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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1887.

## Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. C.G.)

### FEVER IN THE SCHOOLS.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—The question of closing the schools to prevent the spread of scarlet fever, whether closing schools or otherwise would check the spread or not, would depend on the discretion of parents and teachers; but certainly we think where scarlet fever is no member of that family should think of going to school before securing a doctor's certificate; but something more successful still is needed, it is evident. We see around us numerous cases, and we see the fact is startling how few survive. Although there are always cases occurring, yet there are periods when it makes its appearance with great virulence and sweeps away its victims with unusual destructiveness. We are now passing through one of these periods, and while we are writing this we have before our mind's eye the dead and dying in one case, mother and child side by side leaving the husband and father, a rev. gentleman, alone gazing up into heaven where his all is, and we believe that we have not yet reached the highest point of mortality. It should be borne in mind, moreover, that while the deaths are noted, the permanent disabilities, consequent on the disease from which those survive suffer, cannot be placed on record. The departed are numbered by tens of thousands; but the patients who endure for a longer or a shorter period, or perhaps for life, the discomfort and pain of glandular swellings, inflammation, and discharges from the ears, deafness, inflammatory affections of the eyes, chronic disorders of respiratory organs, pneumonia, pleurisy, rheumatism, nephritis—these are unnumbered. With such facts before us, may we not ask can this foreign monster and enemy not be met and checked on his destructive march? Can we in any way be protected so that he may have no resting place for his cloven feet and be expelled to Arabia from whence he came? He who could devise this means of protection would prove a Moses in our midst and a friend in need.—Yours, &c.,

A FRIEND TO LITTLE CHILDREN.

### "INCEDO" AND "A CRY FROM THE COUNTER."

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me once more to trespass upon your valuable space, and through your columns to thank "Incedo" on my own behalf, and I may say with safety on behalf of all who have to spend long and weary hours behind the counters, for his manly advocacy for shorter hours. From knowledge and experience I thoroughly endorse "Incedo's" opinions, except in one instance, viz.: I do not entirely blame masters for the excessive long hours, as I know for a fact the majority would be quite willing to close earlier; but unfortunately we have a minority to deal with, and of course where there is not a thorough determination for independence, and a little self-denial in order to dispense justice on both sides, poor humble servants have to suffer. I understand that a few years ago, shops were regularly closed on Saturdays at ten p.m.; this rule was broken by one individual. I also understand that grocers used to enjoy the half-holiday weekly instead of fortnightly, as at present; this rule was also cast to the winds by one individual. Now, suppose two tradesmen of the same calling are next door neighbours, it is more than human to expect that one will close if the other keeps open. Evidently "Incedo" knows the principles that should guide those who are anxious for shorter hours, but how to get the lever to screw down the lights by mutual consent is a hidden mystery to many. I do not wish to waste your space by giving illustrations, as I think "Incedo" will understand what I mean. Having been behind the counter for about 25 years, I know something of the wants and wishes of assistants and apprentices. The very thing "Incedo" suggests has always been the stumbling block. For my own part, I am persuaded if we could only get the sympathy of the public in our cause, our case is as good as won; but if "Incedo" thinks that we have all clung too long to the skirts of the public, perhaps he can give us an inkling of a better way.—Yours, &c.,

BAILECHAUL.

### FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

"Come all ye Freemasons, that dwell around the globe.
Who wear the badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe
Which Noah he did wear, in the ark wherein he stood,
When the world was destroyed by the deluging flood.
*Old F. M. song.*

Sir,—I was glad to see by your report that the ball and banquet of the Free Masons had been in all respects such a brilliant success. In particular, I felt a glow of pleasure when I learnt from an eye-witness that, in feminine grace, beauty, and fashion, Consett stood "second to none." In fact a young gentleman in speaking of it to me, was so fervent in his admiration, so exuberant in his fancy, that it might be said of every lady present as Milton says of Eve:

"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye,
In every gesture dignity and love."

Just so; "More power to you, me darlint." But my present note unfortunately, is not devoted to grace elegance, or the varied charms that shimmer as a silvern guage around our Consett womanhood. The gentleman of whose exuberance I have spoken, was asking me if there were any literary works, any volumes upon the origin and subsequent history of Freemasonry? He had been speaking to some upon the subject, but had found no response to satisfy him of the existence of any such work. It may be interesting to Free Masons to know that the best work upon the topic is in the French language, by Count Reghillini, and is a very rare book. So rare indeed that in 1831 there were only two copies in England. His Royal Highness, the late Duke of Sussex possessed one of those, and I think the Rev Robert Taylor, the author of "The Diegesis" had the other. The Duke of Sussex was at that time Grand Master of the order, and most likely his copy of Reghillini would come into the hands of the Prince of Wales, the present Grand Master of the order in England. What became of Taylor's copy I am utterly unable to say; maybe some of your literary readers may know; if so, would he or she kindly let me know. The two best known works in England are "Fellowes' on Freemasonry" and "The Manual of Freemasonry," by the late Richard Carlile, whose "Life" is written by the present George Jacob Holyoake, who, by the way, may know of the whereabouts of Taylor's copy of "Reghillini." Either "Fellowes" or Carlile can be purchased for three or four shillings. In addition to those works, I may state that Thomas Payne, the author of the "Rights of man," has an interesting essay on Freemasonry, which, although brief, is excellently written and of great service. The Rev Robert Taylor himself also delivered four lectures upon the same topic, which are now seldom to be met with. I fancy there are only two copies of those lectures in this district, or may be in all West Durham, and they are both in Blackhill. I may write again of this matter, as Freemasonry has a strange, wierd, and romantic history; some dating it from Noah and the Ark, others from the Egypt of Moses, others again from Hiram Abif, the skilled craftsman who directed the building of Solomon's Temple.—*Au revoir*.

JNO. C. WYLIE.

Grammar School, Blackhill,
January 17th, 1887.

### THE RATING OF MEDOMSLEY EDGE COLLIERY.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to refer to the meeting of the Guardians of the Lanchester Poor Law Union, reported in your issue of Jan. 14th, 1887. I learn from your report that the rating of Medomsley Edge drift was brought before the Guardians by the Chairman of the Assessment Committee. After reading his statement, if that statement is endorsed by the Assessment Committee, I conclude the committee has just returned from the clouds where I presume they have been seeking to ascertain the whereabouts of Enoch and Elijah the Tishbite. I have frequently seen a Scotch mist, but never thought the regions of Lanchester were subject to such dense fogs. I suppose the Guardians would be grateful to the legal luminaries, who, like the moon, shone with borrowed light, and sought to give light in the darkness. I hope the ratepayers of Benfieldside will reciprocate the paternal kindness of the Chairman, who appears so anxious about their welfare in view of an appeal to Quarter Sessions. I hope he will extend his care to the ratepayers of the Lanchester Poor Law Union, and if the ratepayers of Benfieldside have to hold the Overseers responsible for the costs of an appeal, I hope the ratepayers of the union will hold the Assessment Committee responsible for the costs of such action on their part. I have read that wise men from the East went to Bethlehem, and after seeing the object of their search were instructed to return by another route. The debate on the Medomsley Edge drift [illegible] the wise men had [illegible] by [illegible] at Lanchester. In justice to the Overseers and ratepayers of the township of Benfieldside, a correct statement of the facts should be laid before them, therefore I discard the statements made at Lanchester, with reference to a hypothetical quantity having been assessed by the Assessment Committee, of the output of coal from this township, through the Medomsley Edge drift, is a tissue of falsehoods. It is evident we may as well fiddle to a mile-post, and expect it to dance a hornpipe, as expect to get justice from the Assessment Committee. Permit me first to lay down two axioms: 1st.—The constituent parts of the Lanchester Poor Law Union are the townships comprising the union. 2nd.—The rateable value of the union is the aggregate of the rateable property in each individual township. You cannot assess property situate in Benfieldside, and enter that assessment in the assessment list of the township of Medomsley, without being guilty of fraud. Let us examine the pretentions of the hypothetical advocates. If Blondin, the celebrated acrobat, was to read the report of the debate he would become jealous of his fame. He never pretended to dance upon nothing; but the Lanchester acrobats can dance upon nothing—at least, so they affirm. I have heard of certain gentlemen who have figured at Durham, who dance upon nothing when suspended by the neck; but never heard so much about an Assessment Committee performing such a feat before. Consulting Chambers Dictionary, I find "Hypothetical" means supposition; a theory assumed. In other words, a hypothetical quantity of coals, is only imaginary. Then how can non-existance be assessed for Poor's Rate? To put it this way: Suppose that an Assessment Committee were to assess a coal owner on an imaginary quantity of coal, and the overseers were to rate the owner to the relief of the poor, and the owner refuses to pay, how is payment to be enforced? The overseers, who attempted to enforce the rate would be visited forthwith by a Relieving Officer and two Magistrates, and "run into Sedgefield Asylum" in a couple of hurrys." I am able to state that the overseers of Benfieldside are not such fools as to assess and rate on non-existence; therefore have always allowed a coal mine to be worked a year, then assessing on a known quantity, and being in a position to enforce the rate. Then if a hypothetical quantity be assumed the first year, you must take a hypothetical quantity every year. The man that says "no," should attend a Board School to get elementary education. How can you assess again on the year's working if you elect to assume a quantity? An examination of a "hypothetical" quantity system shows the utter absurdity of the thing. Just a passing notice of the innocent prattlers who prattle about the Union getting the benefit of the fraud on the township of Benfieldside. According to their prattle, supposing the Consett Iron Company were to send the salaries of certain officials to the treasurer of the Union, and the Guardians were to order the treasurer to pay the clerk's salary to some tradesman for the good of the Union, and the tenants of some landowner were to adopt the "Plan of campaign," and pay their rent to the treasurer of the Union, and when the several persons complained of not receiving their cash, they were coolly told the Union had got the benefit of the money. I presume their faces would become so elongated that they would make a fiddle blush. Still according to the prattlers, it would be just. A line or two on the £21 of which the township was defrauded. The £21 represents the quantity of coals taken out of Benfieldside, and given to Medomsley, which was worked, as far as the overseers can learn, between 1st July and June 30th, 1881-2. The first return received by the overseers from the Consett Iron Company is dated August 17th, 1883, the letter stating that was the return of the coal vend for the year ending June 30th, 1883. Returns were received during the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886, showing the quantity of coals taken out of the township by the Consett Iron Company up to June 30th each previous year. The following table will show the returns date of Poor Rate, &c., so far as relates to Medomsley Edge drift, the returns being for coal wrought in the previous year:—

| Years. | Chaldrons. | Rateable Value. | Rate made for the Relief of the Poor. | Rate Paid by Consett Iron Company. |
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| 1882-3... | 365... | £ 21... | Oct. 8th, 1883...April 7th, 1884... | 1883-4 |
| 1883-4... | 920... | £ 54... | Oct. 6th, 1884...April 13th, 1885... | 1884-5 |
| 1884-5... | 3038... | £178... | Oct. 5th, 1885...April 5th, 1886... | 1885-6 |
| 1885-6... | 5856... | £342 | Committee refuse to assess. | |

I must state that the Poor Rate is made every half-year, as the table shows. The Consett Iron Company has worked coal for four years, and only paid rates on three years' workings. Adding the £21 rateable value that was stolen from Benfieldside and given to Medomsley, the township of Benfieldside has been defrauded of £363 rateable value. £363 at 4s in the pound gives £72 12s. Oh! but then the Union got the benefit of the £21. I presume if I were to pick a man's pocket, and hand the money over to someone else, I should still be a thief, and someone else the receiver of stolen money, and the man who lost his money would be entitled to his own. Allow me to point out the practical result of refusing to assess a colliery or coal vends, because the colliery is laid in. Suppose the Consett Iron Company had worked 10,000 chaldrons of coals the previous year, then laid the pit in, that would have been a loss to the ratepayers of Benfieldside of £583 rateable value, at 4s in the pound £116 12s. The Consett Iron Company would have pocketed the £116 12s through the action of the Committee. Perhaps you will allow me to give the Lanchester legal luminaries a "tip." I refer to "Rex *v.* Foleshill," 2 ad. El. 593, found in the *Justice of the Peace*, 1878. Case as reported:—"Where a coalmine extended under two parishes, Foleshill and Exhall, and was worked in both; but the shafts, engines, and fixed plant were in Foleshill alone, the court held that the proprietor was rateable in each parish, in the proportion of the workings there." From the above case, I hope the Lanchester cacklers will learn that to take the vends of one township and give to another is legal theft. To sum up—First, there never was a hypothetical quantity assumed of the workings in the township of Benfieldside. Whoever says so lies. The overseers have the returns from the Consett Iron Company, and therefore ought to know. These returns show that the Consett Iron Company wrought coal out of this township four years, and have only paid rates on three years. Here let me remind the ratepayers that it is the coal we rate. Laying in the drift does not alter the fact that we have only got three years' rates on four years' working. All the jugglery in creation cannot alter that simple truth. I am reminded of a Yorkshireman who had 12 reasons for not believing the Bible. The first was "Aw daint believe that Bawbel, cas' aw dain't want t' believe 't." I find there are Durham folk who wont do right because they don't want to do right. I venture to say there is not a boy in the fourth standard in a public elementary school but can see that the contention of the overseers is right. Allow me to add that the rateable value of coal vends is arrived at on this wise: First, a chaldron of coals weighs 53 hundred weight, the assessment is 1s 3d per chaldron, gross estimated rental 1·15 is allowed for colliery consumption, making the rateable value 1s 2d per chaldron, so that the 5,856 chaldrons that the Assessment Committee wont assess means a loss to Benfieldside of 5,856 1s 2d rateable value. Just another fact, then I have done. To prove how ridiculous these "dance-upon-nothing" gentry appear, when prating about a hypothetical quantity, I give returns of vends out of this drift, which will show how impractical their plan is: In chaldrons 1882-3, 365; 1883-4, 920; 1884-5, 3,038; 1885-6, 5,856. The next year no coal at all might be taken out of the township. A word to the wise is sufficient.

There is one other item I have omitted. From your report, it appears the mine was not laid in until August of last year. If they were working in Benfieldside, that makes the conduct of the Assessment Committee more aggravating, and makes our loss the more. The importance of the question of which my letter treats must be my apology for its length.—Yours, &c.,

H. CARSS.

Benfieldside, Jan. 18th, 1887.

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Band of Hope Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Stanhope Band of Hope took place in the High Street Mission Hall, on Saturday evening — Mr T. Walton presiding. After all expenses were defrayed, there was a balance in hand of £2 10s. Mr T. Walton was chosen president; Mr H. Thomson, treasurer; and Mr W. Sinclair, secretary for the ensuing year.

### GRAND CONCERT AT STANHOPE.

A grand concert was held in the Wesleyan School, Stanhope, on Saturday evening, promoted by Mr Brown, schoolmaster, with the laudable object of getting the children their annual treat in books and prizes. The concert was a success, Mr Brown having secured some of the best local talent in the dale. Mr Mason, Barrington, schoolmaster, presided, in the unavoidable absence of Mr J. W. Rodham, New Town Villa, Stanhope. The large and commodious room was well filled. Subjoined is the programme:—Instrumental piece, "Ethel waltz," Messrs Tinkler, Curry, and Bainbridge; chorus, "Merrily on," children; song, "Hearts of oak," Mr W. Waller; chorus, "England's glory," children; song, "The better land," Miss Moore, Eastgate (*encored*); song, "The miller," Choral Society; song, "Four jolly smiths," Mr Freeman, Westgate (*encored*); song, "Be content," children; song, "Within a mile o' Edinbro' toon," Miss Hogarth; song, "Merry sunshine," children; instrumental piece, Messrs Tinkler and Curry; song, "Echo," children; song, "Sailing," Mr R. Ward (*encored*); Chairman's address; instrumental piece, Mr C. Tinkler and Miss Temperley; song, "The fairy ring," children; song, "The anchor's weighed," Mr J. Bainbridge; song, "Lessons," children; song, "Rosy May," Miss Moore; song, "Men of the tower," Choral Society; song, "The mermaid," Mr Freeman; song, "We'd better bide awee," Miss Hogarth; singing quadrilles, children (*encored*). The singing of the children was a special feature of the evening's entertainment, and their high-class performance, their style, harmony, and time reflected upon Mr Brown, their tutor, the highest credit. Mr Brown's school always stands high in the Government examinations—in fact, among the highest in the North of England, and few who heard the children sing on Friday evening will wonder at it. It spoke volumes for Mr Brown's discipline and their superior training. The singing of Miss Moore and Miss Hogarth was highly appreciated, as was also that of Mr Freeman, Mr Waller, and Mr Bainbridge. The choral society also deserve much praise for the rendering with precision and style their two pieces; while Mr C. Tinkler (leader of the Stanhope band) and Mr H. Curry and Mr T. Bainbridge each deserve especial praise for the splendid manner in which they performed their several parts on their respective instruments. Miss Temperley, as a pianist, for one so young, is bad to beat. Her artistic style and excellent time and splendid playing have won for her the golden opinions of the public, and reflects upon her late tutor, Mr Crawford, of Bishop Auckland, the highest credit. Votes of thanks to all connected with the concert were moved by Rev T. Whitfield, and seconded by Mr J. Smurthwaite, and carried unanimously.

### FUNERAL OF LORD IDDESLEIGH.

The funeral of the late Earl of Iddesleigh took place at Upton Pynes, on Tuesday, about one mile from his lordship's country seat, near Exeter. The funeral was intended to be as private as possible, and a commemoration service was held simultaneously in the Exeter Cathedral, to satisfy the public desire to do honour to the deceased, but the attendance at Upton was extremely large.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

At Chester-le-Street, on Tuesday, the British ensign was hoisted half-mast high over the Chester-le-Street Conservative Club. In the evening an address was delivered to a very largely-attended meeting of members in the club room by Mr H. Longstaff, registration agent for the Houghton-le-Spring Division, and secretary to the Houghton-le-Spring Conservative Association, Mr R. Coxon in the chair. After a very able speech from Mr Longstaff, which was prefaced by a warm tribute to the memory of the late Lord Iddesleigh, the Chairman moved the following resolution:—"That we, the members of the Chester-le-Street Conservative Club, desire to express our heartfelt sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Iddesleigh, G.C.B., and tender our respectful sympathy to Lady Iddesleigh and her family in their sad bereavement. We further desire to place on record our deep sense of the loss sustained by the country through the death of so distinguished a statesman and patriot."—Mr John Pyle seconded the motion in eloquent terms.—Mr McGinn, a radical present, supported in an address expressing fervent admiration of the deceased gentleman.

### CANON TRISTRAM IN DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

Canon Tristram, who was the preacher on Sunday morning at Durham Cathedral, referred to the death of Lord Iddesleigh during his sermon. Taking as his text Isaiah, chapter 55, verses one and two, he spoke of the various spheres of labour and the justifiableness of ambition when rightly directed, and proceeded to say that the soldier in the field and the statesman in the Cabinet were equally striving for the welfare of their country, and each might win and earn honour and place through his devotion. They had had an instance of one who did not make honour or success the end of life, and they had had great illustration of the unselfish character of a true man in the life and career of that eminent and beloved statesman, who was so suddenly stricken down last week at the very moment when he was expected to address a great gathering of princes and statesmen to inaugurate a scheme which would bind closer together the bonds of intimacy between the scattered people of the great wide-world English Empire. Lord Iddesleigh was indeed a marked contrast to many of the politicians of their age. He was a statesman of that type which was now becoming all but rare. He was not one stirred by ambition, spending his life "for that which satisfieth not." He was more a patriot than a partisan, and one to whom the delights of office and solid rewards had no attraction apart from the opportunity they afforded him of serving his country. It was said of him when he left the House of Commons that he left it with troops of friends, and not a single enemy. This was not in the sense in which it was said, "Woe unto thee when all men speak well of thee," not merely because of his courtesy and geniality, his sweetness of temper and supreme modesty, but because to these characteristics he added love of country, loyalty to party, and respect for opponents, which, alas, did not always mark popular statesmen. He was unswerving in his rectitude, and formed a great contrast to the tortuous policy and principles pursued by others. He was a type of the perfect English gentleman, a class equally removed from the great nobles, the possessor of mercantile wealth and the adventurous demagogue, and who had in times of difficulty come to the assistance of all parties in the State, and had rendered great service to the country in cases of need. Of Lord Iddesleigh, no man could say he thirsted for personal advancement, and his loss would be felt by all parties in England.

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### BLACKHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The first of a course of lectures to be delivered in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church of England, at Blackhill, on successive Mondays, was given in that place of worship last Monday evening, the lecturer being Rev James S. Rae, M.A., Sunderland, and the subject of his discourse, "Notes on a run to Constantinople and back." Owing to the prevalence of exceptionally severe and boisterous weather, the attendance was not nearly so large as it would otherwise have been had the evening been of a more favourable description.

The chair was occupied by the Pastor (Rev A. Baillie), who explained the object of the lectures, and expressed his sincere regret that the tempestuous weather had deterred many people from attending.

The Rev Lecturer, who was heartily welcomed, thereupon commenced his address, describing in glowing language his trip from London to Constantinople. He remarked that in approaching Constantinople by the sea, it seemed to be one of the prettiest and most picturesque cities in the world, the setting sun evidently adding a charm to the enchanting scene. As soon as they set foot in Constantinople, however, they would soon perceive it to be one of the dirtiest and filthiest places in existence. (Laughter.) There were hundreds of lazy dogs in the streets—they lived and died there, having no home of their own. The Mohammedan Mosque he described as being the most beautiful place of religious worship in the whole world, and there was no doubt that in time it would become a Christian Church. (Applause.) Upon entering the vast structure they were struck with its enormous size and the variety of its style of architecture. Justian, then Emperor, was determined that it should be one of the most splendid structures built since the Temple of Solomon, so he robbed most of the churches then extant of their embellishments. The best view of the Mosque could be obtained from the gallery, which was not ascended by a staircase, but by a sort of elevated incline around the building. There were signs of decay, however, in the Mosque, and they could see the officials chipping off bits of stone so as to sell the pieces to visitors. Mr Rae next referred to his visit to the burying-places of the Sultans of Turkey. The markets in Newcastle (he said) were very small places compared to the bazaars in Constantinople, and it would take a person several hours to traverse them without staying to inspect the articles on view. The Lecturer also gave an amusing account of the trouble he experienced in obtaining a passport to enable him to go to Russia. His footsteps were watched by a police-officer; and ultimately he was refused a passport simply because the Russian Government did not distinguish the difference between a Jesuit priest and a Presbyterian minister. (Laughter.) At length he was looked up, but after several hours' detention was allowed to depart. Thence he went forward to Odessa, and also proceeded to Berlin, afterwards visiting Poland, &c., taking the homeward *route* by France, &c. The lecturer asserted that although the peasant class of Russia were a down-trodden people, brought up in serfdom, they were nevertheless kind and humane, as instanced by the fact that after capturing Turkish soldiers their first thought was to clothe and feed them. He dwelt upon the fact that the Russian peasants were becoming more enlightened; the British and Foreign Bible Society having sold (not given away) half-a-million of copies of the Bible amongst them in 1885. During the last year, the annual report of the same society set forth that Bibles were being more rapidly sold in Russia than any other part of the world. He believed that, ere long, seed sown would soon bear fruit. (Applause). The lecturer likewise described a conversation he had with a wealthy Pole, who had been banished to Siberia, by the Russian Government, the whole of his property being confiscated. The Pole gave his opinion that Siberia would be the country of the future, inasmuch as all the intelligent people were exiled by the Russians, and were centred in these regions. Mr Rae also gave an interesting account of a Jew of the Old School performing his religious oblations in a railway carriage *en route* to Breslau; and concluded an instructive and entertaining address by relating his adventures on the return journey to London (Applause.)

The Chairman regretted that Mr Rae was suffering from a cold, but felt convinced, however, that all present would be well delighted to listen to such an interesting lecture. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, and the proceedings closed.

### A SWALWELL MINISTER'S ACTION FOR SLANDER.

Lord Kinnear and a jury, on Friday, at Edinburgh, heard further evidence in the action at the instance of the Rev Andrew Lawrence Laird, M.A., now of Swalwell, but formerly of Edinburgh, against David Cuthbertson, assistant librarian in the University of Edinburgh, and residing at 8, Gladstone Terrace, Edinburgh, concluding for a £1,000 in the name of reparation and solatium. It was stated that the defender is a member of the kirk-sessions of the Pleasance United Presbyterian Church; that on 6th April, 1886, he stated within a house in Arthur Street that pursuer was an "untruthful man and a hypocrite, and that he was unfit for the position he held as a minister of the Gospel."

