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RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district for the liberal support accorded to him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to intimate that he has now on hand
SPIRITS OF THE FINEST QUALITY,
Which he purposes to dispose of at the following moderate rates:—
Fine Gin (superior quality).....2s. 6d. per bot
Real Irish Whisky .....2s. 6d. and 3s. "
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Excellent Brandy, 3s. 6d., and the very best quality .....4s. 6d. "
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THOMAS CRESSWELL,
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HIS NOTED BOOTS AND SHOES,
He has OPENED SHOPS in
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At any of these Establishments parties can at all times rely upon being supplied with a good Article at a moderate price.

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CUSTOMS OF THE COPYHOLD OF MANORS OF THE SEN OF DURHAM.
Edited and Compiled by ROBERT JACKSON, for upwards of thirty years Managing Clerk in the Copyhold Office, Durham, and late Bailiff of the Manor.
The whole of the remaining copies of this useful work, which was published at 3s. 6d., having been purchased by ROBERT JACKSON, *Guardian* Office, Consett, he has determined to reduce the price to *Three Shillings* per copy (post free) in order to effect a speedy clearance.
Also on hand a few copies (being an exact facsimile) of the *Original* LANCHESTER COMMON ACT, recently published by Mr. JOHN CALVERT, at the reduced price of *Two Shillings* (post free).
☞ Every owner or occupier of property within the boundary of Lanchester Common should possess a copy of either of these editions.
Mr. JACKSON will be glad to forward copies of either of these editions by return of Post. For which Halfpenny Postage Stamps or Post-Office Orders made payable to ROBERT JACKSON, Consett, must be received.

Business Announcements.

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TOBACCO MANUFACTURER,
22 & 24, BIGG MARKET,
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Iron and Brass Bedsteads in great variety.
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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Silver Patent Lever Watches..	3 10 0	to 27 0 0
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LISTER AND SONS,
WATCHMAKERS TO THE QUEEN,
CHRONOMETER MAKERS TO THE ADMIRALTY,
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NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. 592a

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

GEORGE HOBSON
TAKES this opportunity of thanking his numerous Friends for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to inform them that he has now got his Mill under thorough repair, and, with the addition of extra CRUSHING and SPLITTING MILLS, he is now in a position to fully meet the requirements of his Friends and the Public. Particular attention will be paid to Grinding, Crushing, or Splitting Grain for Farmers and the Trade.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
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(Warehouse, Catchgate),
NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN.
ESTABLISHED, 1817. 238g

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BEGS to return thanks to his Friends and the Public for their kind patronage and support during the last Fifteen Years he has been in Business, and trusts that by his constant exertion and attention to the claims of his Customers and Friends to merit a continuance of their favours. G. Y. having laid in a large STOCK of the best Brands of WINES AND SPIRITS, is now prepared to compete with any house in the trade for Quality, Flavour, and Price.

LIST OF PRICES.
SPIRITS.
Brandy, from 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per Bottle.
Whi-keys (Irish), from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per Bottle.
Whiskeys (Scotch), from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per Bottle.
Rum (Jamaica), from 2s. 8d. to 3s 8d. per Bottle.
Gin (Geneva), from 4s. 6d. per Bottle.
Old Tom, from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per Bottle.
WINES AND CHAMPAGNE.
Wines—Port and Sherry, from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 0d. per Bottle.
Champagne, from 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per Bottle.
BURTON AND EDINBURGH ALES.
Burton Ales at 4s. 6d. per Dozen Quarts.
Burton Ales at 3s. 0d. per Dozen Pints.
Edinburgh Ales at 3s. 6d per Dozen Quarts.
Edinburgh Ales at 2s. 3d. per Dozen Pints.
LONDON AND DUBLIN STOUT.
London Stout at 4s. 0d. per Dozen Quarts.
London Stout at 2s. 3d. per Dozen Pints.
Dublin Stout at 3s. 0d. per Dozen Quarts.
Dublin Stout at 3s. 0d. per Dozen Pints.
☞ Orders will be punctually attended to, and delivered free of charge by G. YOUNG's own Waggon.

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STATIONERY GOODS of every description.
Christmas and New Year's Cards, Book Markers, Birthday Cards, and Valentines in endless variety.
Newspapers and Weekly and Monthly Periodicals of all kinds.
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Books neatly Bound in Morocco, Calf, Sheep, or Cloth.
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A large assortment of Plain and Coloured Pictures always in Stock.
Tobacco, Snuff, and Cigars.
Meerschaum, Briar Root, and Clay Pipes in great variety.
Choice Indian Tea at 3s. 4d., 3s. 8d., and 4s. per pound.
Patent Medicines.—The following are a few of the many kinds kept in Stock:—Beecham's, Cockle's, Claytonia's, Zuo's, Holloway's, Kaye's, King's, Norton's, Parr's, Rooke's and Scott's Pills: Steedman's Soothing, Barlow's Tic, and Fenning's Cooling Powders; Kay's Essence of Linseed; Powell's Balsam of Aniseed; Perrin's Essence of Horehound; Crosby's Balsamic Cough Elixer; Rooke's Solar Elixer; Kosting's Cough Lozenges; Brown's Bronchial Troches; Locock's Wafers; Brown's Chlorodyne; Perry Davis's Pain Killer; Winslow's Soothing Syrup; Atkinson and Barker's Royal Infant Preservative; Eno's Fruit Salt; Rooke's and Miller's Cod Liver Oil; Squire Knight's Eye Ointment; Rooke, Holloway's, and Whitfield's Ointment; Alcock's Porous Plasters; Savory's Infants' Food; Liebig's Extract of Meat; Judson's Dyes; Rose's Lime Juice and Lime Juice Cordial; Todd's Quinine Wine.

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HENRY POSTLE,
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Business Announcements.

THE SECRET OF OUR SUCCESS!

THE people who don't use our Indian Tea, wonder at our success and even doubt the extent of our transactions. The people who use it, cease to wonder as soon as they sip the first draught of this life-sustaining cup of pleasure. We would have been surprised had the people not appreciated this, our great effort, to secure for them the greatest luxury in the world. Years ago, when Indian Tea was little known and its cultivation little understood, Growers were cautious and slow. Year after year New Parcels were shown in our Markets, which were readily the Tea alone; we, therefore, commenced by mixing Indian and China Tea together. Demand set in—English enterprise and capital stepped forward to aid the new country and opened fresh Tea Gardens. The sharpest competition existed amongst the new Growers, their great ambition being to produce the finest quality. This healthy competition has secured a supply of the finest Tea in the world. (We write this advisedly after 20 years' experience as Dealers in Tea.) To support the views of the Growers, we resolved to sell the finest quality only and no other. This we fixed at 4s. per lb., a high price we admit. We had confidence in our judgment and faith in the public. You will think we trusted confidently when we inform you that last year we sold 130,327 lbs. of Tea. We believe, we are now doing the largest Indian Tea Trade in England. We are now in direct communication with the Indian Tea Growers. Years of careful observation have made us acquainted with most of the Tea Gardens under cultivation on the hills or in the valleys of India. The extent of our sales has made it to the interest of Growers and Importers to forward us samples under offer of the finest Teas, as soon as they arrive in England. These advantages are not lost sight of by us. After we have written all this about the development of our Trade, we must now answer the question as to the secret of our success. We answer, it has taken us many years of careful study to learn the peculiar character of the produce of every Tea Garden, and, what is more, we are still learning. This knowledge helps us to combine in our present 4s. Indian Tea, the produce of 17 Tea Plantations, each having a distinct character. This combination only known to ourselves, is the Tea that charms and makes the evening meal an hour of pleasure to thousands of the tea-drinking public. We should like you to set aside your prejudice and test the correctness of our judgment as to the strength, lasting power, and economy of Indian Tea.

WILLIAM STEWART, THE TEA DEALER,
CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENT, 33, GRAINGER STREET,
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 33, SANDHILL,
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From W & A GILBEY'S List of 200 varieties two descriptions of each class of WINES and SPIRITS are quoted below, one on account of its moderate price, and the second for its fine quality combined with greater age
AGENT—
Wm. AYNSLEY, *Grocer*, CONSETT & LEADGATE

WINES

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle 1A **PORT** *from Portugal* A good-bodied Wine with excellent flavor, well matured, 3 years old at time of bottling	1/9	21/
Castle B **PORT** *from Portugal* A fine full-flavored fruity Wine, well matured, 6 years old at time of bottling	2/4	28/
Castle 1 **SPANISH PORT** A fruity Wine of good body, from the north-east of Spain. 2 years old at time of bottling	1/3	15/
Castle 3 **SPANISH PORT** The finest Red Wine produced in the north-east of Spain. 5 years old at time of bottling ..	1/9	21/
Castle 1A *Pale* **SHERRY** *from Spain* A pure Spanish Sherry suitable for Luncheon or Dinner. 3 years old at time of bottling	1/6	18/
Castle C *Pale* **SHERRY** *from Spain* A good type of nutty Spanish Sherry, moderately dry. 6 years old at time of bottling	2/4	28/
Castle VP *Pale* **MARSALA** *from Sicily* A delicate flavored Luncheon or Dinner Wine 3 years old at time of bottling ..	1/4	16/
Castle C *Pale* **MARSALA** *from Sicily* The finest dry and delicate Wine produced in Sicily. 7 years old at time of bottling	1/8	20/
Castle A **CLARET** *from France* A pure sound Medoc Wine; an excellent beverage at all meals. Upwards of a year in bottle	1/	12/
Castle C **CLARET** *from France* A fine-flavored and well-matured Medoc Wine, possessing bottle character	1/6	18/
Castle **SAUMUR** *Silver Foil* A Sparkling dry Champagne, with fine flavor and delicacy	Quarts 2/1 / Pints 1/	25/ / 14/6
Castle **SAUMUR** *Gold Foil* A Sparkling dry Champagne, with fine flavor, great delicacy and age	Quarts 2/6 / Pints 1/6	30/ / 17/

SPIRITS

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle UP **GIN** Distilled from the best unmalted Corn, and highly rectified at our own Distillery. 33 per cent. under proof	2/	24/
Castle PROOF **GIN** Distilled from the best unmalted Corn, and highly rectified at our own Distillery. Strength, proof	2/10	34/
Castle UP **IRISH WHISKEY** Distilled from fine Malt, and matured in our own Bonded Stores. 33 per cent. under pf.	2/8	27/
Castle DO **IRISH WHISKEY** The finest old Dublin Whiskey, matured in our own Bonded Stores. Strength, proof	3/8	39/
Castle UP **SCOTCH WHISKEY** Distilled from fine Malt, and matured in our own Bonded Stores. 33 per cent. under pf.	2/8	27/
Castle SO **SCOTCH WHISKEY** The finest old Scotch Whiskey, matured in our own Bonded Stores. Strength, proof	3/8	39/
Castle UP **BRANDY** Possessing the wholesome qualities and much of the fine flavor of Cognac. 33 per cent. under proof	2/8	27/
Castle PROOF **BRANDY** Possessing the wholesome qualities and much of the fine flavor of Cognac. Strength, proof ..	3/	36/
Castle O **COGNAC** An excellent Brandy of fine flavor, from the Champagne districts of Cognac. 33 per cent. under pf.	3/	36/
Castle FO **COGNAC** The finest Champagne Brandy, well matured by great age. Strength, proof	4/9	57/
Castle UP **JAMAICA RUM** A well-matured Jamaica Rum, and of a soft mellow flavor. Strength, 25 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle JO **JAMAICA RUM** The finest Jamaica Rum, well matured by great age. Strength, proof	3/8	39/

SPARKLING CHAMPAGNES AT REDUCED PRICES

Castle 1 **CHAMPAGNE** A pure Sparkling Wine for ordinary use, from the Champagne district	Quarts 2/2 / Pints 1/3	26/ / 15/
Castle 3 **CHAMPAGNE** A class of Champagne fully aged under special brands and at high prices	Quarts 3/6 / Pints 1/11	42, / 22

All Bottles (except for Sparkling Wines) are charged 1d. each, which is allowed when returned.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM KNOX
HAS much pleasure in announcing that he has entered upon his NEW PREMISES, at MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he intends carrying on Business as HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, &c., and trusts, by strict attention thereto and keeping a stock of good Workmen, to merit a share of Public support.
N.B.—Estimates given for general Repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 617

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ANNFIELD PLAIN.

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Pianofortes, Harmoniums, and other Musical Instruments; also, Clocks, Watches, and Jewellery at wholesale and retail prices.

☞ ADDRESS:—
CATCHGATE, OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL.

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91 & 93, BLACKETT STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

JAMES JOHNSON, Family Grocer and Tea Dealer. Teas, Coffees, and Spices of the Choicest quality. Good Useful Teas from 2s. per pound. Coffees, 1s. per pound. Household Soaps from 3d. per pound. All kinds of Jewellery Goods cheap and of the best quality. Hotels and families supplied at wholesale prices.
TERMS—CASH. 879a

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Teeth from 5s. to £1 1s.; Sets from £3 to £12.

TOWN ADDRESS—40, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET. Established 1832. 6630

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IRON BEDSTEADS in great variety, from 16s. 6d. upwards.
MATTRESSES, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT DOWN.
A large Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANGINGS.
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JOSEPH HOWARD AND CO.
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS, INSURANCE AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
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MONEY advanced upon approved security. 367g

P. OSBORNE,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
FRONT STREET,
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☞ Valuations effected for Probate, &c. 227

FOR WINES, SPIRITS, AND ALES OF THE FINEST QUALITY, GO TO
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WINE AND SPIRIT STORES, LEADGATE.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH, Quality and Construction unsurpassed, fixed with every recent improvement in Gold, Silver, Caoutchouc, and all pure material known to the profession. Mineral Teeth from 5s. each. Sealing, Stopping, &c. Children's Teeth regulated, and every other operation in Dental Surgery skilfully performed.—DE LACY, Dentist, 57, Grainger Street, Newcastle.

MRS. CHRISTOPHER,
NORTH-EASTERN HOTEL,
(Near Benfieldside Station, Blackhill),
BEGS to return her sincere thanks for the liberal support accorded to her late husband and self, and respectfully intimates that she continues to LET OUT HORSES and CONVEYANCES on HIRE at moderate terms.
☞ All Orders left at the above Address punctually attended to.
Funerals completely Furnished. 6583

JAMES PALLISER,
FAMILY GROCER, PROVISION MERCHANT, AND COMMISSION AGENT,
5 AND 6, FOUNDRY ROW, BLACKHILL.

J. P. begs most respectfully to inform his Friends and the Public that he has succeeded Mr. A. Simpson in the above place, and is prepared to offer GOODS (in quality and cheapness) equal to anyone in the Trade.
Agent for the Royal Life and Fire Assurance Company and the Union Permanent Building Society. 7129
Agent for the Sale of Pianofortes and Harmoniums.

WILLIAM RAW,
AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
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COUNTY OF DURHAM.
VALUATIONS MADE FOR PROBATE AND LEGACY DUTIES.

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Agent to the Liverpool, London, and Globe Fire and Life Insurance Company.
☞ All Orders attended to with care and punctuality.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

JOHN DAWSON,
PLUMBER AND GAS FITTER,
RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public of Consett and surrounding district, for the patronage already accorded to him, and begs to intimate that he has now
REMOVED
To more commodious premises,
No. 7, SHAKSPEARE STREET,
(below the Town Hall)
CONSETT,
Where he has always on hand a large assortment of Chandeliers, Water Closets, Sporting and Gas Fittings.

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The above to be had of Messrs. TAYLOR, GIBSON, and Co., Drysalters, Bigg Market, Newcastle; Co-operative Society, Consett; Mr. HENRY POSTLE, Stationer, Leadgate; Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, Grocer, Tow Law; Mrs. MYERS, Grocer, Cornsay; and Mr. WM. DAVISON, Castleside. 376g

JOHN COLE,
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LIST OF PRICES.
SPIRITS

Brandy	3s. 6d. to 5s. 0d.
Whisky	2s. 3d. to 3s. 6d.
Rum	2s. 3d. to 3s. 0d.
Gin	2s. 3d. to 3s. 0d.

ALES, &c.
Sparkling Edinburgh Ales, on Draught, 5d. per quart.
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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

A Session opened by the Queen in person is always supposed to open auspiciously. It is now five years since the Queen last took part in the ceremonial of declaring Parliament open. In 1871, when Mr. Gladstone was in the hey day of his popularity, with a large Liberal majority at his back, fresh from disestablishing the Irish Church, and flushed with triumph he was able to show his Sovereign to the Legislature; and the occasion was taken to ask the representatives of the nation to vote a marriage dower for the Princess Louise, now Marchioness of Lorne. This incident in the opening of Parliament in 1871 has led the *quid nunes* into the surmise that the Queen would only consent to meet her faithful Commons when there was some question of providing for a member of the Royal family. The conjecture was as absurd as it was injurious to the character of the Queen. An old divine of the age of James I., preaching at a time when punning in the pulpit was considered the correct thing, said that all matrimony was a matter of money, and, atrocious as the pun is, it is scarcely so bad as that which followed in which he went on to say that all houses are now ale houses. If punning in Parliament were not as abominable as in the pulpit, we should say that this attempt to reduce the Queen's interest in meeting Parliament to a matrimonial project for her daughter, which would come before the Lower House as a matter of money, was worthy of the source from which it sprang. If the world of fashion cares for "What the *World* says," we can only say it is easily satisfied. It is assumed that those who move in court circles have unusual opportunities of knowing what is going on in the charmed circle of royalty. They have access to the best sources of information, and are so immeasurably nearer the central sun of the social system that we provincials can only be too thankful to catch even a borrowed beam from their light. What are we then to think of those caterers of fashionable gossip who were not only unable to catch a glimpse into the Queen's Speech, but when driven to guess-work were so ludicrously out in their conjecture? It was safe to anticipate that the Suez Canal scheme and a Merchant Shipping Bill would be among the Ministerial trump-cards. All besides was blank ignorance, relieved only by flashes of conjecture, which in the one particular case in question turned out to be wholly and egregiously wrong. But of all public documents a Queen's Speech is the one which least calls for the skill of the political augur. It is often much more of a retrospect than a programme. It tells us, in a few stately phrases, that, while Her Majesty regards with satisfaction the continuance of propriety at home and tranquality abroad, there are still a few black points in the political outlook, disturbance in the Malay peninsula, our honour vindicated in the Straits of Malacca, and the danger of hostilities with Burmah and China happily averted. A paragraph to the Turkish question, and another to the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, are introduced as a matter of course; and, glancing at domestic legislation, Mr. Cross's Artizan Bill is made the foundation for some further mild attempts in the same direction to write a little social science in the Statute Book. Taken altogether, a Queen's Speech is not an occasion for surprises; and even Mr. Disraeli, who, like the late Emperor Napoleon, has an innate love for a surpise, is compelled to be commonplace. If he were to shew his hand, and do more than sketch in outline the course of the Session, he would deprive the Queen's Speech of its charm. It is the one occasion in the year when the Sovereign addresses the Houses, and, as such, it is felt that a party address would be entirely out of place.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The Marquis of Hartington, who is to lead the opposition in the House, has taken, it is said, a leaf out of Lord Palmerston's book, and is going to try the effect of hospitality in bringing together the discordant elements—Old Whigs, Young Radicals, and Home Rulers—whom he has to combine and form a party out of. A salad for the social is all very well, and even oil, vinegar, sugar, and salt may be mixed together when there is some one with social talents to mix them. But is the noble Marquis equal for this task, which even Lord Palmerston could not have done without the aid of one of those queens of society? There is no Marchioness of Hartingdon; but even if there were, it is doubtful if she could wield a sceptre as resistless as that which Lady Palmerston did in the days when London society was governed from Cambridge House.

It was not very respectful to Lord Palmerston' memory that his statue has been uncovered in Palace Square without one word of honour from the leaders of the old Whig school. Where was Lord Granville? At Dover, tousting the sailors' company with the Duke of Edinburgh. The Marquis of Hartington fled out of town on a visit to Kimbolton, to the Conservative Duke of Manchester. And seeing that the leaders of the party would not put in an appearance, the rear rank men shirked the display altogether; and so it came to nothing. Perhaps it was as well, since a speech in the open air on a cold day in February is not promotive of soundness of lung, and the leaders of the opposition want all their strength for the debate on the Suez Canal; and certainly Lord Palmerston's opinions, however, shared by the opposition at present, are not those which any one would care to refer to just now.

