him. Finally, about twenty years ago, he went to Swalwell, and subsequently Whickham, where, at so advanced an age, he has at last passed away.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday, 7 fat cattle, 120 fat sheep, 9 pork pigs, 7 small pigs, 7 cows, 7 stirks, 5 calves, harness, horse and trap, a quantity of poultry, joiners' tools, and various miscellaneous lots. Fat cattle to £17 10s; sheep to 42s 6d; pork pigs to 51s; small pigs to 20s; cows to £14; stirks to £8; calves to 12s. Poultry 1s 6d to 3s. There was a good company present, and trade was considerably better for all classes of stock.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward one of the smallest supplies of fat stock that has been seen here for some time, and was as follows:—6 fat cattle, 16 newly-calved and incalving cows and heifers, 18 grazing cattle, 10 geld cows, 8 calves, 150 fat sheep, 4 bacon pigs, 2 pork pigs, 25 young pigs, 1 sow in pig, pony, cart, harness, poultry, &c. Fat heifers to £16; fat bullocks to £17; top in both classes, Mr Darling, Plawsworth; fat cows to £15 5s, top—Mrs Fish, Chester-le-Street; milch cows to £16; incalving and newly-calved heifers to £9; geld cows to £12; stirks to £7 12s 6d; other young cattle to £11 10s. Fat shearling to 52s 6d, top—Mr T. Smith, Twizel Dykes; fat ewes to 40s, top—Mr H. Potts, Harlour House. Bacon pigs to £7, top—Mr R Bell, Rainton; pork pigs to 40s; sow in pig, £4 10s; young pigs to 17s each. Calves to 26s each. Pony, £2 10s.

Lanchester.—On Wednesday, Messrs Robson and Nicholson had forward a number of fat sheep, fat and grazing lambs, calving cows, and pigs. There was only a moderate attendance, and a quick clearance was effected. Fat sheep to 32s; fat lambs to 24s; keeping lambs to 17s; dairy cows to £11 12s 6d; fat pigs to £7.

A [illegible]—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.—It is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES IN WEST DURHAM.

Commencing with the 1st of November, the postal arrangements in the Burnopfield, Lintz Green, Dipton, Annfield Plain, and Tanfield districts have been revised. There will be a second daily delivery of letters and parcels by postmen at Annfield Plain, Catchgate, Dipton, Lintz Green and Lintz Colliery, The [illegible], and Tantobie. Letters and parcels will also be delivered to callers at Tanfield and Tanfield Lea Post Offices on the arrival of the evening mails at those places each day. The mails will be despatched from the following post-offices as under:—Annfield Plain, 11·30 a.m., 6·45 p.m.; Burnopfield, 12·10 p.m., [illegible] p.m., 7 p.m.; Catchgate, 11·30 a.m., 6·45 p.m.; Dipton, 11·45 a.m., 7 p.m.; Tanfield, 8 a.m., 5·20 p.m.; Tanfield Lea, 9·30 a.m., 5·50 p.m.; Tantobie, 11·30 a.m., 6·45 p.m.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At the monthly meeting held at Lanchester on Thursday week, the following reports from the school wardens were adopted:—

Eastern District.

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

Gentlemen,—In consequence of the great amount of sickness the attendance at the school in this division is very low.

During the month I have made 352 absentee visits in the parish of [illegible] and Knitsley and 218 in Iveston—total 570. In nearly every case sickness was advanced in excuse. Three notices under your bye-laws were served.

The parents of five children, who have been examined by sample, either in the standard of exemption or a higher standard, now wish them to be examined for labour certificates.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Wm. Ward.

Iveston, November 26th, 1891.

Southern District.

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

Gentlemen,—The following table shows the number of absentee visits made, and the number of children dealt with during the last month:—

Parish	Number of visits	Number of children dealt with
Cornsay	19	19
Esh	100	118
Hedleyhope	10	12
Lanchester	221	250
Langley	4	5
Satley	12	15
Totals	376	419

Thirty-one visits to schools have been made. Notices to attend school, under your bye-laws, were served as follows:—3 at Lanchester, 1 at Hedleyhope, 3 at Craghead, 5 at South Moor, 1 at Middlewood, 1 at Esh Winning, 2 at Hamsteels, 1 at Quebec, 6 at Langley Park, and 3 at Ushaw Moor—Total, 28.

By your directions the following persons were summoned before the magistrates on the 5th inst., and dealt with as stated opposite each name:—R. Simpson, Square House Cottages, fined 5s; John Coulthard, Dorman's Cottages, Lanchester, fined 5s; Elizabeth Dixon (guardian), East Hedleyhope, fined 5s; Thomas Howard, Cornsay Colliery, fined 2s 6d; John Harrison, Cornsay Colliery, fined 2s 6d; and William Oliver (guardian), Cornsay Colliery, dismissed.

Esh Roman Catholic and Hamsteels National Schools were examined in drawing on the 19th inst.

The very heavy rains we had during part of the month, together with the immensely large amount of sickness which has prevailed in many places, has seriously interfered with the attendance.

On a certain day last week I visited one school where one quarter of the children were absent, and another where over one-third were absent through illness; whilst this week, in a school with 98 on the registers, 49, or one-half of the children, were absent on one day, and whooping cough, influenza, and one or two cases of scarlet fever were the cause. Eight cases, dealing with children, are entered in the report book.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. Gibson.

Lanchester, November 25th, 1891.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was at Stanhope on Friday afternoon, Mr G. R. Wooler presiding.

A PAROCHIAL PROBLEM.

A curious parochial problem turned up at this meeting. An out-pauper at Bradley Burn, in the Weardale Union, is deprived of medical services under very singular circumstances. It is a disputed point in which medical district the patient's house is situated, as neither the Wolsingham or Thornley medical officers regarded the case as theirs.

The Board decided that the case came within the duty of the Thornley medical officer, who it was said had visited cases there before.

A DISQUALIFIED GUARDIAN.

Correspondence was read from the Local Government Board respecting the alleged rateable ineligibility of Mr Thomas Peadon as a Guardian. They have had the rate books before them, and they now write that in respect of the rate allowed, October 16th, Mr Peadon was assessed only as the occupier of a house and shop at St. John's Chapel, of which the ratable value is £8. As he appeared not to be rated elsewhere in the Union, the Board decided that he had ceased to be qualified.

The Board will proceed to issue an order declaring that he is no longer entitled to act as a Guardian, and directed a special election of a Guardian in his place.

The Guardians now await the issue of the order in question.

THE WORKHOUSE CHAPLAINCY.

This question also came up again for discussion.

Mr Stephenson thought there was no obligation. The Bishop Auckland Guardians did not appoint a chaplain.

A Member: That was a different case.

Mr Reid: No, no; it was not. There were Primitives, Wesleyans, and others, and all should be on the same footing.

The Board await a reply from the Local Government Board to the formal report of the late chaplain's resignation.

The Board then arose.

HIGHWAY BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday, Mr Backhouse presiding.

AN ACCIDENT.

An accident had occurred on the highway at Frosterley, to a woman (Mrs Rutherford of Stanhope) who was passing the Bishopley Quarry when a shot was fired, and the poor woman was hit by a falling stone and her skull was seriously fractured.

The incident was brought before the Board, when it was decided that the Clerk should write or call upon all quarry owners to take steps for warning the passing public at all times when rock is about to be blasted.

DAMAGE TO WALLING.

Malicious or wilful damage was reported to some walling below Frosterley. Detection has not hitherto being possible.

EXTRAS.

Mr Fairless asked for extras for increased work caused by the coal cart traffic between Harperley and Wolsingham. This traffic has been developed since the roads were let.

After some discussion, the Board decided not to entertain the application.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr Dalkin recommended widening the western roads at certain narrow points.

The Surveyor was directed to report and attend to such cases all over his district.

A COMPLAINT.

A complaint was made against Mr M. B. Lowes for building a wall which enclosed part of the highway and a watering place above [illegible] Burn, and he will be requested to take down the wall, or the Board will do so.

"WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?"—Messrs. Elliman, of Slough, give this title to a unique little publication brought out for the purpose of advertising Elliman's Embrocation, but made generally attractive by its really exceptionally good illustrations. Mr John Sturgess has drawn a number of striking pictures of hunting, coaching, polo, &c., and Mr Sturgess, jun., has supplied episodes of athletics, &c., the whole covering a wide range of sport. The illustrations (19 of them) in a larger size are to be obtained separately from the former. They have the advantage that in this form their present commercial associations disappear, and they stand out as really capital pictures upon their own merits. "WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT" would be sent free for [illegible] in stamps, and the 19 Sporting Prints for P.O 2s. 6d. or stamps 2s. 6d. Sent abroad for P.O. 3/6. Address—Elliman, Sons and Co., Slough. 509g

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT HUNSTANWORTH.

On Wednesday last week, the pretty village of Hunstanworth was en fete on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Catharine Alice Mary (Katie) Jones, the eldest daughter of the vicar, the Rev P. C. Jones, with Mr John Nesbit Johnson, of Linwold Wood, Hexham, and Newcastle. The happy event was announced early in the morning by the ringing of joy bells in the village. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, especially the chancel and font, by Miss Davison, the Misses Waggot, the Misses Elliott, Mrs Taylor, and Mr W. Waggot. It was a matter of regret that the Rev J. P. Sheppard, vicar of Rookhope, and the Rev R. Richardson, vicar of Corbridge, who were to have assisted in the ceremony, were unable to be present in consequence of illness. The father of the bride officiated at the marriage ceremony, the service being fully choral. Mr Shaw, of Durham, presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by Mr Lockey, of Durham, wore her travelling dress. The bridesmaids were Miss Edith Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Taylor, neice of the bridegroom. They carried each a handsome bouquet of flowers, presented by Mr Johnson, and wore gold diamond bracelets, the gift of the same gentleman. The mother of the bride carried a splendid bouquet also given by Mr Johnson. Flowers for decorative purposes were given by Mrs E. Joicey, of Whinney House, and Mrs Johnson, Sherburn Hall. One of the hymns selected was "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The service was rendered by the Blanchland choir in a most efficient and pleasing manner. The visitors were afterwards entertained to a most *recherche* breakfast at the Vicarage. The happy pair afterwards left for the South of England. Receptions were held at the Vicarage during the day, abundance of good things being provided.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Tuesday, Dec. 1st.—Before C. J. Backhouse, Esq., Rev T. H. E. Espin and Chancellor Espin.

DRUNKENNESS.

Several persons were fined in sums varying from 1s 6d to 12s 6d for drunkenness.

BREACHES OF THE HIGHWAY ACT.

George Stobbs, for allowing his sheep to stray on the highway on the 9th of October, was fined £1 including costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Lancelot Doran, Michael Murphy, James Ourregan and *John Cogan* all boys, Tow Law, were charged by P.C. Johnson with doing wilful damage to the property of the Weardale Iron Company at Tow Law, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 1s each besides the costs and damages.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Michael McGowan and *James Teale* were charged with fighting at Tow Law, on October the 28th.—Defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months.

ASSAULT CASES.

Annie Beckworth charged *John Martin* with assaulting her at Tow Law on November 22nd, and John Martin charged *Emmerson Beckworth*, the husband of Annie Beckworth, with assaulting him at the same time and place. Mr Devey prosecuted and Mr Wooler defended.—Martin was fined 15s and costs, 30s in all, and the case against Emmerson Beckworth was dismissed.

FURIOUS DRIVING AT TOW LAW.

George Fell, of Crook, butcher, was fined 2s 6d and 17s 6d costs for furious driving on the highway at Tow Law, on the 10th October.

THEFT OF AN ALBERT.

Emily Scrivens (13) was charged with stealing a gold albert from the house of William Greggs, at Tow Law, on or about the 25th October. *Ed. Scrivens*, her father, was also charged with receiving the albert, knowing it to be stolen.—It appeared that the well known [illegible] seen by prosecutor's wife safe in a basin in [illegible] albert [illegible] the kitchen on the 22nd October, and on a press in [illegible] missed. On Sunday, the 28th of Oct., the 28th it w[illegible] wife was out and the prisoner, who the prosecutor [illegible] every morning, entered the house, brought the mi[illegible] discovered prosecutor hid himself. After the loss [illegible] when prisoner came with the milk in the kitchen, [illegible] kitchen and opened the press doors she entered the k[illegible] After she had left prosecutor and looked about [illegible] her, and on the 30th November looked out for her f[illegible] seen wearing the prosecutor's he saw him in the st[illegible] to Scriven's house and after albert. The police were [illegible] when the albert was got some delay were admitted [illegible] Scrivens.—Mr Devey, for the out of a press by Mrs Sc[illegible] had found the albert on defence, stated that the g[illegible] father.—The Bench considered the cases proved, and [illegible] fined Emily Scrivens £2 and 14s 6d costs, and the eld[illegible] defendant £1 and £1 7s 6d costs.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

MARLEY HILL BRANCH.

On Tuesday evening, the usual monthly meeting was held in the school-room. Mr James [illegible] Gilchrist occupied the chair. The proceedings began with a solo on the new piano given by Miss A. Dewhurst, and a reading by Mr Dewhurst. Miss Brabban, of Marley Hill, made her *debut* as a solo singer, and if her performance on this occasion be any augury of her future success she will certainly soon become very popular in her "own country." Miss Blackbird, of Swalwell, sang sweetly, and was highly appreciated. Mr Pogue, of Swalwell, quite carried away the audience with his hearty good singing and humorous speeches. Mr Speer, of Swalwell, must be complimented on his excellent speech, which was more heartily cheered than temperance addresses usually are. Master John Gardiner, quite a juvenile, showed great proficiency on the flute. Rev E. E. Harrison is a great favourite, and would be listened to all night if he chose to sing for that time. One of the best entertainments was brought to a close a little after 9 p.m. by a hearty vote of thanks being proposed by Rev S. White, and seconded by Mr Gilchrist, to the Swalwell friends and Miss Brabban.

STANHOPE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held on Monday night, Mr McCallum presiding.

PAYBILL.

The monthly paybill was £34 3s 6d.

A NEW ROAD.

The owners of property in Back Martin Street wrote the Clerk intimating their objections to pay for the making of the new road.

The question of compelling them to pay was adjourned to a special meeting.

REMOVING A LAMP.

The trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel asked the Board if they would allow them to remove a lamp to a more convenient place.

The application was granted.

BILLS.

The following bills were ordered to be paid:—

	£	s	d
North-Eastern Railway	0	1	0
R. Gibbon	0	1	0
H. Foster and Co.	6	11	7
Messrs Ord and Maddison	7	12	1
J. Earl	5	8	6
J. Vickers	4	8	0
R. Featherstone	1	1	0
J. T. Featherstone	0	9	6
J. Thompson	2	4	7½
R. Robinson	5	12	0
For 200 bricks	0	11	0
J. Nicholson	0	6	9
J. Lowes	0	10	6
Total	£34	6	6½

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor, in his report, drew attention to the bad state of the Butts Road, and said it wanted a covering of gravel. He also complained of the wilful damage done to lamps up East Lane by boys throwing stones and breaking the lamp glasses. A notice board has been broken down by some boys.

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers, 7½d. and 1s. boxes at Chemists.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confection is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen.

RECITALS AT LANCHESTER.

On Monday evening, the inhabitants of Lanchester had a most exceptional treat afforded them through the foresight and judgment displayed by the Institute committee. At times public entertainers are made known by "puff," and hence the danger of engaging total strangers. However, the above committee took the bull by the horns, and engaged Mr Harland Lemon to give his entertainment, consisting of recitals and songs. A very large audience gathered for the occasion, and were rewarded by hearing a performance which may safely be called unique. For upwards of two hours recital followed recital, without the least pause, excepting five minutes interval. As a feat of memory alone it was astounding, every piece being delivered with faultless accuracy; but when added to that we have a rich voice with a thorough mastery of the same, showing up the lights and shades, the grave or gay, the thoroughly humorous or pathetic feeling necessary for the different characters and pieces, you get a performer of the highest order, and we have no hesitation in saying that Mr Harland Lemon fulfils the above and more. It is utterly impossible to express the feeling produced by such an accomplished gentleman. Nothing but hearing him will do him justice. To make a general selection from his programme is almost impossible, yet for giving the reciter full play for his extraordinary gifts, we may say that "One more," "How Bill Adams won the Battle of Waterloo" (nothing like the usual local version), and "Rubenstein and the piano" stood prominently forth. Mr Lemon was heartily applauded on entering, and throughout the evening received unstinted approbation.

Dr J. Wilson presided as chairman, and performed that duty in an admirable manner, not taking up the time by unnecessary talking, but at once briefly introduced Mr Lemon.

Miss M. Dixon, The Lodge, Lanchester, and Mrs H. L. Burgess, Burnhope, added to the enjoyment of the evening by playing a pianoforte duet, and Mrs Burgess played a solo. Both pieces were well received.

At the close, there were universal expressions of delight, and wishes expressed that it would not be long before Mr Lemon returned to Lanchester. The whole of the pieces, while creating many a hearty laugh, were of a high moral character—something to be learned from all. The entertainment reflects very great credit on the Institute and its friends.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting took place at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight. In the absence of the chairman (Mr Wm. Logan) and both vice-chairmen (Messrs J. Wilkinson and Geo. Hobson), Mr John Collinson was elected to preside, the undermentioned Guardians being present:—Messrs Wm. Aynsley, J. Lax, Wm. Rutherford, R. Robson, Wm. Gray, Luke Nicholson, Councillor J. A. Curry, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Present No. of inmates	181
Corresponding period last year	182
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	24
Corresponding period last year	18

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, eastern district, reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	55
Females	117
Able-bodied (temporarily disabled)	2
Females (in health)	37
Temporarily disabled	0
Children under sixteen years	148
Total	359

Amount of relief in money, £57 5s.

Mr John Moon, western district, likewise reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	50
Females	96
Able-bodied—Males	1
Females (in health)	73
Temporarily disabled	0
Children under sixteen years	269
Total	492

Amount of relief in money, £69 15s.

TOTALS.

Adults, not able-bodied	318
Able-bodied	122
Children	417
Total	851

Amount of relief, £127.

Figures for the corresponding period of last year:—

Adults, not able-bodied	353
Able-bodied	96
Children	397
Total	846

Amount of relief, £158 12s 5d.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

On the motion of Councillor Curry, seconded by Mr Gray, it was resolved that the inmates of the Workhouse be provided with their customary dinner of roast beef and plum pudding on Christmas Day, and Mr John Reed, of Lanchester, was commissioned to supply the requisite provisions.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The [illegible] Government Inspector (Mr C. A. Dowson) reported that he visited the Workhouse on the 17th inst. He must remind the Guardians that the fire-guards had been procured, but had not yet been fixed. Nothing had been done in the matter of providing a fire escape.

The Chairman: How is it that these guards have not yet been fixed?

The Clerk: The Master cannot get a mason, although a man has orders to do the work.

The Chairman considered it necessary that the guards should be fixed forthwith.

Councillor Curry: Is that all in the report?

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr Aynsley believed the inspector had very great difficulty in finding anything to complain about.

The Chairman suggested that the Visiting Committee should consider the question of obtaining a fire escape.

Mr Aynsley stated that the Visiting Committee had already decided that it was not desirable to have one.

Mr Lax thought the feeling of the Committee was in favour of a fire escape being purchased, but no resolution was passed anent the subject.

Mr Nicholson proposed that a fire escape be got.

The Clerk advised the Board to refer the matter to the Workhouse Visiting Committee. He had a list of prices and sizes of fire escapes, but the designs were too large to enter the gates of their yard. They might perhaps have one made which would answer their purpose.

Mr Aynsley objected to the Government Inspector complaining of something not being done which had not been intended to be carried out.

The matter was eventually referred to the Visiting Committee for consideration.

A WAIF FROM DURHAM.

The Master (Mr Walter Brotherhood) reported that on the previous day the police brought to the Workhouse a girl, named Bridget Farringdon, who was found wandering about South Moor and Oxhill. She was apparently about 15 years of age, but was unable to give the address of her mother, who lived in Durham City.

It was agreed to communicate with the police authorities.

RESIGNATION OF THE PORTER.

Wilkinson and his wife, who have been gate porter at the Workhouse for very many years, tendered their resignation. He was going to live at Broadwood, and asked the Guardians to set up a house for his wife and himself.

As the couple had some things when they came into the Workhouse, it was agreed to instruct the Master to provide them with some furniture not in use.

Throat Irritation and Cough.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes 7½d., tins 1s 1½d., labelled "James Epps & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr. Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

Wednesday, December 2nd.—Before His Honour Judge Meynell.

THE DISPUTE BETWEEN SISTERS.

Edwards v Knowley.—This was an adjourned case in which Geo. Edwards, labourer, Consett, sued A. Knowley, also of Consett, for 16s 10d.—Plaintiff said that at the request of defendant and his wife, he purchased from Mr W. R. Turner, Front Street, two suits of boys' clothes, at 6s 9d each, three caps at 2s 6d, and other articles of the value of 16s 10½d. They paid him 6s on account.—Defendant declared that he never authorised plaintiff to purchase any clothing for him. Edwards and himself married two sisters, and the articles were for his wife's sister.—His Honour adjourned the case for defendant's wife to appear.—Mrs Knowley now declared that she sent her boy to "change" a sovereign, and handed half-a-sovereign to Mrs Edwards.—The latter positively denied ever receiving the half-sovereign from defendant's wife.—Mrs Knowley's son, Wray, gave evidence of seeing his brother pay half-a-sovereign to Mrs Edwards.—Judgment was delivered for defendant.

THE STALLION HORSE TRANSACTION.

Makepeace v Carr.—This action was also heard at the preceding court. George Makepeace, formerly of Todd Hills Farm, and now of Consett, sought to recover £13 18s 6d from Thomas Carr, formerly of Dyke Nook, and now of Tow Law, for wages for travelling with defendant's stallion, "Surprise," and for monies expended in its keep between May 9th and August 6th.—His Honour found that plaintiff's agreement with defendant was for 24s per week during the 13 weeks he had charge of the horse. As to the hay, corn, bran, and the rest, he directed the Registrar (Mr Booth) to go into the account with the vouchers and receipts Mr McCartan's client had in his possession, and report to him at the December Court.—Mr Booth now decided that 14s 7d was due to plaintiff, and the Judge (at the request of Mr McCartan) certified this sum to be due.

STRONG LANGUAGE IN COURT.

Hamilton v Welsh.—James Hamilton, draper, Newcastle, claimed 15s 8d from Patrick Welsh, of Consett, for goods sold.—Mrs Welsh asserted that she repaid the money in 2s instalments, but the traveller refused to give her any receipt, and she declined to pay any more. She was only owing a few shillings now.—Judgment was entered for the full amount.—Mrs Welsh (to witness): You are a disgrace to the profession. I'll bring the case on again.—His Honour: Will you be quiet.—Mrs Welsh: He's a disgrace to be a commercial traveller.

CLAIMS FOR LODGINGS.