In defence, Mr Duncan Napier, the defendant's father-in-law, denied that he ever went to Mr Laird to complain about the defender. He heard Mr Laird from the pulpit make direct allusions to him and Mr Cuthbertson many a time. He (Mr Laird) spoke in one of his sermons about certain men who had crept into the church and had caused dispeace. Mr Laird also in his sermon spoke about men coming into the congregation having open mouths and rotten hearts, and that he would rather prefer a man with a rotten heart than an open mouth. (Laughter.) At a meeting of the session in the end of February, 1886, the pursuer brought up the subject of his (witness's) visit, stating on this occasion that it was about Mr Weaver's meetings and not to complain about Cuthbertson, as he had stated formerly. He (witness) said, "Ah, friends, that is the truth now." Mr Laird then said, "Do you mean to say I was not stating the truth before?" He (witness) rather hesitated, and then said, "Yes." At the congregational meeting, Mr Cuthbertson, in contradicting Mr Craw's statement, said, "I did not call the minister a liar. I told you that the minister had proved himself to have told a lie in the session," and also said that he (the minister) was a hypocriter

Cross-examined: Mr Laird was quite pleased to receive him into the church without lines. (Laughter.) He remembered crying at one of the meetings of session. What made him cry at that meeting was that one of the elders named Mr Lamb said to witness, "That is your Pharisaical character," and witness replied, "Oh, you will say that to me, when your minister said to you that the Holy Ghost was unable to convert your soul." (Laughter.) No wonder he cried; it would make any man cry. (Laughter.) Mr Laird told him before he joined the church that when he found people averse to his own mind he preached it hot to them. And he preached it hot to witness. (Laughter.)

Mr Cuthbertson, the defender, was next called. He visited the Craws, who were in his district, to give them communion cards. The conversation began by reference to church matters. The Craws had a version about the Weaver affair, and witness's reply was that "Mr Laird had been proved upon that point to have told a lie in the session." He was excited at the time. In course of further conversation witness said that Mr Laird "had acted hypocritically." He was a hypocrite on one point, in praying for the superintendent after he had resigned.

The jury, after an absence of 15 minutes, returned a verdict for the pursuer, assessing the damages at £40.

Yearly Meeting of the Mechanics' Club.—The annual meeting of the United Independent Order of Mechanics was held in the White Lion Inn, Stanhope. The business was principally routine. The officers were re-elected. There were found to be 150 members, an increase of 30 for the year. Mr T. Mawson was chosen secretary, Mr J. Bowman treasurer, and Mr M. Bainbridge president.

### COLLIERY FATALITY AT EAST CASTLE.

An accident of a fatal result occurred at the East Castle Colliery, on Monday. It appears that a waggon-driver, named John Johnson, aged 36 years, whilst engaged in shunting some coke waggons was accidently caught in the siding, and crushed to death. His body, which was dragged some three or four yards, presented a mangled appearance. The deceased, who was well respected in the locality, leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

Mr Graham, coroner, held an inquest on Wednesday, at the house of Mr Miles Handy, Catchgate, on the body of Johnson, who was killed as reported above. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

### LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this Board, held at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, was attended by the following Guardians, viz.:—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith (in the chair), Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Mr W. Hedley, J.P., Messrs Wm. Logan, John Wilkinson, W. H. Hedley, G. Hobson, W. Rutherford, N. Clark, J. Buckham, J. Lax, J. A. Curry, J. Watson, J. Eltringham, J. Collinson, R. Robson, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

DISTRESS AMONGST IRONWORKERS AT CONSETT.

The Relieving Officer (Mr J. Moon) brought under the notice of the Guardians a large number of cases of distress and suffering existing in Consett and Blackhill, consequent upon the fact that a good number of ironworkers are at present thrown out of employment, the reason being the temporary stoppage (through breakage) of certain mills at the Consett Iron Works.

In several of the worst instances, Mr Moon was authorised to give out-relief in money and in kind; whilst he was ordered to attend to the needs and requirements of the others.

Mr J. Collinson said that so far as he was able to ascertain about 300 able-bodied men were out of employment at Consett.

The Chairman stated that he had given the matter careful consideration, and his idea was that the Guardians should open the stone yard at Consett, as they would be better able to dispose of the road material amongst the Local Boards in the district, and also save the workmen the trouble of walking backwards and forwards to Lanchester.

After a good deal of discussion, it was agreed to invite all able-bodied unemployed men to the labour yard at Lanchester, and afterwards, if found expedient, to open the stone-yard at Consett.

FESTIVITIES AT THE "HOUSE."

The Master (Mr W. Brotherhood) having reported that Mr Edward Taylor Smith, Colepike Hall, had provided the inmates of the Workhouse with their annual treat on New Year's Day, the Board unanimously resolved to tender the generous-spirited gentleman their warm and sincere thanks. The Clerk was also directed to write letters of thanks, on behalf of the Board, to the various donors of gifts to the paupers during the holiday-time.

SOMETHING WRONG.

The Master further reported that at the request of the police, he admitted a boy, aged ten years, into the Workhouse on the preceding Saturday, it being alleged that the lad had been shamefully abused by his parents.

It was decided to retain the boy in the institution.

THE HOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE

Recommended that the boiler be re-insured; that as there was an increase in the number of inmates in the House, an additional 60 chairs be contracted for by local tradesmen, and that one of Morrell's earth-closets be ordered and tested, as they were considered to be cheaper than Mold's.

The recommendations were accepted.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

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| Week ending Jan. 5th | 207 |
| Corresponding week of last year | 178 |
| Week ending Jan. 12th | 209 |
| Corresponding week of last year | 172 |
| Vagrants relieved during past fortnight | 7 |
| " corresponding fortnight last year | 2 |

BALANCE IN HAND.

The treasurer (Mr J. Cummins) reported that the balance in hand on January 13th to be £461 17s 2d.

### RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority took place during the afternoon—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., presided.

ALLEGED NUISANCE AT EBCHESTER.

John Browell, a stoneman, employed at Medomsley Busty Pit, and living at Ebchester, in a house belonging to the Sherburn Hospital trustees, complained to the Authority of the following nuisances: (1)—A wooden shed adjoining house erected 20 years ago for the purposes of a blacksmith's shop, is now occupied as a dwelling-house by an old man named Robson. There was no ashpit, privy, or drain connected with the shed, the slops and refuse being thrown close to Browell's door. The shed is owned by Mr Carr, of Ebchester Hill. (2)—There is also a stove in this wooden structure, and the smoke therefrom penetrates through the walls into Browell's house, and the nuisance is detrimental to the health of the inmates of Browell's house. As a sequence he has a son lying ill at the present time, and the doctor alleges this smoke to be the cause thereof. Browell explained that he had spoken several times to the Inspector (Mr Rounthwaite), also to Mr Hutchinson (the agent for his house), Mr Carr (the owner of the shed), Rev H. Linthwaite (vicar of the parish), and finally to Mr J. Priestman, who recommended him to lay his complaint before the Authority.

The Inspector stated that he had visited the place several times, and had been unable to detect any nuisance through the slop water or ashes being deposited near to Browell's door. As regards the alleged nuisance from the smoke, if the walls of Browell's house were anything like perfect and in sound condition, there would be nothing to complain of. He added that Dr Bolton had written to Mr Carr, and that gentleman had promised to have the stove removed to another portion of the building, and he did not anticipate any further complaints with regard to the smoke.

The Authority directed the Inspector to look into the matter, and see if any nuisance arises through the slop water and filth being thrown on to the ground.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Rounthwaite) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—With regard to the huts at Ushaw Moor Colliery the Medical Officer of Health is still in communication with Mr Chaytor's agent as to the amendment of the buildings, and the reduction of the number of persons occupying each house.

The outbuildings to houses at Malton Colliery, near Lanchester, have not been completed, as required by your notice of May last.

In reference to the proposed branch sewer at Collierley Dykes, Dipton, the accompanying letter has been received from the agents to the Marquis of Bute.

The property of Mary Ann Watson, at Burnopfield, viz., eight houses on Busty Bank, has not been drained into new sewer as required by your notice of May last. These are the only houses remaining undrained in connection with this sewerage scheme.

Monthly Summary:

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| Nuisance notices served during the month | 0 |
| Letters written with regard to nuisances, &c. | 20 |
| Plan approval notices sent out | 5 |
| Plans received and examined | 1 |
| Habitation certificates issued | 2 |
| Villages and hamlets inspected | 17 |
| New buildings in progress inspected | 2 |
| Parcels of disinfectants distributed | 4 |
| Houses fumigated | 0 |

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. W. ROUNTHWAITE.

Lanchester, Jan. 13th, 1887.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

January 13th, 1887.

Your Committee recommend that the following plan be approved, viz:—

720.—Outbuildings to Annfield Plain School for the Kyo Laws School Board.

THE "HUTS" AT USHAW MOOR.

Dr J. Wilson (Medical Officer) attended the meeting, and said that he was sorry to say he was not yet in a position to report a favourable settlement of matters in relation to the wooden houses at Ushaw Moor Colliery, belonging to Sir Hy. Chaytor. From conversations he had had with Mr Hill (agent) he expected that before now the houses which had not been converted into store-houses, workshops, &c., would be occupied by men without families. From a letter he had recently received from Mr Hill, however, they now wished the huts to be occupied by men with families of one or two children. He (the doctor) could not sanction such a proceeding, on account of the difficulty there would be in isolating any cases in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease. He promised to see Mr Hill again, and trusted to be in a position to report that the matter had been satisfactorily arranged.

The subject was left in abeyance for another month.

A BRANCH SEWER FOR DIPTON.

The letter from Messrs Armstrong refuses to allow the houses at Collierley Dykes to drain into the burn, as the Marquess of Bute had already suffered sufficiently from litigation on such points.

The whole question was referred back to the committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Inspector was instructed to serve a fresh notice upon the Owners of Malton Colliery to proceed with the outbuildings as soon as possible. A notice was also ordered to be served upon Mrs Watson, Burnopfield, to properly sewer eight houses owned by her.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Medical Officers submitted the following reports:—

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—Excepting four cases of measles at Hamsteels Colliery, and one case of scarlet fever, and twenty-four cases of measles at Cornsay Colliery, this district, so far as my information goes, is free from catching diseases.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, January 13th, 1887.

Medomsley District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—During the quarter ending December 31st, 37 births and 21 deaths were registered. Of these deaths, five were from zymotic disease, and all in the Medomsley district. Five cases of scarlet fever have been noted at Medomsley, and three at Derwent Cottages, during the month. No fresh cases are noted at Allendale Cottages, Westwood, or Hamsterley Colliery.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

January 12th, 1887.

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—I have met with the following cases of zymotic diseases during the month, viz., five of whooping cough, nine of scarlatina, and three of enteric fever. Whooping cough was confined to the villages of Dipton and Tantobie; and scarlatina to Oxhill and Tantobie, the whole of which occurred in or near infected premises. With regard to the enteric fever cases, I am utterly at a loss to account for their origin. They reside some distance apart from each other, viz., South Medomsley, the lower end of Dipton, and Tantobie, and were all affected about the same time.

The mortality for the month is rather below the average, 24 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 17 per 1,000. One death was caused by whooping cough, the only one due to infectious disease.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

January 11th, 1886.

### CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, Mr H. Rowley, of London, delivered a lecture in the New Town Hall, Consett, on "Co-operation the hope of the worker." Mr Jon. Priestman, J.P., Shotley Bridge, presided. The attendance was not large, owing, doubtless, to the inclement weather.

The Lecturer said that the subject of his lecture was "Co-operation the hope of the worker." By some he might be called a fanatic or enthusiast, but he did not complain, because all men who had stamped their individuality upon their race, who had improved mankind in any direction, had invariably been called by the same names, and their schemes denounced as impracticable. He had something to say to three classes of thinkers, to those "who had been good enough to think politics sufficient to improve man's condition," "to Co-operators as they at present existed," and "to those who objected to Co-operation in its present, or any other, form." The word "hope" he defined as an expectation and a desire. Neither without the other was hope. Sometimes men desired things they did not expect and *vice versa*. Co-operation was a thing to be desired and expected, and if properly carried out would tend to elevate the character and social condition of the people. Dictionaries defined it as "united action for the purpose of increasing physical power." Thus two or three persons working or pulling together would remove a greater weight or greater amount of material than the same persons working singly or disjointedly. There they had co-operation in its simplest form. There was also co-operation by division. There were no such men as watchmakers now. There were watch-spring makers, watch-wheel makers, and watch putters together, but no watchmakers. He did not think that was altogether a good principle, and did not tend to develope the manhood in a man or make him take an interest in his work further than the amount of cash he received for it. He defined Co-operation as that form of industry which, when properly and thoroughly carried out, will see that there is an equitable and just division of the wealth which has been created; a just division of the profits of that wealth divided amongst those who have helped to produce it. They did not ask for equality but equity. He asked them if they, as working men, were satisfied with the present state of things, or if they imagined that manufacturers were satisfied from their point of view? They had just had an elaborate inquiry into the cause of the present depression in trade, and what had come out of it? Sir C. M. Palmer had given utterance to a valuable expression—namely, to do away with, as far as possible, the intermediary depots and agencies at present in existence for the purpose of distribution, because they added nothing to the value of goods, but increased their cost. Trades' Unions had done valuable service in the past, but gave no promise of future development; whereas Co-operation, whilst it partook of all that was good in Trades' Unionism, went further and asked that they who produced the greater part of the world's wealth should have a share in it. He also dwelt on the habits of prudence and forethought which Co-operation taught, and the easy methods of saving it offered; that the store practically offered an advance of ten per cent. to the wages of each man joining it. He showed them the vast results which might be achieved by co-operating together; and that, great as had been the success of the movement in the past, there was before them a brighter future.

At the close, Mr Priestman distributed the prizes to the successful students of the Science and Art Classes which were held last winter. The following are the names and the order in which they passed:—Thomas Robinson, Jas. R. Maxwell, Jas. Armstrong, Wm. Davey, Chas. Knifton, Jno. Bates, Charles Allison, Jno. R. Allsopp, A. M. Chapman, Fred. Heymer, Thomas Wheatley, P. McKenna, P. Quigley, H. Ridley, Robt. Taylor, R. Marshall, Thos. Gentles, Wm. Knifton, and T. Henderson.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Lecturer, Mr Priestman, Mr Clark (teacher of the Science Class), and the Co-operative Store Committee.

During the nine sessions which the class has been held 243 pupils have passed through it. Out of these, 131 have passed in the elementary stages and 16 in the advanced. One obtained honours and 95 failed.

Holloway's Pills. — Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be long or seriously disordered without the derangement being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both unpleasant consequences; they improve the appetite, and with the increase of desire for food, they augment the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with deranged or diseased conditions of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—as the liver, stomach and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting at an early stage of this malady to these purifying and laxative Pills, the dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.

Do you want to make Money?—If so you must have clear brain, steady nerve, and robust health. This can be obtained and upheld by using Hop Bitters. Hop Bitters expel every taint of impurity from the blood, speedily uproots and dislodges all forms of disease from the system. Hop Bitters give good digestion, active liver, good circulation, and buoyant spirits. It will be entirely your own fault if you miss chances of success by being sick and out of health and form, when you can be otherwise by using Hop Bitters. Only try them and prove it. Beware of and avoid all preparations either in packages or fluids said to contain the virtues of Hop Bitters. They are frauds and you may put down the shopkeeper who imposes on you [illegible] Green Hop Cluster on label. [illegible] The Hop Bitters Company, Limited, [illegible] Road, London [illegible]

## Original Poetry.

### A MISUNDERSTANDING.

"Just a foot short," he complaisantly said,
And he looked at my poem and shook his head,
And, like a doctor who meets with a very bad case,
He stroked his whiskers and pulled a long face.

I held down my head like one in a maize,
And mused on the mystery of Editors' ways,
"A foot short," I gasped, "ye powers! it is hard
rhyme must now be made by the yard."

I had toiled at my poem under night's dreary pall,
When nothing was heard but the weird caterwaul
Of amorous cats, that have so funny ways
Of telling love's story and singing its praise.

I thought it was perfect, without blemish or stain,
A full-grown child from the seat of my brain;
And to win it a place in the great world of letters,
respectfully submitted the gem to my betters.

The reader has heard the Green Chamber report—
How the child of my love was just a foot short.
No marvel my spirits sank beyond measure,
When I learned in person the fate of my treasure.

But to weep over failures was ne'er sin of mine;
And wishful to profit at some future time:
"How long, sir," I said, "if such be your pleasure,
What length must a poem be to be up to your
measure?"

The Editor laughed loud, and exclaimed: "Sir,
you're wrong,
It is not the length, but the rhythm of your song.
One line in each stanza is just a foot stinted?
And but for that error the piece had been printed."

I bade him good night, and ran down the stair,
And as I elbowed my way 'mid the gay city's flare,
I vowed to write large, or compose to slow chimes;
And thus I have managed to lengthen my lines.

ALEX. CRUICKSHANK.

Wallsend-on-Tyne.

## MEETING OF CHESTER-LE-STREET RATEPAYERS.

On Monday night, a large and somewhat lively meeting of the ratepayers of Chester-le-Street was held in the National School. The meeting was convened by Mr Peter Hay, one of the Guardians of the poor, the business being to "ask the support of the ratepayers to adopt certain clauses of the Public Health Act to improve the lighting and paving of Chester-le-Street"—Mr Chas. Robson in the chair

The CHAIRMAN said that an almost unanimous vote of the ratepayers had decided that there should not be a Local Board in the town. This meeting had been convened for them to consider whether they would now adopt the urban powers under the Public Health Act, or would they go on as they had been doing. The matter was entirely in their own hands.

Mr MATTHEW NICHOLSON objected to the Chairman, and said there was no meeting. This caused some uproar, after which

Mr PETER HAY addressed the meeting. He proceeded to explain that, although he had conscientious objections to the formation of a Local Board, he was of opinion that something ought to be done. A Local Board would be much too expensive for Chester-le-Street, and he held that the Guardians could secure such powers as would meet their wants by adopting the 148th, 149th, and 150 clauses of the Public Health Act.

Mr KELL asked what Mr Hay had to say about the result of his motion when brought before the Guardians a month ago?

Mr HAY said that he had the opposition of his colleagues staying away from that meeting. It was not a new thing with them; they had done it before. That was the way in which he had been defeated.

Mr W. M. LUCOCK said he could not understand such inconsistency as that shown by Mr Hay. He (Mr Lucock) had worked hard for a Local Board, and Mr Hay had opposed him; now Mr Hay wanted to steal the powers of the Local Board. [The uproar at this time was past all description, questions and shouts coming from every part of the room.] This tinkering and patching up was a simple mockery. No wonder that the town was in a bad state; and it would never be made better by the adoption of the proposed clauses.

Mr MITCHELL said it was a good thing to have a man who could put them all right, and keep them all right. This wonderful gentleman had accused the promoters of the proposed Board of Health with holding hole-and-corner meetings, and he had practically done the same thing himself. He had conceived an idea for what he considered the public benefit, and brought forward a plan without asking the advice of anybody.

A desultory discussion followed.

Mr GEORGE PICKERING said that the rates were already sufficiently high. He would renew the suggestion he made during the late agitation: That they should not take any action, pending the development of the long-promised comprehensive measure that is to deal with the local government of the country. With permission he moved this, which Mr ROBT. KELL seconded.

Mr HAY moved:—

"That we adopt the 148th, 149th, and 150th clauses of the Public Health Act."

This was seconded by Mr M. NICHOLSON.

Mr PICKERING withdrew his motion, and moved, as an amendment:—

"That we defer taking any action in this matter until after the meeting of Parliament and the framing of the County Government Bill."

Mr KELL seconded this, and, on a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by 46 against 5.

Mr HAY said that he had another motion.

Mr PICKERING objected, and claimed that his amendment covered the whole question.

This objection was sustained by the CHAIRMAN.

Mr ROBT. KELL asked to be allowed to move:—

"That a committee of gentlemen at this meeting be formed, for the purpose of collecting funds for the relief of the unemployed in the town."

Mr PICKERING seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr LUCOCK, and eventually carried, and a committee was formed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a noisy and uproarious meeting to a close.

## THE MINING FATALITIES NEAR TANFIELD.

On Thursday afternoon in last week, Mr John Graham, district coroner, held an inquiry at the house of Mr Robert Atkinson, the Waggon Inn, White-le-Head, into the circumstances attending the death of John Greener (53), residing at New Rows, White-le-Head, who met with a sad fate on Wednesday se'nnight down the Tanfield Moor Pit, the property of Messrs Joicey and Company. The facts, as forwarded to us for publication in our last issue, were grossly inaccurate in one or two instances. The evidence at the inquiry elicited the following particulars:—Deceased came to the bottom of the shaft to ride about seven o'clock on the morning in question, and the onsetter rapped three times—indicating thereby that Greener had to ride by the next cage that came down. However, the deceased, unperceived by the onsetter, got into the cage (which was then in motion), and was carried so far up the shaft when he stumbled out, and fell to the bottom of the pit. When the man's body was taken out of the "sump" a few moments afterwards, he was quite dead.—After a full investigation, the Coroner summed up the evidence, and commented in strong terms upon the exaggerated and sensational accounts of the man's death which had found its way into some of the Newcastle daily papers.—The jury returned a verdict that Greener was accidentally killed on the "brass thill seam" down the Tanfield Moor Pit.—The body of the deceased was interred in Lanchester Churchyard on Sunday afternoon, the funeral being a large one.

Previous to conducting the foregoing inquiry, Mr Graham opened an inquest at Mr R. Johnson's, Peacock Inn, relative to the death of Charles Brown (47), of Tanfield, who was killed on the 11th inst. Deceased was engaged as waggonway-man in the main coal down Messrs Joicey's East Tanfield Pit. In consequence of two full tubs running off the way, he was called upon to assist in getting them on the rails again. Whilst busy lifting at the side, one of the tubs knocked out a prop, and the "length" came down, the result being that a stone, about a yard long, alighted upon Brown at the back of his head, and broke his neck, death being instantaneous.—The jury certified that the deceased had been accidentally killed by a fall of stone.

## NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

On account of the excellent percentage gained at the last examination in the Gilesgate School, Durham, the master, Mr Thompson Raine, of Stanhope, has been offered a much better school, which he has accepted, in the neighbourhood of Spennymoor.

Rev James Duff (Wesleyan) has commenced a series of week-night lectures in the vestry of Wolsingham Chapel, every Wednesday evening, on "The Parables." They are of a most interesting and instructive character.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Askew have left Wolsingham to take charge of the Salvation Army at Old Shildon. They have been in connection with the Primitive Methodists up to the time of their leaving here last week.

A presentation of a gold albert of elegant design is about to be made by the managers of Frosterley Endowed School to Mr Joshua Hunter, late assistant-master, in appreciation of his diligence in his duties, and his kindly relations among those whom he laboured previous to leaving for a higher situation in the Civil Service.

A parishioner complains that the local pages of the parochial magazine at Stanhope for January are devoted to Bishop Ryan's confutation of certain circulars which have been distributed by evangelists in Stanhope. When religious magazines are becoming interested in local gossip, surely the Church must be in a bad way.

The Weardale tenants of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have forwarded, per Mr Wm. Minter, Darlington, a largely-signed petition asking for a reduction of rent owing to the small price of stock, bad crops, and the severity of the weather. The above-mentioned gentleman has acknowledged its receipt, accompanied by some very good practical advice to the tenants.

Miss J. P. Earl, of London, who is in charge of the Stanhope Evangelistic Mission, and who has been for some time exceedingly popular in Stanhope, lies in a very critical state of health at her lodge, Lime Tree House, Stanhope. Much sympathy is felt for her in the neighbourhood.

Intelligence has just come from Australia, respecting the death of Annie Wilson, wife of William Wilson, well known in Stanhope and Darlington. She was the daughter of Mr R. Robinson, master builder, Stanhope. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. The bells of St Thomas's church, Stanhope, were rung for her on Sunday morning last.

Mr A. Hilton, spirit merchant, Barnard Castle, has again made the poor of Stanhope another handsome present of 54 stones of wheat meal, to be distributed gratuitously among them. Last year he gave a similar gift. Mr John Crawhall, West Croft, Stanhope, has kindly paid railway dues and distributed the meal among the most deserving cases. The two gentlemen deserve the best thanks of the Stanhope public.

The members of the Tow Law Local Board have received a reply from the General Manager (Mr Tennant) of the North-Eastern Railway, at York, setting forth that the directors were unable to see their way to accede to the request of the memorialists in a recent extensively-signed petition from the inhabitants of Tow Law and Crook, asking that the noon train from Darlington be run forward to Consett, instead of terminating at Tow Law, as at present.