The elaborate judgment of Lord Penzance, Dean of the Arches Court of Canterbury, in the case of Clifton and others *v.* Ridsdale is undoubtedly a matter of extreme importance to all parties in the Church of England. The Public Worship Regulation Act, he shows, does not create any new court, or indeed any court whatever; but it must be admitted that so far as the laity are concerned, the jurisdiction and practice of the court are simplified and brought within the range of the public; so that, considering what his Lordship's judgment is, and that it is entirely against the respondent, who is condemned to pay costs, it is almost a certainty that this first prosecution under the Public Worship Act will be followed by many others. Taken as a whole, Lord Penzance's judgment is a heavy blow and sore discouragement to the Ritualistic party, and the Low Church or Evangelical section rejoice accordingly. On the merits of the arguments or of the judgment it would ill become me to speak; but I may express the opinion that if we have many more prosecutions and judgments like this, the inevitable tendency will be towards a Free Church of England. It is understood that there will be an appeal to the judicial committee of the Privy Council, but it may safely be stated that there is very, very little chance of the judgment of he Court of Arches being reversed.

The Erith strike and lock-out are having a somewhat curious development, that is to say that the masters are obtaining all the men they want gradually, while the locked-out men are procuring subscriptions enough to maintain those who are out of employment for a time. The action of the trade union in organizing pickets doubtless suits the trade unionists very well, but as between employer and employed it is certainly unfair. It is to be hoped that we shall ere long hear the last of the wretched trade dispute, for the longer it is continued the more will both masters and men be injured. Up to the present time, capital, energy, money, and time, have been grossly wasted to the injury of both sides.

History repeats itself, but sometimes it is with difficulty. An attempt will be made when Parliament settles down to business to bring back London in some respects to the characteristics of the Elizabethian era. Most of us have seen old prints representing London Bridge with houses upon it. It will hardly be believed, but it is the fact, that a bill is being promoted called the London and Southwark Arcades Bridges Bill. These two bridges are to be *arcades ambo* (which I freely translate—they are both to have arcades) if this bill passes. But be it understood they are to be new and additional bridges, one above and the other below London Bridge. The plans include bazaar-like shops on these two bridge. This in itself is objectionable; but when we learn that there is to be a toll on each bridge, and that the shops will be heavily rented and rated, it is not at all likely that the scheme will find favour in a parliamentary committee. While this scheme is *in nubibus*, another is being carried out—a steam ferry between Wapping and Rotherhithe, the boats passing over the Thames Tunnel, which as a pedestrian passage has long since been abolished. It is expected that this steam ferry will be opened on the 1st of May next, and a large portion of the works is already completed. The promoters of this scheme are so sanguine of success that they have determined on plans for another ferry higher up the river. I think, however, it would be well for them to see how the first answers before they prepare for a second. The traffic in what is called the Pool is so enormous that steamers running across and across every quarter of an hour will I fear result in many serious collisions Everybody admits that we want more means of communication between the opposite banks of the Thames, especially within six or eight miles below London Bridge. Why not have more tunnels? They can be cheaply and effectively made under the new system.

There is a talk of still another new theatre to be opened in the Strand. Certainly another is not wanted, and it is doubtful whether there are not one too many already. Instead of establishing another I would modestly suggest that there should be some improvements effected in those now existing. In two respects reform is greatly needed—in the entrances and exits, and in the dressing-rooms. The arrangements for entering and leaving our theatres are positively scandalous at least so far as pit and gallery are concerned. Many accidents take place, owing to the crowding and crushing, which are quite important enough for those immediately concerned. This dangerous discomfort is not at all necessary. It might all be obviated by selling tickets during certain hours of the day—an arrangement which would not cost above 30s. a week As to the dressing-rooms, they are as a rule very juncomfortable and, being very draughty, are preudicial to health, while those for actresses render decency very difficult. It is marvellous that, with all the additions we make to our list of theatres, we never seem to accomplish any improvements. We repeat all the old faults, and sometimes add new ones.—By the way, two of our theatres are about to disappear—the Amphitheatre in Holborn, and Sadler's Wells theatre—and, strange to say, they are both about to be converted into skating rinks. Verily we are going skating rink mad.

Mr. Ridcout, proprietor of the *Morning Post*, has just died. He was much respected, not only among his own circle in the commercial and fashionable world, but by all whom he employed. I confess to have always had a liking for this paper, which was never popular and never likely to be, but is highly valued by the aristocracy who, in fact, have long supported it by paying for reports of fashionable parties, &c., in a way quite peculiar to this journal.—Apropos of journalism, Mr. Beresford Hope, *on dit*, has now quite abandoned the idea of a new penny daily paper to support the High Church party. He has discovered two things—first, that an enormous amount of capital would be required, and secondly that there would not be in the case of such a venture; the slightest chance of getting it back.

Local and General News.

The "Family Friend" continues to supply excellent "cuts" of the cathedrals, and to be filled with a varied and wholesome collection of articles.

In the February number of the "British Workman," Mr Kirton, author of the well-known "Buy your own cherries," has a very useful and life-like sketch, entitled "How Philip's eyes were opened." It is an excellent issue for free distriburion.

Death Accelerated by an Overdose of Chlorodyne.—An inquest was held at the Durham Ox Inn, Clayton Street West, Newcastle, on Monday evening, by Mr J. T. Hoyle, coroner, concerning the death of Jane Patilla, 47 years of age, who lived with her husband, John Patilla, a porter, at Castle Garth, and died on Sunday suddenly. The woman, it appears, was subject to epileptic fits, partly induced by excessive drinking; and being restless at nights she procured a small bottle of Collis Brown's Chlorodyne to make her sleep.—Dr Luke Armstrong, examined, said he was called in between nine and ten o'clock on Sunday morning, an hour before she died, and found deceased insenible she had taken nearly half an ounce of chlorodyne. He had no doubt she died from epileptic fits, caused by excessive drinking, and also from taking too much chlorodyne. Chlorodyne, he thought, was too much frequently found on ladies' dressing tables, in fact, he might call it "a ladies tipple." It was a delightful stimulant in small doses, but in large doses a very powerful narcotic.—The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the doctor's evidence —"Died from excessive drinking, and an overdose of Chlorodyne."

Music.—We have received the first two numbers of a new musical periodical, the "musical Budget," published by J Clarke, London. Its contents comprise both numerous and sentimental songs, and all are of an excellent character. We must, however, state our preference for the February number; the contents of which are "Hark! the merry bells," "In the days of happy childhood." "silver threads among the gold," "Ring the bell softly," "Lieutenant Luff." and "Hail! smiling morn," the latter being arranged for two concertinas. "Hark! the merry bells; is a lively piece of music off one flat, and is a welcome to the new year. "In the happy days of childhood," is a song off one flat and is a story in three verses of a boy who ran away to sea and returns again to his mother. It is taken from the cantata of "The Voyage," by Dr. Mason. "Ring the bell softley" is a pathetic ballad Christy Minstrels, and is well worthy a place in the collection. Of course it may seem presumption on our part to praise a piece that has been sung by that celebrated band of singers. We do not mean those who go about the country professing to be the original minstrels, but the singers who perform in the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly London. It is off three flats, and has to be sung slowly throughout, with a chorus at the finish. We can recommend it to the members of any glee class in our neighbourhood. "Lieutenant Luff," is the concluding piece of an excellent bill of fare, and it is of a comic character. We advise our musical readers to puchase the "Musical Budget," feeling certain that they will not regret taking our advice. It is published by J. Clarke, 10, Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London.

Experience of a Convert to modern Spiritualism.—During twelve years of tropical wanderings occupied in the study of natural history, I heard occasionally of the strange phenomena said to be occuring in America and Europe, under the general names of "table turning" and "spirit-rapping"; and being aware, from my own knowledge of mesmerism, that there were mysteries connected with the human mind which modern science ignored because it could not explain I determined to seize the first opportunity on my return home to examine into these matters. It is true, perhaps, that I ought to state that for twenty-five years I had been an utter sceptic as to the existence of any preter-human or super-human intelligences, and that I never for a moment contemplated the possibilty that the marvels related by Spiritualist could be literally true. If I have now changed my opinion, it is simply by the force of evidence. It is from nodread of annihilation that I have gone into this subject; it is from no inordinate longing for internal existence that I have come to believe in facts which render this highly pobable if they do not actually prove it. At least three times within the last twenty-five years I have had to face death as imminent or probable within a few hours, and what I felt on these occasions was at most a gentle melancholy at the thought of quitting this wonderful and beautiful earth to enter on a sleep which might know no waking. In a state of ordinary health I did not even feel this. I knew that the great problem of conscious existence was one beyond man's grasp, and this fact alone gave some hope that existence might be independent of the organised body. I came to the inquiry therefore utterly unbiased by hopes or fears, because I knew that my belief could not effect the reality, and with an ingrained prejudice against even such a word as "spirit," which I have hardly yet overcome.—"*Mordon Spiritualism*" *By Algred Russell Wallace.*

Nine Weeks After Ma riage.—A Loving Couple.—At Sunderland County Petty Sessions, on Saturday, Geoge Marshall, a miner employed at Ryhope Colliery, was summoned, charged with assaulting his wife Isabella Marshall, at Ryhope, on the 31st ult. Mr Robson appeared in defence.—Complainant, a good-looking, showily-dressed young woman, said she was living seperate from her husband, who went to her residence on Monday with another woman and struck he three times.—Mr Kidson: How long have you been married?—Complainant, whimpering: We have been married ten weeks last Monday, and this was the second time the defendant had left me since the marriage, and last night he sent a young man to strike me on the face.—Mr Robson: You have been married nine weeks next Monday?—Complainant: Ten weeks. —Mr Robson: No, nine weeks; and before you were married you fathered a child on somebody else? —Complainant: Yes: but when he took me and married me he did not take the child.—Mr Robson: And you have been living at his mothers house?—Compldinant: No, I have not. We have been living with my mother; as he never got a place to put me in.—Mr Robson; You are in the family way now.—Complainant: Yes, I am.—Mr Robson: When did the assaults take place? Complainant: On Monday.—Mr Robson: Had you any mark from the effects of the assault? Complainant: Yes, he struck me thrice on the face.—Mr Robson: Did you pick the soap-box up to throw at him?—Complainant: No.—Mr Robson: Did you sleep together the same night?—Yes, and during the night he pulled my hair and tried to choke me.—Mr Robson: He went to the town on Tuesday?—Yes, and "called me down" in the papers.—Mr Robson: That night you threw his clothes out of the window?—He told me to lock his clothes up, and I did so.—Mr Robson: After he called you down you went and got a summons?—I think it was time then. (laughter)—Ultimately, at Mr Robson's suggestion, the defendaut was bound over to keep the peace in his own recognizances for twelve months.

Wesleyan Methodism.—During the last year there has been an outlay in this kingdom of £328,592 on chapels, schools, ministers' houses, and organs, towards which the sum of £261,313 was raised by voluntary contributions. The outlay during the past 21 years has been £3,689 056, and the entire debt at the close of 1875 amounted to £894,577.

Cassell's "Illustrated Bible."—A new edition of this superb work has just been issued, and the first part is now before us. Every one knows the teaching power of pictures, and when we tell our readers that this edition of the Sacred Volume contains about one thousand highly-finished and suggestive illustrations, they will see the force of our urging them to give it a place in their households.

Spelling Bee at Wardley Colliery.—On Saturday evening, a spelling bee was in the Drill Shed at Wardley Colliery, kindly lent for the occasion by Major A. S. Palmer, Wardley Hall. Mr Morgan Robinson, colliery manager, presided and the interrogator was Mr Elliott, school-master, Bill Quay, the referees being Mr Thomas Robinson, underviewer, and Mr Daniel Reid. There was fifteen competitors. The first prize of 15s was won by Robert Dunbar; the scond, 5s., by Mrs T. Robinson; the third, 3s., by John Thirlaway; and the fourth, 2s. by Wm. Hindmarch.

Alleged Elopement in Humble Life at Bishop Auckland.—Mr Mason, a respectable-looking man, was charged with stealing a quantity of goods the the property of James Wright, at Eldon, near Bishop Auckland. Mr Supertendant Henderson said the defendant had gone away with complainant's wife, and had taken a quantity of his goods. He asked for a remand.—Mr Maw, who appeared for the defence, applied for bail, which Mr Henderson objected to, on the ground that this was the second time that defendant had taken complainant's wife away, and Sergeant Parker said he believed that defendant intended to leave the neighbourhood. —The Bench adjourned the case until Monday, and declined to accept bail, but, on Mr Maw saying he had substantial bail, accepted himself in £50, and two surities of £25 each.

A Child Scalded to death at the Felling. —An inquest was held on Monday night, at the Durham Ox Inn, Cattle Market, Newcastle, respecting the death of John Kelly, a child aged two years, who resided with his parents at 75, Back Railway-terrace, Felling. About five weeks ago the deceased accidently fell into a pan of boiling water in his parents' house and was severely scalded. Dr. Mallen attended him at the Felling until Monday last. The father of the deceased then brought the child to the Newcastle Infirmary, but he would not let the child stay there and took him away again. On Friday last, however, the child was again taken to the Infirmary, and remained there under treatment until his death, which took place on Sunday night. Dr. Beatson said if the child had been left at the Infirmary on the first occasion that he was taken there by his father, he would have had a better chance of recovery.—"Died from scalds accidentlly received" was the verdict returned by the jury.

A Shadowy Mystery.—James Cridland gained a living by farming a few fields, and by working for his richer neighbours. One hay season he was busy with another man in a field near the little town of Alveston. During the hottest part of the day they rested awhile, without leaving the field, Cridland remaining awake, while his mate slept, lying on his back, with his face to the sun and his mouth wide open. Cridland sat looking at him, and saying to himself, "How sound he sleeps with the sun in his eyes!" Presently, casting his eyes across the field, Cridland saw a small, dark shadow, of no particular shape, resting on the top of a haycock. An instant afterwards, the shadow jumped down and stepped, then ran along the ground, and jumped over another haycock, and so on, in such a frolicsome way as greatly to amuse Cridland, who sat watching it attentively. It ran backwards and forwards, and then sideways, always jumping over the haycocks as came in its way. At last it came near to the place where the man was sleeping, and Cridland was watching him. It did not appear to grow any larger, or to assume any particular form; but to Cridland's unspeakable surprise the last jump of the shadow was into the mouth of his comrade. The same instant the sleeper awoke. "Well, I never! what is it? exclaimed Cridland. "Oh, nothing," replied his companion," I only roused in a hurry. I have been dreaming that I was running about the field, and there isn't a haycock I have not jumped over in my sleep." Cridland, when telling the story, added, "Now ever since that I have known that something leaves a man when he sleeps, and that I saw it."—*Whitaker's Journal.*

Death of a Farmer from a Railway Accident.—At Carlisle, on Monday, an inquest was held upon the body of John Routledge, farmer, Kirkcudbright, who died from injuries received in a collision on the Lancaster and Carlisle Section of the London and North-Western Railway on the 28th ult. Medical evidence proved that deceased died from inflammation of the lungs indirectly caused by the accident. The jury found that the deceased, John Routledge, had died from the effects of the accident, and censured the manner of working adopted on the portion of the line where the accident occurred.

The Manchester and Sheffield Railway. —A number of preference shareholders of this railway, who consider that their interests are seriously jeopardised by the bill promoted by this undertaking in the present session, have formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of opposing the passing of the bill by Parliament. The point to which objection is taken is that of the company applying for powers to raise money for the redemption of £741,000 Seven per Cent. South Yorkshire Rent-charge Stock as authorised by the Act of 1874. In order to liquidate these charges it is proposed to add to the present debenture stock £1,087,000, which is to be taken in the priority of the previously existing preference stock. A circular has been issued by Messrs. Rawson and Best, of Leeds, in which they invite the co-operation of the shareholders. —*Railway News.*

The Midland Dividend.—Some disappointment appears to have been felt on the announcement by this company of a dividend of 6, against 6½ for the corresponding half-year of 1874. Those who anticipated a better return than that now intimated, overlooked several very important matters affecting the interests of this line. The increase in receipts for the half-year just ended amounted to £99,000, which falls considerably short of the increase of the corresponding half-year of the previous year, when the dividend paid was 6½. The capital which the company has to pay upon is also largely increased. So far from being a cause of disappointment, we cannot but regard the dividend just declared as satisfactory. It is important to bear in mind that in the case of the Midland, the company was working during the past half-year a considerable increase of mileage, including the Settle and Carlisle extension; but on this part of the line only a certain portion of the goods traffic was run, the company thus practically deriving no benefit from it, inasmuch as they have still to pay the North Western the full amount of £40,000 a year for the use of the Lancaster and Carlisle line. In a few weeks the extension to Carlisle will be open for passenger traffic, and the whole of the business of the Midland Company with Scotland will pass by that route, and the company will at once benefit by the saving of the payment now made to the North Western for the use of the line between Lancaster and Carlisle. We have not yet received a copy of the report and accounts, but we shall be disappointed if it does not show more favourable results, on examination, than appear to be generally anticipated, assuming the value in the price of the stock to be taken as a direct indication of public opinion.—*Railway News.*

THE EMMA SILVER MINE.

At a meeting of the shareholders in the Emma Silver Mine on Saturday, a resolution was confirmed which was agreed to on the 21st ult., empowering the present chairman of the company, Mr M'Dougall, to take legal action against Mr. Albert Grant, Mr. Puleston, and the late board of directors for misrepresentation and conspiracy. An attempt was made to induce the shareholders present to rescind their decision, but without effect, a large majority voting in the affirmative.

CAUTION TO INTENDING EMIGRANTS.

The Emigration Commissioners have issued another notice, cautioning intending emigrants to the Chupat river settlements, South America. In the last accounts received by her Majesty's Government, it is stated that the colony is in a very critical condition, some of the new comers finding themselves threatened with privations, and being without shelter or work. During the present season, the almost entire failure of the wheat crop was expected, and unless the Government is able and willing to assist and employ them, the settlers will probably be exposed to great distress. The Commissioners wish intending emigrants to bear in mind that if they proceed to Chupat after this notice, they will have themselves to blame for any suffering they may experience.

SUICIDE BY A LADY.

On Saturday morning, the coroner for Bristol held an inquest on Miss Jemima Elizabeth Luke, a lady 35 years of age, residing at Clifton, who was found drowned in a pond in Redland. Deceased was secretary to the Bristol and West of England Women's Suffrage Association, and was well known in connection with the women's rights movement. On the 5th inst. she left her residence, leaving behind her the following note, written in pencil, on a scrap of paper:—"I have been mad for several weeks, but I have concealed it. My difficulties have turned my brain, and I must die. My mother's address is 5, Swinburne road, Deptford, S.E." Miss Priestman, who was associated with deceased, said that her ideas of being in difficulties were purely imaginary. The jury returned a verdict of temporary insanity

SERIOUS EPIDEMIC AT BOLTON.

A Bolton correspondent writes:—A serious epidemic has broken out in the village of Eagley, near Bolton. Already, within a few days of appearance, eighty persons were attacked. The disease, which bears the resemblance to foot and mouth disease in cattle, was first noticed ten days ago, when a number of persons were seized with sickness, followed by enlargement of tongue and swelling round the eyes. In worst cases this is succeeded by unconsciousness; but, with the exception of a few children, no very dangerous symptoms have supervened. Patients are under medical treatment. The most alarming part is the rapidity with which the disease spreads. In one street not a single house has escaped, whilst in more than one instance whole families are prostrate. Three causes are assigned for the outbreak: foul smell from the brook that runs through the village, and down which there has not of late been a stream sufficiently strong to carry off the refuse; the badness of the gas, and the fact of milk, as is alleged, having been drawn from cows suffering from foot and mouth disease. The last is held by the medical gentlemen to be the most likely cause, and the milk is to be analysed by the medical officer of health for Bolton.

EXTRAORDINARY OUTRAGE IN WOOLWICH GARRISON.