McVeigh v King.—Rose Ann McVeigh, beerhouse-keeper, Durham Road, Blackhill, sought to recover 17s 6d from John King, a labourer, for board and lodgings.—Plaintiff let defendant lodge at her house in June, 1890, and he left in October. Their terms were 12s per week.—The case was proved by Wm. Kennedy.—Defendant said that the Saturday night before he left he gave her McVeigh a sovereign, and she failed to hand him the "change".—Plaintiff avowed that she handed him 7s out of the sovereign, although he was then owing 4s 6d.—His Honour gave a verdict for 17s 6d at 5s a month.

McVeigh v Halligan.—This was a similar suit, Mrs McVeigh claiming £3 7s 6d from John Halligan, employed as a labourer at the Consett Tinmill Works.—Defendant went to lodge with her in December, 1890, and left last July, the terms being 18s weekly for board and lodgings. He fell in arrears through illness.—Halligan's defence was that he boarded himself, and if there was any arrears it was for beer.—Wm. Kennedy said that defendant "settled up" for the beer. He did not permit the lodgers to take very much drink in the house.—A verdict was given for the full amount sued for.

"A MONSTROUS PROCEEDING."

Herdman v Reardean.—Nathaniel Rutherford Herdman, grocer and draper, of Kyo, sued (as administrator of the estate of his father and mother) Henry Reardean, an elderly man, for £3 9s 6d for goods owing to his late father's estate. Mr C. E. Barnes (Durham) appeared for plaintiff, who said that he acted as assistant to his father in the shop. His father died in 1886, and his mother acted as executor, and carried on the business till her death in November, 1887. Since that date plaintiff had conducted the business.—His Honour pointed out that some of the money must have been due to his mother as administratrix. Why had they allowed the account to stand over so long?—Plaintiff explained that there were four or five separate accounts against defendant. He had settled one of the older accounts since then.—The Judge regarded it as rather a singular thing that plaintiff was now sueing for £3 9s 6d, while in June defendant was sued by George Leadbitter, assignee of the debts of Mr Herdman, for £3 2s. This had been paid off. There was some queer work about this transaction.—Plaintiff said he got judgment at the last court for £3 9s 6d.—His Honour replied that they were suing for £7 18s, and no particulars were given to defendant. He could not tell whether it was for goods purchased during the father's, mother's, or his own lifetime. It was a monstrous proceeding.—Defendant asserted that he had already paid £7 18s to Mr Leadbitter, and had settled the account standing against both the father's and mother's estate.—In reply to the Judge, defendant stated that he was owing money to the father before the mother died. He was owing nothing to the father when he died. That was not the debt he owed.—His Honour said that if defendant liked to plead the statute of limitations, he would adjourn the case. It was a monstrous thing to persecute a poor man in this way.—The action was accordingly adjourned for one month.—Mr Barnes said he knew nothing about the books till he came into court.—His Honour: I don't blame you. It is, however, a monstrous thing.

Herdman v Parkin.—Mr Herdman also proceeded against Joseph Parkin, a deputy-overman, for the recovery of a debt of nearly £26. Mr Barnes was for plaintiff, and Mr J. R. Wilson (Newcastle) defended.—Plaintiff proved that the goods where sold during his father's and mother's lifetime. There was a very large family, and he carried on the business after the death of his parents.—Cross-questioned by Mr Wilson, plaintiff confessed he had not been so successful in business as his predecessor.—His Honour: Your predecessor can't have been so successful when they left so many old debts standing. (Loud laughter).—Mr Barnes: My client was left a legacy of debt.—Plaintiff, further cross questioned, said that he signed a creditor's petition in 1889, and in 1890 he made an assignment of his debts to Mr Fletcher, Newcastle, who subsequently assigned the debts to Mr Leadbitter.—Mr Wilson argued that the debts of the father were merged in those of the sons.—His Honour: Can you show that plaintiff assigned all his debts to Mr Leadbitter?—Mr Wilson maintained that according to the deed he assigned to Mr Fletcher "all debts to which he was entitled for his own benefit."—His Honour: But he was only entitled to the debts as administered, and would have to pay the debts of the legatees, and then be only entitled to his proportionate share of the money.—Mr Wilson: After he paid his father and mother's debts he never accounted to his brother and sisters.—His Honour observed that the relatives had their remedy against him.—Mr Barnes explained that the reason he had not accounted was because his client had to pay away a good deal more than he received.—Mr Wilson submitted that the books showed that the debt was caused through one another. They had one pass book (produced), but others relating to the interval had been mislaid. Plaintiff had adopted these as his own debts, and assigned them.—His Honour replied that he could not do so, and even had no right to do so. The debts he assigned were his own personally. The present debt was contracted during his father's lifetime; therefore plaintiff had no right to assign it, but letters of administration were taken out.—Mr Wilson stated that in that case they were entitled to plead the statute of limitations.—His Honour: Why have you not done so?—Mr Wilson: I did not know that the father died so long ago, otherwise we would have pleaded.—Mr Barnes submitted that they were not in a position to plead the statute of limitations, as the debt ran on in the mother's lifetime, and she only died in 1886.—His Honour upheld this view.—Further cross-examined, plaintiff said that when he assigned his own debts to Mr Fletcher, nothing was said concerning these old debts. He advised the debtors to say nothing about their indebtedness till these other claims were satisfied. He let Mr Leadbitter sue for £9 12s, and allowed the present claim to stand over.—Mr Wilson said that undoubtedly plaintiff assigned to Mr Fletcher all the interest he had in the estate, and contended that Mr Leadbitter had some claim against Mr Herdman.—His Honour: Doubtless Mr Leadbitter has got all he thought he was entitled to. Plaintiff, as the representative of his father and mother, has the proper party to give.—Eventually judgment was given for £23 17s 6d.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

A FLYING VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

(No. III.)

It may have been remarked by some of my readers that too much space has been so far devoted to trifling incident, and too little space has dealt with matter of more importance in the course of these articles. These readers, however, should remember that the original intention was to give expression to scattered thoughts and impressions rather than to be in the remotest degree exhaustive in the matter of detail. If there is a city in the kingdom overflowing with interesting historical records that city is Edinburgh, and I make bold to think that there is no other city whose historical associations have been more conspicuously elaborated on, or are more familiar to the average reader. The writer must be forgiven, then, if he seems to shirk a responsibility he never undertook, and confines himself generally to his original purpose—that of conveying his ideas and impressions and reflections on matters and events which, during a brief holiday spent in a charming country, came under his immediate observation. At this point, it may be fitting to remark that the writer does not "presume to have witnessed" anything that has not come under his notice. What he represents he saw and experienced, however unpleasant the record of it may be to certain anonymous correspondents must, if you please, be regarded as true in substance and in fact. There are several curious things I have to speak about before the close of this series of articles, and not a few of them that affect the moral and social aspects of the people who "in Scotland do dwell," but this will all come in good time.

Of all the buildings in Scotland, there is not one so full of interest to the visitor as

HOLYROOD PALACE,

Edinburgh, and I want you to allow me, as an exceptional privilege, to devote the present article entirely to it.

It was a wet morning that on which the visit was paid to this historic pile. There was a genuine Scotch mist hanging over the valley, partially obscuring Arthur's Seat from view, and not lending any great enchantment to the picture. As seen from the Burns's Monument that morning it looked heavy and dull, and altogether uninviting to a degree. What awful changes time has brought about in the surroundings of the Palace. Adjoining the Gardens there is a brewery, alongside runs the line belonging to the North British Railway Company, the streets abutting on the square in front of the entrance are dingy and dirty. From the windows of the houses in the Canongate, once the residences of titled families, are suspended in motley array, in spite of the wet, innumerable specimens of clothing, displaying various degrees of wear and tear. Extended at certain points across the street from window to window are stretched clothes-lines, on which hang certain garments of a still more interesting description, presumably put out to dry. Being various in the matter of colour they somehow remind one of the banners that were wont to hang in these places long years ago at times of rejoicings when the Jameses brought home their Queen-brides. Remind me, I mean by virtue of the irony of time. The denizens of the courts and alleys here abounding are, like the hovels in which they live, wretchedly dirty, and they are meanly clad. They are of the very poorest, and often most depraved class. How truly bitter is the satire of it all. Here, within a stone's throw of the famous Holyrood Castle where, in 1503, James IV. was married to the Princess Margaret. Where, in 1538, his son, James V., brought home his young wife, Princess Magdalene, daughter of Francis I. of France, amid the greatest rejoicings. Where, saddest of all, the beautiful Mary Queen of Scots endured so much misery, was married to Darnley, persecuted by Knox on account of her religious convictions not being in conformity with his own, where she was compelled to witness the murder of Riccio, her private secretary, and later on, horrified by the intelligence of the atrocious murder of her husband in the Kirk-of-Field House, afterwards marrying the infamous Bothwell, who was generally looked upon as the prime instigator of the deed, and where finally she was made a prisoner, stripped of her royalty, and hastily conveyed to the Castle of Lochleven, remaining there in solitary confinement for close upon twelve months. To follow the history of the Palace further is not necessary. The period during which Queen Mary resided there was the most exciting one, and it is due to the romance associated with that time and the unhappy reign of that unfortunate Queen that our sympathies and interest are so largely drawn towards the venerable pile. The satire, to my thinking, lies in the fact that whereas the Abbey and Palace of Holyrood retain their old time dignity there should be so lamentable a falling off in the character of their surroundings. There is something wrong in it all.

The visitor is only allowed access to one portion of the palace. The privilege includes access to the picture gallery, Lord Darnley's rooms, Queen Mary's private stair, the Queen's audience chamber, bed-room, dressing-room, and private supper room. The Chapel Royal, the only remaining portion of the great church of the Monastery of Holyrood, may also be visited. The picture gallery, besides containing over a hundred paintings, portraits of a hundred reputed Kings of Scotland, from Fergus I down to the Stuart dynasty, by James De Witt, is also historically interesting, and will be remembered by readers of "Waverley" as that in which the great ball was given. It was used by the Pretender as a ballroom during his occupation of Holyrood. The rooms associated with the names of Mary and Darnley are of necessity the most interesting. The Queen's audience chamber is presumably that in which the painful interview between the Queen and John Knox took place. In this apartment there is shown a bed used by Charles I. when resident in the palace. Passing through Queen Mary's bed-room, in which is shown a bed represented as that on which the ill-fated Queen slept, the famous sleeping room, the scene of Riccio's murder is reached. It is a practically small one, not more, I should think, than 20 feet by 10 feet, being situated in one of the turrets of the palace having a look-out towards the Calton Hill. It was not without somewhat of a cold shudder that I entered this memorable room so full of tragic interest. On the right-hand side of the entrance to this room a small door opens into the Queen's bed-room. This leads to the private staircase up which the assassins headed by Darnley stealthily crept on that fatal occasion. But I prefer here to quote the historian—"Darnley, who headed the conspirators, entered first, and casting his arm fondly round the Queen's waist seated himself beside her at table. Lord Ruthven followed in complete armour looking pale and ghastly as one scarcely recovered from long sickness. Others crowded in after them till the closet was full of armed men. While the Queen demanded the purpose of their coming, Riccio, who saw his life was aimed at, got behind her and clasped the folds of her gown, that the respect due to her person might protect him. The assassins threw down the table and seized on the unfortunate object of their vengeance, while Darnley himself took hold of the Queen and forced Riccio and her asunder. It was their intention, doubtless to have dragged Riccio out of Mary's presence and to have killed him elsewhere; but their fierce impatience hurried them into instant murder. George Douglas, a natural brother of the Earl of Morton, set the example by striking Riccio with the dagger which he had snatched from Darnley's belt. He received many other blows. They then dragged him through the bed-room and ante-room, and despatched him at the head of the staircase with no less than fifty-six wounds. The Queen continued to beg his life with prayers and tears, but when she learned that he was dead, she dried her tears and said, 'I will now study revenge'."

(To be continued.)

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BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT CONSETT.

On Friday evening, it was intended to hold a conference of the representatives of the various Baptist congregations in this district in the Baptist Church, Consett, but owing to the paucity of the attendance, the congress had to be abandoned. Afterwards, a public meeting was held, which by reason of various causes there was only a limited attendance. The object of the gathering was to assist in raising a fund to celebrate the centenary of the Baptist Missionary Society, which will take place next year. The proposal for a centenary celebration is being pushed forward with satisfactory vigour. It is the aim of the committee to utilise an opportunity for quickening the interest in the missions and inducing more adequate liberality in their support. They seek to raise a special fund of £100,000, and to increase the ordinary income to the same amount. Contributions to the special funds may be extended over the period of three years. The following purposes are proposed to be served by the special fund:—To the liquidation of any debt upon the society's accounts, to the equipment and payment of the passages and probationary expenses of 100 new missionaries, to the creation of a working expenses fund to obviate loans from the bankers, so saving a large sum annually in interest, to the erection of various missionary buildings, to the further development of a native ministry, to the translating and printing of the scriptures, to defraying the cost of the new steamer *The Goodwill* for use on the Upper Congo River. As to the effort for increasing the ordinary income of the society to £100,000, it may be said that the present expenditure is more than £10,000 in excess of the annual receipts, and endeavours are being made to secure new or larger subscriptions, and still further to encourage systematic methods of giving in the congregations and schools. The young people have already been engaged in the attempt to raise by their own cards, specially prepared for their use, their proportion of the special fund, and the committee are now earnestly appealing to the older friends of the society to sympathise with the efforts now being made by means of drawing rooms and other meetings. According to the first number of Periodical Accounts, the origin of the Baptist Missionary Society is to be found in the "working of Brother Carey's mind," but many circumstances tended to give effect to the following resolution, which was passed by the Northamptonshire Association on the 31st May, 1792:—"That a plan be prepared against the next ministers' meeting at Kettering for forming a society among the Baptists for propagating the gospel among the heathen." On the 2nd October, the same year, the ministers met, and a society was duly formed, with Revs John Ryland, Reynold Hogg, William Carey, John Sutcliffe, and Andrew Fuller as a committee, and Mr Hogg to act as treasurer, and Mr Fuller as secretary. Before the brethren separated a subscription list was opened, and £13 2s 6d subscribed. Another meeting took place at Northampton on the 31st of the same month, when further subscriptions were reported, including £70 which Bro. Pearce had received from friends in Birmingham. Bro. Pearce also announced the formation of an auxiliary to assist the primary society. At a third meeting, held on the 13th of November, a communication was read from Brother Carey, stating that Mr Thomas, who had been practising as a doctor in India, and was now in London, was seeking a missionary companion, and expressed an earnest desire to co-operate with the new society. When the question was asked at a subsequent meeting, who would proceed to India with Mr Thomas, Bro. Carey undertook to go, and in June, 1793, the two missionary pioneers sailed on board the Princess Maria for India. Since then the facilities for missionary work in India have wonderfully increased. The first missionaries were confined within the limits of the little Danish settlement of Serampore, as if they ventured beyond they were exposed to the harassing and oppressive powers of the East India Company. Now missionaries can go without passport to any city or village, and are free to preach wherever they may be located. When Carey landed at Calcutta, little had been done in the important work of Bible translation. To-day the scriptures are printed in the various vernaculars of the land. The work of the Baptist Missionary Society commenced in Ceylon, in 1812, the first missionary being Mr Chater, formerly of Bengal. How the following figures describe the position of the society in India and Ceylon:—stations and sub-stations, 296; missionaries, 58; evangelists, 123; Church members, 5,568; Sunday scholars, 3,752; day scholars, 7,286. Three years ago the society entered upon a small mission in Palestine, of which the powerful station is Nablous. It supports one missionary, of whose labours encouraging reports are received. In December, 1813, the society sent Mr John Rowe, a Bristol student, as a missionary to Jamaica. Progress was rapid in that island, and for many years now the churches there have been independent. The Calabar College, an institution for training native ministers and normal schoolmasters, is alone supported from the society's funds. Cause for thankfulness is found in the recent formation of a Jamaica Missionary Society for the purpose of sending forth evangelists into the adjacent islands. The present number of churches is 180; church members, 34,894; chapel accommodation, 70,640. In addition to Jamaica, the West Indian mission field comprises Trinidad, the Bahamas, San Domingo, Turks Island, and Caicos, the membership of which reaches over 6,000. The African Mission was founded in 1840, and now comprises 10 stations, 32 missionaries and evangelists. Three years later the society entered upon the sowing of the Brittany Mission, which some few years previously had been originated by certain churches in Wales. The churches in Norway are subsidised by a small grant, which is being gradually reduced. The most important efforts of the society in Europe, however, are put forth in Italy. In 1859 the society extended their work to China, and there are now in that country 21 missionaries, 122 stations and sub-stations, and 1,235 members. From the foregoing readers will grasp something of the importance of the work the society has been doing, and the greater work they hope to do in the future.

Rev T. Durant (pastor) presided, and was supported by Rev T. M. Morris, Ipswich (vice-president of the Baptist Union, and deputation from the Parent Society), Rev E. W. Jenkins, Highgate, Blackhill, and Mr S. B. Burton, Newcastle (ex-president of the Northern Baptist Union).

The CHAIRMAN, after the customary devotional exercise, expressed regret that the attendance was not larger, but explained that Friday was a very unsuitable night as most of the members of their congregation were working on the night shift. He explained the object of the centenary celebration. He extended a hearty welcome to Rev T. M. Morris, who would (D.V.) be president of the Baptist Union the year after the next, and Mr Burton, who was under an obligation to that congregation to deliver a lecture at his convenience.

Mr HUDSON, in an effective speech, spoke of the necessity there existed for the missionary funds being augmented, inasmuch as the committee of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society had to refuse numerous applications for further assistance in foreign lands for lack of funds. They wanted grants sufficient to enable the society to place two missionaries where only one was stationed at present. He dwelt upon the increase of missionary efforts, and finished with an earnest appeal to every member of the congregation for support.

Mr T. M. MORRIS, who has recently returned from visiting the stations of the society in China, gave an interesting account of the three provinces in which the operations of the society are being carried on, and laid stress on the need there was for an increased number of missionaries in the field. Year by year, he stated, the society had had to deal with deficits varying from £2,000 or £3,000 to the very large sum of £10,000, the last-named amount being the deficit last year. The deficits had been met in various ways, sometimes by the large contributions of comparatively few liberal and wealthy people, and at other times they had been assisted in their difficulties by large legacies which had fallen into the treasury of the society. It was the feeling of the more important and intelligent supporters of the society that that state of things should not go on for ever, and that in some way or other they must equalise the large expenditure and the income. They trusted that the realisation of this capital would enable them to pay off past obligations and place the society on a firm financial footing. They were there to present to them the urgency and the greatness of the claims of China. He did not wish them to imagine that he supposed the claims of China were more urgent than the claims of either India or Africa. If he were there as a general deputation he would urge all claims. He believed the claims of India were never more urgent than they were at the present. In response to an appeal from the missionaries in China, he and Dr Glover went to China as a missionary deputation. The resident missionaries said their work was being misrepresented and they appealed for a deputation to visit their various stations and to report upon what they saw. They went out on the instructions of the committee. The result of the visit was that they found how little they had known while at home of the work done in China. As they went from station to station, not only of their own society but those of other societies, they felt that they had not been told half the amount of good work that was being done. In their modesty the China missionaries had not told them enough of the excellent work they were carrying on in that far-off land. He appealed to them to contribute all they could to further the desires of the committee.

Rev E. W. JENKINS also delivered an appropriate address.

A collection was taken, and votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING IN THE DERWENT VALLEY.—On Saturday, a rabbit coursing handicap, the best of seven courses, for £20, took place between Bee's Cabin Boy and Dowson's Honest Jim, the former winning by [illegible].

THE WEAR VALLEY HARRIERS.—The Wear Valley Harriers had a splendid run on Wednesday se'night, at Newlandside, Stanhope, several hares being put up. The quarrymen turned out and joined the hunt.

SHOOTING MATCH AT THE SPEN.—A match at pigeons between Thos. Parker and J Hall, both of The Spen, was decided on Saturday, in a field belonging to Mr Renwick, Horse Gate, where a large company gathered to witness the contest, in spite of the unfavourable state of the weather. The conditions were 15 birds each, for £20. Hall with one barrel and 1¼oz shot. Parkin two barrels and 1½oz of shot. Score:—J Hall 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1—total 9; T Parkin, 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0—7. R. Smith, Dipton, acted as referee, and John Ripley, Spen, as stakeholder.

LEADGATE RUNNING GROUNDS.

The preliminary heats of the £15 120 yards handicap, promoted by the committee of the Leadgate Bicycle and Athletic Co., Limited, were run on Saturday afternoon, in the Leadgate Running Grounds. Considering that the weather was dreadfully cold, with incessant showers of sleet, there was a good muster of spectators. The company have just erected in the grounds a wooden pavilion, and it is needless to say that this provision was highly appreciated. The handicap received 101 entries, but in consequence of the adverse meteorological conditions some of the competitors failed to come up to the scratch. Details:—Heat 1—G Mudd, Tanfield, 22 yards, 1; F Lee, Leadgate, 23, 2; E Earrie, Consett, 24, 3; F Forster, [illegible], 20½, 0; G Watson, Blackhill, 21, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 2—J Railton, Newburn, 21, 1; W Batey, Tow Law, 18, 2; J Wallace, Burnhope, 20, 3; J Marley, Durham, 15½, 0; A J Morin, Esh Village, 10½, 0. Won easily. Heat 3—W Lodge, Bishop Auckland, 17½, 1; E Arkerley, Consett, 21, 2; O Keenan, Marley Hill, 21½, 3; T Spoor, Blaydon, 17½, 0; A Cooke, Sellham Habour, 20, 0. Won by a couple of yards. Heat 4—A Daly, Consett, 21½, 1; T Bury, Whickham, 22½, 2; F Nelson, Consett, 18, 3; J Davison, Team, 18½, 0; R Nevins, Lintz Colliery, 20, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 5—T Moore, West Stanley, 22, 1; J Crawford, Consett, 19, 2; J H Dickinson, Whitburn, 21, 3; C Elliott, Tantobie, 18½, 0; A Hill, Shincliffe, 18, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 6—T Nicholson, Leadgate, 23½, w.o. Heat 7—B Small, Leadgate, 24, 1; J Barrett, Consett, 22, 2; J Robson, Hexham, 14, 3; R Mitchell, Consett, 23, 0; W Forster, Leadgate, 22, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 8—W Turner, West Stanley, 20½, w.o. Heat 9—D Gardner, Whickham, 20, w.o. Heat 10—Void. Heat 11—G Batey, Tow Law, 19½, 1; H Hunter, Greencroft, 21½, 2; T Wilson, Winlaton, 19, 0; J Patterson, Newcastle, 8, 0; W Charlton, Marley Hill, 17½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 12—T Williams, Whickham, 19, w.o. Heat 13—J Cregan, Elswick, 24, 1; A Prince, Leadgate, 24, 2; T Bennett, Whickham, 22, 3; F Elliott, Consett, 23, 0; W Bennett, West Stanley, 23, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 14—J W Wilson, Benfieldside, w.o. Heat 15—W Bailey, Consett, 20, w.o. Heat 16—W Elliott, Dunston, [illegible]. Heat 17—T [illegible], Leadgate, 20½, 1; G Halliday, Newcastle, 19, 2; A Walton, Blackhill, 23, 3; J Hughes, Spennymoor, 14, 0; T Thirlwell, Tow Law, 19½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 18—J Wallace, Consett, 23, w.o. Heat 19—J W Robson, Pontop, 23, 1; J Black, Leadgate, 20½, 2; J Goodman, Stockton-on-Tees, 15½, 3; J McKenny, Westwood, 15, 0; R Johnston, Fence Houses, 18, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 20—M Allison, Winlaton Mill, 13½, 1; W Bennett, Newcastle, 22, 2; G Robson, [illegible], 24, 3; H Sutton, Spennymoor, 16, 0; [illegible], Benfieldside, 24, 0; T Coulson, Newcastle, 18, 0. The draw for the final heats resulted as below:—Heat 1—Moore, Allison, Wallace, Small, and Railton. Heat 2—Turner, Robson, Batey, Lodge, and Williams. Heat 3—Daley, Wilson, Mudd, Elliott, and Cregan. Heat 4—Nicholson, [illegible], [illegible], and Gardner. The following satisfactorily discharged their respective duties:—Handicapper, Roger McCurley, Leadgate; [illegible], F Small, Leadgate; referee, Jos. Smith, Leadgate.

