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FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 1882.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH NOTE.

THE recent joint despatch to Egypt from the Western Powers must have come as a boon and a blessing to the bondholder. Not that the pecuniary position of that country had of late given rise to much anxiety, for all through the varying policy of the past few years there as been a feeling of security and satisfaction in the minds of lenders, because it was believed that, happen what might, Egypt was sure to fall into the hands of a Power which would take good care of the Exchequer and of the interests of foreign creditors. At the same time, there is no disguising the fact that for a few months past matters have worn rather an ugly aspect. There were rumours to the effect that Egypt was to be made an European question. Prince BISMARCK had indicated more than a willingness to have a finger in the pie; Austria had given it to be understood that she was not altogether uninterested; and even Russia—though only perhaps, through her press—had endeavoured to establish a claim to collective superintendence. The narrowing of the question to the control of England and France, therefore, simplifies the position, and must increase considerably the confidence of all who have interests at stake. One naturally wants to know why other Powers should dream for a moment of concerning themselves with Egyptian affairs. To Englishmen it is strange that even France should do so. We are the only people who have direct and undoubted interests at stake; and in saying this we are not forgetting that, like ourselves, the French are considerable bondholders. If the money advanced were the sole secret of the case, we should consider ourselves as possessing less than secondary claims. Egypt to us, however, is a means to an end. It is in reality the right of way to one of the chief portions of our dominions, and as such will ever be jealously guarded and effectually maintained. It may be presumed that the action we have thought fit to take in conjunction with France will bar everything like interference on the part of other Governments. The terms of the Note are not ambiguous. The two Powers placed the Khedive on the throne, and it is their intention to keep him there. But their object extends further than this. They will endeavour "to prevent all causes of complications, both exterior and interior," and if this does not mean "Hands off!" to other Powers, there is little significance in words. But what will the Sultan say? In name, if not in reality, he is the sovereign lord over Egypt, and he was not slow to assert his right on the occasion of the recent *emeute* by ending Commissioners to Cairo. Backed up as he may be, however, by either Germany or Austria, he will discover that his power is extremely little. When by firmness his predecessors sanctioned a separate government, independence was virtually conceded. The joint action of the Western Powers is well timed. It happens at a moment when Austria had increased very much her ascendency at Constantinople, and Germany had ingratiated herself very effectually with the Sultan. This putting the foot down upon exterior diplomacy will be beneficial not only to Egypt but to England and France, whose union was beginning to be deemed mythical for any purpose—whether in politics or trade.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

To find the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Manning on the same platform, with Lord Shaftesbury, and Exeter Hall looking on to bless the alliance, would almost lead us to think that the Millennium had come. It is another instance of that wonderful saying that there is a soul of goodness in things evil; not in the things themselves, but, as the Fifth Harry points out on the eve of Agincourt, in the effort which we make to overcome it. But for this brutal outbreak of Russian barbarism we should have never known how deep our agreements move.

Jew-baiting in Russia is bad enough; but Christian-baiting in this country is far worse, and at present it appears to be practised with impunity in certain quarters. Sheffield has its blades, as Nottingham has its lambs, and they have acted as roughs are only too ready to do if the police only give them a chance! The Salvation Army have been set upon, and one of their "Lieutenants" so bruised that he is in the hospital in danger of his life. We shall have to look at home, and before we denounce the enormities of Russian peasants we shall have to put some check on the playful ways of our roughs in Sheffield and elsewhere.

It is an unusual way to announce a Bishopric as offered to such and such a divine and then to disown his qualifications for the post before there is any real foundation for the rumour. It was in this way, it is said, that the late Canon Miller was balked of a bishopric more than once. Mr. Wilkinson, of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, has been announced as the Bishop of Newcastle. He is in many respects admirably qualified for the post, and we should not be surprised if it has been offered to him and that he has accepted it. He nearly was appointed to Lichfield, and probably now has the refusal of Newcastle.

Wonders never cease, we may say, when, as the last symptom of our ecclesiastical revival of late years, a miracle play has been acted in Worcestershire. It has been got up by a country clergyman who had been to see the Passion Play in the Bavarian Alps, and who, taking a leaf out of Joseph Meyer's note-book, has reproduced a cast of his own, which is creditably performed. What is stranger still, the correspondent of the *Guardian* has been to see and returns with a warm approval of it! What next?

The treatment of Johnson and Clowes, the two lately-liberated convicts who after suffering unjustly two years of the most rigorous form of imprisonment have received their freedom, has justly excited a good deal of critical notice through the Press. Indeed, to discharge two men who although innocent have yet suffered so cruel a degradation with no further pecuniary compensation than the trivial sum of six pounds does appear a very extraordinary proceeding; for though no sum of money, however large, can mend the wrong done unwittingly to two guileless men for a time during which sorrow has done much to undermine their health, yet we should have thought that before this the generous and philanthropic would have opened a subscription list on their behalf, headed by the judge and jury who condemned them, who, although they doubtless acted to the best of their lights, yet must surely have felt very strongly on hearing of the confession which places the innocence of Johnson and Clowes beyond doubt, and renders their story so sentimental in its character that we are forcibly reminded of the fact that truth is indeed far stronger than fiction.

One of the leading Parisian journals tells a graceful little story of the presentation of a venerable gentleman of 96 to Monsieur Grévy at the Presidential reception on New Year's Day, who offered as his *etrenne* a secret of a kind that cannot fail to be as interesting to each one of us as to the President himself. M. Chevrene, in point of fact, gave the recipe for becoming a centenarian, and said that he attributed his having attained so ripe and healthy an old age entirely to the fact of his never having tasted a single drop of wine in the whole course of his existence. There are, we fear, very few Englishmen who could try this experiment; but it may be useful to the next generation. This little story ought to run the gauntlet of our Temperance newspapers, as it is surely an excellent proof of the truth of the assertion that alcohol is not necessary to man, as some, even medical authorities, still insist. We wonder if the worthy M. Chevrene is a patron of Zoedone, Hezodene, Rubine, etc., as, if so, he would surely be a useful advertisement, and might turn an honest penny by the sale of his autograph to some such companies.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The Mansion House Fund is not progressing well. As was said at its commencement, unless it is a great success it will be a great failure. Unless half a million is raised it is no use at all. The partizan tone which was given to the movement is not the only thing which has damaged it. Even staunch Conservatives in the City say, "Why should I subscribe to help people to recover their debts? The landlords gave me none of their rents when they got them; why should I give them anything now, when they can't get them?" This is selfish perhaps; but it is "commercial." Another thing against the movement is the comparative unpopularity of the Lord Mayor: there is nothing serious against him; but he gives the impression of bumptiousness and self-importance, and he is an intolerably long and prosy speaker. His dull orations are enough to ruin any cause, however good.

The "Special Commissioner" of the *Standard*, as he was called at first; the "Special Correspondent" of the *Standard*, as he was afterwards called, in deference perhaps to the Land Commission, has returned to London, and may be seen in the neighbourhood of Fleet Street or the Temple. The public will miss his admirable letters, which have done more than anything else to keep a just idea of the situation before London readers. Unhappily, Mr Cant-Wall does not return from the political deluge, like the dove into the ark, with the olive branch to tell that the waters are assuaged.

Sir Richard Malins, who has only recently retired from the Vice-Chancellorship, lies dead. Like the late Lord Justice Lush, he was a man of strong domestic affections, and as the death of Lady Lush was a blow from which Sir Robert never recovered, so the death of Lady Malins a few months ago has no doubt had the effect of accelerating the progress of fatal disease in the case of Sir Richard.

There is some amusement caused by Mr Justice Chitty going Circuit. With all his long experience at the Bar, he has seen little—almost nothing—of Nisi Prius work. Until the last few years he has rarely had the task of examining or cross-examining a witness, and Chancery counsel are still clumsy at the work when under the new procedure it falls to their lot. It has been remarked as an anomalous thing that, whilst Mr Justice Chitty is sent on Assize work for which his experience as an Equity barrister certainly does not particularly well qualify him, Mr Justice Manisty, formerly at the Common-law Bar, and now a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division, should be presiding temporarily over Mr Justice Chitty's Court in the Rolls. But it must be remembered that Mr Justice Manisty was celebrated before his elevation to the Bench for the extraordinary degree in which he united a knowledge of Equity with that of Common law. In those days such combined knowledge was of so rare a character that in cases of a peculiar nature there was not uncommonly an actual race of rival solicitors in handsome cabs to obtain his services.

Frost brings its benefits to others besides skaters. It is true that it turns thousands of improvident British workmen out of employment for a time, and that the old and infirm are apt to succumb suddenly to its influence. On the other hand, the proverb about the Green Yule in connection with the Churchyard is scouted by statisticians, and we are told that mild weather always brings down the death rate. I cannot help thinking that one important point is lost sight of—viz., the buoyancy of spirits which is produced, in most temperaments, by a good hard frost, which seems to destroy dull care as it destroys insects. In the absence of frost the winter months are intolerably depressing, especially, perhaps, in London—at any rate to those persons who do not go to theatres or dances or tea parties, but are thrown upon their own resources for amusement. It is a fact not without its significance that the number of suicides during the past month has been largely in excess of that ever known before at this season of the year. The coroners are overwhelmed with work, and bodies have to be kept much longer than they ought to be before interment. A good sharp frost would have cleared away from many a mind the mist which magnified difficulty into desperation.

In France the Government knows how to deal with the Railway Companies. It has told them that they will have to pay higher duties if they do not decrease their fares. Now, if Mr. Chamberlain would only adopt similar tactics with regard to our Railway Companies, he would do more to deserve the thanks of his party and the nation than by indulging in silly school-boys generalizations about the "stupid party."

Exeter Hall is not to be devoted exclusive by its religious meetings. The Young Men's Christian Association have come to recognize the advantage of "spoiling the Egyptians" by obtaining payments for the use of the room for purely secular meetings. In letting the great hall, indeed, they have displayed considerable freedom from prejudice. The Y.M.C.A. is chiefly dissenting, and therefore chiefly Liberal; but on the last day of this month Mr. W. H. Smith is to have the Hall for the purpose of addressing his Westminster constituents.

Mr. Oscar Wilde did not find the Atlantic interesting. Was there ever an æsthete, or, indeed, an athlete, for the matter of that, who found it interesting to be cabined, cribbed, confined below in an Atlantic gale? But now Mr. Oscar Wilde has landed I hope he will find the American people interesting. The poet of the lily has languidly consented to educate the Upper Ten of New York in the gospel of Beauty. He has been to see "Patience" on the American boards, and has begun his lecturing tour. The only fear is that America may take him for a representative man of letters at home—a mistake we should not easily forgive.

The English journals as a rule keep themselves to journalism. Their proprietorship is for the most part kept in the back-ground. Newspapers do not here, as in America, found institutions and organize expeditions. Beyond their own particular sphere of work they do not bring the corporate personality so prominently before the eyes of the public. It is therefore seldom that one hears of an act of generosity and kindliness such as that which was performed in a quiet and ostentatious manner the other day by the proprietors of the *Illustrated London News*, who hired the *Covent Garden Theatre* for a special day performance, and gave a magnificent treat to about 5,000 little urchins picked up almost promiscuously from the streets. The amazement of the children may be guessed at receiving so unexpected a pleasure; and no doubt the happiness which was occasioned was out of all proportion to the costs entailed.

The *Charity Record* is about to publish a series of papers upon "Royalty and Charity," showing the number and character of charitable associations with which the different members of the Royal Family are connected. It will be a long and impressive list, no doubt; but the Prince of Wales assenting, as he has done, to the publication of these articles, has lost sight of the precept about the right hand's and the left hand's mutual ignorance of each other's charitable proceedings.

QUEBEC AND LANCHESTER COURSING MEETING.

Judge, Mr Goldsborough; slipper, Tom Deighton

The second day's coursing, which has been granted to the members of the above club over the Ushaw estate, was held on Wednesday, and although a hard frost and a dense fog delayed the proceedings at first, the meeting on the whole was a most pleasant and successful affair. There was a large gathering of people, and although courses came somewhat slowly at first, the business improved as the day progressed, and but for the undecideds at the close of the running for the top stake, both items on the card would have been run off. The Quebec Cup was divided between Miss Annie and Patley. The former, had the decider been run off, would have had long odds laid on her, as much as from the merit she had shown as from the fact that Patley had received a gruelling in the previous round with Birtley. Miss Annie, who it will be remembered has distinguished herself at some of the meetings of the Darlington Club and at the Willington (Branepeth) Meeting, is trained by Robert Pinckney, of Tudhoe Grange, who sent her very fit to the slips. She goes a good pace, and is a rare sticker at close quarters. Patley is also a resolute worker, as most of the Border Lad produce are, but he is a little deficient in pace, and is apt to be put out with a weak hare before he gets to his working. Of the remainder Miss Pickle was put out in a somewhat unlucky course, in which her opponent led up and picked up the hare, and a similar fate befel Mystery, whilst both Bonny Breast, Riot, and Miss Bowstring showed improved form on what they have displayed this season. Nothing went so well of the remainder as Birtley. After he had performed in good style, however, he was run to a standstill before he was picked up in the "no go" with Patley (who was got up at once), and he could scarcely raise a gallop when slipped again. In the bottom stake Dick the Devil performed best of the lot, and his form made many regret the loss of his sire, Callin O'Glen, who was "put down" just as his puppies were showing good form. Diamond Jack, a younger brother to Free Flag, is a somewhat backward puppy, who requires a lot of time to show his best abilities. Mr Gouldsborough never judged better in his life than to-day. The arrangements were most excellent throughout, and the meeting was most successful. Details:—

QUEBEC GOLD CUP, for 12 all-aged greyhounds, at £3 10s each. Winner, £20; second, £9; two dogs, £3 10s each.

I.

Mr G. Burton's r d Birtley beat Mr T. Weaver's r w b Merry Bells

Mr G. Thornton's w r b p Bonny Breast Knot beat Mr J. Errington's f w d Mystery

Mr W. Bland's bk w d Patley beat Mr G. Greenwell's w be b Miss Pickle

Mr J. Cockerell na bd w d British Freeman beat Mr E. Messenger's bk w b Our Nellie

Mr J. Hall na r w b Miss Annie beat Mr J. Shield's r or f d Willow Tree

Mr J. Marley's bd w b Miss Bowstring beat Mr W. Furness's w d Morning Star

Mr T. Heads na r d Shak'em, a bye

II.

Birtley beat Bonny Breast Knot — Patley beat British Freeman (1)

Miss Annie beat Shak'em — Miss Bowstring, a bye

III.

Patley beat Birtley (2) — Miss Annie beat Miss Bowstring

IV.

Stakes divided.

HILL TOP STAKES, for seven puppies, at £3 10s each. Winner, £13; second, £5 10s.

I.

Mr Wm. Bland na r d Dick the Devil beat Mr John Hodgson's r or f d Freeman II

Mr M. Daglish's bk w d Bruce beat Mr R. Pallister na bk w d Wee Laddie

Mr G. Thornton na be w d Delhi beat Mr J. Murray's r w b Minnie

Mr John Marley's bk w d Diamond Jack.

II.

Dick the Devil beat Bruce — Diamond Jack beat Delhi

III.

Stakes divided.

MATCH for two sovs.

Mr James Gray's bk d Listopper (late Swallow), by Victor—Miss Nancy, beat Mr John Marley's bk w d Diamond Jack, by Freeman—British Fly, and won.

MATCH for four sovs.

Mr Joseph Shield's r or f d Willow Tree, by Messenger—Beeswing, beat Mr James Marley's bd w b Miss Bowstring—Bonny Bee, and won.

TREAT TO THE AGED POOR AT CATCHGATE.

Last Saturday afternoon a free tea was given in the Board Schools at Catchgate, to a number of widows and aged persons living in Catchgate, Annfield Plain, and surrounding neighbourhood. The repast was provided through the instrumentality of a committee of gentlemen, consisting of Messrs Reay, Orr, Collinson, Bell, and Wilkinson, who solicited funds on behalf of this object some time ago, and their appeal was generously responded to by the tradespeople and working men of the vicinity. About 120 persons sat down to the tea, all of whom seemed fully to appreciate the commendable motives which impelled the gentlemen before-named to institute such a social gathering, which is the first of the kind held in this district. The tables were presided over by Mrs Cransome, Mrs Reay, Mrs McPherson, Mrs Southern, and Mrs Forster.

A public meeting was subsequently held, when the building was well filled. Mr Philip Reay was called upon to preside, and was supported on the platform by the Rev Vetranio Tyas, of Annfield Plain (Wesleyan), Rev H. Phillipson, of White-le-Head (Primitive Methodist), and Mr John Orr. After opening the proceedings with praise and prayer,

The CHAIRMAN said he was very pleased to be able to come forward and help in any shape in that good work. The very idea was enough to satisfy his mind that it was a step in the right direction. (Hear, hear). He supposed that most of them present that night would have partaken of the cup that cheers and strengthens but does not inebriate, which had been provided in order that the widows and infirm people in the district might be brought together and enjoy a social afternoon and evening. It was a very pleasing sight to witness that gathering, to look upon those bright and cheerful faces. They were assembled there for the purpose of receiving good temporally and spiritually. In the past some of them must have encountered many trying struggles, yet through all the journey of life they had been well cared for and looked after: perhaps saved from utter ruin. Let them live in the future to love and serve God; to do His will with all their heart, and He would bless them to all eternity. (Applause). The Chairman then called upon

MR T. COLLINSON, who observed that this was the first gathering of the kind ever held in the district, but he hoped it would not be the last. (Hear, hear). As far as he was concerned that was only the commencement of a series of good things which were to follow in due course. He trusted the good work instituted that day would be continued as long as there were men and women in the district willing to carry it on. If they wanted the people to understand that they respected them, let them show some tangible proof of it. It was certainly a great blessing to have people in the neighbourhood who thoroughly sympathised with the poor as they had. In conclusion the speaker asked if any one had any suggestions to offer with regard to the gathering, if so it would be taken into consideration another year, as he himself and several others were in favour of making it an annual affair. (Hear, hear).

