...rt that they would pay them everything to ... they were legally entitled, and, to show ...od faith in the matter, they expressed their ...ness to remove one of their trustees and ... Mrs. Myers in her place to see that justice ...se to Robinson and his party. Mr. Steven... ...ing afraid of his costs, then suggested that ...ciety should be dissolved, and each member ...eir share of the fund. This proposition, ...er, they could not listen to for a moment. ...rachan then submitted their terms, which ... for the Society to go on as before, with Mrs. ...on, Mrs. Wigham, and Mrs. Myers as the ...rustees, the members who had left them to ...stated in the Society's books on payment to ...wardesses of all arrears of contribution since ...te of their last payments to the Society, that ...obinson should hand over, free of expense, ...oks, papers, &c., referring to the Society's ...s in his possession to the new trustees, and ...ach party pay their own expenses. It was ...d that Mr. Stevenson would have agreed to ...erms, but the old trustees would not let him, ...ey resolved to let the case go for trial, in the ...he supposed, that they could not be much ... off, even if they did lose. On the whole, he ...t the members had nothing to fear.

... Hall said they were to keep their hearts ... They would give the other side a licking next ...day.

... Heslop, who so triumphantly carried off ...x from the Black Horse, said if they won the ...e intended to ask the Society to give her the ..., a memento of the victory.

... proceedings then clored.

## Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

...DAY, July 5th.—Before A. Town, Esq. (...hairman), J. Priestman, Esq., and James ...nnandale, jun., Esq.

...unkenness.—George Bailey, miner, Allendale ...es; Edward Devanty, ironworker, Blackhill; ...rd Handy, miner, Tanfield Lea; James Mul... and Patrick Finley were each fined 5s. and ... for having been drunk. The cases were ...d by Sergeant Nattress, P.C. Bruce, P.C. ...ain, P.C. Bain, P.C. Hood, and P.C. Simpson.

...reach of the Peace.—James McGafferon and ...k McLoughlin, labourers, Dipton, were sum... ...d by P.C. Longstaff for having committed a ...h of the peace by fighting on the 18th ult. ...efendants did not appear, a warrant was ...ed for their apprehension.

...tch and Toss.—William H. Cattress, John ...ress, John Ash, George Horswell, Patrick ...il, and James Johnson, miners, Annfield Plain, ... charged by P.C. Longstaff with playing at ...h and toss, on the 20th ult. The charge was ...ed, and defendants were fined 10s. each and the ...s.—Lawrence Meegan, Hugh Quigley, Thos. ...nolly, Edward Clifford, Hugh Turner, and ...ick Coney, miners and labourers living at Con... and Leadgate, were summoned by Sergt. ...mer for a similar offence. The case against ...er was dismissed; the other defendants were ...red to pay a fine of 10s. each and the expenses. John Mulhern, charged by P.C. Allison with a ...ilar offence, was also fined 10s. and costs.

...icensing Act.—William Coulthard, of Dipton, ... summoned for selling a gill of whiskey by ...il, contrary to the provisions of his license. ... charge was proved by P.C. Longstaff, and ...ndant was fined £2 and costs. Mr. Dickinson ...ended.

...ssaults. — William Anderson and Thomas ...erson, miners, of Hamsterley Colliery, were ...d, the former 10s. and the latter 5s. and costs, ... assaulting two men named Wilkinson, father ... son, at the above place, on the 19th inst.

...lleged Theft of Rabbits.—Joseph Foster, ...ustody, was charged with stealing a number of ...bits and hens belonging to different parties in ... neighbourhood of Rowland's Gill, on the 2nd ... On the application of P.C. Turner, prisoner ...s remanded.

...Bazaar at Whittonstall.—A bazaar was held ...Whittonstall, in the National School-room, on ...nday sen. The room was tastefully decorated ... the occasion. The stalls, laden with fancy and ...ful articles, were presided over by Mrs. Low ... Miss Low (the Vicarage), assisted by the ...ses Greatorex (Croxdale), the Misses Goodrick ...lston), Miss Dutt (Durham), and the Misses ...r (Ebchester). The tea was presided over by ...s. Hare and Mrs. Thompson, of Highfield. ...ong the visitors were Mrs. Jenkins and ...rty, Consett Hall; Mrs. Carr, Ebchester Hall; ...s. Linthwaite, Ebchester; Mrs. Mitchell, ...carage, Leadgate; Mrs. Balleny, Ebchester; ...v. W. Cockin, Medomsley; Rev. A. Johnson, ...aley. At intervals, choice pieces of music on the ...noforte were performed by Miss M. Greatorex, ...s A. Dutt, and Miss C. Carr. Altogether, the ...zaar was a great success.


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BIRTHS.

...lackhill—At Durham Road, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Henderson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

...nfieldside—At St. Cuthbert's, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. F. B. Thompson, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Beckwith, Stratton Collings, son of the Rev. J. C. Knott, of Monckton Combe, Bath, to Mary, eldest daughter of the Rev. R. G. Willis, Shotley Bridge.

...anchester—At the Register Office, on the 3rd inst., Mr. J. Hall to Miss M. Trueman, both of Allendale Cottages.

At the same place, on the 6th inst., Mr. J. J. Willis, West Butsfield, to Miss E. Galley, Stuart Field Lodge.

...olsingham—At the Register Office, on the 6th inst., Mr. Ralph Armstrong to Miss Sarah Rice, both of Dan's Castle. Tow Law.

DEATHS.

...lackhill—At 28, Durham Road, aged 62 years, Mary, the beloved wife of William Head. Interment on Sunday, 11th inst., at three o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation.

On the 5th inst., aged 75 years, John Postle, late of Leadgate.

...chester—On the 5th inst., aged 58, Ann, wife of John Bulman.

...anfield Moor—On the 6th inst., aged 79, Isabella Offord.

...amsterley Colliery—On the 30th inst., aged 58, James Barrass, late of Burnhope.

...irtley—On the 27th ult., aged 35, Margaret, wife of Mr. James Bannan.

...unniside—At Marley Hill, on the 1th inst., aged 60, Mr. Thos. Head, farmer. Interment at Wickham, on Sunday afternoon. Friends please accept this intimation.

...amshaw—On the 26th ult., Mr. James Dent, lead miner, aged 43.


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## PREMATURE QUERIES.