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TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the members present being Messrs Wm. Atkinson (chairman), Wm. Ridley, R. Telford, C. Rowe, L. P. Wherly, W. Emerson, W. R. Teasdale, Dr Wild, and the clerk (Mr E. Millburn).

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr W. Garraway) submitted the following report:—

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

GENTLEMEN,—I submit the following report for the month ending November 30th. The detailed nuisances have all been reported before, viz:—Drainage from pig-styes at Forge Cottages, and the improvement at Inkermann; the stagnant water in cellar at Scott's Houses, and the nuisances oozing from privy at Wolsingham Road. With reference to the dilapidated building in Harrison Street, the roof has been removed, and the work connected with the building is in progress. Respecting the other property belonging to the Building Society, it still remains in the same condition. A third notice has been sent by your Clerk concerning the defective traps behind Campbell Street belonging to Mr Thompson. The cleaning out of ashpits and privies during the month has received better attention, with one or two exceptions at North Street and Inkermann, where a load or two has been taken out, and the boxes left full and allowed to overflow. The same was reported to the Company's police officer, but not yet attended to. Your medical officer will no doubt make his general inspection of the Board's district, and will report thereon during the month.

Yours, &c.,

W. GARRAWAY.

Tow Law, December 1st, 1891.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Hillary submitted the following monthly report:—

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

GENTLEMEN,—Another pitfall occurred about a fortnight ago in the gutter by the side of North Road, a little below the end of North Street, and in a line with the three previous falls from the old workings of Inkermann Colliery, by which the main sewer is displaced, and the sewage bubbling out is making its way into the workings. I had it temporarily covered with old timber, and reported the matter to Mr Kirkup, their Cornsay Colliery manager, who came up, and also wrote me, but nothing further is yet done. The fall is about 2ft. deep, 3ft. long, and 2ft. broad.

The Consett Lemonade Companies have disregarded your letter as well as mine, and I never saw so much hay scattered by them in High Street as to-day.

The new rate book is ready, and the reduction to owners amounts to £38.

I submit a plan from Mr T. Johnson of alterations to his property.

I have deposited with your treasurer during the month for residuals and burial fees, £5 12s.

Monthly Wages Bill.

	£	s.	d.
Sewerage—Wages	0	13	3
Street works	1	0	7
Gasworks	6	15	8
Public lighting	1	16	10
Establishment	0	8	0
Cemetery	2	8	0
Manual labour—			
Main roads	4	14	9
Scavenging	0	7	8
Team labour—			
Main roads	3	3	0
Total	£21	7	9

—Yours, &c., JOHN HILLARY.

Tow Law, December 1st, 1891.

A PAYBILL.

A paybill for £80 6s 6d was presented by the Clerk, and ordered to be paid.

A NUISANCE.

A nuisance arising from stagnant water in a cellar was ordered to be reported to the Weardale Iron Company; also a nuisance from privy in Wolsingham Road.

A HOUSE CLOSED.

The Board made an order closing the house belonging to the Newcastle Building Society, as there are no conveniences provided for it.

DEFECTIVE TRAP.

The Board ordered the Clerk to serve all the owners of Thompson's property in Campbell Street with a proper notice to remedy the defective trap, and if the same be not attended to, to do the work and charge the same to the parties.

AN APPLICATION.

An application to open a hatchway in front of the Miners' Arms was granted, the work to be done in accordance with the instructions of the Surveyor.

A PITFALL.

The Board instructed the Surveyor to repair the pitfall on the North Road, and charge Messrs Ferens and Love with the cost thereof.

PLAN.

Mr Johnson submitted a new plan of proposed alterations, and the same was passed.

SCATTERING HAY IN THE STREETS.

The Surveyor reported a continued nuisance in the streets caused by the drivers of Messrs Thompson and Elsdon, of Consett, scattering hay in the Town Street, and the Board decided in the event of another complaint being made to summon the parties.

NEW RATE.

A general district rate of 9d in the £ was passed and sealed by the Board.

ALLEGED DAMAGE.

Mr W. Ridley was appointed to inspect the alleged damage to Mr W. R. Robson's houses at Dan's Castle, and to report thereon at the next meeting.

HAND PUMPS AND CISTERN.

The Clerk was directed to obtain the prices of hand pumps and cistern requisite for carrying out Mr Hardie's report at the gasworks.

THE URINAL.

The roadman was instructed to thoroughly cleanse, at least three times a week, the urinal with water, the same to be obtained from the North-Eastern Railway Company's stable, provided permission can be obtained from the Company.

DRAINAGE OF PROPERTY.

The Clerk was directed to call the Weardale Iron Company's attention to the powers under the Public Health Act as the drainage from Smaile's property, and offer £1 for the right to connect the proposed drain with their sewer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The questions of adopting the Dairies and Cowsheds Act, and of holding the Board's meetings in the afternoon, was (in the absence of Mr Laverick) deferred to next meeting.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism. 755g

DRUNKENNESS CURED.—A Wealthy American Lady whose only son for years was a slave to Intemperance, Nervous Depression and Exhausted Vitality, after seeking in vain for a cure, and trying all known remedies, at last found a simple means that cured and saved him from a drunkard's grave. Anyone suffering or desiring to help others in this worthy cause, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mr James Holland, 25, Hart Street, High Holborn, London, will receive this information, free of charge. Mention this paper.

MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S WORLD'S HAIR RESTORER never fails to restore grey hair to its youthful colour. It acts directly upon the roots of the hair, invigorating them, cleanses the scalp, removing dandruff, rendering the hair soft, silky, and glossy, and disposing it to remain in any desired position. It has hosts of admirers, male and female, young and old. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers. 67

"HOW TO BEHAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AT CONSETT.

In connection with the anniversary of the opening and consecration of Consett Parish Church, sermons were preached on Sunday by Rev L. M. Chesters, M.A., curate of St. Andrew's, Beamish. There were good congregations.

On Wednesday afternoon, in continuation of the anniversary celebrations, the annual parish tea was provided in the National Infant School, West Victoria Street. The repast was fairly well patronised, the tables being presided over by the following ladies:—Mrs Beech, Beech Grove; Mrs Aynsley, Consett; Mrs Potts, Mount Pleasant; Mrs Gledstone, Bank House, who were assisted by friends and helpers. The tables were also given by the above-named ladies. The stall was presided over by Mrs Steggall

In the evening, a lecture was delivered in the new science and art room by Mr Bowery Douglas, of Chesterfield, his subject being "Thrift." The chair was taken by Rev F. Steggall, vicar, and the place was comfortably filled. After the opening remarks of the chairman, Mr Douglas (who made himself so popular by his visit a couple of years ago), delivered an able and instructive address, which was replete with interesting statistics, and also embodied some sound advice to young and old in "laying in store for a rainy day."—Hymns were sung at intervals, and hearty votes of thanks to the chairman and Mr Douglas concluded the proceedings.

IVESTON.

DEATH OF MR HENRY BROWN.—The Psalmist tells us that we are to take heed unto the thing that is right, for it will bring peace at last. How often in the battle of life do we, whilst honestly believing that we pursue the right course, get on the wrong tack, both in spiritual and worldly matters? The poor Earl of Derwentwater thought it was his duty to join the Pretender in 1715, and lost his life and estates in the struggle. When a century-and-a-half later, the lady known to all the world as "Amelia, Countess of Derwentwater," claimed these estates, Henry Brown, then a County Court bailiff and auctioneer, as a Northumbrian, whose ancestors, had farmed under the unfortunate Earl, and with a loyalty that did credit to his heart, if not his head, was the first to enlist under her banner. Never had general a soldier that was braver or stood more loyally by him. He fought for, bled for her, suffered imprisonment for her sake, and would willingly have died for her if the sacrifice could have regained for her the estate. In him the sense of duty was stronger than in most men. "I once saw a monument," he would say, in his broad Northumbrian accent, "between Morpeth and Alnwick, and it said that England expected every man to do his duty. I think it my duty to help her ladyship to get back the estates, and if I thought that it was my duty to stand upon a scaffold seventy feet high, I would not hesitate to go up there and be hanged." Such were the sentiments of brave, misguided old Harry Brown, the Countess of Derwentwater's henchman and bailiff, who, after suffering a world of hardships on her behalf, and whose poverty and troubles he shared at the last, has just died at Iveston, in his 82nd year.

LANCHESTER.

As an instance of the mildness of the season, roses of various kinds, and winter crocuses are now in bloom in the garden of Mr Ralph Walton, Belle Vue, Lanchester.

LEADGATE FEVER HOSPITAL.—At the monthly meeting of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board on Thursday week—Mr J. Collinson presiding—the question of enlarging the Leadgate Infectious Hospital by adding four extra wards thereto was discussed, and it was resolved that notice be given to each member that the subject would be considered at the next meeting.—Dr A. D. Macintyre having called attention to the manner in which patients were removed to the hospital on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health only, it was decided to obtain the consent of the various contributory bodies to the authorising of any private practitioner to send patients to the hospital where necessary.

HIGHWAY BOARD.—At the monthly meeting at Lanchester on Thursday week, Mr George Aider presiding, the Surveyor's pay-bill for the month, amounting to £380 2s 6d, and an account for material, £23 3s 4d, were ordered to be paid.—The balance in the bank was reported to be over £2,000.—It was decided to give an extra 2s 6d per week to the men travelling with the steam roller to pay for lodgings when long distances from home.

MEDOMSLEY.

CONCERT.—A concert was given by the teachers and scholars of the National Schools, Medomsley, on Monday and Tuesday week, to large and appreciative audiences. The children gave evidence of excellent training, and the teachers are to be congratulated upon the high state of efficiency shown by the children in the various performances. Mr T. D. Dales conducted and was assisted by Mrs Thomson, Miss Williamson, Messrs W. Morris, J. Smith, R. Starford, R. Taylor and J. Cant. Rev. W. Cockin, vicar, occupied the chair, and made a few remarks, which were well received.

STANHOPE.

Mrs Rutherford's friends will be glad to hear that she is recovering as well as can be expected. Her friends state that she owes her life to Miss Roche, evangelist, Stanhope, that lady having nursed her night and day with great care. Stanhope has a true friend in Miss Roche. Many have felt her influence; she does it all for the Master she loves so well.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—On Monday night, the annual missionary meeting in connection with Stanhope Church was held in the bank room, Mr J. W. Roddam presiding. The Rev J. P. Elwood, of Jubbulpur, India, addressed the meeting. The Rev A. E. Burdekin, Stanhope, also took part in the meeting.

SEWING MEETING.—Mr and Mrs T. Collingwood gave a sewing meeting tea at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Stanhope, on Saturday, the object of which was to raise funds for the liquidation of the debt incurred by the acquisition of a new organ, and the renovation of the chapel. The financial results were close upon £5.

The Greenhead family of musicians have visited Stanhope two week-ends and have given excellent entertainments. Their class of music is of a very high order, and their performance very efficient. Few companies have pleased so well.

The young men of the Wesleyan Society gave a sewing meeting tea on Saturday evening last.

A football match, between the Stanhope and Middleton teams, was postponed on Saturday on account of the unpropitious weather.

Another steam navvy is to come into Weardale, this one is for Newlandside limestone quarry, which makes three already. The one at Parson Byers has done splendid service, and has removed an immense lot of baring which would have taken vast numbers of men a very long time to shift.

The Stanhope singers are about to get up a concert to raise funds for procuring a water bed for invalids in the place.

Stanhope has a female nurse, one Miss Rawling, from the Durham Diocesian Church Workers' Association. Her work in Stanhope is highly appreciated.

DEATH OF TWO NOTED CHARACTERS AT STANHOPE.—There died at Stanhope last week two well-known characters of the old standard class, each after a very short illness. Mr John Tinkler died on Friday at the age of 77. He was widely known as a joiner and builder. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and was for many years Conservative agent for Stanhope, and was held in high esteem.—The same day, another old standard joined the great majority, in the person of Mr A. Rutherford, at the age of 69. In early life he was a shoemaker, but in later years he became a platelayer at Newlandside limestone quarry. He was afterwards promoted to the post of overman, which position he filled with honour and credit. Deceased was at work on Monday week, and caught a chill, which brought on inflammation, under which he gradually sank. He was one of the oldest of the Oddfellows, and was number five on the books. For many years he took an active part in the flower show, and was one of its leading spirits. He entertained many a company at the various social gatherings in Stanhope, with his far-famed Boyes speech, which he could give to perfection. Both are characters which will be much missed in Stanhope.

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160 and 198 are the WINNING NUMBERS of the Bird Cages, drawn for at Mrs GARDNER'S, Leadgate. 88h

192 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the 54in. Bicycle, drawn for at South Pontop, on Nov. 28th. 94h

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts contracted by my Wife, MARY JANE BROWN, after this date.
(Signed) WILLIAM BROWN.
Old Brewhouse, Shield Row, Dec. 2nd, 1891. 104h

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

IN connection with the above, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Sunday Night First, December 6th. To commence at 8 o'clock. Collection. Pledges. All seats free. 23h

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NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE

ON SATURDAY, the 12th of December, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett and Blackhill, at 2·30 p.m. (with Bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester Lintz Green), Rowlands' Gill, and Swalwell for NEWCASTLE.
See Bills.
Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 106h

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.
SMITHFIELD CATTLE SHOW AT AGRICULTURAL HALL, ISLINGTON.

ON MONDAY, the 7th of December, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle at 12·5 a.m. (with bookings from Consett Blaydon, &c.), for LONDON, for 2, 3, 4, or 5 DAYS.
☞ See Bills.
Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 80h

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NOTICE.
OLD TEACHERS & SCHOLARS RE-UNION.

THE TEACHERS of the Annfield Plain Wesleyan Sunday School will be glad to have the Company of all old Scholars and Teachers who may have been connected with the School during the last 40 years, on Christmas Day at 2 o'clock. A Social Tea will be provided for all. 82h

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NOTICE.—JOHN R. GASCOIGNE, formerly of Old Cornsay, intends COMMENCING BUSINESS as FURNITURE REMOVER and GENERAL CARTMAN, with all kinds of TRAP WORK FOR HIRE, on Thursday, Dec. 17th, 1891, at the Station Hotel, near Witton Gilbert Station, when by strict attention to business he hopes to receive a fair share of Patronage from the inhabitants of the surrounding District. 85h

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MEDOMSLEY A.F.C.

GRAND MEDAL COMPETITION AT MEDOMSLEY.—On Jan. 1st and 2nd, ELEVEN STERLING SILVER MEDALS will be given. This Competition is in accordance with the Rules of the Durham Football Association, and has received the approval of the Callenge Cup Committee. Entries (2s. 6d. per Team) close Wednesday, Dec. 30th. The Draw will be published in the *Consett Guardian* on Dec. 31st, 1891. Send entries at once to
W. G. F. THOMPSON.
Medomsley, R.S.O.,
84h Co. Durham.

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT. — Great Bankrupt Stock for immediate disposal. The Birmingham, Sheffield, and Staffordshire Sale Co. have had the following lots consigned to them for immediate desposal, and must be cleared out regardless of cost. 50,000 different articles of domestic use, consisting of all kinds of Articles in Iron and Tinware, Tools, Cutlery, Glass and China, Tea-pots, Jugs, &c. Marvellous Value. Upwards of 1,000 different articles to select from. Every article sold at 6½d each. Sale each day from 10 a.m., till 9 p.m. Admission Free. Dont forget to pay us a visit if only to look at the largest travelling Sale Company on earth. 113h

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

A
UNIONIST DEMONSTRATION
WILL BE HELD IN THE
CO-OPERATIVE HALL, CONSETT,
ON
WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 9th, 1891,
When ADDRESSES will be delivered by
T. W. RUSSELL, ESQ., M.P.,
South Tyrone.
ALDERMAN T. RICHARDSON,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
JOHN DUNVILLE, ESQ.,
Unionist Candidate, and others.
Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock, by
ALDERMAN U. A. RITSON.

Owing to the inability to secure the Town Hall for the above date, and the smaller capacity of the Co-operative Hall, it has been decided to issue a limited number of tickets to those desirous of securing a seat, which will admit the holders by an early door. The tickets may be obtained Free on application at the Constitutional Club, Consett; Mr Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge; Mr J. Royston Booth, Consett, any of the Polling District Secretaries; or Mr John G. Murray, Unionist Agent, Consett.

Doors open to ticket-holders at 6-30 o'clock. No seat reserved after 6-45 o'clock, at which time admission will be free.

ALL ARE WELCOME. 86h

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on the 12th day of December, 1891. Chair to be taken at 6·30 p.m., when the Business on the following Requisition will be considered:—

Copy of Requisition for Special General Meeting.

"We the undersigned Members of the Consett Co-operative Society do hereby request that a Special General Meeting of the Members of this Society be called at an early date, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of paying a seperate Dividend on all Purchases in the Butchering Department, and also for the purpose of considering the advisability of having the position of Manager and Secretary held by seperate persons, instead of by one as at present."

Signed by

Mr M. T. STOBBS,
„ WM. ROBSON,
„ WILLIAM ATKINSON,
„ ADAM NIXON,
„ NICHOLAS ROBSON,
„ DANIEL WILLIAMS,
„ WM. RICHARDSON,
„ J. T. MUIR,
„ WILLIAM YOUNG,
„ ROBERT CARRUTHERS,
„ ROBERT KILBURN,

Mr ANDREW DICKINSON,
„ THOMAS YOUNG,
„ ROBERT PATTINSON,
„ JOHN WILSON,
„ JAMES THOMPSON,
„ WM. ALMOND,
„ J. H. HALL,
„ THOMAS ROBSON,
„ WILLIAM NICHOLSON,
„ WILSON CLAXTON,
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County Cup Holders, 1891.

ANNUAL EVENING ENTERTAINMENT, NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30th Next, For which MR. M. B. SPURR

THE Refined Musical and Literary Entertainer, has been Engaged.

ADMISSION.—Reserved Seats, Numbered, 2s; Second Seats, 1s; Back Seats, 6d (No Tickets issued).

PLAN of HALL may be seen, and Seats booked on Application to W. RAMSAY, Blackhill. 125h

Public Notices.

PALESTINE.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BLACKHILL.

ON TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 8th, 1891, S. B. BURTON, Esq. (Distinguished Missionary Advocate), who has recently returned from the East, will Deliver his LECTURE on "Palestine," Illustrated by Lime Light. Chair to be taken at 7·15. Admission, 6d each. 114h

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LESSONS in PIANO, ORGAN, and SINGING, given by J. SURTEES, Organist of Consett Church, at his own or Pupils' Homes. Graduated scale of Fees.

ADDRESS:—
2, CEMETERY ROAD, BLACKHILL. 123h

I, JOHN REILLY, of East Kyo, will not be Responsible for any Debt or Debts that may be contracted by my Wife, MARY REILLY, after this date. (Signed) JOHN REILLY.
December 4th, 1891. 130h

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

MONDAY December 7th, the Realistic Musical Drama, "NOBLE LOVE," with all the Special Scenery and Effects. Dec. 14th, "THE GOLDEN CHANCE." 126h

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PLEASE GIVE ONE TRIAL. 116h

THE
PRESENTATION
TO
REV. J. W. MITCHELL, M.A.,
LEADGATE,

will take place in the NATIONAL SCHOOL, Redwell Hills, on TUESDAY, Dec. 8th, 1891.
ADMISSION FREE.

In the adjoining Room a PUBLIC SUPPER will be provided from 6 p.m. Admission:—Gentlemen, 1s; Ladies, 9d. 118h

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr James Turnbull.

Farm Stock Sale at Bunker Hill, near Leadgate, 1½ miles from Consett Station.

MR. JAMES TURNBULL, having received instructions from Mr JOSEPH RIDLEY, will SELL BY AUCTION on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 1891, the whole of his VALUABLE FARMING STOCK, &c. Particulars in future advertisements and on posters. 109h

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

Monday, December 7th, 1891.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE of PRIME FAT STOCK.

£42 IN PRIZES.

Present Entries comprise:—
86 Prime Fat S.H. and Polled Bullocks and Heifers and Cows, including some very heavy weights.
300 Prime Fat Sheep, Shearlings, Hoggs, and Ewes.
16 Prime Bacon and Pork Pigs.

The above are consigned from some of the best feeders in the County of Durham, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Durham and the principal Coal and Iron Companies being represented. The Auctioneer respectfully invites the attention of buyers of prime quality to this Sale. There is 14 days FREE KEEP on all competing stock, also on part of the other sale stock.

All Stock to be penned by 10 a.m. Judging at 10-30. Luncheon immediately after. Sale at 12 noon.

The Mart is close to the Railway Station. Trucks at Station. Further Entries are respectfully invited.
JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Messrs. Hobson & Nicholson.

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

WEDNESDAY, December 9th, 1891. Present Entries—

A number of Fat Sheep, Fat and Keeping Lambs, Dairy and Grazing Cattle, Pigs, &c. Also, Grand Shorthorn Bull, 18 months old. Entries taken up to day of sale.

GEO. R. HOBSON, } Auctioneers.
119h WILLIAM NICHOLSON, }

Commercial Inn, Leadgate.

MR W. NICHOLSON, instructed by Mrs NOBLE, who is declining Business, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 1891, a portion of the Valuable Household FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, COWS, and FARM IMPLEMENTS, comprising—
7 Cows, calved and to calve.
6 Yearling Steers and Heifers.
1 Fat Pig.
29 Hens.
Brown Pony, 13 h.h.
2 Sets Pony Harness, Pony Trap, with the whole of the Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, &c.
Sale at 12 o'clock, prompt.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, DEC. 7TH, 1891.—50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 10 Fat Cattle; 160 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; 5 Store Cattle; 9 Finger Calves.

Entries to Day of Sale.
Sale at Half-past Ten a.m.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE of Fat Cattle and Sheep, Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1891. Over £30 in Prizes. Prize Lists now ready.

Early entries solicited.
129h J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. Edward Pounder.

To-day (Friday).

Cornsay North Farm, Cornsay.—Extensive Sale of Farming Stock, Farm Produce, Implements, &c., under Distress for Rent.

