

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—As this is a market, there was a fair supply of ascending wheat, of one large quantity from New York. No change can be reported in the wheat trade, the demand still being limited. Maize and beans quiet. Oats rather cheaper to sell. Malting barley unchanged. Flour very dull.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The amount of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 1,000 head, but a decline of 440 sheep as compared with the previous week. Respectively quality of cattle was

indicated for the time of year, while sheep were better
an average. The supply of hogs is reported to be
down. The number of sheep was 3,300. Price, 6500
down. Hens, prime before, per dozen, 85 3d
to 9d. secondary sorts, 75 3d to 85 3d; good per
do. to 95 3d; middling, 85 3d to 75 3d; crows &
inferior, 75 3d to 65 3d; pork, large, 85 3d to 55 3d
do. small, 75 3d to 65 3d; sheep, good, variable value
per lb., 94 to 94 1/2; middling, 74 1/2 to 74 1/2; ewes and
inferior, 64 to 64 1/2.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday—OBS.

DURHAM PROVISIONS, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 3d to 7s 6d; barley, 7s 0d to 8s 6d; Indian corn, 7s 6d; beans, 10s to 11s 0d; peas, 9s 0d to 10s 0d per bushel. Beef, 7s 10d; mutton, 7s to 30d; veal, 8s to 10d; bacon, to 3s 6d; ham, 5s to 6s; chickens, 5d to 8s per chicken, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; ducks, 3s 6d to 3s 0d; hens, 3s 6d to 3s 0d each; butter, 5s to 7s per lb.;

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—Potatoes, 74 to per stone.
NEWCASTLE POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potato 5s 6d to 11s per load.

HOW TO CURE A COUGH OR COLD.—"The Builder's Balm of Horsehair and Calf-foot." O

Dose: 94. Agent for Connect—Mr. D. Izarr, Chemist,
 Frost Street.
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 Todd's Quinine Wine prepared with genuine quinine
 Todd's Quinine Wine, is strong and fine flavoured
 Todd's Quinine Wine is efficient, safe, and pleasant
 Todd's Quinine Wine for indigestion, loss of app
 titu. &c.
 Todd's Quinine Wine for rhe-doloreux or neuralg

Todd's Quinine Wine for nervousness, giddiness, &
Todd's Quinine Wine for aague, debility and spasms
Todd's Quinine Wine for all stomach derangements
Todd's Quinine Wine, made only by Joe Todd
Carlsle,
Todd's Quinine Wine is protected by Government
stamp.
Groomer the Second being informed that an im-
petent printer was to be punished for having published
a King's suprious speech, replied that he hoped
punishment would be of the mildest sort, because

A NOVEL DISH.—The proprietor of a popular c in the City has added an entirely novel dish to his of fare, judging from his advertisement, and decides suggestive of cannibalism. After calling attention to his choice cigars, wines, and oysters, the advertisement, superimposed on illustrations of various kind

A NUMBER of clergymen were discussing the

actor of a venerable woman whom they esteemed to be wise in her generation, but a young man who was present said it struck him that she showed great lack of wisdom in one respect. 'What is that, pray?' inquired an elderly gentleman.—'Why,' said the young man, 'she always puts out her tubs to catch soft water when it's raining hard.' Silence fell upon the assembly.

on theatre, the manager asked if all the properties were ready. 'Everything I have on my list,' replied the property man, with some hesitation, 'is ready but I have just heard Mr. X. ask about the accessories of the house, and I have not yet heard word about those.'—Let them be got at once and hang the expense! exclaimed the energetic manager.

one of the custom-house officers was proceeding to examine her trunk for contraband goods. "Contraband goods!" exclaimed a bystander. "Who ever heard of contraband goods in the trunk of a tree? Of course, the joke was let up on the Frenchman, but Miss Tree laughed till she cried.