It is quite natural that there should be just now great interest felt in the subject of the Turko-Greek frontier, and, therefore, it is not surprising to find curiosity taking the concrete shape of questions in Parliament. Such interrogatoaies were put in both Houses last Thursday evening. In the Lower House, Sir Henry Wolff asked Mr. Gladstone "whether any communication had taken place between Her Majesty's Government and other Governments as to the employment of coercive measures towards Turkey in the event of that Power refusing to accept the recommendations of the Conference of Berlin;" while in the Upper House the inquiry was made by Lord Dunraven of Lord Granville "whether Her Majesty's Government had come to any determination as to what steps are to be taken, with or without the other Powers represented at the late Conference of Berlin, in the event of the Porte declining or neglecting to be guided by the decision of that Conference." There is no doubt that the noble earl and the hon. baronet were to a great extent representative men in putting these similar but not identical questions, and that their curosity was of a more respecnable order than that often manifested by the "I only wanted to know, you know" class of people. Yet it was not difficult for the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, in almost identical terms, to make to these queries straightforward replies, which, while giving no information, rather conveyed—rebukes. The tenor of both answers was, that it is not the duty of Her Majesty's Ministers to declare in Parliament intehded policy contingent on the future action of another Power or other Powers; that the Government had no reason to anticipate the refusal of the Porte to accept the decision of the Conference; but that the collective nat announcing that decision had not yet been presented to the Porte. In these days of telegraphic intelligence, when more or less apocryphal telegrams from Berlin, descriptive of the deliberations and conclusions of the Conference, were immediately followed by similar despatches from Constantinople, announcing the receipt, consideration, and rejection of the decision, it is intelligible how popular interest in international political matters mayal together outrun official action. But if the telegraph is employed to discount and prejudga policical questions in this way, we must not expect our own or foreign diplomatists to be bound or influenced by what is, after all, mere gossip. It may be true or it may be false that the Turkish Oovernment has already made up its mind to reject the judgment of the Conference; but it would be certainly improper for our Government to form, and especially to announce, any determination in consequence of informal information received respecting this matter. Looking particularly at Lord Dunraven's question, we shall see that it refers to two contingencies—first, thay Turkey may refuse to obey the Conference; and, secondly, that some or all of the Continental parties to the Conference may decline to join this country in enforcing the decision arrived at. Now, it is pretty certain that the arrangement of any definite plan for coercing Turkey in case of her obstinacy would have occupied so much time, and given so mcch trouble, all possibly without any necessity, that the Powers were quite justified in postponing the consideration of that matter until it was seen whether the Porte would be contuniacious. It is quite right that a court of justice, dealing repeatedly with similar cases, should have a pre-determined and pre-established means of enforcing its decisions; but when an international Conference is called to settle a special and peculiar question, and special and peculiar arrangements must be made for enforcing the decision, if necessary, it is hot unreasonable to leave the making of such arrangements until the necessity for them has arisen. Similarly, considering the various foreign and domestic subjects which have lately claimed the attention of our Ministers, we think most people will agree that they would have gone out of their way in holding a Cabinet Council to discuss what steps this country should take in the double contingency of the Porte being contumacious, and the other Continental Powers declining to assist in coercion.

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## TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

What, with affirmation debates and disturbance Bills, the current of debate this Session has turned away, and been in danger almost with Hamlet of losing the name of action. An Act of Parliament is what we look for; not a wasted session; but a new form of Obstructionism has arisen, and the young Conservatives, like Mr. Gorst, Lord Randolf Churchill, and that other *infant terrible*, Mr. Chaplin, have nearly done their work. Mr. Gladstone has his revenge. He can keep English Conservatives away from the moors in August, and if this does not sober the country party, nothing will.

Mr. Edward Clarke's return for Plymouth is a happy piece of poetical justice in politics, and, as Liberalism has such an overpowering majority in the House, both parties can afford to congratulate him on his final success. Mr. Clarke only tasted the sweets of Parliamentary life for a week or two before the General Election came, and his majority at Southwark was turned into a startling minority. During the time he sat, however, Mr. Clarke had time to deliver a speech which gave promise of debating power distinctly superior to that which is usually enjoyed by the members of the Bar. The Conservative party, which is conspicuously deficient in good speakers, hailed him as a considerable acquisition. The loss of his seat he frankly acknowledged to be a severe disappointment to him, and the honour of a silk gown which the late Government conferred upon him in its dying moments was only a partial consolation. It was a lucky moment in which he accepted his brief upon the Plymouth Election petition.

We see that M. D'Avigdor opened his grounds the other day at Acton to the Conservative demonstration in honour of the successful Conservative candidates, Mr. Coope and Lord George Hamilton. M. D'Avigdor is a member of that wealthy family of Jew Bankers long established at Nice, and we should add that he is also the proprietor of the *Examiner*, which, after ever so many changes of proprietorship, has settled down at last as a steady supporter of the late Ministry, to which it is in a certain sense the semi-official organ.

Many think that Mr. Briggs will succeed in his motion against the proprietory of the memorial statue to the late Prince Imperial in Westminster Abbey. The Government will leave the matter open. Mr. Gladstone cannot support the motion himself; he may even speak against it. Indeed, in common consistency he ought to do so; for he himself was amongst those who signed the request to Dean Stanley to allow the monument to be admitted.

"In a fallen world like ours, and in a free country like England it is vain to expect all men to see alike." This conjunction between a "fallen world" and a "free country" is almost as comical as the epitaph on Boyle, "Father of Chemistry and Brother of the Earl of Cork." Dr. Ryle, the new Bishop of Liverpool, is no great stylist, and as this is his first address to his clergy we note the slipshod English. The *Church Times* took him to task last week for describing himself as a dog with his tail between his legs on the Deanery of Salisbusy being offered him. He must take care, or the phrase "a Palmerston Bishop" will pass into "a Beaconsfield Bishop" as a man of some grace and little Greek.

The disaster in Tottenham Court Road has filled the mind of every dyspeptic bachelor and nervous housewife in London with permanent terror. The triumph of art over nature is the great boast of this scientific age. But nature has her revenges. She bursts her bonds occasionally, and gives us a terrific example of her power. It is no great marvel that so awful an explosion took place in Tottenham Court Road. The only marvel is that similar explosions are not common. What, with a vastly spreading and complicated system, the wear and tear of constant use, inperfections in machinery, and the negligence of British workmen, it is a remarkable thing that the system of gas-lighting, which was the cause of so much fear at the time of its introduction, has caused so little injury to life or property. The great chasms in Tottenham Court Road, and the shattered condition of the houses of an entire neighbourhood give an instructive notion of the strength of the great giant which we have chained in our underground caverns.

People of suicidal tendencies should be closely watched just now. July is the month which in all European countries abounds most in self-destruction. Whether the influence of Sirius in peculiarly baleful, or whether the hottest month of the year is the "Purgatory of Suicides," or whether the water is so inviting as to make the most common form of suicides—that of drowning—the most convenient and comfortable, it is true that the time of the year when, according to the older fashion of the Seasons, now sadly out of vogue, the earth looks brightest and fairest, is especially selected for the time of their exit by those who are anxious to quit themselves of the encumbrance of life. It may possibly by the large consumption of vegetables, which are by all ancient leeches pronounced to be of melancholy tendency, that pre-disposes men to raise their hands against their own lives. Whatever the explanation, the fact remains. The Registrar-General is my witness.