MR EDWARD POUNDER will SELL BY AUCTION, on the above Farm, To-day (Friday, Dec. 4th, 1891), the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, PRODUCE, IMPLEMENTS, EATAGE, &c., belonging to Mr JOS. ATKINSON, comprising—
6 Horses.
18 Cows and Young Stock.
42 Sheep.
2 Pigs.
3 Stacks Hay.
20 Acres Barley and Oats in Stack.
5 Acres Potatoes in Pits.
7 Acres Swede and Mixed Turnips.
Eatage of 180 Acres Pastures, &c., all the Implements, Harness, &c.
Sale to commence at 10·30 a.m. 58h

Sales by Auction.

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

Monday, December 7th, 1891.—Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Sale of the remaining portion of the Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Effects, removed for convenience of Sale.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, December 7th, 1891, the following Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects:—Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase, Walnut Loo Table, Handsome Walnut Cheffioneer with Marble Slab, Mahogany Sofa, Mahogany Couch in Hair, Leather Couch, 6 Chairs, in Hair-seating, 6 Windsor Chairs, Rocking and Arm Chairs, Useful Kitchen Press, Brass Fender and Fire Brasses, Carpets and Oilcloths, Handsome Mahogany and other Bed-room Furniture, 2 Chests Drawers, a Splendid Lot of Iron and Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses, Feather and Down Beds, Occasional Table, Wringing Machine, 3 Cornice Poles, 2 Plated Tea and Coffee Services, Pair of Spanish Bullock's Horns, Cutlery, Glass and Earthenware, and other Effects, and remainder of Drapery Stock. Also, Excellent Bridgport Organ, with 11 Stops, Knee Swells, Bass and Treble Couplers, and all latest improvements; Splendid Harmonium, 5 Stops, by Alexandre; Pair of Buffalo Horns; 2 Silver-plated Tea and Coffee Services; Revolver in case; Pair of Horse Pistols in case, and other goods belonging a Gentleman leaving the Neighbourhood. 124h

Sale to commence at One o'clock, precisely.

Thursday, December 10th, 1891, Sale of Two Freehold Cottages, situate and being Nos. 33, John Street, and 24 Pitt Street, Consett.

ADAM BRODIE, F.A.I., is instructed to OFFER FOR SALE BY AUCTION, at the House of Mrs BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, December 10th, 1891, the TWO FREEHOLD COTTAGES, situate Nos. 33, John Street, and 24, Pitt Street, Consett, as occupied by Messrs Malone and Lamb, together with the Conveniences thereunto belonging. Gross Rental, £18 4s.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr G. H. ARMSTRONG, Westwood; or from the AUCTIONEER, Town Hall, Consett.

Sale to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening. 125h

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1891.
6 Fat Cattle.
80 Fat Sheep.
Veal and Store Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Dairy Cows, Geld Cows, Stirks, Poultry, Harness, and Sundries.
Sale at One o'clock.
134h J. S. MURRAY.

CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SHOW and SALE will be held on Monday, Dec. 14th. Early entries solicited.
135h J. S. MURRAY.

Hedley-on-the-Hill, Stocksfield.—Blacksmith's Shop Fittings, Furniture, &c.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, instructed by Mr R. ATHERTON, who is declining the Blacksmith's Business, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, 1891, at Hedley, the whole of his BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS, SHOP FITTINGS, and Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising—2 Pair Excellent Blacksmith's Bellows, 2 Anvils, 2 Vices, 1 Swage Anvil, Swages, 20 Hand Hammers, Steel Punches, Tongs, Bolt Tools, Chisels, Steel Maugrills, Stocks and Dies, Drilling Machine, Drilling Tackle, Screw Kegs, Horse Shoes, Hooping Stone, Grindstone and Frame, Excellent 4-Horse Harrow, Iron Shears, Lot of New and Old Iron and Steel, Spring Steel, Sock Mould, Mould Boards, Horse Shoe Nails, Hooping Tackle, Rasps, Files, Whitstones, Screw Drivers, Brass Taps, Augurs, Bolts and Screws, 2-Handled Knives, Set new Iron Work for Coup Cart, Saws, Chains, Cow Bands, Coup Cart, little worse than new, Whitechapel, S.H. Stirk, &c.

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Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside. 67h

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 6, 12, and 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL, at the above Rooms, on Monday, December 7th, 1891, a Large consignment of High-class Mahogany and other FURNITURE.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 136h

Hat and Feather Inn, near Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD has received instructions from Mr W. ARMSTRONG, who is retiring from Business, and leaving the Hat and Feather Inn, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday First, Dec. 10th, at the above place, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE, Bar Utensils, Poultry, &c., comprising—Splendid Toned Piano, Mahogany Drawers, Sofa, Ladies' and Gents' and other Chairs, in Mahogany, Cases of Stuffed Birds and Foxes, Bevelled Plate Glass Ornaments, Splendid Eight Day Clock, in Case, together with all the Beds, Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, Dinner Ware, China, all the Bar Utensils, Sykes' Hydrometer, Spirit Gauge, complete, Spirit Measures, Quart, Pint, Half Pint Pewter Measures, Show Casks, and about 8 Dozen Glasses, Quart and Pint Pots, about 30 Head of Poultry.

Full particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock, as the Lots are numerous. 138h

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr Wilkinson, to SELL BY PRIVATE TREATY, that Valuable BUSINESS PROPERTY situate at Catchgate:—Large Shop and Six Rooms; also Shop and Seven Rooms, Large Building Site at the rear, with Stable and Cart Shed standing thereon.—For full particulars apply to John Crawford, Auctioneer, Consett. 136h

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynel, to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25 Victoria Street Consett. 905a

JOSEPH OLEY,
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Business Announcements

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MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
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☞ SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
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WEATHER CHART FOR DECEMBER.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for this month:—A dry month. Low barometer during the first half of the month. Easterly gales about the 5th, 9th, and 14th. Fog about the 15th. Snow about the 29th. Temperature: A high temperature during the first half; low during the last. Rain: Over an inch. Prevailing winds: N.E. and S.E. Easterly winds predominate.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

☞ Advertisements or news sent by train, should be addressed to RAILWAY STATION, CONSETT, *To be called for*. If not so addressed, the railway officials are compelled, by a recent enactment, to post all letters at the nearest post office.

"REFORMER."—Next week.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

AS NEW AS IT IS NOVEL.

I am pretty confident that my readers will agree with me that the subjoined extract from the last week's issue of the *Lancashire Guardian* illustrates a *modus operandi* of raising the wind quite as new as it is novel:—"The Rev Foster Raine is in the mind to distinguish himself, and in a pleasant sort of way too. Last Saturday night two sailors—or supposed sailors—were singing in the market square. The rev. gentleman, who was passing by, stopped for a moment to listen. Observing that the men were weary and not making much out of their efforts he stepped up to them and interrogated them. They answered him that they were nearly "done up." Mr Raine said, "Well, then, let me sing for you." They had no objection, and the good-natured parson commenced the hymn, "The Rock that is higher than I." The drift of the incident was quickly picked up and buzzed about, a good crowd gathered, and after singing three verses of the hymn Mr Raine went round with the hat. His effort for the men secured sympathy and brought in the sum of six-and-sixpence, which was handed to the sailors, who went on their way rejoicing. Not many parsons would do a trick like that; but Mr Raine has his own notions and ways, and they don't seem to be bad ones either. Brook Street Church may well be looking up."

JUST LIKE HIM.

Those of my readers, who like myself, have the pleasure—and I might well say the honour—of knowing Rev Foster Raine will naturally smile when they have read the foregoing amusing incident. Personally, I was so amused that I let the newspaper fall on the rug, lay back in my chair, and after enjoying a hearty laugh, ejaculated aloud, "It's just like him." The action was undoubtedly born on the impulse of the moment; but that it was actuated by the prompting of a large heart and broad sympathies there cannot possibly be two opinions. The Rev Foster Raine was not born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth. He knows what is to lose and what is to win all along the line in the chequered pathway of human life. Not only sailors, but many a deserving man has been cast away, to use a martine phrase, and left to the cold wind and tide. Mr Raine might have handed the men a shilling and passed on his way. The hapless fellows would have rejoiced, and congratulated one another; but to pause and interrogate them, and on hearing their plaintive tale decided to abide with them and share their shame—for even the most depraved of men only take to singing in the streets as a last resource—was more, I am sure, than they had ever dreamed of. The result proved that the means justified the end, as the coppers fell in showers and when the rev. gentleman thought that he had done enough he bade his newly found friends good-bye and God speed.

THE MORAL.

We have often heard and read of incidents that neither point a moral nor adorn a tale; but this cannot be said of the episode under note, for the kindly part played by Mr Raine cannot well do otherwise than have an influence for good. I know well, and many of my readers know, that not a few unjust strictures have from time to time been passed upon clergymen and ministers of all denominations. The cause is, I believe, not very far to seek. There is, unfortunately, a class of so-called men in the world who are spoken of as having such an innate love of work that they could actually lie down beside it; but as such a propoganda is out of touch with modern ideas, its votaries naturally seek to gravitate in another circle—that is to say, begging. The cosy vicarage, manse, or residence of the spiritual guides of the people present a happy hunting ground for the tribe named, and when they are duly weighed in the balance and found wanting, they unite in circulating all manner of tales about the uncharitable characteristics of what is denominated the cloth. It is in this way that errors are circulated, and as ministers in almost every instance prefer to meet the requirements of deserving cases in an unostentatious way, their detractors know little or nothing of their best efforts to ameliorate the lot of those who, but for their own wayward tendencies, might have been comfortable and happy. It is recorded in Holy Writ that the children's bread should not be thrown to dogs, and it is just as true that ministers, who are usually the butt of all the wandering vagabonds in the countryside, are justified in drawing the line tightly on the basis of principle, if for no other reason. Mr Raine has proved what can be achieved in a practical way, and although by acting as he did it is obvious that he entered the domain of sensationalism, the fastidious on such points should think twice before they think of laying a stone at his door. The moral which his kindly interference sets forth stands uncontaminated by side issues. If sensationalism conduces to give wing to truth and righteousness, then let it prosper abundantly, for in that case there is, depend upon it, something more substantial behind it than the mere pointing of a moral and the adornment of a tale.

A BISHOP'S WIFE IN HARNESS.

"Be ye not unequally yoked" was the injunction in the olden time, and when man and wife unite to bear the burden of life between them, it cannot with truth be said that they are unequally linked together. It appears that Mrs Westcott, wife of the Bishop of Durham, did duty one day last week at the opening of a bazaar at Dipton, and thus relieved her liege lord from the task I need hardly say that such an arrangement between a man and his better half is just exactly as it should be, irrespective altogether of the social status of the twain, for there is very often quite as much happiness in the cottage as there is in the palace—so equally are the joys of the life which now is awarded to those who strive to earn them. Dr Westcott is to be congratulated on having as the wife of his bosom a lady able and willing to represent him on such occasions as the opening of a bazaar, having for its object the propagation of Christian life and work. Personally, I have long had a very pronounced objection to ladies entering the arena of politics, but Christian work and kindred social questions is their *forte*, and in this line Mrs Westcott, the accomplished wife of the Bishop of Durham, has certainly shown the world a worthy sample.

THE INFLUENZA.

Comparatively few people have the most remote idea of the prevalence in the North of England at this moment of the affliction known as the influenza. The high and the low, the gentle and the simple, are alike subject to its attacks, and strong men who never knew what it was to be a single day absent from the post of duty have been prostrated for weeks. The most peculiar feature of the trouble is that care and discretion goes for nothing, there being evidently in this case no such thing as prevention being better than cure. The cure comes in at the finish, or rather in the latter stages of the disease. Men who have rarely been confined to their homes are in many cases anxious, and far too anxious, to resume the ordinary routine of their work-a-day duties, and hence they are apt to be seized by a species of afterdamp called *la grippe*, or a name very like that. Those of my friends who have had the misfortune to have been the victims of this distemper assure me that the name is a singularly appropriate one, as the grip it takes is about as hard and as heavy as a vice. I find by experience that the number of people at present suffering from this singular malady transcends computation. Schools are on the eve of being closed, and the business of several well-known commercial firms on the north-east coast is almost at a dead-lock, the principals being all down with the influenza.

EDMONDBYERS.

An esteemed correspondent writes:—I have observed for many years past that, as a rule, we here (at Edmondbyers) have our first fall of snow about October 20th, within three days either before or after that day. This year we have had none as yet (Nov. 26th.) We have had two degrees of frost (three feet above ground) for three nights past, and the hills on the watershead between Wear and Derwent are thinly covered with snow, lying from about 1,500ft. to our highest point, Bolt's Law, 1,774ft. Freedom from snow so late a date is very unusual indeed; and I gathered in my garden a day or two ago a bouquet of single white double lilac primroses.

FROSTERLEY.

There are a few influenza cases at Frosterley.

Mrs Briscol died very suddenly at Frosterley on Sunday.

The young men of the Primitive Society at the Bridge End gave a ladies' sewing meeting tea on Saturday evening last, in aid of their new school funds.

The Rev F. C. Jagg, vicar of Frosterley, has promised to give prizes to the successful students of the geological class at that place, equal to those promised by Messrs Pease and Partners to the value of £1 10s.

LOW WESTWOOD.

DISTRICT TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—In connection with the above society a temperance meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, on Monday night last. An excellent address was given by Rev Matthew Johnson, of White-le-head, to a large and appreciative audience. Selections of music were rendered by the choir in a creditable manner. Recitations were given by Mr F. Haughan, of Burnopfield, in a masterly style. The chair was taken by Mr John Taylor, of Burnopfield, who in a few well-chosen remarks, showed the evil effects of the drink traffic on the community at large. The singing of the doxology brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

It is intended to hold a masonic ball at Consett early in the New Year.

On Sunday, temperance sermons were preached in the Consett Wesleyan Chapel, by Rev C. W. Barker, Leadgate.

RAILWAY ALTERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.—Attention should be called to the announcement that the 5·25 p.m. train from Newcastle to Consett and Durham will now leave at 5·20 p.m., and be retimed throughout.

"A DISAGREEABLE JOB."—At the Consett Police Court on Monday—before Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen—*John Moran*, a labourer, lodging at Shotley Bridge, was charged by P.C. Bradley with being found helplessly inebriated in Park Road, Blackhill, on Saturday night.—Accused acknowledged his guilt. He stated that he had been employed in draining the cemetery at Benfieldside. The ground was extremely wet, and as it was a "disagreeable job," it caused him to partake of too much liquor.—Moran had his head tied up in a handkerchief, and had an ugly scar on his face.—He was fined 5s and costs, or seven days in default.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD.—In connection with the Consett Primitive Methodist Young People's Guild, the Mutual Improvement Class was held on Friday night last, presided over by Mr Andrew S. Coates. An interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr James Morgan, subject, "Is the world improving?"

CHORAL FESTIVAL.—On Sunday, the choir of the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel celebrated their anniversary. Two sermons were preached—morning and evening—by Mr G. Hewitt, of Bishop Auckland. In the afternoon, a grand choral festival was given by the United Primitive Methodist choirs of the district, numbering 95 voices. Mr Hewitt presided. The choir rendered a first-class programme of music in a creditable manner. Miss Weaver (Consett) gave a most admirable rendition of "The Better Land," and was loudly applauded. The duet, "Love Divine," recieved full justice at the hands of Miss Ramsden and Mr C. C. McColvin, and their efforts were well appreciated. Mr E. Robinson recieved the approbation of all present for his careful interpretation of the song "Light." During the interval Mr Hewitt gave an address on "Music." Mr A. S. Coates conducted; whilst Mr T. Jones presided at the organ. Large congregations were present on each occasion.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.—On Sunday evening last, the musical temperance services were again held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, when an excellent programme was given. Rev M. J. Elliot, of Consett, presided over a very large and appreciative audience. The speakers and performers acquitted themselves admirably. Miss Brodie and Mr Bibbing, of Blackhill, gave a duet, "Oh, lovely peace." Mr Matheison, of Blackhill, sang a solo, "True till death." Mr T. Hewitt, an old veteran in the work from Bishop Auckland, gave an able address on what young people can and ought to do in the right direction, and complimented the association for the steps taken on Sunday evenings for this kind of services. After which Miss Jones, of Blackhill, gave a solo, "Angels ever bright and fair," followed by a pianoforte solo by Master J. Davison, Consett. Miss Brodie gave a solo, "The harvest is past," with chorus. Mr T. Jones presided at the piano in his accustomed talented manner. The doxology and benediction terminated a most successful evening's service. These services will be held each Sunday evening, and the programmes will be varied. Volunteer artistes are requested to give in their names to any of the committee for future arrangements.

BLACKHILL.

BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The usual Band of Hope meeting was held in the school-room on Wednesday night, and was ably presided over by Mr Grainger, of Consett. The company was kept in rare good humour throughout by an excellent programme, and by the chairman's humorous remarks. We may say that he took rather more than a "Bird's Eye View" of tobacco and its votaries. Mr Hall fairly brought down the house by his performances on the picolo. Mr H. A. Ridley presided at the harmonium in his usual style. "A mutual congratulatory vote of thanks all round" was proposed by the Rev W. Jenkins. Pledges were taken.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

At Shotley Bridge Courthouse, on Wednesday, *John White*, for drunkenness and refusing to quit the North Eastern Hotel at Blackhill on Wednesday night, and *Peter McKenna*, for being tipsy at Consett the same evening, were each fined 5s. and costs.

The first Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr Bowkett Building Society's members had an appropriation by ballot on Monday, 16th inst., when Mr G. Matthew acted as chairman; Mr Harker as secretary, and Messrs Smailes and Surtees as scrutineers. Boy, James Kelsey, ball drawer. First regester number drawn, 185. J. Whitehead, drawn before, second, 293, standing clear in the name of Miss Whitehead, entitling her to an advance of £200.

TANTOBIE.

FIRE.—A fire occurred on the premises of the Oak Tree Inn, Tantobie, on Sunday last, about 5·30 a.m. Flames were observed to break through the roof of the back kitchen. With the assistance of several neighbours, however, the fire was soon extinguished. The damage is estimated at about £20.

BRADLEY COTTAGES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Tuesday, a sewing meeting and tea was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Bradley Cottages, in aid of the new chapel scheme. The tea was given by Mr S. Wheatley. A large number of people partook of the good things provided. The sum of £3 was realised.

HEDLEY HILL.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—On Monday evening, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Hedley Hill Terrace, presided over by Mr Walker, and addressed by Mr Fenwick, Esh, on "The Chief Causes of Drunkenness;" Mr Binns, of Waterhouses, on "Needed Action;" and Mr Davis, Billy Row, on "Reclamation, Education, and Proclamation." Mr Davis also sang, with harmonium accompaniment, "God Give You His Grace," "Have Courage to Say No," "Renounce the Cup," and "Father Sign the Pledge." Mr Barron and Mr Westgarth proposed and seconded votes of thanks to the speakers, which were heartily accorded.

CATCHGATE.

Those who take the Arts course at the University of Durham say that the final examination there is quite as stiff as it is at Oxford, and at the latter place the men have three years in which to prepare for the ordeal, whereas at Durham the period is six terms or two years. The examinations for the other degrees are quite as stiff, and of the men who sit for them, usually more than one half are ploughed. The examination this year for the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law, has been no exception to the rule, only three out of the seven gentlemen who sat having passed. These are Rev William Oram Leadbitter, vicar of Denford, Northamptonshire; Mr R. M. Wilkes, solicitor, Darlington, and Rev George J. Woodward, curate of Newburn. Both Mr Leadbitter and Mr Wilkes are local men, the first-named being the son of Mr Leadbiter, accountant, Catchgate.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY BY FIRE.—On Wednesday night week, a fire broke out at the Colliery Offices, Cornsay. Mr Thos. Lowes having noticed something unusual had occurred summoned P.C. Newton. The constable immediately went to the office, and after entering the building, endeavoured to find out the origin of the conflagration. Procuring a pick, the officer pulled up a portion of the boards which constitutes the second floor. No sooner had he removed a board or two, than the flames shot forth, having considerably gutted the wood-work. Had it not been for the prompt attention of the officer, the whole building might, in a few minutes, have been enveloped in flames. Mr Philip Kirkup, manager, and Mr T. Hodgson, engineer, with other assistance, soon got the fire under control, but not until some slight damage was done. The fire is supposed to have originated from the fires burning in the grates, while the woodwork which constitutes the second floor being dry with the heat had ignited.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.—On Friday, Mr Arnold Taylor held an inquiry at the Guardians' Room, Chester-le-Street, touching applications by the Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authority to borrow £13,800 in respect of proposed sewerage and sewage disposal works at Birtley, Edmondsley, and Witton Gilbert. For Birtley, it was proposed to lay down a system of sewerage for the village, consisting of 3½ miles of 18in., 12in., and 9in. pipes, with an area of eight acres for disposal works at an estimated cost of £5,000. The Edmondsley proposal consisted of a complete system of sewerage and sewage disposal lands. With respect to Witton Gilbert, it was stated that the population was 1,500, and that two miles of sewerage and three acres of land, the property of Durham University, were necessary, the total cost being estimated at £2,300. The villages of Sacriston and Daisy Hill comprised a population of 3,000; 3½ miles of sewerage and six acres of land, the property of Mr Pelleine, were required, at a cost of £4,500; making a total for the township of Witton Gilbert of £6,800, the rateable value of the township being £9,500.

WESTWOOD.

THE TEMPERANCE MISSION.—The Westwood temperance mission, held in the Board Schools, has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr Thomas Rosbottom, of Wigan, and concert party concluded a four weeks' temperance mission on Monday se'nnight. There was a large attendance. Mr McClenen presided. Mr Thomas Rosbottom was presented on Thursday se'nnight in the Westwood Board Schools with a beautiful marble clock for services rendered in the successful mission. Mrs E. Lee, of Newcastle, made the presentation on behalf of the friends. A fruit banquet and concert was given. Mr George Hall, of Newcastle, presided. The schools were crowded to excess. Mr Thomas Rosbottom related the sad story of his life, and referred to the benefits of temperance and of serving God. A first-class musical programme was supplied by the following talented artistes:—Mrs E. Lee, soprano, of Newcastle, sang "Within a mile of Edinbrugh toon" with success. Miss S. A. Walker sang "The flight of song," and in duets with satisfaction. Miss Nellie Warr played a flute solo, "Anne Laurie," in a talented style. Miss Ethel Warr played a violin solo with good taste. Miss Lillian Warr sang "The shining morn," and received an *encore*. Mr H. E. and Miss S. A. Walker played a pianoforte duet with applause. Mr H. E. Walker, of Sheffield, did good service as the accompanist and musical director. About 400 pledges have been taken, and a temperance society and a band of hope started, as the result of the mission, and officers elected.

SHIELD ROW.