CLEVERLY CAUGHT.—This story is told of Prof. *Sam Jewett*, the translator of Plato, and master of Balliol College, Oxford. A student of Meliander

parcel of ban notes." He told the master of his misfortune, who in turn told him to say nothing about it, took the numbers of the notes, and covered the walls of Oxford with posters proclaiming the lost notes but giving wrong numbers for the notes. The thief felt into the snare, offered one of the notes at a bank, was promptly arrested, and all the notes were recovered. Shrewd Professor Jewett had given the right numbers to the teller.

bridge without toll being taken from them, and a
won: He marshalled his men, and asked the toll-
man, in a nonchalant way, to count them. As soon
as the last man had passed the turnstile, and all were
walking away, he entered into a dispute with the
tollman as to the number that had passed. 'Twenty-
five,' said the tollman. 'I vow it was twenty-seven.'
disputed the other. The dispute lasted until the last
man was out of sight, when the tollman said, 'I

NUMERABLE are the tales of actors in difficult times. A very quaint one is related of Christian Brander, the dramatist, who in his youth belonged to a stringing company, which played pieces of an extremely primitive kind. On one occasion the play was entitled 'Hero and Leander,' the dialogue being left pretty much to the discretion of the players. It had been agreed, however, that Hero was to be seduced and not confess her love for Leander.

and again expressed his readiness to be hanged, burned, and drowned on his behalf. But the lady was soft-hearted and perhaps soft-headed, besides being extremely fond of Brander; n'r could she listen unmoved to the first passionate pleadings of the youth who explained that he had sworn across the Hellespont to see her. 'My dear Leander,' she exclaimed, 'I cannot resist you. Accept my hand and my heart.' Leander knew not what to say.

"**MARTHA**, does thou love me?" asked a Quaker youth of one at whose shrine his heart's holiest feelings had been offered up.—"Why, Seth," answered she, "we are commanded to love one another; are we not?" "Ah, Martha, but does thou regard me with the feeling the world calls love?" "I scarcely know what to tell thee, Seth. I have greatly feared that my heart is an erring one. I have tried to bestow my love on all; but I may have sometimes thought, perhaps, that I loved thee more than any other." "Thou

There, there was getting rather more than they
there.

ourselves to having more sympathy with the noble Lord when he talks of reforming our local institutions and our local self-government. He is quite right in saying that local expenditure and local indebtedness increase every day, and yet nothing is done to simplify

ner strength in the administrative bodies by which that expenditure is administered and increased. The present Government have attempted several times to deal with branches of this subject, but either their measures were considered ill-considered or Parliament was not inclined to deal with the undoubted existing defects of local administration; and we fear that the country must have a new House of Commons, if not a new Government, before anything important is done in this direction. Lord HARTINGTON alludes to reduction of the public expenditure in a general way; but he does not point to any particular class of present expenditure that is extravagant or any particular tax that is specially enormous; he only appeals to the traditions of the Liberals that "has always attempted, and has generally successfully attempted, to reduce the public expenditure." All that we can make definitely out of his Lordship's remarks on this subject is that he is prepared to generally refrain from intervention in Continental affairs and would favour the development of free national states out of Turkey in Europe, by the extent, it would seem, of allowing Eastern Roumelia, Bulgaria, and Servia, and of giving moral support to the large aggrandisement of Greece; but in these matters the Liberal leader naturally criticises his political opponents, instead of setting forth an independent policy of his own. He does not say how to increase him if he came into power a year or two hence.

Local and District News.

Catherine, 29, a child two years old, died at Barnhops on Wednesday morning from scalds accidentally received.

Dr. Wm. H. Young, ex-Tyng, Surgeon, Dentist, street No. 12, from Pleasanton, Cal., was in the city on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, an infatuated wife held at the house of Mr. J. H. Strangely, a young man, who had been married to her.

Harriet, a native of the evidence showed that Harris received a rupture whilst working in the city of San Francisco.