Mrs. Weldon has been released from gaol, and if she had been a political prisoner she could not have had a more triumphal reception from the outside world. A crowd assembled to greet her, very largely consisting of respectable and wealthy people. The poor lady is an enigma. She is so eccentric that even those who thoroughly believe in her sanity are constrained to admit that her husband was excusable for entertaining the contrary opinion. She always seems to me like George Eliot's "Dorothea," as she might have been after an attack of brain fever. Intensely earnest, anxious to have a "mission" in life, or several missions, impulsive, erratic, self-willed, but always more or less loveable, even in her angriest moods. Such is Mrs. Weldon. We shall soon hear of her again in the police courts or elsewhere. She always has a grievance or—what is the same thing—a friend that has one.

The abolition of the Parliamentary Oath will perhaps some day have to be followed by a repeal of all oaths whatever. The other day, in the Lord Mayor's Court, a juryman objected to be sworn, because he was an Atheist, and the recorder accordingly dismissed him. I am afraid, if the precedent be followed, Atheism will increase rapidly. Anything which is a direct disqualification for serving on a jury is likely to be popular.

The Stewarts of the Jockey Club having expressed their inability to come to a satisfactory decision upon the identity of Bend Or, the matter will in all probability be carried into a court of law. That any difficulty should have arisen as to the identity of a horse is a more puzzling thing to horsey men than to outsiders. Horses are horses to those who have little to do with them; but to your true turfite each quadruped has an identity which is more marked than that of human beings, because there is not merely the face and figure, but the entire exposed body, to judge by. To outsiders the difficulty is to comprehend why the mistake (if any has occurred) should make any difference in the result. Both Bend Or and Tadcaster, no matter which is which, are the property of the Duke of Westminster; both ran in the race; and one or the other undoubtedly won. The Turf, figuratively speaking, manages to swallow a good many camels: it is a pity it must strain at such a gnat as the accidental misnower of a Derby winner.

The Duke of Westminster balances his patronage of the Turf, which shocks many of his admirers, by an equally ardent partonage of coffee taverns. Every one who knows Chester is well aware of what he has done in the way of turning public-houses into coffee taverns. He is the chief promoter of the scheme—which is now making good progress—for turning the Victoria Theatre into a "Coffee Music Hall." The phrase is an odd one, but there is no other name for the new institution.

The menagery of stuffed beasts will set out on its procession for Bloomsbury to its new quarters at Kensington. The new Museum of Natural History is finished, and all but furnished, and the the authorities of the British Museum have orders to prepare for the change of quarters. It will probably be found that many of these stuffed specimens, which looked all alive in their glass cases, will fall to pieces at a touch and scarcely bear removal.

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Shotley Bridge.—The anniversary of the Sunday-School in connection with the above place of worship was celebrated on Sunday last, and we have pleasure in recording it as in every way a success. The preacher for the day was the resident minister, the Rev. J. H. Cadman, who delivered two powerful and impressive sermons, that in the morning having special reference to Sunday-School work, whilst the evening discourse was based upon the "Prodigal Son." In the afternoon a children's service was held, conducted also by the abovenamed rev. gentleman. The attendance throughout the day was good, especially in the evening, when the building was filled to excess, and at each of the services the children, assisted by the choir, added considerably to the interest by the admirable rendering of appropriate hymns. On the Tuesday following, the members of the choir paid a visit to the ancient village of Blanchland, where, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. G. Richardson, they were provided with an excellent dinner and tea, to the clearing away of which we doubt not due attention was paid by the hungry choristers. We understand that a most enjoyable day was spent, and have heard it whispered that on the homeward journey one of the tourists was heard to enquire "when the next anniversary would be."

Brutal Outrage by Miners near Durham.—At the Durham County Police Court on Saturday, a case of brutality occupied the sitting magistrates—Mr. A. Wilkinson (chairman) and others—a considerable time in hearing. Tobias Hayes, Henry Hayes, (father and son), James Richardson, and Thomas Harwood, all miners working at Sleetburn Colliery, were charged on remand with assulting and beating P.C. Atkinson whilst in the execution of his duty on the 3rd inst. Mr. A. W. Granger defended.—It appeared from the evidence that on Saturday afternoon the 3rd inst., there was a ball match at Sleetburn. During the evening the prisoners were drinking in a public-house and on coming out about nine o'clock they met a man of weak intellect named Robert Clarke, whom they began to tease and abuse. After gratifying their humour in this way for some time they stripped Clarke and rolled him among a lot of nettles, the poor idiot all the while crying out in the agony of his distress. The prisoners then took each a large nettle and kept on stinging Clarke's bare back. A lad named Underwood told the policeman, and he came upon the prisoners whilst engaged in this inhuman sport. The policeman seized the younger Hayes and demanded his name, when old Hayes told his son not to tell his name, but to "pitch into the——." In a moment the officer was knocked down and used in a shameful manner. He was kicked and rolled into the gutter, where he was felled several times with a large stone. The elder Hayes and one of the other prisoners also jumped upon the officer, the old man in doing so, wishing "that he had a spike in his boot that he could have put it into the——." After jumping upon the officer, Richardson wrenched the baton from him and beat him violently about the head. At this juncture two men named Marron and Oliver came to the officer's rescue, and the last named man was struck by Richardson several blows on the head, with a stone, which Richardson held in his hand. The officer was carried home in a senseless condition, and the men were afterwards apprehended.—In defence, it was contended that the prisoners were protecting Clarke from the maltreatment of others, and that they were not the men who committed the assault.—The Chairman, in passing sentence, said he had never heard of a more shocking and brutal case of ill-treatment, and to have been worse it must have been a case of either murder or manslaughter, and it very nearly approached to murder. They were each sent to prison for four months with hard labour, and to pay the costs, or fourteen days more, and Richardson was further sentenced to one month's hard labour in addition, for the assault on Oliver.

## Markets.

Newcastle Corn Market, Tuesday.—The arrivals of wheat from the coast have been rather heavy this week, consisting chiefly of transhipments of New Zealand and Australian from London; from abroad the supply also has been good. At this day's market there was only a poor attendance, and on account of the broken appearance of the weather, holders demanded an advance of 1s per qr on the week; buyers, however, held back, and a very small business was ultimately done. Maize was steady. Peas rather lower to sell. Scotch oats 6d cheaper; foreign unaltered. Flour in better demand, and in some cases an advance was obtained.