An amusing ice escapade happened in Stanhope the other day on a "slide" or "shurl"—as the up-dale folk call it—which a score or more urchins had rendered "like glass," and along which they flew at express speed, indifferent to the fact that persons were continually crossing and coming into collision with them. One stout gentleman was knocked down by the leading youth, and unfortunately the sliders were unable to stop themselves. One after another fell, making a sofa of the gentleman, while the victim gasped fearfully. What his opinion of humanity was, it would be difficult to imagine, as the youngsters gleefully sprang up and were at it again, oblivious of the panting snow-covered gentleman and his crushed box hat.

A singular illustration of canine sagacity, suggestive of Lapland life, may be seen at Cowshill, Weardale. The host of the hotel, Mr R. Bright, has a cur dog, named "Tyne," which accompanies his little boy up the mountain side behind the house, where it waits till the little fellow puts on his "skeighs," or long snow shoes of over four feet each. The dog places himself between his little master's legs, who, by stooping forward, can grasp the collar round the dog's neck, upon which the latter rushes off down at full speed on the deep, crisp snow until nearing the bottom, when the lad opens his hands and glides over his playmate, who follows behind as if to see that he lands safe. The above scene is witnessed daily during their journeys thus yoked to the neighbouring villages.

Another prominent personage in Stanhope has joined the great majority. On Saturday, Mr Ralph Walton, of Stanhope, died, after a long affliction, at the age of 59 years. Deceased was a euphonium player of great merit, being well-known in band circles in the North of England. He was to trade a lead smelter, and was an excellent and keen musician, having been connected nearly all his life with the Stanhope Saxhorn Band, which, 20 or 30 years ago, was one of the best bands in the North. This band contested at the Crystal Palace in 1860 and 1861, taking a fifth prize each day—in the latter year the performance of Mr Walton on the euphonium in London being a marked feature in the band at these contests. Since 1880, Mr Walton has conducted Stanhope Band until his illness about a year ago. He was interred at Stanhope Church on Tuesday with musical honours, the band with which so long he was connected playing the Dead March in *Saul* in the market place as the *cortege* went into the Church. He was beloved in life, and in death is much lamented.

A few years ago, there was an importation of London cocknies and agricultural labourers into the Weardale Limestone Quarries from the southern counties. There were among them hop-pickers, bobbin makers, counter-jumpers, and a great proportion of agricultural labourers, and without the slightest exaggeration, it took over six of them to do the work of one Weardale quarryman. They caused immense fun in their futile maiden efforts to break the huge limestones in the quarries, and had resort to some of the queerest artifices to get on, but still they could not win and break the blue diamonds of Weardale, so they instinctively made tracks and cleared out, and the employers were as glad to get quit of them. In a few weeks they had all, with one or two exceptions, gone up south again to seek more congenial employment. One or two of the labouring class stayed, and can now face the blue rock in the Weardale Quarries as well as the dalesmen. One of these resides in the village of Frosterley, and by the way, is a keen sportsman, and is fond of the dog and gun. Being in a village "pub" the other evening having a social glass, he noticed two young gents come in who were apparently, to use the Weardale phrase, wanting to "cut it fat." They were full of bounce and set off. Our hero eyed them, and at once resolved to have a bit fun with them. So he tipped the landlord, who entered heartily into the joke, and then proceeded to personate some wealthy country squire. He entered into conversation with them; his manner was frank, free, and unembarassed, and he had a very sociable and enjoyable chat with them on various topics, but principally on shooting. Evidently they were gullible, and he accordingly stuffed them as he only can. They stood bottle after bottle of champagne, and would not allow him to pay for any whatever. So out of courtesy, gentleman as he was, he gave them then and there a day's shooting on his vast estate, which he informed them was close to the village of Frosterley. This they gladly accepted, and were profuse in their thanks to him. After getting a "regular tightening" out of them, our hero arose to go, saying he had an engagement, and expressing a hope to see them some day shortly enjoying themselves with dog and gun. He politely handed them his fictitious card, which they unsuspectingly took, and for the time bid him adieu. One morning early the following week, two gents, in sporting attire, with dogs and guns and other necessary appurtenances, and equipments, arrived by the first train up the valley at Frosterley station, and enquired for squire Cox, as he had so named himself. The railway officials expressed their surprise on being asked for such an individual at Frosterley. "Is there no gentleman of that name in the village?" asked one. "Yes," said the railway officials, "there was one Mr Cox, who just lived up the bank from the station," and off they went to ferret out this Mr Cox. Mrs Cox happened to be present near the window. Presently one of them tapped the door gently, which she answered. "Does Mr Cox live here please?" said one of them. "Yes," said the good lady, wondering what could be the nature of their business. "Is he at home?" "No, sir," said she, "he's at work in the limestone quarries." At this the two gentlemen looked askance. "At work?" said the interrogator, emphasising the latter word. "Yes," said the good lady. "Does your husband work in the quarries?" said he. "Well, there must be some mistake. Mr Cox is your husband, I suppose?" "Yes," said she, "that is my husband's name." "Is there not some other Mr Cox in the village, mum?" "Not that I know of. Why, I am positively certain there isn't." "Well, then, your husband gave us a day's shooting, and we've just come to enjoy it." "Well," said the lady smiling rather archly, "my husband has no ground, and so he cannot. He's only a limestone quarryman, but a regular wag. I'll warrant he's been fooling ye." "Confound the fellow!" said they both together. They saw through the lark at once, and made tracks home with the next train; they have never been seen in Weardale since. The honest porter Jonathan, at the station, on seeing them return, politely asked them if they had seen the gentleman. "Seen the devil!" said one of them in a gruff tone, "You're a rum lot up here, I reckon." Jonathan said nothing more to them, but he began to smell the rat. As they had a few minutes to spare before the train returned down the valley from Stanhope, they made for the village just to "blow up" the landlord, but he had seen them and cleared out—at least he could not be found. Mr Boniface, like Hodge, was too many for these unsophisticated young gents, and as the train was about due, they made off, muttering malisons on both Hodge and the publican. As the train stopped, the porter, in his Cumberland vernacular, drawled out "Fro-a-s-terley," and the young gents soon sprang in, crestfallen and taken down, and were only too glad to get out of sight and hearing of Jonathan and "Fro-a-s-terley." The story has got out, and Mr Cox and Mr Boniface have had many a hearty good laugh.

## THE LOCAL DISTRESS.

### CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

The soup kitchen organised by the Consett Relief Committee was opened in premises in Front Street, belonging to Messrs J. Davison and Sons, for the first time this present season on Saturday morning, and during the day, over 500 quarts of soup were distributed amongst 1,040 applicants. Soup has been served out in large quantities every day during the week.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A meeting of the unemployed workmen in Chester-le-Street was held on Tuesday night, in the lodge room of the Dun Cow Inn, Chester-le-Street, Mr William Birnie in the chair. A large number of respectable working men attended, and reported that they had been off work, many of them, as long as three months, and the majority six weeks, through stress of weather.—Mr Robert Kell said he was a member of the Relief Committee formed on the previous night, and, if those present would let him know their circumstances, he would report their cases fully to the committee meeting to be held on Wednesday night. Over sixty men gave in their names as being in want of immediate relief; and from their statements, it transpired that the majority of them had wives and large families. The secretary of the Mason's Union says that not fewer than two hundred men connected with the building trade have been out of work for the greater portion of the last twelve weeks, and altogether idle during the last six. The meeting desired Mr Kell to inform the Relief Committee that tickets for goods upon the various tradesmen would be preferred to any other kind of assistance.

## GOLD MINING IN THE TRANSVAAL.

### NEWS FROM A CONSETT MAN.

The subjoined extracts are taken from a letter, addressed by a late resident of Consett to the editor of this journal, the communication being dated from Witwatersrand, District Heidelberg, Transvaal, Q.A.R., Nov. 19th, 1886:—

"A few lines from this distant part of the world may interest you, especially as the gold bearing districts of South Africa seem to be receiving attention in Europe. You are doubtless aware of the fact that for several years attempts have been made to prove the auriferous wealth of the country—the Transvaal especially. Political blundering or other unfavourable circumstances have, however, until recently prevented the development of these remarkable gold reefs. Barberton—in De Kaap Valley, north of Delagoa Bay—has until quite lately been the principal centre of attraction. Two years ago, a few needy adventurers rushed the place, but as the gold is found in hard quartz reefs, no progress was made by those men. A few individuals, however, perseveringly wrought on, and the result to-day is a settled population of from 1,500 to 2,000 people, thriving towns, and, better still, numerous gold reefs yielding from 1½ oz. to 100 ozs. to a ton of quartz Three-quarter's of a million capital has already been invested, and daily this is being added to by further discoveries and consequent floating of new companies. Witwatersrandt, where I am now writing is a more recent and more remarkable discovery. In July last, only Boer farmhouses were to be seen here. To-day a population of 3,000 to 5,000 people are spread along a series of reefs extending some 60 miles from east to west. Unlike Barberton, the gold is found here in a gravelly reef resembling concrete or millstone grit. A pan assay from surface stone on these reefs has given 13 ozs. to the ton, and I have personally taken 3 dwts. from 2 tons weight of stone. Of course it is as yet uncertain what the area of these fields will be, but I should say they are likely to extend from Maghalisberg Mountains on the north to Hex River on the south, a distance of about 100 miles, and from Barberton on the east to Marico on the west, about 300 miles. Natal and the Zulu reserve (Tugela Valley) have also their gold fields. Payable gold is being found there, and numbers of diggers from Maritzburg and Durban are busy developing the numerous quartz reefs already found. Swasieland is also being thoroughly prospected, and one company at least is shewing 12 ozs. to the ton. By the bye the capital, £200,000, of this company was subscribed in Durban and Maritzburg in a few hours. What think you of Colonial enterprise? Politically, we are in a mess. Wolseley's stupid settlement after the Zulu war; the dishonour and defeat at Amajuba; the restoration of Cetewayo; the establishment of a Republic (so called) in Zululand; and, last and worst disgrace, the pandering of a powerful nation to a few half civilised marauding Boers. A greater power, however, seems to be swaying South African affairs than English diplomatists. The rapid increase of population from Australia, America, and Europe will give a voice that will be in no way uncertain, and unless the electors of Great Britain decide to insist upon a policy agreeable to colonists, you may, and I believe will, hear of an agitation for the establishment of a United States of South Africa."

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## "MOTHER FREEMAN."

This is the title of a work just published by the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday-school Union, and of which the Rev John Wesley Keyworth, Wesleyan minister, Shotley Bridge, is the author. It is a good and well-told tale, which will be very welcome in Methodist homes. It is exquisitely written—the style and choice of language amounting to the highest eloquence.

The Methodists have never made any boast of their learning and scholarship, because they have higher work in hand; they have never talked on the housetops about their great literary acquirements, because neither the time or the money has been at command to enable them to produce a literary commensurate with that issuing from the English Church clergy. Yet it may be claimed that the Wesleyan ministry has done its duty as well as any other in this country. It has perceived where it ought to direct its energies, and a practical understanding of affairs has led it almost instinctively to the cultivation of those things that win genuine spiritual success. The triennial change of ministers, which is the rule in the Wesleyan Church, like all human arrangements, has its defects; yet, in some cases, at any rate, it certainly works beneficial results. To a sympathetic nature, contact with all sorts and conditions of men is a grand opportunity for development; and to an observant man it affords unsurpassed means for study of character. And these advantages Mr Keyworth did not fail to utilise as he went first amongst the working men of Warwickshire; then away to the agricultural districts of Bedford and Norwick; then amongst the sparse and scattered populations of the Yorkshire dales; afterwards amongst the miners of Houghton-le-Spring; thence back to Bedfordshire; and then back again to the miners of this county, his head-quarters being Thornley. After three years spent in Thornley circuit, he removed at last Conference to Shotley Bridge. Mr Keyworth's ministry in this circuit has already been crowned with success. He can address himself with equal ease to the cultured and uncultured. He has recently been a frequent contributor to various Methodist publications. Last year he wrote a charming little work, entitled: "Tom; or, a Woman's Work for Jesus," and now he has added to his celebrity by the production of "Mother Freeman." The following are extracts from the first chapter in the book, under the title, "Where she lived:"—

"Mother Freeman lived in the village of Stillington. And never did village bear a more appropriate name. The whole place was pervaded with an air of the most perfect quietude. The appellation of the village was soothingly suggestive of the profound repose which rested on the few old-world farm-houses, the clumps and rows of quaint and varied cottages, and the almost all-day-long deserted streets. To enter Stillington from the country, where the birds were singing in the trees, and the sheep bleating in the fields, and here and there a sleepy ploughman apostrophised his horses, was almost like passing from life to death. The occasional sounds which broke upon the air within the village itself seemed but to deepen the pervading quiet. The tinkling of the shop-bell, heard half-way down the street, the rumbling by of a cumbrous farm-cart, or the indignant barking of the farmer's dog at some rare stranger passing through the place, made you more intensely conscious of the normal quietude of the drowsy little village. Rarely was anyone in a hurry in Stillington. The few of its inhabitants who, at lengthened intervals, moved along its streets, walked with the easy gait of people who have nothing in particular to do, and abundance of time in which to do it. The very smoke, which curled in attenuated wreaths from the chimneys of the ancient cottages, moved upward with a languor unusual even in smoke.

"On every side of Stillington stretched a country of great loveliness. The gently undulating landscape shone with the varied beauty of corn-field, meadow-land, and wood; while here and there a twinkling spire, or a group of red-tiled cottage roofs, told where a tiny village nestled amongst the trees. Some of these villages were gems of rural beauty; but not one could rival the charms of Stillington itself.

"The long street, of which the village was chiefly composed, ran slightly downhill from the ridge along which the turnpike took its course. At intervals along this street stood three or four quaint farmhouses, with their picturesque farmyards in front. Interspersed between were the humbler dwellings of the village. Here was a venerable group of whitewashed cottages, with ivy-covered walls, and porches smothered with honeysuckle and jessamine, and there a row of more modern red-brick tenements, fronted with pretty flower gardens, which were fenced with wood or iron. And thus, with here and there between a stretch of orchard or patch of kitchen garden, the buildings varied down both sides of the street. Towards its lower end, on the right side as you went down, a row of stately elms threw their shade well-nigh across the road.

"At the bottom of the street, you emerged upon the village green. This was a wide and verdant expanse of irregularly triangular shape, around which were ranged some dwellings of a higher class than the cottages in the street. In one of these abode the village doctor. Another was the dwelling-place of two old maids, who were the reputed possessors of fabulous wealth. In yet another dwelt a veterinary surgeon, a man well skilled in his art, and in much request for miles round. At the right-hand corner of the street, where it emerged upon the green, stood the 'village smithy,' in the case of which the poet's ideal was, for once, realised, for directly in front of the smithy door stood a spreading chestnut tree. This tree, with its lordly crown of pink-white blossom, was the glory of the village. At the opposite corner of the street was the Methodist Chapel, a small, though substantial and unpretentious, building of stone. Away to the left, in the fields behind the houses which girdled the green, was a weather-beaten flour mill. It was approached by means of a narrow lane, and derived its motive power from a little stream, which thereafter meandered away through the emerald meadows, murmuring gently to itself as though with a placid sense of having done its duty and rendered good service to the world.

"Turning sharp around to the right by the smithy, and skirting that side of the green, you might leave the village by a sylvan lane, which straggled away into the country like a wandering child. At the point at which this lane left the village stood the rectory. This was an old-time, many-gabled building of red brick, situate within its own grounds, and shielded from the vulgar gaze by a high brick wall.

"The Church—a noble Norman structure—lay back from the village street on the left as you went down. With the exception of the higher part of its fine square tower, it was completely hidden by the houses. You approached through an opening between the buildings some distance further down the street. Around it stretched a vast graveyard, where the dust of 20 generations of departed villagers lay waiting for the resurrection trump. Close against the churchyard wall nestled the little village school.

"Such was Stillington, and it was at Stillington that Mother Freeman lived."

From these extracts our readers will perceive that it is an exceedingly interesting book, and it fully sustains its vivid power to the end. The author is already well-known to readers of the *Consett Guardian*, and to them the volume is sincerely commended.

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## FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT RYTON.

On Tuesday morning, a social event which had been looked forward to with great interest by residents in the neighbourhood of Ryton, was celebrated in the marriage of Mary Delaval Chester, daughter of Canon Chester, Rector of Ryton, with the Rev Charles Edward Blackett-Ord, vicar of Ovingham, and son of the Rev J. A. Blackett-Ord, of Whitfield Hall, Northumberland. At 10·45 a.m., the bridal party entered the parish church of Ryton, which was crowded with a fashionable congregation. The bride was given away by her father, Canon Chester. The officiating clergymen were the Rev Canon Mason, Rector of Whitfield; the Rev Canon Weston, Rector of Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland (uncle of the bride); and the Rev Sidney Beauchamp, Rector of Little Laver (brother-in-law of the bridegroom). The bride wore a dress of white ivory satin, trimmed with deep pearled fringe and Brussels lace, with rich tulle veil and bonnet, with orange blossoms. She carried a large bouquet, presented by the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, five in number, wore brown cashmere dresses, with net bonnets, and each carrying a handsome bouquet, a present from the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss E. L. Blackett-Ord, Miss Thomson, Miss Breeks, Miss Thorp, and Miss Henderson. Mr R. Blandy acted as best man. The choir took part in the service, and on the newly-wedded pair leaving the churchyard, their path was spread with flowers, and rice was plentifully bestrewn upon them. After the ceremony, about 70 guests were entertained to breakfast at The Rectory, and wishes were universally expressed for the happiness of the bride and bridegroom, who left for the south *en route* for the Continent shortly after noon. The wedding presents, which numbered about 200, and costly, amongst the number being a handsome copy of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," the gift of the bride's Sunday-school class. As the bridal party left the church Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played by the organist, Mr N. H. Nichol.

## A QUEBEC MINER AND THE PERMANENT RELIEF FUND.

At Monday's sitting of the Durham County Court—before His Honour, Judge Meynell—John Linsky, a miner, now residing at Quebec Colliery, claimed the sum of £3 12s from the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, which, he alleged, was due to him as relief for nine weeks.—The evidence of Linsky was to the effect that in August, 1882, he was working as a coal hewer at Chester Moor Colliery, and on one occasion while following his occupation a large amount of coal fell upon him. His collar bone was broken, and he received other injuries through which he was confined to bed for eight weeks. He recovered from these injuries, but he discovered that his eyesight was affected. The Relief Fund had paid him a sum as relief till October last, when he applied that it should be compounded and paid in a lump sum. The society sent Dr Brunskill to visit the plaintiff, and from a report he made they stopped the relief. The action consequently involved the question of whether or not the plaintiff was entitled to permanent relief. —For the plaintiff, Dr C. S. Jefferson, senior surgeon at the Newcastle Eye Hospital, said the plaintiff's sight was considerably affected, and was exceedingly likely to have been caused by an accident. — For the defence, Dr Brunskill, of Coxhoe, was called, but he said that the plaintiff never having complained about his head and eyes, he had never examined them. — His Honour adjourned the case for a month to consider an objection raised by the defendant society as to the legality of the form of summons, and intimated that so far as the medical evidence went he was in favour of the plaintiff.

## WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the fortnightly meeting, held at Stanhope last Friday, Mr G. R. Wooler presided.

### SURCHARGING A RATE-COLLECTOR.

The Local Government Board wrote, stating that Mr Hockin, district auditor, had at the audit for the half-year ending last Lady Day, surcharged Mr W. Morley, Stanhope rate-collector, in four small sums, which totalled £11 5s 3d, and asking if he had paid the sum to the treasurer of the Union as required by law.

The Clerk reported that Mr Morley had paid £11 5s 3d into the bank.

### THE BOARD AND THE AUDITOR.

There being some doubts as to the legality of a bill for £5 from Dr Hood, of Tow Law, for performing an operation upon a person suffering from an ulcer, the Guardians sought the advice of the Imperial Board, who answered that the special charge did not come within section 181. The Clerk then wrote to the auditor, who, in reply, complimented the Guardians on their "keen appreciation of the law," and while refusing to advise the Board in anticipation of the audit, suggested that they should avail themselves of section 181. (Laughter).

In the discussion which followed, Dr Arnison, J.P., said the question was whether the auditor would pass the cheque or not if they signed it.

Mr SNOWBALL considered that as the operation had to be performed, and Dr Hood was compelled to get assistance, the matter should not now be shelved.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that they could not move in the matter.

Mr RIDLEY thought it would be only right to let the doctor know the reasons why they could not pay the bill.

The Clerk said he would do so, and discussion on the subject then ceased.

### WORKHOUSE STATISTICS.

The Master reported that the number of inmates was 81, against 73 in the corresponding fortnight of last year. Vagrants numbered 31, against 29 in the corresponding period of last year.

## RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

At a meeting of this body, held subsequently, Dr W. Robinson, medical officer for the Stanhope and Newlandside districts, submitted his annual report. Fifty births had been registered, making a birth-rate of 18·2 per 1,000. The deaths reached 41, or a death-rate of only 8·8 per 1,000 on the census of 1881. Five of the deaths were uncertified. During the year a good deal of attention had been paid to water supplies, and the district had been comparatively clear from infectious diseases, and still remained so. Systematic house to house inspections had been made by Mr Egglestone (inspector) and himself.

### ABATEMENT OF FEVER.

A family at Wolfclough, which had been suffering from scarlet fever, was reported to have recovered, and the inspector does not fear any fresh outbreak.

### CRAWLEYSIDE WATER SUPPLY.

All the pipes have been laid at the White Kirkley waterworks, and the tank and standing pipes connected. The works, however, cannot be completed during the present severe weather. The pipes have also been laid at Crawleyside, but the weather prevents further progress. Owing to the Authority having declined to enter into any agreement about this water supply, the railway company have now declined to allow the Authority to enter their ground at that place.

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## SEVERE GALE AND STORM.

### CONSETT.

On Monday, the North of England was visited by a furious gale, which caused a great deal of destruction to property. A storm of the wildest description was experienced in Consett and district. Soon after four o'clock a heavy shower of small snow began to fall, being accompanied by a violent wind. The night was so stormy that it was a bold feat for anyone to venture outside. The day was bitterly cold, and the drifting snow blinded the eyes and face. The force of the tempest was keenly felt in such exposed places as Consett and the higher regions of Western Durham, and doubtless a great deal of destruction will have occurred to property. At 8·30 p.m. the gale was still raging, and had every appearance of continuing for some hours to come; but by ten o'clock the storm had subsided. On Wednesday, a rapid thaw set in and a good deal of snow has melted away.

### WEARDALE.

Incidents of the storm in Weardale, reported by various correspondents, are both amusing and serious. To the north-east of Cowshill a farmer is reported to be wholly without fodder for his stock of fifty sheep and cows. All approach to the exposed place is barred by the deep drifts of ice-bound snow.

### DURHAM.

A violent storm of wind and snow visited Durham on Monday. Late in the afternoon snow came on, and the high wind which was blowing caused it to form large drifts. The cold was intense, and the roads, with the recent frost, were in a very slippery condition. At the railway station it was deemed advisable to attach two engines to some of the trains.

## SEVERE WEATHER IN THE WEARDALE AND BLANCHLAND DISTRICTS.

### THE POSITION OF SHEEP FARMERS.

The present rigorous wintry weather is telling heavily on the occupiers of sheep farms in the above-mentioned districts. Since the early part of Dec. to the present time without intermission the weather has been of the most wintry description, snow lying on the moorland and hill farms, and on those lying next the moors, and in high and exposed situations during the past six weeks. The demand upon hay has thus been very excessive, hand feeding being absolutely necessary. Last winter was unusually severe, and last season's crops of hay unusually light, so that farmers were this season consequently very ill-provided for the reception of another severe winter. Though the moor is not quite so heavy as last winter, yet it is as equally injurious owing to its solidity caused by moderate thaws and subsequent hard frosts. Many of the Weardale sheep farmers are removing their flocks down the country, where hay is more plentiful and the storms have not been so severe. Should the present severe winter continue any length of time, ruin to many must supervene, as they have not sufficient hay, and to purchase it in such quantities as they will require will be disastrous altogether. The prospect of the sheep farmers is bad in the extreme in the above-mentioned districts.

On the upper reaches of the Derwent, comprising the Boltshope, White Lees, Nookton, Heathery Burn, Harewood Shield, Blanchland, the storm has been severely felt, and the feeding process has been a very laborious one. The roads between Blanchland and Park Head, where traffic is great, are very bad, owing to the large accumulations of drifting snow, and have been blocked for some time. Repeated efforts to open it have been abortive, while the moors between Blanchland and Rookhope are impassable. In the neighbourhood of Rookhope, some of the farmers are in a bad position; their supply of hay is almost exhausted. One farmer in particular, at Brandon Walls, only has about a fortnight's hay while others are getting their supply terribly reduced Some of the farmers around Stanhope are taking stock down east, and several sheep farmers from the hill farms further up the dale are following suit. Mr Stephenson, of Glenwelt, has removed several hundreds down to the neighbourhood of Waterhouses. Mr Patrick, of Stewart Shield, Meadows Farm, has removed his stock to Parson Byers, Stanhope.

