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TOW LAW: LECTURE ON NEW ZEALAND.—On Monday evening last the second of two lectures on "A voyage from New Zealand to England, with a minute description of the work and wages in that country," was given by Mr. John Henry, Town Law, in the Wesleyan School-room, the chair being again occupied by Mr. William Smith, merchant. The spacious room was well-filled by an expectant audience, most of whom, on very many occasions during the past three years have heard the teachings of paid emigration agents, whose sole business was to induce the best workmen of the

little money in the "good times" to emigrate to New Zealand. The lecturer did ample justice to his subject, exploding the old New Zealand ditty, "Eight hours work, eight hours play, eight hours sleep, and eight 'bob' a day," and quoted the painful experiences of those in that country with whom he had conversed, especially men who had

Durham and Yorkshire, and it is the candid opinion of many at both lectures that it would be a boon to intending emigrants or their friends to hear both sides of the question before taking such a costly step in life. Mr Hillary would, upon invitation, be willing to give to the general public the benefit of his valuable experience as an emigrant.

Correspondence.

THE CONSETT WATER COMPANY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR.—The question of the water supply of the Consett Water Company is becoming a very serious one, and, as one of the public, I feel under much obligation to the Consett Local Board for taking the matter on. I hope the Benchamite and Leadgate Boards will follow suit. The local boards, as conservators of the public health, cannot be more usefully employed than in using their resources to obtain for the public the best and

supply of pure and wholesome water. I was amazed, but not altogether satisfied, with the idea of Mr. Calvert, one of the directors, that the Company, through him, woman, and child, is a benevolent and patriotic company, and would be an honorable and useful expenditure of the Company's capital to establish filtering beds. Equally unsatisfactory was the reference, at the last General Meeting, to the water supply of the district, before the Company had obtained the necessary sanction of the shareholders. The Directors may be quite satisfied if the present Company had not entered upon their purely commercial speculation and obtained a monopoly of supplying the district, the twenty or thirty thousand people who inhabit the district have been obliged to purchase their water from the "dark beds" of some other company.

would have been formed who, I hope, would not have found the task of giving us pure water an impossible one. If it were to say, while the water is unfit to drink without being filtered, the public are showing unreasonable hostility towards Water Company in complaining and urging the adoption of measures by which it can render violence. The public are too true to the best friends of the Company, and their interests are identical. But, instead of revaluing us of the state of affairs some some twenty years ago and complaining of hostility, why does the Co. not use its best endeavours to keep the mains clear of sediment and dirt by occasional flushing. I recollect being a spectator sometime ago when

the businessmen are engaged in their previous this useful work, and the rush of rust and sediment from the hole is something to be seen and remembered. Well, Mr. Calvert tells us how long it is since there has been a systematic flushing of the mains of the district. Mr. Calvert himself declares that three feet from a pond seeped into the mains through negligence. Surely if the mains had been tight and properly laid such an accident would have been impossible, and such negligence is utterly impossible. So also is the neglect to suggest the Consent from Company do not allow their reservoirs to get so low that in filling them again the supply required for domestic purposes is withdrawn. I have no more

of Mr. Carter's blame because he constituted himself the apologist of the Water Company. I trust he will pardon me for so doing, and accept my assurance in writing this letter that with no personal feeling towards him or any of the directors, whom I hope will now do their best to comply with their statutory duty, that is "to provide and keep in the pipes a supply of pure and wholesome water."—Yours &c.,

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DEATHS.
GATESHEAD.—At 23, Walson Street, Askew Road, on the 24th inst., Thomas Wilson, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Wilson, and eldest son of John Wilson, of Snowdonham (formerly a clerk to the Consett Iron Company) after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude, passed "safe into the arms of Jesus."

Gosport, near Portsmouth, on the 2nd inst, John
 Lindsay, aged 22 years, son of John Lindsay, 2,
 St James's Street, Blackhill.

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