On Saturday morning, when the men of F Battery, 18th Brigade, Royal Artillery (Captain Greear), proceeded to their stables, it was found that during the night the stables had been entered, and a number of the saddles, surcingles, and other horse trappings cut and damaged to a large extent. It was also discovered that an entrance had been effected by a window at the back of the stables, at a spot which was not patrolled by the sentries. The brigade stables are built in a row, and there were three sentries on duty in front of each block. Those stationed in front of F Battery stables state that they saw nothing of the outrage; but they were immediately placed under arrest. It would appear that if the act were seen by any one it would be by the men on duty in front of the next stables. The number of surcingles and girths cut is 48, and the damages are such that it will be impossible to repair them. The saddles and most of the other trappings can be repaired and made fit for use, so that the total money loss will probably not exceed £2[illegible]. The men of F Battery declare that they have no sympathy with the dastardly perpetrators of the act, and there appears to be no general grievance existing amongst them. An outrage of a similar nature was committed about eight months ago in another battery, but at that time there was some dissatisfaction in the brigade, consequent upon their having been brought home from India in winter.

SINGULAR WILL OF GENERAL CLAUDE MARTIN.

At the Judicial Committee on Saturday, judgment was given in an appeal, "The Mayor of Lyons v. The Advocate-General of Bengal and others," in which an important question was raised as to a very large sum left by General Martin, who rose from being a private soldier to the rank of general in India, where he died in 1801, worth about £390,000. He left by will large sums to Lyons (of which place he was a native), and to Calcutta and Lucknow, which had been paid. Sums were left for Calcutta and Lucknow as to imprisoned debtors, and also criminals who had behaved well in gaol. In India, by operation of law, the objects had failed, and a large sum had accumulated, which fell into the residuary property. Considerable litigation had taken place as to the application of the bequests in the will. The city of Lyons prayed to participate in the large sums that had accrued on account of the objects of the testator's charity having failed in the places mentioned in India, and the question was argued before the Judicial Committee whether the city of Lyons were not to share as residuary legatees in the large property. The case was argued by Mr. Cowie, Q.C., and Mr. Hemming, Q.C., for the city of Lyons, as appellants from a decision of the High Court; and by Mr. Cotton, Q.C., and Mr. Macnaghton, for the respondent, who represented the other charitable institution. The object of the testator was to "perpetuate his name in Calcutta, Lucknow, and Lyons, and he left large sums to each for charitable purposes. The question was whether the principle of *cypres* prevailed to exclude Lyons so as to confine the large property to objects similar to those which had failed in the particular localities.—Sir Montagu Smith, in giving judgment, narrated the facts, and then applied the law. Their lordships held that the High Court was correct in excluding the city of Lyons from the particular charities in India, and the appeal would be dismissed with costs.

It is announced that Messrs. A. C. Bartrum and Co., merchants, Norfolk street, Bradford, have filed a petition for the liquidation of their affairs.

On Monday, at a meeting of the shareholders of the Bradford Theatre and Opera Company, Limited, a dividend of 5 per cent. was declared, and a balance of £786. 1s. 4d. was carried forward.

The examination of candidates for commissions in the army medical department, announced for Monday, has been postponed indefinitely in consequence of the small number presenting themselves for examination.

Brutal Assault on a Female Servant.—At the Guildford County Bench, on Saturday, Mr. Henry Cecil Sykes, a gentleman of independent means, residing at Shrub Lawn, Woking, was charged with brutally assaulting Elizabeth Schiller, one of his domestic servants. The complainant said that on the previous Thursday her master came home in a state of intoxication, and went to bed without divesting himself of his clothes or boots. His wife remonstrated with him, whereupon he got up and was about to strike her. Complainant interfered to protect her mistress, when the prisoner seized a large stick and felled her to the ground. He then struck her about the head and face with a heavy candlestick, and repeatedly kicked her. He was about jumping upon her, when she was rescued by a fellow-servant. Prisoner made no defence, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour. He seemed staggered with the sentence, and was removed to the cells.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY STARVATION.

About ten o'clock on the 4th inst., a young woman was found in a state of great exhaustion in Raikes Clough, Great Lever, near Bolton. On removal to the workhouse she related the following sad story:—She was a Welsh woman, named Mary Edwards, and was twenty-four years of age. While living in service in Liverpool she was seduced by a man named Williams; and, not wishing her mistress to know her condition, she left, and has since been tramping about the country. After a brief stay in Manchester she determined to return to Liverpool. She arrived at Great Lever on the previous day, and entered the clough with the intention of drowning herself in the river Croal. Her heart failed her, however, at the sight of the water, and she resolved to starve herself to death. When found she had been in the clough for thirty hours; and she told the medical officer of the workhouse that she had not tasted food of any kind for three days. She is said to be very near confinement.

SHOCKING DEATH FROM STARVATION.

A shocking case of death from starvation has occurred in Birmingham. Deceased, John William Smith, between forty and fifty years old, died on Sunday afternoon. He was once a wholesale tobacconist in Birmingham, but, meeting with reverses, fell into a most abject state of poverty, and some months ago went to reside in a back house at Hockley. He had a wife and six children, the eldest being fifteen and the youngest two years. One child lived away from home. Lately deceased had been employed colouring pipes and occasionally travelling. His earnings, however, were quite inadequate to meet the demands of his family, and their condition has been of a most distressing character. There is not and has not been a single bed in the house. The whole family slept on the kitchen floor. Deceased and his wife appear to have been above seeking parish assistance, and even aid which neighbours have proffered has been reluctantly received, and sometimes altogether refused. Deceased is in a most emaciated condition. It is said he threatened to commit suicide if his wife applied to the parish authorities.

IMPORTANT COLLIERY PROSECUTION IN LEEDS

An important case under the Coal Mines Regulation Act of 1872 was heard before Mr. Bruce, the Stipendiary Magistrate, at the Leeds Police Court, on Tuesday, when Mr. John Muckle, the manager of the York road Iron and Coal Company, was summoned for a breach of the 8th general rule.

Mr. W. H. Gill, solicitor, Wakefield, appeared on behalf of Mr. Wardell, one of her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, to prosecute; and Mr. Ferns represented the defendant.

In opening the case, Mr. Gill stated that the offence alleged against Mr. Muckle was committed under the 8th general rule of the mine of which he was the certified manager. Sub-section B stated that gunpowder shall not be taken into the mine, except in a case or canister, containing not more than 4lbs. Further it enacted that gunpowder "shall not be taken into, or be in the possession of any person in, any mine, except in cartridges, or shall not be used, except in accordance with the following regulations, during three months after any inflammable gas had been found in such mine." On the 10th November an explosion took place in the mine under the management of the defendant, by which two men were severely burned. A few days afterwards when one of the inspectors visited the mine, loose gunpowder was found in some of the workings.

Mr. John Gerrard, one of her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines for the district, said he assisted Mr. Wardell, who was the Chief Inspector. He received information of the explosion in the Broom Hill pit, whereby two men were injured. There were several pits under the management of Mr. Muckle, and in the particular district where the explosion took place 46 men were employed. On the 16th November he visited the pit, and in the working place of a collier named Crabtree, he found a tin bottle containing about 2lbs. of gunpowder, loose, and made into cartridges. Crabtree told witness that he had fired a shot on the previous day.

Mr. Ferns, in defence, said the powder was not procured by the manager, but by the men, who themselves manufacture it into cartridges. Some of them, however, for their own convenience and benefit, instead of manufacturing it into cartridges, used it in its loose state.

Mr. Bruce here remarked that if that was the rule of colliers the sooner it was amended the better.

Mr. Ferns (continuing): The fault was, not that the powder was in the pit, but that it was not made into cartridges. The under-viewer had not the remotest idea of there being any loose powder in the mine.

After other evidence had been heard, the defendant was fined £20 and costs.

EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF AN IMPOSTOR.

On Monday, at the Rochdale Police-court, Captain H. C. von Nievoth, a young man of respectable appearance and of good address, was brought up on remand, Chief Constable Stevens stating that the prisoner had been arrested by the police on a charge of vagrancy, but the charge would ultimately resolve itself into obtaining money by false pretences. The prisoner had given the name of Captain H. C. von Nievorth, but he had also gone under the *aliases* of Baron Vievorth and Captain Vievorth. He had ascertained that the prisoner for the last ten years had been engaged in systematically swindling the public, and he had been connected with almost every religious denomination. Nievoth had informed gentlemen in Rochdale that he had a particular claim upon their benevolence on the ground that during the cotton famine in Lancashire he was residing in Germany, and had contributed largely towards the relief of the cotton operatives. The prisoner had been so successful as a begging impostor that he holds among the fraternity the distinguished position of "King of the Beggars." For a number of years he has been in fact, a nuisance to all kindly-disposed persons. At one time he was a Quaker, and discovered that the Society of Friends was the proper society to belong to. He obtained the confidence of the Quakers, and one gentleman set him up in business with his son at Liverpool. The result may be imagined. He next appeared as a Baptist, then as a member of the Wesleyan body. He was mixed up with Moody and Sankey, and appears to have taken a prominent part in all recent spiritual revivals in England. Throughout his career, indeed, he has been connected with almost every religious denomination in the country. Among other things he has frequently preached at street corners, under a pretence of improving the public and collecting money for the erection of places of worship.—Henry Nightscale, an officer employed by the Manchester Foreign Aid Society, stated that he had known the prisoner for three years in and about Manchester and Liverpool. He followed no particular calling except that of a professional beggar, and as a professional beggar he was one of the most successful. In cross-examination by the prisoner, witness said that he had paid a visit to Liverpool to ascertain whether statements were correct which prisoner made to the Manchester Aid Society in August last, and found that he had rented offices in the Exchange and Chapel Walks, Liverpool, but had never furnished or used them. The prisoner devoted his time to professional begging and religious cant. Prisoner had professed to belong to almost every denomination—to the Catholics, to the Church of England, to the Quakers, and to the Unitarians.—Chief Constable Stevens asked for a remand for seven days, as he believed they would be able to prove an indictable misdemeanour against the prisoner for obtaining money by means of begging letters containing a fictitious tale of distress. It appeared incidentally that in the 28th report of the Manchester Society for the Relief of Distressed Foreigners the public were cautioned against the prisoner, who on a recent visit to Manchester boasted that he had collected above £50 in a few days. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

The Rev. R. Flint, Professor of Philosophy, of St Andrew's, has been appointed Professor of Divinity in Edinburgh University.

THE SOUTHWARK MURDER.

At Southwark Police Court, on Monday, Sherman Fletcher Morley was charged with the murder of Miss Soper, in High street, Southwark; and Charles Houghton as an accessory. A Mrs. Hewitt, a hairdresser near the scene of the outrage, stated that on the night preceding the murder two men came into her shop and inspected some whiskers, looking especially at a pair of "Dundreary's," but made no purchase. Both witness and her boy thought Morley was one of the men.—Evidence was given that Morley had worked at Mr. Turner's, and knew the premises, and that a man wearing long whiskers, apparently false, was seen near Mr. Turner's. Mr. Partridge remanded Morley until Monday, but allowed Houghton to go at large on his own recognisances in £100.

THE ALLEGED INTRIGUE WITH ROME.

The following letter appeared in the *Times* of Monday:—

"Sir,— the *Times* of yesterday and of to-day I have seen two telegrams purporting to come from Rome, in which my name occurs. As I think that both you and many others may desire to know how far their contents are true, I may say that they are both from first to last wholly devoid of truth. No scheme whatsoever on the subject of Ritualism has ever been conceived by me. I need not add none has ever been to my knowledge proposed, or opposed, or defended in Rome.—I remain, sir, your faithful servant,

"HENRY EDWARD, Cardinal Archbishop.

"February 5"

In reference to this subject an anonymous writer in the *Morning Post* says he has just seen a formal correspondence which passed between clergymen of the Church of England and the Congregation of the Holy Office at Rome in 1865, and he is struck with the inconsistency at finding the names of several influential clergymen not only in this correspondence, but in the declaration published last week denying that any advances had been made, or were possible, on the part of the High Church party towards the union with Rome.

DEATH OF LORD GALWAY, M.P.

The death is announced of Lord Galway, M.P., which took place on Sunday, at his residence, Serlby Hall. Though his lordship rallied a little on Saturday, unfavourable symptoms manifested themselves on Sunday, and during the whole of the day his death was almost hourly expected. The immediate cause of death was inflammation of the bladder. The deceased was 71 years of age. In 1838 he married his cousin, Henrietta Eliza, only daughter of R. P. Milnes, Esq., and sister of Lord Houghton, by whom he has one son, the Hon. G. E. Monckton, one of the members for North Nottinghamshire. A staunch Conservative in politics, Lord Galway has long had a seat in Parliament as one of the representatives of East Retford. He entered Parliament at the general election of 1847, and he has ever since that time been returned without a contest. In 1852 he was appointed a Lord in Waiting to the Queen. Lord Galway was immensely popular, his mastership of the North Nottinghamshire hunt, and the old-fashioned liberal manner in which he kept house at Serlby Hall, contributing not a little to his popularity.

LORD RIPON AND THE FREEMASONS.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* writes:—"Monsignor Nardi has just replied in the *Voce della Verita* to your comments on his sketch of Lord Ripon. He disclaims having derived his description of the eating, drinking, and merry-making propensities of English Freemasons from Lord Ripon himself, to have interrogated whom would have been contrary to common sense. A man who has visited England thirteen times, and has made what happens in that noble country the subject of his dearest studies, may know something of the craft. Such a suspicion, however, gratifies him, for the writer of the article must himself be a Mason, having the style, jargon, and tone of one. After this apparently unconscious hit at Lord Ripon, Monsignor Nardi adopts the description of Masonry given by a distinguished English Catholic Bishop as a goose club. The Pope's 'fascination' 'consists,' he says, 'in his virtues and merits, and the noble marquis, having studied the arguments many years by himself before coming to us, probably fascinated himself.' As to Lord Ripon's value at home being open to question, Monsignor Nardi persists in appaling to his selection as Alabama Commissioner as his chief title to distinction."

THE CIRCUITS OF THE JUDGES.

The judges of the Superior Courts of Westminster held a meeting on Saturday in the Lord Chief Justice's room, to determine the alteration in the circuits, and to nominate the judges for the circuits. The Northern Circuit has been divided, and henceforth Leeds, York, Durham, and Newcastle, will be called the North-Eastern; and Carlisle, Appleby, Lancaster, Manchester, and Liverpool, will form a circuit retaining the old name of the Northern Circuit. The Home Circuit is abolished, the Surrey business coming to London; and Hertford, Chelmsford, and Lewes, will be joined to the new South-Eastern Circuits. The following is the official list of the circuits:—Northern, Mr. Justice Blackburn and Mr. Justice Brett; Oxford, Mr. Baron Amphlett and Mr. Justice Field; Western, Lord Chief Baron Kelly and Mr. Justice Denman; North-Eastern, Mr. Baron Bramwell and Mr. Justice Mellor; the Midland, Mr Baron Huddlestone and Mr. Justice Lindley; North Wales, Mr. Justice Lush; South Wales, Mr. Justice Grove; South-Eastern, Lord Chief Justice Coleridge and Baron Cleasby. Election judges, Justices Quain and Archibald, and Baron Pollock.

SCHOOL BOARDS.

At this date there are upwards of 1600 school boards in England and Wales, covering a population of 12,397,307, or more than half the total number of inhabitants. These have been established in 117 municipal boroughs, counting Oxford as one, and in 2046 parishes, several of the latter being amalgamated in what are termed "united districts." To these must be added the London School Board, who have jurisdiction over an area that includes 3,500,000 souls. The permissive powers of the statute for enforcing attendance at school or exercised by the school boards for London, for 99 boroughs, and for 448 parishes, and thus extend to 45 per cent. of the whole population. But it is a fact nevertheless that compulsory attendance at school is for the present almost entirely confined to urban localities, and even then leaving the metropolis out of the question, only to those districts which have voluntarily identified themselves with the school board movement. A few boards have to all practical purposes ceased to act, whilst in three or four cases the orders of the Education Department for election by the ratepayers have either been set at naught or have lapsed through failure of nominations. During the past year two boards have been officially pronounced to be "in default," the one at Smeeth, in Kent; the other at Stourbridge, in Worcestershire. In both instances the boards have been set up again by the appointment by the Committee of Council on Education of the five members who had resigned. In the former the board having re-transferred their school to its original managers assumed their business to be at an end. They were willing to resume office, but it was held they were not re-eligible for election by the ratepayers having vacated their seats for a period of six months in succession. At Stourbridge six of the seven members resigned, and the first intention of the authorities was to issue an order to fill up the six vacancies; but as it soon transpired that the resignation of five out of the six had been prompted by internal dissensions at the board, where he conduct of a member gave great offence, the department, acting on a suggestion of the five members re-appointed the five in question as members of the board until an order could be issued for an election in due course by the ratepayers.

SAD CALAMITY AT CINCINNATI.
ELEVEN PERSONS TRAMPLED TO DEATH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—At the moment when 600 school children were about to begin the performance of an allegory, in the Theatre of Cincinnati, to-day, before an immense audience, a false alarm of fire was raised, which caused a general rush to the doors. Eleven persons were trampled to death, and a large number were injured.

FRANCE AND CUBA.

Intelligence reaches us (the *Globe*) from Jamaica of the visit of a French squadron to St. Jago de Cuba to inquire into the circumstances attending the murder of a French subject, and to demand an explanation, if as currently reported his death had been caused by persons in authority.

THE JEWS OF PALESTINE.

Sir Moses Montefiore has just published his long-looked-for report on the condition of the Jews of Palestine. It is principally remarkable for the refutation of the charge brought against them of laziness and disinclination to work, and makes numerous valuable suggestions for bringing about a regeneration of the Holy Land.

AN AGRICULTURAL LABOURER AND HIS PARENTS.

Samuel Dawson, who some months ago was committed to Bedford prison for refusing to maintain his parents, on the ground that his wages—13s. per week—would not enable him to do so, and whose case created considerable sensation and public sympathy, the result of which was subscriptions amounting to £50—has again been before the Sharnbrook magistrates, and, as he still persisted in refusal, was sent for another month to gaol. The case is likely to be taken up again by the public.

SINGULAR DIVORCE SUIT.

In the Divorce Court, on Saturday, the case of Borring v. Borring and Chalmers was heard. This was the husband's petition, praying for a divorce on the ground of the wife's adultery with the co-respondent. The case was undefended.

Mr. Jeune was counsel for the petitioner, who is an indigo merchant in the city, and he stated that the parties were married on the 28th of February, 1875. They lived happily together up to the 10th of May in that year. When the petitioner retured home from the city on the afternoon of that day he found a letter addressed to him from his wife, the contents of which caused him much surprise. They were as follow:—

"My dear Alph,—I find I cannot live with you any longer, as I love another man—Captain Chalmers—so have run away with him. It is no use coming after me, as I shall not return, for I love only him. Think as leniently of me as you can. Good-bye. "LENA."

After the receipt of this letter the petitioner caused inquiries to be made, and he found that respondent and co-respondent, who was stated to be an officer in the army, had stayed together as man and wife at the Calverly Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.—The petitioner was called, and he spoke to those facts of the case which came within his knowledge.—Mr. Harrison, clerk to the petitioner's solicitors, deposed to going to the hotel in question to serve the petition filed in the case, and he there saw the respondent and the co-respondent dressing in their room. Afterwards meeting the respondent on the stairs, he followed her, and made known his business to her, and she said that "Charlie" (the co-respondent) "would be down directly," He soon afterwards came in, and in reply to a remark from the witness, in relation to the contemplated divorce case, he said "All right; what time will the divorce take? for (pointing to the respondent) I love this woman, and I want to marry her."

Sir James Hannen said that he was satisfied as to the evidence of the respondent being complete, and as to that a decree could be pronounced; but as to the question with regard to the identity of the co-respondent, further evidence must be given. No doubt that evidence could be easily supplied; but until such evidence was brought forward the case must be adjourned, and it was ordered to be adjourned accordingly.

IMPORTANT TO GLASS BOTTLE MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.