THE HALLMARK ARMY.—A correspondent informed that a capture of the 7th regiment, about forty of the rank and file above Army, saved to a coffee snapper of a small pork and other savoury morsels. Our correspondent adds that the following items were found in the pockets of "different kinds of cheese rolled in cases from one of the table and other, provoking the thirst of the soldiers, and a small bottle of rum and copious libations of sparkling water, placed in tin carryall delectations on the handbills and polished

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AN EARLY FOAL.—Mr. John Fenwick, of the Bute Arms' Inn, Dighton, has a fine colt, foaled on 27th January.

COLLEGEBOY BOARD SCHOOL, DIGTTON.—We understand that under the careful management of Mr. H. Freeth and Miss Hill, the above school is going on highly satisfactorily. Of course, owing to the unprecedented depression of trade, the attendance is not so large as could have been wished.

LONGEVITY.—Recently, four persons were sitting in the kitchen of the "Bate Arms," Dipton, when the conversation turned upon ages, when, after calculating the whole, they amounted to 304 years, being an average of 76 years each, and the whole of the old people look like enjoying many years yet.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT LANCHESTER.—Mr James Dobbert's sweepstakes at pigeons was commenced at Lancaster on Saturday. Results:—*Jan. Stobart*, 6 yards, 1 1 1; R. Little, 30, 1 1 1; J. Errington, 30, 1 1 1; J. Cullerwell, 20, 1 1 1; J. Bollerwell, 20, 1 0; J. Hederson, 18, 0. A good number of spectators were present, and speculation ruled at 2 to 1 on the gun. The shooting will be resumed on Saturday next.

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DEATH OF THE REV. E. H. SHIFFERDIN
The death of the Rev. E. H. Shiffardin, pastor of the
Methodist Episcopal church of this city, occurred at
Shippensburg, J. P., of the Hermitage, Chester-le-
Street, which took place at the family residence on
the 10th inst. at 10 o'clock. He was 62 years of age.
His death has mourned his wife, son, and two daughters
and three sons-in-law, and has left a large family
of orphaned infants and children. His death was
not sudden intervals, and his illness was augmented, a few
months ago, by the sudden death of his brother,
John Shiffardin, a prominent physician of this city.
Mr. Shiffardin was seized with a severe attack of
paralysis, from which, however, he gradually
recovered, but he was unable to walk, and the
weather for the past few weeks acted so
unfavorably on him that he was unable to leave
his room. Mr. Shiffardin was very ill. He died
calmly, but died at last, suddenly, as stated above.
He was a native of Pennsylvania, and was a
severe illness, but he has been carefully attended by
the family medical man, Mr. W. R. Shiel of Ches-
ter-le-Street, and by Dr. J. H. Shiffardin, of this city.
His funeral will be held on Wednesday, the 10th
inst., at 10 o'clock, at the residence of his wife,
Mrs. Henry Pottinger, Bart., son-in-law, and Chap-
lain of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment.
Rev. Shiffardin was well known as a young
evangelical clergyman in Newcastle, where he was
pastor of the Wesleyan church for some years.
Succeeding to the great wealth of the late Mr.
Shiffardin (son of Halifax), he took the name of
Shiffardin, and was a prominent member of the
club in county business, and served upon some
of the most important committees of the
philanthropic character.

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We understand that the amount realized at the concert in aid of the necessitous poor, at Shopley Bridge, last week, was £14. 10s. id.

WAKEFIELD PARK.—On Saturday last a coffee supper was provided by the teachers of the Sabbath-school, which was well patronised by the public. After supper, a public meeting was held, when several of the teachers gave short addresses on the benefits derived from Sunday-schools.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.—The fortnightly entertainment, under the auspices of the members of the above Chapel, was held on Monday evening. There was an excellent programme, which was well arranged and efficiently executed. Mr. A. Lowe presided.