Newcastle Cattle Market, Tuesday.—At this day's market the show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 179 beasts, and 1,290 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last wek. Respecting quality, generally speaking, there was little change from that of Tuesday last. Forty bullocks and sixteen bulls from Canada were on the stand of Mr. James Hedley, which attracted considerable attention, more especially the latter. They were of a very superior quality, of good symmetry, mellow touch, and fine in the bone, with all the bloom and freshness as though they had been brought from a Northumberland pasture yesterday. Those cattle having the advantage of the Americans by being sold in the public market, the general opinion is that a large trade will be developed in this class of stock. 127 head of States cattle were sold by auction at Tyne Dock yesterday, by Mr. Bruce, Newcastle, and Mr. T. Swan, Edinburgh. There was a good attendance of buyers; biddings were active, and the last sold were the dearest; they would realise from 8s 9d to 9s per imperial stone, sinking offal. The quality of those cattle was made manifest yesterday, as some of the first-class Newcastle butchers purchased two weeks' stock. The supply of beef comprised 1,584 head. With a trifling exception, the beef trade to-day was mostly of a local or distr ict character, and large arrivals expected both from the Continent of Europe and across the Atlantic, with the opening out of the Tenning trade, business was less active than on this day se'nnight, and prices receded 3d per stone, with a middling finish. The number of sheep and lambs was 7,540. The mutton trade ruled firm, several lots of better classes being bought for the South. There were loud complaints of middling sorts dressing and weighing badly. Lambs—the demand varied a good deal. The better qualities were easily and soon disposed of, but the middling kinds experienced rather a slow sale, at about late rates. Pigs 369 were shown. There is little or no change to note in the pork trade. The day was very unfavourable for holding the market, rain falling less or more during the day, the weather being sultry and somewhat unsettled. Prices for this day, sinking offal, are as follows:—

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| Beasts, prime heifers, per stone | 10s 0d to 10s 3d |
| Secondary sorts | 7s 0d .. 8s 0d |
| First-class oxen | 9s 9d .. 10s 0d |
| Middling | 7s 3d .. 7s 9d |
| Cows and inferior | 6s 3d .. 7s 3d |
| Pork | 6s 6d .. 9s 0d |
| Sheep (good vendable wedders) per lb | 10d .. 10½d |
| Middling | 9d .. 9½d |
| Lambs | 9d .. 10½d |

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £3 5s 0d to £5 4s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s 0d; new land hay, £3 1(s to £6 5s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 3d to 1s 8d; barley straw, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; oat straw, 1s 2d to 1s 6d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 41; carts of straw, 16.

Hexham Corn Market, Tuesday.—We a had very small show of grain at our market to-day. Wheat brought 46s. per qr.

Hexham Provision, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 0d to 1s 2d per lb; eggs 12 to 14 for 1s; chickens, 0s to 0s 0d; ducks, 0s to 0s 0d; rabbits, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per couple; new potatoes, 10d to 1s 0d per stone; onions 0s 0d per stone; cabbages, 1d to 1½d; lemons, 1½d to 2d each; green peas, 8d to 1s per peck; gooseberries, 3d to 4d per quart; cherries, 4d to 6d per lb; apricots, 1½d to 2d; tomatoes, 2d to 3d each; strawberries, 6d to 10d per quart; red currants, 6d per quart; bleaberries, 6d per quart.

Durham Corn and Provision, Saturday.—Oats, 6s 9d to 8s 9d; barley, 7s 9d to 8s 6d; peas, 10s; beans, 10s 6d to 11s 3d; Indian corn, 7s 6d to 1s; wheat, 12s 6d to 15s 3d per boll. Beef, 8d to 10½d; mutton, 9d to 10½d; veal, 6d to 10d; ; lamb, to 10d 11d; bacon, 4d to 5½d; ham, 6½d to 7d; cheese, 7d; lard 6d per lb. Chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 3d; ducks, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 0d each. Pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per couple. Butter, 1s 3d to 1s 5d; salt do., 1s 0d to 1s 2d per lb. Eggs, 11 to 13 for 1s. Onions, 2s 0d potatoes, 11d to 1s 8d per stone. Gooseberries, 2½d to 6d; strawberries, 8d to 10d per quart. Cherries, 4d to 10d per lb. Green peas, 1s 3d to 2s 0d per stone. Apricots 1s 9d per dozen. Red currants, 5d; black currants, 8d; plums, 9d per quart.

## Cricket.

### STANLEY v. TANFIELD SECOND ELEVEN.

A match at cricket was played on Saturday last, at the United Friendly Societies' Sports, at Tanfield, and resulted in a victory for the Stanley Club by 15 runs. Appended is the score:—

| STANLEY. | | TANFIELD. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. Harkness, c Atkinson, b Coulson | 6 | M. Coulson, b Dunweedie | 18 |
| W. Mackay, b Laidler | 0 | H. Nicholson, hit wkt | 12 |
| T. Brince, b Coulson | 4 | T. Laidler, b Gibson | 2 |
| R. Gibson, b Laidler | 37 | T. Curry, b Dunweedie | 1 |
| T. Liddle, b Coulson | 2 | J. Waugh, b Dunweedie | 1 |
| E. Hughs, b Laidler | 2 | C. Brown, b Gibson | 2 |
| E. Dunweedie, c Curry, b Laidler | 4 | H. Atkinson, b Dunweedie | 0 |
| P. Harkness, b Curry | 0 | T. Watson, b Dunweedie | 0 |
| W. Turner, not out | 5 | J. Swinburn, b Gibson | 2 |
| M. Pearson, b Laidler | 3 | C. Pringle, not out | 4 |
| J. Rowell, c Coulson | 0 | B. Irwin, run out | 2 |
| Extras | 4 | Extras | 8 |
| Total | 67 | Total | 52 |

### BURNOPFIELD SECOND ELEVEN v. MARLEY HILL.

A match between the above clubs was played at Marley Hill on Saturday last. The weather was very fine, and there was a good assemblage to witness the game. The home team went to the wickets first, against the bowling of Messrs. Finlay and Lamb, J. Morton playing a careful bat for 12. G. Cooper then took the leather from Lamb and bowled in splendid form, taking seven wickets, the home team not being able to make any great stand, and they were all out for 30. The visitors then handled the willow, G. Cooper being to the fore with a score of 18, and when the last wicket fell, they had a score of 52, being 22 in advance of their opponents. The home team again went to defend their wickets against the bowling of Cooper and Barton, but they were still unable to make any great score, and were soon disposed of for 17, thus leaving the Burnopfield Juniors the victors by one innings and five runs. Score:—

MARLEY HILL.

| 1st Innings. | | 2nd Innings. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. Morton, b Cooper | 12 | c Cooper b Burton | 1 |
| W. Colthard, b Lamb | 1 | b Cooper | 0 |
| T. Browe, b Cooper | 0 | c Finlay, b Burton | 0 |
| Jas. Taskis, b Finlay | 0 | b Burton | 0 |
| Jos. Best, b Cooper | 0 | c G. Lamb, b Finlay | 4 |
| W. Brooks, b Cooper | 1 | b Cooper | 3 |
| F. W. Clark, b Cooper | 0 | st Southern, b Finlay | 0 |
| R. Saunders, b Finlay | 2 | not out | 0 |
| J. Thirlaway, b Cooper | 0 | b Burton | 0 |
| Geo. Barkus, b Cooper | 3 | c G. Lamb, b Cooper | 0 |
| R. Clark, not out | 0 | c Burton | 2 |
| Extras | 11 | Extras | 7 |
| Total | 30 | Total | 17 |

BURNOPFIELD.