In some of those districts the tithe question is cropping up, as during these depressed times and severe seasons many of the farmers feel it difficult even to raise the rent without raising the tithe as well, and there is a growing discontent in respect to their enforced payment in full, which, as our American cousins say in respect to the storms they send us across the Atlantic, may yet develope into "dangerous energy."

The storm continues with unabated rigour up in Weardale. There have been several gluts and partial thaws, succeeded by hard frosts, rendering the snow on the moorlands and in the pastures impenetrable for the sheep and cattle, and the quantity of snow on the high moorlands is enormous. It has lain there accumulating from the 1st Dec. The intensity of the weather in Weardale was further increased by a heavy snowstorm and gale, which blocked all the bye-roads and the main roads to Cumberland and Northumberland. Hence no carriers could make their customary journeys. Calamity is within measurable distance of the sheep farmers, whose stock, after the ordeal through which they have passed last winter, are not able to withstand the present strain. The hay is rapidly diminishing, and their means are, it is to be feared, too limited for purchasing more in consequence of bad crops and the low prices of stock. The mining company are about re-open Burtree Pasture Mine to employ as many as possible of their men thrown idle through the weather at Grove Rake. The mails were brought up on a snow sledge with commendable promptness.

During the last week large batches of sheep have been driven from the Weardale Fells to inland farms in the neighbourhood of Wolsingham, Brancepeth, and elsewhere.

The weather threatens to stop Grove Rake Mine, thus throwing idle about 500 men. No ore dressing or washing operations have been able to be done during the frost, and all the "bouse"-steads are full, in fact it is estimated the unwashed work here will last over 18 months. The directors regret the difficulty as all ore is in good demand.

In the neighbourhood of Tow Law and Crook the wintry and severe weather becomes serious in consequence of the considerable depth of snow there is now lying. The roads became very heavy, and it is hard work to carry on vehicular traffic. During the last two or three weeks there has fortunately been little or no interruption to railway communications, chiefly owing to the absence of drifting of snow to any extent.

## RAINFALL AT WOLSINGHAM.

At Wolsingham, Mr Amos Mitchell records the following rainfall, for 1886:—

| Month. | Total depth. Inches. | Greatest fall in 24 hours. Depth. | Greatest fall in 24 hours. Date. | No. of days on which ·01 or more fell. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 6·41 | 1·21in. | 25th | 25 |
| February | ·98 | ·10in. | 22nd | 13 |
| March | 4·16 | 1·25in. | 1st | 17 |
| April | 2·36 | ·64in. | 4th | 20 |
| May | 4·30 | 1·26in. | 12th | 20 |
| June | 1·40 | 1·13in. | 1st | 5 |
| July | 5·05 | 1.40in. | 26th | 15 |
| August | 1·12 | ·23in. | 17th | 12 |
| September | 1·59 | ·32in. | 4th | 15 |
| October | 7·18 | 1·14in. | 1st | 21 |
| November | 6·11 | 2·77in. | 5th | 17 |
| December | 5·22 | 1·08in. | 11th | 20 |
| Total | 45·88 | | | 200 |

The number of days on which rain has fallen is as follows:—

| Year. | No. of days. | Inches. |
|---|---|---|
| 1869 | 177 | 36·70 |
| 1870 | 168 | 31·18 |
| 1871 | 173 | 31·53 |
| 1872 | 229 | 53·80 |
| 1873 | 189 | 24·98 |
| 1874 | 170 | 29·50 |
| 1875 | 197 | 36·78 |
| 1876 | 184 | 33·90 |
| 1877 | 184 | 44·70 |
| 1878 | 188 | 35·53 |
| 1879 | 207 | 30·12 |
| 1880 | 180 | 40·77 |
| 1881 | 192 | 40·58 |
| 1882 | 231 | 41·73 |
| 1883 | 199 | 34·90 |
| 1884 | 195 | 29·88 |
| 1885 | 189 | 39·45 |
| 1886 | 200 | 45·88 |

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   And made them mercy crave.

WORD SQUARES.

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   A Latin town.
   A Latin verb.
   A Latin noun.
3. An ancient Grecian general.
   A god.
   A town in Italy.
   A Latin adverb.

WORD TRANSPOSITIONS.

4. Need I lift a bag.
5. He shot puny E.
6. Pnaasimodi.
7. Ride on a bus.
8. I cut crabs! Not I.
9. Send their meat.
10. Fifty and five hundred more.
    Fifty still and one before.
    Altogether may be found.
    Growing on the garden ground.
11. To every one who goes a distance,
    I'm found of very great assistance;
    Cut of my head, you'll find no doubt,
    We're friends to those who walk about;
    Once more behead, and, if you wish,
    I can be served in shape of fish;
    Transpose, 'twill be an easy task
    To find me in a good wine cask.
12. A person has two horses and a saddle worth £10; if the saddle be put on the first horse, his value becomes double that of the second; but if the saddle be put on the second horse, his value will not amount to that of the first horse by £13. What is the value of each horse?
13. My first is found in a pigsty.
    My second is a shallow part of a river.
    My whole is a town in Scotland.
14. My first is a kind of Barrel; my second is a French conjunction; and my whole a kind of box.
15. Why is a stoker a good judge of punctuation?

NAMES OF TOWNS IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND TRANSPOSED.

16. Neel Thomas Heyn.
17. Tie her swan.
11. Fun riled men.
19. O we'll sit.
20. Divide the number 90 into four such parts that the first increased by 2, the second diminished by 2, the third multiplied by 2, and the fourth divided by 2, may all be equal to the same quantity?

TRANSPOSITIONS.

Names of English Towns and the Counties in which they are situate.

21. Drove you tauq.
22. Clop lean wren Z. N.
23. Why is a tear like an amphibious animal?
24. My first is to keep busy; my second is an important part of the human frame; and my whole is a town in England.
25. And if you wish to listen well,
    What you must be transposed, will tell.
26. Transpose what helps to make your coat,
    A famine to your view is brought.
27. My first is the plague of nations; my second is used in a lamp; and my whole is a town in England.
28. Why is a new-born baby like a donkey's tail?
29. Why is a pig like the letter N?
30. My first is seen both large and small,
    Sharp as a knife, round as a ball;
    It has been given to all mankind,
    And few without it you will find.
    To be my second's very nice,
    Although it often leads to vice.
    If I were you I would beware,
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*Re* ROBERT DAVISON, of Lane Ends, Castleside, Deceased, Innkeeper and Farmer.

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Or his cuddy of his hay.

Is it for speaking truth,
Truth may be blamed,
But cannot be shamed,
In Gentile nor yet Jew.

Why then blame poor Joe the sweep who ever speaks what's true.—I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, faithfully yours,

HARRISON, Sweep, Shotley Bridge.

PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS. 312x

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Town Hall, Consett, January 21st, 1887.

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| „ J. Calvert, Sherburn House | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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### Public Notices.

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CANON BODY, D.D., of Durham, will PREACH on Sunday, January 23rd, 1887, Morning and Evening, in CONSETT PARISH CHURCH. 289x

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TO-NIGHT (Friday), "FALSE PRETENCES."
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Respectfully announces that circumstances having forced him to alter his arrangements, he will begin a series of MESMERIC and PHRENOLOGICAL ENTERTAINMENTS in the THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT, on Monday Night, January 24th.

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By Mr Joseph Oley.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by Order of the Executor, at 50, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, the Household FURNITURE, DOWN BED, BEDDING, and WEARING APPAREL, belonging to the late Mrs. Mary McCullagh, deceased.

Sale to commence at Two p.m.

304x JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer.

Strother's Farm, near Spen Colliery.

THE SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and DAIRY UTENSILS, &c., belonging to Mr. Thomas Barnfather, who is about to Emigrate, will be SOLD by Mr. J. OLEY, Auctioneer, on Monday, 31st day of January, 1887.

Sale at One o'clock prompt. 303x

☞ JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

10, WOOD STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. William Raw.

23, West Row, Blackhill.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mr. Patrick Ward, who is going to Emigrate to America, will SELL BY AUCTION, the whole of his Household FURNITURE, on Saturday, January 22nd, 1887, comprising—Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Clock, in Mahogany High Case; Eight-days' Spring Clock; Time Piece; Sofa, in Leather; Settle; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; Kitchen Table; Round Table; Tea Table; Mahogany Swing Glass; Four-Poled Bedstead and Mattress; Iron Bedstead and Mattress; Poss-tub and 2 Staffs; 3 Large Bird Cages; Fender and Irons; Pans; Kettle; Pails; Ware; Glass Ornaments; Pictures; and numerous other Household Articles.

Sale to commence at One o'clock precisely.

Sale Office, Blackhill. 305x

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

514, North Cross Street, Leadgate. — Saturday, January 22nd, 1887.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with information from Mr S. Kannady, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, the whole of his very Valuable Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE ADD EFFECTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Twelve o'clock, as Lots are very numerous and valuable.

Sale and Emigration Office, Front Street, Dipton

At Mrs Lumley's, Golden Lion, Leadgate.—Saturday Morning, January 22nd, 1887.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Mr. W. T. Sanders, of 131, Green Street, Leadgate, who is emigrating, will SELL, as above, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Goods removed for convenience of Sale, and will begin at Ten o'clock in the Morning prompt.

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By Mr. John Crawford.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will hold a Large Sale of FURNITURE, &c., on Monday, Feb. 7th, 1887, at 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

Masons' Arms Hotel, Consett.

MR. J. CRAWFORD, instructed by Elizabeth Whitfield, who is retiring from Business, will SELL BY AUCTION the whole of the Valuable Household FURNITURE and BAR UTENSILS, on Monday first, January 24th, 1887, consisting of Mahogany Cheffioneer Bedstead with Mattress; large Mirror; Mahogany Dining Table; Mahogany Drawers; 6 Mahogany Chairs; Smoke Chairs; large Club-room Table; Oak Table; large Carpet, no worse than new; Cases of Stuffed Birds; Mantel-piece Ornaments; Bed-room Drawers; Dressing Table; Washhand stand; Carpeting; Brass-mounted Child's Crib; New Mattress; Fender and Fireirons; 2 Round Tables; 4 Long Tap-room Tables; Scouring Tables; 4 Forms; 10 Blinds, with Rollers; 5 Zinc Blinds; Corner Cupboard; 2 large Kitchen Fenders. Bar Utensils.—Eight-day Clock; 2 Sets of Pewter Measures; 6 dozen Glasses and Wine Glasses; Show Casks, with Taps; Gallon and Half-Gallon Pots; Pint Pots and Spouted Pots; Drainers; Decanters; large Cellar Rope; Gas Brackets; a lot of Bar Pictures; large Oil Cloth, 18 yards, no worse than new; and other Articles too numerous to mention.

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By Mr. John S. Murray.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the house of Mr. William Richardson, Railway Inn, Blackhill, on Wednesday, February 2nd, 1887, JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer. Part of the Household FURNITURE, BAR FITTINGS, Household FURNISHINGS, &c., belonging to Mr Richardson, who is leaving the district. Also, 5 COTTAGES situate at Baxton Burn; 6 BUILDING SITES, near the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill.

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# The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1887

## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

### MISFORTUNES NEVER COME SINGLE.

This is an old saying, but a true one, and although it is beyond the ken of mortals to divine the why and the wherefore, the fact itself remains. Methinks that Shakespeare must have had this truism in his mind's eye when he put into the mouth of one of the most notable of his characters —Claudius, King of Denmark—the frequent expression: "When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions." The man who has an eye for what is transpiring around him knows that such, alas! is the experiences of mankind, and if a local illustration were wanting, I have only to point to the extremely sad case of a man who is known by sight at least to almost every resident of Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge. I refer to Mr Bullerwell, carrier, Shotley Bridge. Sorrow and tribulation have settled over that household in its darkest and most dreaded form. Death, unbidden, entered the dwelling, and Mr Bullerwell lost his helpmate under circumstances of an extremely painful character. More domestic affliction followed, death again casting his dreaded shadow on hearth and home. Then followed the total destruction of his waggon by fire, whilst on the homeward journey from Newcastle, on which occasion Mr Bullerwell was himself so severely burned that he has not yet recovered from his injuries. He was thus led to call in the services of an assistant, thereby entailing additional expenditure, but sad to tell, the measure of his misfortunes did not end there. The bread-winner for the family, Mr Bullerwell's trusty horse, fell on the ice the other day, and was so badly injured by the fall that the animal was afterwards shot. So dark a chapter in the history of a household is, happily, but rarely to be met with. Indeed, it is a very exceptional case, and in the interest of frail humanity ought to be dealt with as such. I know full well that the present is not the most opportune time that could be chosen for approaching the public in this way, but I am confident that if a series of evening entertainments were originated and carried out, say, in Shotley Bridge, Blackhill, Consett, and Leadgate one evening in each town, there would be a sum raised sufficient to purchase a serviceable horse for this unfortunate carrier. The district is rich in musical and histrionic talent, and presuming that the possessors of these gifts would give their services gratuitously, and that the public be charged sixpence each all round, the success of the scheme would be sure. I commend this idea to the favourable notice of my readers, with the sincere wish that not one of them will ever feel the frigid grasp of misfortune's icy fingers. I have sometimes thought there was a deal of truth in the following lines, from the fine old English poet, William Wordsworth:—

> "Disasters, do the best we can,
> Will reach both great and small,
> And he is oft the wisest man
> Who is not wise at all."

### EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AT BLACKHILL.

The second annual concert, promoted by the choir of St Aidan's Church, Blackhill, will be held in the Agricultural Hall, in that town, on the evening of Monday week. The programme is of a specially attractive character, and lovers of vocal and instrumental music may reasonably look forward to an evening spent after their own heart. The vocalists announced to take part in the entertainment include several well-known favourites of more than local celebrity, besides a lady professional of considerable standing in her own individual walk. The proceedings will be interspersed with musical variations by Mr J. Stephenson's orchestral band, and as the charge for admission has been specially framed with a view to meet the needs of these uncertain times, the promoters having left nothing undone that was calculated to make the project a success, naturally look to their old and new friends for a renewal of their favours.

### THE LOCAL DISTRESS.

It is to be regretted that the lack of employment has again necessitated the re-organisation of the benevolent forces, which last winter did so much to mitigate the prevailing distress. The impression was then current that the present year would witness a decided change for good, but trade depression seems to be very much like individuals who, falling a prey to misfortune, are a long time before they finally emerge from the shadow of the cloud. It is satisfactory to note, however, that there is on the present occasion also, no dearth of kind hearts and willing hands. Mr Jenkins is never loath to put his hand in his pocket, but whilst scanning the subscription list there seemed to me to be one important omission—the name of the Consett Iron Company was wanting. This took my attention the more readily because I know that in other districts where distress was prevalent during last winter, of bitter memory to many, the firms in the respective districts gave systematically and well. This was just as it should be, and no donation from the private purse of officials, however gentlemanly, will compensate for the lack of assistance from so responsible a quarter.

### TRADE.

The last report of the Iron Shipbuilders and Boilermakers' Society is the best proof of the brightening prospects of the trade. This organisation, which is simply a trade protection association and benefit society for boilermakers, and also what in the shipbuilding industry is known as the "black squad." This includes the three following sections —platers, rivetters, and caulkers. The drillers have a less powerful association of their own, and so too have the blacksmiths, carpenters, and joiners. The first-named society is one of the largest and best conducted trades' union associations of its class. Its far-stretching branches extend almost to the uttermost ends of the earth. Its members who stray to the cold shores of Russia are still under the protection of the home branches, and the same hold true with respect to the countries of India, China, and Japan. Its unemployed members are in receipt of a weekly allowance, and the tabulated monthly returns issued by the secretary, Mr Knight, of Newcastle, form a reliable and interesting basis for guaging the current condition of the shipbuilding, and to some extent, the iron and steel industries. The latest return is the most encouraging issued within the past two years, and, as I remarked the other week, I have reasons for believing that the return influence of prosperity will continue to make its influence felt for the next six months at least, and beyond that I am not at present prepared to go.

## ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

[BY "RAMBLER."]

It is, happily, not often that so many fatal accidents are reported in the immediate locality as have happened during the past few days. First, there were two mining fatalities at Tanfield, then a woman was burnt to death at Annfield Plain; a man is fatally injured at East Castle Colliery; and lastly, an esteemed inhabitant of Lanchester is killed on the railway. This is a much longer record of fatalities than we have recorded during the past six months.

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The noted Bachelors' Club at Tow Law, which for a long time has been suspended, owing to the marriage of the president and other members, is now looking up again. The members, I hear, are now arranging a party, which, it is hoped, will lead the bulk of them to renounce their forlorn condition, and by the help of the popular registrar, to enter into the paths of matrimonial bliss!

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Whilst engaged in my usual perigrinations round the district the other day, I was somewhat astonished to perceive a fat, plump flea bounding about. Thinking it to be a somewhat extraordinary specimen of the tribe, I put myself to the trouble of catching it, and showing on the insect to one of my friends, he informed me that it might possibly be the performing flea which had escaped from the Art Gallery at Newcastle, where Professor Geo. Vidci has been exhibiting his lively fleas for more than a month past. A small reward being offered for the return of the insect, I of course handed it over to Mr F. Gough, the energetic manager of the Theatre Royal, Consett, and he took the pains of caging the flea in a small pill-box and returned it to its original owner at Newcastle. Mr Gough, doubtless fully alive to the tastes and requirements of a fastidious public, witnessed the marvellous performance of the intelligent fleas, and succeeded in inducing Professor Vidci to pay a visit to Consett. I understand that this gentleman will, therefore, exhibit his performing fleas in the New Town Hall for a few days, commencing on February 1st. These fleas have executed their extraordinary feats in all the leading towns in England, besides travelling in many foreign countries, and it is to be hoped that, to maintain the prestige of the town, the inhabitants will patronise the entertainment. The prices of admission will, I understand, be nominal, and the novel representation will worthily repay a visit.

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As the fame of the Beamish branch of the Church of England Temperance Society has extended far and wide through the medium of your columns, I, with two companions, wended my way, one evening during the present year, to the schoolroom at West Stanley, where the society had proposed giving an entertainment, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the fund for the erection of a coffee-room, &c., at Burnopfield. We arrived there rather late in the evening, and found the room crowded, but were soon accomodated with seats by some Stanley friends, who kindly vacated their places on our behalf. I may state that our expectations were fully realised. The members of the Beamish Branch usually prepare for their hearers an amusing and instructive programme, and on this occasion it was no exception to the rule. I am unable to give in detail the various items, but there were not a few of special interest. The "piece of the evening" was a dialogue entitled, "Apartments to let," which caused great merriment, and reflected great credit on the performers. With a closing hymn and prayer, this most enjoyable entertainment was ended. The earnestness displayed by the members of the Beamish Branch evinces a heartfelt interest in their work, besides proving the truth of the saying, "Union is strength." It would be well if other societies in the district would follow the example set them by our Stanley friends.

## BURNT TO DEATH AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Tuesday, at noon, Mr J. Graham, coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mr Miles Handy, Catchgate, on the body of an elderly woman named Elizabeth Brown (64), of South Pontop Colliery, who died at two p.m. on the 15th inst. On the preceding day (Friday), the woman's husband saw that she was all right. She went to light a neighbour's fire about 11-20 a.m. the same day. Mrs Isabella Cape perceived her come out of the house, with her clothes all ablaze, towards her doorway. Mrs Brown was taken down to her own house, and expired on the following day, from the effects of the burns. She was attended in the meantime by Dr Hooper, Catchgate.—A verdict that the woman was accidentally "burnt to death" was returned.

## THE LOCAL DISTRESS.

### CONSETT.

Last (Thursday) night, a large meeting of unemployed ironworkers in Consett and district was held on the Blue Mountains—Mr M. McNally (innkeeper) presiding. About 700 persons attended the gathering. After debating upon the present aspect of affairs, the subjoined resolution was unanimously passed:—"That a deputation be appointed to wait upon Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. (chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians) to urge upon him to devise some means for the immediate opening of a stone-yard in Consett."—After constituting the deputation, the assemblage quietly dispersed.

### BLACKHILL.

We learn that it has been decided to take measures for the relief of the distress prevalent in Blackhill. At a meeting held in the Low Schoolroom, Blackhill, on Wednesday night—Rev T. Power (St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church) in the chair—it was announced that a deputation had awaited upon Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., that day, and that gentleman had conditionally promised to contribute (on behalf of the Consett Iron Company) the sum of £10 for the space of a month, and also distribute 40 loads of coal amongst the poor and needy.—It was resolved to open a soup kitchen, the sum of over £10 being subscribed in the room. Further donations will be gratefully received by Mr Jacob Dowson, Derwent Street, Blackhill.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The committee appointed for the relief of the unemployed at Chester-le-Street met on Wednesday night—Rev H. H. Birley presiding. Messrs G. Pickering and J. W. Luccock have each given £5 to the fund, and Messrs P. Hay and Matthew Nicholson had collected £7 10s. It was resolved to use the money already in hand for making soup. —The unemployed men held a meeting yesterday (Thursday), and expressed their dissatisfaction at the action of the committee; and resolved to send a deputation asking that the decision of that body should be altered, and that tickets for goods should be issued instead.—The Relief Committee sat in the Parish Room at eleven o'clock, to consider the applications for relief. A large number of men accepted tickets for soup, but expressed their preference for tickets which would secure them groceries or meat.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—[illegible]

## BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting was held at the Bank Buildings at Shotley Bridge. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr James Annandale, J.P.) Mr Jos. Eltringham was elected to preside. Members present: Messrs R. Murray, T. Siddell, Hy. Carss, W. Wheatley, F. Priestman, A. E. Turner, J. Dowson, the Clerk (Mr J. Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

### IMPROVEMENTS IN RITSON'S ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr Wm. Moore, Shotley Bridge, to the effect that he had a right of way to his property, but he had no claim to the ground, as nine feet of his property belonged to the Local Board.

The question of carrying out the Board's order was deferred till the expiration of the notice.

According to promise, Mr Rd. Murray wrote to the Board undertaking to remove the wooden steps approaching Mr T. Raine's joiner's shop, as soon as the Board deemed it necessary to form the footpath and construct the road; but he suggested that the footpath would have been much better if constructed on the opposite side of the road.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, the letter was ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

With respect to Mr Raine's application for a lamp in Ritson's Road, the Lighting Committee reported that on account of the stormy weather, and the small attendance at the Committee, they begged to leave this question in the hands of the full Board.

The Board considered that the lighting season was too far advanced for to entertain the subject at present.

### THE NEED OF ASHPITS.

The Board having served a notice upon Mr Brown, Front Street, Shotley Bridge, to construct an ashpit, &c., in connection with his privy, but the period had not yet expired, Mr CARSS informed the Board that Mr Coulson had not an ashpit to his premises. He thought it looked very much like persecution when Mr Brown was called upon to erect an ashpit on his property, while his next-door neighbour was allowed to go scot free.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the Sanitary Committee would inspect various places in Cutler's Hall and Shotley Bridge as soon as the weather permitted. He did not think there was any persecution whatever, seeing that these places were drawn attention to by Dr Page, Local Government Board Inspector, in his report of the recent inspection.

Mr CARSS said he would reserve his remarks till the proper time.

### THE DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, &C., ACT, 1885.

The special committee deputed at the last meeting having formulated a code of bye-laws for the regulation of dairymen, cowkeepers, milk-sellers, &c., under the above Act, the same were approved of, and will be submitted to the Local Government Board for their sanction. The bye-laws will be printed for the use of the Board and all persons interested, and will also be published in the newspapers.

The Clerk pointed out that the Board would soon have a more arduous duty to perform—viz., to revise the bye-laws generally, and embody them in the general order.

Mr MURRAY failed to see any reason why the police should not continue to supervise such places, instead of relegating the work to the Local Board.

Mr CARSS: My experience is that executive facilities should not be placed in the hands of those who hold administrative powers.

Mr WHEATLEY, speaking with reference to the new regulations, said there was too much air in some of their cowsheds. The difficulty was to keep the wind and wet out.

Mr CARSS said he could name some cow-byres not many miles distant which were defective.

Mr SIDDELL: The air gets nicely diluted before it enters the byres. (Laughter.)

Mr WHEATLEY: It's all moonshine. These regulations are of no use.