MR ROBERT GRAY (Oxhill), followed with a suitable address. He said that the greatest aim of this life should be to make the elderly people comfortable and happy. They would be old themselves some day and might require help of a similar nature. The good people at Catchgate were literally fulfilling the Gospel commands in starting this work—"Go ye out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." In their life's history they must have experienced many sad changes. When they entered the matrimonial state and did their best to bring their children up to manhood and womanhood it was very hard to have them carried off by the cold icy hand of death. Others may have gone away like the prodigal son into a far country, or perchance are sailing on the high seas. They were glad to find they had persons in England who were ever willing to lend a helping hand in the dark moments of life's history, and who endeavoured to help and sustain them in their troubles and prevail upon them to look up to the land of sunshine, where all is peace and happiness.

MR JOHN ORR (Annfield Plain), was particularly glad to meet with his old friends at that entertainment. When the project was first mentioned to him he had not the least hesitation in saying that it would prove satisfactory in every way (hear, hear), and the liberal manner in which the public in general had responded to the appeals quite exceeded their expectations. There was nothing which had afforded him greater pleasure than to have had his tea that day with the old men and women. He often thought that in this world of ours there was very little practical Christianity in it. He did not see anybody accomplishing anything very remarkable, and there was one individual (himself) who was doing very little in that respect. (Laughter). If there was any point on which their undertaking had not been a success, it was from want of knowledge on their part; but there was one thing in which they had not failed—in sending out invitations they had considered neither class nor creed. Perhaps another year the scheme might be taken up on a much wider scale. There was one fact however which struck him forcibly—that those persons who had been at the pains to inaugurate that movement might not be present to get up another; but still the influence of that meeting would not be lost upon those present, whoever might live to bring about the same thing next year. He thought they could not be engaged in a more noble work than assisting those who really needed help. In giving that sympathy they were only doing their duty as members of a Christian community. The days of cold sympathy—"It's a unco' pity; but a' canna help"—were he trusted, past and gone and would never be seen more in Annfield Plain. Old people must die, and young folks *may* die; therefore he thought they might all leave some "footprints in the sands of time," however small, so that when they were dead and gone they would be missed by someone at least which would testify that they have lived to some purpose. (Hear, hear).

The REV H. PHILLIPSON said there were two classes in society for whom he had the greatest sympathy, viz:—the young and the old. It became their duty as men occupying certain positions in life to attend to the young, that they might guide them clear of some of the troubles which beset them, and through which many of the elder people had already passed. There were some persons who talked about the poor in a very offensive way. There was no crime in being poor, if it was the result of circumstances over which they had no control. Some of our most eminent men had risen from the lower ranks. The greatest character that ever lived and breathed upon earth was but a poor child. That gathering might be the means of leading many of them to a higher and nobler life in the future. Let them take a survey of their past lives: some of them would perhaps be able to look back upon sunnier days, but with by far the greater number it would be otherwise. The time of life to many of them was very far advanced, and it behove them to use the short period allotted to them to the best advantage. They should remember that the past is irrecoverable. There was no condition in life which called for their utmost respect more than old age, and they were all hoping for that day when they should not be known as Primitive Methodists, or Churchmen, or Wesleyans, or any other "ism," but be united as one family in heaven and earth. (Applause).

The REV VETRANIO TYAS was the last speaker. In the course of his remarks he said an assemblage like that was a recognised institution in England. He had attended similar gatherings in an adjacent county, but he would tell them that the present one lacked an important and distinguishing feature, as in Yorkshire they provided the old folks with a pint of ale and a comfortable smoke. (Applause). He was not sure whether some of the brethren present would consider this suggestion an improvement or *vice versa*. He believed the people in other thriving villages would follow the example set before them that day, and institute gatherings of a similar nature throughout the whole neighbourhood. The rev gentleman concluded by referring to the appropriateness of the time selected for holding the meeting—towards the ending of the day and of the week.

Mr ORR proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and speakers for their assistance that evening.

Mr COLLINSON, in seconding, promised that the suggestion thrown out by Mr Tyas would be acted upon on future occasions.

This resolution was carried unanimously.

Similar votes were accorded to the committee, waiters, and school managers, after which the proceedings closed with the benediction.

A packet, containing half-pound of tea and two pounds of sugar, was presented as they left the room to each person who had been invited to the tea.

Hymns were sung at intervals by a local choir.

LECTURE AT BLACKHILL.

On Thursday se'nnight the Rev. D. T. Young, of Headingley College, delivered his popular lecture on "John Hunt, the plough boy who became a missionary," in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill. Alderman Hindmarsh, J.P., Ex-Mayor of Gateshead, presided. There was a large and appreciative audience, the gallery especially being comfortably filled.

Mr NOBLE offered up a very appropriate prayer, and a hymn having been sung,

The Chairman said that he was not going to make a speech on that occasion, having to leave by the train, and as the time at the disposal of the lecturer was very limited, he would not detain them by many observations. He was much pleased and delighted to to learn that united evangelistic services were being conducted in the neighbourhood. He was glad that the Church of England was taking part in these services and showing herself to be a living power in the world. These meetings held day by day were a sure sign of progress. They had also in the district a corps of the Salvation Army—a people who were doing a good work. His attention had been drawn to a letter which appeared in a previous issue of the *Consett Guardian*, from which it appeared that the Salvation Army were disturbing other congregations of worshippers. He trusted that such was not the case: they had done a noble work in Gateshead, and many had been born again through their instrumentality. (Applause.) He then called upon

MR YOUNG to give his lecture. The lecturer, who on rising received quite an ovation, referred at the outset to men who had risen; some of them from very humble positions in society, to occupy niches in the gallery of fame. Some had become famous in connection with astronomy, whilst others had chosen other branches of science and art; and it was a noteworthy fact that not a few of those "heroes in the strife" had devoted their time and talents to the noblest of all pursuits—the dissemination of beams from the Sun of Righteousness. Of the zeal displayed by those men the members of the true Church had no need to be ashamed. They might have been, and indeed many of them were poor men, but they were rich in faith, and shook the world by spiritual power. Of the men who had laboured in connection with Methodism the subject of his sketch occupied no inconsiderable place. It was true that John Hunt did not enjoy a long life, but it was a life singularly well spent. His labours among the natives of the island of Fiji would not be soon forgotten. Born in Lincolnshire in 1812, John Hunt's school days were of but short duration. His father being a farm bailiff the youth by the time he had reached his tenth year was engaged in driving a manure cart as well as other work on the farm. There was nothing remarkable about his boyhood, and it was not until he had attained his sixteenth year that his mind became impressed with spiritual things. About that time he was induced through the influence of a humble friend to attend a gospel meeting convened by a body of fervent worshippers whom the world styled "Ranters." From this time until the date of his conversion his mind was filled with unrest. The zeal, even enthusiasm, of those people in the early history of Methodism exercised a powerful influence on the mind of John Hunt, and drawn to them by their warm love and warm hearts he eventually saw light clearly, and joined with them in their impassioned, though perhaps homely ejaculations, "Lord send more power; Amen." John Hunt's religion did not retard him in any way from fulfilling his duties to his employer. It was true there was one solitary instance on record which did not quite harmonize with this phase of Hunt's character. On one occasion his master gave him instructions to proceed to Newark market. Bringing his horses from the stable the ploughboy yoked the animals to the wagon and immediately started for the town with the empty vehicle! Persevering in the narrow way John Hunt subsequently associated himself with a Methodist Society, and soon became distinguished by his zeal and faithfulness. Latterly his name appeared on the plan as a local preacher, but his *debut* in that capacity was not very promising; indeed, he broke down while delivering his first sermon. The incidents in connection with this event were highly amusing, and the youthful preacher felt it keenly, but he was speedily brought to the front again, and in 1835 he was sent to the Hoxton Theological Institute. Although by no means remarkable for his learning, Mr Hunt nevertheless became highly popular with the congregations among whom he laboured; his unassuming demeanour and simplicity of manners endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The proposal made to him to go out as a missionary to the island of Fiji he hailed with delight; it was the realisation of a dream which he had long cherished, and although he did not give his consent when the subject was first mentioned to him, that was due to the fact that there was a certain lady friend he was wishful to consult on the matter. John Hunt's ambition did not soar to the full stature of a missionary; he would have been content to teach a Sunday school or to instruct the native population in any way, so humble and unpretentious was he. After marrying the lady referred to, Mr Hunt and his young wife left England for the island of Fiji, where he laboured with singular success until his health gave way. Mr Hunt was changed from one station to another, and finally to a different island in the group; but to no purpose. The change did not produce the desired effect. Besides the irreparable loss of health another affliction befell the faithful missionary—his little child died and its little grave was the first consecrated ground in Fiji. About this time a huge wave of revivalism swept across that country. Mr Hunt's health, however, became gradually worse, and great was the grief of the natives when it became known that there was no hope of his convalescence, while the love and respect with which they regarded him, was strikingly evinced in the impassioned supplications which they presented to the Great Disposer of Events on his behalf. Throughout his long and trying illness, John Hunt manifested a faithfulness even unto death, and finally passed away, in 1848, at the comparatively early age of thirty-six. Died? No; such men never die; they exert an influence through all time, and left the world better than they found it.

The lecturer then resumed his seat having spoken for upwards of an hour and a half, during which time the audience gave many unmistakable manifestations of appreciation by frequent outbursts of well-merited applause, while his sallies of provincialism evoked many a hearty laugh.

Votes of thanks to the chairman and the lecturer were proposed by Mr [illegible], seconded by Mr [illegible], which were rapturously accorded.

THE EVICTIONS AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.

THREATENED ACTION BY THE WORKMEN

On Saturday, Mr W. H. Patterson, the financial secretary of the Durham Miners' Association, attended at Ushaw Moor and paid the workmen their weekly allowance from the funds of the Association. A meeting was held in the tent after the payment of the allowance money, and of which it was intimated that all hands at the colliery would share alike. Mr John Lee, president, occupied the chair, and Mr W. H. Patterson was present during the proceedings.—Mr W. H. Patterson, at the close of the meeting, said there were circumstances in the conduct of the owner of Ushaw Moor Colliery (through the action taken by his managing officials), which had been the subject of a legal opinion, obtained from one of the leaders of the bar, and which led the Executive Committee of the Miners' Association to believe there was good ground of action against those gentlemen. He was not at liberty (nor would it be wise) to state what the particular ground of this action would be, but he believed that the next time the men of Ushaw Moor would appear before the magistrates at Lanchester it would be as complainants, whilst their friend Mr Robinson would occupy the place beyond the bar, where James Maddox and Ralph Murray figured on Thursday last. The meeting then closed. On Sunday an immense number of people visited the colliery, and all displayed a large amount of interest in the arrangements and economy of the two dwellings in which the men and women are located. Both men and women express themselves as well satisfied with their quarters.

PROPOSED ARBITRATION.

On Monday morning a force of nineteen policemen, under the command of Inspector Hutchinson, of Lanchester, reached Ushaw Moor Colliery, and at once showed the men that some further action was about to be taken by the manager, Mr Robinson. That gentleman and his force of men who evicted the miners, joined the policemen, and a force of some half a dozen colliery carts arriving, it was realised there was good ground for the rumour which had been current since Friday that it was intended to remove the furniture then standing on the roads between the houses to some other place. Before operations were commenced, Mr J. Forman and Mr W. H. Patterson, who had driven out from Durham, reached the village, and the former at once called on Inspector Hutchinson to prevent the effects of the evicted families from being molested. That officer told Mr Forman that the police were on the ground for the preservation of peace, and as much for the protection of the men as the manager or coalowner, and he declined to interfere in the proceedings of the latter. Mr Forman and his colleague then interviewed Mr Robinson, and informed him that a legal opinion had been taken on the action of the manager in those evictions, and also on his right to remove the furniture from the spot it then occupied, and they entered a formal protest against him or his men touching the things. Mr Robinson replied that he meant to remove the things, and as a response to the protest, he lifted the first article from the heap and placed it in the cart. The owner of the first batch of furniture to be removed also entered a strong protest against his things being touched by anybody, but he was at once taken charge of by the inspector, who conducted him "off the premises"—*i.e.*, from the side street between the rows down to the main turnpike. The work of loading the carts was then proceeded with, the goods being carted away to a colliery-field half a mile distant. The men, on seeing their goods again lifted, displayed more signs of antagonism than they had previously done. Both Mr Forman and Mr Patterson strongly urged upon them the necessity of being peacable, which they promised to do; and thus as the shifting party commenced operations on each batch of furniture, the owner thereof came forward and protested against his goods being disturbed, and informed the manager to take note that the removal from where they were was done with their direct dissent. The work was accomplished without any forcible opposition of the workmen, and there will probably be some litigation in the matter.

The workmen held a meeting in their tent in the afternoon, Mr Lee presiding. The Secretary read a list of the colliery lodges which had contributed from their funds towards their support, and thus on Saturday and Sunday something like £40 had been received, besides a cart-load of provisions which the Waldridge men had sent them, besides a donation in money and a cart-load of bread. A post-office order for over £2 had also been received from the Croxdale Lodge. Some of the lodges, as in the case of Hunwick, Harraton, and Brancepeth No. 2 Lodge, had also intimated their intention of contributing a sum of money fortnightly towards their support, whilst most of the donations were accompanied by encouraging letters of sympathy and promises of help.—A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to those donors, men, women, and children all joining lustily in the cheers.

One of the speakers said he had been asked by many respectable people if anything had been done to try and bridge over the difficulty that lay between themselves and their employer, and some gentlemen had suggested that the matter at issue should be left to the arbitration of three or more gentlemen who were interested in the Northern coal trade, but who were perfectly disinterested in the matter. Such a course, he was sure, would be endorsed by the men at Ushaw Moor, who had perfect faith and confidence in the justice of their cause, and were certain that no body of gentlemen would fail to recognise it. This he had told all who had spoken on the subject, and he felt that the body of men at the colliery would be perfectly willing to follow that course.—The remarks of the speaker were received most favourably by the meeting.

FRESH EVICTIONS.

The proposal to submit the dispute at Ushaw Moor Colliery to arbitration has so far met with no response from the employer's representatives, who on Tuesday, again proceeded with a body of men, in order to make fresh evictions. Three families were turned out, viz., those of Robert Forsyth, an engineman, Charles Delap, and Charles Conroy, miners. The latter had been left in his house on account of his aged and infirm mother, and this appearance of humane feeling was keenly appreciated by every man and woman on the colliery, and there was consequently a revulsion of feeling when the action of the manager was witnessed on Tuesday. The owners of the furniture evicted entered a formal protest against the removal of their goods to the colliery field near the Flass Inn, but no notice was taken of it, and in that place the goods were deposited on removal from the houses. The first unlawful act which has occurred at the Colliery was found to have been perpetrated on Tuesday morning, when it was seen that some one had visited the house of the stranger engineman, who recently removed to the Colliery from Cornsay, and had smashed the whole of the windows. The leaders of the men expressed their strong regret that such a circumstance should have occurred, but, at the same time, they explained that they were utterly powerless to curb the feelings of men suffering under strong irritation.

The men held a meeting in the tent in the evening. The President (Mr Lee) called on the Secretary (Mr. H. Smith) to read the balance sheet, which showed that seventeen collieries had subscribed a handsome sum of over £50, whilst Waldridge and Croxdale had also contributed two cartloads of bread, groceries, and provisions. Votes of thanks of the warmest kind were tendered to the generous friends. A committee was appointed to take the names and the dates of eviction of those who had been turned out of their dwellings.—The president, in closing the proceedings, said there could be no doubt, if there ever had been one, that the policy of the management was "war to the knife." He, however, counselled firmness in sticking together and forbearance as the best means of gaining the object for which they were now struggling, and also the sympathy and support of their fellow-workmen and the public generally. He did not know who had broken the windows of the interloping brakesman. Cries of "Mebbies dyune't hissel," and laughter.) He counselled all to refrain from acts of violence, and reminded them of the parting words of their agents, Messrs. Forman and Patterson, on the previous day, that they had a good case at law against their employers whilst the quickest way of driving off public sympathy would be the indulgence of a feeling of vengeance and violence.