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|---|---|
| J. Eltringham, c Thirlaway, b Taskis | 0 |
| T. Southern, b Brooks | 5 |
| G. Finlay, c Best, b Taskis | 2 |
| J. Burton, b Taskis | 4 |
| W. Lamb, c R. Clark, b Taskis | 2 |
| G. Cooper, c Brooks, b Brown | 18 |
| W. Knox, b Colthard | 1 |
| G. Lamb, c R. Clark, b Brown | 1 |
| J. Lumley, c Morton, b Brown | 2 |
| W. Doby, run out | 0 |
| Thos. Curry, not out | 3 |
| Extras | 14 |
| Total | 52 |

### CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. TANFIELD.

One of the keenest and most exciting games of the season was played on Saturday last, between the above clubs, on the ground of the former. The pitch was in excellent condition, and the weather everything that could be desired. The Consett team was somewhat weak through the absence of several of the principal players, but, notwithstanding this, the game was stubbornly contested, and their efforts crowned with success. Tanfield on going to the wickets were at first unfortunate, two wickets falling for as many runs. On White joining Laidler a gallant stand was made, and before the former gentleman was unfortunately run out the score had been pulled up to thirty-four. Mr. White's twenty-seven were got in a very short time by dint of hard hitting, and comprised a six, a four, a three, and five two's, and the balance singles. With the exception of Atkinson, none of the other players made any stand, and the innings closed for sixty-two. Messrs. Richards and Freek were the first to represent Consett at the wickets, and the two played steadily together until the score reached seventeen, when Freek was bowled. The wickets after this began to fall quickly, and at the fall of the fifth wicket only twenty-three runs were recorded. Mr. Sheridan coming in fifth wicket down, the score and the spirits of the Consett team began to rise, and when he was bowled ninth wicket down, the score stood at fifty-six, leaving seven to win, with one wicket to fall. Messrs. Richley and Lamb were thus left the forlorn hope, and so well and carefully did they play that not only did hey secure the victory amidst much cheering, but landed their team six runs ahead of their opponents. Score:—

| TANFIELD. | | CONSETT. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Laidler, b Renton | 7 | Richards, b Laidler | 13 |
| Taylor, b Renton | 0 | Freek, b Laidler | 6 |
| Mercer, b Renton | 0 | Power, c D. Temple, b Laidler | 0 |
| White, run out | 27 | Palliaser, b Jewitt | 1 |
| Robson, b Smith | 0 | Smith, c Taylor, b Jewitt | 6 |
| Jewitt, b Smith | 0 | Davison, b Laidler | 0 |
| D. Temple, b Smith | 4 | Sheridan, b Laidler | 14 |
| Atkinson, c Davison, b Smith | 10 | Renton, b Laidler | 3 |
| Snowden, c Davison, b Smith | 3 | Stokoe, c A. Temple, b Laidler | 0 |
| A. Temple, c Freek, b Renton | 1 | Richley, b D. Temple | 8 |
| Cooke, not out | 0 | Lamb, not out | 7 |
| Extras | 10 | Extras | 10 |
| Total | 62 | Total | 68 |

## THE IRON TRADE.

A better feeling in the iron trade is reported this week from most of the principal industrial centres, and from none is there any indication of a further retrogression. The Glasgow warrant market remains firm, and prices have again slightley advanced, outsiders buying more freely, although those more intimately connected with the trade are not so hopeful, attributing the present state of matters to "overbearing," and looking forward to a fall. Closing prices on Wednesday sen. were: Sellers, 49s. 10d. cash; buyers, 49s. 9d. There is little demand for makers' iron, and prices of some brands have declined 1s. per ton. Several new orders have been received by the Clyde shipbuilders, but engineers and founders are complaining, and the iron trades of the district are generally in a state the reverse of flourishing. Prices of pig were decidedly stronger at Middlesborough on Tuesday, a condition promoted by the ironmasters; returns for June; and the prospect of a good if not bountiful harvest, adds to the prevailing hopefulness in a better and not distant future. The finished department is also in a more satisfactory state in Cleveland, most of the works being busy and likely to continue so; and engineers are fairly well employed, although the founders are slack. In the Tyne district an improved tone prevails in all departments, and those engaged in the iron trade are sanguine for the future. The demand for the ship plates is well sustained and rates are rising, the shipbuilding trade being very active. In the adjoining works in the county of Durham there is a decidedly better feeling, as regards both crude and manufactured iron; the iron shipbuilding trade is fairly promising, and the same may be said of the steel manufacture. In the hæmatite districts of the North-west trade seems to have taken a fresh start. The Cumberland furnaces are nearly all in full work, and the renewed briskness is expected to last through the shipping, if not for a longer period. There is a marked change for the better in the Barrow district also, and it is hoped that the rates for both iron and steel will shortly be considerably improved. The steel mills are busy, and there is rather a large output both of railway and merchant steel, principally for American and home consumption. The demand for finished iron is considerable; and it is thought that the ship-builders of the district were never so well supplied with orders. In South Lancashire there is not only more firmness in prices, but more disposition in customers to buy. The finished trade is, however, without corresponding improvement. Founders, engineers and machinists, are also generally slack. In Derbyshire and North Staffordshire there is little doing; some improvement, however, is noticed in the southern division of the latter county. In the Barnsley district there is about an average business doing in manufactured, but although the blast-furnaces are kept going, pig-iron is not so good to sell as it was. In the Sheffield district the market for crude iron is dull; but there are heavy orders both for ship and boiler plates, although at comparatively low figures. Best West Yorkshire iron is selling better, with fresh orders in prospect; but the common iron trade keeps dull with unsatisfactory prices. The locomotive builders are fairly busy, and some of the machine and tool makers are tolerably well engaged. The reports from Cardiff and the Forest Dean are less satisfactory. There is almost total stagnation in the Sheffield staple trades. In the Birmingham local industries, also, orders are coming in very slowly, although in certain branches there is some little activity. The wrought-nail trade is suffering under unparalleled depression, and multitudes of operatives are in a state of semi-starvation. On the other hand, the kindred industries of South Saffordshire are in a more promising condition, chiefly owing to American orders. There is no change for the better in the coal and coke trades. In the United States, according to our New York correspondent, the iron market remains in much the same general condition. There has been a fair aggregate of business, but at declining rates, with no symptom of a speedy turn of affairs. The importations have fallen off considerably, and the local output is diminishing, so that an equalisation of demand and supply may be expected before long, when the trade will be upon a sounder basis, with some prospect of a steady and remunerative business. Still any demand from the States is neither likely to be so large or last so long as that of the last season.—*Iron.*

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## CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the members of Consett Local Board was held on Wednesday afternoon sen. There were present Messrs. Jenkins (chairman), Calvert, Collinson, Davison, Routledge, Siddell, Hudson, Dunne, Shell, and Hawdon.

### THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed,

Mr. Siddell asked if the Board would take his motion relating to the proposed amalgamation before the ordinary business.

Mr. Dunne said it was an important matter, and some of the members might leave before the end of the meeting.

Mr. Hawdon suggested that they should go through the minutes *seriatim* first.

Mr. Dunne: This business is not mentioned in the minutes. I move we take it first.

Mr. Hawdon: I will second it.

The Board then decided to discuss Mr. Siddell's resolution first.

Mr. Siddell said they would be aware that at the last meeting he gave notice that he would that day propose a motion to the effect that the Consett Board should appoint a committee to meet and confer with a committee to be appointed by each of the other local boards as to the desirability of amalgamating and forming Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate into one Board for sanitary purposes. In proposing this motion, he said he thought such an amalgamation very desirable, as it would be an advantage and a benefit to the ratepayers generally. The Consett Board, as they would all know, was to a certain extent already connected with the Benfieldside Board. A portion of the Consett sewerage ran through the Benfieldside township, and there could be no doubt that, as soon as Benfieldside Board completed the extension of their main sewer, the Consett Board would be called to pay their share of the cost, without having a voice in the matter. It might be that the Local Government Board would put the Benfieldside people to an enormous expense in buying land and making settling ponds, and whatever money was spent in this way would be charged to Consett *pro rata*, and, as he had already pointed out, Consett would not have a voice in the spending of the money. This, he thought, was one strong reason why the districts should be united. The three local boards were contiguous to each other, in a ring fence, as it were, and in this respect they would have no difficulty in merging them into one central authority. He believed that if the three districts were amalgamated, they would be in a better position to deal with the gas question, which was a very serious item of expenditure in the district. Perhaps, if the boards were cemented together, they might get cheaper gas. He believed there would be some opposition to the scheme, but as far as he had been able to gather, he thought there was a majority of members on that Board in favour of his motion. One of the members had hinted that the scheme would be disadvantageous to Consett, but he should like to know how it would be so. For his own part, he believed that if the districts were formed into one it would be to the advantage of everybody concerned. The Consett Local Board, it was true, considered themselves, so far as their sanitary arrangements were concerned, far in advance of their neighbours, but he reminded them that the Benfieldside people were following very closely in their wake. The Benfieldside Board might not spend so much money as Consett had done, but nevertheless they were carrying out important improvements, which would contribute materially to the more healthful state of their district. With regard to the constitution of the proposed amalgamated Board, he said he would have it to consist of twenty-four members, being eight from each district. They might, perhaps, manage their own roads, but be a united board for all other purposes. He thought he need say no more, especially as Mr. Calvert seemed to be anxious to say something by way of reply. (Laughter.) Their medical officer approved of the scheme he had propounded, and altogether he saw no reason why it should not be carried out.

The Chairman said they had heard Mr. Siddell's motion, which had already ——

Mr. Hudson (interrupting) said he understood Mr. Siddell to say that the Consett Board would have to pay a portion of the cost of the Benfieldside sewerage. If that was so it was a new feature.

Mr. Dunne said Consett Board were already charged *pro rata* for sending their sewerage through the Benfieldside pipes.

The Clerk reminded the Board that Mr. Siddell's proposition had not been seconded.

The Chairman said he was going to mention that when Mr. Hudson interrupted him.

Mr. Dunne, in seconding the motion, said he thought the scheme would be an advantage to the place. He did not think the Board would suffer any loss in any way, but, on the contrary, it would turn out to their advatage and benefit. By having the three boards united, the district might eventually, he said, be formed into a borough, which would be a gain to both tradesmen and the working classes. Moreover, by being amalgamated he believed that there would be less contention between the three districts. Little things, as they knew, were constantly cropping up which led to contention and dissension among the boards. There would be less of this if the boards were united. Their interests would then be identical.

Mr. Hudson said before entertaining a schme like this, the Board ought first to have ascertained if it was likely to increase the rates.

The Chairman said it would have been better if, before discussing Mr. Siddell's motion, they had attempted to agree amongst themselves as to whether it was desirable for them as a Board to unite with the other local board districts. He believed that a combination of the three boards was desirable, but he was not quite sure whether the local boards, and the public whom they represented, were prepared for this sort of thing. Some people might object to the amalgamation on the ground that one local board district was heavier rated than another. For instance, it might be that Benfieldside or Leadgate paid 3d. in the pound more than Consett. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Calvert said in dealing with a matter like this the present sanitary condition of the three local boards ought to be taken into consideration. They were all aware that Benfieldside Local Board had not an inch of footpath. Their roads, too, were not in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. Dunne said if the boards amalgamated into one district, the latter could be divided into three wards, and each could have a separate fund and maintain its own roads.

Mr. Calvert said if the boards amalgamated they would become one united district, and the expenses would have to come out of one common fund.

Mr. Dunne contended that the districts could be formed into wards under one central authority, and that each could be made responsible for the maintenance of the highways.

Mr. Calvert said if Mr. Dunne made enquiries he would find that in places where wards existed they were all rated alike.

Mr. Routledge asked the Clerk if the law would allow each ward to maintain its roads and pay its own expenses in the way Mr. Dunne suggested.

The Clerk was inclined to think that Mr. Dunne was right with regard to the wards being separately rated.

Mr. Collinson failed to see how a combination could possibly benefit any of the local boards if the latter were to maintain their own roads, &c., as at present.

The Chairman said possibly their working expenses might be less.

Mr. Collinson did not believe it. If they appointed one officer instead of three they would have to pay him as much as the whole of them were getting now.

The Clerk said the same amount of work would have to be done if the boards united.

Mr. Hudson said they were not to forget that the sanitary condition of Consett was much in advance of the Benfieldside district.

Mr. Calvert said if they amalgamated and divided the district into wards, as Mr. Dunne suggested, they would just be in the same position as they were at present.

Mr. Routledge said in the matter of drainage, it would certainly be to the interest of that Board to amalgamate with Benfieldside.

Mr. Calvert said with regard to the sewerage it was not a fact, as had been stated, that that Board were at the mercy of the Benfieldside Board. As a matter of fact, the Benfieldside Board could only call upon them to contribute according to the rateable value of the property drained into their sewers.

Mr. Dunne said there could be no doubt that it would be to the advantage of the Consett Board to amalgamate with Benfieldside and Leadgate. To begin with, they would get £300 from each of the other boards for the use of the Local Board Room.

The Chairman said no doubt that was the way to look at the question. If the three boards united, and they used that Board Room, the other local boards ought to pay their share of what it cost.