Mr SIDDELL (to Mr Wheatley): You do not approve of getting more intelligent and more enlightened in the district?

Mr WHEATLEY: We have no cowsheds worth speaking of in our neighbourhood. The bye-laws may do very well for places in Newcastle and large towns, where cattle are stocked in places where there is not a breath of fresh air.

### SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the Surveyor's (Mr Dixon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month, your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district laying-on materials, scraping, and laying coke ashes on footpaths and roads.

As previously instructed, I have had the reward bills printed and posted round your district. I am happy to say that since the bills were posted no further damage has been done. (Hear, hear.)

Mr George Smith has not returned his amended plans yet.

According to instructions, I served notices for the formation of a portion of Ritson's Road on the several proprietors abutting thereto. I have received a letter from Mr Moore, one of the proprietors, with regard to this matter.

I wish to draw the attention of the Board to the very great amount of tobogganning going on in your district. It has become very dangerous to the public. I have had a great many complaints about it during the month, and several ratepayers of the district have asked me to bring it before the Board to see if something cannot be done to put a stop to it.

As already instructed at last meeting, I have examined the Blue Bridge, and wish for a committee to be appointed to inspect the same.

With regard to the notice for the formation of Queen Street, Blackhill, I was instructed not to serve it till after this meeting.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant. JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, Jan. 19th, 1887.

### THE BLUE BRIDGE ACROSS THE DERWENT.

It was agreed that the Highway Committee should be recommended to examine the Blue Bridge, and report at the next meeting what is advisable to be done; Mr Walton-Wilson, the owner, to be notified of the conference.

Mr CARSS said it would be a good thing if they could only persuade Mr Wilson to throw a metal bridge across the river.

The Surveyor stated, in answer to the members, that the rails had been patched up, but he was afraid the beams were rotten.

### THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommended the payment of the Surveyor's monthly account (£56 2s 2d), and other bills amounting to £60 1s 8d.

Agreed to, on the motion of Mr Carss.

### THE NEW VICARAGE AT BLACKHILL.

Plans for the new vicarage, proposed to be erected in connection with St Aidan's church, Blackhill, prepared by Messrs Oliver and Leeson, architects, Newcastle, were laid before the Board, but were rejected, not being in conformity to the bye-laws.

Mr MURRAY suggested that the Building Committee should be empowered to pass the plans, in case they were amended.

This was agreed to.

### INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

GENTLEMEN,—During the month I have repeatedly inspected your district. I find the ashpits on the whole well cleaned out. Your main drains are all in fair order, and I consider your district in a good sanitary condition.

According to instructions at last meeting, I served a notice on Mr Wm. Brown to submit a plan to the Board for the erection of an ashpit to be built for the convenience of his property. As instructed, I have also served the following notices for alterations to property situate in your district, as recommended by the Board:—(1)—Consett Iron Company (agents for Buckham Street) to put the privies in order, to spout the property, and place gulley traps where required. (2)—To carry out the sanitary arrangements required by the Board at the property called Dale Street, Blackhill. Notice has been served on Mr J. T. Little, of Blackfine, to make the necessary alterations to his property, and notice served on Mr J. S. Murray to put his property in order; notice served on Mr Charlton (agent) to put his property in order according to instructions; notice likewise served on Mr W. Raw (agent) to carry out the alterations required at the property in Armstrong Street, Blackfine.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

### DETACHED PORTIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP.

A communication was received from the Local Government Board, enclosing an order with reference to the detached portions in the township of Benfieldside, the clerk explaining that certain places had been taken from their district and attached to townships completely surrounded by Benfieldside, or which adjoined their township.

### REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARK.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Parks Committee, held at Consett, on January 3rd, were read and passed, there being nothing of interest embodied therein.

The amended bye-laws, as approved by the Consett Iron Company and the Consett Local Board were submitted to that Board for their approbation.

The Clerk perceived that some alteration had been made to the regulation which specified that no refreshments, &c., should be sold in the park, except by special arrangement with the Consett Iron Company and the two Local Boards.

Mr CARSS was in favour of refreshments being banished altogether.

The Clerk said their might be some festive occasions when a little wine would not be amiss.

Mr SIDDELL (humorously): Somebody might want a drop of whiskey. (Laughter.)

Mr CARSS: If any person wants liquor in the Park they can carry it with them in their pockets.

Mr SIDDELL: What's the difference between carrying the drink into the Park and buying it on the ground?

Mr CARSS: Oh! we'll not have the devil in the Park. (Laughter.) We see enough misery wrought by drink outside.

The byelaws, with slight amendment, were then approved of.

### TOBOGANNING IN THE PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES.

The members were sorely exercised for a considerable period in discussing the question of tobogganning or sledging down the principal thoroughfares in the district, the Surveyor demanding an answer as to whether this practice could be stopped or not.

The CHAIRMAN read an extract from a text-book, setting forth that anybody caught sliding in the streets was liable to be punished by law.

Mr SIDDELL: That is sliding, not sledging.

Mr MURRAY: Nor tobogganning either.

The Surveyor held that both tobogganning and sleighing were sliding within the meaning of the Act.

Mr MURRAY: What about a big tobogan with a donkey attached thereto?

The Surveyor: It is still sliding along the roads.

Mr SIDDELL: Then you can stop this sledging as well as tobogganning?

The Surveyor: The sledges can stop themselves; the lads with tobogans can't stop.

Mr SIDDELL: Sledges cannot always be stopped.

The Surveyor: I should like a decided answer, as the people have been complaining about it from all parts of the district, and have pestered my life out about it.

Mr CARSS' opinion was that if they were going to prohibit tobogganning, then the Board must be consistent, and prohibit gentlemen and ladies with their grand sleighs and bells, and all other pharaphanalia. (Mr SIDDELL: Hear, hear.) Tobogganning only became a nuisance when too many boys congregated together in one place, instead of spreading themselves throughout the district. If they did this, there was no evil attached to the practice.

The CHAIRMAN: Then you do not consider it an evil for persons to be coming down the bank from Consett or Blackhill towards Shotley Bridge to have their legs suddenly knocked out from under them by these infernal machines, and find themselves landed upon the ground?

Mr SIDDELL: You must stand the consequences. There is not much harm in it.

The CHAIRMAN: I have seen men, and even women, knocked down by the sledges.

The Surveyor said the damage done at Snows Green had been considerable. A horse had been frightened, and ran away—(Mr WHEATLEY: And broke £5 worth of glass in the window of a man's house)—and he could enumerate many instances of persons being lamed and injured.

Mr SIDDELL: Who is liable for the damage?

Mr WHEATLEY: That is the question. Somebody ought to be responsible.

Mr SIDDELL: Supposing you are driving a cow along some of the roads, and the animal ran into some passers-by, who would be liable then?

Mr WHEATLEY: I would be, if I had not control over her.

Mr DOWSON said they appeared to be worse at Shotley Bridge than at Blackhill. They had no such experiences up there.

The Clerk, being appealed to, said these sledges might interrupt the thoroughfares.

Mr SIDDELL: They only interrupt cantankerous people.

The Surveyor thought the nuisance might be stopped.

The CHAIRMAN considered the Surveyor was quite right in bringing the subject forward.

Mr CARSS stated that no doubt tobogganning could be stopped when it became a dangerous nuisance.

The CHAIRMAN: It is already dangerous. Some people have been lamed at Blackhill.

Mr CARSS: It is a nuisance in this way. I have seen 40 or 50 lads following each other down the steep banks at lightning speed. Bridge Hill is the best place for to indulge in tobogganning, because there is less traffic there than on more frequented roads.

Mr TURNER thought they might prohibit lads from tobogganning along the Church Bank, Durham Road, and Snows Green, but encourage them to go to such places as Bridge Hill.

Mr CARSS suggested that the matter should be referred to the Highway Committee, to report upon at the next meeting; but one or two members desired the question to be settled that night.

Mr SIDDELL averred that the question did not want settling. They were merely fighting a phantom.

The Clerk, having perused the Public Health Act, said that, generally speaking, tobogganning could not be prohibited, unless they amended their bye-laws; but he thought they might regulate the practice, so as to diminish the dangers and risks incurred.

Mr CARSS was not in favour of the total prohibition of tobogganning, but would rather encourage it, if the lads would only keep clear of crossings, and would spread themselves over a larger area.

After a protracted discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr DOWSON, seconded by Mr PRIESTMAN, that the Surveyor be instructed to prevent tobogganning in all places where the use of crossings is interrupted, and where causing an obstruction to the thoroughfares, and that he be empowered to prosecute any offenders in this respect.

Mr SIDDELL objected to the last sentence in the resolution; and Mr CARSS said he would not vote in favour of it.

Mr SIDDELL stated that the Surveyor could easily stop tobogganning by sprinkling ashes on the road.

Mr CARSS questioned whether it was advisable that the Board should incur so much expense, when there was a simpler remedy.

The proposition was accordingly carried.

The Board then rose.

POLICE ITEMS.—At the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions, George Westhard was charged with a breach of the peace by fighting at Pelton, on the 30th ult., and was bound over to keep the peace for three months.—Thomas Watchman was charged with stealing coal, of the value of 3d, the property of Lord Dunsaney and others, on the 10th January, at Pelton Fell.—R. H. Lonsdale (watchman) gave evidence, and P.C. Ridley corroborated.—Inspector Collins stated that the company had requested that the case should be dealt as leniently with as possible, and a fine of 2s 6d was imposed.

COUNTY POLICE COURT.—A CLEAN SHEET.—At Gateshead County Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, there were no cases for trial, and Supt. Harrison presented a clean sheet to Mr Hall, the magistrate present.—Mr Hall said that such a circumstance had not occurred for over 40 years, and he thought it was a matter on which they could congratulate themselves and the public.—Earl Ravensworth, who had just entered the court, was informed of the fact, and asked "Where are the white gloves?" —Mr Harle (clerk) said he would send them on. He had not got any ready because he did not know that there was such a circumstance as a clean sheet.—Lord Ravensworth: Well, I do not want them myself, so it does not matter. I have been 40 years on this bench and never knew such a case before, and it is certainly very creditable.—The proceedings then terminated.

## SAD RAILWAY FATALITY NEAR LANCHESTER.

A shocking accident occurred on the railway about 60 yards on the Consett side of Lanchester Station, on Wednesday morning. It appears that Mr Geo. Wm. Wheatley, aged 66 years, an old resident of the village, intended to proceed to Consett, where he has a married sister living. He ascended the railway, it is supposed, by the bridge on the Newbiggen Lane, and was going in the direction of Lanchester Colliery Junction, where he proposed to get on to a mineral train and travel to Consett. Unhappily, as he was trying to avoid a mineral train coming from Lanchester, he was knocked down by the 7·40 passenger train from Consett, and all but killed on the spot. His skull was found to have been smashed in, one of his legs and an arm were almost cut off, and his body was injured in various parts. The unfortunate man was conveyed to the mortuary attached to Lanchester Workhouse to await an inquest. Deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn his loss. He was a well-known inhabitant of the village, and was respected by all classes. He was a firm adherent of the Wesleyan body, and conformed strictly to the rules laid down by the late John Wesley, frequently partaking of sacrament at the Parish Church. His father, Mr Timothy Wheatley, acted for a great number of years as parish clerk, and he was renowned throughout the North of England.

## THE LIBERAL MEETING AT CONSETT.

The *Daily News*, in a leading article, entitled "Dockyard Delocalisation," comments as under upon a portion of a speech delivered by Mr James Joicey, M.P., for Chester-le-Street Division, at the recent Liberal Demonstration at Consett:— "The policy of better service for less cost in the great national spending departments, to which Lord Randolph Churchill's resignation has called attention, has suggested to north country minds a reform in the direction of what may be called dockyard delocalisation. In its analysis of the Navy Estimates, the *Financial Reform Almanac* introduces a vote under 'Dockyards and Navy Yards,' which employ upwards of 22,000 workmen, at a cost of £1,729,500, to this effect: 'The yards are supposed to exist for the purpose of keeping the ships going; but if the truth were known, it would be found that many of the ships exist for the purpose of keeping the yards going.' The North country reformers referred to are not so sweepingly iconoclastic as this critic. They do not plead the inutility of the yards. They only suggest that the yards should be placed in the parts of the country found to be most suitable for the kind of work they are meant to do, and that more especially they should not be confined to the South of England. Speaking at a Liberal meeting in Durham the other day, Mr Joicey, M.P., remarked: 'On the Thames there used to be a very large shipbuilding trade; but it had now gone to where ships could be built more economically—to the Clyde, the Tyne, and the Humber. But where were the dockyards? They were in the old places in the South of England.' And Mr Joicey claimed that in fairness to the districts which had made world-wide the fame of British shipbuilding, as well as in the public interest, at least two out of the four dockyards now situated in the South of England should be removed northwards—one to the Tyne and another to the Clyde. The claim seems not unreasonable. In the dockyards are spent much more than the £1,729,500 voted for workmen's wages. Naval stores, machinery, &c., require a further outlay of fully three and a half millions, and the distribution of a fair proportion of this expenditure on the Tyne and the Clyde would give a much-needed impulse to the shipbuilding trade at the headquarters of the industry where the population is largest and the greatest number would receive the greatest good. But apart from any claim which the Tyne and the Clyde may have in this respect is the question of public advantage, and Mr Joicey's contention that more efficient and cheaper service could be obtained in the North is fortified by the experience of merchant shipowners if not of the Government itself. The existing yards build men-of-war for many foreign Governments, and when asked by the British Government they also build the best and most effective ships for the British Navy, fitting them too with the most powerful of armaments. A Government dockyard placed in juxtaposition and therefore in direct competition with these great private yards would be stripped of the protection of secrecy which at present covers much waste and inefficiency. They saw, said Mr Joicey, 'what was expended in connection with the dockyards, but they had little or no means of getting at what was produced by them,' and at what outlay; and on the whole there seems, to say the least, *prima facie* grounds for the expectation that a national dockyard placed on the Tyne or the Clyde would produce better ships at less cost than any of the existing national shipbuilding establishments."

## DESPERATE POACHING AFFRAY NEAR CONSETT.

Yesterday (Thursday), at the Lanchester Petty Sessions, *George William Robinson*, alias "The Knecker," quarryman, belonging to Stanhope, was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game, and also with assaulting two gamekeepers. Prisoner, a stalwart individual, pleaded not guilty to both charges.—The evidence of John Walton, a gamewatcher, was to the effect that on Sunday morning, 25th October, 1885, he was standing in the plantation near the Sawmill Wood, on the estate of Mr W. B. Van. Haansbergen, J.P., of The Woodlands, near Consett, and over which Mr Taylor, of Sunderland, claimed the right of shooting. Walter Phipps, another gamekeeper (who had since gone to the South of England), was along with him. He perceived prisoner and four more men come out of the Butsfield Wood, and proceed along the road. The keepers gave chase, and captured two of the gang, who hailed from Stanhope. Returning to the burrows, they discovered 18 rabbit nets, three rabbits, four picks, and a quarryman's spade lying about. As the keepers were escorting the men in a conveyance towards Satley to hand them over to the police, prisoner and two of his companions overtook them when passing the Red Houses. They were armed with large props, and had their pockets full of stones. One man went in front and stopped the horse, while another felled Phipps, knocking him out of the cart. Robinson exclaimed, "Let's kill the ——." Stones were thereupon thrown at the gamekeepers, and they were felled with the props. The encounter lasted for twenty minutes, the keepers defending themselves as well as they could with their sticks. The struggle was a most deadly one, as two pieces of a man's finger were found lying upon the roadside after the conflict. Finally, the prisoner and his colleagues retreated into the Butsfield Wood, and threatened to kill the keepers if they followed them. Witness and Phipps, however, stuck to their prisoners, and they were dealt with before the Consett Magistrates at the time.—Prisoner: If you saw me there why did you not take me at the time?—Witness: Because we had arrested two men, and could not manage three. (Laughter.)— Prisoner: Did you not first attack me with your stick?—Witness: No; you knocked Phipps out of the cart with a prop, and I then used my stick.— Prisoner: Did you not pull out your staff?— Witness: No, I only used my stick till it was broken.—Prisoner: Have you not lamed some persons?—Witness: Yes, I have lamed many people in my time. (Laughter.)—Prisoner: Are you not a bit of a fighter?—Witness: Well, I can use my fists if necessary. (Laughter.)—Prisoner put further questions, which the Bench held to be irreverent.—Robinson was arrested at Langley Park this week through the instrumentality of P.C. Readman.—The Chairman (Rev J. P. De Pledge) said the prisoner had been pursuing a career of crime since 1883, and there were eight previous convictions for poaching against him.—He was fined £5 and costs, or six weeks' imprisonment for poaching; and sentenced to undergo one month's hard labour for the assaults.—A relative of the prisoner, who [illegible] supplied with cash, paid the penalties imposed.

## IMPORTANT COLLIERY CASE.

At the Durham County Court—before Judge Meynell—on Tuesday, Richard Crofton, farmer, Littleburn, near Durham, brought an action against the North Brancepeth Coal Company to recover the sum of £21, damage alleged to have been done to grass and hay in the plaintiff's fields.—Mr Waw was for the plaintiff, and Mr Strachan, barrister, for the defendant company. — The plaintiff is tenant of the Littleburn Farm, through which the Team Valley railway runs, the Littleburn Colliery being adjacent to the railway and farm. The farm has been in the occupation for some years past of plaintiff's father, and after the colliery was commenced the smoke from the ovens and chimneys at the boilers had, it was alleged, done great damage to the crops of four fields. It was stated for the plaintiff that the coal company, instead of paying compensation for the damage done, agreed in lieu thereof to give the tenant of the farm his coals free. This arrangement was carried out till the arrival of Mr Halliday, the present manager of the colliery, when the coals were stopped. The present action was in consequence brought to recover damages for the injury done to the land during 1885 and 1886, which was set down at £21.—The defence was that the coals had never been given to plaintiff's father in lieu of compensation. Plans were put in proving that one of the four fields was nearer the Browney than the Littleburn Colliery, and it was urged that the smoke from this colliery, as well as from the engines passing on the railway through the farm, had something to do with doing the damage complained of.—Mr Halliday, the manager, was called, and in his evidence stated that he had in November 1885, paid the plaintiff compensation for pit-falls, &c., caused on his land by the working of the colliery and other injuries caused. At that time the plaintiff said he had no further claim on the colliery for any damage done to the lands.—Judge Meynell disallowed the claim so far as it related to 1885, and gave judgment for the plaintiff for £3 damage caused during 1886, with costs on that amount.

## EVANGELISATION AT STANHOPE.

### MISS EARL AND HER WORK.

Nearly two years ago two or three Scotch lasses came over the Border as far south as the Wear valley, and located themselves at the little country town of Stanhope, which they missioned with success, and managed to establish a flourishing little cause. But they were called away to other spheres of labour, and the little mission advertised in the *Christian* for a young woman to conduct their mission. Out of 16 applications they chose the first applicant, Miss J. P. Earl. She had been labouring with marked success in the Master's cause in the great city of London, in connection with the Church of England, where her labours were highly appreciated. She had received a good education, and had been taken by the hand by no less a distinguished personage than the late Lord Shaftesbury, and had stood beside him on the same platform, and spoken along with him at some of his great meetings. She had also given 560 lectures in London, besides sermons and addresses without end. The Stanhope Evangelistic Mission has been singularly fortunate in their choice. As a young lady, she is endowed with superior talents and high intellectual attainments, is very fluent of speech, and is acknowledged by competent critics to be the cleverest lady speaker who has yet visited Weardale in these recent years; and the fact that she draws the most intelligent audiences around her, and has the intelligence of the place to hear her, with a few exceptions, belonging other churches, is proof of her superior intellectual abilities. As a speaker, she has a command of choice language, such as we seldom hear, and she speaks with an ease and a fluency peculiarly her own. In fact, she seems to have a superfluity of language, and where one word would do she has many others ready. Some critics have said respecting her that her wordy verbosity almost equals that of the "Grand Old Man." Somewhat prepossessing in appearance, her style and address are those of an accomplished and highly cultured lady. Of a frank, sunny, and social disposition, she soon makes a stranger feel at home with her. She can talk to the poor beggar in the street, or the lady in the drawing-room. She can adapt her style of conversation to meet the most illiterate, or she can converse at ease with the most enlightened philosopher who peers with enquiring gaze into the mysteries of the universe. The hut of the poor and the home of the affluent are both open to her, and her presence is welcomed in both. But it is her moral traits of character which shine out so conspicuously and wins the respect and admiration of the virtuous and the good, as well as the profound regard of those who yield to temptation and sin. Of a generous and impulsive nature, no one will ever want while Miss Earl has anything at all. She will give away to the poor and the needy her last farthing or her last loaf. Unlike many of the professed lights of the world, she ministers not only to the spiritual wants of the people, but to their temporal wants as well. Like the Master of old, she believes in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, and there is no case of suffering or distress that comes across her path but it excites her compassion and her warmest practical sympathies. With her it is more blessed to give than receive, and many in Stanhope this exceptionally dull Christmas have been cheered by her welcome hospitality and cheer. Her kindly acts have kept the wolf from more than one door this severe wintry weather, and there are homes in Stanhope to-day where poverty grim and gaunt has been chased away through her benevolence and Christian charity. Since her advent to Stanhope she has brightened many a dark home and alleviated many sad cases of suffering and distress, and one poor woman, who had a drunken husband, but who has through the kind attention of Miss Earl been reformed, was heard to say that it was the happiest Christmas she had had for years. In respect to visiting the sick and afflicted she has acted the part of a ministering angel to the sick ones and the dying ever since she came to Stanhope. Her kindly counsel and temporal help have cheered the despondent, and she has brightened the last hours of many a dying saint. Night after night has she sat up with them and soothed their dying pillows and brightened the darkness of their surroundings, as she prayed with them and read portions of Scripture to them, appropriate to their respective cases, and some have passed away to the skies with their hand placed lovingly in her's. A case occurred at Frosterley, one of the many with which she has come in contact during her brief sojourn at Stanhope, which well illustrates her character. A working man's wife was ill, and lay at the point of death; she had been confined, and had an infant. She had no one to wait on her but her husband, who stayed from work on purpose. Miss Earl, hearing of the case, went at once to visit her. On learning their circumstances, she at once rolled up her sleeves and washed and cleaned up the house, and washed the baby, after which she went to the butcher's shop and bought a piece of beef, which she took back, and made the invalid mother some beef tea, and at noon ordered the husband to go to his work, and this she repeated day after day until the woman was convalescent, and at the same time was carrying on her Stanhope mission. This is only one case out of many that might be enumerated. It is these admirable traits of her moral character that endear her to the hearts of the people. She is well supported by the wealthier people. They know her sincerity and kindly disposition, and are always there to assist her in her spiritual efforts. Without exaggeration, Miss Earl is one of the most genuine specimens of Chrisitianity that the writer has ever come across. That she should have enemies is a matter of surprise, and yet not a matter of surprise, Christ himself had them. They dogged his footsteps wherever he went, and sought to damage his cause. Miss Earl herself has been very ill. While visiting a poor working man the other day who had been seriously injured in the limestone quarries at Stanhope, she took a fit and fell, seriously injuring herself, and she still lies in a very critical and dangerous state. It is not to be wondered at that one so diligent in helping others should be so well attended, although in a strange place hundreds of miles from friends and home. Some of the wealthiest and most respectable people in the place are waiting upon her, and ministering to her wants, and the sympathy shewn towards her in Stanhope is manifested by the numbers who are continually calling to enquire after her, and appear to be very anxious respecting her recovery, as if it were some intimate friend or near relative between life and death.

"May we so live that when the sun
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May shrine our names in memory's light,
And the blest seeds we've scattered bloom
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## Trade Notes.

**MINERS' PERMANENT RELIEF FUND AT WATERHOUSES.**—The members of the Waterhouses lodge of the Miners' Permanent Relief Fund held their annual meeting in the Temperance Hall, on Jan. 8th, a good company being present. Mr T. Davison occupied the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr T. Pearson, secretary; Mr G. B. Davison, treasurer; and Mr T. Davison, president. The following were elected on the committee:—Messrs S. Harrison, T. Morton, sen., R. Bell, and T. Johnson, sen.