On Wednesday, a meeting of the evicted miners was held at Ushaw Moor Colliery—Mr. John Lee presiding—when it was stated by two or three of the men that they had found empty houses at the adjoining Broom Park and Sleaburn Collieries, into which they wished to removed their goods from the field where the manager's force of "good men and true" had placed them. The sense of the meeting, however, was directly against anything being touched in the field until the legal authority appealed to by the agents had been consulted.—The Treasurer (Mr. Walter Jones) intimated that a cheque for £10 which had been received by the agents at Durham from their fellow-workmen at Tudhoe Colliery had been cashed and forwarded by Mr. Crawford, who, with Mrs. Crawford, was then on the Colliery, and had visited both the iron school-room and the tent—an announcement which was received with loud cheering from the meeting. A grateful vote of thanks was accorded to the men of Tudhoe Colliery for their handsome donation and also to the following colliery lodges for the welcome help and sympathy they had accorded:—Black Prince, West Auckland, Pontop, Boldon, Heworth, Hunwick, Woodlands (Cockfield), Waldridge, Croxdale, Cold Knot, New Herrington, Shildon, Houghton, Lambton, Hamsteels, Ouston, Westwood, South Hetton, Murton, Urpeth, Tin Mill, Chester Moor, and the Lintz. The secretary (Mr. Henry Smith) announced that their agents had forwarded a fresh supply of coal for their use from Durham whilst he had received a handsome letter, accompanied by a donation of 10s, from Mr. Joseph Bones, of Durham, an agent of the Permanent Fund, than whom no one knew better the whole of the merits of the present strike.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Bones, and to the agents and many friends who desired to remain in *incognita* whilst they helped the Ushaw Moor men was also cordially accorded, and the meeting then terminated.

Football.

Tow Law v. Derwent Rovers.—The first match between these clubs was played on Saturday, on the ground of the former, and resulted, after a very pleasant game, in a victory for the Derwent Rovers by two goals (kicked by O'Neil and Maguire) to nil. The Tow Law is a young and improving club, and will no doubt be a good acquisition to the Northumberland and Durham Association next season.

Derwent Rovers v. Ovington 1st.—This match, under Sheffield rules, was played on Saturday, on the ground of the former at Burnopfield, and resulted in a victory for the Rovers by five goals to nil. Teams:—Derwent Rovers—Goal, J. P. Gent (captain), goal; backs, R. Nevins and J. Dews; half-backs, H. Weedy and F. Burn; right wing, C. Nevins and J. Brown; left wing, J. Weedy and C. Braidford; centres, W. U. Coleman and J. Turnbull. Ovington—Goal, J. Scott; backs, J. Potts and R. Scott; half-backs, J. Storey, W. Hunter, and J. Ramsey; right wing, G. Gibbons and W. Ramshaw; left wing, F. Lumley and M. Pigg; centre, J. Dobson. The goals were kicked by C. Nevins (3) and J. Weedy (2).

Tow Law v. Wolsingham.—This return match was played on the ground of the latter, before a large number of spectators, on Saturday last, in four quarters, and resulted in a victory for the Tow Law team by three tries and four touches down to nil. The tries were obtained by W. J. Hall, L. Parkin, and H. Slater. Teams:—Tow Law: Joseph Turner, back; W. J. Hall and R. Wilkinson, three-quarter backs; L. Parker and H. Hodgson, half backs; Fred. Drummond (captain), Alf. Collingwood, John Walton, W. Proud, Thomas Hall, Henry Slater, J. W. Wilkinson, W. Hodgson, R. Weatheral, Thomas Bell, forwards. Wolsingham: W. H. Gibson, back; C. Dickinson and R. N. Wraith, three-quarter backs; J. Deney (captain) and F. M. Love, half backs; C. Morgan, Rev. J. Whitelock, C. Williams, T. Williams, J. Williams, T. Gibson, R. Heymer, T. W. Gibson, A. Douglass, J. Petty, forwards.

Derwent Rovers v. Tow Law (Association).—A match was played between the above clubs at Tow Law, on Saturday. The game was keenly contested, and was played in two thirty-fives. The superior discipline and training of the Rovers enabled them to score a decided victory by two goals to nil. The goals were kicked by J. O'Neill J. G. McGuire. Teams:—Derwent Rovers—Goal, P. Campbell; backs, J. Nivens and T. Dixon; half-backs, W. Ferguson and H. Tweedy; forwards—right wing, T. Dent and T. Fenwick; centres, McGee and F. Campbell; left wing, J. O'Neill and J. G. McGuire (captain). Tow Law—Goal, W. Scott; backs, Rev. T. C. Hughes (captain) and W. Smith; half-backs, W. Todd and E. Scott; forwards—right wing, J. Holliday and R. Moore; centres, W. A. Hillary and T. Dixon; left wing, F. Emerson and H. Lyon Smith (secretary). Mr. Wm. Richardson was the referee.

Rangers v. Burnopfield.—This match was played at Burnopfield on Saturday under Sheffield rules. Owing to the inconvenient service of trains, the Rangers arrived from Newcastle so late that play was not commenced until four o'clock, and the latter part of the game was fought out in the dusk. At the commencement the ball was quickly down at the quarters of the home team, but playing well up, the latter relieved their stronghold. Neither team managed to score until half through the first 30, when Simms scored for the Rangers the first goal. No addition was made to this score in the play for the remainder of this period. When the change of ends was effected, however the visitors played with increased spirit, and obtained in quick succession several corner kicks, which, however, did not result in a score. Eventually the forwards of the visitors, by means of a combined rush, carried the ball in front of the goal, whence Simms put it through, thus scoring for the second time. Shortly afterwards the ball was shot over from a scrimmage to Rule, who sent it between the posts. The Burnopfield men tried hard to break away with the ball, but could not get past the Rangers' backs, who both played well. Indeed, the ball was quickly returned close to the goal of the home team, and Simms, who played in fine form, twice put it through. The game ended in favour of the Rangers by five goals to nil, four of them having been kicked by Simms. For the losers Brown, Curry, and Cawthorne played well. Teams:—Burnopfield G. Gray, goal; J. H. Browne and B. Mason (captain), backs; F. Marshall and G. Green, half-backs; J. Watson, S. Trewick, S. Holmes, T. Curry, R. Wharton, and W. J. Cawthorne, forwards. Rangers—T. Douglass, goal; J. A. Lockhead and A. H. White, backs; A. Campbell and G. Hall, half-backs; J. B. Brown and R. Crawford, right wing; W. Simms (captain) and R. S. Bain, centres; F. W. Hardy and Y. Rule, left wing.

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UNDER THE TERROR.

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CHAPTER X.

MARCELLE.

"Ah, marquis!" said the King, "you come to claim your partner?"

"With your consent, sire."

"That," smiled Louis, "can hardly be given twice, mademoiselle—pardon, madame:" and as the young lady rose, he gallantly took her hand, and placed in De Ravignac's. "I yield to a claim before which kings must bow. One moment, marquis," he added, as, with a low obeisance, the two were turning away. "Tell me, what of Père Mathieu? I see scores of cassocks and short black cloaks here, but my eye has not caught his face. And yet the Queen expressed to him a wish that he should be among our guests to-night; and it was heartily seconded by me. But he is, perhaps, one of your patriot priests who appear to find a pleasure in setting royalty's wishes at naught." And an echo of sarcasm rang in the lightly uttered words.

"On the contrary, sire," answered De Ravignac. "My uncle was anxious to respond to your Majesties' gracious invitation, and waited your coming some time."

"How long?"

"Ah, quite half an hour."

"Morbleu!" cried the King, still in the same sarcastic tones. "What an eternity!"

"He thought it so, sire," answered the candid De Ravignac. "Your Majesty must bear in mind that my uncle is no courtier; and among his humble St. Marceau neighbours, minutes are golden. At eleven to-night, it appears, he had to be with some sick parishioner in the Hotel Dieu. He waited here till he dared wait no longer; and then entrusted me with his apologies to your Majesties."

"Which you, marquis, have failed to deliver." And the King's smile was hearty now.

"I—I—" stammered De Ravignac.

"Ah, no subterfuges. Make a fair confession, and say you forgot. It is the first breach of trust, and is likely to be the last Colonel De Ravignac can ever be guilty of. Circumstances extenuate the treason to absolutely nil. You are pardoned, marquis; and for Pere Mathieu, he has our full and entire absolution. France might be none the worse for a few more such derelicts;" and with a gracious wave of his hand, the King dismissed the pair, and, ascending the steps of the raised dais, he seated himself beside the Queen to watch the minuet dancers take their places.

"My beautiful white rose!" murmured Marie Antoinette, as she perceived Marcelle's slender form bending like some flower in the breeze to the courtly bow of her cavalier. "May you always be as happy as you look now. Ah! ah! That little hand, ma mie," she went on ecstatically as De Ravignac clasped the small fingers in his, with a certain delicate air of exclusive ownership, by no means escaping the Queen's observation. "If only that something which shines under your glove could be seen. Not all Vulcan's fires and tools can undo what it binds. Safe, safe. His now; let the world find fault as it likes. His, his, for better——"

"Or for worse," grumbled the King under his breath, as he watched the pair with dubious eyes. "I hope this day's work may have been a good one."

"Can you doubt it?" said the Queen.

"These *sub rosâ* things are not to my taste," he continued, with a shrug. "Though it is true those six attendant ladies who acted as her bridesmaids were——"

"Charming!" murmured the Queen, absorbed in her supreme satisfaction. "Charming altogether!"

"Were an excellent neutralisation of whatever mischief may lie in this mighty secret. But I dislike mysteries."

"And I adore them," said her Majesty with beaming eyes. The King bowed, and continued to look about him.

"I am inclined to imagine," he said, after a short silence, and with his face clearing a little, "that by to-morrow this same secret will be such an open one that all Paris will be ringing with it, if one may judge that is, by the interest with which your bride and bridegroom are being watched from over yonder."

The Queen's eyes followed the gaze of the King, fixed on a fast-increasing crowd about one of the nearest salon doors, which opened upon a staircase directly communicating with a chief entrance court of the palace. All heads of this group were now turned eager-eyed on the tall figure of De Ravignac, as he moved with his partner over the parqueted floor among the throng of dancers to the rhythm of the music, suddenly finding an accompaniment without in a loud neighing and trampling of horses' hoofs upon the moist gravel of the terrace-walk below, and a succession of brief peremptory words of command.

"In the King's name!" at the same instant cried a stentorian voice; and the crowd at the door fell into opposite ranks, leaving a clear passage for the speaker—an officer in full adjutant's uniform; who, marching to the centre of the room, and with a profound, but hasty acknowledgment of the Royal presence, demanded to speak with the Marquis De Ravignac.

"Here," responded De Ravignac, his voice falling curiously clear upon the silence occasioned by the abrupt ceasing of the music, and the cessation of the chatting and laughter, as he advanced with Marcelle upon his arm. "Who wants me?"

"Your country, my colonel," replied the emissary.

"Ah, you Gaspard?" said De Ravignac, as he returned the soldier's military salute, and looked at him with some curiosity. "What is this?" he continued, as he tore open the official-looking letter Gaspard now placed in his hands. "Riot in Soissons!" The gay smile faded from his lips. "What then?"

"Exactly," cried a dozen voices in chorus. "What then?"

"Is not a strong detachment quartered there?" said De Ravignac.

"Of Grenadiers—yes, my colonel."

"Then let them settle the business," said the duke, who stood near, as he turned on his heel.

"But the men are in revolt," went on Gaspard, "and side with the people. It is said, even, that they fired the first shot."

"How? On whom?"

"On their colonel."

"Cowards!" cried De Ravignac. "And a braver heart than his doesn't beat."

"It beats no longer, my colonel."

"Murdered! On what pretext?"

"Arrears of pay; may it please you."

"But the people. What is their plea for these outrages?" inquired the King.

"Want of bread, sire."

"What does he say?" asked the duchess, who, plate of truffles and mayonnaise in hand, had pressed forward, attended by the abbé.

"The Soissons people are hungry, madame," answered he, relieving her of her burden.

"Ah!" indulgently said the duchess, wiping her lips with her Alençon-bordered handkerchief. "Well, that must be unpleasant. How did it occur?"

"They can't get bread."

"What shocking management! But why don't they buy cake?"* asked the lady.

But the ears of her clerical cavalier Servente, who had scrambled to the eminence afforded by a sofa scroll, were straining to catch the words of De Ravignac.

"Call out the men," he said, "and the officers. Those who are not here," he added glancing round at the fast-collecting ring of gentlemen wearing the dragoon uniform.

"*Si fait.* That is being done, my colonel."

"Good. It is now eleven. At four we march."

"Any further orders, my colonel?"

"None at present."

Those nearest to De Ravignac strove to read in his looks his unspoken views of this sudden summons from their *Œil de bœuf* elysium to the pandemonium of a quarrelsome little semi-civilised provincial town. But his face was almost entirely hidden, bending low over the half unconscious Marcelle, as she clung convulsively to his breast. "Maurice!" murmured the quivering lips. "No, no. Maurice!"

"Monsieur De Ravignac," said the Queen, who, followed by the King, had descended from her place, "this is impossible. You cannot go. I forbid it. We—do you hear?" and she laid her hand on the King's arm, and drew up her stately neck. "We forbid it. It must not be."

Alas! poor Monsieur and Madame Veto! Even De Ravignac, staunch legitimist though he was, set aside the prohibition with a sad smile. "Madame, it must be," he replied, and he bent again over Marcelle. "Dear one," he said, "look up."

"Maurice," she murmured, opening her eyes, and gazing up into his face, pale as her own, but set and resolute as a Stoic's.

"Courage," he whispered, pressing his lips on the upturned brow. "Oh, Love, Love—till we meet again."

"Meet again," she echoed mechanically, in a dreamy, far-off tone.

"Ay, take care of my heart for me till—Nay, nay be brave, ma chérie," he went on in a voice trembling, in spite of himself, with suppressed agitation, and yearning tenderness, as he read all the concentrated agony and love in her eyes. "Remember, you are a soldier's wife."

A faint smile, soft and pure as dawn's first flush, shed life into the drawn tense features.

"Ah, so, so." And he strained her passionately to his heart. "That is my own brave wife."

"Wife!" ejaculated the duchess, who, with an energy that would not have discredited a St. Antoine Market dame, had contrived to elbow her way to the front ranks of the circle. "Wife does he say?"

De Ravignac caught her words, and started, smiling a little as he looked towards her. "Yes, duchess," he said, "this lady is my wife."

"Now didn't I guess as much?" gasped the duchess in her abbé's ear. "Sly creatures! So the mystery's out!" she added in a louder key.

"Such as it was," said De Ravignac, his smile deepening; and with a faint shrug of his shoulders, he glanced towards the Queen, whose countenance presented a striking combination of vexation, infinite amusement, and real distress. "Madame, with your Majesty's permission?" She bowed her head. "Mesdames and messieurs," he continued, "I have the honour of presenting to you my wife."

"Mademoiselle Duchastel!" broke simultaneously from the crowd.

"This morning Mademoiselle Duchastel. To-night, and henceforth, the Marquise De Ravignac. Fate, mesdames and messieurs, divides us on our wedding-day."

"Oh, oh! but it's monstrous, that," interposed the duke, flaming with generous indignation. "Unheard of. A deputy must be found."

"Monsieur," said De Ravignac, "you said——?"

"A deputy. Yes, yes. Certainly, that is what I said," fumed on the duke. "Is there no one in all Paris to go off to this infernal place, and be bullet-riddled—h'm, h'm," and the duke reined up a little. "Isn't there a man gallant enough to offer himself for a substitute?"

"Unless it be yourself, duke," laughed his wife. "Apparently not one is anxious for the distinction."

"Unfortunately, madame, circumstances," and he glanced from her to his gouty leg, and from it back to her, "render that an impossibility. But, seriously, we must set about finding a deputy."

"Monsieur le duc," said De Ravignac, "when duty calls she knows no deputy. Your own career would teach me that if the lesson were needed. Dear child," he went on, drawing his wife once more into his arms, and kissing her passionately. "Adieu. Heaven's angels protect thee till we meet again!" and then carrying more than leading her to the Queen. "Madame," he said, with earnest beseeching in his eloquent eyes, "till I come to claim her of you."

"Marquis," said the King, "she has always been to us as our own child. She will be so still."

Could he say more, this stolid, undemonstrative King?

And as the Queen, taking the young bride's cold hand in hers, drew her close and whispered some comforting words, De Ravignac, not trusting himself to speak again, turned one long, lingering look on Marcelle, and, signing to the soldiers to follow him, went out.

"Tell me, my brave lad," said the duke, addressing one of the men as they clashed after him, "have you any conception how long this confounded business will detain you at Soissons?"

"Eight to ten days at furthest they say, may it please your Grace," answered the man.

"Better say eternity at once," muttered the duke.

"Silence!" peremptorily commanded the duchess, with a meaning glance in the direction of Marcelle. "If she should hear you—poor little one."

"Ay, true. Quite right. Yes," answered the duke in an abnormally loud key. "You're quite right, Delphine. It is nothing, as you say. Why, I remember when I was away in Spain nine months at a stretch, and you stayed here at Versailles, the time seemed no time at all. Hé!"

"So, at all events, it appeared to me, duke. Ah, that minuet of Rameau's, what a delicious thing it is to be sure!" exclaimed the duchess, nodding the time to the fiddles and fifes which had begun to twang and pipe briskly up again, as if trying to redeem the last lost quarter of an hour. "Is it not, abbé?"

"It is ravishing, madame," ecstatically acquiesced he.

"Enough to charm a rhinoceros to dance. Wouldn't you like to try now? Confess, abbé. And how ridiculous you would look, wouldn't you?" laughed the lady, contemplating the mental picture with a mischievous sparkle in her eyes.

"If it were madame who condescended to complete the *ensemble*, by being my partner," gravely returned the ecclesiastic with a low bow, as he placed his hand on his heart, "I should not hesitate to tread where the great De Richelieu went before."

"Ah! De Richelieu again. His name was on De Ravignac's lips not half an hour ago," sighed the duchess. "What a misfortune, abbé, is it not?"