Mr. Dunne said they would have to pay one third of its cost. But these were points that the committee might deal with afterwards. If the committees met, and they approved of the scheme, they would agree upon such terms as would be suitable to all.

Mr. Hawdon said Mr. Dunne seemed to assume that Consett was to be the head-quarters.

Mr. Dunne said he did not claim any superority for Consett over the other places. It was, however, the most central place.

Mr. Siddell said if the boards were united, they would get their gas for much less than they were at present paying for it.

Mr. Davison said he for one would be very sorry to hinder the march of progress that was going on amongst them, but really, when he looked about him and saw what they had done in the way of improving the whole of the district, and compared it with the sanitary condition of Benfieldside, which township was much higher rated than their own, he could not bring his mind to look at the proposal with favour, and he was persuaded that the great bulk of the ratepayers in that district would look at it in the same light. As he had observed, property in the Benfieldside township was very heavily rated, and he believed neither Consett nor Leadgate would be willing to bear a portion of their burden. He thought it was their duty, before making any change, to ascertain the feeling of the ratepayers.

Mr. Collinson said he concurred to a great extent in the remarks made by Mr. Davison with reference to ascertaining the feeling of the ratepayers as to whether it was desirable to join with the other boards for sanitary purposes. However, as Mr. Siddell's motion only asked for a committee to be appointed, he should support it, but at the same time he would not pledge himself to vote for the amalgamation unless it could be proved that it would be an advantage to the Consett district.

Mr. Dunne said it should not go forth to the ratepayers that the Consett Board would be saddled with the extra rates now paid by the Benfieldside township. It had been asserted that the rates would be paid out of one united fund, but that statement, he thought, was without foundation, as the Clerk had given it as his opinion that each ward could have its own fund. He did not wish it to go forth to the Consett ratepayers that amalgamation meant hundred of pounds extra expense.

The Chairman said they were not quite clear what the result would be, and they could only get to know by appointing a committee to confer with a committee of the other boards. If Benfieldside rates were a shilling in the pound, and Consett paid only sixpence, it did not follow that the latter would be called upon to make up the difference.

Mr. Shell said the amalgamation would benefit Benfieldside more than Consett, and he thought that the proposal ought to have come from the other side.

Mr. Hudson expressed a similar opinion.

Mr. Shell said it was a well-known fact that the Benfieldside Board had no footpaths.

Mr. Dunne said if any place was benefited by the amalgamation it would be Consett, which would become more important.

Mr. Collinson said Mr. Dunne could not get it out of his mind that the other boards would make Consett the centre for everything. That was all assumption on his part. The joint committee might consider that Shotley Bridge was the most suitable place for their meetings.

The Chairman said there appeared to be a diversity of feeling among the members as to whether it would be to their advantage to unite with the other boards or not. Before appointing a committee, he thought there ought to be something like unanimity amongst them.

Mr. Hawdon said it would look strange if, after sending a committee to meet the other boards, the Consett Board put their foot upon whatever arrangement might be come to.

The Chairman said it would certainly seem inconsistent. However, though they were taking the initiative in this matter, it did not follow that they would unite with the other Boards if they found out, after the committees meet, that it would be against their interests to do so.

Mr. Hudson said the question of amalgamating with the other boards had been repeatedly discussed at that Board, but there seemed to be no wish on the part of either Benfieldside or Leadgate to join them.

The Clerk (who had been looking up the law on the point) said if they amalgamated the districts, and afterwards divided them into wards, it would require a resolution of owners and ratepayers.

The Chairman said that must be so, no doubt.

Mr. Hudson said if it came to a question of voting on the payment of rates out of the united district, Benfieldside and Leadgate would out-vote them.

The Chairman said if Benfieldside and Leadgate were in favour of paying their expenses out of one common fund, it did not follow that Consett would agree to it.

Mr. Hudson considered that the Board was going beyond its province in discussing this subject at all. The amalgamation of the districts was a subject, he argued, that did not come within their province as a Local Board. Moreover, they had no right to entertain such an important scheme without first consulting the ratepayers.

The Chairman said the mere fact of the Board appointing a committee would not commit the ratepayers to anything.

Mr. Dunne said all they had to do that day was to appoint a committee, and then the Clerk would write to the other local boards, asking them to appoint a committee to meet them in that room on a certain day. If the other boards approved of the scheme, they would send a deputation, and if they did not do so, there would be an end of the matter.

Mr. Shell said as far as the principal ratepayers in the Consett district were concerned, he felt certain they were opposed to the scheme.

Mr. Routledge said before appointing a committee they ought to be certain that the Board wished to amalgamate with the other boards.

The Chairman said this was the very course he had suggested at the outset of the discussion.

Mr. Routledge said the Board ought to be decided in its own mind that the proposed amalgamation would be a benefit to the district before appointing a committee.

Mr. Dunne said the Board could not decide until they discussed the matter with the other boards.

Mr. Calvert was also of opinion that Mr. Siddell's motion was premature.

Mr. Davison was afraid, if they joined the other local board districts, that their expenditure would be increased instead of curtailed. This result had followed in places which had sought incorporation.

The Chairman said the Board did not seek to get the place made into a borough. The motion simply suggested that they should combine with the other boards for sanitary purposes. If, however, they could, by amalgamating with the other districts, improve themselves socially and politically, he thought they would not grumble if they had a little more to pay.

Mr. Routledge said amalgamation and incorporation were different things.

Mr. Hudson contended that they had no right to entertain such an idea as amalgamation without first consulting the ratepayers, who would be most affected by the change. He thought Mr. Siddell's motion was leading them into danger.

Mr. Shell was also of opinion that they were drifting into danger. He thought the hospital business ought to have been a warning to them. When that Board appointed a committee to discuss the hospital question it was distinctly stated that nothing definite would be done without the sanction of the local boards, but they now found that hospitals would be built in spite of all the local boards.

Mr. Siddell: I question that very much.

The Chairman: The Guardians have power to build hospitals without the co-operation of the boards.

Mr. Shell: Do I understand that if the Board appoints a committee they will not pledge themselves to any course without first consulting the Board?

Mr. Dunne: Certainly not.

Mr. Siddell's motion was then put to the meeting, when the Chairman, Mr. Hawdon, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Routledge, Mr. Collinson, and Mr. Siddell voted for it.

The Chairman said a majority of the members present having voted for the motion, he declared it carried.

Mr. Siddell said he begged to move that the committee consist of the Chairman, Mr. Dunne, and Mr. Collinson.

Mr. Collinson declined to act, and suggested that Mr. Siddell should be nominated to act in his place.

Mr. Calvert suggested that the committee should consist of five.

Mr. Dunne thought a committee of three sufficient.

Mr. Hudson said they were only placing on the committee those who were in favour of amalgamation.

It was then decided that the committee should consist of the Chairman, Mr. Siddell, and Mr. Dunne, and that the Clerk should ask the other boards to appoint a committee to meet them on Friday, the 23rd inst.