**PELTON FELL PITMEN AND THE LONDON COAL DUES.**—A meeting of the workmen of Pelton Fell Colliery was held in the Colliery School-room, last Friday night, for the purpose of discussing the London coal dues question. Mr George Hall was in the chair. Mr H. J. Pettifer, of the Workmen's Association for the Protection of British Industry, who has been speaking in London in favour of the prolongation of the dues, was present, and spoke of the advantages the London people had received through the maintenance of the coal dues.—Mr John Pyle then moved:—"That the levying of dues on coal by the Metropolitan authorities for the purposes of public works, is wrong in principle, and unequal in incidence, and, should any bill be brought into Parliament during the forthcoming session having as an object the prolongation of the time during which such dues may be collected, petitions be presented from this colliery to the Houses of Lords and Commons, praying that they will not sanction the same."—Mr Robt. Cramoud seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

## Cricket.

**WESTWOOD CRICKET CLUB.**—A meeting of this club was held on Monday week, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr J. Walton; vice-captain, Mr Thos. Simpson; treasurer, Mr D. Clarke; secretary, Mr Thos. Bell, 13, Westwood Colliery, *via* Lintz Green.

## Sporting Items.

**POSTPONEMENT OF CORNSAY COURSING.**—The popular West Durham meeting at Cornsay has been added to the list of the many coursing fixtures which have been postponed on account of the frost. The gathering, which was fixed for Wednesday last, will now, should coursing be at all possible, take place a week later.

**PIGEON FLYING NEAR BURNOPFIELD.**—A pigeon handicap, promoted by the Byer Moor Homing Club, was brought off to the house of Mr R. Clark, on Saturday, with the appended results:—P. Garland's Lion, 1; J. Scorey's Jenny, 2; J. Lamb's Whiteneck and W. Lawson's Bunker divided third money. J. Davidson and R. Smithem were timekeepers.

**SPARROW SHOOTING AT WINLATON.**—The sparrow shooting handicap promoted by J. Renwick was brought to a close on Saturday, in a field adjoining Mr Tench's, Highlander Inn, when the following divided:—J. Curry, J. Tilley, J. Renwick, Sharp, T. Dan, Waugh, Melton, Meg, and Welton.

**WRESTLING AT HALF-WAY HOUSE, PRUDHOE.**—The wrestling for the all-weight cup, given by Mr Tulip at this place, was resumed on Saturday night, and resulted as follows:—First round—C. Tiffin, Mickley, threw W. Smith, Blaydon; J. Scott, Mickley, threw E. Brown, Newcastle; J. Simpson, Hagg, threw J. Bell, Leadgate; W. Tiffin, West Wylam, threw P. Duffey, Consett; P. Atkinson, West Wylam, threw N. Nixon, Durham; W. Dykes, Clifton, threw T. Walton, Alston. Second round—Simpson threw C. Tiffin, Dykes threw Atkinson, W. Tiffin threw Scott. Third round—Simpson threw W. Tiffin, Dykes odd man. Final falls—Simpson threw Dykes twice out of thrice and won. Mr W. McAllister was referee.

**WRESTLING IN WEARDALE.**—The fourth contest for the Athletic Club's 10-stone silver cup took place at Wearhead, in the presence of a large gathering, and illustrated the rapid progress and genuine aspirations of the competitors, as the cup was won by one of the pluckiest athletes in the valley, Jos. Watson, and the trophy has thus found a fresh owner every time it has been contested for. Messrs J. Brown and W. Wearmouth umpired. Results:—Light weights—1st round—Nicholas Peart threw J. Graham, James Pattinson threw J. Featherstone, Graham Peart threw Thos. Hodgson, William Bell threw Jesse Peart, Joseph Watson threw Isaac Wearmouth, John Peart threw Thomas Emmerson, Joshua Featherstone threw George Burdess, Emmerson Rowell threw George Graham. 2nd round—Jos. Watson threw Jos. Featherstone, Wm. Bell threw N. Peart, E. Rowell threw J. Peart, G. Peart threw J. Pattinson. 3rd round—Wm. Bell threw E. Rowell, J. Watson threw G. Peart. Final—J. Watson threw W. Bell in the first and third falls, and won.

## Football.

### FIXTURES.

Jan. 22.—South Moor v. Hobson, at The Hobson.
„ 22.—Burnopfield C.E.T. Rangers v. Gateshead N.E.R., at Burnopfield.
„ 22.—Leadgate 1st v. Newcastle 3rd V.B.N.F., at Leadgate.

The secretary of the Leadgate Club has a few vacant dates for 1st and 2nd teams which he would like to have filled up.—Address, Andrew Graham, St. Ives Road, Leadgate.

**LEADGATE "EXILES" v. LEADGATE 2ND (A).**—Played in Leadgate Park, on Saturday, in a hard frost. The game ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal.

**CONSETT v. GATESHEAD INSTITUTE (R).**—This important fixture arranged to be played on the Consett ground on Saturday, had to be cancelled on account of the iron-bound condition of the ground.

**A FAMOUS LOCAL PLAYER.**—Amongst the players selected to play for the South in the great match North v. South, to be played at Birmingham, on the 22nd ensuing, we notice the name of Arthur T. B. Dunn (Old Etonians), son of Mr John Dunn, of Low Brooms, Leadgate.

**PRUDHOE ROVERS v. MILKWELL BURN (A).**—The above clubs, who were advertised to play at Prudhoe, in the first round of the Northumberland Association Cup ties, had again to postpone the match on account of the weather and the hard state of the ground.

**CHESTER LE-STREET v. CHESTER-LE-STREET CO-OPERATIVE SWIFTS (A).**—The match between these clubs was played off at Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday afternoon. From the commencement of the game it was quite evident that the Swifts were no match for their opponents, who scored goal after goal, and at the end of the game, which was played in two thirties, Chester-le-Street had won easily by seven goals to nil.

**MEDOMSLEY v. LEADGATE (A).**—Played at Leadgate on Saturday, in two periods of thirty minutes. After a hard and fast tussle the game resulted in a draw of one goal each. For Leadgate, McGee, right wing, and Reed, left wing, played exceedingly well; while Dales, right wing, and Thomas Murphy, goal, did good service for the visiting team. The playing of Messrs J. Snowdon, T. Reed, and J. McGee for the home team was all that could be desired; whilst Messrs T. D. Dales, A. Little and T. Murphy played exceeding well for the visitors. Teams:—Leadgate—Goal, J. Monaghan; backs, J. Coulthard, J. G. Warlow; half backs, W. Brears (captain), R. Boustead, and M. Nicholson; right wing, J. Snowdon and F. Jackson; centre, A. Burnhope; left wing, T. Reed and J. McGee.

**SWALWELL v. ELSWICK WANDERERS (A).**—Played at Swalwell on Saturday. Play was rendered very difficult, owing to the slippery state of the ground. The visitors winning the toss, E. Nelson kicked off for the home team, who soon besieged the visitors' goal, but the ball was well returned, only to be sent back by the home team. Play was of a varied nature until T. Gregory scored a goal for Swalwell, just before half-time was called. On re-starting, Swalwell played with more vigour, and had several narrow chances of scoring, until at last T. Gregory headed the ball from a good pass, thus scoring two goals for Swalwell to the visitors' nil. Gregory, Noble, Nelson, Hunds and Lawson played very well for Swalwell.

**TANFIELD LEA 1ST v. 3RD V.B.N.F. (A).**—Played at Newcastle on Saturday, in periods of two thirties, but owing to the slippery state of ground good play could not be witnessed. The visitors, who won the toss, played uphill, and secured one goal in the first half. The teams crossed over, and ten minutes from the start the ball burst, and the game resulted as above. The visitors were entertained to refreshments and spent a most enjoyable evening. Teams:—3rd V.B.N.F.—Goal, Stark; full backs, Dixon and Rogers; half backs, Mill, Barber, and Tiplady; forwards, Taylor, Watson, Hills, Thompson, and Johnstone. Tanfield Lea—Goal, McDonald; full backs, Milburn and Robson; half backs, Gardner, Richardson, and Kever; forwards, Galles, Smith, Holmes, Galles, and Morton.

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A sacred cantata, entitled "David, the Shepherd Boy," was given on Monday night in the United Methodist Free Church, Prudhoe, by the members of the choir of that church.

A series of special revival services have been commenced by the Rev B. Wilkinson, of Durham, at the Chester-le-Street Congregational Church.

It has been decided to transfer Inspector Collins from Chester-le-Street to West Hartlepool, in place of Inspector Averill, who is retiring.

**WEARDALE HIGHWAY BOARD.**—The monthly meeting was held in the Board-room, Stanhope, on Friday. Present: Mr Backhouse, J.P. (in the chair), and Messrs Ernison, J.P., Curry, Chapman, Featherstone, and Vickers.—Cheques were signed for district roads account, £42 6s 9d; main roads, £35. The snowstorm has not involved much outlay in snow-cutting.—The cost of roads to the ratepayers has been exceptionally low during the present financial year, having only involved one rate of 3d in the pound, and there is a balance in the bank of over £808.

**WESLEYAN CHAPEL.**—On Sunday, Mr T. Harker, of Bishop Auckland, preached two impressive sermons, afternoon and evening, to large congregations, in the Wesleyan methodist chapel at Langley Park.—On Monday evening, he delivered his interesting and popular lecture, entitled "Man." Mr J. Dodgson, sen., officiated as chairman in the absence of Mr W. Logan, who by ill health was unable to be present. During the evening Mr T. Harker, accompanied by his son, rendered several pieces of vocal and instrumental music, which highly delighted the audience. A most profitable and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology. The proceeds are to be devoted to the New School-room building fund.

**ACTION BY A DURHAM SOLICITOR.**—At Durham County Court on Monday, before Judge Meynell, William Brignal, solicitor, Durham, sought to recover £5 1s 10d from Henry Ward, farmer, of Langley Moor, for professional service rendered.—Ward was arrested and charged with arson at Wingate during last year, and it was alleged by the plaintiff that his services were sought by the defendant, who afterwards went and engaged another solicitor, with the result that when the case came before the Castle Eden Magistrates there were two solicitors for the defendant.—The defendant denied that he had engaged Mr Brignal at all.—His Honour found for the plaintiff, with costs.

**MINSTREL ENTERTAINMENT.**—The "Jlober-jabber" Minstrels Amateur Troupe, hailing from Durham, gave an entertainment in the Catholic Schools, Esh, on the 10th inst. There was a good audience. The first part of the programme consisted of sentimental and comic songs, interspersed by jokes. These were very well rendered. In the second part the customary minstrel programme was gone through, consisting of comic songs, comic sketch, stump speech, &c. The singing of "Skedaddle" march, followed by the National Anthem, brought the entertainment to a close. The proceeds are to be devoted to Hamsteels Flower Show Fund.

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**SOME BIG SALMON.**—In weight the salmon of the Canadian rivers average between 20lb. and 25lb. A 30lb. salmon is very large, and a 40lb. fish would be talked of throughout the season, although it is said that salmon weighing 58lb. have been caught in the Restigouche—one, indeed, was said to weigh 54lb. The Princess Louise, the daughter of the Queen of England and the wife of the Marquis of Lorne, former Governor-General of Canada, caught a 40lb. salmon in the Causapscal river, in the province of Quebec, a few years ago. Last summer we employed one of the two canoe men who were with the Princess at the time, and he had a great deal to say about her skill in handling that salmon. We don't think he cared much about other members of the Royal family, but "The Princess, sir, she was a good un with the rod." Salmon weighing sixty pounds are taken now and then in Scotch rivers, and a few rivers in England still yield large fish. Sir John Hawkins speaks of a salmon caught in an English river in April, 1789, which was 4ft. long, 3ft. around the body, and weighed 70lb. There is a story told of a Highlander who hooked a salmon in the River Awe, and played the fish for hours, until night came on without his being able to tire it out. Then, as the fish was sulking quietly at the bottom, he lay down, took the line in his teeth, that any motion might awaken him, and went to sleep. The Highlander slept and the salmon sulked until three o'clock in the morning, when some friends of the former came to look for him. With their help he managed to land the fish about daybreak, and it weighed seventy-three pounds. This was certainly a giant, but a salmon weighing eighty-three pounds is reported once to have been sent to a London market.

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## LADIES' COLUMN.

The art year and the calendar year opened together last Saturday, with the private views of the two principal picture galleries, the Royal Academy and the Grosvenor Gallery. As will be remembered by my readers of former seasons the winter exhibitions at Burlington House and at Bond-street are loan collections, the pictures painted by artists dead and gone, and lent by their respective owners for the pleasure and instruction of the public. The Royal Academy has always a miscellaneous collection, the works of the English, Flemish, Dutch, Italian, and German painters. Sir Coutts Lindsay makes an entirely new departure, and brings together as many pictures by one particular master as it is convenient to borrow. By this system we have enjoyed special studies of the works of Sir Joshua Reynolds, Thomas Gainsborough and others. This year we are introduced to the wonderful portraits by the greatest of all the Flemish portrait painters, Sir Anthony Van Dyck, who, under the patronage of King Charles the First, made his home in England.

At what distance of time from the present a painter is entitled to be classed as an "old master" has not been defined. Better it is that each case should be decided on its merits. Neither John Linnell nor Dante Rossetti were divided by any great gulf of time from the painters of the present day, yet each had two years ago his apotheosis, being the great attractions of that year at Burlington House. It is surprising how many ardent admirers of Turner, who read diligently all that Ruskin ever wrote of him, take so little interest in the date at which he lived, and worked, and died. Yet it was not so very long ago that he laid away his brush for ever, in the year of the Great Exhibition of 1851, the period from which the revival of art in England takes its date. No less than two rooms of the Academy are hung with Turner's water-colours, the greater number of them being the property of Miss Swinburne, a lady whose family had purchased them direct from the artist, or else from authentic sources during his lifetime, so that there can be no question as to genuineness. This it is absolutely necessary to bear in mind when looking at the drawings, for they are so fresh, and clear, so distinct in the details, in contrast to the greater number of Turner's works with which we are familiar. For the first time these drawings, belonging to Miss Swinburne, have been framed and exposed to the light, having for more than forty years been carefully stored away in portfolios, and only brought out "on high days and holidays" to be shewn to friends. The custom of framing water-colours and exposing them to everyday suns in drawing-rooms and galleries was not general 60 or 70 years ago. Whether the works of modern artists will suffer by the adoption of this system our grandchildren will find out if the world lasts so long, for few of us, in the course of nature, will be here to tell.

Next to the Turner pictures, those which will most attract the general public are four to which the place of honour at the foot of the large room is assigned, known as the jubilee pictures. In the centre, high up, much too high to be seen in foggy weather, especially as it is covered by a glass, is a portrait of the Queen in the first year of her reign, dressed in the robes worn by her on first opening Parliament. This picture is the property of the Royal Academy, and was painted by the late Sir Martin Archer Shee, then president of the Royal Academy.

The other three pictures from the Windsor Castle gallery are lent by her Majesty specially because of this being the year in which is to be kept her jubilee. The first represents the Queen holding her first Cabinet Council at Kensington Palace, and was painted by Sir David Wilkie, R.A., who then lived in Church-street, Kensington, not far from where her Majesty and the Duchess of Kent then resided, before they moved into St. James's. The Queen is represented as a prim young lady in a white gown with balloon-like sleeves, sitting at the head of the long table, round one side of which—the artist has disposed his sitters thus in order to bring their faces to the spectator—are seated the gentlemen who formed the first Ministry, with Lord Melbourne as First Lord of the Treasury. The Duke of Sussex, the Queen's uncle, alone sits at the front side of the table, to the right of the canvas. In those days young politicians were rare. In an earlier time Pitt had been alone as an instance of a man attaining to a front place in early life. All the men represented are of middle age, the Duke of Wellington shewing more youth than most of the others. Yet he and all the rest have passed away—gone over to that vast majority that no man can number, and her Majesty alone remains to keep this jubilee year.

The second picture—the Queen receiving the sacrament after her coronation in Westminster Abbey—was entrusted to C. R. Leslie, R.A., and was painted five years after Sir David Wilkie's. Instead of the girlish white gown of the other picture, the Queen, kneeling before the Archbishop of Canterbury, who administers the rite, is clad in the magnificent Dalmatic robe of cloth of gold and embroidery, which flows down to the ground all round, the ordinary coronation robe of the English sovereigns. But the crown is laid aside, likewise the jewels, and the Queen actually looks simpler than the wonderful beplumed and court-dressed ladies, her mother and aunts, who are seated in a pew close by looking on. Behind the Princess Augusta, and the Princess Augusta of Cambridge stand their ladies in waiting, and the hapless Lady Flora Hastings is in attendance on the Duchess of Kent. Close behind the Queen stand the Duchess of Sutherland, Mistress of the Robes, and a little farther back the four beautiful young girls, the flower of the English nobility, dressed in white gowns and pink roses, Court dresses, who did duty as her Majesty's train-bearers. Of those who were present on that great occasion but a few survive. Of her father's generation there is only this wonderful old Duchess of Cambridge, now in her 90th year, who still lives on in St. James's Palace, and bids fair to be a centenarian. This lady was born in 1797, married to the youngest son of George III. first at Cassel, on May 7th, and over again in London June 1st, 1818. It was her daughter, the Princess Augusta, now Princess of Mecklenburgh-Strelitz, born in 1822, who sat beside her mother in the pew in the Abbey, and on whom the Hon. Miss Kerr attended as lady in waiting.

The third picture, by Sir George Hayter, the "Christening of the Prince of Wales in the Chapel Royal, Windsor," seems not to have been finished until a long time after the event occurred, for there are certain mannerisms in the grouping and in other details of the picture that point to its execution much later than the year 1841. It was first publicly exhibited in 1859. Here again we have a crowd of courtiers and a great number of Royal relatives from Germany. This may be considered as the earliest date of what is satirically known as the German invasion of England, when there was a full muster of all the Teutonic kin of her Majesty and the Prince Consort. The moment chosen is when the Archbishop, with the infant son in his arms, has just dipped his fingers into the font. The Queen and Prince stand before the font, and all the great people, including the then King of Prussia, stand around. By a most curious arrangement of the painter's, the Queen, who at such a moment would naturally have her attention fixed on her child, is not looking towards the Archbishop, but is turned round fronting the spectators, much in the attitude her verisimilitude assumes at Madame Tussaud's.

Never was the Saturday muster at Bond-street more brilliant, in spite of the fog. Though dress in the present day has none of the picturesque features which make Sir Anthony Van Dyck's Court ladies and gallant cavaliers such admirable subjects for a painter's brush, still the nineteenth century can present many pretty costumes. H.R.H. the Princess Louise was one of the early visitors to the gallery, before the great crowd of visitors came in. The toilette of a princess is always an interesting point to note for lady readers. On this occasion the prevailing colour of her dress was green—a dress of faille green and ivory striped, made in close knife plaits that threw the dark stripes to the surface, and only revealed the ivory when the wearer was in motion; a dark green velvet mantle sable-bordered, and a black bonnet with green wings, aigrette, and capey. Later in the afternoon came Lady Colin Campbell, with her father, Mr. Blood. Her dress was very [illegible]

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GORDON'S EXTRACT.
A SONG.

When the summer sun was shining
In the lovely azure sky,
And the flowers were blooming brightly,
Then they took me home to die.

Thinking ere the flowers were faded,
Or the summer on the wane,
Quiet and for ever silent
I should be released from pain.

Little knowing "Gordon's Extract"
Would renew my life once more,
And the boy they loved and cherished,
Should be merry as of yore.

Thanking God for every mercy,
And the heaven-sent cure renowned,
Which restored [illegible] life and being,
Making me [illegible] strong and sound.

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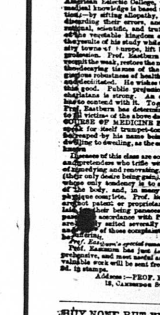

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## ARTFUL DOGS.

Two stories are told of artfulness on the part of dogs revealing such an extraordinary amount of sagacity that it is difficult to say which of the stories caps the other. The first is about a dog which was a great favourite with the family to which it belonged, and was regarded as of excellent character, but was charged by the neighbours with killing sheep at night.

The family denied this charge, on the ground that the dog was fastened into their kitchen at night, and was never let out until the servants came down in the morning. The neighbouring farmers, however, persisted that they knew the dog well, and had seen him going from the sheep-fold, though he had managed to escape them. When this was urged so strongly as to make it imperative on the family to take some further steps, one of the daughters volunteered to sleep in the kitchen and watch the dog's behaviour. When they made up the young lady's bed the dog looked very restless and strange, but by-and-by he settled down and all was silent. A little after midnight he got up, came to the bed, and sniffed about till he was satisfied that the lady was not awake. Then he leaped into the window-seat, lifted the latch of the shutters, and opened them. Then he undid the latch of the window, which he opened, and disappeared. After a long interval he came back, closed and fastened the window and shutters, and finished by licking his own feet and the marks which he had left by springing on the floor. To the terror of the seeming sleeper he now came and scrutinised her; but she kept still, and he at last went off to his own bed. As soon as she heard the servants stirring, the lady rose softly, and slipped through the door. But the guilty dog had marked her. He sprang up and made a dash at her with undisguised fury, for he saw that his secret had been discovered and his character blasted by one whom he now regarded as a hateful spy. Fortunately she got the door fast shut in time, and at once alarmed the house. But the dog was now so furious that no one dared to go into the kitchen, and at last a gun was brought, pointed through an aperture, and he was shot dead.

There are plenty of stories about dogs who carry money given to them to shops, in order to get food, but this one below, if true, is the strangest of them all.

A Bristol dog was allowed by a certain butcher to receive his meat on trust, the butcher scoring each pennyworth supplied, on a board, with a piece of chalk. One day our canine friend, observing the man make two marks with the chalk, instead of one, seized another piece of meat, and, despite all the efforts of the butcher to detain him, ran off home with both pieces in his mouth.

## SHEWING THE WHITE FEATHER.

Do you know why the white feather is generally accepted as a symbol of cowardice? It is because no gamecock is ever supposed to possess one. But a white feather, and indeed any white article, was in the rude old days often used as a token of peace.

Many years ago, when the United States were not so populous as they now are, fights often took place between the red men and the backwoods settlers. One day a Quaker saw a band of Indians coming down on his house, but he refused to fly. He procured a quantity of food and set it before them. After they had eaten it the chief fastened a white feather over the door as a sign of peace and friendship. Ever afterwards the Indian hordes, though they often passed the house on pillaging expeditions, respected the badge, and injured neither the inmates nor the property.

## OSTRICHES IN A FARM.

Ostriches are dangerous customers to deal with, and the farmers in South Africa, who rear the great bird for the sake of its beautiful and valuable plumes, run some risk of life and limb. A writer who is well acquainted with the subject gives an amusing picture of the habits of the domestic ostrich.

When, he says, one approaches a vicious bird's camp at the breeding season, the cock exalts his head and body, and coming toward the stranger with stately and very deliberate strides, begins to hiss loudly, like a goose or a serpent, at the same time erecting all his feathers and spreading his wings till he becomes twice his usual size. When perhaps twenty yards off, he drops suddenly on his knees, appearing as it were in a sitting posture. Curving his neck haughtily back over his body, he swings it swaggeringly from side to side, at each movement knocking his head violently against his body. In this performance he partly fills his throat with air, so that every thud is accompanied by a peculiar gurgling sound; while keeping time to these movements, his great wings swing alternately backward and forward in a boastful manner. This is called the "challenge." It is well-named, for there is a bragging, tread-on-the-tail-o'-me-coat air about it that would be irresistibly laughable—if only it could be seen from the safe side of a tall fence, instead of over the low barrier of dried bushes of which most camps are composed. After continuing the challenge from five minutes to a quarter of an hour, the bird leaps up and comes toward you with a jaunty bound, but after a few steps drops down again to repeat the challenge. Thus reaching the fence he paces up and down angrily in his eagerness to get out, or hisses and dances in rage before you, with wings elevated like two enormous fans. He is ever threatening to leap the fence, but, happily for the nervous visitor, he never does it. A very low fence will suffice to keep him within bounds, and unless panic-stricken will seldom jump either fence or ditch. If, however, the bird gets near enough to his opponent to give the so-called kick, he lifts his bony leg as high as his body and throws it forward with demoniac grotesqueness, and brings it down with terrible force. His object is to rip the enemy down with his dangerous claw, but in most cases it is the flat bottom of his foot which strikes, and the kick is dangerous as much from its sheer power as from its lacerating effects. It is a movement of terrible velocity and power, at all events. Several instances may be mentioned of herd-boys being thus either wounded, maimed, or killed outright. One case occurred near Graff Reinet, in which a horse had his back broken by a single blow. In this case the bird had endeavoured to kill the rider, but missed and struck the horse.

## DID NOT KNOW.

Canute the Great was perhaps the only royal man who ever took pains to teach his people that kings are no better than other men. One of his successors, however, shewed on one occasion a very proper modesty—as well as fine candour and courtesy—in relieving a child's embarrassment.

King Frederick VI. of Denmark, while travelling through Jutland, one day entered a village school and found the children lively and intelligent and quite ready to answer his questions.