A case of considerable importance to the above trade was heard before the Attorney-General, last week, at his chambers in the Temple. It appears that Mr. Thos. Sutcliffe, of Barnsley, glass bottle manufacturer, and Mr. John Fewings, of Bridport, mineral water manufacturer, had applied, in April last, for a new patent for bottles and their stoppers. Mr. Charles Tapp, of Doncaster, having, in September, 1872, obtained letters patent for (as he alleged) the very same form of stopper, namely, an elliptical shaped body, coated with India rubber, having a button head, lodged notice of his opposition, also a declaration stating therein that the article sought to be patented was not new, but precisely the same in principle and detail as that patented by him in 1872. Messrs. Barrett and Ellers lodged opposition, on the ground that the stopper in question was a colourable imitation of theirs, patented some years since; also that Mr. Fewings had obtained a lease to work Barretts' patent, and so got the idea of the first inventors, namely, Barretts'. Barretts' is a long stopper, made of wood, with a deep groove, in which is placed a rubber washer, and is alleged to be very different from the one sought to be patented by the petitioners.

Eminent counsel were retained by Messrs. Sutcliffe and Co., also by Messrs. Barretts and Co. Mr. Tapp undertook to conduct his own case.

Messrs. Barretts' counsel argued that the stopper sought to be patented was the same in principle as theirs, at which the Attorney-General, after examining them both, gave a very significant shake of his head. Mr. Tapp next argued the question, showing the Attorney-General his patent specification and the drawings, especially that of Fig. 5, where he argued for practical purposes it was an exact copy; but to make a difference so as to call or pretend it new, one more button head had been put on, namely, one at each end. Mr. Tapp argued that this was a direct contradiction to the Act of Parliament of 1852, pointing out that the Act says that no person or persons shall add to or subtract from a previous patent, so as to pretend themselves to be inventors or devisors of the same.

At this stage the petitioner's counsel intimated that he would withdraw the stopper. The stopper was therefore allowed to be struck out, the patent being taken for the bottle only.

The Attorney-General asked Mr. Tapp to make out his bill of costs, which he would revise.

Mr. Sutcliffe's counsel raised objection.

The Attorney-General replied: You bring people here from a distance, then you withdraw. You must pay the costs.

The case has excited much interest among the glass bottle trade of Yorkshire. Many orders and arrangements have stood over pending the decision.

THE SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A BRISTOL MERCHANT.—Frederick Merry, of No. 39, High street, Bristol, woollen merchant, who is charged with having in November last obtained £800 worth of goods from the Fore street Warehouse Company by false pretences, was on the 4th further examined at the London Guildhall, and was remanded, bail being taken for his appearance.

Mr. M'Cullagh Torrens, M.P., is engaged on a Life of Lord Melbourne.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has been elected a Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, in place of the Right Hon. T. E. Headlam.

The Queen has contributed the sum of £100 to the funds of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution; and her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh has become patroness to the institution, and forwarded a donation of £25.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says that the heads of the various departments at the Admiralty are busily engaged in preparing the estimates to be laid before Parliament, and there is a general impression that they will be much in excess of those of the financial year 1875-6.

THAT BLESSED BABY.

It was a slippery, sleety January day. The rain froze as it fell and glazed the pavements, to the signal discomfiture of the few pedestrians who could find no excuse for remaining indoors.

"There'll be nothing done to-day, girls," said Madame Dufont, as she walked along past the neatly-arranged counters, dealing out various articles of fancy work to be manufactured by the shop girls in their leisure hours, and afterward sold at high prices, inscribed with the legend "Imported from Paris."

Madame Dufont was right. There was very little done. An old gentleman came in to buy a silk pocket-handkerchief; two school girls matched a twopenny skein of cherry worsted; a bedraggled dressmaker's apprentice brought a written order for two yards of Spanish blonde, a stick of trimming velvet, and sundry spools of coloured silk—that was all. And black-eyed Kitty Kirby, nodding sleepily over her lengthening strip of Afghan stitch, thought of the days when she had been the petted darling of a rich old grand-uncle, and regarded "shop girls" as beings of a different order from herself.

"What a fool I was in those days!" thought Kitty Kirby. "Oh, if one could only live one's life over again! And Joe Emery, and—"

She started up with a low cry. Had she actually fallen asleep, and dreamed a dream, or was this Joe Emery himself on the other side of the counter, tall, erect, and handsome, asking for—babies' caps!

"Caps? Oh! yes, certainly." As she turned briskly towards the shelves, a look of sudden recognition brightened up the young man's face.

"Kitty! Is it you, Kitty Kirby?"

"I? Of course it is I," she responded, somewhat brusquely, setting down a pasteboard box on the counter between them. "Who else should it be? You see, I've had to go to work since Uncle Reuben died. What style would you prefer to look at?"

"But I thought you had gone to live with your cousin, Mrs. Thessaly."

"So I might have done if I had preferred genteel snubs and cold-shouldered tolerance to an honest independence. But I did'nt, and there's the long and short of it. What did you say was the size?"

Mr. Joe Emery looked rather foolish.

"I—I don't know," said he, with a bewildered glance down into the foamy, frilly depths of love-ribbon tulle, French embroidery, and illusion that filled the box. "How is one to know the size of a baby's head? About the bigness of my fist, I should think."

"Here's a love of a cap," said Kitty, daintily balancing a little miracle of white satin ribbon and bobbinet puffs on her finger. "But it's dear. It cost two pounds."

"O, hang the expense!" said Mr. Emery. "If you could only see what a little jewel of a baby it is, Kitty—"

"I dare say," crisply interrupted Miss Kirby. "But you see I never shall. I don't move in fashionable society now."

"I—could bring it here some day," awkwardly hesitated Joe.

"I beg you won't take the trouble," said Kitty, stiffly, as she packed the little hat into a fancy box. "Change for a five pound note. Miss Lennox. Anything else I could show you, Mr. Emery?"

Joe went away thoroughly put down; and as soon as he was gone Kitty burst into tears.

"Just as I might have expected," she said to herself. "He never cared for me, and, if he did, he has forgotten me long ago. It's Laura Henwood, I suppose. He always did like Laura. Well, she's got an excellent husband, and as for me—coming, madam, coming."

Joe Emery returned to Madame Dufont's Parisian Emporium, the next day, and the next. Miss Kitty snubbed him mercilessly, but he wouldn't stay snubbed. He wanted all manner of things—initial pocket-handkerchiefs, kid gloves, French perfumery; and nobody but Kitty could suit him. And, at last, he fell into a sort of way of watching for her when the store closed, and walking part of the way home.

"Now, look here, Joe," said Miss Kitty, very resolutely, "the king's highway is free to all, but I'd rather walk home alone. Don't come to this corner any more."

"What makes you so cross to me, Kitty?" dejectedly demanded Joe.

"I am not cross—I'm only sensible."

"But I don't see the sense of it."

"I do, then, and that is enough."

"Kitty," he hesitated, "are you engaged to any young man that objects to it?"

"No, I'm not; so there now. But I do not recognise your right to ask the question," she flashed back.

"Kitty—"

"Good-evening, Mr. Emery," and, with a low courtesy, the saucy little shop-girl dismissed her attendant cavalier.

"No," said she, very resolutely to herself, "no sidewalk flirtations for me—with a married man. It may be dangerously pleasant, but it wont do!"

The next day, in spite of everything, he came into the store again, this time in search—thus he asserted, at least—of fancy pen wipers. Kitty was summoned, as usual, by Madame Dufont, who was shrewd enough to perceive which way the land lay. But Kitty shook her head gravely.

"I'd rather not serve this ticketing, madam," she said. "Let Carry Walters wait upon him!"

"But, my dear—"

"I would rather not, madam, indeed!"

When the paying customer was gone, madam came to Kitty and patted her benignantly on the shoulder:

"My dear," said she, "that is a fine looking gentleman—that Mr. Emery, who patronises us so generously."

"Yes," said Kitty.

"And rich, I should suppose?"

"Yes," again answered Kitty.

"And—I don't want to intrude *mon enfant*, but I have eyes, and can't help using them—he is in love with you!"

"Madam!" Kitty Kirby started up in a flushed, resentful haste, "you mistake! He is a married man!"

"A married man? Oh, indeed. That alters the case," said madam, turning around rather coldly. "I commend your discretion, Miss Kirby, and advise you to continue it. A married man, eh!"

"Kitty"

It was dark, and snowing, and very, very cold as Kitty Kirby, wrapped in a thick tartan shawl and worsted "cloud," emerged from the "worker's door" of Madame Dufont's establishment. She started nervously at the well-known sound of Joseph Emery's voice, and—poor Kitty! it had been a long, wearisome day in the store and she was tired out—began to cry!

"How dare you follow me up thus, sir?" she demanded, breathlessly. "How dare you insult me so?"

"Insult you! Kitty! I would give my life to protect you from the shadow of wrong or evil!"

"Are you not a married man, Mr. Emery?"

"I, Kitty! I married? No. Who told you so?"

"You, yourself," she answered, indignantly.

"I beg your pardon, I think not."

"Then"—Kitty hesitated, scarcely knowing how to bring up the rearguard of her proofs and evidences—"what are you buying babies' caps for?"

"I told you who I was buying it for—my sister Adella's child—she that married Bob Fortescue."

"You never told me so!"

"I did—and I asked permission to bring it for you to see."

"For all that," persisted Kitty, half laughing, half crying, "you didn't say it was your sister's [illegible]."

"Then I was an absent-minded fool!"

"I think that's very likely!" sparkled Kitty. "And if a gentleman comes buying babies' caps, one naturally supposes it's for his own baby!"

"That isn't a logical conclusion."

"I don't care for logic," retorted Kitty.

"But do you care for me? Come, Kitty, that's the question now!"

"How can I be expected to make up my mind all of a sudden?" said she, saucily.

The next day Kitty Kirby was not quite so punctual as usual, and when she did come Madame Dufont eyed her with a grim, cast-iron face.

"Miss Kirby," she said, "after what you told me yesterday, I can only express my wonder that you allowed Mr.—Emery, I think the name is—to walk home with you last night, as usual!"

"Ah!" said Kitty, indifferently. "Well, it can matter but little, as I have come to tell you I am about to resign my position in your store!"

"I should have discharged you in any event," said Madame, stiffly. "Flirtations with married men—"

"But he's not married," said Kitty, triumphantly, "There's where I was mistaken, madam!"

Madam's face cleared up. "But he will be soon, I suppose! My dear, I congratulate you!"

For Madame was a good soul after all, and she sent the prettiest Valenciennes handkerchief in her store to Mrs. Joe Emery for a wedding gift!

SHOCKING DISCOVERY IN A LEEDS HOUSE OF ILL-FAME.

A Leeds correspondent writes:—A discovery of a shocking character, and around which there is a considerable degree of mystery, was made in Leeds on Sunday. For some time past a woman named Mrs West, aged about 40 years, has kept a house of ill-fame at 9, Portland crescent, Woodhouse lane; the neighbours state that they have not seen her about for a fortnight, and during that time the blinds were drawn, and the house from the outside had a deserted appearance. When such a length of time passed and still Mrs. West did not appear, and when in addition to this a dog which the woman owned was heard night after night, barking inside the house, suspicion of something being wrong was aroused. The result was that the neighbours communicated with Mrs. West's son, a young man lately married, and living at 13, Reuben street, and on Sunday night, about seven o'clock, he effected an entrance to the house by breaking a square of glass in the back kitchen, and undoing the fastening of the sash, descending to the cellar kitchen. A glance at the bed so horrified him that, without staying to make any examination, he made his exit from the place, and went to the Town Hall for the police. The police surgeon and two officers went, and in the cellar kitchen a sickening sight was presented to them. On the bed, but not undressed, was a human body, whose features were totally unrecognisable. From the face nearly the whole of the flesh was gone, and the front of the head at least was stripped of hair, a quantity of which was laid on the right side of the body. In the kitchen was also the dog poodle, cleanly and in good condition. It is surmised that the dog, having survived for a fortnight apparently without having access to food, must have appeased its hunger by eating the flesh from the face of its mistress. But against this supposition is the fact that the dog was quite clean, that it did not smell, and that decomposition had advanced so far that the effluvium was almost overpowering in its intensity. But a closer investigation than Mr. Mann was able to make in gas light may throw light on the point. Whether or not death was caused by violence, or was the result of natural causes, will also be a question, and the most important one for the inquiry. In a slight examination made of the kitchen and the other rooms in the house by the police on Sunday nothing was found to indicate that any struggle had taken place. A coal scuttle in the kitchen contained a quantity of bloody matter, and in the back sitting room on the floor a man's felt hat was found. Deceased's son, however, stated that he knew to whom it belonged. It was that of a man who visited the house occasionally, and who a short time ago on leaving put Mrs. West's hat on his head, and left his own behind him. The contents of the letter box attached to the front door assist in fixing the date of Mrs. West's probable death. There were five letters found in the box, one of them bearing the Leeds post mark of the 19th January and another the 21st January, so that for at least eighteen days the box had not been cleared. The police are in possession of the premises, a thorough investigation of which will be made.

New South Wales has voted £4000 for the erection of a bronze heroic statue of Captain Cook, in Hyde Park, Sydney. The commission has been entrusted to Mr. Woolner, R.A.

CHANGES IN SOCIETY: PAST AND PRESENT.—There are not wanting those who lament the decay of wit in the present day, who look back on the society of the earlier part of the century with envy of the rich intellectual treasures which were continually held out to admiration under its care. Material rather than intellectual are the amusements popular now. Balls, they say, and flower shows, and athletic sports, we have in plenty. But collections of clever people whose cleverness is nourished by contact with others that we have not. If there is any truth in their argument, they may not unreasonably trace the source of that of which they complain to the rapidity of modern life. Wit is intangible, is the child of quiet. People who are always provided with something definite to do, and who are perpetually passing from one gaiety to the other, are not likely to cultivate their own intellectual powers, or cause the development of those of other people. When society is rushing about from one place to the other, society has no time to foster those conditions which are necessary to wit. Wit needs, indeed, intercourse, and needs change, but is killed by undue locomotion. By far the plea anter—and is it the less true?—theory is that modern wit contrasts by no means unfavourably with the wit of bygone days, but that it has far fewer opportunities of being seen. In some English country houses the idea still exists that people are capable of being happy without having provided for them any far-sought amusement. And in some cases it is held that clever people can best enjoy each other's society if they are left to do so in quiet. Under such conditions wit flourishes, nor is it impossible to name men whose public speeches show that they are possessed of wit in no wise inferior to that of the heroes of other days, and make it possible to imagine how witty may be the private life which the memories of some future day may unfold. There has for many decades been a steady increase in the wealth of England. There has also been a steady increase in her luxury. How many comforts have we of the present day which our grandfathers were unable to afford! How much which they knew not how to obtain! Luxury has penetrated all classes—and the class which makes up country house society has been no exception to the rule. This is not an evil in itself, but it has had a distinct tendency to make people think those things necessaries of life which formerly were not so considered, and to greatly enlarge the income looked upon as a minimum for a head of a household. It is not many years ago that *Punch* ridiculed the "ways and means why they do not marry on £300 a year." Now, three times that sum would be considered penury for married people in the class alluded to by our pictorial satirist. In times when miners have salmon at 1s. 9d. a pound for supper, it is not a matter of wonder that the ideas of all members of the community as to the good things of this world should be a little more extravagant than they were ere our iron trade had developed. But Mrs. Grundy insists on her young friends showing a certain share of prudence, and although she allows them to spend what money they like singly, she places a barrier of caution between the altar and those who do not come up to what she considers a proper standard of wealth. She may be right; but it is a great question whether there was ever so many unmarried people in the upper class as there are now; and it is also a question whether rather lower an estimate of the necessaries of life would not enable a larger number to avoid at least one source of [illegible]

Business Announcements.

NOTICE.

ANY Person or Persons found TRESPASSING or KILLING GAME upon Derwent Grange Farm, near Castleside, will be Prosecuted according to Law.
By order,
372g WILLIAM R. DICKINSON.

NEW PLUMBING, GAS FITTING, AND BELL-HANGING ESTABLISHMENT.

T. D. LAMB
(LATE OF EDINBURGH),

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PRINCIPAL—MRS. CLEMINSON.

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FOR SPIRITS OF NOTED BRANDS AND SPARKLING EDINBURGH AND BURTON ALES, GO TO
H. NICHOLSON'S,
JOHN STREET AND PITT STREET WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ALE AND SPIRIT STORES, CONSETT. 369g

E. FARNSWORTH,
Wholesale and Retail
FRUIT AND POTATO MERCHANT,
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HAS always on hand an excellent supply of FRUIT in season. Fresh BUTTER and EGGS and CHEESE of excellent quality. Fresh RABBITS daily. Licensed Dealer in TOBACCO and GAME.

GEORGE WARD,
CARTWRIGHT, JOINER, AND UNDERTAKER,
KNITSLEY LANE, CONSETT,
(Adjoining Mr. Glendinning's, Blacksmith,)
AND MEDOMSLEY,

RESPECTFULLY announces that he has recently commenced Business at Consett, as above, and hopes, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit public support. Orders received at either of his establishments, will meet with prompt attention. 244g

MRS. I. ELSDON,

RESPECTFULLY intimates to her Friends and the Public that she has commenced business as GENERAL PROVISION DEALER, in VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT, and has always on hand HOME-MADE BREAD, TEA CAKES, &c.

SOUP and BROTH ready every day.
TEA, COFFEE, and other Refreshments provided on the shortest notice. 177g

MAIN AND ROBINSON,
MILLWRIGHTS AND ENGINEERS,
GIBSON STREET, CONSETT,

BEG to announce that they have commenced business as above, where they are prepared to execute all Mill Work, together with the Manufacture of Crushing Machines and Circular and Endless Saws, Thrashing Machines, Reaping Machines, together with every description of Agricultural Implements. All orders promptly attended to. 6874

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WHOLESALE WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

DESIRE to call public attention to their splendid "Old Stingo" Whiskey, which is highly recommended by the Medical Profession and Connoisseurs as being superior to the Finest French Brandy.
The above supplied in Cask or Bottle.
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Full Prospectuses, Forms of Proposal, and other particulars may be had from Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Valuer, and Accountant, Sole Agent for Consett and district. 302g

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THIS elegant and renowned Preparation of genuine QUININE stands unsurpassed for Purity, Strength, and Flavour, and is universally approved by the Medical Profession. It is the best, safest, and most agreeable Remedy known for Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Nervousness, Tic or Neuralgia, Ague, Debility, Spasms, and all derangements of the Stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by JOE TODD, Chemist, Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government Stamp. Sold by all Chemists, Grocers, and Wine Merchants. Ask for and have only
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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

J. R. SMITH,
PLUMBER AND GASFITTER,
SHERBURN TERRACE, CONSETT,

BEGS to inform his Customers and the Public generally that he has now on hand a choice and varied Assortment of
GAS FITTINGS AND PARAFFIN LAMPS,
Which he is prepared to supply at Wholesale Prices. Also, a large Stock of
METAL SPOUTING.
J. R. S. also wishes to announce that he has received a large Consignment of
DOTY LAMPS,
Which are so highly spoken of by the Admiralty, and now in use in our Lighthouses.

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IMPORTANT TO PARTIES PLANTING.

EXPIRATION OF LEASE.

CLEARING OUT OF STOCK.

JOHN RICHARDSON,
NURSERYMAN AND SEEDSMAN,
SLADES HOUSE, EBCHESTER HILL,

BEGS to announce that he is CLEARING OUT his NURSERY STOCK, at REDUCED PRICES, previous to his removing to the Premises of business now in course of preparation situated near to Ebchester Railway Station.
The present Stock comprises many fine specimens of Weeping Elm and Willow, suitable for Lawn or Cemetery Grounds; Cupressus Lawsoniana; Auracauria Imbricata; Wellingtonia Gigantica; Pinus Excelsa and other Coniferæ; also choice Conifer in Pots; 200 Pyramid Fruit Trees, set full with Fruit Bud; 300 Hybrid Perpetual and other Roses, named, strong Plants; 200 Lombardy and Black Italian Poplars, 6ft.; 150 standard Laburnums, 6ft.; 100 Rhubarb Roots, Prince Albert, strong Plants; improved Black, Red, and White Currants; Gooseberries; Fill-basket Rasps; Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs; Privets; Thorns, &c.; also Greenhouse Plants and 120 doz. of Garden Pots, in various sizes.
N.B.—J. R. respectfully announces that he has now on hand an excellent STOCK OF SEEDS for the present Season. All orders will be much esteemed, and receive immediate attention.

Address:—
SLADES HOUSE, EBCHESTER. 435g

Business Announcements.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF COKE AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE GAS WORKS.