"Hideous!" said the complaisant abbé. "That is to say, I did not catch the precise melancholy event to which your Grace was referring."

"Ah! Where are your wits? I say is it not frightful to think that the only endurable man about the Court should go and get himself married? Such atrociously bad taste of him!"

But Monsieur l'Abbé was less ready than usual with his response. It is true he was occupied in watching Marcelle leave the ball-room with the Queen.

"And as if that was not horrible enough," continued the duchess, "he must be despatched now on this fool's errand. Heigho! Go and call my chair, abbé, there's a good creature. This place has grown insufferably tedious."

There was no lack next day of food for small talk in boudoirs and ante-chambers. The question of the Declaration of Rights was not being more eagerly discussed by the Deputies than was this news of Mademoiselle Duchastel's marriage, and of the bridegroom's summoning away, criticised and gossipped over by the fine ladies and gentlemen over their chocolate and their card tables.

"For my part," said the duchess, next evening while the duke was dealing for ombre, "I positively haven't closed my eyes all night for thinking of it. Just Heaven! I suppose such a case never occurred before. Hé, duke?"

"I should imagine such instances to be sufficiently rare," concisely replied the duke, who was arranging his hand, and was, besides, beginning to be just a little bored by his wife's endless speculations on the event.

"What do you say, abbé?" pouted the duchess.

"I find myself agreeing with monsieur le duc," bowed the abbé.

"Of course. You always do," snapped she. "Hold your cards better, abbé. I can see every one of them."

"At the same time," added her devoted slave, hastening to repair the slip, "I can not conceive the case to be absolutely unique. No, I fear not."

"Oh!" And the duchess laughed softly. "You don't say so. Come, abbé, tell us where have you heard of such a thing occurring before?"

"Oh! not in France. No, madame. I protest I am aware of no parallel, certainly; but in England——"

"Ah, the barbarians! I thought you were going to tell us something interesting," said the lady, in disappointed tones.

The abbé turned his attention to his cards.

"And really—did you absolutely hear of such things there, my dear abbé?" she added.

"What things, madame?" he asked, slightly lifting his lowered eyelids.

"Ah! you are too provoking!" frowned the duchess, tapping her embroidered slipper under the table. "Is it really the custom with those English there to leave their brides on their wedding day?"

"Knave of hearts!" said the duke, knitting his brows.

"Madame," said the abbé, who, inclusive of the term occupied by his voyage to the United Kingdom and back, and also of the time absorbed in recovery from the effects of the Channel waves, had enjoyed precisely sixteen days of acquaintance with the country, some score and a half or more of years earlier, "I cannot recall personally coming upon a case of the kind. I confess my knowledge is limited to hearsay."

"Well." And the duchess's eyes grew brilliant as meteor lights. "Well, abbe? and——"

"And I was informed that at the Fleet one could make the most convenient arrangements"

"Hearts are trumps," said the lady, recklessly playing the first card to hand. "Go on, abbé, go on. At the Fleet! and what, then, is the Fleet?"

"Be careful, Delphine," warned the duke. "Mind what you're doing."

"Oh, I know, duke," she said, marshalling forward—happy woman—her two matadores. "What is the Fleet, abbé? A palace?"

"Morbleu! No, madame. A prison."

"Ah, chut!" she cried, with a little shriek. "For shame. Be silent, and attend to the game, for pity's sake. Prison! Horrible! So like you, that is, to go spoiling the game with your incessant chatter! A magpie could play as well as you do. See what you've done now. Made me play the deuce——"

"Of trumps. Spadille, madame!" said the duke, sweeping up the cards in triumph. "In future one may find it wiser to be silent when one stakes high."

"It was all the abbé's fault," sulkily said the duchess, pushing across some louis from the little gleaming heap beside her. "He would go on talking about his prisons."

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* A query frequently attributed to the Queen herself; but in reality originated by the Duchess De Polignac.

(*To be continued.*)

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the members of this society was held at Pelton, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., and was numerously attended. Thomas Bell, Esq., of Hedley Hall, presided. The following report of the committee was unanimously adopted, viz:—

In presenting their report for the past year the committee have to deplore the loss the society has sustained by the death of Colonel Joicey, the president, and one of the best supporters of the society since its formation in 1869. They also regret the loss by death of twelve other valuable members of the society. The number of members at the present time is 355, being an increase of 8 members on the previous year. The amount of receipts for the past year is £692 19s 11½d., and the payments £658 13s 8½d., thus leaving a balance in hand of £34 6s 3d. The annual show of cattle, sheep, horses, pigs, dogs, &c., for the past year (by the kind invitation of the inhabitants), was held at Lanchester, on the 17th August, and, although somewhat marred by the unfavourable state of the weather, was in every other respect highly successful; the classes, premiums, and entries were as follows, viz:—

Classes.		Premiums.	Entries.
8	Shorthorn cattle	£72 13 0	30
7	Sheep	38 2 0	34
13	Horses for agricultural purposes	96 10 0	78
7	Horses for field and road	54 12 0	47
1	Donkeys	2 5 0	3
4	Swine	19 19 0	24
3	Butter and eggs	7 10 6	61
19	Poultry	27 10 0	63
25	Dogs	84 0 6	189
1	Implements	7 5 0	6
1	Driving	1 1 0	4
89	TOTALS	£411 8 0	539

The society's annual turnip crop competition took place on October 28th, and was on the whole successful, the entries being in excess of the previous year. The best thanks of the society are due to the local committee at Lanchester for their valuable aid in promoting the success of the recent show, and to the members and others who so generously contributed to the special prize fund amounting to £156 15s. The thanks of the society are also due to the ladies and gentlemen who officiated as judges, and to the North-Eastern Railway Company for increased railway facilities at the recent show. The committee are glad to report an increase in the amount of members' annual subscriptions, and also in the special prize list, and they rely on the generous aid of the members in maintaining and extending the usefulness of the society.

THOMAS BELL, Chairman.

Pelton, January 11th, 1882.

Major William James Joicey, of Tanfield Lea, was elected president of the society, and Captain Charles Perkins, of Birtley Hall, John Turnbull, Esq., Chester-le-Street, and George Heppell, Esq., Newfield, were added to the new list of vice-presidents. An influential committee of management was also appointed. It was resolved that the annual show of cattle, sheep, horses, pigs, dogs, &c., for the present year be held at Chester-le-Street, on the 16th day of August next, and a sub-committee was appointed to procure a suitable site for holding the show. It was also decided to hold the annual turnip crop competition in the autumn as previously.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

A correspondent has forwarded to a contemporary a few whin flowers he had left after dyeing two eggs. He had gathered them on Monday morning near Cornsay Colliery, where they are very plentiful.

Throat Irritation.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. Glycerine, in these agreeable confections, being in proximity to the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d. and 1s. 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." A letter received: "Gentlemen,—It may perhaps interest you to know that, after an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit (with or without medical treatment) in almost all forms of throat disease. They soften and clear the voice. In no case can they do any harm.—Yours faithfully, GORDON HOLMES, L.R.C.P.E., Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary." 8150

Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. MARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends at Miss WILLIAMS', No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from 1·30 p.m. to 3·30 p.m.

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BEECHAM'S Pills, 9½d. BURDOCK'S Pills, 9½d.
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MOLLER'S Cod Liver Oil, 1s. 6d. POWELL'S Balsam, 9½d.
RACKHAM'S Liver Pills, 9½d. SCOTT'S Pills, 9½d.
The Northern Cure for Rheumatism, 9½d.,
AND ALMOST ALL OTHER 1s. 1½d. BOXES AND BOTTLES FOR 9½d.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST PLACE FOR GROCERIES IN THE DISTRICT.

See Monthly Price List, which can be had on application.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

GEORGE PATTON,

PLUMBER, GASFITTER, BRASS FOUNDER, &c

Has Removed from opposite entrance to Central Station to Premises adjoining entrance to Gas Office,

NEVILLE STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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.

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.

FARMERS!!!

BUY YOUR SEEDS AT

GEORGE HOBSON'S

OLD-ESTABLISHED SEED WAREHOUSE,
HARPERLEY MILLS,
Near Annfield Plain, and
NEW STEAM MILLS, CATCHGATE.

The quality of those Seeds has been tested and approved by the leading Agriculturists in this District for upwards of 34 years, and, as a proof of the manner in which the business has been conducted, the trade has steadily increased year by year, which speaks volumes in favour of G.H.'s Seeds, in the face of the very keen, and at the same time unfair competition which has been practised during late years.

G. H. does not go from farm to farm to tell his Friends that he can do better than anyone in the trade; neither does he give Silver Cups, as a bribe—which he need not say are to be paid for by parties purchasing the Seeds—but relies entirely on the past for the benefit of the future.

G. H. desires his friends before making their purchases or giving orders elsewhere, to come to his Seed Warehouse, and inspect his carefully-selected Stock of Agricultural and Garden Seeds.

All of the above Seeds are from the best growing districts in the world.

Purchasers can have the kinds and quantities properly mixed and packed up for each field, which is a great boon to farmers.

G. H. gives the same personal attention to the Mixtures for Permanent Pastures which have always given universal satisfaction.

Fine Spring Tares, Seed Peas, Oats, Barley, Potatoes, also Artificia Manure always in stock. 93p

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WINTER CLOTHING WINTER CLOTHING

WINTER Clothing direct from the Factory to the Public at HUGH MORTON & CO.'S, Supply Store, 55, Grainger Street, Newcastle.

Owing to the extreme depression in the manufacturing districts Hugh Morton and Co., have recently purchased an extensive lot of superior All-Wool Cloths, of the latest designs, much under the regular price, and will, in accordance with their system, give the public the benefit of the same. They have also given great attention to the Cut and Manufacture of the Garments, so as to secure a combination of fashion and durability. Their new Winter Stock will therefore consist of by far the best value ever offered by them. It is impossible to particularise the various departments, but they here append a list of a few specialities which are Extraordinary Value.

Good Quality Diagonal Overcoat, warm and durable, 16s 11d.
Superior Quality Overcoat, a great variety, "The Marvel Overcoat," 20s.
Very Superior Overcoat with best linings, 29s 6d.
Best Quality Black Worsted Overcoat Woaded fast colours, all wool, 32s 6d
Very Superior Blue Nap Overcoats, Velvet Collars, and Indigo Dye, 24s 6
Good Warm Suits, complete, dark useful colours, 19s 11d.
Very Superior Suit complete, extra quality linings, 26s 6d.
Excellent Quality Black Worsted Suits complete, 29s 6d.
Heavy Hairline All-Wool Trousers, Twisted Warp and Weft, 8s 11d
Boys' and Youths' Winter Suits and Overcoats equally cheap. Goods not approved, exchanged or the money returned, at option of customer. Special attention given to letter orders.

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WE continue to present a Half-Dozen best Nickel Silver TEASPOONS to each PURCHASER of our Standard GOLD WEDDING RINGS.

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P. SURTEES having commenced Business as PLUMBER and GASFITTER, at Sherburn Terrace, Consett, begs to intimate to the Inhabitants of the District that he is prepared to Execute all Orders entrusted to him in a Prompt, Cheap, and workman-like manner.

☞ All Orders left with Mr. AITCHINSON, Publican, Annfield Plain; or Mr. H. DAVISON, Ironmonger, &c., Catchgate, will receive prompt attention. 792c

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REVELY AND KELL,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

BEG to announce that they have removed their Business from Mosley Street to more Commodious Premises.

No. 7, COLLINGWOOD STREET. 764c
NEWCASTLE.

NEW CONFECTIONERY ESTABLISHMENT.

SIMON ROWE,

LATE of Allansford, respectfully intimates that he has commenced Business as Wholesale and Retail Confectioner and Plain and Fancy Bread Baker, at 17, Newmarket Street, Consett.

Funerals and Parties of every description supplied.

Brides' Cakes, both Plain and Ornamental, made to order. Address—17, Newmarket Street, Consett. 894c

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Any article made to order in TIN, ZINC, COPPER, or IRON.

A large Stock of PAPER-HANGINGS, COCOA MATS, MATTING, OIL CLOTH, &c., always on hand.

J. S. hopes by strict attention to business, and good workmanship, to merit a share of public patronage. 344p

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PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.
ESTABLISHED 1857.

Offices—56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland.

THE Directors are prepared to ADVANCE MONEY on approved securities. The repayments may spread over 16 years, or any less number, to suit the means of borrowers.

INVESTING SHARES may be entered at any time, and withdrawn, if required, at a month's notice.

PROFITS are divided every three years.

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Any further particulars may be obtained of Mr. GEO. STILLMAN, 56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland; or Mr WILLIAM ELLIOTT, 22, Nelson Street, Consett. 306c

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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 the EXCELLO HORSE FEED.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
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Pure BARLEY MEAL, PEA MEAL, INDIAN MEAL, and every other Article in the Trade on the most reasonable terms.

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COME AND SEE THE LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF

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INCLUDING A LOT OF VERY SPECIAL BARGAINS:—

Lot of Ladies' Ulsters, to be sold at 2s. 11d.; splendid value.
Lot of Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, at 2s. 11d.; cheap.
Splendid Grey Calico, at 1½d.
1000 yards of Black Alpacca, at 4½d.; this is wonderfully cheap.
Cocoa Mattings, 1 yard width, 1s. 3d.; 1½ yards width, 1s. 10½d.; 3 yards width, 2s. 6d., good quality.
Large Assortment of Wool Shawls, Millinery, Dress Goods, Corsetts, Trimmings, &c.

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In this Department we have always been noted for supplying a Class of Superior Goods than what is generally kept in Stock, at Prices usually charged for an inferior article. Having just received a large supply of Men's and Boys' Suits, Trousers, &c., &c., we are now prepared to Show the Cheapest Goods in the District.

☞ Do not miss this opportunity of Buying a Cheap Parcel.

Lots of other Bargains not enumerated above.

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Delight and astonish your friends at home by taking them one of MITCHELL'S PATENT STEAM WASHERS, for by it—

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A fortnight's washing in an hour,
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☞ All kinds of Plumbing and Gasfitting done on the shortest notice; also efficient Workmen sent out into the Country. 85q

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IRON BEDSTEADS in great variety.
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A large Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANGINGS.
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Mr. D. LAMONT is pleased to say that these Appliances are still receiving the marks of continued and increasing favour. It is unquestionable that many hundreds of persons in the North of England have been entirely CURED or more or less substantially BENEFITED by their use.

Mr WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Secretary of the Miners' National Union, writes:—

15, North Road, Durham, 21st Sept., 1881.

DEAR SIR,—Some years ago I had one of my legs severely injured. During last year I felt a weakness and constant aching pain, which partly confined me to the house and rendered walking—except for short distances—impossible. A few months ago I procured one of your Magnetic Stockings, and the good it has done me is beyond conception. I am now free from pain and aching, and can walk as well as ever without experiencing the slightest difficulty or hinderance. It has been, and is still, to me a blessing indeed.

Very truly yours,
Mr. D. Lamont. WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

CURE OF EPILEPSY.

Whorlton, Whalbottle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
November 18th, 1881.

SIR,—My wife's belt, which you have re-magnetised and re-made so beautifully, has come to hand. It has been in constant use for over a year, and I am glad to be able now to re-affirm every word of what I wrote to you on September 22, 1880. Since then I have procured several appliances for my friends, all of which have operated beneficially. Especially ought I to mention the case of the young girl, who was afflicted with fits frequently and severely. She has worn your spine band for about 11 months, and has not had one attack during that time.—Yours truly,

Mr. D. Lamont. JOHN EGGIE.

PAINS.—LOSS OF VOICE.—SORE BACK.

Cowpen Square, Blyth,
November 14th, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—I consider it both a pleasure and a duty to inform you that the Magnetic Appliance supplied by you to several of my friends have in each case given the greatest satisfaction. My father got a waist belt and anklets, and they have done him a power of good. He could not walk a quarter of a mile, but can now walk about without any inconvenience. Some time ago, my mother lost her voice completely, and by applying one of the anklets to her throat for a few weeks it was entirely restored. My brother got a belt for weakness in the back, caused by injuries received while following his daily employment, and it has done him a vast of good. They are all agreeable for you to use this as a testimonial if you think proper.—Yours respectfully,

Mr. D. Lamont. ROBERT RHODES.

PAINS AND WEAKNESS IN THE KNEES.

Burnopfield Colliery, Durham
November 12th, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—Six weeks ago I called to consult you about one of my knees, which for more than thirteen years has caused me much pain and many sleepless nights. Besides the pain and swelling, it was a little stiff and weak. On your recommendation I bought a Special Power Knee Cap, and though I have only worn it six weeks the benefit I have already received is remarkable. In walking I have little or no pain, and though tired as usual when through with my work, it does not cause me the uneasiness it used to do. Often at nights the intense pain would keep me from sleeping, or I would be awoke many times through the night with the shooting pains. I am glad to say that I have slept better since I got the knee cap than for many years before.—Yours with gratitude,

Mr. D. Lamont. JAMES HOLMES.

FROM MR. T. A. BURDON, CHEMIST.

Spennymoor, October 12th, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—I have sold a good quantity of your Magnetic Appliances during the last few years, with the very best results—in fact, they have in some cases acted like a charm, and for what you recommend them they cannot be praised too much. There is one thing I would mention, as I have found such good effects from it, and that is to be most particular and wear Magnetic Soles with the other appliances. You are at liberty to make what use you like of this, as I think they cannot be made too well known.—I am yours, &c.,

Mr. D. Lamont. T. A. BURDON.