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EXTRAORDINARY RUN WITH THE BEARS OF
DICKINSON'S Belle Vue House, Sholtey Bridge, on
Wednesday morning, when the following gentlemen
were present: Messrs. J. W. Davidson, J. W. Brown,
Keamey, Reay, The Ford, Lancaster, Mr. McIntyre,
Messrs. W. D. McIntyre, J. W. Brown, Mr. Geo. Brown,
Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. R. Davidson, Mr. W. Croston,
Mr. W. D. McIntyre, Mr. J. W. Brown, Mr. J. W. Brown,
Siddie, Mr. Geo. Christopher, Mr. Parker, Mr. J. W. Brown,
After partaking of the hospitality of Mr. Dickinson,
the party proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
on foot the previous evening. Reay, where, as
before, the party were met by Mr. J. W. Brown,
Allansford, and worked up the Sney, where, when
one o'clock, the welcome tallow was heard. The
party then proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
being housed, he crossed the lake and went on past
the house of Mr. J. W. Brown, where he was met by
Mr. J. W. Brown. He crossed the Derwent a little above Mr.
Torn's residence, and in going up the south side
of the lake, he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who
caused him to turn down to Whanley Burn. He
then crossed the West Auckland tumpike, and
proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown, where
he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
told Mr. Davidson's (Four-Lane-Eeds) and
Todd Hills, and up the Crag Pass. At Hoston
Hill, he crossed the Stockton and Darlington Railway,
and proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
pointed in the direction of Lyster Dene Farm,
where he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
then changing his horse, and proceeding through China plantation, as
before, and by the time he reached Batfield Farm,
he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
concealed, and by the time he reached Batfield Farm,
he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
he evidently began to think of home, for he
was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
Bate's plantations, thence to Lindebar, where
he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
then proceeding to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
past Horsepole, and down to Horsepole Burn,
intending, no doubt, to seek shelter in the Sney
at the house of Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
hence, he went up the Hyhope and made for the
Fell. He then proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
where he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
the Sney at Calf Hill, but found the first
one, and the men at the holes. Being once
in the Sney, he proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
the direction of Hiesleyfield, and, crossing the
way again, he proceeded to the house of Mr. J. W. Brown,
where he was met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
the direction of the bounds had to be whipped
over to darkness. The scent was very catchy, and
the party were met by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
serving the reputation they have already earned.
Though the bounds were not given, the run was
not given the same amount of run such as the
run on Wednesday. Another in the run was
given by Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
Keamey, Eay, The Ford, and Mr. Geo. Brown,
Consett, the last-named gentleman, who was
the last-named gentleman, who was
Siddie (Dillon), who was always with his hounds
at the house of Mr. J. W. Brown, who was
this season. Time—Four hours and-half.

CONSBTT Y M C A CRICKET CLUB

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collected in a short period of time. Sixty yards square in the centre of the field was at once excavated, drained, levelled, and returned, under the superintendence of Mr. Kidd, and to the satisfaction of the committee. A wooden house was erected on the field, for the convenience of the cricketers and visitors. A large roller, water pipes, hose pipe, chain and posts, &c., were purchased, so that the Y.M.C.A. can now boast of having

Nine foreign matches were played during the year, in seven of which the Y.M.C.A. were victorious, saying a great deal for the high state of efficiency to which the Captain (Mr. Dixon) had brought the representative team. Appended is a list of the average score made by each player at the different matches :—

	Faculty	Total Points	Average
Mr. C. Davidson	9	19	2.11
Mr. E. Harris	9	14	1.55
Mr. J. H. Hays	5	10	2.00
B. Smith	5	20	6
J. Kidd	6	10	1.67
Mr. C. H. Benson	4	11	2.75
Mr. J. T. Acknowledge	6	31	7.15
W. W. Koenig	4	7	1.75
Dr. Reed	4	8	2.00
Mr. J. Oliver	4	23	5.75
Mr. J. H. Hays	4	10	2.50
T. Brown	6	57	9.50
B. Thompson	3	6	2
M. C. Benson	3	10	3.33
H. Feggen	3	6	1.66
T. W. Weisford	4	26	6.50
W. C. Benson	3	10	3.33
J. Power	3	7	2.33

The highest scorer of the season being Mr. Brnars, a pair of new cricket bats was awarded him by the committee, in recognition of the fact that he had been the best handfoul in the willow in the different games.