"Well, youngsters," he said, "what are the names of the greatest kings of Denmark?" With one accord they cried out, "Canute the Great, Waldemar, and Christian IV."

Just then a little girl, to whom the schoolmaster had whispered something, stood up and raised her hand.

"Do you know another?" asked the king.

"Yes—Frederick VI.!"

"What great act did he perform?"

The girl hung her heads and stammered out, "I don't know."

"Be comforted, my child," said the king; "I don't know either."

## NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—I am a word of nine letters. My 9, 3, 7, 5, 2 is to leave home; my 5, 4, 3, 1 is a name for the skin of an animal; my 6, 7, 8, 9 is a sharpener; my 5, 7, 3, 4 has never yet been discovered; and my *whole* is a useful invention.

2.—What word is it from which if you take a letter a bit remains; then another and a bit remains; and again and it still remains.

3.—My *first* is short for a man's name;
Nine letters spell the whole of same.
My *next* and *third* (you'll find 'tis true),
A range of mountains shew to you.
More upright people we should see,
If we my *whole* should always be.

4.—Divide my *whole* and you will see
A painful source of misery;
Together put my *whole* will shew
A seed, from which a tree will grow.

5.—To begin life; change my head and I become successively a cereal, a musical instrument, morning, injured, and weary.

DIAMONDS.

6.—A Roman numeral; a conveyance; cooked; a domain; a French town, the scene of a battle; a river; a numeral.

7.—A thousand; a boy's name; the earth; a messenger; a sad state; a vessel; a letter.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1. Horse, rose, sore, roe. 2. Christmas. 3. Wheat 4. M-eat, b-rill, s-mile, b-oiled, s-pare, s-pine. [illegible]

# Local and District News.

## CONSETT.

The Consett Wesleyan chapel choir held their annual supper in the Gibson Street Schools, on Tuesday evening.

**Scraps for Screens.**—An excellent assortment of scraps at one penny, and also at sixpence each, are to be had of Robert Jackson, 9 and 10, Newmarket Street, Consett.

**The Storm.**—Taylor's Lane and Consett Hall Road were blocked with the snow on Tuesday; but the Local Board Surveyor (Mr Wm. Rippon) immediately had the thoroughfares re-opened. He was also expeditious in clearing the accumulations of snow off the streets of the town.

We are asked to state that the hearse and mourning coaches used on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr D. C. Balleny, of Little Greencroft, were supplied by Mr Robt. Christopher, of Consett, and not by Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co., as reported last week.

**Vagrancy.**—At the Shotley Bridge Court-house, on Wednesday—before Mr Jas. Annandale, J.P. —*John Robson* (64), tramp, was brought up by P.C. Lawson, charged with begging at Consett, at eleven o'clock that morning.—He was discharged, on promising to quit the district.

**Shopbreaking.**—It was ascertained, when the clothing establishment of Mr J. R. Brodie, of Church Street, Consett, was opened for business on Monday morning, that sometime during the preceding night the premises had been forcibly entered by thieves, and about £20 worth of clothing, &c., stolen therefrom.

**Visit of Dr Body.**—We have pleasure in announcing the visit of Canon Body, Missioner of the Diocese, to Consett. This gentleman, who is so well-known as an earnest and successful evangelist is to preach at Christ Church, in the morning and evening of Sunday next, and if the same anxiety is manifested in Consett and district to hear this gentleman as we have witnessed at Jarrow and Gateshead, the church will be crowded.

**Entertainment.** — Last (Thursday) night, a very successful entertainment was given in the National Infant School, in connection with the Consett Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. Rev F. Steggall (vicar) presided over a good audience. After his address, songs, duetts, readings, &c., were rendered by Miss Jeffrey, Messrs C. P. Douglas, J. Dawson, M. V. Steggall, and other members. Pledges were taken at the close.

**A Senseless Hoax.**—Last week, we received a letter, purporting to be signed by Patrick Daley, a metal-carrier at the Consett Blastfurnaces, announcing that it was his intention to start on a tour from Consett to Hanley, on the 17th inst., carrying two small pigs of metal with him. We inserted this information as we had inserted others of a like character, assuming that it was genuine. We are now informed that same person intending to occasion annoyance to Mr Daley had invented the storey and sent it to us and to our contemporaries. We are sorry that Mr Daley should have been put to any inconvenience and annoyance through the stupidity or malevolence of a mischievous and ignorant person. We had not the slightest suspicion that the letter was a hoax, and were not then aware that the letter was a forgery. The Editor of the *Newcastle Chronicle* was imposed upon in the same way. Had Mr Daley taken prompt steps, he could have prevented the appearance of the notification (after it appeared in the *Evening Chronicle* on Thursday night) in the *Guardian* of last week, and also in the *Chronicle* of the same date.

**Irish National League.**—A meeting was held of the Consett Branch of the Irish National League on Wednesday night, when the following resolution, proposed by Mr T. Dunne, and seconded by Mr P. Coyle, was unanimously adopted:—"Seeing that our fellow-country in Newcastle-on-Tyne are anxious that Mr E. Savage should be put forward as a candidate for an Irish constituency, we desire to express our hearty approval of their patriotic movement in securing the services of one who has worked indefatigibly in the cause of our country from the formation of Home Rule, and we believe that his selection by the Irish Parliamentary party would be a cause of strength, as his undisputed intelligence would be an acquisition to them, while it would give general satisfaction to his countrymen in the North of England."

**Death of Mrs Durant and Only Son.**—With deep regret we record the death of the wife and only son of the Rev T. Durant, Baptist minister, of the town. The son, Thomas Ernest, nine years of age, was, up to a short period ago, attending school in Consett, until he caught cold, and was aftetwards attacked by scarlet fever, from which he died on the 17th inst; Mrs Durant, who watched and attended her only child by night and by day, expiring on the 18th inst. From the first, but little hope was felt of the recovery of the son, but the death of Mrs Durant was not anticipated, and as a consequence, the blow to Mr Durant was of the most poignant description. Yesterday (Thursday) impressive services were conducted in the Baptist Church, Consett, by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, after which the funeral of the deceased, which was largely attended by members of the Baptist Church and residents of Consett, took place at the Cemetery, Blackhill. Mr Durant and his wife and son have resided in our midst a little over a year, and during that time they have endeared themselves to the inhabitants of this town, as well as to the members of the church of which he is pastor. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr Durant in his great affliction, and trust that he may be enabled to bear up under the severe ordeal through which he has had to pass.

**North-West Durham Liberal Association and its Finances.**—"Old Hand," in his "Local Jots" published in the *Auckland Chronicle* last week, gives vent to the following:—"I do not commend the discretion of the Consett Liberal Association in opening their purely business proceedings to the public. Corporations and Local Boards do not do so; neither do business men; nor should political associations. Every branch of the association may be represented at the gatherings of the Executive Council, and the delegates can report to their branches. I defy any reader of this column to furnish me with a single instance in which the Tories opened the private concerns of their party to the public gaze. The Tory disclosures would, everybody knows, be much more ludicrous than anything we have yet read of that kind. Facts which have little or no significance may be, and are, presented in an exaggerated, misleading way. The Liberals should follow Tory example, and insist that none but accredited members of the party be admitted to admittedly party deliberations. It is unfair to the cause to expose it to the attacks and criticism of those who do not want facts, but desire only to assail and ridicule at every point. Tory associations consist of those who have long purses; the rank and file do the needful voting; their betters, in return, come down with the needful dust. Whether this sort of benevolent poitics is werthy of the sturdy, independent character of every-day Englishmen is a question I should answer readily in the negative."

**Theatre Royal.**—This week, the stage of this favourite resort of amusement has been occupied by the famous "Black Flag" Dramatic Company, under the personal direction of Mr F. Hall, by special arrangement with Mr F. Gould. The comedy-drama of the "Black Flag," by M. H. Petitt, the renowned playwright, is reproduced in four acts, is suggested by the fact that when a convict escapes from the penal settlement in the Island of Portland, a black flag is hoisted as a signal. The whole of the actors, without exception, are of the highest order of merit, and their performances have met with the universal approbation of the audiences which have assembled nightly, although the stormy weather at the beginning of the week has militated against this splendid drama being so numerously patronised as it ought to be. The plot is of a sensational description, and the several characters introduced are exceedingly well sustained. Mr F. Hall plays the "Village vagabond" to perfection; while Mr H. Cordyce faithfully acts the part of his favourite son; the father of the worthy pair—a rich Dorsetshire farmer—being admirably pourtrayed by Mr J. W. Mason. The leading character, however, is allotted to Miss M. De Vere, who fully maintains her high reputation as "Ned," a runaway cabin boy, as played by her for over 2,500 successive nights. Mr G. Reece impersonates "Agustus Scarum," in faultless style; while the representations of Miss M. Herrot as "Ruth Glyndon," and Miss A. Wellberry as "Nelly Blandforth," a heiress, are all that could be desired by an appreciative auditory. The other characters in the piece are ably sustained, the play having had an unbroken run of seven years being a sufficient testimony of the capabilities of this troupe of dramatists. On Wednesday and Thursday, the original comedy, entitled "False Pretences" (also by Mr Petitt) was produced for the first time in Consett, the *dramatis persona* consisting of the following:—"Frank Manby," a gentleman farmer, Mr F. Hall; "Matthew Ironside," a self-made man, Mr J. W. Mason; "John Staunton," his managing clerk, Mr H. Cordyce; "Septimus Wragby," a lawyer, Mr F. Lester; "Bob Leverett," amateur sportsman, Mr Geo. Reece; "Jem Baldock," gamekeeper, Mr D. Hamilton; "Tom Titley," a tiger, Miss M. De Vere; "Mabel Ironside," Miss A. Wellberry; "Susan Roseleigh," orphan, Miss A. Fanchette, &c. "False Pretences" will be performed to-night (Friday), and "Black Flag" to-morrow (Saturday) evening, and it is hoped that large audiences will be ensured.

## BLACKHILL.

**Royal Auction Mart.**—On Monday, Messrs Nicholson and Murray had their weekly sale, prices ruled the same as the previous week, except that cows were somewhat backwardly.

At the monthly meeting of the Benfieldside School Board, on Friday last—Mr J. Priestman, J.P. (chairman), presiding—Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, Vicar of the parish, the successor to the late Mr Chas. Wilson, took his seat for the first time, and received the individual congratulations of the members present.

**Annual Supper.** — On Monday evening, the Blackhill Wesleyan chapel choir held their annual supper, when their was a pretty good muster of members and friends. After a splendid supper had been partaken of harmless games were indulged in to a late hour. A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

**Special Visit of the Lady Evangelists.**—Mrs Watson, Mrs Wallace (late Miss Watson), Miss Wilson, and Mrs Wilson conducted a religious service in the Agricultural Hall, Blackhill, on Monday night, and although the evening was very stormy a large congregation from nearly all parts of the district assembled, which was an unmistakable sign of the high esteem the public has for these ladies, who conducted in the same hall the most successful evangelistic services ever known in Blackhill two years ago. After the ladies had addressed the meeting, several of the converts (including many from Annfield Plain, where Miss Wilson, two months ago, conducted a series of memorable services) gave most interesting testimonies of their changed lives. Sankey's hymns were sung, accompanied by the Mission Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr J. Palliser.

## TOW LAW.

**Auction Mart.**—On Monday, Mr Vickers had forward at this mart, 13 cows, up to £18; 19 fat cattle, up to £15 2s 6d; 155 fat sheep, 20s 6d to 51s. Fat stock ruled at about recent prices.

Miss Wilson, the earnest and successful evangelist, commenced a mission at Tow Law on Tuesday, which has already resulted in much good, and many members have been added to the Church. The meetings are held in the Wesleyan Chapel.

**Sunday Schools Teachers' Conference.**—A large public meeting, arranged by a committee from the various Sunday-schools of Tow Law, was held on Monday night, in the Mechanics' Hall. Addresses were given by Rev H. P. Slade (Presbyterian) on "The duty of parents in relation to the Sunday-school"; by Rev J. Foster (Primitive Methodist) on "The duty of parents in relation to the temperance question"; and by Rev R. Calderbank (Wesleyan) on "The duty of parents in relation to the Church." Mr J. Mosely, temperance missionary, Bishop Auckland, followed with a stirring speech, showing the urgent need of more co-operation on the part of parents with the Sunday-school teachers, and especially their duty in regard to the temperance movement. The meeting was presided over by Rev T. C. Hughes, curate. A choir, representing the various Sunday-schools, sang during the evening. In spite of a severe snowstorm, the attendance was excellent, and the meeting a most profitable and interesting one.

## WOLSINGHAM.

**Lecture.**—Last Monday evening, Rev W. Baitey (Crook) gave a lecture in the Primitive Methodist chapel, Wolsingham, entitled "Dreams, Illusions, and Ghosts." The lecture was listened to throughout with marked attention. Unfortunately, the weather was exceedingly stormy, and prevented many from being present. Rev J. Duff (Wesleyan) kindly occupied the chair. The proceeds are to be given to the New Chapel Fund.

**A Buried Durham City.**—On Monday night, a lecture in connection with Wolsingham Church Institute was delivered by Dr. Hoppell, rector of Byers Green, on "A Buried City in the County of Durham." The lecturer described the state of Great Britain when invaded by the Romans under Agricola, and their subsequent subjugation under Hadrian, some forty years after. Reference was then made to the Roman road made from Catterick to Corbridge by Hadrian, and the sixth legion, and the 45 garrison towns built on the line of the road. One of these was that at Binchester where there were buried some hundreds of buildings. Some years ago at the request of Mr Proud, of Bishop Auckland, he (Dr. Hoppell) assisted in the superintendence of some excavations. The results of the excavations were then described, particular mention being made of a large building supposed to have been the residence of the commander of the garrison, and of another large building 70 feet long by 25 feet wide, which he saw no reason to doubt had been a Christian church. The lecture was made exceedingly interesting by the pictorial illustrations of the discoveries, which were shown by the lecturer. Rev Chancellor Espin presided.

## BURNOPFIELD.

**U.M.F.C. Sunday School Union.—Gateshead Circuit.**—In connection with the Gateshead Circuit, a Sunday School Union Conference was held on Saturday at Burnopfield. Sunday School teachers were present from all parts of the circuit. A public tea took place in the school-room in the afternoon, and a good number sat down to the good things provided. Mrs Davis, Mrs Walton, Mrs Young, Mrs Robinson, Miss E. Huggins, and Miss M. J. Boyd, presided at the tables. Each one did their work well. In the evening, a largely-attended meeting was held in the chapel, presided over by the president of the Circuit Union (Mr W. Smith). Addresses were delivered by Revs T. B. Saul (Gateshead), on "Law;" Thomas Law (Felling), on "The Training of Youth;" and W. T. Symons (Stanley), on "Teaching;" on which he strongly advocated the introduction of the Catechism into the Schools with a view to increased doctrinal teaching. The choir of the Durham Road Chapel, Gateshead, rendered selections of music. Solos were rendered by Mr R. Lawson at intervals. A vote of thanks to the speakers, singers, the chairman, and to the ladies for providing the tea, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close. This is the first of a series of meetings which it is proposed to hold through the circuit. The next will be held at Gateshead.

## WEST STANLEY.

**C.E.T.S.**—*(Beamish Branch).* — On Monday evening, Jan. 10th, Rev L. M. Chesters gave a supper in the National School to the choir and committee and a few friends of the Beamish Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. After partaking of an excellent supper, the company (over 50 in number) indulged in various harmless games. During the evening, songs were sung by Mr J. Robinson, Mr J. Green, and Mr S. Wood. Supper was prepared by Mrs Ramshaw and Mrs Lumley, Oxhill. The tables were presided over by Misses P. Ramshaw, A. Liddle, A. Hart, and J. Anderson. After a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman and the ladies who presided, the company dispersed at eleven o'clock.

## WEARDALE.

**Horse Accident.**—An accident of a somewhat serious nature has occurred to Dr. Hewitson, St John's, Weardale. While descending Lane Hill, Ireshope Burn, his horse stumbled, and he was thrown over its head amongst the snow, which fortunately, in a measure, saved him, as he alighted on his head, severely contusing his neck. The medical gentleman's nephew, Dr. Wm. Hewitson, was wired for and attended his uncle's injuries.

## SPEN COLLIERY.

**Minstrelsy.**—The West Pelton comic christy minstrels gave a grand concert of side-splitting laughter at High Spen, on Saturday night, when a programme was duly rendered by the Brothers Lees and company, and concluded with a laughable farce. There was a very favourable attendance, the audience being highly interested in the performance.

**Breaking a Dog's Leg.**—Yesterday (Thursday), at Newcastle County Court—before His Honour Judge Holl, Q.C.—an action was brought by Richard Browell, Miners' Arms, Spen Colliery, against Jonathan Patterson, farmer, for £16, the value of a pointer dog, which plaintiff was obliged to destroy owing to injuries that it had received by having, it was alleged, its leg broken by defendant's son with a whip. Defendant's son was driving some sheep on the 24th November, and the boy, thinking that the dog was going to injure the sheep, struck it on the leg with a whip, the dog running howling into the dyke-side, with its leg broken. The dog was in such agony that the plaintiff, out of humanity, destroyed it. He would not have taken three times £16 for it, he said, but he valued it at that, as he had been offered £16 for the dog last season.—A witness called on behalf of plaintiff said that the dog was not near the sheep, nor offering to molest them.—Mr Warlow appeared for the defendant, and denied the liability of the father for the act of the son in a case of that kind. —Mr Clark (for the plaintiff) asked if the father was not liable for the acts of his son, as upon that occasion he was acting as his father's servant, and as he was a minor, they of course proceeded against the father.—A witness was called who stated that the dog was not interfering with the sheep in any way.—His Honour held that the father was not liable, although it was a very wrong thing for the young man to strike the dog as he had done without any reason whatever.

## LEADGATE.

**Wesleyan Band of Hope.**—An entertainment in connection with the above was given on Saturday night, in the Bottle Bank Schools, Leadgate, when the programme was gone through in an excellent manner. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Dinning. The following took part in the entertainment:—Melodies by Mr T. Soulsby and Masters J. G. and T. Soulsby; readings by Mr R. Hardy and Mr J. J. Edgar; recitations by Masters T. and J. G. Soulsby.

**Mr Morgan's Entertainment.**—The Leadgate folk have had an uncommon treat this week, Mr Nicholas Morgan having occupied the Miners' Hall every night, and, as usual, has delighted the audiences with his marvellous mesmeric experiments, and life portrayal of character. The amusement caused by Mr Morgan's demonstrations is as much as human nature can safely bear. In fact, the risibles are severely strained by the irresistably laughter-stirring power of his exhibitions. However, they have a compensating influence; they are a perfect cure for dull care and other depressing troubles. He will give his farewell entertainment at Leadgate on Saturday night; and begin a short series in the Theatre Royal, Consett, on Monday night. This, as he announced in our last issue, is contrary to his intention at that time, but circumstances have compelled him to alter his arrangements, so a rich store of fun awaits the Consett public, of which they, no doubt, will avail themselves.

## WEST PELTON.

**Co-operative Society.**—The report of this society at West Pelton for the quarter ending Dec. 11th, says:—The turnover amounts to £15,962 17s 8d, being an increase of £245 2s 3d when compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. Average per week, £1,140 4s 1d. During the quarter 56 new members have been added to the roll, while 23 have left and 17 been written off, leaving a total on the register of 1,240. The sum of £410 15s 9d has been received from members as contributions, and the withdrawals paid amount to £2,057 9s 9d. The capital of the society now stands at £14,806 14s 2d, being £749 14s 3d more than last quarter, and £2,553 14s 6d over the corresponding quarter of 1885; average per member, £11 8s 9½d. The nett profit is £2,581 1s 1d.

**Military Ball and Concert.**—A grand concert was held in the Iron Room, West Pelton, in connection with the D Company 4th Durham Rifle Volunteers, on Friday se'nnight. Amongst those present were Major and Mrs Joicey, Mrs Marshall, Mr James Joicey, jun., Mr W. Miller (Newcastle), Lieut. and Mrs Humble, Lieut. Kirkup, Drs Collinson, Holt, Brown, and Simpson, Lieut. Turnbull (Chester-le-Street), Mr E. Nicholson, jun. (Beamish), Miss Turnbull (Chester-le-Street), Miss Crichton, the Misses Wilkinson, Misses Fairley, Mr and Mrs Bell (Durham), Mr and Mrs Oliver, Miss Hardy (Sacriston), Mr J. T. Forster (Burnhope), Mr Pickering (Chester-le-Street), Rev E. J. Day, Mr and Mrs N. Clark (Beamish Park), Dr and Mrs Benson and family (Stanley), Mr and Miss Henderson, Miss Pearsons (Dipton), Messrs T. B. MacKinlay, Yeates, Mole, and Allan. The artistes were Madame Hall-Atkin, Newcastle; Messrs Nutton, MacDonald, Leatham, and Winstone, Durham Cathedral; and Mr Cook, Newcastle, who rendered a capital programme, and were repeatedly *encored*. The programme lasted about two hours, commencing at seven p.m. After the concert, the room was quickly cleared, and carefully waxed ready for the ball, which commenced at ten p.m. Notwithstanding the rough and stormy night, ladies and gentlemen swarmed to the room, bent on a night's enjoyment. The ball was led off by Lieut. Humble and Mrs Joicey. The respected captain of the company (Capt. Ridley) was unable to attend owing to ill-health; but his place was filled by his senior lieutenant (Lieut. Humble), who together with Lieut. J. P. Kirkup acted as M.C.'s. The room was very tastefully decorated, and dancing was kept up until an early hour to the strains of Mr W. Wishart's celebrated quadrille band. We may state that the D Company 4th Durham Rifle Volunteers is in a thoroughly efficient state, greatly owing to the energetic manner in which Sergt. Instructor A. Yeates has fulfilled his military duties since he was appointed.

## BLACKHALL MILL.

**Friendly Societies' Social Gathering.**—On Saturday night, the members and friends of the Wylam-on-Tyne District of Oddfellows' (Bolton Unity) Lodge, No. 554, met at the house of Mrs Ward, the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, and partook of an excellent supper, which reflected great credit on the lady who provided the repast, upwards of 50 sitting down, and all seemed to be well satisfied with the various things served up. After the cloths had been removed, a social entertainment took place, Mr T. Anderson, M.N.G., being elected to the chair, and Mr J. Emmerson, P.G.M., to the vice-chair.—The Chairman opened the entertainment with a short but very appropriate address, after which a toast and best wishes were given to Mrs Ward. Songs of a classical, sentimental, and comical character were sung by various gentlemen—Messrs G. Ward, R. Chaytor, R. Marshall, W. Fairlamb, J. Atkinson, W. Tebb, while Mr R. Watson favoured with a reading. Afterwards, the company wished "Success and prosperity to the lodge", with a hope that it might continue, and that every member would do his part in trying to maintain the rules, and do unto others as they wished others to do to them.—The members ought to take encouragement from the past. The expenditure has far exceeded the income, the lodge having paid as far as £19 per month during this winter to relieve and help the needy in time of sickness and death. We believe in many cases it has helped to keep the wolf from the door. What is wanted is more young members to make the income to exceed the expenditure. We are glad to say that many are seeking to become members of the Order.

## CROOK.

The boxes have been broken and the money stolen at the Catholic Church, Crook. The thieves have so far escaped detection, but a clue to them, it is believed, has been found.

## WHICKHAM.

**The "Glamis" Habitation of the Primrose League.—Whickham and District.**—A meeting of the above habitation was held on Tuesday, when resolutions were passed of condolence with Lady Iddesleigh under her bereavement, and of sympathy with and confidence in the Marquess of Salisbury. Arrangements were made by Mr E. L. Calverley, of Oulton Hall, Leeds, for lectures, [illegible] occasion by a tea [illegible]

## HAMSTEELS.

**Wesleyan Chapel.**—A public tea was held at this chapel, at Hamsteels, on Jan. 8th, after which the choir gave a service of song, entitled "The River Singers," under the leadership of Mr Jas. Young. Many thanks are due to Mr Ponton, leader of Hamsteels Colliery brass band, who rendered valuable assistance, and did good service with the cornet. The connective readings were given by Mr J. Hope. The chapel was well filled, and the proceeds go towards the repair fund.

## CORNSAY COLLIERY.

**A Fox Feeding among Sheep.**—As a proof of the extreme severity of the weather, a full-grown fox was last week seen feeding with the sheep, in a field a little out of Old Cornsay.

## WITTON GILBERT.

**Escape from Earls House Industrial School.**—Last week, a boy named John Cade, who had been sent from Chester-le-Street a few weeks ago, to the Durham County Industrial School, effected his escape from that institution. He was first traced to Quebec, but on the local policeman making his appearance, Cade made off. He was lost sight of until Wednesday sen'night, when P.C. Kettlewell apprehended him at Cornsay. He has since been removed to the Industrial Schools, where he was punished and detained under greater vigilance.