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.—On Saturday evening, a supper was held at the house of Mrs Heslop, Shield Row, in connection with the leek and vegetable show held at the above house, when about 40 members and friends sat down and partook of the good things. All present having appeased their appetites, the cloth was removed, and Mr John Brewis voted to the chair, Mr E. McKinlay to the vice-chair. The following toasts were duly honoured—viz.: "Queen and Royal Family," "Army and navy," "The coal trade," "Success to Shield Row Show," &c.—The chairman called upon Mr J. W. Anderson to make a presentation of a gold pendant to Mr John Leybourne, of Sunniside, and a gold brooch and earrings for Mrs Leybourne. Mr Anderson said it gave him pleasure to be called upon to perform such a pleasant duty towards his esteemed friend, Mr Leybourne, and thanked the committee for the honour they had conferred upon him, as he really thought that in honouring Mr Leybourne in the manner they were that night they were doing credit to themselves in acknowledging their gratitude for the handsome donations that Mr Leybourne had so generously given to the show during the past season. He said that during the long acquaintanship he had had with their guest, he had learnt that the recipient of their present never did things by halves: he always seemed to act up to the motto, that "Whatever was worth doing at all, was worth doing well." He spoke highly of the appreciation with which Mr Leybourne was held, and as one who discharged his duties in a conscientious manner, and whose career was marked with conspicuous ability and success. In conclusion, he asked the company to join in drinking long life and prosperity to Mr and Mrs Leybourne.—Mr Leybourne, in thanking the subscribers for their kindness, said he was not one who could make a speech at a dinner table, although there were times and places where he could make his voice heard. He again apologised for not making a speech. The rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, several real songs being sung by Messrs Hey, Barrow, and Day; Mr Blaylock accompanying in his usual efficient style. The "Health of the chairman and vice-chairman" having being duly honoured and responded to, the company sang "Auld Lang Syne" and separated, all expressing the pleasure they had enjoyed in the night's proceedings.

SWALWELL.

BAND OF HOPE.—The weekly meeting of this popular band of hope at Swalwell, was held, Mr J. Gilchrist, president, in the chair. The programme was rendered by the following, under the leadership of Mr Foggin:—Mr Kenyon, Miss Barker, and Miss B. Harwood. Mr Turner (Blaydon) gave a very practical address. Pledges were taken at the close.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday night, a fruit banquet was held in the above chapel at Allendale Cottages, when there was a good company present. The chair was occupied by Mr T. J. Watson, of Consett, and addresses were given by Mr G. S. Meek, editor of the *Lifeboat*, Glasgow, and J. Crawford, Allendale Cottages.—On Sunday, Mr Meek commenced a series of revival services, and preached twice to good congregations.

WEST STANLEY.

LIVING WAXWORKS AND TABLEAUX VIVANTS.—The young members of St. Andrew's Church congregation, who have won for themselves a justly high reputation for their able production of exhibition of living waxworks and tableaux vivants, most ably sustained that reputation on Wednesday se'nnight, when they gave a splendid exhibition. The exhibition consisted of fourteen groups, and those who had the pleasure of being present found it impossible to point out one group as better than another where all were so good.

LEADGATE.

SOCIAL GATHERING.—On Tuesday, Rev J. W. and Mrs Mitchell entertained the members of the choir, day, and Sunday-school teachers, and a few friends to supper at the Vicarage, Leadgate. After partaking of a most bountiful supper, the company, numbering about 60, returned to the drawing-room. Mr Twitchard then, on behalf of the choir, presented to Miss Mitchell a splendid gold ring. Miss Mitchell returned thanks. Rev J. W. and Mrs Mitchell then presented to Mr and Mrs Brears a beautiful silver breakfast cruet, and to Miss Middleton a splended silver pencil-case for their help in the parish. Mr Brears returned thanks, saying that he had always been pleased to help the vicar as far as possible. After this, various games were indulged in, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The vicar and his family exerted themselves to promote the pleasure of their guests in every way. Before dispersing, the company passed a vote of thanks, accompanied with three hearty cheers, to the vicar and his family for their kindness, and much sorrow was expressed at their removal.

WEARDALE.

Mr T. E. Fenwick, Mayfield H[illegible], Wolsingham, has forwarded a donation of £10 towards the renovation of the Stanhope Wesleyan Chapel. He has also presented the trustees with a handsome bible and hymn-book.

Influenza is spreading up the dale. At Brotherlee there is not a single house where there has not been a case or two.

TOW LAW.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A musical entertainment, &c., took place in the Wesleyan Day Schools, Tow Law, on Saturday night, in aid of the Mission Brass Band. Following the entertainment a supper was held.

FREE EDUCATION.—The appeals of the Vicar of Tow Law having been well responded to, he has offers of subscriptions sufficiently large to enable the National Schools to be declared free, which will save the town from being burdened with a School Board.

Football.

*** Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Tuesday morning.*

ASSOCIATION.

Consett Swifts v High Row Strangers.—These teams met on the ground of the latter, the Swifts winning by three goals to one.

Annfield Plain Jolly Tars 2nd v Dickenson's Rovers 2nd.—Played on the ground of the latter, in very wet weather, and ended in a draw, neither side scoring.

Consett Fell v Lintzford.—The latter journeyed to Consett to oppose the Fell team, but owing to the miserable weather and the dangerous condition of the ground, the game was abandoned.

Highgate Wanderers v Lintzford B.—Played at Lintzford in a continuous downfall of rain, the home team running out winners by three goals to one. The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea.

Derwent Cottage Ramblers v Allendale Park.—Played on the ground of the latter, in wet and miserable weather, and resulted in a draw, no goals being scored.

Crookhall Wanderers B v Sunderland Row Celtic.—Played on the former's ground, the home team being victorious by nine goals to two. Stafford, Finlay, Browell, Paul, and Cooper played well for the winners.

Consett League v Neptune (Walker).—This match was played on the League ground in two quarters, owing to the wretched state of the weather, and resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to nil.

Tow Law Reserve v Tow Law Athletic.—Played on the former's ground. The Reserve from the outset pressed severely, but owing to the slippery nature of the ground, it spoiled all attempts at good play. Only once did the Athletic break away, and were successful in landing a goal, whilst the homesters scored twice, leaving them victorious by two goals to one.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Oakey's Lilywhites.—This fixture was brought off on the ground of the former in stormy weather, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a win for the Park by three goals to one. The Park team was as follows:—Goal, R. Noble; backs, J. Crowther and Foreman; half-backs, Stephenson, Shield, and Reed; forwards, Todd and Makepeace, right wing; Jackson, centre; Haggerstone and Willey, left wing. Referee, Mr Andrew Graham.

Waldridge Church Juniors v Sacriston Juniors.—This return fixture was played at Waldridge, and is the first out of ten matches that the home club has not won. Sacriston kicked off, but owing to the wet and slippery ground neither side could get the sphere through, and at half-time no score had been made. The second half started quite as slow, but just at the finish Sacriston scored, but as the time was then up, the referee disallowed it. Score:—Waldridge, nil; Sacriston, nil.

Tanfield Lea v Blaydon Albion.—Played at Blaydon. The weather was most unsuitable for football, and the field was in a very slippery condition, so the game was limited to two half-hours. The visitors took matters rather easily during the first 15 minutes, but eventually warmed to their work, and E. Gailes scored No. 1 with a lightning-like shot. The teams crossed over with the score one goal to nil in favour of Tanfield Lea. On resuming, the visitors quickly notched another point, and just before the whistle blew the home team put one through, leaving the final score as under—

Tanfield ....Two goals
Blaydon ....One goal

Byer Moor v Langley Park Rovers.—Byer Moor visited Langley Park in wretched weather, which gave neither team a chance to show good football. The teams crossed over with no goals scored on either side. After 10 minutes' play in the second half, Byer Moor took the ball up the field to the home goal, and Keith passed to Reed, who banged the ball through. This proved to be the only goal the visitors obtained. A few minutes after the home men claimed a free kick, and they scored before the visitors knew where they were. Nothing further was done, and the game ended—

Langley Park ....One goal
Byer Moor ....One goal

The Byer Moor team was:—Goal, N. Keith; backs, G. Brown and T. Thirlwell; half-backs, H. Garland, P. Mulchy, and J. McQuarter; forwards, E. Keith, J. Mulchy, W. Reed, G. Minto, and R. Lamb.

Medomsley v Durham University.—Played at Medomsley in boisterous weather, before a limited number of spectators. The home team were without Hedley (forward) and Baron (full back). Mansell won the toss, and elected to play down the hill, thus securing the benefit of a strong wind. The home forwards pressed continually, and R. Cant had hard lines in not scoring, the goalkeeper saving in grand style. Soon afterwards, Campbell received the ball, and eluding T. Owen, fired in a terrific diagonal shot which completely beat the visitors' custodian. A few minutes later Campbell repeated his previous performance, and at half-time the score stood—

Medomsley ....Two goals
University ....Nil

The visitors had now the help of the strong wind, and at once made it hot for the home team, who had strengthened their back division by drawing Veitch from the forward rank. Bousfield, Turner, Hay, and Challen combined well, and the first-named sent in some stinging shots, which Bramley and his backs saved in fine style. From hands in front of goal, the visitors scored twice by the aid of Bousfield, and when the whistle sounded the score stood—

Medomsley ....Two goals
University ....Two goals

The following represented Medomsley:—Goal, Thos. Bramley; backs, G. Forster and W. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, T. Walton, Geo. Moon, and Dr Mann; forwards, R. Campbell and R. Cant, right wing; H. Smith, centre; Wm. Cant and J. Veitch, left wing. Referee, Rev E. G. F. Macpherson.

Tow Law v Darlington St. Hilda's.—The return fixture between these teams was played at Darlington. Rain fell incessantly throughout the game, which made the ground very treacherous, and rendered accurate play impossible. It was decided to play two thirties only. Tow Law won the toss, and played towards the north goal. The "Saints" obtained possession from the kick-off, and taking down by resolute play, would not be denied, and scored their first goal within five minutes of the start. The visitors, by smart, combined play, carried the sphere up, when J. Waites shot, and the goalkeeper, who was standing behind the sticks, could not get to it, thus making the scores equal. Tow Law again pressed, and a fine shot by Coulson took effect. Off-side, however, was appealed for and allowed. The "Saints" now took up the running, and were very near scoring through the aid of Sandy, but the ball went by. Give-and-take play followed until a fine shot by Ward was fisted down by Ramsdale. Tow Law were rightly awarded a penalty kick. The homesters demurred, and were for leaving the field. The visitors, however, gave way, and contented themselves with a free kick, which went by. Half-time was piped immediately after with the score—

Tow Law ....One goal
Darlington ....One goal

On resuming, the visitors pressed, and from a scrimmage Ward scored their second goal. Still keeping the play in the home quarters, "Jossey" Waites sent in a fine shot all along the ground, which struck the bottom of the upright and bounded on to Elgie's head, and then came into play. It was got away by the left wing until Temperley stopped their progress by kicking out. From the throw in, the leather was nicely centred, and after an unusual amount of bobbing about, Sandy headed through and made the scores level. Tow Law again broke away, and a beauty from W. Waites just sailed over the bar. Nothing further was scored, and the game ended—

Tow Law ....Two goals
Darlington ....Two goals

Leadgate Park v Willington Athletic.—This match was played at Willington in wretched weather. McLucas kicked off for the Athletic, and the leather was quickly taken up by the left wing and banged into goal. Jackson saved, and McGee lifted the ball back to midfield. Haggerstone secured, and put on to the right, but Porter returned, and McLucas just missed. From the kick-off, McGee sent to Robson, who ran down, but shot over the bar. For the next few minutes play was in midfield, when Hunter got possession and passed to the right. Foreman dodged Porter and centred beautifully, and Wattsford shot through. Willington played hard to equalise, but Jackson and his two supporters were equal to the task, and cleared admirably. The Park forwards again took up the running, and with the capital feeding of the halves, gave the Willington back division some hard work, but could not get through, and when half-time was sounded the score was—

Park ....One goal
Willington ....Nil

Haggerstone immediately kicked off, passing to Hunter, who ran up and passed back to Burnhope. The latter shot, but just missed, the ball grazing the bar. With the wind in their favour, the Park halves and backs kept the ball well in the home goal, Wilson and Walton having hard lines several times. Willington at length got away, and their right wing was looking easy when McGee brought them up, and returned the leather. Foreman and Robson now ran up, and the former, by a capital piece of dodging and a terrific shot, scored the second point. The left wing played the same game right from the centre kick, Wattsford scoring in exactly the same manner. About three minutes after Foreman scored again. The homesters now became desperate, and made strenuous efforts to score, giving the visitors' halves some very hard work. York sent in a beauty, but Walton headed over. Bowstead cleared the corner, and Jackson cleared another by fisting out, and Wilson relieved by dribbling up the field. Porter returned, and McLucas shot. Jackson saved, but slipped and dropped the ball, which rolled through, Willington thus gaining their first point about ten minutes from time. Thus encouraged, they made tracks for Jackson again, but he was defended a little more carefully than he had been the previous 20 minutes. Notwithstanding this, York registered another, which was undoubtedly off-side, but the referee allowed the point. Soon after time was called, and a splendid game resulted as follows—

Park ....Four goals
Willington ....Two goals

The following was the Park team:—Goal, Jackson; backs, McGee and Bowstead; half-backs, Burnhope, Wilson (capt.), and Walton; forwards, Robson, Foreman, Haggerstone, Wattsford, and Hunter. Referee, Mr A. Donaldson (Science and Art).

RUGBY.

Benfieldside Rovers v Gateshead Low Fell.—Played at Gateshead, and resulted in a win for the Rovers. Score:—Rovers, one try, six minors; Low Fell, four minors. O. Murray played a good game for the winners.

Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Tudhoe 2nd.—Played at Benfieldside. Owing to darkness setting in, the game had to be drawn, the game then standing:—Tudhoe, one goal and two tries; Blackhill Rovers, one try.

Blackhill Rovers v Ushaw Moor.—Played at Ushaw Moor in a downpour of rain, before a good gathering of spectators. The home team kicked off, and Brown returned to half-way. The Rovers forced the home team to defend, and Brown received and dropped at goal, the ball just shaving the upright. From the kick out, play ruled at half-way for a while. A good rush by the home forwards took play into the visitors' quarters, where a penalty kick was awarded the home team for off-side, and Heckles landed a beautiful goal. Play now became very fast, Blackhill having all the best of it, and had very hard lines in not scoring. Hostilities were still raging on the home line when the whistle went for half-time with the score—

Ushaw Moor........One penalty goal and one minor
Rovers........................Six minors

From the re-start, the home team made a rush for the Rovers' line, but Aitken returned well to touch. The visitors were now playing against the wind, but had more of the game than in the previous half, and kept the home team on the defensive until the whistle blew, when Ushaw Moor had won a good game, the final result being—

Ushaw Moor......One penalty goal (three points) and three minors
Rovers........................Nine minors

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

Unfortunately, Saturday last proved about the most unfavourable afternoon we have had for football this season, and as a consequence many games were abandoned. Those teams who did turn out will not forget it in a hurry, and as for spectators—well, their enthusiasm must have been of the most pronounced character to have tempted them away from snug firesides on such a bitter afternoon.

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THE PARK DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES.

After having been very quiet for several weeks, the Park came out of their shell on Saturday last, and surprised a large number of people by accomplishing one of the most noteworthy performances in their history. As the majority of my readers are aware, Willington Athletic are one of the strongest teams in Northumberland, and not long since played a creditable draw against the powerful Shankhouse eleven. But Leadgate Park beat the Athletic handsomely by four goals to two, and on the latter's ground too. Such a result shows very plainly that our local club must have played one of their best games, and ten minutes before time they were leading by four goals. This victory should certainly do the Leadgate men a lot of good.

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For the Park, the backs and halves were superb. McGee played a splendid game, while the whole of the forwards were in fine form, and their accurate shooting was one of the features of the game. That rare old veteran, "Franky" Jackson, again turned out for his old club, and did some grand work between the sticks, several of his saves being little short of miraculous. Slightly altering Tennyson's lines, we might say of Frank—

"Players may come, and players may go;
But he goes on for ever."

Although beaten, the Athletic showed some splendid play—McLucas, Porter, York, and Fox being especially prominent. The defeat of the home club caused considerable astonishment amongst their supporters, but it was admitted on all hands that the better team won.

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TANFIELD LEA STILL WINNING.

The above club continue to maintain their capital form, and on Saturday defeated a strong eleven of the Blaydon Albion club by two goals to one, the match taking place at Blaydon. Tanfield had the best of the play all through, and experienced hard lines on some few occasions, which was chiefly due to the treacherous state of the turf. On a dry ground, the visitors would probably have won by four or five goals. The game was pleasantly contested, and both sides played well under the circumstances. It was a laughable sight to see the players when they came off the field, as they resembled miners returning from work more than anything else.

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MEDOMSLEY SHOW UP WELL.

Medomsley were visited on Saturday by the strong University eleven of Durham. The wretched state of the weather was against good football, consequently most of the play was of an individual character. For the home team, Bramley kept goal splendidly, and is developing into a capable custodian. On one occasion he saved most brilliantly. Bousfield, having eluded all his opponents, was in the act of taking aim about two yards out of goal, when Bramley coolly kicked the ball away from his toe. Mansell worked hard, and is back again to his old form. Dr Mann assisted the home club, and played a good game at half-back. He kickled and tackled in fine style, and certainly set the other halves an example by passing to his forwards, instead of huge kicking to an opposing full back. Campbell was again the pick of the forward rank, and it is a pity that "Dick," whose brilliant wing play and powerful shots so often excites the admiration of the spectators, has given up playing except when his club are absolutely in want of a man. Campbell is now the only one playing who was in the club at its commencement—in the days when Dales, Wm. Taylor, Charlton, Milburn, and Little were the terror of opposing clubs. Veitch, who usually officiates so well at half, played a grand game among the forwards, and the committee should keep him there. He is a partner who ought to suit Hedley, and the two should make a powerful wing. The brothers Cant and Smith showed up well, although the latter has only had indifferent health lately.

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Turning to the visitors, T. Owen (the Corinthian and Welsh International) was a tower of strength to his team. The halves were a well-balanced trio, but it was in the forwards that the 'Varsity showed most prominently, and it speaks well for the home backs and goalkeeper that such a powerful set of forwards as Turner, Hay, Bousfield, Challen, and Owen could only break their defence twice, and then with the aid of free kicks granted for hands. Bousfield required a great deal of watching in the centre, and sometimes travelled nearly the whole length of the field single-handed, only to be pulled up either by Moon or Mansell. Although the game was drawn, Medomsley had rather the best of the play.

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AN UNLUCKY DEFEAT FOR THE ROVERS.

Blackhill Rovers and Ushaw Moor met on the latter's ground, on Saturday, when the Rovers had to retire defeated by a penalty goal. The home team are a lot of well-made men, being stones heavier than the Rovers. During the first half, the home fifteen, although using all their weight, had none the best of the play, while the concluding period was all in favour of the visitors, who were by far the smarter team, and it was very hard luck for them, after having the best of the game, to be beaten. For Ushaw Moor, Callaghan at full back was somewhat a failure, but more practice will greatly improve him. The three-quarters were a poor trio, Heckles being the pick. The halves were easily outmatched by Smailes and Robson. The forwards are the best part of the team, but were beaten at screwing the scrimmages.

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For the Rovers, Aitken played well, but should get his kick in sooner instead of running too far. Of the three-quarters, Brown and Anderson were in capital form, the former having extremely hard lines in not scoring on one occasion, getting past the whole of his opponents, but unfortunately slipping when within a yard of the line. I have seen Hewitson to greater advantage, his flying kicks losing a lot of ground. Smailes and Robson were good at half, and completely walked round the opposing pair. The forwards played a good sound game, but seem to have no scoring powers in them. They easily outstayed the Mooritees, and their screwing is very effective when opposed to such heavy weights as the homesters.

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TOW LAW MAKE ST. HILDA'S PLAY UP.

Darlington was the scene of the return encounter between the above clubs. St. Hilda's have a splendid piece of ground, it being extremely level. The rain, however, played havoc with the turf, and made it exceeding slippery. When the "Saints" scored the first goal within five minutes, it looked any odds on Tow Law getting a good beating. They, however, stuck manfully to their work, and within other five minutes equalised. Even play followed, the leather being carried rapidly from end to end. During the second half the visitors again scored, and only allowed their opponents to cross the half-way line twice, and on one of these occasions the homesters managed to draw level, and the game ended two all.

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For the visitors, Allison in goal had only to handle twice, and had no chance with the two that passed him. Temperley and Hilton slipped about a great deal during the first half, but improved later on. The halves were about equal, Waites if anything being the pick. Of the forwards, Coulson was again to the fore, centring in grand style. His partner (Potts) played with more dash than he is accustomed to do, and was always in the thick of it. The old "hoss" in the centre did wonderfully well, he and Graham seeming to have a particular liking for the 6ft 3in. giant in the "Saints" goal by the way they attended to him. "Jossey" Waites on the outside left shot better than I have yet seen him. It was cruel luck that that shot of his did not score. It deserved a better fate. Graham also worked hard, but should pass with a little more judgment; several times his kicks were rather wild.

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A CORRECTION.

Dear Sir,—As referee in the Alliance match between Hedley Harriers and Langley Park, allow me to correct the statement that appeared in your last week's notes. The game started at 3:30, and was to be played the full hour and-a-half. The score at half-time was three goals to one in favour of the Rovers, and when 18 minutes of the second half had gone, the Harriers drew level, making the score three each. Soon after, when there was 18 minutes to play, the Rovers gave over playing on the plea of darkness setting in, and the Harriers still wanted to play, as they thought it wasn't dark enough to cease. So as not to favour either one side or the other, I ordered the game to proceed other 10 minutes of the 18 that was to play, but Langley refused and left the field; so I ordered the Harriers to kick a goal and claim the match. You will see by the above account that the game was not finished as stated, as it ended 18 minutes before the proper time. I think the Harriers are entitled to two points, as it was not too dark to play.—Yours, &c.,

J. Smith,
Hon. sec. Tanfield Lea A.F.C.

[I must say that the letter of Mr Smith puts rathe a different complexion on the matter. I had been led to believe that the full 90 minutes had expired before the referee ordered the match to proceed. As Mr Smith considered it was light enough for further play, I expect the Alliance committee will award the game to the Harriers. In any case, 3:30 is an absurdly late hour to start play at this time of the year.]

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drn	Goals For	Goals Ag.	Pts
Leadgate Exiles...	5	4	1	0	21	5	8
Dipton Wanderers	6	4	2	0	22	10	8
Cornsay Rovers ...	5	3	1	1	18	18	7
Medomsley	5	1	2	2	11	14	4
Tanfield Lea	3	1	1	1	7	8	3
Langley Park H...	8	1	6	1	[illegible]	36	3
Hedley Harriers...	2	0	1	1	3	6	1

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MATCHES WANTED.

Annfield Plain Jolly Tars have still some vacant dates, and would like them filled up with moderate seconds or good juniors. Ages, 16 to 18; 2nd team, 14 to 16. Apply to W. Stafford, 23, Pontop Rows, Annfield Plain.

Lintzford B team have several dates vacant after the new year, and would like to arrange with second or good third teams. Address—W. Smith, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green.

Tow Law Reserve have nearly all dates vacant, and would like matches with clubs in the district. Apply to C. M. Rawes, secretary, Tow Law.

Consett Royal Oaks 2nd would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Nearly all dates vacant. Ages, 14 to 17. Apply to W. McNally, 52, King Street, Consett.

Greencroft Black Watch Juniors would be pleased to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 17 to 19. Address—Thos. Dodd, New Row, Greencroft, Lintz Green.