The Treasurer, in raising to read his report, remarked that what he had to lay before the meeting was a very simple one, and that he did not know what they had just heard from the Secretary. He had chiefly to deal with figures, which were in fact, the result of the Treasurer's calculations. But, doubtless so, when the balance happened to be on the wrong side of the ledger. He was glad to say, however, that the financial position of the Club was not so bad as it might have been. The income for the year, from all sources, was a little over £104, and the expenditure, which was very heavy, amounted to £100. The balance, therefore, amounted to a little over £110, leaving a deficit of about £6, which, however, was partly secured by a few members' subscriptions still outstanding.

The election of office-bearers then took place. W. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., of Consett Hall, was unanimously re-elected president for the present year; Dr. George Renton captain; Mr. T. L. Gledston treasurer; and Messrs. S. Templeton, Thomas Swainston, C. Davison, W. Beers, J. T. Routledge, T. W. Welford, jun., W. Dickinson, R. Surtees, and Dr. Reed. The office of vice-captain for the season is still vacant.

The committee, who have been intended giving a concert, will next month, for the purpose of clearing off the small deficit which stands in the club's books: the artists are to be parcels of local celebrity, and when such names as Dr. George Renton, Mr. J. Inglis, and Charles Stephenson (the pianist) are in the programme, as mentioned, a rich and enjoyable treat may be expected. This ended the business of the meeting.

HINTS TO YOUNG MEN WHO ASPIRE TO OCCUPY THE PURSUIT

THE MANNER OF DOING THE WORK.

(By Nondescript.)

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—Nature's author—with less preparedness than an ordinary tourist?

It is a view of the journey of life to which the attention is directed. It is the hallowing atmosphere of tranquility, the sun of righteousness, the beautiful flowers of love, of the fragrance of praise and thanksgiving, of the fragrance of waves of truth, of courage, fortitude, and resignation that all life's travellers are invited to enjoy and to drink to fulness of all that is lovely, joyful and good. In such a frame of mind, in the midst of such surroundings, let us reason together, and consider the manner in which the preacher should do his work. It should be done in the best way possible. This implies natural adaptability, culture, training, experience. Without these no preacher can do his duty efficiently; and without these little without compensated by

and strong, never-dying love of God, as earnest sires to know His will, and to obey Him; soul-stirring sympathy for sinners, and an innate, prompting effort to save them from ruin. Here we get glimpse of what constitutes the qualification of preacher. But a mere general and circumscribed view is not enough. The observer should stand at a high point on the lofty mountain of thought and sweep his eye over the entire range within

Every person, who has given a passing thought to the subject of judicial appointments, will agree to the conclusion that certain standard qualifications are absolutely necessary for the office, and that differences in regard thereto is degree; and that it is a crime against the public interest to allow unqualified persons to sit upon the bench, and to form correct conclusions on what they observe, and from the stand-point of observations.

It may be laid down as a rule that the standards cannot be raised too high, as the ultimate object which to aim. But the order of development progressive. Therefore, we are obliged to content ourselves with a few simple standards, which are concise, and thus, nothing less, is what subject demands. But here, as plain as the air is, and as desirable as it is to have the standards set at a sufficiently high level, so that no one can easily present itself. It is thus—Who are to judge of what is a really suitable qualification? If comparatively illiterate persons, who are governed in their choice more by their likes and dislikes

by knowledge, experience, and comprehensive views of understanding, are set up as judges of fitness for the pulpit, then the result cannot possibly be satisfactory. As well might "Joe," the Shotley Ridge Swamp, be appointed to a professorship in University. The thing is preposterous. Nevertheless, if we were to investigate the constitution of some boards, meetings, or vestries, whose prospective it is to select and recommend candidates for the local ministry, we should find a majority of the members utterly unfit for the post. This state of things should be remedied forthwith, or that which is complained of, viz., unequalled persons being appointed to preach, will continue to the detriment of the church's intellectual, moral, and religious progress. But I am digressing.