THE COKE at these WORKS is now Reduced from 5d. to 3d. per Cwt. 472g

JOHN GLENDINNING,
BLACKSMITH
KNITSLEY LANE, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY intimates, that in addition to his regular Business, he is prepared to Lead Coals and undertake every other description of Cartwork. 304g

JOHN BRYSON,
COACH AND HOUSE PAINTER, GLAZIER, &c.,

BEGS to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has entered the Shop lately occupied by Mr. J. Dawson, plumber, 6, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

All Orders punctually attended to. 6926

JAMES FROSDICK,
FISHMONGER AND PROVISION DEALER
(Next door to the Post-office),
DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,

BEGS most respectfully to announce to the Public that he will have FRESH FISH every TUESDAY and following days. All orders thankfully received.

ROBERT MORGAN,
DIPTON.

BRANDY	4s. 0d.	4s. 6d.	5s. 0d.
Irish WHISKEY	2s. 6d.	3s. 0d.	3s. 6d.
Scotch WHISKEY	2s. 6d.	3s. 0d.	3s. 3d.
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Good ALE on Draught at 6d. per quart. 223g

NOTICE.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
WEST END, NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN,

WISHES to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has commenced Business as PUBLIC AUCTIONEER, and hopes, by strict attention to Business, to merit a share of patronge and support. 7121

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FOR THE
BEST AND CHEAPEST VALENTINES,
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Where you will find an excellent assortment, at prices ranging from One Halfpenny up to Five Shillings. 481g

1876.

CLEARANCE SALE OF SURPLUS AND WINTER STOCK.

G. RICHARDSON,
DRAPER,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE,

BEGS to announce that his ANNUAL SALE for Fourteen Days, will begin on SATURDAY, Feb. 19, 1876, and end on SATURDAY, March 4th.
On account of the great depression, the Stock is large and will be cleared at a very great reduction.
N.B.—All Goods bought during the Sale must be paid for when purchased. 498g

VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE
VILLA AND OTHER BUILDING SITES
FOR SALE,
IN LARGE OR SMALL PLOTS,
ON THE BENFIELDSIDE ESTATE.

APPLY TO
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AUCTIONEER, VALUER, SURVEYOR
AND COMMISSION AGENT,
BLACKHILL,
278g CO. DURHAM.

SELLING OFF, SELLING OFF, SELLING OFF, AT COST PRICE.

R. PICKERING

BEGS most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Consett that he is

NOW SELLING OFF

The whole of his Large and Valuable

STOCK OF DRAPERY GOODS

at Cost Price.

Persons who are in want of Cheap Bargains will find his a good opportunity.

Large Sales are now going on at

20, NEWMARKET STREET,

CONSETT. 345g

JUDSON'S DYES.—18 Colours, Sixpence each.

RIBBONS, WOOL, SILK, FEATHERS,
Completely Dyed in 15 minutes without soiling the hands.
Full instructions supplied. Of all Chemists and Stationers.

JUDSON'S DYES.—DYEING AT HOME.—JUDSON simple DYES are most useful and effectual. Ribbons, silks, feathers, scarfs, lace, braid, veils, handkerchiefs, cloaks, berlaines, Shetland Shawls, or any small article of dress can easily be dyed in a few minutes without soiling the hands, violet, magenta, crimson, mauve, purple, pink, puncean, claret, &c.
JUDSON'S DYES.—PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER POSITIVES or PHOTO-PRINTS should be dipped in hot water and then submitted to a hot bath of JUDSON'S DYES. Beautiful effects are thus produced in Green, Plain Brown, and many other beautiful colours.—Do Judson's Dyes for general tinting!
JUDSON'S DYES.—FERNS, GRASSES, FLOWERS, and SEA-WEEDS may be dyed most exquisite colours. Green, Crimson, Purple, Scarlet, &c., by simply dipping them in a solution of JUDSON'S DYES. Charabas Bouquets may be composed.
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Business Announcements.

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THOMAS SWAINSTON,
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HAS much pleasure in calling the attention of his numerous Customers to his Select
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FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON,
Consisting of Finest American, Derby, Cheshire, Cotherstone, and Stilton CHEESES. HAMS and BACON of his usual quality. FRUITS and SPICES. FRUIT LOAF at 6d. and 1s. per lb., in 1lb. and 2lb. Loaves. In fact, everything that is required to make a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

AMERICAN CHEESE, 7½d per lb. (a few pounds.
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Of every description at very much under the Regular Prices.

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Beg to announce that their usual

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Will commence
ON FRIDAY FIRST, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1876,
And continue until SATURDAY, Feb. 26th.

E. and M. do not consider it necessary to give particulars of Prices, the bona-fide character of their Sales being so well-known. They would only wish to remind their Customers and the Public generally that every Article in the Establishment will be reduced during the Twenty-one Days.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
15, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT. 476g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THOMAS ROWE,
THE CHEAP DRAPER,
VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT,

HAS been enabled, owing to the great depression in trade among the large Manufacturers in Manchester, Glasgow, and other places, to buy for READY CASH, several Hundred Pounds' worth of General DRAPERY GOODS, Plain and Fancy DRESS GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &c., at a discount of 30 per cent. off makers' prices.

If you want cheap Calicoes, Flannels, Hollands, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Stuffs, Fancy Dresses, Wincys, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Prints, Sheets, Sheetings, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Shirtings, Shirts, Scarfs, Ties, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Moleskin or Cord Trousers, Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Millinery, Trimmings, Buttons, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Allos, Yarns, Fingerings, Worsteds, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Hats, Caps, Hosiery, Stays, Corsets, &c., Go to ROWE'S.
If you want cheap Ready-made Clothing of any kind, Go to ROWE'S.
If you want a cheap parcel of good and useful Draperies, go to THOMAS ROWE'S, the Cheap Draper and Working Man's Friend.

Observe the Address:—
THOMAS ROWE,
VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

MRS. CAROLINE MAY, in returning thanks to Customers and the Public in general for past favours to her late husband, begs to intimate that she, having secured the services of a thorough, Practical Watchmaker's Assistant, will carry on the Business at 4, FRONT STREET, CONSETT. All Orders will be executed with the greatest care and promptitude, and on the most reasonable terms Orders in the Country attended to. 486g

TO COLLIERY OWNERS, CONTRACTORS, AND OTHERS.

THE Undersigned beg to inform the above that they have always on hand a good Supply of the best WELSH SLATES, which will be Sold at a Low Figure. CONTRACTS taken and done with despatch.—Apply to JOHN BURNS and BROTHERS, Slaters and Slate Merchants, Bush Yard, Gateshead; or, at Hawthorn Terrace, Blackhill. 418g

THE COUPON TRADING SYSTEM of the GENERAL EXPENDITURE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED), 8, Old Jewry, E.C.

Under this System all Trademen are enabled to transact their Business on Ready-money Principles, and all Ready-money Customers dealing with them secure the return of their daily expenditure.
The Tradesmen and Customers who are deriving the mutual advantages of this system now number many thousands.
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A limited number of Tradesmen are now being appointed in every town, with exclusive rights and privileges in their respective trades, for fixed periods. Terms and conditions, prospectuses, and all information at the Head Office of the Company, 8, Old Jewry, London, E.C.

Public Notices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GAME over the Estates of Priestfield, Lintz Green, and Loft House is strictly Preserved. Anyone found Trespassing will be prosecuted according to Law. 831d

NOTICE.

I, WILLIAM STOBBART, will not be answerable for any Debt or Debts my Wife, BARBARA STOBBART, may Contract after this date.
Delves Lane, Feb. 5, 1876. 483g

PIGEON SHOOTING HANDICAP.

A Double-barrelled Central-fire Breach-loading Gun, value £12, will be shot for, near the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, on Feb. 16 and 17, 1876.
CONDITIONS—From 17 to 23 Yards rise; 60 fall. Single-barrelled Guns, 1½oz. Shot; Double-barrelled Guns, 1¼oz., with the use of both barrels. Dead birds detained.
Entrance to Handicap, 5s.; Field, 6d. For further particulars, apply to C. WEEDY. 514g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.
By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

LECTURES.

REV. THOS. DODS will LECTURE in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill, on THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 17, 1876. Subject, "Origen; his time, his life, and work.
MR. JOSHUA LAX will LECTURE in the NEW NATIONAL SCHOOLS, CONSETT, on MONDAY EVENING, February, 21. Subject—"Antiquities of the Derwent Valley."
Chair to be taken each Evening at 7:30 o'clock punctually. For particulars, see Handbills. 519g

UNION PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE NEXT SUBSCRIPTION MEETING of the Consett Branch of this Society will be held in the LIBRARY, BLACKHILL,
On MONDAY EVENING, 6TH MAR., 1876, at Seven o'clock.

A member can subscribe from 2s., 4s., 6s., 8s., or 10s., to any amount per calendar month.
Preference Shares of One Pound each may be taken up on application to the Local Agent, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, on the 19th June and the 19th December in each year.
Further information may be obtained at the HEAD OFFICE, 19, Nun Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or of the LOCAL AGENT—Mr. JAMES PALLISER, Blackhill.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that any Person or Persons entering into the occupation of any House, Shop, or other Building, to which Gas has been supplied to the previous occupant, upon such entry must first obtain the consent of the Secretary of the Company before consuming the Gas supplied by the said Company. In default therefore, upon proof of the use of the Gas, without first obtaining such leave, such Person or Person will be Prosecuted as the Law directs. The Secretary can be seen daily at the Company's Office, Shotley Bridge, to whom all applications must be made.
By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1870. 24

BAPTIST CHAPEL, HIGHGATE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

RE-OPENING SERVICES.

THIS ENLARGED and greatly Improved Chapel will be RE-OPENED for PUBLIC WORSHIP, on LORD'S-DAY, February 13th, 1876, when the REV. W. H. PRITER, of Middlesbrough, will preach Morning and Evening, at 10:30 and 6 o'clock.
On MONDAY, February 14th, a PUBLIC TEA will be provided by the Members of the Church and Congregation, at Four o'clock, in the NEW SCHOOL-ROOM. Tickets—One Shilling each.
The Evening Meeting will be addressed by R. CAMERON, Esq., Sunderland, the Revs. S. LOCK (Wesleyan), W. H. PRITER, and other Ministers and Friends. Chair to be taken at Half past Six o'clock by JONATHAN PRIESTMAN, Esq.
On LORD'S-DAY, February 20th, these Services will be continued, when the REV. W. HANSON, South Shields, will preach Two Sermons at the usual hours.
A Collection will be taken at each Service in aid of the Building Fund. 464g

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.
Lessee, ... Mr. EDWARD FIELDING.

[LICENSED TO PLAY THE PIECES OF THE DRAMATIC AUTHORS' SOCIETY.]

WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 14TH, 1876,

Important Engagement for a limited number of nights of MR. ALFRED STANTON,
The celebrated Tragedian, who will be supported by a NEW COMPANY.

MONDAY, Feb. 14,
Will be produced the Great Drama of
I AM HERE.
See Bills.
Important Engagement of
MR. H. BAKER AND MISS FINNETTE,
The great Negro Comedians, Vocalists, and Dancers.

N.B.—FRIDAY and SATURDAY will be great Prize Nights.

ADMISSION:—Balcony, 1s.; Pit, 6d.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT 1874.

THE following places and times have been appointed by the Registrar for the requirements of Registration:—
First TUESDAY in each Month, at MRS CHRISTOPHER'S, Blackhill, from Nine a.m. to Eleven a.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at the LOCAL BOARD-ROOM, Consett, from Twelve noon to Two p.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at MR LITDLOW'S, 119, Leadgate, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at MRS MARY ROBSON'S, Medomsley, from Nine a.m. to Ten a.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at MR STOKER'S, Westwood Colliery, from Eleven a.m. to Two p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at MR WILLIAM CHARLTON'S, Ebchester Hill, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second TUESDAY in each Month, at MR POTTS' Castleside, from Two p.m. to Four p.m.
First FRIDAY in each Month, at MR WILSON'S, Satley, from One p.m. to Three p.m.
Second FRIDAY in each Month, at MR THOMAS HUNTER'S, Annfield Plain, Wood Cottages, from Ten a.m. to Twelve noon.
Third MONDAY in each Month, at MR JACKSON'S, National School, Helmside, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at MR THOMAS WAUGH'S, Hill Top, from Eight a.m. to Ten a.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at MR COCKERILL'S, Quebec, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at MR BIDDELL'S, Old Cornsay, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
At my OFFICE, Lanchester, on WEDNESDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.; and SATURDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.
It is now compulsory for all persons to attend on the Registrar under pain of prosecution.
JOHN JAMES THOMPSON,
Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-district of Lanchester.

Public Notices.

A GRAND SPELLING BEE at EBCHESTER, on MONDAY EVENING, February 21, 1876. For particulars, see Bills. 511g

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the GAME upon High Collierley Estate, the property of Mr. JOHN MADDISON, Dipton, is strictly Preserved. Any person found Trespassing in pursuit of Game will be Prosecuted. 486g

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

ANY Person found Trespassing in pursuit of Game, gathering Mushrooms, Brambles, &c., on Middle Heads, Oliverford, Knitsley Grange, Allet Heads, Lyerdeen, Rowley, Dean Houl, and Healeyfield Farms will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.
July, 1875. 7132

TOWN HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

HANDEL'S GREAT ORATORIO,

"THE MESSIAH,"

WILL BE PERFORMED

ON MONDAY EVENING, FEB, 28TH, 1876.

Further particulars in next issue. 512g

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Murray.

GREEN TREE INN, MEDOMSLEY.

MR. J. MURRAY, instructed by Mrs. ROBSON (who is leaving the above Inn), will SELL BY AUCTION, on MONDAY, February 14th, 1876, part of her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and other effects, particulars of which will be given in due time. 416g

FREE PROPERTY SALE.

MR. JOHN MURRAY will hold a SALE by AUCTION of PROPERTY, at the QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL, CONSETT, every Three Months, viz., MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER, and FEBRUARY. Two per cent. commission if sold.

By Mr. William Raw.

DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, honoured with instructions from Mr. A. RICHARDSON, Furniture Broker, Blackhill, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on his Premises, on MONDAY. February 21st, 1876, a Valuable Assortment of New Modern HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising 6 Mahogany Sofas in Hair-seating; 2 Couches, in do.; 4 Sofas, in American Leather; 4 Couches, in do.; 6 Mahogany Easy Chairs, in Hair-seating; 4 Mahogany Rocking Chairs, in do.; 1 Walnut Drawing-room Suite, upholstered in Green Repp; 1 Oval Walnut Loo Table; 1 splendid Mahogany Telescope Dining Table, 6ft. 6in. by 3ft. 6in.; 6 Mahogany Centre Tables; 12 Balloon-backed Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; 12 do. Beach, in Hair-seating; 12 Cane-bottomed Chairs; 12 Windsor Chairs; 4 Cane-bottomed Rocking Chairs; 2 Mahogany Tudor Bedsteads; 12 Iron and Brass Bedsteads; Mahogany Cheffioneer Bedstead; Folding Chair-Beds and Cushions; 1 splendid Bedroom Suite, in Maple; 3 Mahogany Chests of Drawers; 2 Mahogany Presses; 2 Ash do; 1 Birch do.; 4 Painted Chests of Drawers; 4 Polished do.; 2 Wringing and Mangling Machines; 3 splendid Gilt Mirrors; several very fine Swing Dressing Glasses; a few Perambulators; a quantity of Patent Brussels and Felt Carpeting; a few Pairs of superior Blankets; a number of Fenders, Fire-irons, Tea Trays, Pails, and a lot of small articles too numerous to describe. Also, several Second-hand Four-poled and Camp Bedsteads, and a Desk Bedstead.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Sale-office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 515g

By Mr. Adam Brodie.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT 3, HARVEY STREET (NEAR THE COMMERCIAL INN), CONSETT.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. THOS. HALL, late Carrier to Newcastle, who is about to emigrate to Queensland, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the premises, 3, HARVEY STREET, CONSETT, on MONDAY, February 21st. 1876, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Miscellaneous Effects, full particulars of which will be given in Bills and future advertisement. Also, Two First-class RETRIEVER WATCHDOGS. 507g

SALE OF FURNITURE AT 4, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT.

MR A. BRODIE is instructed by Mr. B. MCALEER, Furniture Broker (who is declining business), to SELL BY AUCTION, on the premises, 4, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT, on MONDAY, February 14th. 1876, the whole of his STOCK-IN-TRADE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Kitchen Tables; Tea Tables; Windsor Chairs; Cane Chairs; Cheffioneer and Chest of Drawers; Camp and Four-poled Bedsteads; 1 Iron French Bedstead; 1 best quality do.; 1 superior Half-tester do.; about 16 Stones of best Cotton Flocks, and a great variety of miscellaneous lots too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 504g

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND MONDAY, FEB. 11TH, 12TH, AND 14TH, 1876, WILL CONCLUDE THE PRESENT SALE OF THE CUT LENGTHS OF FIRST-CLASS AND GENUINE LINEN AND WOOLLEN DRAPERY, ON THE PREMISES, 20, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. RALPH PICKERING, Linen and Woollen Draper (who is declining business), to SELL BY AUCTION, as above, the whole of the Cut Lengths of LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY, comprising, amongst others, the following:—Wool Shirtings, Wool Plaids. White and Coloured Flannels Grey and White Calicoes, French Merinoes and Thibets, Serges and Satin Cloths, Cotton Sheets and Sheetings, Alpacas and Lustres, Woollen and Cotton Shirts, Gents' Scarfs, Ties, and Mufflers, Scotch Wools and Yarns, and a large variety of miscellaneous lots too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence each Evening at Half-past Six o'clock.
Private Sale from Ten to Five o'clock each day.
The Lots enumerated are all of the best class and will be sold without reserve. 505g

By Mr. John Jenkins

TRAFALGAR STREET SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the above Sale-rooms, on MONDAY, Feb. 14, 1876, a large quantity of Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, belonging to Mr. MOSLEY (of Dipton) and others, comprising 1 First-class Piano, by Broadwood; 1 First-class Piano, by Joseph Wallis and Co.; 2 Chests of Mahogany Lobby Drawers; 1 Chest of Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; 2 Mahogany Presses; 2 Mahogany Centre Tables; 2 Mahogany Sofas, in Hair-seating; 6 Balloon-backed Chairs in Hair-seating; 3 Chests of Mahogany Bed-room Drawers; 1 Mahogany Tester Bedstead; 1 Mahogany Cheffioneer Bedstead; 4 Iron Tester Bedsteads; 3 Iron French Bedsteads; 1 Painted Desk Bedstead; 1 Four-poled Bedstead; 4 Pairs of Mattresses; 1 Feather Bed; 1 Rabbit Down Bed; 2 Flock Beds; Kitchen, Cane, and Windsor Chairs; 3 Kitchen Tables; 2 Round Tables; 2 Longsettles; 1 Couch; 2 large Swing Looking Glasses; a large quantity of Carpeting and Oilcloth; Washstand and Dressing Table; 2 Pairs of Lustres; 2 Sewing Machines; Parlour and Kitchen Fender and Fireirons; 3 Dozens of Knives and Forks; a large quantity of Pans and Kettles; Blankets, Quilts and Sheets. Also, a large quantity of BOOTS and SHOES.
Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon and Six o'clock in the Evening.
☞ The Pianos will be sold precisely at Three o'clock without reserve. The Goods will be on view on the Saturday previous to the Sale. 499g

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Henry Brown.

FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, &c., for SALE BY AUCTION, at CASTLE DEAN, belonging to Mr. JAMES BROWN, who is declining Farming, on MONDAY, Feb. 21, 1876.
Mr. HENRY BROWN, Auctioneer.

CATTLE.

2 COWS, to Calve about the day of sale.
1 Young COW, to Calve in March.
2 QUEYS, in Calf.
2 COWS, to Calve in May.
2 Fat STEERS.
1 Two-year-old QUEY.
2 Do. STEERS.
9 One-year-old STEERS and HEIFERS.
1 SOW, in Pig.

IMPLEMENTS.