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Business Announcements.

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Chairman of Directors: Mr. JOSEPH WILKINSON, West Mills, Bishop Auckland.
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THE DIRECTORS are prepared to RECEIVE LOANS of FIVE POUNDS and upwards, at 5 per cent. interest, payable Half-yearly.

ADVANCES made and Shares entered at any time.

THE ENTRANCE FEES are abolished.

THE REPAYMENT of an Advance on Mortgage of £100 is 15s. per Month, or £9 per Annum, which covers Interest and Redemption.

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This Oil is the finest imported, is guaranteed absolutely pure, and remains bright at a temperature much below the freezing point of water. The freedom from acidity, and the absence of all unpleasant smell and flavour, enables invalids who cannot digest ordinary "Cod Liver Oil" to take this with pleasure and advantage. In Bottles, 1s. Double the size, 1s. 9d.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

5,000 MAGNIFICENT PRESENTS TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH JEWELLERY COMPANY, in order to introduce their business before the public, have, at enormous expense, resolved to PRESENT to every person applying for the same a

FRENCH POCKET TIME INDICATOR
(PATENTED),

This admirable little article is the size and shape of an ordinary watch; has strong metal cases, steel works, balanced action, enamelled dial, crystal glass dome, patent adjusting swivel ring for attaching to watchguards; each denotes correct solar time, and in fact no one, either male or female, should want for a watch when such an opportunity as this offers—a chance will never occur again. The time indicator is warranted for five years. To secure one of these little articles the sum of 1s. 4d. must be forwarded either in P.O.O. or Stamps, or two will be sent for 2s. 5d., with the full name and address filled in the form below, and enclosed to the Anglo-French Jewellery Company, Matlock House, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SPECIAL PRESENT.

With every Pocket Time Indicator we will Present, without any extra charge whatever, a Free Gift. Each Article is suitable for personal use, or would form a Handsome Present for those who wish to have something to give away. None sold without this coupon.

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This Coupon entitles sender to Pocket Timepiece, with handsome Present, on receipt of 1s 4d; or two for 2s 5d, 3 for 3s 6d, 4 for 4s 3d.

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ADDRESS:—The Manager, Anglo-French Jewellery Company,
MATLOCK HOUSE, SPARKHILL, BIRMINGHAM.

IMPORTANT.—As the quantity is limited, intending purchasers are requested to send at once. Orders received after these are sold out will be returned. 81q

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Public Notices.

328 Is the Winning Number of the SCREEN Raffled by Mrs. GUSTARD, Leadgate, on Saturday, January 7th, 1882. 84q

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TO INNKEEPERS.—SPIRIT STOCK BOOKS. One Shilling each, may be obtained at the "Guardian" Office, Consett; or sent by Post on receipt of 13 Postage Stamps.

GO and hear the LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHOIR, in the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, DIPTON, on Monday Evening, January 30th, 1882. Admission, Sixpence each. 75q

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A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT of Songs, Readings, &c., in the Flinthill Sunday School on Saturday Evening, January 28th, and Fortnightly until further notice. Front Seats, 3d.; Back Seats, 1d. 90q

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THE SYCAMORES, ROWLEY.

NOTICE!—The GAME upon this Estate is now strictly preserved.
January 2nd, 1882. 44q

NOTICE.—I, REBECCA HODGSON, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by my Stepdaughters—ISABELLA or JANE HODGSON.—Signed, REBECCA HODGSON.
Mosswood, January 18th, 1882. 88q

NOTICE.

THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 363p

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ORGAN FOR MEDOMSLEY CHURCH.

AN AMATEUR CONCERT, in aid of the Fund for the above object, will be given in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley, on Monday, January 30th, 1882. 64q

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ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.

THE SERMONS next Sunday at Morning and Evening Prayer, will (D.V.) be Preached by
REV. C. G. DAVIS, M.A.,
Vicar of St. James', Darlington.

Offertories for the Choir Fund. 77q

JOHN & EDWARD JOICEY MEMORIAL FUND
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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, TANFIELD; ST. ANDREW'S, BEAMISH; AND ST. PAUL'S, WEST PELTON.

AS it is intended to close this Fund on 13th February next, Subscribers who have not yet paid their Contributions are requested to do so at an early date, and any persons who may wish to subscribe but have not yet done so, will oblige by kindly notifying the same without delay. A Copy of the Circular, explanatory of the object, will be forwarded on application being made to the Honorary Secretary, JOHN ARKLESS, Tantobie, Lintz Green Station. 82q

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DANCING AND DEPORTMENT.

TOWN HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

MR. WILLIAM NORMAN begs to announce that his SECOND TERM will commence Tuesday, January 31st, 1882.

ELEMENTARY CLASS at 7 p.m.
ADVANCED CLASS at 8 p.m.

Private Tuition. Families taught at their own residence, &c.

Full particulars, Terms, &c., can be had of Mr. BURTON, Poplar House, Shotley Bridge. 79q

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, January 20th, 1882.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[By Incedo.]

I understand that the powers that be have decreed that the Old Quarry shall be the old quarry no longer; that the public shall be prevented from depositing rubbish therein, henceforth, and for ever, that it be levelled and enclosed and made into "fit and proper" place for the young and rising generation to gambol and romp. This will be an improvement forthsooth; but it is one which will not tend to raise the value of property in Durham Road. If a recreation ground is to be provided for the youth of the place, may kind fortune grant that the habitation of your humble servant, Mr Editor, be situated a respectable distance from the spot. I cannot quite understand the philosophy of this step. A very enterprising tradesman has converted one corner of the Quarry into a beauty spot lovely flowers now bloom in their season, and shed their effulgence abroad, where erst old shoes, and broken crockery, held undisputed sway. This proves that the ground can be utilized, and it would have been well for the community at large had the Local Board followed the same line of action.

Improvements, it appears, are like misfortunes, they never come singly. A new road is to be made from Derwent Street to the Railway Station by way of Christopher's buildings. This looks like business, but the charm vanishes when we hear "the whole truth," that the proposed new road extends no further than Christopher's spirit establishment, that beyond that point there is no room for improvement. I suppose the public must learn to "labour and to wait" till a generation arise who will no longer thread their way day by day through a gloomy tunnel like rabbits in a burrow. Should other improvements be proceeded with in connection with our roads and footpaths it is to be hoped that the authorities will be sparing in the use of cement. Take Derwent Street for example. On side is done with that composition; the other is not. I need not draw a comparison; suffice it to say that the middle of the road is preferable to the cement footpath. Notwithstanding the splendid weather which we have enjoyed this winter many parts of the footpath is at the present moment covered with adhesive matter upwards of half-an-inch in depth; to tread on which is akin to walking on an orange skin. Confessedly, this was an improvement which is not an improvement, however paradoxical such a statement may appear.

The Local Coal Trade.—The coal trade in the neighbourhood of Dipton never appeared in a more prosperous state than at present, all the collieries working full time.

The Polytechnic Exhibition which has been held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom at Consett, since the commencement of the year, was brought to a successful close last Saturday night.

Primitive Methodist Chapel, Langley Moor.—On Sunday special services were held in this chapel. Sermons were preached, afternoon and evening, by the Rev. T. Elliott, of the Hetton Circuit. Collections were made after each service on behalf of the trust fund.

The Mildness of the Season.—Seldom, if ever, in the history of the present generation has this season had a parallel. During the past week the thrush and blackbird "in the early morn" have favoured the villagers of Castleside with their welcome song. The sparrow too adds his little note, and is about to speculate in house-building: may his hopes with ours not be blighted. The daisy, wall-flower, polyanthus, and primrose are in bloom, and cannot fail to delight the thoughtful and admiring Castleside.—Primroses, wall-flowers, and polyanthuses are to be found in bloom, and a rose tree is also in bud at Templetown.

Local and District News

Early Lamb.—On Wednesday a very fine lamb was dropped by a ewe at Low Row Farm, Cornsay Colliery.

In consequence of an engine running off the line near Shotley Bridge station, on Wednesday morning, the train from Newcastle due at Benfieldside at 10·30 was delayed nearly an hour.

Stanhope.—The distribution of the Government certificates, and the special prizes given by the School Committee took place on Friday evening at the Wesleyan Day School.

Erratum.—In the account of the inquest last week on the body of Mary Williamson, of Consett, who died from the effects of an overdose of laudanum, the age of the child was erroneously stated to be three months instead of three weeks.

The New Winnings at Dipton.—We are informed by the master sinker, Mr J. Johnson, that should all go well he will reach the Hutton seam early in the ensuing week. Hitherto everything has gone smooth and well, not the least hitch occurring.

Entertainment at Flint Hill.—An entertainment consisting of songs, readings, &c., was given in the Flint Hill Sunday School last Saturday evening, and was highly successful, the various performers being vociferously applauded. We observe that these entertainments will be continued fortnightly until further notice.

Concert at Wolsingham.—A concert was held in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, on Saturday evening last. The performers comprised the church choir and a portion of the Sunday school scholars, numbering in all about 120 voices. Miss Gray, daughter of the rector, the Rev. Canon Gray, presided at the piano. A programme consisting of glees, part-songs, rounds, and solos, was pleasingly gone through, many of the pieces eliciting hearty applause from the crowded audience.

The Joicey Memorial.—From an advertisement in another column, it will be observed that the "John and Edward Joicey Memorial Fund" for St. Margaret's, Tanfield; St. Andrew's, Beamish; and St. Paul's, Paul's, West Pelton, will be closed on the 13th February next, therefore, any person who may not have paid their contributions or wish to become subscribers to the fund should do so without delay. Up to the present time about £400 has been raised. A circular explanatory of the object will be forwarded on application to the hon. sec., Mr John Artless, Tantobie.

C.E.T.S.—A public tea in connection with the Consett Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, was held in the Infant's National Schoolroom yesterday (Thursday) evening, when about 150 persons sat down and enjoyed the social cup. A soiree was subsequently held, when the audience was considerably augmented. The vicar (Rev F. Steggall) occupied the chair. Songs, &c., were rendered by the Vicar, the Rev D. Bryson (curate), Miss Surtees, Miss Brown, Mr George Thornton, Mr Dawson, and others, and a reading was contributed by Mr Petherick. The proceedings were very enthusiastic throughout.

Oddfellows' Supper and Concert.—The "Star of Leadgate" Lodge, B.U., celebrated their fifth anniversary in the Infant School, on Saturday evening. The school was kindly granted by the Rev. J. W. Mitchell. The supper which consisted of ham, tongues, tea, and coffee, was partaken of by over 180 persons. The tables were gracefully presided over by Mrs B. Dickinson, Mrs S. Hewitt, Miss A. Mackintosh, Mrs W. Williamson, Mrs T. Bainbridge, Miss Applegarth, Mrs R. Bird, and Mrs Farnsworth. After the tables were cleared, P.D.G.M. Alex. Duncan read the annual report, which showed that the lodge and the district to be in a flourishing condition both numerically and financially.

Postal Facilities at Lintz Green.—We are glad to intimate that the Post Office at Lintz Green will be opened on February 1st for money orders and saving's bank business. This will prove of great advantage to the inhabitants of Victoria Garesfield, Croniwell, Medomsley, Allendale Cottages, and Blackhall Mill. Might we venture to suggest to the Postal Authorities that the appointment of a messenger to deliver letters direct from Lintz Green office to Allendale Cottages, Blackhall Mill, and Croniwell would prove of great advantage to the inhabitants of these places. The population at and around these villages are rapidly increasing, and greater postal facilities is becoming more urgently required.

Baptists at Waterhouses and Langley Park.—The Rev. H. Bright, the blind evangelist, from London, has been conducting a fortnight's revival services at these places. The chapels were crowded every night, numbers not being able to gain admission. Mr. and Mrs Parker, evangelists, have taken up the services at Langley Park this week. The Baptist denomination commenced at Waterhouses five years ago with seven members, and their success has been so marvellous that although they have had no minister the number of members is now 126. It is not a year since they commenced at Langley Park, and the success there is still more marked. The Baptist societies at these two places have also opened a station at Ushaw Moor Colliery, where three services on Sundays and during the week are held.

Serious Charge against a Tow Law Doctor.—At Wolsingham Police-Court, on Wednesday, Edward Charles Anderson, between forty and fifty years of age, a surgeon, who has for some years had an extensive practice at Tow Law and vicinity, was brought up in custody of the police, being apprehended on a warrant, charged with committing a criminal assault on a married woman, named Hannah Charlton, the wife of a joiner, at Tow Law, on Monday last. She had applied to him for some trifling illness, and was directed to go to his house for medicine. On going there he took her upstairs and stripped her naked, after which he committed the offence with which he is charged. He was apprehended by Sergeant Christison, and taken before the Rev Mr Grey, J.P., by whom he was remanded till Tuesday next. Bail for his appearance being refused, he remains in the lock-up at Wolsingham.

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside.—The choir and ringers, with the Vicar, churchwardens, and other friends took supper together in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, last week, and on the 12th day (Feast of the Epiphany) there was a tea and Christmas tree in the same hall for the children attending St. Cuthbert's Sunday school. Two very pleasant evenings were spent.—The Rev. C. G. Davis, M.A., Vicar of St. James', Darlington, is announced to preach the morning and evening sermons in St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, next Sunday. Mr Davis has worked hard for many years in the poorest district in Darlington—(Albert Hill)—and amid the greatest difficulties caused by the distress among the ironworkers, has been able to gather together a most attached congregation, and maintain numerous parochial agencies. St. James' Church has had from the first a well-trained and reverent surpliced choir, and frequent choral services.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—As winter advances and the weather becomes more and more inclement and trying, the earliest evidences of ill-health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsey, influenza, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as nearly as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment simple yet effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have wonderfully relieved many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

W. W. Wilson, Esq., Shotley Hall, has, with his usual benevolence, sent to the servants at the railway station where he patronises, and to the permanent guards of the same line, the usual presents of ground game.

Hunting Appointments.—The Braes of Derwent Foxhounds meet on Sat., 21, at Whittonstall—at 10·30. The North Durham Foxhounds meet on Fri., 20, at Pelton; Mon., 23, at Finden Hill; Wed., 25, at Byers Garth; Fri., 27, at Waterhouses—at 10·45.

Fatal Accident at Blaydon.—On Monday night, between five and six o'clock, at the works of Smith, Paterson, and Co., an accident occurred by which Robert Gray, of Dunston, lost his life, and Robert Johnson, of Derwenthaugh, was severely injured. A truck by some means or other was caused to run in upon the men unawares, killing the one and injuring the other.

Durham Winter Assizes.—The criminal business of the Durham Winter Assizes was commenced on Thursday morning, at the Crown Courts, Durham, before Mr Justice Matthew. His Lordship was accompanied on the Bench by Mr Matthew Kearney, High Sheriff, and Mr Alfred W. Granger, Under-Sheriff. The following local gentlemen were sworn on the Grand Jury:—Mr Jas. Annandale, The Briars, Shotley Bridge; Rev J. P. De Pledge, Satley Vicarage; and Major W. J. Joicey, Tanfield Lea.

Primitive Methodism at Ramshaw.—The annual coffee supper was held on Saturday last, which proved to be one of the largest and most successful that has been held in the districe forsome years. Upwards of 200 persons partook of the good things provided. Immediately after supper a public meeting was held, when the chapel was packed in every part. It is calculated 300 persons were present, while many were unable to obtain admission. Mr Dodd (Wesleyan), of Consett, who has been conducting evangelistic services at Ramshaw, ably presided over the proceedings. Eloquent, instructive, and humorous speeches were given by the Revs W. Baitey (the popular Northern preacher) and C. Longstaff, circuit ministers. Some sacred songs were sung in good style by Mr T. Hutchinson, of Consett. Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies—Mesdames Peaden, Phipp, Whitfield, Down, and Shield—for the graceful manner in which they had presided at the respective tables. The Rev. W. Baitey responded in a very humorous manner on behalf of the ladies. The proceedings were brought to a close by the audience singing the doxology, and the pronouncing of the benediction by the chairman.—On Sunday, sermons were preached by Mr Unsworth, of Blackhill, and Mr J. L. Surtees (a gifted preacher), of Consett, to good congregations.

Durham County Franchise and Political Reform Association.—The Committee of this Association have just issued to the members their annual report, from which we learn that they commence this year in a better position than they have occupied for a number of years prior—better financially—more Lodges contributing to their funds—more gentlemen outside the miners as honorary members, and with the feeling that their Association is more effective for good. Each year opens out with the elections for parochial offices, Vestry meetings, Boards of Guardians, Local Boards of Health. In the choice of persons for these departments the members can claim a voice, and to a proper selection they are closely connected. The report advises the members to seek out men of kindly hearts, and not allow those to be constantly elected whose actions in the past have made a Board of Guardians proverbial for harshness, and their personalty a synonym for uncharitable speech and act. During the year the Association had done some good work in School Board Elections. At Greencroft, they succeeded in returning two; at Kyo Laws, one; at Wardley, they in a short notice, won a seat for Mr J. Hopper. The committee hope that they will support the abolition of the Parliamentary Oath, so as to allow any member, duly elected from a constituency, not any way disqualified to take his seat, by simply affirming his allegiance to the laws of the country; and also a bill to be introduced by Mr T. Burt, M.P., removing the property qualification for Local Boards, Boards of Guardians, &c.