**Church Choir Treat.**—Rev C. J. Carr, the respected rector of Witton Gilbert, entertained the church choir and a few friends at the rectory. Mr C. Carr presided. The health of Rev C. J. Carr was proposed by Mr Wilson, who gave expression to the general regret at the long-continued illness of the rector, and the earnest wish that he might soon be restored to health and enabled again to conduct the services in his earnest and impressive manner.—Mr J. Stevenson proposed the health of the Misses Carr, and thanked them for their unfailing interest in the choir. This was succeeded by the health of Mr Watson, a former member of the choir, and many years a parishioner, but now living some distance away.—Several games and other amusements were freely indulged in, the Misses Carr and Rev J. Brently (curate), assisting to promote the enjoyment of all present.

## RYTON-ON-TYNE.

**Literary and Debating Society.**—On Friday night, in connection with the above society, a lecture on "Roman Britian" was delivered by Dr. Hodgkin, in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, Ryton. The learned doctor's paper was one of exceptional attractiveness, and embraced many historical points of local interest. Dr. Hodgkin's lecture inaugurated the second half of the society's winter session.

## LANCHESTER.

**Another Exciting Scene on the Ice.**—On Tuesday, an exciting scene occurred at Lanchester, but fortunately without a fatal result. It seems that Mr George Parker, jun., and two young ladies went down the "paddock" to skate. The wind was blowing very strong at the time, and one of the young ladies, losing control of he skates, was blown into the "burn" at a most dangerous part—the water, it is stated, being from four to five feet in depth. The young lady was almost up to the neck before Mr Parker could reach her. In the attempt to rescue her Mr Parker went in himself, and it seemed as if both lives would be lost. By sheer exertion Mr Parker held on to the young lady and eventually succeeded in getting her out. Neither was the worse for the adventure beyond the wetting and the fright.

## ANNFIELD PLAIN.

**Primitive Methodist Church.**—On Saturday night, an interesting entertainment was given in the above church at Annfield Plain by the Craghead Band of Hope, when readings, recitations, songs, and solos, were given in good style, also two violin solos by quite a little fellow (T. Robson, jun.) which highly delighted the audience. The chair was occupied by Mr James Robson, Craghead. The meeting was brought to a close, after a vote of thanks to the entertainers, by singing the doxology. —On Sunday, sermons were preached by Mr C. C. McColvin, of Consett, to large congregations.

## MARLEY HILL.

**St. Cuthbert's Church Sunday Schools.**—An interesting event took place at Marley Hill last Sunday afternoon. Mr Andrew Livingston, the superintendent of the morning school, being now resident too far from the spot to continue his duties, was presented by the teachers and scholars (in the presence of more than 200 of their number) with two handsome and useful works—viz., "The Life of Christ" and "The Life and Work of St. Paul," both by Canon Farrar. The books bore this inscription: "Presented to Andrew Livingston, by the teachers and scholars of St. Cuthbert's Church Sunday-schools, as a memento of nineteen years, faithful work as teacher and superintendent." The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev S. White), and 143 Sunday-school prizes for the year were also distributed by Miss A. Berkley, of Marley Hill House.

## EBCHESTER.

**Supper and Ball at Hamsterley Hall.**—On Friday evening, a ball and supper was given by the Hon. J. and Mrs Vereker and Miss Surtees to the servants and their friends, to the number of thirty. The ball was led off by the butler (Mr Calcott) and housekeeper (Mrs Oliver), the coachman (Mr Ware) and lady's maid (Miss Smith), to the music of Messrs Lindsey and Harrison. Over twelve couples took part in the dancing until 12·30, when the company adjourned to the servants' hall, where a sumptuous repast, which reflected great credit on the housekeeper, was served. The tables were tastefully arranged by the butler. After supper, the health of the Hon. J. and Mrs Vereker and Miss Surtees were most heartily given. A few songs were tastefully rendered by the company, after which they returned to the ball-room, where dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr J. and Mrs Vereker and Miss Surtees. The company then joined hands and sang "Auld lang syne," after which the visitors departed after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

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**A New Way to Pay Old Debts.**—Scoggan the Court fool, once borrowed five hundred pounds from Queen Elizabeth. The time for repayment had long passed, and the Queen insisted upon having her money, notwithstanding his prayers to be released from the debt. One day he heard that she was to pass his house, and upon this he bethought himself of a means to get rid of his liability. Accordingly he had a coffin made; and when the hour approached at which the Queen was expected, he put himself into the box, had it shouldered by his friends and carried outside. On Elizabeth enquiring whom they were going to bury, they told her it was her humble servant Scoggan, the jester. "Indeed!" said she, "I never heard that he was ill. Is the fool really dead? He owed me five hundred pounds, but I heartily forgive him." At these words Scoggan rose in his coffin and said: "I thank your Majesty cordially. The favour you have shown me is so great that it hath raised me from the dead." This was certainly a new way to pay old debts.

**A Nice Comparison.**—Tom and I were watching the removal of the prisoners from Coldbath Fields Prison the other day, and the letters "V.R." on the van caught Tom's eye. "What do they stand for?" he asked of a stolid-looking constable. "Vagabond Removed," growled the policeman. "Thank you," replied Tom. "I thought, perhaps, they meant *Virtue Rewarded*." We left, and went on our way till we saw a young rascal pick up a stone and fling it at passing dog. The dog sprang at him, snapped at the leg of his ragged pants, and the lad ran off howling. "Reminds me of a certain kind of paint," said Tom. "Paint," I queried. "How so?" "*Yellow ochre—yeller-o-cur!* Don't you see?" I gasped, and looked to see if he had been drinking. But, no, he seemed sober enough; and we made our way to a football match. We watched the game in silence for some time, then murmured "Rather a fishy game, isn't it?" "I don't see it," said I, "they play fair enough." "Yes, but it reeks of fish, though," he replied. "In what way?" "Why, *soles, eels, flounders, mussels, hake!*" With a groan I fled, I could bear no more.

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French way of complimenting the old lady:—"Ah, madame, you grow every day to look more like your daughter!" [illegible]

## A FALSE FRIEND.

A cheery room with the firelight flickering over its tasteful surroundings. Not a luxurious apartment, by any means, but a real home room, vacant just now of its usual occupant. Outside it was clear and cold, and the wind whistled through the bare branches of the elms clustered about the neat cottage, but within the red firelight outshone the glow of the lamp on the tea table spread for one person.

The room had the general appearance of expectancy, it seemed to be waiting for some one. All at once the outer door of the cottage opened and a light step came down the hall. The canary on his perch lifted his fluffy yellow head with a little chirp of welcome.

The white cat rolled up like a woolly ball upon the rug, unrolled herself, turning eager eyes expectantly upon the door of the room. It opened, and a woman entered—a tall, regal-looking woman with dark eyes and braids of dusky hair, not beautiful, scarcely pretty; but a woman to interest at first sight.

She came straight to the fire, petted the cat, chirped to the canary, then leaning her elbow upon the mantle she stood quite still, her dark eyes fixed upon the crimson glow in the grate.

"It does not seem possible!" she burst forth at last impetuously. "If any one had told me such a thing a month ago, I would not have believed it. Bert Rossner gone to Europe without a word of farewell to me! I who believed—what a conceited creature I have been—that he cared for me. Gone away, and Lily Deane tells me that his last evening was spent at her home!"

She bowed her head and just then she caught the reflection of her own tired face in an opposite mirror.

"Esther Ashcroft," she exclaimed, "I'm ashamed of you. What a fool you have been."

She turned away with an impatient gesture, and drawing a chair up to the table began to pour the fragrant tea into a tiny cup.

"I am tired of this lonely life," she went on, half aloud; "work—work, from morning till night in that noisy schoolroom, and then come home to my lonely tea, with no one but the cat and bird to keep me company. I wonder if I would have been happier had I married old Benson, and gone to live in his splendid mansion, with a troop of servants to command? He is old and ugly, but many a woman in my position, poor and alone in the world, would have accepted him thankfully. But I was foolish enough to care for Bert Rossner all the time. And he has gone away, we may never meet again, and he did not even tell me good-bye."

The dusky head drooped and the tears came into the great tired eyes. She was proud and high-spirited, and it was the very depth of humiliation to know that she had given her heart unsought. She raised her head and dashed the hot tears from her eyes.

"I'll not be so silly as to care," she muttered.

She arose from the table and began to remove the tea things, while Mrs. Merton, the old lady with whom she made her home, came in and seated herself in the big chintz-covered chair by the fire, her knitting in her hands.

In a few moments Esther went over to the piano and began to play slowly and softly. She looked like a princess in disguise sitting there, her white fingers straying over the keys.

She wore a plain black alpaca dress with white lace at her throat, and she had fastened a red rose in her dark hair. Presently the door-bell rang, and Mrs. Merton hastened to answer the summons, returning directly with a pretty, yellow-haired girl, Lily Deane. She darted into the room where Esther still sat at the piano.

"You darling!" she cried, embracing her friend rapturously. "I've been wanting to see you all the day. Oh, Essie, I've such news to tell you."

Esther Ashcroft's heart beat with great strangling throbs, and then stood still. Must she listen to Lily Deane's story of her engagement to Bert Rossner? She controlled herself with a wonderful effort and then forced a smile.

"Proceed," she said. "I see you are dying to tell it."

Lily smiled and blushed.

"You have heard that Bert, Mr. Rossner, has gone to Europe?" she queried, abruptly.

Esther's face grew crimson, and then slowly pale.

"Yes, I have heard it," she answered, "but I fail to see how that fact can interest me particularly."

"But it interests me," cried Lily, eagerly, "oh, Essie, can't you guess why? I expect to be his wife some day. Esther, are you engaged to Mr. Benson?" she added, with a sudden change of subject.

Esther could not speak. A wild, mad impulse prompted her answer in the affirmative. How could she allow Lily Deane to triumph over her in this way? But still she sat silent.

"Silence gives consent," cried Lily, gayly.

And just then, as though the very spirit of perversity were abroad that night, the door bell rang, and Mr. Benson himself, a portly, good-natured man of perhaps fifty-five, was ushered into the room.

I can scarcely explain the situation, but somehow Mr. Benson found Esther so agreeable and entertaining, so kind and gentle, that he lingered after Lily Dean had gone home, her brother having called to escort her thither, and emboldened by the change in Esther Ashcroft's manner, the elderly suitor ventured to repeat his declaration and beg her to reconsider her former decision.

Reckless of consequences, and actuated by a wild feeling of pique and a wild impulse to prove to Bert Rossner that she did not care for him, Esther promised to become Mr. Benson's wife.

Time passed. She never heard the name of the man she so dearly loved spoken, and Lily came no more to the cottage. One evening walking alone in the garden, Esther saw Rossner coming slowly towards her. She paused irresolutely, as he drew near, he was pale and stern. Yet, as he reached her side, and seized both hands in his own, she saw that his dark eyes were full of eager delight.

"Oh, Esther! Esther!" he cried; how glad I am to see you! Lily has told you all of course?" he added.

Esther gazed into his face with cold and haughty eyes.

"She has told me that you are betrothed to her," answered the girl, shivering slightly as she spoke.

"Esther?"

Bert Rossner's face was white with anger, and his eyes scintillated.

"Great Heaven!" he cried, "what do you mean? Have you been deceived, or am I dreaming."

"Lily Deane told me that she expects to be your wife!" returned Esther, mechanically.

"It is false! Let me tell you my story, Esther; oh, what can you have thought of me all these weary months? I was sent to Europe on business for our firm, and on very short notice; I was to start the next day. I met Lily Deane near her own home; I was on my way to call upon you, but Lily assured me that you were not at home, that you had gone out of town. I was compelled to leave early the next morning, so I accepted her invitation to go to her home and write you a line. I wrote you a farewell letter, Esther, explaining all and asking you to be my wife when I should return. I left the note with Lily Deane, she promised to deliver it. While I was absent I received a note from her announcing your engagement to some wealthy man, but I do not believe it, and I have come home to learn the worst. Answer me, Esther, do you care for me at all?"

And she answered quietly:

"I have loved you all my life, but," as memory pierced her heart like a stab. "God help me, I am bound to another."

There was a rustling in the shrubbery near, and Mr. Benson suddenly appeared before them, pale and excited.

"Esther," he faltered, brokenly, "you are free. You shall not sacrifice your young life for me. I am not such a wretch as to expect or require it. Marry the man you love, and God bless you both!"

And so it came out right after all—greatly to Lily Deane's discomfiture. Bert Rossner made Esther Ashcroft his wife, and Mr. Benson gave away the bride. One year afterwards the old man died, [illegible]

## Railway Time Table.

### CONSETT BRANCH.

| Stations. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE Dep. | 6 10 | 9 42 | 11 0 | 12 20 | 3 30 | 5 30 | 7 20 |
| Scotswood ,, | 6 17 | 9 49 | 11 7 | 12 27 | 3 37 | 5 37 | 7 27 |
| Swalwell ,, | 6 24 | 9 56 | 11 14 | 12 34 | 3 43 | 5 43 | 7 34 |
| Rowlands Gill ,, | 6 34 | 10 6 | 11 24 | 12 44 | 3 53 | 5 51 | 7 44 |
| Lintz Green ,, | 6 40 | 10 12 | 11 30 | 12 50 | 3 59 | 5 57 | 7 50 |
| Ebchester ,, | 6 52 | 10 22 | 11 40 | 1 0 | 3 12 | 6 6 | 8 2 |
| Shotley Bridge ,, | 6 59 | 10 28 | 11 44 | 1 4 | 3 18 | 6 10 | 8 8 |
| CONSETT ... Arr. | 7 5 | 10 32 | 11 50 | 1 10 | 3 25 | 6 15 | 8 15 |

| Week Days. | A.M. | A.M. | | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CONSETT Dep. | 7 10 | 10 38 | ... | 1 12 | 3 25 | 6 28 |
| Knitsley ,, | 7 21 | 10 45 | ... | 1 23 | 3 36 | 6 44 |
| Lanchester ,, | 7 30 | 10 55 | ... | 1 32 | 3 45 | 6 52 |
| Witton Gilbert ,, | 7 38 | 11 3 | ... | 1 40 | 3 53 | 7 1 |
| Aldin Grange ,, | 7 45 | 11 11 | ... | 1 47 | 4 0 | 7 9 |
| DURHAM ... Arr. | 7 50 | 11 17 | ... | 1 52 | 4 5 | 7 15 |

| | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
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| DURHAM ... Dep. | 7 25 | 11 45 | 2 36 | ... | 5 25 | 8 30 |
| Aldin Grange ,, | 7 32 | 11 52 | 2 41 | ... | 5 32 | 8 37 |
| Witton Gilbert ,, | 7 40 | 12 0 | 2 48 | ... | 5 40 | 8 25 |
| Lanchester ,, | 7 50 | 12 10 | 2 58 | ... | 5 50 | 8 35 |
| Knitsley ,, | 8 2 | 12 20 | 3 8 | ... | 6 0 | 8 45 |
| CONSETT ... Arr. | 8 12 | 12 30 | 3 18 | ... | 6 10 | 8 56 |

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| CONSETT ... Dep. | 8 15 | 9 5 | 12 33 | 2 25 | 6 15 | 9 2 |
| Shotley Bridge ,, | 8 20 | 9 10 | 12 38 | 2 30 | 6 19 | 9 7 |
| Ebchester ,, | 8 24 | 9 14 | 12 42 | 2 34 | 6 23 | 9 12 |
| Lintz Green ,, | 8 34 | 9 24 | 12 50 | 2 44 | 6 32 | 9 22 |
| Rowlands Gill ,, | 8 39 | 9 29 | 12 55 | 2 50 | 6 36 | 9 27 |
| Swalwell ,, | 8 47 | 9 37 | 1 3 | 2 57 | 6 41 | 9 36 |
| Scotswood ,, | 8 54 | 9 44 | 1 9 | 4 4 | 6 48 | 9 43 |
| NEWCASTLE Ar | 9 5 | 9 55 | 1 20 | 4 15 | 7 0 | 9 53 |

### SUNDAYS.

| | A.M. | P.M. | | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE ... | 7 30 | 7 20 | CONSETT ... dep. | 8 35 | 8 2 |
| Scotswood | 7 37 | 7 27 | Shotley Bridge | 8 40 | 8 2 |
| Swalwell | 7 44 | 7 34 | Ebchester | 8 44 | 8 2 |
| Rowlands Gill | 7 54 | 7 44 | Lintz Green | 8 54 | 8 3 |
| Lintz Green | 8 0 | 7 50 | Rowlands Gill | 8 59 | 8 4 |
| Ebchester | 8 13 | 8 0 | Swalwell | 9 8 | 8 5 |
| Shotley Bridge | 8 19 | 8 4 | Scotswood | 9 14 | 8 5 |
| CONSETT ... arr. | 8 25 | 8 10 | NEWCASTLE ar. | 9 25 | 9 1 |

### MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

| | A.M. | P.M. | | A.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASTLE ... | 7 10 | 4 15 | DURHAM ... dep. | 7 55 |
| Scotswood | 7 17 | 4 22 | Aldin Grange | 8 1 |
| Swalwell | 7 24 | 4 32 | Witton Gilbert | 8 9 |
| Rowlands Gill | 7 34 | 4 40 | Lanchester | 8 20 |
| Lintz Green | 7 40 | 4 46 | Knitsley | 8 32 |
| Ebchester | 7 53 | 4 56 | CONSETT and a | 8 45 |
| Shotley Bridge | 7 59 | 5 5 | BLACKHILL d | 8 50 |
| CONSETT and a | 8 5 | 5 12 | Shotley Bridge | 8 55 |
| BLACKHILL d | 9 20 | | Ebchester | 8 59 |
| Knitsley | 9 32 | | Lintz Green | 9 9 |
| Lanchester | 9 41 | | Rowlands Gill | 9 15 |
| Witton Gilbert | 9 50 | | Swalwell | 9 22 |
| Aldin Grange | 9 59 | | Scotswood | 9 29 |
| DURHAM ... arr | 10 5 | | NEWCASTLE dp | 9 40 |

### SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

| Stations. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEWCASLE dep. | ... | 6 10 | ... | ... | 12 20 | ... | 5 30 |
| CONSETT | ... | 8 20 | ... | ... | 2 0 | ... | 6 20 |
| Rowley | ... | 8 30 | ... | ... | 2 10 | ... | 6 29 |
| Burnhill | ... | 8 40 | ... | ... | 2 20 | ... | 6 38 |
| Tow Law | 7 20 | 8 53 | ... | ... | 2 33 | ... | 6 52 |
| CROOK ... arr. | 7 32 | 9 5 | ... | ... | 2 45 | ... | 7 3 |
| ,, dep. | 7 35 | 9 7 | 11 23 | 1 5 | 2 52 | 5 30 | 7 8 |
| Bishop Auckland | 8 0 | 9 31 | 11 43 | 1 29 | 3 12 | 6 3 | 7 32 |
| Darlington | 8 30 | 10 0 | 12 10 | 2 0 | 3 50 | 6 45 | 8 5 |
| Stockton | 8 56 | 10 31 | 12 40 | 2 29 | 4 18 | 7 18 | 8 32 |
| Middlesbro' | 9 5 | 10 41 | 12 50 | 2 38 | 4 25 | 7 31 | 8 52 |
| SALTBURN | 10 10 | 11 15 | 1 25 | 3 12 | 5 2 | 8 5 | 9 34 |

| Stations. | A.M. | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SALTBURN dp. | 5 50 | 8 5 | 9 52 | ... | 1 40 | 2 45 | 5 40 |
| Middlesbro' | 6 27 | 8 40 | 10 25 | 12 50 | 2 18 | 4 18 | 6 15 |
| Stockton | 6 37 | 8 48 | 10 32 | 12 57 | 2 21 | 4 26 | 6 25 |
| Darlington | 7 20 | 9 20 | 10 55 | 1 30 | 3 0 | 5 5 | 7 20 |
| Bishop Auckland | 7 49 | 9 46 | 11 21 | 1 56 | 3 26 | 5 33 | 7 48 |
| CROOK ... arr. | 8 10 | 10 6 | 11 42 | 2 16 | 3 47 | 5 55 | 8 10 |
| ,, ... dep. | 8 13 | ... | 11 49 | ... | 2 20 | ... | 6 0 |
| Tow Law | 8 25 | ... | ... | ... | 2 32 | ... | 6 15 |
| Burnhill | 8 40 | ... | ... | ... | 2 45 | ... | 6 30 |
| Rowley | 8 50 | ... | ... | ... | 2 55 | ... | 6 40 |
| CONSETT ... arr. | 9 0 | ... | ... | ... | 3 5 | ... | 6 50 |
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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**Medomsley.**—13th inst., the wife of John A. Adamson, commercial traveller, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

**Annfield Plain.**—Wesleyan Chapel, on the 18th inst., by the Rev Joseph Robinson, of Glasgow (brother of the bridegroom), J. Robinson, of Dipton, to Meggie, daughter of Mr G. Brown, Curvan Terrace, White-le-Head.

**Ryton.**—Holy Cross Church, 18th inst., by Canon Mason, Rector of Whitfield, Canon Weston (uncle of the bride), and Rev S. C. Beauchamp (brother-in-law of the bridegroom), Rev Charles Blackett-Ord, Vicar of Ovingham, to Mary Delavel, only child of Canon Chester, Rector of Ryton.

**Newcastle.**—St. Peter's Church, by Rev C. A. Raines, 20th inst., Robert Bruce, Greenhead, to Sarah Bulman Skelton, Newcastle.

### DEATHS

**Consett.**—13, Trafalgar Street, 18th inst., Thomas, beloved husband of Jane Wailes, aged 50 years. 52, Front Street, 15th inst., aged 64, Fenwick, husband of Phoebe Hall, late of Hexhamshire.

**Templetown**, near Consett.—17th inst., aged 9 years, Thomas Ernest, and on 18th inst., aged 45, Martha Ann, wife and only child of the Rev T. Durant.

**Blackhill.**—25, Cort Street, 14th inst., aged 3 and 1 years respectively, Teresa and Francis, children of Francis and Margaret Brady.

**Medomsley.**—19th inst., aged 13, Mary Annie, the daughter of Annie, widow of late James Hunter. Interment on Saturday, at 2 o'clock, at Medomsley. Friends, please accept this intimation.

**Rowlands Gill.**—21st inst., aged 60, Jane, wife of Robert Turnbull. To be interred at Benfieldside, on Monday, 24th inst. Train due at Consett at 3·23 p.m. 236x

**Lanchester.**—19th inst., in his 66th year, suddenly, George Wm. Wheatley.

**Milkwell Burn.**—(At the residence of his son), 13th inst., aged 81, James Potts, late of Ionswood.

**East Castle Colliery.**—17th inst., aged 35, accidentally killed, John, husband of Isabella Jane Johnson.

**Annfield Plain.**—15th inst., aged 64, Elizabeth, wife of George Brown.

**West Stanley.**—17th inst., aged 30, John Parker.

**Waterhouses.**—14th inst., aged 2 years, Laura Jane, daughter of Wm. Davison, weighman.

**Langley Moor.**—18th inst., aged 62, Isabel, widow of the late Thos. Holmes, joiner.

**Marley Hill.**—17th inst., aged 2 years and 8 months, Dorothy, daughter of Henry and Ann Storey.

**West Pelton.**—Eden Terrace, in her 66th year, Hannah, relict of the late John Brydon.

**Pelton Fell.**—14th inst., in his 61st year, William Stanger, husband of Catherine Stanger, late of Newcastle.

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**Whickham.**—West Street, 15th inst., aged 15 years, George, son of William and Alice Bourn. Whickham Hill, 18th inst., in his 65th year, Wm. Errington.

**Swalwell.**—Aged 68, John Urwin.

**Corbridge.**—The Chantry, 16th inst., aged 62, Ann, wife of John Ord.

**Low Prudhoe.**—13th inst., aged 75, John Robinson.

**Ryton-on-Tyne.**—Half-Moon Inn, 16th inst., aged 74, Mary Davidson.

**Tow Law.**—16th inst., Annie, wife of John England, formerly of North Shields. Tow Law House, aged 83, Joseph Bond.

**Stanhope.**—15th inst., aged 59, Ralph Walton.

**Chester-le-Street.**—Barbary, wife of John Heads, North Burns.

**Sunderland.** — The Infirmary, aged 54, Robert Walton, late of Blackhill.

**Middlesbrough.** — 18th inst., aged 53, Margaret Swinsco, late of Consett.

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