Consett Celtic would like to arrange matches with junior teams within a radius of four miles. Ages, 11 to 14. Apply to R. McLoer, 19, Albert Row, Consett.

Crookhall Wanderers would be pleased to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 10 to 14. Apply to Jas. Finlay, 16, Red Row, Crookhall, near Leadgate.

High Row Strangers have several vacant dates. Ages, 15 to 18. Address—Thomas Leighton, High Row, Marley Hill, Whickham, R.S.O.

Cricket.

Langley Park C.C.—This club has just finished laying down some more ground, which has made a great improvement. The secretary of the club is open to arrange matches with any good teams for next season; good grounds preferred. Secretary's address, John Angus, Quebec Street, Langley Park, Durham.

MINING FATALITY AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr John Graham, district coroner, held an inquest at the Reading Room, Allendale Cottages, on the body of John Martindale, aged 21 years, lodging at Dean Bank, Allendale Cottages. It seems that Martindale was employed as a shifter at the Derwent pit at Medomsley (owned by the Consett Iron Company). On Friday evening, about 8 30, deceased, along with other men, was about to start work. They were just fixing their candles, when a fall of side coal came upon the man, his body being buried amongst the *debris.* When he was extricated, it was discovered that no bones were fractured, but he was severely crushed internally. Drs Charles and Mann rendered prompt medical skill. The unfortunate man was carried home, and expired on Saturday night—27 hours after the accident. Another man had a narrow escape of being injured at the same time.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

CONCERT AT WINLATON.

On Thursday se'nnight, a concert and dramatic entertainment was given in the Drill Hall, Winlaton, in aid of the fund for providing a new heating apparatus for St. Paul's Church. Thanks to the unwearied efforts of Mrs J. A. Cowen, Blaydon Burn; Mr and Mrs H. W. Grace, Winlaton; and Rev Mr Jones, a most attractive programme was provided, in which several well-known entertainers took part. The hall was crowded to the door, and many people failed to gain admission. The clear profit of the concert is the handsome sum of £25, and thus the undertaking was eminently satisfactory alike as an artistic and financial success. The present heating apparatus was placed in the church in 1839—a fact which suggests that a more modern and more effective system of heating should now be substituted. The estimated cost of the apparatus is £100. After the excellent programme had been disposed of, the Rector proposed, and Colonel J. A. Cowen seconded, a vote of thanks to the artistes who had provided them with the entertainment.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—A Cure for Abscesses, Piles, Fistula, and Sores of every description.—The very satisfactory results arising from the use of this invaluable Ointment, when the patients have been suffering from any of the above disorders, have induced the Medical Profession to introduce it into the hospitals and their private practice, and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable, Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, healed the most desperate cases. They are also unequalled for the cure of scrofula, scurvy, and all diseases of the skin, and the cures they effect are not temporary or imperfect, for by their purifying powers they bring about a marvellous and most beneficial change in the whole system, and enable it, with renovated powers, to resist the approach of all future attacks of the same disease.

DARKWOOD,

A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

Chapter LVII.

HOW PIETRO'S PLANS WORKED.

Gwen's absence from her rooms was not discovered until about noon of the following day. The entire household rose late, having retired late. The Lady Georgina slept until nearly noon, and then rang her bell for her maid. The latter came in, looking as if she had but recently risen.

"My breakfast," said the heiress, peremptorily. "And tell Miss Myner that I wish to see her."

"I have not been called to help Miss Myner dress yet, Lady Georgina," said the maid. "I think she is not awake."

"Go and see," commanded the young mistress.

The maid departed on her errand, returning with the information that Miss Myner was not in her rooms, which were in order, and that she had probably gone out for a walk.

"Very well," said Lady Georgina. "When she comes in I want to see her. It is very singular that she should go out alone, and just when I want her."

The young lady ate her breakfast and made her toilet leisurely. Then she sent out again for her companion.

The maid returned with the statement that Miss Myner was still out.

"She is out a long time, I think," said the Lady Georgina, in a tone of annoyance. "I wonder where she can be?"

She went herself to Gwen's rooms and discovered that the girl's hat and jacket were missing. As she was about to return to her own apartments, she espied the ink-stained envelope upon the open desk, the overturned inkstand, and the stain upon the carpet.

"A careless piece of business, I should say," said the young lady to herself. "She has made a pretty mess of the carpet. I wonder who she has been writing to—those relations of hers in London?"

She approached the desk and took up the unsealed envelope.

There was but little sense of honour in Lord Darkwood's daughter. She believed the letter private—not meant for her eyes—and a desire to read it seized upon her.

"The address is all blotted out," she commented, "and the envelope is not sealed."

She opened it deliberately.

The address, "My darling," startled her, aroused her curiosity, and so excited her that no sense of propriety, or honour, or self-respect could have restrained her from perusing the epistle to the end.

"So she has a lover," thought Lord Darkwood's daughter. "She's a sly piece! What's the 'obstacle' she speaks of? Why can't she marry him? She met him last evening. Then, it was some one in the castle. It couldn't be a servant. Who was it? My father?"

She was inclined to believe that the marquis was the lover referred to in the letter, and grew incensed accordingly. It was some time before she arrived at the full meaning of the letter, and then her conviction was that Gwen had fled from the castle.

She made a hasty search of the rooms, and discovered that Gwen's handbag had disappeared. This discovery was brought about by her maid, who had been accustomed to assist Gwen in her toilet, and who had followed her young mistress now into Gwen's apartment.

"I saw Miss Myner's travelling bag in her dressing-room yesterday," said the maid, "and now it's gone, and she's gone too. What does it all mean, Lady Georgina?"

"Ring the bell."

The maid obeyed. A servant appeared. The Lady Georgina sent a message to Mrs. Dover, requesting her presence in Miss Myner's rooms.

The housekeeper made her appearance.

"Come in," said Lord Darkwood's daughter. "Mrs. Dover, have you seen Miss Myner to-day?"

Mrs. Dover replied in the negative.

"She has gone," said Lady Georgina. "Here is a letter she left behind her. The address is blotted out, but I think she wrote my father's name. The deceitful, sly minx! She didn't leave Dunholm Castle any too soon, I can tell her. Read the letter."

She gave it into the housekeeper's hands. Mrs. Dover read it hastily, with a shocked expression on her kindly face.

"There is some mystery in this," said the lady. "The letter is unsigned. No doubt Miss Myner forgot to sign it in her agitation. Lord Darkwood must know of this immediately, Lady Georgina. It is quite clear that Miss Myner has gone to her friends. But why should she leave so secretly? Perhaps Lord Darkwood will understand the mystery."

"I will take it to him," cried Georgina, eager to prove her suspicions true.

She hurried down to the library, but it was untenanted. She questioned the hall porter, and he informed her that Lord Darkwood had gone down to Dunholm village with his bailiff. The girl slowly returned towards the rooms. On the stairs she encountered Pietro, calm, sleek, and smooth as usual. He eyed her sharply. She was about to pass on, when she changed her purpose and came to a halt.

"Pietro!" she exclaimed, "when my father returns, send a servant to tell me."

"Yes, my lady."

"Pietro," she continued, "have you seen anything of Miss Myner to-day?"

"Nothing, my lady."

And Pietro looked surprised.

"She is gone, and nobody seems to have seen her. She must have left the house at a very early hour. She could not have walked to Shrewsbury. I do wish that my father would come!"

She returned to Gwen's rooms, where Mrs. Dover was engaged in questioning a housemaid, who averred that she had not put Miss Myner's room in order that day.

"Then Miss Myner either sat up all night," said the housekeeper, "or she left the castle last night."

"She was in her room at nine o'clock," declared the housemaid, "for I mended her fire at that time and she said good night to me."

Mrs. Dover, by dint of cross questioning the house-maid and one or two other servants, discovered that Gwen had been seen at the castle as late as eleven o'clock on the preceding night. Some one had seen her crossing the quadrangle at or about that hour, coming from the direction of the ruins, where she was supposed to have gone to look at the dancers.

She had not occupied her bed. The door of the small porch opening upon the quadrangle had been closed by the butler at about one o'clock, and had been found unfastened in the morning. She might have gone out at that door at any time between one o'clock and seven. That she had not gone to bed argued an earlier departure. But as she was only a tender, delicate girl, she would not have been likely to go out alone at an unseemly hour, but would have been inclined to wait for the dawn.

Thus Mrs. Dover argued.

Inquiries at the stables proved that she had not had any conveyance to take her away. The housekeeper, believing that the girl had gone on foot to Shrewsbury, sent a mounted groom thither with a written message to be given into Gwen's own hands.

By the time all these steps had been taken and investigations made, it was four o'clock. A messenger came up with the announcement that Lord Darkwood had returned, and was in the library.

The Lady Georgina ran down to him.

He was sitting at a writing-table when she appeared, and he looked up with an expression of annoyance.

"What do you want?" he demanded.

"Father," cried Georgina, "Miss Myner is gone!"

"What?"

"Miss Myner's stolen away like a thief, on foot, and unknown to any one. And here's a letter she left for you!" exclaimed the Lady Georgina. "Your name is blotted off the envelope, but she must have meant it for you. What other gentleman did she see last night?"

"Let me see the letter."

His daughter gave it up to him.

"She calls you her darling," said the girl, in an aggrieved voice. "I won't have her back, the deceitful thing! And if you marry her, I will hate you both! Her 'darling!' I wish I'd never seen her!"

"Do hush, Georgina! The letter is in Miss Myner's handwriting, but I can't make head nor tail of it. Her darling! Has she got a lover? Where did she see him last evening? The thing is a Chinese puzzle."

The Lady Georgina grew calmer as she became convinced that her father was not the "darling" referred to in the letter, and that consequently her own prospects were not menaced.

Lord Darkwood was thoroughly mystified and greatly alarmed. He summoned Mrs. Dover to a conference. He cross-questioned the servants. He dispatched another groom after the first to Shrewsbury. And having done all that could be done, he dismissed every one but his daughter, and read the letter aloud, and inquired of her if she could throw any light whatever upon the matter.

"It is very singular!" he exclaimed. "That is what comes of having a young governess instead of an elderly one! She won't come back. Her day here is over. Who could her lover be? That is what puzzles me! She was beautiful enough and proud enough for a duchess."

He paused, as the door opened, and a servant announced—

"Miss Norreys and Lord Chilton!"

Chapter LVIII.

PIETRO'S SUCCESS COMPLETE.

At the announcement of the names of Miss Norreys and Lord Chilton, Lord Darkwood came forward, all smiles and welcome, to receive his visitors. In the delight of greeting the lady of his love, the marquis forgot the open letter on his writing table, and the annoyance and perplexity which had been caused him by Gwen's most unexpected disappearance.

Miss Norreys, exquisitely attired in an artistic visiting dress of chocolate coloured silk, relieved with dashes of cream colour, entered in advance of her escort, her train sweeping the floor, her pale olive face and dusky ripples of hair crowned by a Rubens hat of chocolate colour, decorated with cream coloured ostrich plumes.

Lord Darkwood bent low over her daintily gloved hand, and conducted her to a chair. He greeted Lord Chilton with courteous warmth, and inquired after the guests at Beechmont. After the usual interchange of civilities, including comments upon the festivities of the previous evening, and a little pause had occurred in the conversation, Miss Norreys said—

"We are come for something more to-day, Lord Darkwood, than a merely formal call. It was in order that our conference with you might be quite private that we followed the servant to the library instead of going into the drawing-room, where we should probably have been interrupted."

The marquis bowed and grew cold at the thought of a "private conference;" but he recovered himself upon the instant. If Miss Norreys intended to reject his proposal of marriage, she would have written her rejection, instead of coming to his house and bringing with her a witness to his humiliation. Clearly she had not come with any answer to his proposal. And since she had not done so, he felt little concerned in the object of her visit.

"Our visit is in relation to Miss Myner," said the East India heiress. "We shall desire to see her presently. In fact, Lord Darkwood, I am come in the hope of taking my little friend with me to Beechmont."

The marquis looked blank.

"My proposition sounds rather unceremonious, does it not?" continued Miss Norreys, smiling. "But you shall decide, my lord, if my claim cannot be made good. And not my claim either, but Lord Chilton's. Our friend was acquainted with Miss Myner before she came to Dunholm Castle. In truth, they were lovers, but they were separated by adverse circumstances. He had completely lost sight of her during the past two months, and found her quite by accident last evening during our visit here."

"Quite a romance," said Lord Darkwood.

"Yes," assented Miss Norreys, "it is a romance, and one which greatly interests me. Miss Myner and Lord Chilton have renewed their vows of betrothal, and will arrange for a speedy marriage, and I desire to give the wedding breakfast. I am interested in Miss Myner, and would like her to be married from Beechmont. I am here to offer her my protection, and to take her away with me."

Lord Darkwood trifled with the letter on his desk.

What a singular complication was this that had arisen!

Lord Chilton Miss Myner's lover! Why, then, he must be the "darling" referred to in her mysterious letter.

"Would you be good enough, my lord, to excuse the abruptness of Miss Myner's departure?" inquired the young viscount. "And will you kindly send her to join us?"

"One moment," said the marquis, twirling the fatal letter between his fingers. "How long have you known Miss Myner, Lord Chilton?"

The young viscount looked surprised. A haughty flush arose to his fair face and died out. He answered courteously—

"For many months—since last September, my lord. We were betrothed before she came to Dunholm Castle."

"After she came here she withdrew her address from you, and you did not know her whereabouts until last evening?"

Lord Chilton bowed assent.

"I conclude, then, that Miss Myner had reasons, which doubtless seemed good to her, for concealing herself from you," said the marquis. "Pardon me, Lord Chilton, for my seeming rudeness, but is it not so?"

Again the young viscount bowed.

"Miss Myner conceived that there was an obstacle to our marriage," he replied. "But I set her doubts all at rest during our interview of last evening. She has consented to become my wife. I am quite at loss, Lord Darkwood——"

The marquis interposed with a deprecating gesture.

"Again, pardon me," he said. "If I could I would further your suit with Miss Myner, Lord Chilton. It would delight me to be present at your marriage with her and to give away the bride. Her marvellous beauty, her grace, her manners, her intellectual attainments, would do honour to any position, and lend new lustre to the coronet you would place upon her brow. But the obstacles she believed to exist between you must have been more serious than you fancied, my lord. You may have seemed in your interview with her last evening to clear them away, but, when her reason reasserted its sway, they must have seemed to her as formidable as ever."

"I fail to comprehend your meaning, my lord," said the viscount, puzzled at this very singular address.

"Lord Darkwood has more to say," declared Miss Norreys, who had been regarding her host very keenly, and who was struck by his manner.

The marquis bowed assent to this suggestion.

"Has Miss Myner made any communication to you in regard to me, Lord Darkwood?" demanded the viscount, abruptly.

"She has not," answered the marquis, promptly. "I never heard her mention your name. Until you told me yourself, I did not even know that it was you who were her lover. My lord, I do not know how to break the tidings to you—but Miss Myner has left my house. She is gone—"

Miss Norreys grew pale as death.

"Gone!" echoed Lord Chilton, stupefied.

"Gone!" repeated the marquis, emphatically. "Her departure surprises me as much as it can surprise you!"

"When did she go?" asked the viscount, looking as if he was utterly bewildered.

"That we do not know. I went over to Dunholm village this afternoon," said the marquis, "and, upon my return, an hour ago, I was met by the tidings that Miss Myner had disappeared. No one saw her go. She did not say good-bye to Georgina. She went out secretly——"

"That was not like her," interposed Lord Chilton, warmly. "Did she leave no letter—no explanation?"

"Only this," said the marquis, taking up the letter with which he had been toying. "Georgina found this letter on Miss Myner's desk. An overturned bottle of ink lay upon it, and, as you see, the superscription is entirely blotted out. The letter was not sealed, so Georgina opened and read it, and afterwards brought it to me. We could not know for whom it was intended, and, until your revelation, had not the slightest suspicion of its proper destination. Here is the letter!"

He gave it into the viscount's hands.

Lord Chilton read it in a great amazement and a lingering bewilderment. He read it again and again. Then he silently placed it in the hands of Miss Norreys, who, white and anxious, still sat speechless. She read it through deliberately, but with apparent effort. Her agitation was not remarked as excessive, her companions being also agitated, but had they been more observant they would have wondered at her trembling and the deadly chill that crept over her, enfolding her entire body, and at the wild throbbing of her heart, and the dazed expression of her velvety-brown eyes.

"It is not signed," she said, handing back the letter with quivering hands.

"I noticed that," said the young viscount. "The fact that the letter was neither signed nor sealed seems to signify that she meant to add more but forgot, in her agitation, to do so. I know her handwriting, Miss Norreys. She wrote that letter. There can be no possible room for doubt as to its authenticity."

He accepted its authorship without hesitation. As he declared he knew the handwriting too well to be deceived in regard to it. And, knowing the penmanship, he accepted the purport of the letter. No doubt intruded itself into his mind as to the intended destination of the missive. It was impossible that he should surmise how and why that letter had been written. Pietro's diabolical plan had prospered well.

"I must follow her to London by the first train," said the viscount, without hesitation. "She tells me not to attempt to find her, yet I believe that she must have returned to Mrs. Myner's house, and I shall probably find her there!"

"She left the castle on foot, with only a handbag," said the marquis. "She must have departed soon after daybreak this morning, for the door by which she went out was found unfastened by a servant at eight o'clock. She was supposed to be sleeping, and it was not until noon that the maid, who waited upon her, and who had overslept herself went into her room, and found that the bed had not been slept in last night, and that she was gone!"

"The bed had not been slept in?"

"No, my lord. Her night was evidently sleepless."

Miss Norreys was regarding the Marquis with a keen and piercing gaze, as if she meant to probe his soul to its utmost depths. Did she suspect him of having harmed Gwen? If she did so suspect at first, she was too skilled a student of mankind to entertain the idea long. She saw that he had been surprised at Gwen's disappearance—that his surprise and bewilderment were genuine.

Undoubtedly, the girl, stung by the recollection of her origin, with some exalted notion of self-sacrifice, and deeming herself unworthy to become the wife of Lord Chilton, had gone away to her friends with the intention of seeing the viscount no more. This was a plausible explanation, founded upon her letter. There could be no possible cause for alarm. And yet—a strange misgiving invaded the lady's mind, and obstinately held possession in spite of all her efforts to be rid of it. The matter looked fair upon the surface. Her reason was satisfied. But instinct—the subtle intuitions that set reason at defiance, and reach out and grasp after truth with wilful hands—had taken alarm. She was secretly troubled, apprehensive, dissatisfied, and she knew not why.

Still it was clear to her that Lord Darkwood had had no hand in the girl's disappearance.

Lord Chilton made many inquiries. The Lady Georgina, Mrs. Dover, and one or two servants were summoned, and interrogated. One of the grooms who had been sent to Shrewsbury had returned, but he had learned nothing in regard to the missing girl.

"She must have gone to London," said the viscount, placing Gwen's letter, which he had been again perusing, in his pocket. "Yet, from her letter, I should judge she meant to avoid those places where I would naturally look for her. She cannot have gone to Yorkshire!"

"Yorkshire!" repeated Lord Darkwood.

Miss Norreys made a little gesture to Lord Chilton which he did not see.

"I will telegraph to London and to Penistone at once," said the viscount. "She will certainly communicate with her friends at one of those places. Permit me, my lord, to write my telegrams at your desk."

The marquis, changing colour, cried eagerly—

"Certainly, my lord, with pleasure. And I will send a mounted groom with the telegram. He would ride to Shrewsbury sooner than you could."

"Thanks. I will avail myself of your kindness."

Lord Chilton sat down at a table. His host, in whose ears that name *Penistone* was ringing, stood at a little distance, secretly agitated.

The viscount wrote a message to Mrs. Myner, asking if her charge had arrived in London, and stating that the girl had left Dunholm Castle at an early hour of the morning.

And now arose a difficulty about the signature.

"Mrs. Myner has probably never heard of me," said the viscount. "She doesn't know of my acquaintance with—with her charge, and she will not be likely to reply to me."

"Sign my name," suggested the marquis promptly. "They would expect to hear from me, and, if you did not telegraph to them, I would!"

Lord Chilton passed over the paper and pen, and Lord Darkwood appended his own name to the document.

Resuming his pen, the viscount wrote another message—this one to be sent to Mrs. Quillet.

Lord Darkwood, with a strange expression on his face, sidled nearer to his guest, and threw a long sidelong glance upon the paper. These words traced there he read distinctly, as follows—

"*To Mrs. Quillet, Lonemoor, Penistone, Yorkshire.—Miss Winter has left her situation. Let me know if she communicates with you. Am very anxious.*"

To this Lord Chilton appended his own name with a great misgiving. The Quillets had refused to answer his former inquiries after Gwen, and they would probably not be more communicative now than heretofore. Yet he could not rest without informing them of Gwen's movements. Even if they did not answer it, they might forward it to Gwen, who would understand from those few words his great unspoken solicitude.

He enclosed the scrap of paper upon which the last-mentioned message had been written in an envelope and stood up.

The marquis was standing erect, rigid, strange, and ashen-faced. There was something positively ghastly in his round fat visage, and his eyes were full of amazement and horror.

Miss Norreys was staring at him with great vivid eyes and a pallor nearly equal to his own.

"Are you ill, my lord?" questioned the viscount, astonished at his demeanour.

"No—that is yes," answered the marquis starting, and drawing a long breath. "I beg your pardon, my lord. I am not quite myself. The fatigue of the past two nights begin to tell upon me. I am new to society dissipation. And this affair coming when I find myself so nearly worn out——"

He broke off abruptly in his easy harangue, as if suddenly conscious that he was speaking. He rang his bell violently, and dispatched a mounted groom to Shrewsbury with the two messages.

Miss Norreys now arose, exclaiming—

"We will drive on to Shrewsbury, Lord Chilton. As Miss Myner walked, we may find her still there. We can at least learn if she has been seen at the railway station."

She made her adieux with easy grace, Lord Darkwood escorted her to the waiting carriage. He returned to his library, and walked to and fro with impetuous tread, muttering—

"The secret is out! That girl I have known as Miss Marian Myner is really Gwendoline Winter! She has been in my house for six months and I never suspected her identity. I must find her! It is fortunate that Pietro never suspected the truth more than myself. No wonder that she resembles the Charteris family. Fool—fool that I am! Why did I never suspect who she really is? And she has got away in safety. I'll join in the search for her. I must outwit Lord Chilton—I must not excite Pietro's suspicions—I must be crafty as a serpent! That girl Gwendoline Winter—that girl Clare Markham's child. Intelligent, well-bred, a true lady—why, she's dangerous to me. Allow Lord Chilton to marry her—never! Allow Pietro to get wind of her true history—never! Her existence imperils mine. I must sweep her from my path, from the knowledge of all who have ever seen or known her. I'll move heaven and earth but that I find her. And when I find her—Ah!"

(To be continued.)

FACTS AND FANCIES.

NO DOUBT HE CAN.

Juvenile hostess entertaining the widower—"Mr. Filtrip, can't you walk as well as you used to?"

"Why, yes, Bessie, why shouldn't I?"

"Oh, I heard mamma say that you were on your second legs, but I thought they're most as good as your old ones."