Special Religious Services at Medomsley.—The Wesleyan Methodists of Medomsley are holding a series of special religious services in their chapel, which commenced on January 2nd, conducted by Mr Joseph Harker, of Amble, who by his preaching and singing has attracted large audiences every weeknight, and on the two last Sunday evenings the chapel was crowded to overflowing, many not being able to find even standing room. The most pleasing feature, however, in the services is the fact that about thirty-one persons have professed to find peace by believing in Jesus.—On Monday night last the gentleman above-named, assisted by his brother, Mr John Harker, and their cousin, Miss Spence, gave a concert in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley, to a crowded audience. The concert consisted of songs from the "Jubilees," Old Methodist tunes, and songs and solos from Handel and Mozart; also instrumental pieces on the pianoforte and violin. The manner in which all the pieces were rendered leaves no room for particularising, and we can only say that the whole affair was quite a success in every sense of the word, and far superior to many others with more pretensions. We may add that Mr Joseph Harker is a host in himself, and infused such energy into the entertainment as to keep the audience quite merry; and the recitation which he gave in the interval between the first and second parts of the programme was highly appreciated. The concert was under the presidency of Mr William Hogg, of Westwood, who discharged his duties with his usual ability. The usual votes of thanks and the singing of the doxology brought the meeting to a close.

Local Law Case.—Atkinson and others v. Wallace and others.—Northumberland Assizes, Tuesday. Before Mr Justice Matthew in the Civil Court.—In this action Robert Hobson Atkinson and his wife, Jane, and John Collins and Catherine, his wife, of Newcastle, plaintiffs, claimed to recover damages from Henry Wallace, and Dixon, Corbett, and Spencer, of Whickham, for injuries received under the following circumstances:—On the 20th December the plaintiffs attended a sale at Winlaton, going there in a conveyance belonging to Collins. It was dark when they returned, and when passing through Whickham the horse shied at a trestle placed over part of the highway and fell into a drain on the opposite side of the road. All the occupants of the conveyance were thrown out, Mrs Atkinson having her collar bone broken, and Mrs Collins also being injured, and the trap being damaged. The drains had been formed from one side by Mr Wallace, and from the other by Dixon, Corbett, and Spencer, and trestles had been placed above that made by the latter. The plaintiffs alleged that the drains were not properly lighted up or protected, and claimed damages from the defendants for negligence in thus leaving the drains exposed. Mr Digby Seymour with Mr Gainsford Bruce, instructed by Mr Radford, appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr Willis, Q.C., with Mr Edward Ridley, instructed by Messrs Clayton and Gibson, for Mr Wallace, and Mr Waddy, Q.C., with Mr Walton, instructed by Messrs Hoyle, Shipley, and Hoyle, for Dixon, Corbett, and Spencer. For the defence it was set up that there were twenty-two feet of road clear, that it was sufficiently lighted, that with proper care no accident would have happened, and that the drains were properly protected. A large number of witnesses were called on both sides. The jury retired to consider their verdict, and after an absence of an hour and twenty minutes returned to court. They found for the plaintiffs, with £5 damages to Mr and Mrs Collins, and £10 damages to Mrs Atkinson, and recommended that each party should pay their own costs.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, Jan. 16th—Before A. Town, Esq. (chairman), J. Priestman, Esq., and Jas. Annandale, jun., Esq.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

John McCarden and *Thos. Murphy* pleaded guilty to committing a breach of the peace at Consett, on the 31st December last.—Sergt. Thornton stated that about half-past three o'clock on the afternoon on that day he saw the defendants stripped and fighting on the Blue Mountains. There was a large crowd gathered round about.—Defendants were bound over in their own recognisances in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months.

William Thomas pleaded guilty to the same offence by fighting in Foundry Row, Blackhill, about 9·30 p.m. on the 27th December last, and was bound over in a like sum to keep the peace for a similar period.

STONE THROWING.

Owen Connor, aged 18 (who did not appear), was charged under the Byelaws of the Leadgate Local Board with throwing stones on the public highways.—P.C. Turner said that on the 18th of last month he saw the defendant in Front Street, Leadgate, throwing stones with a catapult (produced).—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Michael Riley having been found by Sergt. Thornton, in a state of drunkennes in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, on Saturday night last, was fined 5s and costs.

John Hinds, charged by P.C. Roper with being drunk and disorderly in Victoria Street, Consett, on the Saturday evening previous, was also fined 5s with costs.—Defendant: I have no money to pay. I will leave the town to-day if you will let me off.—The Chairman: Yes; but we want this money first.—Defendant was sent to prison for seven days.

COWARDLY ASSAULT AT BLACKHILL.

John Council was placed in the dock on a charge of having assaulted Reuben Savage, at Blackhill, on New Year's morning.—Dr Carr, barrister, of Durham, appeared to support the charge, prisoner being defended by Mr T. W. Welford, jun., of Consett.—Complainant said that shortly before three o'clock on the morning in question he was proceeding home in company with Mrs Johnson when he met the prisoner on the railway bridge, and the latter, without the slightest provocation, picked up a bit of slagstone, and hurled it violently at complainant, the missile hitting him in the right ear. The effect of the blow knocked him senseless to the ground. There was a great gash which had penetrated through the ear. He had been attended by Dr George Renton ever since the assault.—Cross-examined: He might have taken a little sup of liquor that night. He could not exactly say how much; perhaps a quart of ale. The affair took place on the end of the railway bridge, just before three o'clock. There was a woman with him named Elizabeth Johnson, whom he kept company with. He was in Mrs Johnson's house in Blackfine, that night, and a row took place between Frank Johnson and himself. The missile thrown at him was a piece of slag and brick burnt together. Never spoke to prisoner when the assault took place. He was about three yards away from the prisoner when he flung the missile.—To the Court: The house where they were assembled that night was a private one.—Re-examined: There existed no illfeeling between him and prisoner. He was perfectly sober when the affair occurred.—Elizabeth Johnson stated that she heard the prisoner exclaim previous to the assault that he would lay a watch on the complainant. She was present when prisoner threw the stone at Savage. Immediately afterwards Council said he would murder witness. Complainant had not done or said anything to prisoner.—Cross-examined: When the missile was thrown at complainant witness said to prisoner "You will have to pay for that." She did not tell Savage it was Council who did the deed.—Maria Johnson asserted that about 12 o'clock at midnight prisoner kicked at her door (the party being held at her house) and shouted out that he would fight "every b—— that was inside."—John Beckwith and Elizabeth Lockey gave corroborative evidence.—Dr George Renton, called, testified that complainant had been under his care since 1st January. When he first saw Savage, he was in a very weak state, suffering from a great loss of blood. His head was covered with blood, and he (the doctor) found a deep lacerated wound in the right ear, with several bruises around. He had attended complainant, and although the latter was very seriously ill, he was never in what witness considered a dangerous condition. The first week the complainant suffered a great deal from the pain. The wound, which was half-an-inch deep, might have been caused by some blunt instrument thrown with great violence.—Mr Welford, for the defence, said that Council went to Mrs Mary Ann Harrison's house at Blackfine, on New Year's eve, and stayed there till one o'clock in the morning. Then he went out and saw a row going on between the complainant Savage, Frank Johnson and Maria Johnson. Council afterwards returned to Mrs Harrison's house and remained inside until nearly four o'clock in the morning, when he went off home to Derwent Cottages. This being the case, Mr Welford contended that as the prosecutor stated the assault had been committed before three o'clock it must have been done by someone else.—Mary Ann Harrison, living at Armstrong Street, Blackfine, alleged that prisoner came to their house on New Year's night, and she would swear that he was in at three o'clock—the time complainant said the assault took place. Witness saw the row between complainant, Frank Johnson, and Maria Johnson, and saw the woman hit complainant on the head with a potato chopper.—Simon Johnson, of Derwent Cottages, who was in Mrs Harrison's on the night in question, also swore that the prisoner was there until four o'clock on New Year's morning. They went home to Derwent Cottages together, going round by Number One. He was positive that the prisoner never attacked any one whilst in his company. They were never near the railway bridge.—Cross-examined: Did not see complainant at all that night. It would be about ten minutes to four when they left Mrs Harrison's. They were not drinking, but simply cracking together in the house.—Dr Carr said if there was any doubt in their worships' minds as to whether the prisoner was the man or not he would ask that the case be adjourned for the production of another witness.—Mr Dickinson (who was acting on behalf of Mr Welford) objected to this course, as the doctor had already closed his case.—Three more witnesses were called in support of the *alibi*, viz:—Jane Gibson, Robert Johnson, and Daniel Harrison, the last-named witness stating that he saw the prisoner and Mrs Harrison just below the station bridge shortly before three o'clock.—The magistrates, after retiring to consult for a short time, said they found the prisoner guilty of the assault. It was a most dangerous thing for a man to do, and as a previous conviction had been recorded against the prisoner, he would have to pay a fine of £5 (which includes £3 11s 6d costs), or go to prison for one month with hard labour.

Annual Supper and Concert at Marley Hill.—The Marley Hill Primitive Methodist choir held their annual coffee supper and concert on Saturday evening, the 7th inst. Mr J. Johnson, of Andrew's House occupied the chair. The choir performed several old hymns and tunes, and the proceedings were made very interesting by the performance on flutes by Messrs Jos. Robson and I. Brown, of Kibblesworth, who executed two duets with capital effect; Mr Robson also gave two airs with variations in first-class style. Messrs James Wilkinson presided at the harmonium; John Thirlwell, on the violincello; Thos. Thirlwell, on the ophiclide. After the concert the company partook of a capital supper being attended to by Miss Meggy Sharp, Miss M. Newton, Mrs M. English, and Miss Bella Roddam.—[This arrived too late for insertion last week.]

CLEVELAND BLAST FURNACEMEN'S WAGES.

On Wednesday, the delegates of the blast furnacemen met the ironmasters' representatives at Middlesbrough, when the new sliding scale was signed by 16 of the delegates, who acted on behalf of the men at eight of the associated works. There are three works in the district yet to sign, and it was understood that the delegates would consult with these men on Wednesday evening, and communicate the result. The men at 18 works will therefore be paid on Saturday next at the rates provided for by the new scale, while those at the works yet to sign will be paid under old rates, unless their assent be given on that date. The advance under the new scale is 12½ per cent., or 10 per cent. more than the men received during the last quarter of 1881. If the employers had continued to pay under the old scale the men could only have received this quarter 2½ per cent. more than they would have received during the last quarter of 1881.

The Consett Blastfurnacemen and the Proposed Sliding Scale.—On Tuesday a vote was taken by ballot of the blastfurnacemen engaged at the Consett Ironworks, in reference to the new sliding scale proposed by the Cleveland Ironmasters' Association, with the following result:—For sliding scale, 67; against, 163; votes spoilt, 2.

DURHAM COLLIERY MECHANICS'. ASSOCIATION.

The annual council meeting of the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association was held on Wednesday in the Miners' Hall, North Road, Durham—Mr. J. Orr presiding. There was a good attendance of delegates. The Secretary (Mr. L. Trotter) read reports from the various lodges, and also the general report, which showed the association to be in a prosperous condition, both numerically and financially. He also stated that during the year they had extended the association to a number of collieries in the county, and that after defraying working expenses and granting locked-out benefits in several instances, there still remained a good balance to the credit of the association. It was unanimously agreed to erect a suitable monument over the grave of the late secretary, Mr. Geo. Dover, in Burn Moor Churchyard. The election of officers was proceeded with, the following being the result:—President, Mr. J. Orr, Annfield Plain; treasurer, Mr. R. Allen, Sunderland; secretary, Mr. L. Trotter, Durham; committee, J. W. Taylor, Dipton; T. Herring, Hetten; W. Young, Ouston; and J. Davison, Ryhope. Mr. S. Dormand, of Seaham, was elected auditor. The meeting proceeded to consider the basis of a new sliding scale, but eventually the question was left to the consideration of the representatives of the mechanics on the Federation Board. There was no other business of public interest before the meeting.

Accident at the Lilly Colliery, Dipton.—On Wednesday week an accident occurred at the Lilly Colliery, Dipton, happily unattended with any fatal consequences. It appears that between six and seven in the morning while drawing coal one of the ropes broke when near the top. By strenuous exertion the fore shift men and lads were brought safely to bank by noon. The pit resumed operations on Thursday morning. We may state this colliery has so far been one of the most fortunate in the district.

Presentation.—On Monday evening, Mr Thos. Chicken, late engineer at Littleburn Colliery, was presented with a timepiece and a purse of gold, of the total value of £26, by his fellow-workmen and friends, on the occasion of his leaving Littleburn Colliery. The presentation took place at the Littleburn Colliery Hotel, and was preceded by an excellent dinner, to which over thirty gentlemen sat down. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Morland, manager at Littleburn Colliery, who, in making the presentation on behalf of the subscribers, referred to the skill and ability with which Mr Chicken had discharged his duties during the ten years he had been in the employment of the North Brancepeth Coal Company, as well as to his private character and integrity. Mr Chicken feelingly replied. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

Supper at Medomsley.—On Saturday evening last, the overmen and deputies connected with the Consett Collieries held their annual supper at Mr Mace's, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley. There was a large attendance, and the spread was everything that could be desired, both as regards variety and quality, which reflected great credit on the worthy host and hostess, who evidently had spared neither labour nor expense to make the repast as good and appreciable as possible, to which, it may be needless to add, that ample justice was done. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given, songs were sung by Messrs Cross, Musgrove, Mace, Wilson, Lee, and others, and an excellent recitation was given by Mr F. Cresswell. We may also mention that Master Mace made a most wonderful display in the art of step-dancing, which he performed with such skill as augured well for his becoming the future champion. Master Caygill presided at the piano, and was very ably accompanied by Mr Fawcett on the violin. Altogether a most agreeable and harmonious evening was spent.

A Grand Day with the North Durham Fox hounds.—A favourite "meet" with the North Durham Hunt occurred on Monday viz., The Ford, near Lanchester, and, as usual, when the pack visit the spot, there was a big turn out of scarlet, the field including the master and his lady, Mr and Mrs Maynard. Before the more arduous business of the day was taken in hand, the hospitality of the High Sheriff (M. Kearney, Esq.), was partaken of, and was, as usual, freely dispensed to all comers. At length the signal "to horse" was given, and Haverson proceeded to the Hollybush covers, where he put in his hounds. The field had scarcely time to assemble at the covert side before the welcome "Tally-ho" was given as reynard broke out at the east side, and sped off down the valley, with the hounds unpleasantly close to his brush. He looked longingly at a cover close to his old quarters, but he could not safely negotiate it, so facing the hill and taking his pursuers on at a cracking pace, he sped uphill away past Biggin, and thence through the Hamsteels covers, with the hounds sticking to their quarry like "grim fate" itself. Just as he appeared likely to fall their victim as he crossed the road on the hillside at Quebec a place of refuge presented itself in the shape of the open jaws of the colliery drift, and into this he bolted, after twenty-five minutes of the fastest pace that has been had in the North Durham county this season, both horses and hounds being at top speed throughout. After two or three efforts, it was found that the getting of him out would occupy too much time, and a fresh find was accordingly decided upon. The Hamsteels covers were accordingly tried with success, reynard at once bolting out, and he was rattled away past Biggin and down the hill towards the Browney, the fox apparently pointing for the Burnopeside covers. The wrong line was, however, taken, and the hounds could make nothing of it, and the run terminated. The Rockwoodside covers were now tried, and then on to Robertson's Whin, a sure "find" which fairly upheld its character, as a good fox was turned out, which made for Rockwoodside. Thence the hounds bustled him across the Satley Road, and away on to Gladdowe. No rest for him there, the hounds driving poor reynard out through the north-east side of the cover, when he doubled back, and tried again for Robertson's Whin. The hounds kept him going, and he tried back again over the line he had already taken, and after some slow hunting—which, however showed the qualities of the hounds and their huntsman, the fox got close to Hollybush, where the gallant pack pulled him down, after a run of three hours from beginning to end, and with the most of the field up at the finish.

Markets.

MEAT, POULTRY, PRODUCE, AND PROVISION.

Durham Provision, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10d; mutton, 8d to 10d, veal, 9d to 10d; pork, 8d to 10d; bacon, 6d to 7d; ham, 6½d to 7d; cheese, 7d to 8d; lard, 0d per lb, chickens, 2s 0d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s; turkeys, 6s 6d to 10s; geese, 7s to 10s; hares, 3s 6d to 5s each; rabbits, 2s 8d to 3s 4d; pigeons, 1s [illegible]d to [illegible]s 4d per couple; pheasants, 0s to 0s per brace; butter, 1s 0d to 1s 9d; [illegible], 1s 2d to 1s 4d per lb; eggs 7 to 10 for 1s; grapes 8d; apples, 1s 6d to 2s 0d; onions, 1s 4d to 2s 0d per peck; potatoes, 6d to 8d per stone.