1 Iron Plough; 1 Long Cart; 2 Coup Carts, 1 excellent Wood Roller; 1 Pair of Iron Harrows; Pig Trough; 1 Barrel Churn; together with a variety of Farming Utensils.
Sale to commence at One for Two o'clock.
Castle Dean is situate about One Mile from Knitsley Station on the Derwent and Lanchester Valley Railway.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, Well-won OLD LAND HAY.—Apply at the Vicarage, Castleside. 502g

FOR SALE, Three COUP CARTS, newly painted, and in good condition.—Apply to E. and D. ORMEROD, Plasterers, Consett. 399g

FOR SALE, a FREEHOLD HOUSE, with Garden and Cow House, at Iveston.—Apply to WILLIAM HETHERINGTON, 85, Hawes Street, Scotswood Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 482g

FOR SALE, 1 Fat COW; 1 Fingered CALF; and 1 PONY, 12 hands high, quiet in harness.—Apply to Mr. ROBERT JOHNSON, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 488g

FOR SALE, 1 Superior Full-toned HARMONIUM, in Oak Case, only Six Months in use, Price £6 10s. Also, 1 excellent Cabinet PIANO, in handsome Mahogany case.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett. 508g

TO INNKEEPERS.

A LIGHT LANDAU, a BROUGHAM, a large BRAKE, a STATION OMNIBUS, a GIG and a DOG CART, and Two MOURNING COACHES FOR SALE.—Apply to ATKINSON and PHILIPSON, Newcastle.

TO CABINETMAKERS AND OTHERS.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, a good Cabinetmaking Business, at Annfield Plain, belonging to JOHN SIMPSON, who is declining the Trade. The STOCK consists of a quantity of well-seasoned WOOD and all things for carrying on the Trade. Also, a quantity of well seasoned FURNITURE, to be sold cheap. The Stock to be sold at valuation. 503g

TO DRESSMAKERS AND HOUSEHOLDERS.

FOR SALE, 1 Grover and Baker, 1 Wheeler and Wilson, 1 Taylor's Patent, 1 Wanzer, and several HAND-SEWING MACHINES, Second-hand, in excellent condition, warranted to be in good working order, and very cheap.—Apply at W. HALL'S Sewing and Knitting Machine Shop, Dipton. 457g

CARRIAGES FOR SALE.

A GENTLEMAN'S OMNIBUS, of very modern make; a Wagonette OMNIBUS; a WAGONETTE; a Back-to-back PHÆTON; a Mail and Stanhope PHÆTON; a Pair-horse LANDAU, with patent head; also a One-horse LANDAU; a Pair-horse BROUGHAM; also a light One-horse BROUGHAM; several Albert Park, Sociable, and other PHÆTONS, in excellent order. A light BRAKE. Some excellent Double and Single HARNESS.
May be seen at Messrs. ATKINSON and PHILIPSON'S, 15, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
N.B.—Drawings and particulars of any of the Carriages sent on application.

To Let.

TO LET, FURNISHED APARTMENTS.—Apply to Mrs. SCOTT, Front Street, Shotley Bridge. 478g

TO BE LET, and entered upon immediately, a SHOP and Four ROOMS, together with a Yard and every other Conveniences, in Newmarket Street, Consett.—Apply to PATRICK COYLE, Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett. 517g

TO BE LET, a CORNER SHOP, situate in Victoria Street and Raglan Street, Consett; also, a SHOP and Three ROOMS in Victoria Street.—Apply to JOHN CRAWFORD, Butcher, Victoria Street, Consett. 514g

TO LET, or FOR SALE, a SHOP and HOUSE with Five Rooms, Yard, Stable, and Outbuildings, well situated for any kind of business.—Apply to A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton. 455g

TO LET, Two Convenient HOUSES, situate at Mount Pleasant, Consett, containing Five Rooms each, comprising Parlour, Kitchen, Three Bed-rooms, together with Pantries, Yard, and all other Conveniences. Gas and Water laid in. Also, Bath, Wash-basin, fixed and ready for use.
N B.—One of the above for SALE.
Apply to WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 413g

Contracts.

TO LET, the BUILDING of a Wesleyan Minister's House in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, containing Nine Rooms.
Plans and Specifications can be seen, and particulars of letting obtained, on application to WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer, Durham Road, Blackhill, Co. Durham, who will receive Tenders for the same up to MONDAY, 21st Feb., 1876, endorsed, "Tender for Minister's House."
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

THE BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD invite Tenders for CUTTING and LAYING about 70 Yards of 9-inch Sewerage Pipes in Blackhill.
Plans, &c., may be seen by applying to JOHN HESLOP, Surveyor, Blackhill, by whom Tenders, marked "Sewer," will be received up to the 14th inst.
The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
February 10, 1876. 506g

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY (LIMITED) invite Tenders for the ERECTION of an Infirmary at Consett.
Plans and Specification can be seen, and other particulars obtained, at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, CONSETT, on and after MONDAY the 31st inst.
Tenders to be addressed to the Consett Iron Company (Limited), Blackhill, Durham, endorsed "Tender for Infirmary," on or before SATURDAY, 19th Feb., 1876.
The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
Consett Ironworks, 24th Jan., 1876. 458g

Wanted.

WANTED, at the Consett Co-operative Store, an APPRENTICE to the BUTCHERING BUSINESS.—Applicants to meet the Committee, on TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at Seven o'clock p.m. 493g

WANTED, IMMEDIATELY, Two APPRENTICES to the JOINERY TRADE.—Apply to WM. SHAW, Blackhill.
Blackhill, Jan. 27, 1876. 466g

WANTED TO BUY, 100 CONSETT WATER COMPANY SHARES.—State Price and Class of Shares to J. HOWARD & Co., Blackhill, Co. Durham, or, 51, Side, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 368g

TO SERVANTS.—WANTED, Young GIRLS and Experienced SERVANTS.—Apply at Miss ATKINSON'S, Register Office, 14, Bensham Road, Gateshead. 235g

WANTED, for Dipton Co-operative Society, a MAN to deliver goods and to assist in Grocery Department. Good references required.—Apply personally to the Committee, on SATURDAY, February 19, 1876, at Six o'clock p.m. 510g

WANTED, Agents for the London and Manchester Industrial Assurance Company (Limited). Liberal Terms will be given to energetic Men.—Apply to H. MARRIOTT, General Manager, 42, Southwark Exchange, Southwark Street, Boro', S.E., London. 461g

The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 1876.

Local and District News.

CONCERT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Monday evening a concert on behalf of the funds of the Benfieldside Cricket Club was given in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge. There was a good attendance, the audience showing that it appreciated the efforts of the various vocalists. Mr. E. Burton presided at the pianoforte.

"THE NORTH OF ENGLAND REVIEW" has been established to supply information on subjects usually crowded out of the daily press by more stirring events. It contains excellent articles by well-known and popular writers. We trust the best anticipations of the proprietor may be realised. *The North of England Review* may be obtained of the local booksellers.

W. J. Mallet, Esq., M.D., of Burlington Street, Manchester, says:—"I have prescribed Todd's Quinine Wine, and consider it in many cases an agreeable and efficacious way of administering quinine." This pleasant and popular medicine is the safest and most certain remedy known in all cases of indigestion, tic or neuralgia, ague, dibility, spasms, and all derangements of the stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, chemist, Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government stamp. 2

We beg to call the attention of our readers to an advertisement in our columns, announcing the re-opening of Highgate Baptist Chapel, on Sunday first. For some time this place of worship has been closed for enlargement and improvement, and so nicely have those alterations been accomplished, that it has all the appearance of a new chapel. The Rev. W. H. Priter, of Middlesbrough, who is well-known as an eloquent and impressive preacher, will occupy the pulpit during the morning and evening. We cordially wish our Baptist friends much success throughout the series of services intended to be held.

CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, WEARDALE.—On Saturday evening last a grand concert was given in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, under the auspices of the St. John's Chapel Literary Association. Mr. Thomas Hodgson, of Westgate, occupied the chair, and Mr. J. Dawson presided at the harmonium. The Messrs J. Stokoe, T. Stokoe, and J. Charlton from Allenshead gave their pieces with great acceptance, while Mr. E. Fairless was heartily *encored*, and great credit is due to Messrs. B. Berryman and L Young for the manner in which they performed their respective parts. The Weardale Quadrille Band was in attendance and received hearty *encores*.

"31, Taylor Street, Glasgow, Oct. 1, 1868—I have tried Mr. Todd's Quinine Wine, and have found it an excellent preparation as a tonic wherever such is required.—JAMES GIBSON, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E." This elegant and renowned preparation of genuine quinine stands unsurpassed as the most reliable, and pleasant medicine known in all cases of indigestion, nervousness and neuralgia, and more especially in prostration after long sickness where though its great strength and perfect purity it has gained the universal recommendation of the medical profession. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, Chemist, Carlisle, and has the name on the Government stamp.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Indisputable remedies for bad legs, old wounds, sores, and ulcers, if used according to directions given with them; there is no wound, bad leg, ulcerous sore, or bad breast, however, obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Numbers of persons who have been patients in several of the large hospitals, and under the care of eminent surgeons, without deriving the slightest benefit, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumors scurvy, and diseases of the skin, there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. In fact, for removing the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these Medicines are irresistible

FRUIT BANQUET AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Saturday evening, the members of the "Lily of Derwent" Lodge of Good Templars celebrated their fourth anniversary by a fruit banquet and public meeting in the Shotley Grove School-room. There was a large audience. Mr. G. Thom occupied the chair. Addresses, bearing on the temperance question, were delivered by Messrs. H. Carss, A. Seed, J. Oley, and N. Brown. Fruit was served at intervals. The members of the Blackhill United Presbyterian Church Choir, assisted by Messrs. R. and N. Brown, enlivened the proceedings with vocal music. The rendering of the "Laughing chorus" elicited the hearty applause of the audience, while Miss Wright, who possesses a sweet voice and highly musical ability, won the admiration of all present. The usual votes of thanks to the choir and speakers terminated the proceedings.

SPELLING BEE AT ALLENDALE. On Monday evening a spelling bee was held in the Primitive Methodist School room. Allendale, in connection with the "Beacon on the hill" Division of the Sons of Temperance, which was recently formed at Medomsley. The attendance was good, although the number of competitors was only small. In the first-class, which was open to miners only, there were eight competitors, the first prize (6s.) being obtained by Mr. J. Almond; and the second (4s.) by Mr. George Etheridge. The second-class, which was open to all whose ages ranged between 10 and 17 years, had only five competitors, Master Wm. Page obtaining first prize (3s.), and Master Wm. Bulman second (2s.). Two prizes were offered for female competition—first, 7s; and second, 4s.—the contest for which was the most spirited. Mrs. Elizabeth Coulthard succeeded in carrying away the first-named sum, and Miss Isabella Wheatley the second. Mr. M. Jas. Elliott acted as chairman and referee, and Mr. James Batey as interrogator.

CONSETT POLICE COURT.—At this court, on Monday before Mr. Town, Joseph Errington, of Consett Park, was charged by P.C. Smith with having been drunk and disorderly at Consett Iron Works. On the 31st of last month defendant went to his work drunk, and caused a disturbance He was fined 5s. and costs.——James Markey, charged by P.C Moore with having been drunk at Consett, on Saturday night last, was fined 5s. and costs.——Joseph Reynolds, of John Street, Consett, was charged with playing at pitch and toss. On Sunday afternoon defendant, with some more men, was playing at pitch and toss in the Company's Rows. Sergt. Masterman succeeded in apprehending the defendant, but the other men escaped. Fined 5s. and costs.——Richard Freeman was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Victoria Street, Consett, on Saturday night. Sergt. Masterman proved the offence, and it seemed that defendant had fallen through a window. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.——James Galligher was charged by P.C. Slack with having been drunk and disorderly in Middle Street, Consett, and also with assaulting Police-Constable Rogerson. On his way to the lock-up, the defendant became violent, and assaulted the last named officer. Fined 5s. and costs for each offence.——James Garrity and John Curley were charged with vagrancy. P.C. Scott spoke to finding the defendants sleeping in the brick kilns at Crookhall, on Saturday night. The defendants were sent to prison for fourteen days with hard labour.——John Luke, charged by P.C. Rogerson with being drunk and disorderly in Consett on Saturday night, was fined 10s. and expenses.——Bernard Kelley, for being drunk and disorderly in Shephard's Alley, on the same date, was fined 5s. and costs. The offence was proved by Sergt. Masterman.

The hotel robberies still go on as brisk as ever in the North of England. The money is left very often on shelves and in drawers, the proprietors' movements are watched carefully by an interested party, who seizes the first opportunity to bolt with the proceeds of a week's business. A good fire-proof safe can be bought of J. R. HALL, St. Nicholas'-square, Newcastle, for £5, which would prevent the loss of hundreds. 662

LARKING THEATRICALS.—At Consett Petty Sessions, on Thursday, before A. Town (chairman) and J. Priestman, Esq., John H. Firman and Samuel Reynolds, two theatricals, were summoned on a charge of wilful damage. Defendants, it appears, were passing up Front Street, Consett, when they observed an empty waggon standing on the road opposite a shop occupied by Mr. Simpson, general dealer. No doubt thinking it a rare opportunity of astonishing the Consettonians, one of the defendants seized hold of the shafts of the conveyance, whilst the other pushed at the rear. In this way they proceeded down the street, but the vehicle soon attaining a velocity not previously anticipated by the larking members of the boards, there was suddenly a crash, and immediately afterwards the wheels and other parts of the conveyance were seen striking off at different angles.—Defendants were each fined 10s. and costs, together with the damage to the waggon.

QUARTERLY RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.—The Registrar-General's quarterly return has been published. In Tanfield there were 172 births, and the deaths being 103, were above the average by 12. In September there were 101 deaths; but that is, however, a matter of congratulation, is the decrease in the present return of deaths in Tanfield due to scarlet fever, especially as it is seen that it is on the increase in Durham and Lanchester. Tanfield had 7 deaths due to scarlet fever in September, and now there are only 3 credited to it. Lanchester had 370 births and the 188 deaths exceeded the average by 6. One had hoped that the fatality from scarlet fever had reached in Sept. period its highest point, when there were 18 deaths due to it. It was, however, not so, for in the quarter just ended there were 28 deaths due to it. It is somewhat strange that in two adjoining sub-districts, like Tanfield and Lanchester, that the former should show a decrease, and the latter a very considerable increase, in the deaths from this disease. In Tanfield and Durham districts we have altogether 62 deaths due to scarlet fever and 43 to fever.

AN ICE RINK AT ALL SEASONS.—A dangerous rival to the asphalte skating rink is announced. The wheel-skates are, after all, only an alternative. Locomotion on them is neither so free nor so pleasant as with an iron blade upon ice; and we are now informed that after five or six years of experimenting in Chelsea, Professor Gamgee has at last got at the secret of making an artifical ice sheet, capable of being maintained in perfect condition for skating from one year's end to the other. A similar plan has been patented, and is about to be put into practical operation in Glasgow, the object, as described in the patent specification, being to refrigerate and cool floors so that water carried thereon may be frozen with an even surface for skating and curling. Similar experiments to those of Mr. Gamgee have been carried on at the ice-works, Garnethill, Glasgow, by their manager, Mr. Rae, who is one of the patentees of the invention refered to, and at the works of Messrs. Seddley and Co., Liverpool, and there is said to be no possibility of failure. The process is the same as that used in the manufacture of ice, for dietetic purposes. It is very simple. A mixture of salt and water, cooled with ether in refrigerators, is made to pass between iron plates about half an inch apart. The upper plate is covered with a thin layer of water, which soon freezes and forms a dry, keen skating surface. At the rink which it is proposed to establish in the fashionable quarter of Glasgow, a new sheet of ice will be formed every morning; but if in the course of the day it becomes rough, all that is necessary is to sweep off the powdered ice, flush the rink with water, and in twenty minutes a new surface, fresh, firm and glassy, will be produced. This surface will be more elastic than asphalte, and consequently less dangerous in case of a fall, and there will be neither dust nor slopiness. It is not expected that the temperature of the hall will be much affected by the ice, but it is alleged that, if necessary, it may be warmed in the usual way without detracting from the efficiency of the rink.—*Iron.*

SPELLING BEE.—That the popularity of the spelling bee is still on the increase was fully proved by the large audience which crowded the School-room, Waskerley Park, on Saturday evening, to witness a lexicographical contest among a select number of ladies and gentlemen. The entries on this occasion were larger than in the former bee at Waskerley Park, twenty-two having entered, including six ladies. Only two ladies and eleven gentlemen competed. The prizes offered were twelve in number, ranging from 2s. to 10s. The standard of reference was Webster's Dictionary and the Imperial Lexicon, but it was intimated that if a word was differently spelt in any popular dictionary the competitor would not be disqualified. The bee was under the auspices of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, Waskerley Park, and the chair was occupied by Mr. James Gowland. Mr. John Liddell acted as interrogator, and Messrs. McIsaac and Langcake, senior, as referees. After a few humourous remarks from the chairman, who characterised the bee as a sensational amusement in a truly sensational age, the contest began. In the first round no accident happened to the first six bees, but the seventh could not spell coolie, and retired amidst the hearty laughter of the audience. The next bee got abrazion to exercise his ingenuity, but having rendered it "abration" was ruled out. A few more questions brought up a bright little youth who got abyss to spell. He gave it "abiss," and, as a matter of course, he disappeared from the scene. At the end of the first round three had bit the dust. In the second round abscind proved destructive to one, and the first lady was brought down by spelling "idol" instead of idyl, and at the end of this round five had retired from the scene. In the next round idiosyncrasy was given to a gentleman, but, after scratching his head and giving an affrighted look at the interrogator, he bolted at express speed, amidst the uproarious applause of the audience. After the successful spelling of the words inveigle, phlegm, phthisic, ketch, lymph, ignescent, &c., another was brought down by the word idiosyncrasy. Lachadaisical was given to another gentlemen, but who, to the amusement of the audience, gave it "lachadiscal," and was accordingly told to retire. The next word was given to the remaining lady, who had to spell lac, a resinous substance, but which she incorrectly rendered "lack," and, of course, was ruled out. This left four competitors, who were each entitled to a prize, and at this stage the contest became very exciting, the spelling of the four gentlemen being exceedingly good. The first of these to retire was Mr. George Langcake, who got the word abrazion, but, unluckily for himself, he mistook the word, and gave "aberration." The next to succumb was Mr. John Langcake, junior, who gave "idiocyncrasy" for idiosyncrasy." The two remaining gentlemen fought well and ably for the first prize, but Mr. George Thompson getting that destructive word, lachadaisical, to spell, gave it "lachy," and then, shaking his head as if he had done enough, retired from the contest, leaving the last gentleman, Mr. John Stokoe, master of the situation. He received the same word to spell, and, amidst the hearty approbation of the audience, did it correctly. The interrogator desired him to spell another word, and gave him Koran, the Mahommedan Bible, which he proved successful in doing. After a vote of thanks to Mr. John Ritchie for his recitations, and to the gentlemen who officiated, the proceedings terminated by singing the doxology.

THE RAILWAY BLOCK SYSTEM.—Another proof of the little reliability to be placed upon the most perfect theoretical arrangements in railway traffic is supplied by the serious accident that occurred on the Metropolitan District line on Saturday evening, last week. Like the Great Northern, this railway is worked strictly on the block system, and the Addison Road train, to which the accident happened, had passed the Hammersmith Juntion before the one following was allowed to start. But the train in advance, owing to some mismanagement combined with the dense fog and state of the rails, was allowed to slip back on the points, and was thus run into, the hinder carriage being crushed up, and the passengers in it, although no one was killed outright, fearfully shaken. Several of them were much cut about the face and other parts of the body and bled profusely, and, as in all such cases, many will have their health permanently injured and their lives shortened in consequence. Like the officials of other lines, those of the Metropolitan District endeavoured to hush up the affair, maintaining the closest reticence wich regard to the nature and extent of the casuality. Serious accidents are not very frequent on the underground lines, still they occur oftener than the public generally are aware. The servants of the companies are maimed and killed without anybody being the wiser. When, however, a passenger gets hurt by entering or leaving a train in motion he is usually summoned before a magistrate, for an obvious reason, and this, notwithstanding that it is the regular practice of the porters to push passengers into carriages—often into compartments already overcrowded—when the train is well under weigh. A case of this nature was brought before Mr. Arnold at Westminster the other day. The defendant, who had fallen between the footboard and the platform at the Gavensor Road Station, was charged with entering a train in motion. Mr. Arnold, observing that he had frequently travelled on the line and seen scores of persons alight before the trains stopped, asked if such persons were ever summoned for doing so. Mr. Inspector Turpin, who represented the company, replied that he had never summoned anybody in such a case, adding, somewhat lamely, that his present application was more as a caution. Mr. Arnold, however, declined to grant a summons, and showed that he understood the company's tactics by remarking that applications of this sort were never made unless the person complained of was injured, and that if the defendant was convicted it would be somewhat of a bar to any action he might bring against the company. This decision is calculated to act beneficially; for a vast number of the accidents that happen to passengers, and especially to servants, arise out of permitted breaches of judicious rules of railway companies.—*Iron.*

MR. HOBSON'S ANNUAL DINNER.