CREMATION SONG.

Don't lay me on the river bank, amid the fragrant flowers,
Nor where the grass is watered by the early summer showers;
But put me in the kitchen range and open wide the damper,
And then my vaporous remains can up the chimney scamper.

LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.

Here is a letter from a wife to her husband in California. She don't intend going through the world with the blues—"My dear Husband,—As it is now some time since you left for California, I suppose that you would be glad to hear how we are getting along in your absence. I am happy to say that we are enjoying very good health on the whole. Just at present two of the boys have got the small-pox. With trifling exceptions we are all well, and getting along nicely. You needn't be at all anxious about us. I almost forgot to say that Sarah Matilda eloped last week. Poor girl! She's been waiting for the last ten years for a chance, and I'm glad she's married at last. She needn't have taken the trouble to elope, though, for I am sure I was glad enough to have her go. She was a great eater, and I find that baked beans don't go off near so fast now as they did. The way that girl would dip into pork and beans was a caution to the rest of the family. The cow took it into her head yesterday to run away, which was very fortunate, I'm sure, for the barn caught fire last night and was consumed. I was in hopes the house would go too, for it's very inconvenient, but the wind was the wrong way, so it didn't receive much injury. Some boys broke into the orchard the other day, and stripped all the fruit trees. I am very glad of it, for if they hadn't I presume the children would have made themselves ill by eating too much fruit. Hoping you enjoy yourself in California as well as we do at home, I remain your affectionate wife."

TECHNICAL LANGUAGE.

Young Simpson, beginning the study of natural philosophy, became fond of applying technical names to common objects to impress hearers with a sense of his profound knowledge, and tried the game with his father one evening. When he mentioned to him that he had swallowed some marine acephalous molluscs the old man was much alarmed, and he suddenly seized Simpson and threw him to the floor, and held him and screamed for help. And when Mrs. Simpson came with some warm water, and the hired man rushed in with a garden pump, they forced half a gallon of water down Simpson's throat, and then held him by the heels over the edge of the porch and shook him, while the old man said, "If we don't get them things out of William he will be pizened." And when they were out, and William explained that the articles alluded to were merely oysters, his father dandled him with a trunk strap for scaring the family. Subsequently Simpson framed his language in a more familiar phrase.

The greatest thoughts are the simplest, and so are the greatest men.

Some hearts, like evening primroses, open most beautifully in the shadows of life.

Humour, the sheet-lightning that attracts attention without harming.

Some people are very lucky whom Nature has endowed with a good store of that great anodyne, dulness.

No liberal man would impute a charge of unsteadiness to another for having changed his opinion.

Johnson declared that "it was amazing what ignorance of certain points one sometimes finds in men of eminence."

Alms.—To this word there is no singular, in order to teach us that a solitary act of charity scarcely deserves the name.

GREENCROFT COTTAGES.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Saturday night, an entertainment was given in the above chapel at Greencroft Cottages, when a varied and interesting programme was rendered. The chair was occupied by Mr R. Reynoldson, and there was a good company.—On Sunday, three sermons were preached—morning and evening, by Mr H. Thompson, assisted by his daughter, Miss Thompson, of Gateshead, and in the afternoon by Mr J. Ward. The whole of the proceedings were a success.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Waggon Inn Yearly Fund.—The members of this fund held the annual dinner at the Waggon Inn, White-le-Head, on Saturday night, when 94 members sat down to a splendid repast prepared by Mrs Atkinson in her usual luxurious style. After the removal of the cloth, the chair was taken by Mr W. Herron (president of the club), and the vice-chair by Mr Jos. Gray. The toast list having been gone through, the remainder of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. The following contributed to the harmony of the evening:—Messrs J. Potts, J. Nicholson, jun., T. Houghton, T. Harrison, T. Bell, J. Nicholson, sen., L. Reay, J. Gibbon, and the host, Mr R. Atkinson.

WEST STANLEY.

Sudden Death.—Last week, William Ramsay, aged about 50 years, died very suddenly at West Stanley. Deceased was lodging with Miss Heslop, Front Street, and on Saturday week, he complained of his stomach being out of order. He took some antibilious pills, and on Sunday night, he went to bed at 10 o'clock. Wm. Hollings, another lodger, slept in the same bed, and the latter got up about 7-30 on Monday morning to go to his work leaving Ramsay apparently asleep. About 10 o'clock the same day, Chas. Hart went to the man's bed-room and found him dead. No inquest was held.

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Mount St. Bernard.—Mount St. Bernard is so called from a monastery founded on it by Bernardine Meuthon in 962. Velan, its highest peak, is about 8,000 feet high, covered with perpetual snow. Hannibal, it is said, conducted the Carthaginians by this pass into Italy 218 B.C.; and by the same route, in May, 1800, Bonaparte's troops passed to Italy before the battle of Marengo, June 14. On the summit of Great St. Bernard is the ancient monastery, still held by a community of monks who entertain travellers, and whose dogs are famous all over the world.

The French Regency.—When the French established a regency at Algiers, in 1830, they hoped to find the employment of native troops advantageous, and selected the Zouaoua, a congregation of daring Arab tribes. In time numbers of Red Republicans and other enthusiastic Frenchmen joined the regiments, adopting the costume, and eventually the Africans disappeared from the ranks, and no more were added. The French Zouaves formed an important part of the army in the Crimean War, 1854-5. The Zouave organisation and drill were introduced into the Federal army in the great civil war in America by Ephraim E. Ellsworth, early in 1861, who was assassinated a few months after.

The "Sicilian Vespers."—The "Sicilian Vespers" is the term given to the massacre of the French—who had conquered Sicily, 1266—which were commenced at Palermo 30th March, 1282. On Easter Monday, a number of conspirators met at Palermo, and while the French were engaged in festivities a Sicilian bride passed by with her train. One Drochet, a Frenchman, used her rudely, under pretence of searching for arms. A young Sicilian stabbed him with his own sword, and a tumult ensuing 200 French were instantly murdered. The populace ran through the city crying, "Let the French die," and, without distinction of rank, age, or sex, slaughtered all of that nation they could find, to the number of about 8,000. Even the churches proved no sanctuary, and the massacre became general throughout the island.

Finger Rings.—Many have suffered imprisonment, and even death, on account of rings. The great antiquarian, Wickleman, was murdered by a scoundrel servant for a very precious ring that he wore. Conrad, a Neapolitan prince, flying from Charles, King of Naples, was discovered to a sailor by his ring, informed against, examined, and there being found no sufficient reason why he should live, was put to death accordingly. Richard Cœur de Lion, having made a three months' truce with Saladin, hoped to get safe home, but was betrayed to the enemy by a jewel on his finger. He had reached Vienna, when, fearing to fall into the hands of Leopold, the Austrian archduke, whom he had affronted, he took a cook's place in a gentleman's family, but not taking the precaution to roast with his rings off, he was recognised, arrested, and thrown into prison. The last instance we shall cite of a ring proving inimical to the happiness of its possessor is taken from a remarkable relation of Phlegon of Tralles. Hadrian's freedman, who dealt in marvellous recitals, and who gives the following among others of his *mirabilia*.—A young man by name of Achates, travelling in Greece, became the guest of Demonstrates. One evening, after retiring to rest, he was surprised by a visit from the fair Philinnione—the deceased daughter of his host—who presented herself in the most bewitching guise before him, and persuaded him to exchange pledge-rings with her. This nocturnal visit was repeated for three nights successively, the young man having no idea the while that his fair *inamorata* was a visitor from another world. On the third night, a maid discovering a strange lady in the guest chamber, recognised her deceased mistress, and apprised the parents of the late Philinnione of what she had seen. Incredulous at first at the young woman's story, they at length agreed to enter the chamber at the same hour the night following, when to their bewilderment and joy, they saw their own daughter before them. But this joy was soon turned into horror, for the maiden had no sooner recognised her father and mother, than, escaping from the embraces of both, she reproached them bitterly for thus coming abruptly to destroy the happiness which for three more nights she had else enjoyed with their guest, her leave of absence from the shades extending to a whole week. Saying this, she fell a lifeless corpse on the ground at their feet. On recovering from the shock, the first impulse of the parents hurried them to the tomb, whence the body had indeed departed, and all that remained there was Achates' pledge-ring, on which the unhappy youth, terror-stricken at having affianced himself to a spectre, fell upon his sword and died immediately.

Marshal Ney, after the abdication of Napoleon in 1814, took the oath of allegiance to Louis XVIII. but broke it on Napoleon's escape from Elba. He fought with the French at Waterloo, and subsequently was arrested in France, tried for high treason, and sentenced to death, despite the general amnesty which had been proclaimed.

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NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The Rev A. T. Finch has left Stanhope amid many regrets. As a clergyman he was greatly respected. He carries with him the well-wishes of many. The suddenness of his departure did not allow his friends time to show their appreciation of his services, but I hear there is a prospect of a tangible recognition of those services in the shape of a testimonial at no distant date.

Mr T. E. Fenwick, of Wolsingham, has done a good deed in presenting the trustees of the Stanhope Wesleyan Chapel with a donation of £10 towards their chapel renovation, and has also given a new bible and hymn book to their beautiful chapel.

Dr Arnison has, with characteristic generosity, offered to give to Stanhope Church a very handsome gift in the shape of a brass eagle lectern, the probable cost of which will be about £80. He has also made some other handsome offers to the church officials. Handsome is that handsome does. Few men are more respected in Stanhope than the genial old doctor.

Mr J. W. Roddam, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Richmond, presided at the Church missionary meeting at Stanhope, on Monday night. Mr Roddam makes a good chairman. Whether he is on the cricket pavillion smashing down the wickets with his "daisy cutter," or on a public platform as chairman he seems quite at home.

The concert got up in aid of the Stanhope bellman was a success, in fact, a big success. That night and since the handsome sum of £13 15s has been realised, which will sing him a good song in a time of need. The Weardale public are very sympathetic with a genuine case of distress, and, be it said to their credit, are never backward in responding to a genuine cry of the distressed for help.

The Frosterley Primitives are loyal givers. They seldom have a sewing meeting tea where they do not make £10. Most of them are bumpers. There are few societies in the dale that beat them or even equal them. They seems to carry out John Wesley's maxims to the letter. Get all you can; save all you can; and give all you can. Most people carry out the two first in their entirety, but it is only the few who carry out the third.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH).

Leadgate Park v Sacriston St. Peter's, at Leadgate.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Medomsley Reserve, at Consett.
Blackhill Rovers v North Durham 2nd, at Gateshead.
Consett Fell v Blaydon Albion, at Blaydon.
Tow Law v St. Helen's C. I. (Bishop Auckland), at Tow Law.
Pelton Fell Harriers v Burnmoor, at Burnmoor.
Medomsley v Stanley Hedley Harriers, at Medomsley (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Langley Park Rovers v Byer Moor, at Byer Moor.
Tanfield Lea v Dipton Wanderers, at Tanfield Lea (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Cornsay Rovers 2nd v Denton Burn, at Cornsay.
Consett League v West Cornforth Church Institute, at Consett.
Consett Royal Oaks v Helm Park Wanderers, at Consett.
Blaydon v Jarrow Christ Church Institute, at Blaydon.
Pelton Fell Harriers Juniors v Tynedale Juniors, at Hexham.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Oakey's Lilywhites, at Stanley.
Consett Young Shamrocks v Oxhill Juniors, at Consett.
Medomsley Church Choir v Flint Hill Albion, at Flint Hill.
Lintz Juniors v High Row Strangers, at the Lintz.
Allendale Park v Blackhill Park, at Blackhill.
Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Tudhoe 3rd, at Spennymoor.
Blaydon 2nd v Jarrow Christ Church Institute 2nd, at Jarrow.
Consett Fell B v Blackhall Mill Rovers, at Blackhall Mill.
Allendale Park v Catchgate Red Stars, at Catchgate.
Lintz Rovers v Shotley Bridge, at the Lintz.

MEDOMSLEY v STANLEY HEDLEY HARRIERS.—These teams will meet at Medomsley for the first time, the game being one under the auspices of the North-West Durham Alliance. The following will represent the home club:—Goal, T. Bramley; backs, Wm. Baron and Wm. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, T. Walton, G. Moon, and W. Cant; forwards, R. Campbell and R. Cant, right wing; H. Smith, centre; J. Veitch and J. McGregor, left wing.

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. v MEDOMSLEY RESERVE.—This match will take place at Consett. The Medomsley team will be selected from the following—G. Forster, H. Pearson, T. Bailey, Wm. Hunter, G. Abbott, J. McColl, J. Hornsby, W. Ryan, R. Wilson, J. Pearson, Jas. Hunter, G. Brown, J. Bramley, J. Hunter, and J. Roulton. The Y.M.C.A. will be represented by the following team:—Goal, A. Wilson; backs, H. Symington and E. R. Walker; half-backs, J. Whitehead, W. Hagan, and R. Sanderson; forwards, C. Cooke (capt.) and J. Lowrey, right wing; J. O'Brien, centre; J. Colling and J. Hull, left wing. Reserves, Lumsden and Jones. Kick-off at 3.

TANFIELD LEA v DIPTON WANDERERS.—This Alliance match will be played on the former's ground, when an exciting game is sure to be witnessed. The home team will be chosen from the following:—E. Gailes, J. Brown, T. Christopher, Fletcher, Robson, McDonald, Gaffney, Smith, J. Milburn, J. Gailes, McNeil, Holmes, W. Christopher.

CONSETT FELL v BLAYDON ALBION.—To be played at Blaydon. The Fell will be represented by the subjoined team:—Goal, W. Bell (capt.); backs, T. Skelton and W. Oliver; half-backs, C. Ternent, T. T. Gray, and A. Eustace; forwards, W. Wake and T. Atkinson, right wing; E. Carlill, centre; R. Harkness and T. Dunn, left wing. Reserves, Stafford and Lowes.

CONSETT FELL B v BLACKHALL MILL ROVERS.—To be played at Blackhall Mill. Fell team—Goal, J. Dunning; backs, W. Williamson and C. Gardiner; half-backs, T. Madgin, F. Arlott, and R. McCance; forwards, C. Winter and T. Watson, right wing; W. Smurthwaite, centre; M. Eustace (capt.) and J. Bates, left wing. Reserves, A. Kempster, A. Bates. Kick-off at 2-30.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v NORTH DURHAM 2ND.—To be played at Gateshead. The following will do duty for the Rovers:—Full back, J. Aitken; three-quarter backs, A. Ward, J. Brown, and G. Hewitson; half-backs, G. Smailes (capt.) and T. Robson; forwards, J. Anderson, G. Sayers, G. Davison, A. McGhee, L. McTaggart, R. Stobbs, A. Taylor, J. G. Askew, and W. Brown. Reserve, G. Aitken.

BLACKHILL ROVERS 2ND v TUDHOE 3RD.—To be played at Spennymoor. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, D. Aitken; three-quarter backs, Robinson, E. McKlrue, and W. Smith; half-backs, Brannighan and H. Murray; forwards, Blacklock, W. Morgan, T. Gibson, Dawson, J. Morgan, J. Lumley (capt.), Lamb, G. Aitken, and G. Bell.

LINTZ ROVERS v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—At the Lintz. The home team will be as follows:—Goal, M. Watson (capt.); backs, H. Nevins and J. Haywood; half-backs, P. Hughes, McKenna, and Lee; forwards, A. Hughes and McGurk, right wing; J. Gannon, centre; T. Watson and J. Weedy, left wing.

ALLENDALE PARK v BLACKHILL PARK.—To be played at Blackhill. The Allendale team will be:—Goal, H. Heslop; backs, A. Burns and J. Ryans; half-backs, H. Turner, R. Milligan, and T. Parker; forwards, J. Lynop and E. Parker, right wing; W. Longstaff, centre; R. Davison and E. Lynop, left wing.

ALLENDALE PARK v CATCHGATE RED STARS.—To be played at Catchgate. Allendale team—Goal, Frank Knox; backs, J. Simpson and W. Clegg; half-backs, J. Young, R. Turner, and T. Hall; forwards, J. T. Paige and W. Dent, left wing; W. Barker and J. Bush, right wing; J. Smith, centre.

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CONCERT AT WEST STANLEY.

On Wednesday night, one of the most successful concerts ever held in this portion of West Durham, came off in the splendid new hall of the Co-operative Society's premises at West Stanley, the proceeds being in aid of the Tanfield Lea Prize Band, which has attained a degree of popularity unsurpassed in annals of local musical talent. The band is renowned throughout the North of England and has succeeded during the past few years in taking off some first-class prizes. The spacious hall was filled by between 800 and 900 people, the audience being a critical and most enthusiastic one. Major Ridley, West Stanley, occupied the chair, and briefly explained the objects of the concert. The artistes were:—Miss Jannie Fairley (soprano), Craghead; Messrs Leatham (alto), McDonald (tenor), Nutter (baritone), and Duncanson (basso)—all of Durham Cathedral Choir, with Mr A. M. Hinkley, of Tanfield, as accompanist. The whole of the items on the programme were rendered in a most accomplished style, some of the soloists being warmly *encored*. Prior to the concert, the brass band paraded the principal streets, and under the direction of Mr Keskey, performed selections in the hall. In a financial sense the concert was also a large success.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The influenza epidemic seems to have reached its highest point a week ago. Many who were afflicted are getting about again. A few persons have been very seriously afflicted, and are still confined to their rooms.

The French people, it is said, are blaming the influenza, or *la grippe*, for the decrease in their population, and others are charging the bachelors for the decrease, and are urging the Government to levy a tax on such cool-hearted and fossilised fellows, while others are seeking to have them disqualified as citizens as a punishment for such conduct.

I thought, as I passed the Smelters' Arms Inn a few days ago, just as a gentleman of the "medical staff" was leaving, closely followed by an army of young wives, each with a baby in her arms, that there was no fear of such a tax being levied on the citizens of this village and country.

There is a saying "that it's always some sort of weather at this time of the year," and Saturday last was no exception to the rule. The cricketers' concert held last Saturday night in the Board Schools was very much affected by the downpour of rain, preventing many from attending, and also preventing several of the performers from being present. The chair was occupied by Mr T. J. Muse, who made his *debut* as a reader.

Perhaps we may be pardoned if we say that the entertainment and supper at the close were not popular, as many are of opinion that the cricketers are not very honourable in appealing to the public for help.

Another very excellent tea and supper in connection with the sewing meetings was provided on Saturday last in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom by Mrs Geo. Stephenson, which realised the sum of £2 4s 6d.

The footpath between the village and Consett bridges is getting into a very bad state, and needs some more ashes.

The special services conducted by Mr Isherwood in the Wesleyan Chapel up till Friday last are being conducted this week by Mr G. Golightly, a very able preacher, and next week by Mr T. C. Elliott, another young man of ability. Both are likely to serve the cause well. There have been a few converts during the mission.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY WEARSIDER.]

On Friday, last week, Mr Arnold Taylor held a Government inquiry at the Chester-le-Street Workhouse, respecting an application from our Rural Sanitary Authority for powers to borrow £13,800 for sewerage and sewage disposal works in various parts of the Union. It is intended to disburse the money as follows:—Birtley, three miles and-a-half of piping, and eight acres of land—£5,000; Edmondsley, two and-a-half miles of piping, and three acres of land—£2,000; Sacriston and Daisy Hill, two and a-half miles of pipes, and six acres of land—£4,500; Witton Gilbert, one mile and-a-half of piping, and three acres of land—£2,300. There were no serious objections to any of the proposals.

During the inquiry, Mr Taylor several times drew the attention of Mr Ridley, chairman of the Authority, to the desirability of the Authority having powers to control the erection of new buildings within their district. It is indeed high time that something was done in this connection. As things are, anybody may build as they like, and where they like, without being subject to any sort of control.

The road through the Front Street of our ancient city is a disgrace to the community and to the County Council. From end to end, and from side to side, it is a veritable sea of mud. It is impossible to cross it at any part without getting up to the ankles in mud of the filthiest kind. We had better get back to the Highway Board. That mighty "cure all," the County Council, has been a mighty failure in the matter of roads, whatever it has been in other respects.

GOLDEN WEDDING FESTIVITIES AT BENFIELDSIDE.

On Friday last, Mr and Mrs Robert Hall, of Baxton Burn, celebrated their golden wedding. Fifty years of wedded life is a long time to look back upon, but such has been the happy experience of the couple just mentioned, and many are the changes they have witnessed during that period. The members of their household did not intend to let such an important event as the golden wedding to pass by without some practical recognition, as was seen on the above day, when the friends and relatives of Mr and Mrs Hall attended their home to do honour to the occasion, and many and hearty were the congratulations bestowed upon the aged couple. After the company had been regaled with the good things provided, the happy pair were made the recipients of some very handsome presents (including, amongst other things, two very nice easy chairs), which had been contributed by the members of the family. The gathering was also favoured with instrumental music, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The festivities were continued on the Saturday afternoon, when other members of the family and the grandchildren were feasted on the good things, after which games were freely indulged in, bringing a very pleasing event to a close. The happy couple are enjoying very good health, and were highly pleased with the way their golden wedding had been commemorated.

Our readers are asked to note that a special bankrupt sale is at present being held in the New Town Hall, Consett. Every article is 6½d each.

A HIGHLANDMAN'S ANSWER.—A gentleman from the Highlands of Scotland, attended by his trusty servant Donald, a native of the wild and mountainous district of Lochaber in Inverness-shire, when travelling through the fertile and delightful plains of Italy, asked Donald what he would do if he possessed an estate there? Donald instantly replied, "Please your honour, I would sell him, and buy an estate in Lochaber!"

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday evening, in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street—Mr John Collinson presiding. The other members present were—Coun. R. Murray, Messrs J. W. Davison, J. Lowes, G. D. Powell, G. T. Hyden; the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), the surveyor (Mr Wm. Rippon), the engineer (Mr R. Robinson), and the treasurer (Mr T. L. Gladstone).

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The receipts for the accounts for which cheques were drawn at the last meeting (except as hereinafter mentioned), were examined, and found in order.

The cheque for £55 15s 9d in favour of the Consett Iron Co. was not forwarded, it having been ascertained that the cheques for £25 and £10, drawn previously—and included herein—had been presented by Messrs Scott and Christie respectively. Messrs Best and Torrence's cheque for £0 5s was returned by their engineer (Mr James), as he desired to consult his principals as to accepting it.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

	£	s	d
Wm. Rippon—wages	43	6	1
Jas. D. Brown—wages	11	14	11
Ord and Maddison—limestone	34	4	8
Also the following accounts for sewerage works:			
Henry Forster and Sons—contract No. 3	14	2	7
Solicitor to Town Commissioners	3	5	6
T. W. Welford	0	15	6

It is further recommended by the committee that the Consett Iron Co.'s cheque for £55 15s 9d, as drawn on the 4th Nov., be cancelled, and that a fresh cheque for £20 15s 9d be drawn in their favour at this meeting.

The correspondence between Mr Robinson, C.E., and Mr G. Marshall, solicitor, as to Mr W. H. Greenwell's claim for damage to his land, was read, and is left over for the full Board to decide as to cheque for £25 being paid.

On the motion of Mr LOWES, seconded by Mr POWELL, cheques were ordered to be signed for the above-mentioned sums.