Newcastle Meat and Poultry, Saturday.—

	s d	to s d		s d	to s d
Prime large beef	0 8	0 11	Grouse, pr couple	6 0	7 0
Prime mutton	0 9	0 11	Pigeons, pr couple	1 6	2 0
Small pork	0 9	0 11	Turkeys, per lb	0 11	1 2
Veal	0 8	0 11	Turkeys, poults	0 0	0 0
Lamb, per lb	0 9	0 11	Partridges, brace	4 0	5 0
American beef	0 2½	0 6	Pheasant	7 6	8 6
Do. mutton	0 5	0 6	Geese per lb	0 8	0 10
Do. lamb	0 0	0 0	Goslings, each	6 0	8 0
Do. veal	0 7	0 9	Hares, each	5 0	0 0
Do. pork	0 7	0 [illegible]	Leverets	0 0	0 0
Hens, each	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], couple	2 0	3 0
Ducks, each	2 9	3 [illegible]	Venison	1 0	1 3
Ducklings	0 0	0 [illegible]	[illegible] fresh butter, per lb	1 7	0 [illegible]
Wild Ducks	6 0	7 0	Fresh eggs, 9 for 1s.		
Chickens	2 6	[illegible]	Salmon, per lb	0 0	0 0
Quails, per doz	0 0	0 [illegible]			

Newcastle Fruit and Potato, Saturday.—Grapes 9d to 1s per lb; English hothouse do., 2s 0d to 3s per lb; cabbages, [illegible] apples, 10d to 1s 4d, Scotch potatoes, [illegible] large onions, 1s 0d to 2s 9d; small onions, [illegible] per stone, carrots, 2s 6d to 3s 0d [illegible] cauliflowers, 2d to 3d each, good celery, 1½ [illegible] 2½d per head; beet root, 1d per head; turnips [illegible] per stone, oranges, 18 to 24 for 1s.

Newcastle Flour, Saturday.—Hungarian, 3s 2d; American, 2[illegible] superfine 2s 8d superfine 2s 0d, fines, 2[illegible] seconds, 2s 0d, ryemeal, 2s [illegible] oatmeal—English, 2s 4d, Scotch [illegible] 1s, 9d.

Hexham [illegible], 1s 6d to 1s 7d per [illegible] geese, 10d to 0d per [illegible] 2s 0d to 3s 6d, ducks, 2s 0[illegible] pheasants, 0 0d to 7s 0d, partridges, [illegible], 2s 9d to 3s per couple, [illegible], potatoes, 6d to 8d [illegible] 0s to 2s; onions, 1s to 1s 8d [illegible] cabbage, 2d to 3d each [illegible]—extra superfine, 2s [illegible] 2d, maslin, 2s 0[illegible].

CORN.

Newcastle [illegible].—At our market this forenoon [illegible] wheat, which sold slowly [illegible] supply of farmers' barley, which [illegible], and which realised [illegible] there was a limited inquiry [illegible] foreign samples, and prices [illegible] sold quietly, at unaltered [illegible] were held for rather [illegible] peas an average business [illegible] American maize, of which [illegible] at fully last week's [illegible] somewhat slower than [illegible] pressure to sell.

BRITISH.		PER QR.	
Wheat	[illegible] White	34 to	44
—	Red	30	44
—	S[illegible]	31	38
—	[illegible]	30	36
Barley	[illegible]	24	44
Oats	S[illegible]	24	30
—	S[illegible]	20	27
Malt	[illegible]	41	60
Peas	[illegible]	37	40
Beans	[illegible]	30	4[illegible]
Flour	N[illegible] per sack		
	[illegible]	38	41
—	N[illegible]	36	38
—	Sc[illegible]	34	38
FOREIGN.			
Wheat	Low[illegible] Upper Baltic	53	57
—	Am[illegible]	55	57
—	Ru[illegible]	46	52
Barley	Saal[illegible]	44	53
—	Cal[illegible]	45	46
—	Fren[illegible]	41	41
—	Danish and Swedish	30	44
Oats	[illegible]	20	20
Peas	[illegible]	35	35
Beans	Alex[illegible]	41	4[illegible]
Flour	H[illegible]	44	54
—	A[illegible]	40	54
—	Bal[illegible]	38	44
—	French	38	46

Newcastle [illegible], Tuesday.—Arrivals into Newcastle for the week ending 16th January, 1882:—Coast and rail—Wheat [illegible] 7 qrs; maize, 250 qrs; barley, 655 qrs, [illegible] 5 7 qrs, [illegible] 1,923 qrs; rye, — qrs, beans, 247 [illegible] 14 qrs; flour, 2,463 sacks. Foreign—Wheat, 2[illegible]3 qrs; maize, qrs; barley, 2,082 qrs; malt, — [illegible] 26 qrs; rye, — qrs; beans, — qrs; peas, — qrs; flour, [illegible],3[illegible]0 barrels. At this day's market there [illegible] of coastwise wheat, but little from [illegible], however, ruled exceedingly slow, and, although [illegible] were inclined to concede a little in [illegible] nothing was done. Maize a retail sale at [illegible] barley of fine quality met [illegible] and [illegible] brought an advance of 6d to 1s [illegible] secondary parcels were also easier to dispose [illegible] better inquiry for old oats at [illegible] found a steady sale at former terms [illegible] firm. Flour sold slowly at previous r[illegible]

Hexham Corn, Tuesday.—Fair supply of oats at our market to-day, [illegible] better demand. Average supply of barley, [illegible] supply of wheat; dull sale; no change in [illegible].

CATTLE.

Newcastle [illegible].—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 149 head of cattle from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland, 379 beasts, 300 sheep, 15 calves, and 30 pigs from [illegible] 20 beasts and 178 pigs from Ireland. The show of [illegible] for sale exhibited an increase of 903 [illegible], but a decline of 50 sheep, as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, there was a considerable improvement to note in cattle, both in home-bred and foreign, while sheep were about an average.—The supply of beef comprised 2,283 head. The beef trade to-day was in a tolerably steady state, with a good demand for the South. Between two and three hundred head were bought yesterday, which were principally for Manchester (Salford market). In exceptional instances the choice quality of small heifer might touch 10s, but the general top figure for beef was 9s 9d per imperial stone, with a fair, good clearance.—The number of sheep was [illegible]440. The mutton trade was in an exceedingly active state. Several lots were bought for the South, and some hundreds were bought for the London trade, which will be dressed in Newcastle. Although the quotations stand the same as this day se'nnight, yet the tendency was in favour of the seller, and as the [illegible] prices improved, and the last sold were the dearest.—Pigs: 739 were shown. There being an increase in the number from last week, sales were less active; the general rates would range from 7s 6d to 9s per imperial stone.—The day was delightfully fine for holding the market, and the weather has settled a[illegible].

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Pork	7s 6d	9s 0d
Sheep (good [illegible] wedders, out of wool), [illegible] per lb	10½d to	11d
Middling	9d	10d
Lambs	0d	0d

NUMBERS AND PRICES OF THE CORRESPONDING WEEK IN THE LAST THREE YEARS:—

	Beasts.		Sheep.		Lambs.
1879	1,671	5s 3d to 9s 0d	4,206	8d to 9½d	0d to 0d
1880	1,[illegible]36	5s 9d to 9s 6d	4,300	6d to 9d	0d to 0d
1881	1,923	5s 6d to 9s 2d	4,740	8½d to 10d	0d to 0d

MISCELLANEOUS.

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £5 0s 0d to £7 2s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s 0d; new land hay, £6 0s to £6 0s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s 0d; clover hay, £5 0s to £6 14s, per ton; wheat straw, 3s 2d to 4s 0d; barley straw, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; oat straw, 3s 0d to 3s 8d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 120; carts of straw, 47.

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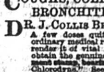

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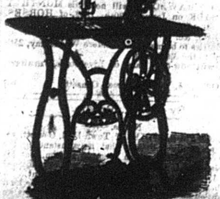

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DERWENT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

LECTURE BY MR. T. C. THOMPSON, M.P.

Yesterday (Thursday) evening, a lecture was delivered in the Central Hall, Benfieldside, under the auspices of the Derwent Liberal Association, by Mr T. C. Thompson, member for Durham, on the subject—"Ireland, and the work to be done in the Session." Jon. Priestman, Esq., J.P. (President of the Association) occupied the chair and was supported by several prominent Liberals, whose appearance on the platform was the signal for a loud outburst of applause.

The CHAIRMAN, at the outset, said he was very sorry to say that their old friend Mr Jenkins would not be with them that evening as anticipated. He wrote regretting his ability to attend, owing to an important engagement, inasmuch as it was so very rare that they had a gentleman of such ability in that locality to address them. The Chairman asked them to listen attentively to what Mr Thompson had to say, and should he utter anything which did not exactly harmonise with their sentiments, he hoped they would consider his words, and tolerate the opinions of other persons as well as their own. He was sure it was very kind of the hon. gentleman to have come so far to assist them. (Applause).

Mr THOMPSON, on rising to speak, was vociferously cheered. He said:—Ladies and gentlemen,—We have read in the good book that the Lord sometimes takes his stewards to task, and after asking them to give an account of their stewardship, inquires why they should any longer act in that capacity. But no one reads anywhere of a strange lord asking a steward who is unknown to him to give an account of his stewardship. It seems that you have asked the question of me, although I am the steward of another lord, to come and give some account of my stewardship to you. (Applause). Not that under any circumstances I should have been unwilling to do this; but considering how few people there are in these counties who have such a little share in the representation, and have no steward, I do not think it would be quite fair to make an answer and say—I cannot come to you; my duties lie within the precints of the City of Durham. I feel that those living in towns unrepresented in the House of Commons have a higher claim upon us as Members of Parliament, than the inhabitants of our cities and boroughs. I often find that lectures on English history and English politics are extremely pleasing to people in country towns, who have not frequent opportunities of hearing them. I might congratulate the Liberal party upon this fact—that at the last general election when we were sent to Parliament—when trade was languishing, men were out of employment, and business was at a deadlock—we settled down to bring about a change. I ask you—Have we not in some sense succeeded? (Hear, hear). After nearly two years under the Liberal adminstration there has come—I will not say an entire change—but an entire change is coming over the commercial aspects of this country. (Cheers). Works have been opened, furnaces have been re-lit, and hundreds of ships are required to be built because our trade has become so great. Are we not delighted that it is so; that it is in consequence of the conduct the Liberal party have thought fit to follow. Let us see for a moment what their course of policy has been hitherto. When we came into power, we found that our armies were overrunning the far east, in a country inhabited by a warlike and noble race. We took possession of their country because we thought they might become friends of Russia and thereby become dangerous to ourselves. In consequence of that fear we sent our armies into the country, and ultimately took possession of the land. All this was done, bear in mind, by the Conservative Government. In high quarters many said that England was only doing right by taking possession of such dominions as these. We, however, gave the answer thus — To do wrong leads to evil, and does nobody any good. It was a wrong step to take possession of that country, and therefore we will give it back to those whom it belongs. (Loud applause.) In consequence of that we recalled our troops from Afghanistan and gave the natives possession of it. By doing so England had cleared her conscience of one sinful act she had committed. The noble Lord who then controlled our colonies informed the Tory Government he had learnt that the people in South Africa were anxious to be annnexed to this country, but took no steps to ascertain if such was the case. When you are told that your neighbour is anxious to give you his property you ought to find out first whether he was willing to do so before you take possession of it. The noble Lord, however, did not trouble himself about this. The Boers protested against the action of the Government, and said they could manage their own affairs without interference on the part of the British Government. (Cheers.) When Mr Gladstone came into office, one of the first things they heard of in Parliament was that the Boers were extremely dissatisfied with the arrangement, and would not be bound by it. Mr Gladstone said at the time in the Queen's speech that the honour and integrity of England would be upheld; but the Radicals disagreed with this, and when the facts were pointed out to Mr Gladstone he found at once that an error had been committed, and one of his first steps was to give back the land the Boers had plundered from them. It was at this moment, before these instructions reached their destination, that Sir George Colley had, by a noble but rash act exposed our troops to a severe defeat. It was a very easy matter for the Government to come to an understanding with the Boers before this occurred, but it was quite another thing to do so when the people were incensed by defeat, and many poor wives and children were lamenting the death of the soldiers who had been slain on the battle-field. It was quite true that the conquering Boers were a comparatively small and feeble body of people; and in anything like a sharp conflict between the Boers and the British, there was no doubt as to what the result would be. The Liberal Government, however, said, we have committed an error; it is true we have suffered defeat and many brave soldiers will fight no more; but in spite of this we will not do evil. (Hear, hear). They said to the Boers, We are very sorry for what has happened. We expect peace at your hands; we give you back what you want, and hope you will be satisfied. I ask you if in all the long roll of victories achieved by the English in past ages there is anything so noble as the conduct of the Boers when they had defeated us. (Hear, hear). The English members — especially the Conservatives—were loud in their talk that we had disgraced England. We acted on the principles of Christianity. Through the policy of the Government our trade has prospered; our ships are engaged in carrying goods from one end of the world to the other, and workmen getting employment everywhere I trust the wages are rising, and that the working classes will have more money to spend upon themselves and their families. That is the result of nearly two years of office by the Liberal party. (Loud cheers). You will ask me what are we going to do in the future? It was said that the next session was going to be a very stormy one. In the beginning we are going to have a trouble. My object in coming here to-night is to make my views clear to you. Mr Bradlaugh, the Member for Northampton, is extremely anxious to take his seat in Parliament. He has very peculiar religious notions, and refused at first to take the required oath of allegiance to Her Majesty. It was thought the Acts of Parliament were so clear that there was no reason why any person should be prevented from taking his seat in Parliament, but the judges in the Law Courts thought otherwise. In consequence Mr Bradlaugh was not in Parliament. In my opinion we have practically nothing whatever to do with religious opinions in Parliament. (Hear, hear.) All we should have to do is to walk up to the table and take the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty. Whether they believed in the existance of the Deity or not was not a question to be asked before the table. Nevertheless, that was not the feeling of the Conservative party, and the question would give a great deal of trouble to the Government. I think the best thing would be to do away with the oath altogether. I for one cling to the traditions of the House of Commons: I cling to the opinion that the most glorious assembly in the world should acknowledge the Great Creator. But then there was no reason why any person should be called upon to take the oath of allegiance. There were not two persons in the world of the same opinion as to what was meant by it. If the Queen did her duty there was not the least necessity for it. On the other hand if you were so rash and foolish as to break through the laws of the nation, these were strong enough to punish you whether you had taken the oath or not. The oath came into vogue at the time when religious influences so affected the lives of men that it was thought necessary to bind them by the laws and by their consciences. These times have long since gone by, and such a proceeding is of no avail in those days; and the best thing you can do is to ask the legislature to do away now and for ever with the oath of allegiance. There is another thing very much in our way—I refer to the question of obstruction. There were a number of intelligent men who were known by the name of Home Rulers—(loud and prolonged cheers)—and they were said to be the great obstructionists. I have, however, never seen any special obstruction on their part. There were no doubt rules and forms in the House which Members could avail themselves of. On the eventful night when Mr O'Donnell took such a prominent part in the debate in reference to the action of the French Ambassador, Mr Gladstone moved that Mr O'Donnell be no longer heard. The Speaker rose and gravely informed the House that no such motion had been made for 200 years. After discussing the matter for two hours in a most violent manner, the House calmed down, and left them just in the same position as they were before. A great deal of obstruction in the House was of a similar character, arising from an injudicious action on the part of some member. There was some talk of new rules of debate, but the best thing for the House is to let the matter alone. Let the House continue its freedom and liberty of speech. The Government had, however, determined to do something in that direction. I think an arrangement should become to that business should be suspended at two o'clock. We have been sitting up till five and six o'clock in the morning, when every member was dozing off to sleep, and to work the next day was out of question. Our chief business in Parliament was to find out how much money the country was going to spend, which are called the Estimates. These have to be gone into in detail. I draw your attention to these Estimates because they are paid out of your earnings—they do not come from the rich but the poor. In my opinion these ought to have the fullest attention of the members, but at the same time they were obliged to consider a lot of grievances. They were not real grievances, but the "crotchets" of some hon. members. As a remedy I would suggest that we do away with the principle of considering private grievances before Supply, but set one day apart in the week for dealing with them. Then we should be able to get through the work without delay. As it is the Estimates are put off from day to day, and the members, finally getting wearied of them, they are passed through a thin House, and no one knows anything about it. The House, as they knew, was counted out if there were not forty members in it. Well, I think we should give the Speaker power to say—This business is closed; members do not think it is worth their while to discuss the bill; call on the next question. The result would be that members who were interested in certain measures would be cautiously watching their own questions, and the business would be done at once. But as I said before do not let the people of England give in to any *clôture* as they call it. (Cheers.) Do not let us have any French systems of management introduced into the House of Commons. Do not let us have the Government saying in effect to private members—thus far shall you go and no further. I do not think there is too much talking in the House on these great questions—it was those trifling matters that takes up all the time. When the Irish members were discussing the question whether their liberty should be rooted out of their country, was it right for the Government to say, "Stop; I have had enough of that." (No.) I say that to interfere with a man who is pleading for his life is a most impertinent thing, and to stop any member speaking for the liberty and freedom of his country was a very dangerous precedent indeed. (Loud cheers.) I will not attempt to disguise from you the fact that great changes have recently come over the minds of the people. Years ago it was simply the question whether blue or red should be sent to Parliament. Now, men were asking what blue and red means. In the North Riding of Yorkshire they were now contesting whether they should return to the House of Commons a young lord hardly out of his teens or a tenant farmer. (Hear, hear). They were not going to send a young peer to the Lower House in order to learn the business, and become a fit member and suitable for the Upper Chamber. It is not as of old, when the suffrage was to be given for the sake of having a glass of beer on that day. The election of a member of Parliament was beginning to be looked upon as a very important thing. Well, with regard to the assimilation of the suffrage, you are asking for it, and as Englishmen you shall get it. (Applause). Could any person explain the reason why any great body of householders should be debarred from a choice of the representatives in Parliament? Is it because your labour is not given towards the taxes? I cannot understand why the upper classes should have votes and you have not. There was far more tenderness and refinement, far more truthfulness and straightforwardness in the poor than in the rich; and if it was my choice as to who should have the voice in the representation, I should perfer the lower to the upper classes. Referring to the condition of Ireland the speaker glanced briefly at the early history of that country, the peaceful habits of the people, of the encroachments of the English knights, and of the imperious action of the only Englishman who ever became a Pope of Rome. Coming down to modern times the lecturer said—In 1830 the population of Ireland was 8,000,000. From 1830 to 1850 the number had dwindled down to five-and-a-half millions. I will not dwell on the terrible horrors of the famine of 1847. Even to-day the state of the country under the present Government was deplorable. According to the report of a Commission, large tracts in Mayo were let at eight shillings an acre which was not worth more than one shilling; while many of the huts where the people lived were not more than three feet high; the situation being wretched in the extreme. You will thus have some idea of the condition of the people thus circumstanced—forced back upon land capable of bearing only small crops of oats or potatoes, and living in huts with the water oozing through the walls, or houses with only one room. (Shame). What steps had the Government taken to remedy this miserable state of things? Well they had sent out the soldiers—the standing army. It was an Englishman's proud boast that his house was his castle, that even Her Majesty could not cross his threshold; but what was the state of affairs in Ireland? Everybody knew how our army was employed—assisting timerous landlords and peering through the clinks in peoples' doors. (Shame). It was rarely that the Government interfered in the affairs of Scotland. Why was the same measure of justice not meted out to Ireland? (Hear, hear). Why not allow the Irish people to govern themselves. (Loud cheers). I have no wish to see Ireland severed from England. God forbid; for I believe that England will yet become ten times more powerful than she has ever been in the past. (Renewed cheers). Now, Ireland was represented in the House of Commons by something like 100 members, hence I think when an Irish question came on for discussion the remaining 600 members ought to leave the House and let the Irish members transact their own business. (Tremendous cheering). I believe that it will eventually come to that; education and the public press would work a mighty change in the coming years.—(Loud and prolonged cheering, during which the hon. speaker resumed his seat).