On Wednesday, Mr. George Hobson, of Harperley Mills, gave his annual dinner to the farmers of this district, in the Town Hall, Catchgate, when upwards of 100 gentlemen sat down to a most substantial spread. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. H[illegible], the vice-chairs being respectively occupied by M[illegible] Murray, of Consett, Mr. George Wailes, of Por[illegible], and Mr. John Parker, of Leadgate. After a[illegible] justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm.

Mr. J. PARKER then proposed the healths of the landowners and of their agents. In doing so, he remarked that the gentlemen whose health he had proposed were at all times willing to assist their tenants in making the land more productive. With this toast he begged to couple the name of Mr. Richards. (Applause.) In replying to the toast

Mr. RICHARDS said that he was sure that they would all admit that the landowners were at all times both anxious and willing to do all they could to assist the tenants; in fact they had but to intimate their desires and, if possible, their wishes were always attended to. (Hear.)

Mr. MURRAY then proposed the health of Mr. Hobson, their worthy host, whom he characterised as the principal and most respected tradesman in the district. (Applause.) He had known the chairman for a long time, and had attended the annual dinners for some years, and he was happy to say that these annual gatherings were growing larger—(applause)—showing that the farmers of the district were not only admirers of Mr. Hobson as a tradesman, but their presence there on that occasion proved that they were also supporters of their worthy chairman. (Hear, hear.) In all their business transactions they had found Mr. Hobson a gentleman. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, thanked Mr. Murray and the gentlemen present for the manner in which his health had been drunk. He thought the proposer of the toast had said too much in his praise. (No, no.) After alluding in a most feeling manner to the serious loss he had sustained in his own household during the past year, he referred to the loss they had all sustained by the deaths during the year of Messrs. Mitchinson and Drummond. The gradual rise of his agricultural supply business was then traced step by step, after which he thanked the company for their presence on that occasion, and concluded with the hope that they would all be permitted to meet again on a similar occasion. (Applause.)

Mr. WAILES proposed "The trade and commerce of the district," with which he coupled the names of Messrs. Adamson and Mitchell, who suitably responded.

Mr. MURRAY, in a felicitous speech, proposed "The tenant farmers of the district," which was duly replied to by Messrs. Wilkinson, Hobson, Wailes, Humble, Laws, and Brown.

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Nor recked we of a nation's cost, which gave the power to save,
And from infernal thraldom snatch the abject helpless slave.

And ever honoured be the names of those, now past and gone,
By whom inhuman laws were crushed, and slavery overthrown;
A noble cause they well sustained, and Heaven approved the strife,
For mercy urged to aid the weak, and rescue human life.

'Tis but of late that thousands bled, nor were their efforts vain,
To cleanse Columbia's spangled flag, which bore the hateful stain;
It now with lustre freshly gleams, and ours which led the way,
Is scouted as a "dirty rag" we scarcely dare display.

And are we, then, become so vile a mean degenerate race,
To yield again to laws which were our country's deep disgrace?
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These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Manors 3, Heaton 7, Walker 11, Wallsend 16, Howdon 21, Percy Main 25, and North Shields 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Tynemouth 35 minutes after leaving Newcastle.

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† These trains stop only at Manors and North Shields Stations.

a.—This train stops at intermediate stations when required, to set down passengers arriving from the south by either the 4.38 or 5·58 a.m trains.

b.—The 6·45 p.m. train from Newcastle will stop at all Stations on Saturdays and reach Tynemouth at 7·20 p.m.

c.—The 11·30 p.m. train stops at intermediate Stations when required, to set down passengers.

4d.; third, 2d.; Walker, first, 6d; second, 4d.; third

Fares from Newcastle to Tynemouth: First, 1s. 3d., second, 1s., third, 8d. Return, first, 2s. 0d., second 1s. 6d., third, 1s.

North Shields, first, 1s., second, 9d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 8d., second, 1s. 3d., third, 10d.

Percy Main: First. 10d., second, 8d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 6d. Second, 1s. 2d., third, 10d.

Howdon: First, 10d., Second, 8d., third, 5d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. 2d., third, 9d.

Wallsend: First, 8d., second, 6d., third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Walker: First, 5d., second, 4d., third, 2½d. Return, first, 9d., second, 7d., third, 5d.

TYNEMOUTH TO NEWCASTLE.

Leaves Tynemouth (Week days)—5·20, 6·40 (*a*), 7·45, 8·30 (*), 9·0. 9·30 (*), 10·0, 10·30 (*), 11·0, 12·0, 12·45, 1·50, 2·10, 3·0, 3·30, 4·0, 5·0, 5·35 (*), 5·55, 6·30, 7·30, 7·30, (*), 8·0, 9·0, 10·0, 10·50 (*).

Leaves Tynemouth (Sundays)—7·35, 9·45, 1·0, 1·45, 2·0, 3·0, 4·0, 5·0, 5·45, 6·0, 6·35, 7·0, 7·35, 8·0, 8·45, 9·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows North Shields 3, Percy Main 9, Howdon 11, Wallsend 16, Walker 19, Heaton 23, and Manors 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Central Station, Newcastle about 35 minutes after leaving Tynemouth.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields and Manors stations.

a.—The 6·40 a.m. train stops at intermediate Stations to take up passengers booked to the Central Stations.

b.—The 10·50 p.m. train stops at Stations up to and including Walker on Saturdays, and does not reach the Central Station until 11·20 p.m.

Fares from Tynemouth to North Shields, first, 4d., second, 3d.; third, 2d.; Percy Main, first, 6d.: second, 4d.; third, 3d.; Howdon, first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third 4d.: Wallsend, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Walker first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Heaton, first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Newcastle (Manors or Central), first, 1s. 3d.; second, 1s.; third, 8d.

STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside	„	6·50	1·30	4·25
Rowley	„	7·0	1·40	4·35
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	1·50	4·45
Tow Law	„	7·23	2·3	4·58
Crook	arr.	7·35	2·15	5.10
	dep.	7.38	2·25	5·25
Bishop Auckland	„	8·5	2·55	5·55
Darlington		8·55	3·35	7·0
Stockton	„	9·25	4·5	7·30
Middlesbro'	„	9·35	4·15	7·42
Saltburn	„	10·10	4·50	8·20

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn	dep.	5·45	11·30	4·30
Middlesbro'	„	6·22	12·5	5·5
Stockton	„	6·34	12·15	5·15
Darlington	„	7·15	1·5	5·55
Bishop Auckland	„	7·48	1·35	6·25
Crook	arr.	8·10	1·57	6·45
	dep.	8·15	2·20	6·48
Tow Law	„	8·27	2·32	7·0
Burnhill Junction	„	8·42	2·45	7·15
Rowley	„	8·52	2·55	7·25
Benfieldside	arr.	9·5	3·5	9·35
Newcastle	arr.	10·5	4·30	9·40

CONSETT BRANCH

TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	10·0	12·30	2·30	5·35
Scotswood	„	5·52	10·7	12·37	2·37	5·42
Swalwell	„	5·59	10·14	12·43	2·44	5.49
Rowland's Gill	„	6·9	10·24	12·51	2·54	5.59
Lintz Green	„	6·15	10·30	12·59	3·0	6 5
Ebchester	„	6·28	10·43	1·12	3·13	6·18
Shotley Bridge	„	6·34	10·49	1·18	3·19	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.			1·25	3·25	
	dep	6·40	10·55		4·35	6·30
Knitsley	„	6·54	11·9		4·49	6·45
Lanchester	„	7·3	11·18		4·58	6·55
Witton Gilbert	„	7.10	11·27		5·5	7·4
Durham	arr.	7·25	11.49		5·5	7·20

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Durham	dep.	7·35		12·10	3·34*	8·0
Witton Gilbert	„	7·50		12·24	3·48	8·16
Lanchester	„	7·55		12·35	3·59	8·25
Knitsley	„	8·12		12·45	4·4	8·36
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.				4·20	
	dep	8·27	9·15	1·0	3·35	8·48
Shotley Bridge	„	8·32	9·20	1.5	3·40	8·52
Ebchester	„	8·36	9·23	1·9	3·44	8·57
Lintz Green	„	8·47	9·33	1.19	3.54	9.8
Rowland's Gill	„	8·53	9·38	1·24	3·59	9·13
Swalwell	„	9·2	9·47	1·33	4·5	9·22
Scotswood	„	9·9	9·53	1·39	4·14	9·29
Newcastle	arr.	9·20	10·5	1·50	4·30	9·40

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.		
Newcastle	dep.	7·10	4·0	5·25	7·30
Scotswood	„	7·17	4·9	5·32	7·37
Swalwell	„	7·23	4·15	5.39	7·44
Rowland's Gill	„	7·31	4·25	5·49	8·55
Lintz Green	„	7·37	4·29	5·55	8·2
Ebchester	„	7·50	4·42	6·8	8·16
Shotley Bridge	„	7·57	4·47	6·14	8·23
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·5	4·55	6·20	8·30
	dep.	9·10	5·10		
Knitsley		9·21	5·21		
Lanchester		9·34	5·34		
Witton Gilbert		9.46	5·46		
Durham	arr.	10·0	6·0		

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.
Durham	dep.		4·0
Witton Gilbert	„	8·5	4·13
Lanchester	„	8·17	4·25
Knitsley	„	8·30	4.38
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·42	4·50
	dep.	8·50	5·30
Shotley Bridge	„	8·55	5·35
Ebchester	„	9·0	5·40
Lintz Green	„	9·9	5·49
Rowland's Gill		9·16	5·59
Swalwell	„	9·23	6·7
Scotswood	„	9·29	6·13
Newcastle	arr.	9·40	63·0

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8.29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·51
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
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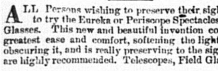
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LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon. Present—Very Rev. Canon Kearney (chairman), Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Messrs. Charlton, Nicholson, Shaw, Bland, Davison, Chessman, and Simpson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

THE ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT IN BARR HOUSE LANE.

THE LAND CLAIMED BY THE "COUNTESS OF DERWENTWATER."

The Clerk (Mr. Coupland) intimated that since the last meeting of the Board, the lady styling herself "Amelia, Countess of Derwentwater" had taken possession of the piece of land enclosed by Mr. Richardson in Barr House Lane, having pulled down the fence and deposited a quantity of stones on the land.

Mr. MITCHELL: What are the stones for?

The Clerk replied that he understood the Countess was going to build. He then read a letter from Mr. Booth (Mr. Richardson's solicitor), in which the writer asked if Mr. Brodie (the cartman who led the stones) had any instructions from the Board to place stones or interfere with the piece of land, to which communication a negative answer had been sent. Mr. Coupland went on to say that he had seen Mr. Booth with regard to the road, and Mr. Richardson did not seem inclined to remove the fence unless the ground was wanted for road purposes. He also considered it somewhat strange that the piece of land in question should have been singled out, and Mr. Booth intimated that if the Board removed the fence Mr. Richardson would probably be inclined to resort to legal proceedings.

The CHAIRMAN said Mr. Richardson's was a glaring case, and that was the reason the Board had decided to proceed against him. He considered that the resolution of the last meeting ought to have been carried into effect.

The Clerk said the Board did not decide who was to take the proceedings, and that was the reason the resolution had not been carried out.

The CHAIRMAN observed that this ought to have been decided at the time the motion was made. If they decided to carry out the resolution, the Board had better employ an attorney.

The Clerk considered that the safest plan would be to prefer a bill of indictment.

The CHAIRMAN also thought to indict the road would be the safest course.

Mr. MITCHELL said at the time the motion was carried a strong feeling was expressed by several of the members that no steps should be taken with regard to the alleged encroachment. He was the proposer of the motion, because he was at that time of opinion that it was a case calling for the interference of the Board. Now, however, he had somewhat changed in his opinions, and were it possible he would withdraw the motion authorising proceedings to be taken against Mr. Richardson, and for this reason, namely, because a similar motion made with respect to a member of that Board had not been carried out.

Mr. CHARLTON: What does the Board want with the land?

Mr. MITCHELL: We simply want to protect the public right.

Mr. CHARLTON: The road is wide enough at present.

The CHAIRMAN: That is not the question. The Board has already decided to proceed against Mr. Richardson.

Mr. CHARLTON: There are many more similar cases in the district —

The CHAIRMAN (interrupting): If things have to be overhauled and re-discussed in this way we had better stay at home.

Mr. SIMPSON: Where is your authority for interfering with this road at all?

Mr. MITCHELL replied that the Board was a corporate body, and they were constituted the guardians of the highways within the district.

Mr. SIMPSON considered that to proceed against Mr. Richardson would only be a waste of money.

The CHAIRMAN said it was left for the Board to say whether the motion was to be carried into effect or not. If they were afraid to go on and do their duty the motion had better be withdrawn. At present they were making themselves a laughing-stock for the whole county.

Mr. NICHOLSON thought there was only one course open for them, and that was to carry the motion into effect.

Mr. SIMPSON did not think it reasonable to put the township to the expense of a trial.

Mr. MITCHELL said the Board was constituted to protect the rights of the township, and if they were too weak to exercise that power they had better commit suicide at once.

Mr. SIMPSON contended that the Board had no right to spend the rates of the Medomsley people for such a purpose. Where was their authority for doing so?

The CHAIRMAN, having quoted from the Act, showing that the Board had jurisdiction over highways in parts of parishes or townships not included in districts under the Local Government Act, said it was no use fritting away their time in discussing a question that had already engaged so much of their time.

Mr. SIMPSON said the Medomsley highways were not within the Local Board jurisdiction, and he for one would never pay a penny towards the expenses of a law suit. He did not believe a word of the Act.

Mr. MITCHELL observed that if the Leadgate Local Board had usurped the rights of the Medomsley people, how was it that the latter had not taken some action in the matter.

Mr. SIMPSON repeated that the Board had nothing to do with Medomsley. At the time the Local Government Act was adopted at Leadgate, the Medomsley highways were under the control of the Lanchester Highway Board, and from this body they had never been legally separated.

Mr. CHARLTON: Yes, we were.

Mr. SIMPSON: But I say we were not.

The CHAIRMAN: Some years ago this very question was submitted to the Local Government Board. We asked if we could steer ourselves from the Medomsley people, but the Board's answer was in the negative. It is very irregular to be continually importing this matter of the Medomsley people into every discussion, and I rule that Mr. Simpson is out of order.

Mr. SIMPSON: I have as much right to speak as any other member. I have always been interrupted by the Chairman when I have brought this matter forward, but I won't be put down. If we look at the other encroachments —

Mr. NICHOLSON (interrupting): We must make a beginning somewhere.

Mr. SIMPSON: Then you ought to begin at home, and not interfere with a road that does not belong to you.

The CHAIRMAN: Are we to give the Clerk instructions to proceed against Mr. Richardson, or must the motion be rescinded?

Mr. MITCHELL: I have already expressed my opinion that the Board cannot consistently proceed against Mr. Richardson, seeing that an equally flagrant case of encroachment, and that, too, by a member of the Board, has not been proceeded against. If I had the power, I would rescind the motion with respect to Mr. Richardson.

The CHAIRMAN: You can, if you choose, give notice of your intention to propose a motion to that effect at the next meeting.

After some further discussion, Mr. MITCHELL proposed that in consequence of no steps having been taken with regard to Mr. Bland's encroachment, the subject of Mr. Richardson's encroachment should be deferred for further consideration.

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Mr. DAVISON seconded the resolution, which was carried.

MR. BLAND AND THE BOARD.

The Clerk intimated that he had, as directed by the Board at the last meeting, served a notice upon Mr Bland to remove a fence erected by him on the village green at Iveston. Since then he had received a letter from the Highway Committee stating that permission had been given to Mr. Bland to allow the encroachment to remain until he completed his buildings.

The CHAIRMAN said the Highway Committee had no power to grant such permission, as they were only appointed to inspect Mr. Bland's buildings. At the last meeting a motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. Hedley, that Mr Bland should have notice to remove the obstruction, yet in the face of this the Highway Committee had given him leave to retain the encroachment. Such proceedings, he need hardly say, were very irregular.

Mr. CHARLTON said both the Building and Highway Committee inspected the place.

Mr. MITCHELL expressed his great regret and surprise that the Building Committee should have acted as they had, seeing that two of the members of that Committee were either personally or as agents interested in these enclosures at Iveston.

Mr. NICHOLSON: When we spoke to Mr. Bland about the fence he said he had put it up to protect his property from cattle whilst he was building.

Mr. MITCHELL: Mr. Bland has been treated leniently by the Board from the first. His conduct has been so outrageous that proceedings ought to have been taken against him at once.

Mr. CHESSMAN said Mr. Bland was building, and the fence had been put up for protection.

Mr. CHARLTON (to the Surveyor): When you first spoke to Mr. Bland about the enclosure, did he tell you that he had put up the fence to keep the cattle off?

The Surveyor: No; he said he had as much right to put up a fence as other people in the village.

The CHAIRMAN: This is the first time that such a thing has been mentioned.

Mr. NICHOLSON: When Mr. Bland told us he had only put up the fence to protect his property, and intended to pull it down as soon as he was done building, the Committee thought there would be no harm in allowing the fence to remain for a short time.

The CHAIRMAN: But the Committee was not empowered to take any action with regard to the encroachment. The Committee had orders to inspect the building only.

Mr. SIMPSON: It is not Mr. Bland's intention to let the fence remain.

Mr. DAVISON: Mr. Bland told the Committee that he had put it up for his own protection.

Mr. MITCHELL: We cannot accept that excuse. Mr. Bland told us he did not cause the water to run out of the village pond, but here we have the Inspector who tells us that he has witnesses to prove that stones were taken out of the wall by his direction.

Mr. BLAND: But that man may be speaking out of ill-feeling. He is speaking from another man's go-uth.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bland has shuffled from one thing to another from the commencement. First of all he commenced building without submitting a plan to the Board, and when he did present one he represented that the erections were simply farm buildings. The plan was rejected, but in defiance of all law and authority Mr. Bland continued to build, and now the Building Committee appeared to have actually given him leave to put two of the rooms to his own house. He thought the sooner the Board dissolved itself the better.

Mr. CHARLTON said the Building Committee had been sent to Iveston, and he expected they had done the bidding.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the Committee had exceeded their duty. The Board could not violate its own by-laws. Instead of setting a good example to others, Mr. Bland had been the first to break the law. He might say that they had had more trouble with Mr. Bland's building than with all the other buildings in Leadgate put together.

Mr. BLAND: Other old buildings in the place have been altered, yet nothing has been said to the parties.

The CHAIRMAN: They have only been carried up.

Mr. BLAND: Mine have only been carried up.

The CHAIRMAN: But you wish to convert your buildings into human habitations.

The Surveyor (Mr. Longstaff): Mr. Bland purposes adding two of the rooms to his house.

Mr. CHESSMAN: When we inspected the place we thought we had full power to act.

Mr. MITCHELL: But you had no power to rescind the motion with respect to the obstruction.

Mr. CHESSMAN: Oh, no; but as Mr. Bland said that he did not intend to allow the fence to remain we thought there would be no harm in letting the matter stand over.

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The CHAIRMAN: That matter has nothing to do with the question under consideration, Mr. Bland.

Mr. CHARLTON: Do you mean to insinuate that Mr. Longstaff has not attended to his duties?

Mr. BLAND: No; but the motion has not been carried into effect.

Mr. MITCHELL: The time has not elapsed yet. Mr. Bland can bring that question on when the new Board is elected.

The CHAIRMAN said the mistake made by the committee was an irregular one. How could they, he asked, with any degree of consistency find fault with any person who might feel disposed to proceed in the same track as Mr. Bland had adopted?