MR GREENWELL'S CLAIM.

Mr DAVISON moved that £25 be paid in settlement of Mr W. H. Greenwell's claim for damages to his land in connection with the sewerage works.

This was seconded by Mr HYDEN, and carried.

CONSETT IRON CO.'S CHEQUE.

It was agreed that a cheque for £11 4s 9d for the Consett Iron Co. should be signed, instead of £20 15s 9d, owing to the fact that the company had received £9 11s from the contractors (Messrs Best and Torrence) for the sewerage works.

THE NEW URINAL QUESTION.

Correspondence was read from the bondsmen for Messrs Byrom and Phillips, contractors for the new urinal, notifying their willingness to allow their signatures to remain on the bond until the expiration of the extension of time allowed for the completion of the work.

THE SEWERAGE WORKS.

FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The list of repairs made out by the farm manager to be done to the farmhouse was read.

The committee recommend that the following repairs be done to the farmhouse at Stannifordam:—

Three rooms downstairs and four upstairs to be re-papered with good light coloured paper, the old paper being first taken off. One kitchen window to be put in. Sink-stone and water-tap for back kitchen to be put in. House roof to be repaired, and a spout provided for the house end. Kitchen and dairy to be lime-washed. Panes of glass to be put in where necessary. Skirting-board to be put in sitting room. Wood-work of windows (inside and outside, including shutters) to be painted. New kitchen stairs to be put in, as the present ones are unsafe. Kitchen boiler-lid to be supplied. Ventilators to be in floors where required, and that Mr Siddle be asked to tender for papering, painting, and glazing, and that Mr Heslop be asked to tender for mason work, joiner work, and plumbing.

An application was read from Mr John Walker, dated 3rd Nov., asking to be placed as a quarterly tenant in his house.

The committee cannot see their way to grant his application.

The committee recommend that the books asked for by the farm manager be got.

The committee recommend that Mr J. Hogg's wage be 25s per week.

A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th Nov.

A tender from Mr Joseph Siddle for painting and papering the farmhouse, the total amount being £13 17s 6d.

The committee recommend that this tender be accepted.

A tender was read from Mr John T. Heslop for repairing the joiner work, mason work, and plumbing at the farmhouse, the total amount being £16 16s.

The committee recommend that this tender be accepted.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

The farm manager's report was read as follows: Sewage Farm report, month of November. The work done on the farm has been chiefly irrigating the 4½-acre plot, or area, with the town's sewage. Some defective earthern pipes, belonging to one of the chambers of the above-named plot, have been replaced by a metal pipe, and well cemented to the pipe of the valve and that of the chamber, entailing on us 2½ days' labour. Much labour has been spent in consolidating some of the drains of this plot, which we expected having to do, owing to their recent make. At present, some of the old drains on the grass part of the farm are being opened, and made to work as at first. There is much of this work, with an occasional new drain to be put in, to be done. The land is well worthy of this work, which tends to economising manure, and earlier and better harvests. I ask for horse-power to remove hedge-row trimmings, which, to appearances, seem to have been lying about for months by the dykes, and which impede the work of draining and dyking now going on, are troublesome to the sheep, and altogether give the place an untidy appearance. I urge the need of immediately ploughing up other parts of the farm to ensure a favourable seed bed by seed time, viz.—The remaining part of the 24 acres, specially drained, and the field below the flushing chamber leading to the wood. A few of the recently hung gates open with great difficulty—and some not at all—owing to the posts not being in a perpendicular position, the earth around them giving way.

The purified sewage or effluent water from the above mentioned plot is very clear generally, but when a little cloudy it is due to fine particles of clay held in suspension, and is common to many newly-made sewage works.

I would also recommend that the sluices be repaired and painted.

J. D. BROWN.

The committee recommend that a cheque for £11 14s 11d be drawn in payment of the farm manager's account for the past month.

The Clerk is instructed to write to Mr Beveridge and urge him to complete the ploughing.

REPAIRING THE MANAGER'S HOUSE.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr DAVISON, seconded by Mr HYDEN, that the tenders of Mr Siddle, Consett, for painting, &c., and Mr J. T. Heslop, Consett, for repairs to the joiner work, &c., in connection with the farm manager's house, should be accepted.

PURCHASING A HORSE.

Mr MURRAY proposed that the question of purchasing a horse, cart, and harness for the farm be referred to the Farm Committee to report thereon.

This was seconded by Mr POWELL, and was approved of.

HOGG'S SALARY.

The recommendation of the committee with regard to Hogg's salary was agreed to.

MORE WORK.

On the proposition of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr HYDEN, it was agreed that the plan submitted by Mr Robinson to Mr Marshall, solicitor, for supplying Mr Greenwell's farm, Allansford, with water, exclusive of a trough, be carried out.

PLAN OF THE WORKS.

Mr Robinson mentioned the fact that it was very desirable that the Board should have a plan of the whole of the sewerage works in their possession, and it was his intention to bring the matter forward at the next meeting.

PURCHASING VALVES.

Mr POWELL moved that two valves for the sewerage works be purchased.

This was seconded by the CHAIRMAN.

Mr DAVISON moved an amendment, which was seconded by Mr LOWES, to the effect that the question of purchasing valves be deferred for the present.

Three members—Messrs Davison, Murray, and Lowes—voted for the amendment, whilst the Chairman, Messrs Powell and Hyden voted for the motion.

The CHAIRMAN consequently gave his casting vote in favour of the motion.

A SINGULAR APPLICATION.

The farm manager (Mr Brown) made an application to the Board to defray the cost of the removal of his furniture from Rochdale to Consett, and also submitted a price of what the railway company charged per ton.

The CHAIRMAN: How many tons of goods will you have?

Mr BROWN: About two tons.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that £2 should be granted to Mr Brown for the defrayal of part of the cost of the removal of his furniture.

The CHAIRMAN informed the manager of the decision of the Board, when the latter stated that the sum granted would do nothing in the shape of removing his goods. He thought they should defray the whole cost when it was the custom throughout the country.

The CHAIRMAN: You should have mentioned this fact when you were engaged.

Mr BROWN: I did not think about it.

The CHAIRMAN: It cannot be helped now.

Mr Brown pointed out that the house the Board had provided for him was not fit to live in, and would cost £2 in coals to dry the same. In fact, it was not fit for a pig to live in in its present condition. The house was damp.

The CHAIRMAN said that the house was receiving attention, and they were going to spend something like £40 in order to accommodate him, and they would spend more if they thought it was necessary.

Mr BROWN: What I am asking for is the custom all over where sewerage farms exist. The cost of the removal of our goods is always defrayed.

The CHAIRMAN: We don't know that, and we have only you word for it being the case.

After Mr Brown left the room, Mr MURRAY said that the manager was not discussing the question in a very good spirit.

Mr DAVISON: The best thing we can do is to make inquiries and see what is the custom.

Mr POWELL: He is not a married man.

The Clerk: That is true; but he is going to be married, and he has got his furniture ready.

After further discussion, the CHAIRMAN informed Mr Brown that the Clerk would write to several of the sewerage farms and see what the custom really was with regard to the removal of his furniture.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION: A GENEROUS OFFER.

Mr HYDEN, in submitting the report of the Technical Education Committee, said that it was the opinion of the committee, who had gone into the matter carefully, that the generous offer of Mr Jenkins was very opportune, and should be accepted. The desired lectures would be given without cost to the ratepayers, and it would therefore not be necessary to levy a special rate. He hoped that the young men of Consett would show their appreciation of the generosity of Mr Jenkins and of the efforts being made on their behalf by attending the lectures in large numbers, and so proving that they really did want further facilities for gaining technical instruction. A successful course of lectures would be the very best argument for demanding a substantial grant from the County Council next year.

The report of the committee was as follows:—

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It having been intimated to the committe that Mr Jenkins had already been in communication with Prof. Garnett with respect to the course of lectures to be delivered at Consett in February next, and that he also undertook, on behalf of the Consett Iron Company, that if the matter was left in their hands they were prepared to "nominate a local committee to arrange facilities for the course of lectures being given, and also to defray any deficit in the expenses connected therewith," the committee, under these circumstances, considered that it should be referred to the Board to decide whether the matter should be left entirely in the hands of the Consett Iron Company, or whether the Board itself preferred to control the arrangements for these lectures and provide any necessary funds independently of the Consett Iron Company.

The Clerk read the following letter:—

I regret that owing to the great number of hands here suffering from the epidemic, I shall not be able to leave the works to attend the Board this evening.

With regard to the Durham College of Science lectures to be delivered after January next, it appears to me it would be just as well to leave the matter as I have arranged it some weeks ago with Prof. Garnett, and as I have expressed to him my willingness to take the matter in hand, and pay the expenses thereon, it is hardly worth while troubling the Board for so small a matter.

The Board should be on the look out for next year for a contribution from the County Council in some more definite manner than we have hitherto done.

If the Board assents to my taking this matter up, as stated above, perhaps the Board will nominate some two or three members to co-operate with a number I have been booking to have with the view of calling a public meeting soon, so as to suit Dr Garnett coming here to attend the meeting.

I will then arrange for a room, and the committee will act as arranged by the public meeting in getting up officers for arranging for the students, &c.

There is, as Prof. Garnett says, time enough for this arrangement, the lectures commencing in February next. This is what I gleaned from him at Newcastle yesterday.—Yours truly,

W. JENKINS.

After a short discussion, Mr MURRAY moved that the report be adopted, and that the offer of Mr Jenkins be accepted, and that the present committee act, in conjunction with the Consett Iron Company, for the purpose of carrying out the necessary arrangements.

This was seconded by Mr LOWES, and carried unanimously.

THE GAS COMPANY.

The Surveyor reported that the Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Company had done nothing in the way of repairing the damage to the footpath in East Parade and other places.

The matter was allowed to stand over.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr POWELL, Mr Wm. Rippon was re-appointed inspector of nuisances, and also inspector of dairies and cowsheds for the next 12 months.

NEW SEWER.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr DAVISON, seconded by Mr LOWES, that the Clerk advertise for tenders for putting in new sewers for property proposed to be built by the Consett Iron Company on land known as the Old Brickworks.

KERBING AND CHANNELLING.

Mr MURRAY proposed that the Clerk advertise for tenders for laying down the kerbing and channelling on the west side of Albert Row.

DOCTOR'S REPORT.

A letter was read from Mr Simey, clerk to the Durham County Council, enclosing a printed copy of Dr H. E. Armstrong's remarks on the reports of the medical officer (Dr G. Renton) for the year 1890, which was read, and the Clerk was instructed to bring the same under the notice of Dr Renton.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee recommend that Mr Welford's plan for alterations to his house be passed and stamped as soon as a duplicate is produced.

They also recommend that the plan submitted by Mr Richard Murray for property in Havelock Street be referred to the consideration of the full Board.

The report was adopted, and the two plans were passed and stamped.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Rippon) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month, portions of the following roads in your district have been scraped and covered with limestone, viz.:—Consett Hall, Tinmill, Park, and Castleside Roads, Brickflat Lane, and Shakespeare, Middle, and Front Streets. One hundred tons of rough limestone has come to hand from Messrs Ord and Maddison, the bulk of which has been broken, and is ready for use.

As directed by you at the last meeting, I have prepared an estimate of the cost of a new channel on the east side of Park Road, the full length of the park fence, which is laid before you to-day.

I observe that the Consett Iron Company are actively engaged removing surplus earth, &c., preparatory to commencing building operations in the old brickflat yard, and I would suggest the desirability of having the main sewers put in as early as possible, or before the contractor brings his building materials onto the ground.

For your guidance in this matter I have prepared an estimate of the probable cost, which I now submit.

Your district has been repeatedly inspected, and the privies and ashpits, also water-closets, taken as a whole, are in good order. A quantity of house refuse having been carted away during the month, the majority of the ashpits are empty.

The dairies, cowsheds, and milk-shops are kept in a satisfactory condition.

Gas burnt during the month, 221½ hours.

The following amounts have been paid in to your treasurer:—

	£	s.	d.
General district rate	245	6	6
Market tolls	3	4	6

I have certified that the first twelve houses built by the Consett Iron Company, Limited, on the south side of Steel Street, Consett, are, in my opinion, fit for human habitation.—Yours, &c.,

W. RIPPON.

The report was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Surveyor enquired if the people who hawked milk in the district should be licensed?

The Clerk: Certainly they should.

The Surveyor: I will take steps to have notices served upon them notifying them of the fact.

After other formal business had been transacted, the Board arose.

PRESENTATION TO MISS G. E. NEWELL, OF TANFIELD LEA.

Miss G. E. Newell, late schoolmistress of Tanfield Lea, who has resided in the district for the last eight or nine years, has won the hearts, affections, and sympathy of parents, teachers, and scholars, and her leaving the district has occasioned a general lament amongst the inhabitants. The friends united their efforts and secured a sum sufficient to purchase a first-class lady's dressing bag, made of the best Russian leather, cut glass bottles, mounted with solid silver, brushes of the best ebony—in fact, everything of the first order. Mr Wm. Balmer, a member of the School Board, presented her with three beautiful volumes. Numerous small presents were also made to her by the children. Miss Newell was educated by her father, a clergyman in Ireland, and the reason of her leaving her situation is in answer to her father's wish to have her at home. Her numerous acts of kindness in the Tanfield district have endeared her to all. Prior to Miss Newell leaving for Ireland (on Friday last), her friends held a presentation meeting in her school.

Mr W. BULMER kindly consented to make the presentation, and in doing so said it gave him pleasure to be present that afternoon. He regretted Miss Newell leaving them, but he was glad that he was honoured with such a pleasing duty in presenting such beautiful presents to her. Although the sea would, in the course of a few days, intervene between Miss Newell and them, those presents would unite them together in thought, and when in her calm moments she viewed those presents at home, there was only one conclusion she could arrive at, and that was she had left warm hearts behind her. Proper discipline was imperative in schools, and unless there was order and discipline they could not carry on schools successfully. During Miss Newell's stay with them he had never heard of a single case where excessive punishment had been applied. Miss Newell's policy was to work by a more powerful motive than the cane, and that was love, and in Miss Newell's case only one conclusion could be drawn, and that was "love hath its victories." The name of Miss Newell in the district was a volume in itself, and he hoped her successor would emulate the character she had presented to them. The only thing that was left to him was to present to Miss Newell the splendid dressing bag and three volumes of a work on Ireland, and he hoped that He who "tempered the wind to the shorn lamb" would be with her in every vicissitude of life, that He might bless her with health and strength, and that she might long live to enjoy the presents.

Miss NEWELL, in very feeling terms, replied, and said that she never expected such valuable presents, and it would be her pleasure to preserve them. They would always remind her of the warm hearts she left behind. She thanked all those who had done her such kindness, and she would ever remember that day.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2nd.—Before Col. SHEPPEE (in the chair), and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Thirty-four persons were proceeded against for the above offences, and fined in sums ranging from 5s to 30s and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

John Coxon and *Thomas Mallaby* were charged with refusing to quit the premises of Jas. Worman, Black Horse Inn, Chester-le-Street, on the 12th inst.—A serving maid said defendants were very drunk, and after she had refused to fill them drink they became very disorderly. They were ordered out, but refused to go, and the police had to be sent for to put them out.—P.C. Oglesby said he put defendants out of the house. They were drunk and very noisy.—Fined 7s 6d and costs.

AN UNLICENSED GUN.

John Lowdon was charged with carrying a gun without having a license at Birtley, on the 3rd Oct. Mr Hartley Smith, supervisor of excise, prosecuted, and said that on the 7th Oct defendant was charged before that court, and convicted of assault. During the hearing of the case it was adduced in evidence that defendant pointed a gun at the complainant, and it subsequently transpired that defendant had not a gun license; hence the present prosecution.—Patrick McAvoy and John McKie each said that they saw defendant with a gun in his hands. He pointed the gun at Mrs Henderson's window, and said he would blow her brains out if she shewed her head.—Defendant denied that he had a gun. He had a walking stick in his hand. The gun belonged his son, who was on the Black Fell at the time shooting pigeons. Robt. Greenwell stated that at that time alleged he and defendant's son were pigeon shooting on the Black Fell.—Fined 20s and costs.

AN ECCENTRIC PERSON.

Jane Heslop, a well-known character in Chester-le-Street, was charged with doing wilful damage to a window, the property of George Pickering, Front Street, Chester-le-Street.—Thomas Hall, an assistant with Mr Pickering, said defendant pelted mud at the shop windows until they were completely covered. The damage was sixpence.—William Pickering said that the woman was a nuisance. They could not get rid of her, and it was no use trying to do anything with her.—The Chairman said there was no doubt that Mr Pickering did not wish to press the case against defendent, and she would have to come up for judgment when called upon.

PUGILISTS.

Thomas Fleming, Patrick Kelly, John Goodfellow and *William Taylor* were each bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5 each.

A PELTON FELL ROW.

George Graham was charged with assaulting Sarah Ann Oliver at Pelton Fell, on the 20th ult.—Complainant said that defendant, without any provocation, came to her house and invited either herself or her husband to come out and fight; then struck her twice on the eye and mouth.—The case was dismissed.

ASSAULT AT PELTON.

Thomas Bolam was charged with assaulting Ralph Downey at Pelton, on the 18th ult.—Complainant said he was in the employ of Mrs Harrison, grocer, Pelton, sister of defendant. Bolam had frequently annoyed him, and on the day named defendant took him by the neck and shook him. He had not given him any cause for such conduct.—Bound over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of £5.

FIREWORKS.

Richard Curry, John Patterson and *William Harding*, boys, were charged with setting off fireworks on the highway at Pelton, on the 22nd ult.—Inspector Maxwell said he saw the boys setting off squibs and crackers on the highway. The whole place was lighted up with fireworks.—Fined 6d each and costs.

Matthew Downey was charged with selling fireworks at Pelton Fell, on 22nd ult, without having a license.—Inspector Maxwell gave evidence, and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 20s and costs.

A BIRTLEY ROW.

John and *James Adams* were charged with assaulting Joseph Crawford at Birtley, on the 29th ult. Mr Fred. Harle, Chester-le-Street and Newcastle, appeared for complainant, and Mr J. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street and Durham, for the defence.—Complainant said he lived and worked at Birtley, and on the Saturday afternoon he was in the Crown Hotel. Defendants were both there. John asked him to go to the slag heaps to fight. Witness would not go. James afterwards came up to him and struck him on the eye. Witness did not strike back, but went to the sergeant. Late at night witness was setting a friend to the brake when John met him and struck him on the ear. He went again to the police.—For the defence, it was urged that there had been a regular fight on the Saturday night, in which Crawford came to the worst, and a renewal of the disturbance on Sunday, when Crawford again got the worst of it, and to revenge himself he brought the case to the court.—Thomas Black said that on Sunday afternoon, after the Saturday night's fight had been discussed, Crawford asked Adams to go to the slag heap and have it out. Adams did not invite Crawford to go and fight.—Arthur Routledge said he was with Adams on the Saturday night when they met Crawford. Witness and his companions went straight past, and they heard Crawford say "That's the monkey that struck me last night." Adams went back, and when witness went to them they were fighting. He could not say who struck first.—Defendents were bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5; James Adams, who, under a £5 bond, will have to forfeit that sum.

EDUCATION ACT.

Attendance Officer Finlay, Harraton sub-district, charged the following persons with neglecting to send their children to school:—*Robert Telford, John Fallon, James Moon, Thomas Perkins, Robert Smith* (two cases)—Attendance orders were made.

Attendance Officer Jordison, Usworth School Board, had the following cases:—*James Humphrey* (three cases) was fined 5s in the first cases, and attendance order were made in other two; *Wm. Gibson*, attendance order, and *William Scorer* fined 5s.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

CONSETT—Delves Lane, 29th ult., the wife of Robert Barker, of a son.

ANNFIELD PLAIN—Pontop Rows, 29th ult., the wife of James McPherson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

STANHOPE—Parish Church, 28th ult., by the Bishop of Richmond, J. W. Briggs, Stanley, to Eliz. Mitchell, Stanhope.

BYWELL—St. Peter's, 2nd inst., by Rev Canon D'arris, Thomas Lambert, Stocksfield, to Mary Jane (Manie), second daughter of Wm. Charlton, Dean House, Ebchester.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—Forster Street, Delves Lane, 28th ult., aged 37, Robert Forster.

15, Bertha Street, 29th ult., George, husband of Margaret Bradley.

Berry Edge Farm, 30th ult., aged 36, John Telford.

BLACKHILL—Park Road, 2nd inst., aged 62, Matilda, beloved wife of Thomas Pitchers. Interment to-day (Friday) at 2·30 p.m. 117h

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Summerhill, 27th ult., aged 67, Hannah Willis, dearly beloved wife of Thomas Willis, late of Glebe Street, Sunderland.—Same place, 1st inst., aged 67, Thomas Willis, dearly beloved husband of Hannah Willis. Interment at Medomsley, on Saturday, 5th inst., at Three p.m. Friends, please accept this intimation.

28th ult., aged 71, Thomas Bruce, for 21 years manager for the Shotley Bridge Gas Company.

DIPTON—28th ult., aged 53, Margaret, wife of John Bowman.

BEAMISH—3rd inst., at the residence of her neice, Miss Urwin, Anna, youngest daughter of the late William Porter, of Bushblades. To be interred at Tanfield on Sunday. 133h

TANFIELD LEA—1st inst., aged 48, William Wilson, husband of Sarah Catherine Armstrong.

ESH LAUDE—28th ult., aged 69, John, husband of Dorothy Forster.

PARK HEAD, near Waskerley—21st ult., aged 38, Janey, beloved wife of William Liddell. Interred at Stanhope, 24th ult. 96h

STANLEY—Gas House Square, 26th ult., Sarah Jane, wife of John Scott.

STANHOPE—27th ult., aged 77, John Tinkler, joiner. 27th ult., aged 69, Adam Rutherford.

MICKLEY SQUARE—29th ult., aged 8 years and 5 months, Barbara Alice, daughter of William Dixon.

BIRTLEY—Moseley Cottage, aged 61, Thomas Birleson.

PELTON FELL—29th ult., Joseph Dobson, joiner.

WHICKHAM—26th ult., aged 91, Frederick Bailey, fitter, first apprentice to George Stephenson, inventor of the locomotive engine.

30th ult., aged 16 years, Robert, eldest son of Jos. Gardner.

STARGATE COLLIERY—29th ult., aged 73, John husband of Jane Tilley.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—Lumley Terrace, 27th ult., aged 70, Thomas Armstrong, late of East Tanfield.

OUSTON—27th ult., aged 58, Thomas, husband of Hannah Robson.

PRUDHOE—Eight Houses, 1st inst., aged 79, Sarah Gee, relict of the late Wm. Gee.

NEWCASTLE—Scotswood Road, 29th ult., aged 4[illegible] years, Jane, daughter of Thos. Smith, of Chester-le-Street.

In loving remembrance of George Henry Dowson, who died at Shotley Bridge, December 2nd, 1889.
"Loved in life; remembered in death."

In loving memory of my dear sister, Margaret Ann Wilson, who departed this life November 23rd, 1890, at Front Street, Leadgate.
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