The CHAIRMAN said he had received a letter requesting him to appoint some one to propose a vote of thanks to Mr Thompson for the action he had taken with respect to the Irish Question. He might say that the course pursued by Mr Thompson was no sensational one, and that gentleman, he was glad to say, had always received the thanks of representative Irishmen. (Cheers.) He then called upon

Mr H. CARSS to propose a vote of thanks to the lecturer who had discoursed to them so eloquently that evening. Mr Carss was proud to have so distinguished a Member of the House of Commons with them that evening. (Hear, hear.) He was sure that, in dealing with the subject, Mr Thompson had shown the relative positions occupied by the English and Irish people about legislation. Well now, they wanted certain important alterations with regard to the distribution of votes, but so long as they allowed the matter to rest, nothing definite would be accomplished. They must discard the word "may" altogether, and adopt the imperative "I shall." They had made up their minds to bring about the desired reform, and they would do it. (Cheers.) Mr Thompson had given them a very forcible illustration of the absurdities of the present system of class voting. They all knew that a very important election contest was at that moment being waged in the North Riding. He might just tell them that there were five Tories in this district who had votes in that election, and who would no doubt find their way to the scene of the contest in a few days, and record their votes for the Tories. (Laughter.) The thing was like the Yorkshireman's god-father—a farce. But it would not continue much longer if the people of this country but took united action—if they said, "We have made up our minds to have it, and it must be done," then would the present discreditable state of things be swept away. (Loud cheers.) He had very great pleasure in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the honourable Member for Durham.

Mr TOMILLY seconded the proposition, which was accorded amid deafening cheers. He had often heard of Mr Thompson, and had spent many an hour, late and early, in reading the debates in the House of Commons in which Mr Thompson had taken a prominent part. The Irish were a grateful people, and he but spoke the sentiments of many when he said that Mr Thompson well deserved the love and respect of English as well as Irishmen. (Loud cheers.)

Mr THOMAS SIDDELL (Tinmill House) rose to move a vote of thanks to Mr Priestman for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties which had devolved upon him that evening as President of the Association.

Mr JAMES PALLISER seconded the motion. He thought it was well that the Derwent Liberal Association had a gentleman of Mr Priestman's standing at its head. (Applause.) The influence which his connection with the Association was calculated to impart was very great. He had been delighted in listening to the lecturer's oratory and eloquence, and he felt indebted to Mr Priestman for bringing so distinguished a gentleman to address them. (Loud cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, responding, said he must disclaim the honour of bringing Mr Thompson there that night. His presence was due to other people altogether, but it must not be supposed that his welcome to Mr Thompson was less cordial because he had not been the means of bringing that gentleman there. They need not, however, withdraw the vote of thanks; he would accept it the same thing. (Laughter.) He did not suppose that Mr Thompson required any undue pressure to induce him to come north and address them—he no doubt followed the dictates of his own kind heart. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

The votes of thanks were accorded amid great enthusiasm, after which the large assemblage dispersed.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Town Hall Offices, Shotley Bridge. There were present Messrs James Annandale, jun. (in the chair), J. Smith, W. Wilson, Richard Murray, Jos. Eltringham, Francis Priestman, jun., and A. E. Turner.

The minutes of December meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

HIGHWAY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This committee reported they had examined the vouchers for the past month and had found them correct. The Surveyor's monthly pay sheet amounted to £30 10s 2d. The balance to the credit of the Board in the bank was £154 3s 9d.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr SMITH, seconded by Mr MURRAY, that checks be signed for the amount named.

THE BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Reported they had inspected the block plan of building sites on land belonging to the executors of the late Mr Henry Ritson, Blackhill, and plan of wash-house submitted by Mr J. Routledge, to be built in Cemetery Road, Blackhill. They recommended both plans to be passed.

Mr WILSON proposed that the seal of the Board be affixed to the said plans.

Mr F. PRIESTMAN seconded this motion, which was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following is Mr Dixon's monthly report:—

To the Chairman and members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month the workmen have been employed in scraping and laying on lime-stone on the highways and streets in your district. According to instructions received at last meeting, the principal footpaths in your district have been covered with black ashes. The workmen are also busy covering the footpath on Newcastle Road as far as your boundary extends. During the month the Gas Company have removed the lamp in Hawthorn Terrace, on to the road leading from Derwent Street to the railway station. As instructed at previous meeting I wrote to Messrs Ridley and Cutter with regard to the dangerous place near the Bridge End public-house, and asked them to have a gate or door fixed on to the opening. I have as yet had no reply. The alterations in Back Walton Street have been commenced by Mr Shaw and Mrs Christopher, but the other proprietors have asked me to execute their portions and charge them with the cost. I intend to invite tenders for making this footpath. During the month I have taken the state of the meter in conjunction with the Gas Company's agent, Mr Bruce, and the lighting of the lamps has been very satisfactory. Your Building Committee have had plans before them for wash-house to be built in Cemetery Road, for Mr Routledge; also block plan of intended building sites on land situate at Blackhill, belonging to the late Mr Ritson.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

The Clerk (Mr Booth) was instructed to write to Messrs Ridley and Cutter, of Manor's Brewery, Newcastle, requesting them to close the entrance to the Mill Race beside the Bridge End public-house, the same being in an unprotected and dangerous state at the present.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon also submitted the following report:—

GENTLEMEN,—During last month I have inspected your district several times, and I find it in very good order. I have had to serve a few notices for the removal of ashes, and I find they were promptly attended to. Your main drains are in good order, and your district is in a satisfactory sanitary condition. I wrote Mr Lough about the drain in Mr Robinson's house at Cutlers' Hall. He has not commenced with the work yet. The notice expired on the 29th December. The pig styes at Blackhill have all been removed during the month.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. DIXON.

Jan 18th, 1882.

As the proprietor was about to have the drain put right, it was agreed to let the matter stand over, and the report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Wm. Renton) in his quarterly report stated that although the death-rate—14·7 per 1000—was unusually low, owing to the mildness of the season, no less than 42 cases of infectious diseases had been reported to him, of which number 36 occurred in the Blackhill division of the district. The majority of scarlet fever cases were of a mild type. During the quarter 46 births had been registered, representing an annual rate of 32·3 per 1,000; and 21 deaths, representing annually 14·7 per 1,000. Of the births, 22 were males, and 24 females; of the deaths, 9 males and 12 females.

Mr MURRAY proposed, and the CHAIRMAN seconded, that the report be referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Carried unanimously.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT BLACKHILL.

A letter was read from Mr Geo. Eltringham, of Blackhill, informing the Board that No. 4 Cross Street was in a bad state, owing to the large setting stones projecting above the surface. He hoped the Board would consider the matter at once, as every winter the street got worse and worse.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said that was a street made by that Board some half-dozen years ago, and the work was paid for by the proprietors, who expected that the Board had taken the street over. He could not say positively whether the street had been dedicated to the public.

Mr WILSON observed that the proper course for the property owners to have taken in the matter would have been to ask the Board to take the street over.

Mr TURNER thought it rather hard upon the owners should they be compelled to make the street a second time, while paying their rates in the meantime.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said the Board were to blame in not taking the street over at the time it was made. They took another portion of the street over, and why not that?

Mr WILSON: It is the fault of the proprietors if the street has not been properly looked after.

It was ultimately decided on the proposal of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr WILSON, that the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr Geo. Eltringham that the road in question not having been taken over by the Board, they could not repair it until it has been dedicated to the public in the usual manner.

Mr ELTRINGHAM remarked that there was another street in Blackhill which should be looked after—he referred to the road leading from Derwent Street to Mrs Christopher's. He thought that the property owners should be called upon to make it at once.

Mr TURNER: Yes; I think that ought to be done.

Mr SMITH: How about that piece of road from the railway station to Mrs Christopher's?

Mr ELTRINGHAM: That belongs to the Railway Company and is already made.

Mr WILSON moved that the Surveyor prepare a plan and estimate for making the road from Derwent Street to Railway Terrace, and submit the same to the Highway Committee before next meeting.

Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

THE OLD QUARRY.

A question having arisen as to what should be done to improve the site of the Old Quarry at Blackhill,

The Clerk thought they should fence the piece of land round, level it, and make it into a small recreation ground or children's playground. If, as the Surveyor remarked, it was a place where the public were in the habit of depositing their rubbish, let the Board either entirely prohibit the practice or make a small charge for doing so. The place belonged by right to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as Lords of the Manor, but if the facts of the case were properly represented to them, he believed they would have no objection to the Board taking the land.

Mr ELTRINGHAM did not think the Ecclesiastical Commissioners would agree to that course, but it was his intention to suggest to that Board that the place be properly fenced in.

After some further discussion on the question, Mr ELTRINGHAM moved that the Surveyor be authorised to take possession of the site of the Old Quarry, and to provide plan and probable estimate of the best way of fencing in the same; and that the rubbish in future be only deposited in places selected by the Surveyor.

Mr WILSON seconded.—Carried unanimously.

The Board afterwards adjourned.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this body took place at the Workhouse Board-room yesterday (Thursday) morning, under the presidency of the Chairman, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. The other Guardians present were the Revs Canon Kearney and C. Gillow, Messrs J. Wilkinson, W. Logan, J. Buckham, T. Siddell, Geo. Hobson, W. H. Hedley, J. Lax, Jos. Eltringham, R. Mitchinson, T. Pringle, J. Bowey, and R. Clark.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the relief cases were considered.

INFIRMARY NURSE.

Four applications were received for this post (including one from the present nurse), and Mrs Bruce (Leadgate), Mrs Collins (Newcastle), and Mrs Grant (Lanchester) were selected to appear before the Board that day fortnight, when the appointment will be made.

THE WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS.

Mr Newcombe, the architect of the new erections, wrote to the Board stating that having been called away on urgent business, he would be unable to attend the meeting that day, consequently the consideration of Mr Snell's application for the payment of a portion of the retention money on the contract was postponed until that day fortnight.

A letter from the Local Government Board, dated January 16th, was read by the clerk, stating that their Lordships had had the plans of the proposed outbuildings to be erected at the Workhouse under their consideration, and they requested the Guardians to erect the mortuary near the entrance to the Workhouse. Some suggestions were also made with reference to the piggeries, &c., all of which the Board agreed to carry out.

INMATES OF WORKHOUSE.

The following is the Workhouse Master's report of the number of inmates of the institution:—

Week ending Jan. 11th	161
Corresponding week of last year	163
Week ending Jan. 18th	150
Corresponding week last year	165
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	93
" " corresponding fortnight last year	129

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer (Mr Cummins) reported that the balance in hand on that day (January 19th) was £3,268 9s.

There was no further business of interest before the Board.

Original Poetry.

ETHEL.

See our little toty Ethel,
Our little fairy queen;
Her little feet are ne'er at rest,
Her like was never seen.

And she's a little tyrant,
She makes each one obey;
She'll laugh and kiss and tell her wants,
Yet not a word can say.

And O, her pretty winning ways,
So free from art or guile;
Although a frown was on your brow,
She'd make you for to smile.
What wisdom's in that little head,
Its wonderful to see;
O, may she still be onward kept,
From sin and sorrow free.

And as in years she onward grows,
May God that wisdom give;
That she may shun the paths of vice,
And to His glory live.

May she be early led to seek,
For life's perfection here;
That when the Lord does call her home,
She'll with His Saints appear.

Consett. D. IMRIE.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Board was held in the Board-room, on Wednesday afternoon last—Mr Hodgson (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs Mitchinson, Curry, Collinson, and Robson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk (Mr Thompson), and on the motion of Mr MITCHINSON, seconded by Mr CURRY, they were confirmed.

THE SCHOOLMISTRESS'S SALARY.

The application from Miss Durno for an increase of salary was next considered.

The Clerk reported that he had procured the amount of salaries given to the school-mistresses of the various Board-schools in the district, and on comparing Miss Durno's salary with these he found they were about equal.

Mr COLLINSON: What is Miss Durno's salary?

The Clerk: On an average £63 a year (including Government Grant).

After some further discussion on the subject,

Mr MITCHINSON proposed that no advance be given to Miss Durno, as the Board thought her income was quite sufficient.

Mr CURRY seconded.

Agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF A MONITOR.

The school-master (Mr Prevell), in his report asked the Board to appoint a monitor to prepare as a pupil teacher, because one of the pupil teachers had about completed his apprenticeship. He recommended Master Walker to the Board as a suitable candidate.

The CHAIRMAN: I think Master Walker is quite qualified for the position, and I also highly recommend him.

Mr CURRY moved, and Mr ROBSON seconded, that Master Walker be accepted as monitor.

This was unanimously carried.

The school-master also reported that two boys, named Henderson and Wilson, had gone to work, they not having passed the required standard.

The School Attendance Officer (Mr Bullerwell) was instructed to bring the boys back to school.

SCHOOL-PENCE ARREARS.

Several cases of parents neglecting to pay school-pence were next considered by the Board.

Mr MITCHINSON proposed that they should put the offending parties into the County Court.

Mr COLLINSON: Could we not get the arrears by adopting some means not quite so stringent?

The CHAIRMAN said that all parents had been asked twice to appear before the Board, but only one or two had been present. The people had got a notion into their heads that the Board could not compel them to pay the arrears, and therefore, treated them with contempt. He thought that the eight parents who had not put in an appearance should be sued for their arrears in the County Court.

Mr MITCHINSON: I move that the eight persons not having paid their arrears of school fees be brought before the County Court judge.

Mr COLLINSON seconded the proposition, which was adopted by the whole of the Board.

REDUCTION OF SCHOOL FEES.

Mr COLLINSON said that he wished the Board to take into consideration the reduction of the school fees.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we ought to let the matter stand over for another month.

A deputation from the inhabitants of Dipton and district was then ushered into the room, and informed the Board they had been sent to ask them to reduce the school fees, as the people could not possibly pay the rates which were now charged. The Board could rely on the fees being paid more regularly if they acceded to their request.

The CHAIRMAN informed the deputation that the matter would be fully considered at the next meeting.

The Board then rose.

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—48, Puddlers' Row, the wife of Mr William Arnot, of a daughter.

DIPTON.—On the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr T. S. Kennedy, grocer, of a son.

BYER MOOR.—On the 12th inst., the wife of Mr George Lamb, of a daughter.

LANGLEY MOOR.—On the 12th inst., the wife of Mr William Robinson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT.—At Christ Church, on the 17th inst., Mr J. Maughan, Hexham, to Miss E. Thirlwell, Consett.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 7th inst., Mr A. G. Rainbow, Edmondsley, to Miss M. M. Grimwood, Cornsay Colliery.—Same day, Mr G. West to Miss E. Bewick, both of Leadgate.—14th inst., Mr R. Wills to Miss D. Smith, both of South Moor.—Same day, Mr C. Watson to Miss H. Hall, both of Castleside.—Same day, Mr M Bates to Miss E. Oliver, both of Oxhill.—Same day, Mr J. Ashwood to Miss A. Aken, both of Consett.

DEATHS.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.—Marlborough Street (at the residence of Mr G. Hardy), aged 23, Arthur Brunning, formerly of this journal.

WATERHOUSES.—13th inst., aged 24, Eliza, wife of Mr W. Herdman, miner.

ESH WINNING.—15th inst., Annie, infant daughter of Mr J. Parker, miner.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—14th inst., Annie, second daughter of the late Robert Hall.

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