Mr. BLAND said if he had done wrong it was because he knew no better. He had always been under the impression that plans were not required for an old building.

The CHAIRMAN: But you did provide a plan.

Mr. SHAW: There is nothing said on the plan to lead the Board to believe that the erections are to be used for other than farm buildings.

Mr. BLAND: Yes, there is.

Mr. SHAW: Then it has been put on since last meeting. You distinctly told us at the last meeting that the premises were to be used as byres and stables, and when we were on the point of passing the plan you then told us that you wanted to add two of the rooms to your own house.

Mr. BLAND: It was marked on the plan, and I called the Board's attention to it at the time.

The CHAIRMAN: The plan is marked "Addition to Farm House."

Mr. CHESSMAN: If we pass Mr Bland's plan as byres and stables, the Board has power to prevent him converting the premises into dwellings.

Mr. SHAW: It is no use talking about the "powers of the Board." It strikes me that our power is slipping through our fingers very fast.

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Mr. MITCHELL: We have got into a mess, and I don't see how we are to get out of it. However, the life of the Board is about at an end, and it will be for the ratepayers to send new blood into it. I only regret that we cannot die with a little more honour and decency. I think the best way would be for the plans to be referred to the new Board.

The CHAIRMAN: The plans have not yet received the seal of the Board. The committee have made a mistake in passing any portion of the building, and he for one would not be a party to the passing of the plan.

Mr. CHESSMAN said the committee had acted to the best of their judgment, but he would be cautious not to have such a responsibility thrown upon him again.

Mr. NICHOLSON: Mr. Bland now wants to build his cattle sheds.

The CHAIRMAN: As cattle sheds let them go; but the sanction of the Building Committee to make part of the buildings into dwellings ought, in my opinion, to be revoked.

Mr. SIMPSON: I don't think that one member of the Board ought to overrule all the others.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not wish to overrule the Board. I am merely giving my opinion.

Mr. BLAND: Well, I consider that the committee, when they inspected the place, took true pains.

The CHAIRMAN: If the members are willing that the Building Committee should be confirmed, let it be so, but I will not be a party to it.

Mr. NICHOLSON: All that the Building Committee did was to allow Mr. Bland to add two rooms to his house and retain the fence until the buildings were finished.

The CHAIRMAN said if Mr. Bland had acted straightforwardly with the Board, and presented a plan like other people, the present difficulty would not have arisen.

Mr. MITCHELL observed that a public body like themselves ought always to be above suspicion. There was always plenty of people to say that individuals had entered the Board from personal motives.

Mr. SIMPSON then proposed that the action taken by the Building Committee with regard to Mr. Bland's property be confirmed by the Board.

Mr. NICHOLSON seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr. Chessman, Mr. Charlton, and Mr. Bland, and declared carried.

The other business before the Board was of a routine character.

[We are authorized to state that the Rev. Canon Kearney has, since the above meeting, sent to the Clerk his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Board, in consequence of a majority of the Board having sanctioned the violation of one of its most stringent bye-laws by Mr. Bland, whose own vote in the majority virtually rendered him the arbiter of his own case.]

CONCERT AT LEADGATE.

On Tuesday evening last the Consett Wesleyan choir gave a concert in the United Free Methodist Chapel at Leadgate. *Lent* before the specified time for commencing the concert, the church was densely crowded, the attendance being from Leadgate, Consett, and adjoining districts. Considerable interest was manifested towards the choir, inasmuch as before they made their appearance they were repeatedly and vociferously called for, and on presenting themselves they were received with most hearty applause. The Rev. A. Sayer presided on the interesting occasion, and opened the concert by calling upon the choir to give the anthem, "O Lord, my God," which was beautifully rendered, after which the rev. gentleman engaged in prayer. The chairman next briefly referred to the special kindness of the Wesleyan choir in coming forward to aid the cause in such a handsome manner, and he was glad that they had received so cordial a welcome. The rev. gentleman said that a friend of his had recently told him that they were related to the Wesleyan body, but as prodigals they had gone astray, which remark created a little merriment. The programme was next resumed, and Mr. C. Stelling, who presided at the harmonium, gave a voluntary, "Gloria," which clearly evinced that that gentleman possesses musical abilities of a considerable order, and is an adept in the art. The whole of the anthems and trios which followed in the first and second parts were given with magnificent precision and harmony. The sacred song, "Not lost, but gone before," by Miss Pescod, was given with such taste and expression, that she was enthusiastically *encored*. The same young lady was also *encored* in the rendering of her second piece, a solo in the second part of the programme. Miss Lumley gave "Weep not for me," in a pleasing manner, and was honoured by an *encore*. The sweet rather than strong quality of her voice was noticeable. Miss Bell possesses a very nice melodious voice. Her piece, a solo, "I love to tell the story," reflected great credit upon her, and, in justice to this young lady, we may state that she also received an *encore*. The quartette and chorus, "Holiness becometh Thine house," by Miss Jones and Messrs. Little, Chapman, and Allison, were exceedingly well received and heartily *encored*. The following was the programme:—

PART I

Anthem,	"O Lord, my God," Prayer. "Gloria,"	Dr. Greene
Voluntary,		Farmer
Anthem,	Mr. C. Stelling. "How beautiful upon the mountains,"	Woodbury
Sacred Song	"Not lost, but gone before," Miss Pescod.	Norton
Trio,	"But their Redeemer is strong," Miss Lumley, and Messrs. Dunn and Allison.	Nichold
Anthem,	"Praise Him,"	Seward
Sacred Song.	"Weep not for me," Miss Lumley.	Barker
Anthem,	"Where shall the Christian's harp be strung," Mr. C. Allison.	Avison
Anthem,	"Sound the loud timbrel,"	Avison

PART II.

Anthem,	"Hear my cry, O God,"	Tenney
Solo and Chorus	"What shall the harvest be," Miss Pescod.	Bliss
Anthem,	"Praise ye the Lord,"	Sherwin
Trio,	"Prophet's rejoice," Misses Robson and Lumley and Mr. Dunn.	Nichol
Anthem,	"I was glad,"	Lowry
Solo and Chorus,	"Tell me the old, old story," Miss Lumley.	Doane
Anthem,	"Cry out and shout,"	Bliss
Solo and Chorus,	"I love to tell the story," Miss Ball.	Fischers
Anthem,	"With thankfulness,"	Seward
Quartette and Chorus,	"Holiness becometh Thine house,"	Tenney

Miss Jones, and Messrs. Little, Chapman, and Allison.

Anthem,	"Exalt Him all ye people," Doxology.	Bradbury

Mr. G. Lumley, of Consett, conducted the choir in a masterly manner. During the interval between the first and second parts, Mr. Rogers, of Consett, gave a very spirited address on the subject of the management of choirs. At the conclusion of the concert the chairman gave a most hearty vote of thanks to the choir, which was moved by Mr. Gray, of Dipton, and was most cheerfully replied to by one of the members of the choir. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman. The rev. gentleman responded in his usual happy and agreeable manner, after which the company dispersed.—The above choir also gave a very successful concert at Lanchester on Monday evening.

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SPELLING BEE AT CONSETT.

A spelling bee, promoted by the Consett Industrial and Provident Society, was held in the National Schools on Monday evening last, and proved to be the most successful yet held in the district. The proceedings were advertised to commence at seven o'clock, and at that hour the rooms was comfortably filled. Cash amounting to £6 7s. was offered for competition, £5 7s. of this sum being given by the Society, whilst four prizes of 5s. each were given by Mr. Jenkins, general manager of the Iron works, for awkward men. There were in all five classes, the first being open to all, the second class was open to *bona-fide* artizans only, the third class was for females above the age of thirteen years, fourth class was limited to juveniles below the age of thirteen, and the fifth class was for working men only. The Vicar of Consett (Rev. F. Steggall) presided; the interrogator was Mr. J. S. Brodie; whilst Messrs. J. G. Wright and W. Horn acted as referees. The Chairman commenced the proceedings by remarking that the arrangements made by the committee seemed to be admirable, and, he had no doubt, would give satisfaction to all present. The rules, he said, were somewhat original, and would doubtless be adopted in other parts of the country. He hoped that the competitors would spell the words distinctly, in order that disputes might be avoided, and that the audience might be able to hear each letter as it was delivered. Mr. Steggall also intimated that Chambers' Dictionary would be used, and that in case of dispute the decision of the referees and Chairman would have to be accepted as final. The rules were then read, and stated that all words selected for the interrogation were to be written on separate slips of paper and placed in a box from which they would be drawn by the Chairman and handed to the referees, who would guide the interrogator by numbers in a book held by him, having the same words written therein. The Chairman then called upon the fourth class, for juveniles under thirteen years of age, to come upon the platform. About a score responded to the invitation, there being several girls amongst the competitors. The first word lovelorn secured a victim, the word being spelt "lovlorn." Frequent caution, and caper were got over safely, but epistle being rendered "epissel" a second competitor was ordered down. The next words were channel, carriage, carrot, citizen, all of which were correctly spelt, but the two following competitors were not so successful, one spelling dross with a double zz, whilst the other substituted an e for the last vowel in embosom. The next words mis-spelt were velocity, biped, abscess, coil, and emersion, which were rendered "vicissolity," "bipead," "scal," and "emercion." Language, hornbill, umbrella, blasphemy, and consign failed to lessen the number of competitors, but the next words trills and enervate floored two of the spellers, the former word being spelt "trifal" and the latter with a couple of m's. Emulate, valorous, converse, cashier, and Wednesday were spelt in quick succession, but pernicious, sycocrcy, whitlow, and egotism each secured a victim. A dispute arose in the latter word, owing to an uncertainty as to whether the competitor had used an "e" or an "a" at the commencement of the word. The referees, however, decided against the speller, who took the form the platform amid the applause of the audience. Alliance and despair were responded to with a large amount of confidence, but casuality succeeded casuality in rapid succession as attachment, whimsey, mortgage, trousers, and accommodate were spelt out, the words being spelt "atagiment," "wimsey," "morage," "trouzers," and "accomodate." Appal, atonement, and magnitude having reduced the number of competitors to three, John Joseph Howard (Castleside), Elizabeth Burns (Consett), and Andrew Jeffrey (Blackhill), were ultimately awarded first, second, and third prizes in the order named. In the class for females above the age of thirteen years, the number of competitors was not so large, but the spelling was excellent. The words spelt correctly were sophisticate, rosemary, embroider, flaunt, sponge, enthusiasm, appropriation, Michaelmas, impious, flowery, careful, decalogue, incendiary, somnolence, carbuncle, caprice, poignant, tremendous, every-day, accompaniment, and convalescent. Those mis-spelt were protestantical, canonical, consultation, ichneumon, and cassimere. The prizes were awarded as follows—Miss Steggall, Consett Vicarage, 1st, 10s.; Miss Walker, Consett, 2nd, 5s.; Miss Elizabeth Hoult-ey, Blackhill, 3rd, 2s. 6d. The next class was limited to *bona-fide* artizans, of whom there was a good muster. Homogeneous, penitentiary, chronometer, histrionic, adjutant, hippopotamus, imparterialise annihilate, ostracise, and archæology were amongst the words mis-spelt. The words correctly rendered were ellipse, inarticulate, heptagon, geometry, auctioneer, architrave, asphalt, fishmonger, firmament, acrimony, acoustics, harmonium, pneumatics, physiognomy, and wonderful. The prizes were ultimately awarded in the following order—John Wilson, 15s., Edward Telford, 10s.; William Oliver, 5s. There were fourteen competitors in the fifth class, for working men only. Four prizes of 5s. each were given by Mr. Jenkins, and the entrance to this class was free. Immobility, antepenultimate, hydrometer, amanuensis, perpendicular, firkin, afraid, circumference, cemetery, financier, cyclone, fustian, velocipede, impressible, hollon, foetrule, campaign, trespass, allowance, ghastly, hypothesis, amphitheatre, conglomerate, and lattice were spelt correctly; amongst the mis-spelt words being vacuum, autobiography, nonpareil, deuce, geneology, antarctic, accumulative, deacon, and triglyph. Mr. William Ward was awarded the first prize, Mr. Hall the second, Mr. John Fletcher third, and Mr. W. Goudie fourth. The spelling in the open class was part oral and part in writing. Each competitor was provided with a slip of paper and pencil, and had to write down the same word. The first word submitted was haunch. On the papers being collected it was found that more than half had mis-spelt the word, it being rendered "hontboy," "oboe," "hoeboy," "hauthboy," "hoboy," "poughboy," "hautboy," "huebuy," "hobuoy," &c. Other two failed with the word arboriculturist, and only one gentleman (Mr. Whinfield, of Blackhill) being able to write oyre correctly [the correct way spelling it "ayre"] he was awarded the first prize of 20s. Mr. Whinfield it will be remembered, is the gentleman who gained first prize at the last spelling bee held in Consett. The second prize was gained by Mr. Chas Watson, of Newcastle, and the third by Mr. Joseph Hedge, Blackhill. The usual votes of thanks brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening Master Stokoe played several selections on the piano

RAILWAY SIGNALS.—There are sceptical people who do not believe that there was anything the matter with the semaphore at Abbots Ripton, especially as the person who knew the responsibility which a signalman incurs by stopping an express train on any pretence; but the fact, so often desiderated, that in the collision which ensued, not merely one but actually two railway directors assisted, may induce those powerful and superior persons to look into the whole question of their signal arrangements. Every signal-box ought to be provided with a repeating apparatus, showing at once and unmistakeably that the levers have actually operated. With regard to the lamps, also, not only in foggy or snowy weather, but even at dusk under ordinary meteorological conditions, the colour of the light is not easily distinguishable even at moderate distances. Add to this that a large proportion of men are more or less colour-blind, and it will be apparent that there is room for improvement in this direction also. Pyrotechny ought, too, to be drawn upon for more than the primitive fog-signals; lights of great vividness and of any colour might with advantage accompany a signalman, in the case of breakdown, the waving of the usual hand-lamp.—*Iron.*

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE COUNTY COURT.

MONDAY, February 7.—Before E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

McBURK *v.* BELL.—The parties in this action reside at Consett. The plaintiff is a married woman, and defendant is the owner of what is known as a "quilting club." Plaintiff, it appears, agreed to take a couple of quilts, but on being supplied with a quilt she became dissatisfied with it, but it was alleged that five weeks elapsed before it was returned. It transpired that plaintiff was not entitled to the second quilt until the 29th December, and as the present action had been instituted on the 9th of that month, his Honour said plaintiff had brought the action on too soon. However, if Mrs. Bell did not give plaintiff the other quilt she could bring another action. Verdict for the defendant accordingly.

PEARSON *v.* ROGAN.—This was an action to recover £24 3s. for grocery goods supplied. The plaintiff and defendant live at Catchgate. From the evidence it seemed that defendant had been paying off an old-standing debt at the rate of 8s. per month, but this sum not being deemed sufficient the present action was brought. Defendant, in answer to his Honour, said he was unable to pay more than 8s. per month. —His Honour said the present action ought never to have been brought. Defendant appeared to have been paying as much as he possibly could, and he considered it a very hard case. He could give judgment for the amount claimed, but would not allow any costs against the defendant.

WOLSON *v.* PARKER.—The plaintiff is a jeweller carrying on business at Manchester; defendant is a general dealer residing in Front Street, Consett, and the action was brought to recover £19 for goods supplied.—Defendant said a person had a bill of sale on his goods, and he was now merely employed in the shop at a salary of 25s. a week.—His Honour made an order for the amount claimed, to be paid in monthly instalments of £1.

GARDINER *v.* MOSES.—The plaintiff is an old woman, and defendant is a young married man, a miner. Both parties live at Happy Land, and are next door neighbours. Some time ago, defendant's sister-in-law died, and being unable to raise money to attend her funeral he applied to the plaintiff, who helped him out of his difficulty by lending him half-a-sovereign. On being asked to return the money, however, defendant denied ever having borrowed it. A witness was called and stated that she heard defendant say he had borrowed 10s. of Mrs. Gardiner, but that he did not intend to pay the debt.—Defendant said the witness was telling falsehoods.—His Honour said that he thought defendant himself was not speaking the truth, and gave an order for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs.

JACKSON *v.* CHARLTON.—Robt. Jackson, clerk, sued William Charlton, junr., innkeeper, Etchester, for £4 9s. 11d. for services rendered. Plaintiff said the defendant held a small field under the trustees of Sherburn Hospital. He wished to have the land enfranchised, and employed plaintiff to proceed to Durham to see the award and division of Lanchester Common. At the request of Mr. Charlton he afterwards went to Newcastle, and he also, at the request of the defendant, prepared a memorial to the Governors of Sherburn Hospital in favour of the enfranchisement of the field already referred to. Plaintiff also obtained a loan of £100 for the defendant, who was extending his premises, and who promised to allow him the usual commission of 2½ per cent.—Defendant said he employed plaintiff to proceed to Durham and Newcastle, but did not agree to pay him any commission on the loan, although he admitted that it was through plaintiff's influence that the money was advanced. Jackson, he said, agreed to work for 2s. 6d. a-day, and at all he was entitled to 17s. 6d. Defendant added that plaintiff was owing him £3 6s 9d. for board and lodgings.—His Honour: But you have not pleaded a set-off?—Defendant: I will bring the case before the next court.—His Honour gave a verdict in favour of plaintiff for £4, but intimated that he would stay execution until next court day in order that defendant might sue Jackson.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, TUESDAY.—At this day's market there was a small supply of English wheat, and only a moderate quantity from abroad. There was a fair inquiry for fine samples at an advance in price, while other descriptions are without change. Barley extra dull very little attention. Arrivals of oats large, and trade slow at prices the turn in favour of buyers. Other grain and flour unaltered.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At our market this morning wheat was only in thin supply, and several lots of poor quality. Barley an average show, and realised slightly higher prices. Oats a fair supply, and good descriptions met a ready sale, but inferior sorts were a drug.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 1,007 beasts and 610 sheep over the corresponding day of last week. Respecting quality, that of cattle, for the time of year were only middling; while sheep were about an average. The supply of beef comprised 2,422 head. The number of sheep was 5,500. Pigs 710 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 9s 9d to 10s 0d; secondary sorts, 8s 9d to 9s 3d; good oxen, 9s 6d to 9s 9d; middling, 8s 6d to 9s 0d; inferior and inferior, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; pork, large, 5s 3d to 5s 6d; small, 7s 9d to 8s 9d; sheep, good vendable wedders, per lb., 10½d to 11d; middling, 8½d to 9½d.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 0d to 8s 0d; barley, 7s 6d to 8s 3d; wheat, 11s 0d to beans, 11s 6d; peas, 11s 0d to 11s 6d per boll. Beef, 9d to 11d; mutton, 9d to 11d; veal 10d to 11d; bacon, 6d to 8d; lambs, 10d to 11d; hams, 8½d to 11d per lb. Chickens, 2s 3d to 3s 3d; ducks, 2s 0d to 2s 6d; hens, 1s to 2s each; butter, 1s 4d to 1s 11d per lb.; eggs, 7 to 8 for 1s; onions, 10d to 1s; apples, 1s to 1s 4d; pears, 9d to 1s 0d per peck; grass, 10d per lb; plums, 2d to 4d per quart.

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—Potatoes, 9d to 1s per stone.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 120s to 185s; new land hay, 130s to 150s per ton; wheat straw, 2s 6d to 3s 10d; barley straw, 2s 4d to 3s 3d; oat straw, 2s 4d to 3s 8d per thrave.

"WHITTAKER'S JOURNAL."—The aim of the publisher of this new venture is to furnish sound, wholesome, and entertaining reading for families in place of the trash so greedily devoured from week to week by young people. We most cordially approve of "Whittaker's Journal," and trust that parents will second the good intentions of the publisher by purchasing a copy for home reading.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

The insertion of anything beyond the simple announcement of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, will be charged as Advertisements.

BIRTH.

CONSETT—At Forster Street, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. S. Turnbull of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL—At Tin Mill Place, on the 5th inst., aged 22 years, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. J. Marshall.

DIPTON—At Dunelm Cottage, on the 23rd ult., aged 10 years, Margaret Clark.

CASTLESIDE—On the 1st inst., aged 4 months, John William Hey.

BLANCHLAND—On the 6th inst, aged 85 years, Ann, wife of Mr. James Scott.

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