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CULTURE How much of this is necessary? Certainly not less than what is required of schoolmasters and as much more as can be acquired. If a certain amount of education is necessary to enable a man to train the infant mind to fit it for performing ordinary duties of life, common-sense declares that as much, *yes, more*, is necessary to fit a person to perform the duties of a Christian, and to fit him for eternity. But how, I may be asked, can the class from which local preachers are chiefly taken acquire such a high degree of education? The answer is, that they must be extremely diligent. Still nothing less than a bachelors degree is necessary. It is not necessary that he be a minister at Mark. I do not say no person should preach who is not thus qualified by learning, for he will be a poor preacher who is not thus qualified. But he may do, and take the best advantage we can get to do the work, just as *an employer* is sometimes obliged to engage an unskilled workman. But as it is usually the case that a man who is not thus qualified is a trades or a profession, so it is desirable that a candidate for the ministry should go through a proper course of training to learn the duties of a Christian minister.

It is not absolutely requisite for a local preacher to be versed in arithmetic, geography, and mathematics, nor, perhaps, history; but he should be ignorant of those branches of learning. As a minister, he should be acquainted with himself; and with those whom he ministers were he to know them; and also several departments of science. However, he should know his mother tongue, and be able to express himself in plain and simple language. He should be a grammar scholar, and would not give a youthful aspirant the least hope of his being accepted as a candidate till he was capable of speaking and writing with propriety; and I would not receive him as a candidate till he was able to acquire this indispensable art to put forth all other talents to learn it, and to set about it at once, for without this acquisition they will never be sure of saying what they intend, and will be liable to many errors and mistakes in their efforts in those who hear them.

Peterhead, Feb. 11th, 1879.

P.S.—A few misprints appear in my last epitome of hints.—For "turbid stream" read "turbid stream." For "awile" read "awhile." For "quoted," read "noted." There are one or two typos, but, as they do not interfere with the sense, they may be passed over.

AN ISLAND OF FOWLERS.
The boys of St. Kilda are famous for its fowling—brought up to scramble about the cliffs of that island from infancy, and they are regularly entered to the fowler's trade about the age of thirteen or fourteen. There is a famous pointed rock called Stack Lirion rising sheer out of the ocean, which is "the cruelest test of their proficiency." There is no use in a boy there; and it can be scolded only by a fowler. A boy ascending the precipitous cliffs of St. Kilda, itself a rock, is a man generally known together, so that when one gains firm footing on a ledge he can lend a helping hand to his companion.

USEFUL TALENTS.

To be a good business man you must be prepared to see some talent. Business is essentially for a man of genius, and to earn a livelihood the best way to sharpen his wits is to handle business affairs often better opportunities are found than the so-called professions. Therefore our men should be thoroughly and practically trained in business, in order that they may succeed and be able to sell the things they may adopt. At the same time they should be educated not to despise labor; for, after all, it is only by hard work we achieve any success worthy of the name.

BIRTH.

DURHAM.—At Flass Hall, on the 12th inst., the wife of Edward Leadbitter Smith, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WOLSEINGHAM.—At the Register Office, on the 8th inst.
Mr. Robert Ramsbottom to Miss Frances A.
Coates, both of Tow Law.
On the 12th inst., Mr. Jos. Dorrai to Miss Eliza
Kay, both of Redgate.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—At Consett Terrace, on the 9th inst., Mrs. Roberts.

BLACKHILL—At Turnout Row, on the 8th inst.,
35, Mrs. Jane Urwin, late of Hexham.
At the Library, on the 11th inst., aged 54, Ge-
Prendlock.
At Baxton Burn, on the 2nd inst., aged 3 years 4
months, Catherine Wall.
DURHAM—At Gilegate, on the 5th inst., aged
Margaret McGreor.
At Mowbray Street, on the 9th inst., aged 33, J.
Begg.
At North Road, on the 11th inst., aged 65,
Merchant.
At Gilegate, on the 9th inst., aged 8 months, 1
Elizabeth Atkinson.