### CARR HOUSE CROSSING.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Cudworth, engineer to the North-Eastern Railway Company, stating that the Board were responsible for the mistake that had occurred in carrying out the alterations at the above crossing, and intimating that the Company were not disposed to do anything further in the matter unless the Board met them in a different tone to that hitherto adopted.

Mr. Dunne said he would certainly meet the Company in a different tone. He would make them put up a bridge.

Mr. Hudson said they ought to bring the matter under the notice of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Dunne said if the Board called on the Railway Company to put up a bridge, that would bring the matter to a crisis.

Mr. Routledge said if they put up a bridge, the cure would be worse than the disease.

The Chairman said he would undertake to write to the Company about it again.

Mr. Collinson said that would be the most satisfactory course to pursue.

### PROPOSED HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Chairman asked if there was anything doing in this matter.

Mr. Dunne said a report would be submitted by the joint committee that day month.

The Chairman, referring to what Mr. Shell had said on this subject, said his remarks rather indicated that the Local Board had permitted the Union to steal a march upon them. He did not understand that that Board had given the committee instructions to do anything definite in the matter.

Mr. Calvert: All we have agreed to is that we are willing to unite with the Guardians. By doing so we place ourselves under the control of the Local Government Board.

Mr. Dunne: If we built a hospital ourselves we would not be under their control.

The Chairman: Supposing a hospital be erected somewhere near the Blue Heaps, and it costs a couple of thousand pounds, will we have any voice in the management?

Mr. Collinson: There will be a committee appointed for that purpose.

Mr. Dunne said very nice plans had been prepared. There would be twelve beds in each hospital, and the total cost, including land, would be something like £7,000.

Mr. Routledge said he understood the total cost was to be £5,000.

Mr. Dunne said that was exclusive of the land. It was intended to erect one at Consett first, and two others at Tanfield and Lanchester within the next four years. The whole cost might be defrayed at once by a sixpenny rate, or it might be raised by a special rate of 1½d. in the pound per annum to extend over four years.

The Chairman: Will there be any further expense?

Mr. Dunne: There will be the maintenance in addition. Each will cost about £120 a-year.

The Chairman said he supposed land would only contribute a fourth.

Mr. Calvert: Yes.

Mr. Routledge said it would be a decided advantage to Consett to amalgamate with the Union in the erection of hospitals.

Mr. Dunne said they would have the whole report before them next meeting, when they would have an opportunity of discussing the matter fully.

The subject then dropped.

### SUBSIDENCE OF THE ROADS.

The Surveyor (Mr. Rippon) reported that the Board's orders with regard to the formation of the road in Store Street had not been carried out, as the land was still subsiding.

Mr. Dunne said it was no use making people form roads if the land was subsiding.

Several members remarked that the subsidence was becoming serious.

Mr. Hudson was afraid it would extend to other parts of the town.

### THE BOARD AND THE CONTRACTORS.

The Surveyor stated, in answer to a question, that Mr. Kell, the contractor for the new footpath in Front Street, was preparing the material on the fell, and would start with the work in a few days.

Mr. Shell wished to know why the usual practice of accepting the lowest tender had been departed from in this case.

The Clerk said the Board decided that Kell's contract was lowest.

The Chairman said he did not understand it in that way.

The Clerk said the Board considered that Kell's tender was lowest on account of his stone being better than Healop's.

Mr. Shell said a good deal of dissatisfaction existed about the matter. It had always been the practice to accept the lowest tender, and he did not know why it had been departed from in this instance. Heslop was a good man, and there could be nothing against him in this respect. He had no fault to find with Kell, but he felt it his duty to call attention to the matter, as the people outside were talking about it.

Mr. Calvert: As the question has been raised, I wish to ask the Surveyor if he has examined the tenders and gone into this matter.

The Surveyor: No, sir, I have not.

Mr. Calvert: It is a matter you ought to have gone into. When the tenders were discussed, I certainly advocated Heslop's stone.

Mr. Hudson: So did I.

Mr. Calvert: I referred to the channel in front of the New Inn, which has been down so long, as a speciman of the same kind of stone as Heslop supplies. I was in favour of Heslop's stone, but the Board decided in fauour of Kell's.

The Clerk: Heslop's tender was £1 7s. 6d. less than Kells, but the members decided that Kell's tender was lowest on account of his stone being better than Heslop's.

Mr. Hawdon: If you remember, Mr. Calvert, Heslop's price for the cementing was 3s. a yard, and you said that Mr. Shell had told you that nobody could do the work properly for the money.

Mr. Shell: But if a man chooses to do it for the money, that is another matter. We have nothing to do with that. (Laughter.)

The Chairman: That is a contractor's privilege. (Renewed laughter.)

The matter was then allowed to drop.

### LAMPS FOR NUMBER ONE.

The Board decided to erect five new lamps between Mr. Shell's house and Number One.

### LODGING HOUSES.

The Surveyor was instructed to see that the lodging-houses in the town were registered and kept in proper order.

### CARR HOUSE FOOTPATH.

Mr. Hawdon said the Committee had inspected the above footpath, but they were unable to come to any decision.

The Chairman: Mr. Brown, who wrote to the Board about it last month, alleged that it was a private footpath.

Mr. Siddell: He said it was a private footpath, but he was willing to keep it open if the Board railed it off. I don't see how the Board can rail off private property.

Mr. Hawdon: It would cost £150 to do it the way Mr. Brown wants it done. The railing alone would cost £150.

Mr. Shell: I brought the same footpath before the Board three or four years ago, but nothing was done, and I had to put the place right myself.

The Chairman asked if the footpath was sufficiently used by the public to warrant the Board in spending £150 over it.

Mr. Hawdon said he would not spend a penny over it.

It was decided to leave the path in its present condition.

### AN ALLEGED NUISANCE AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

Mr. Shell said at the last meeting Mr. Knox complained to the Board that Mr. Harper had placed a nuisance near his premises. He was under the impression that the Surveyor received notice to remove it.

The Surveyor said the heap complained of by Mr. Knox was scrapings. Mr. McNally wished to have the scrapings on his field, and they were deposited near Mr. Knox's house first.

The Chairman said they ought to take care not to place objectionable matter near any person's dwelling.

The Surveyor said the stuff was deposited on private land belonging to the Consett Iron Company.

The Chairman: You would not be justified in putting a nuisance near a man's house.

Mr. Hudson: A man must manure his land. Rotton horse muck would be a nuisance to some people.

Mr. Hawdon: You cannot put a nuisance near a house.

The Chairman: If there be a nuisance, what can we say?

The Surveyor: I have looked at the place several times, and at this season of the year the heap is baked as hard as a brick.

The Chairman: Perhaps it is the effuvium from that that he complains of.

Mr. Dunne: Mr. Knox asked me to go and see the heap, but I refused, as it was not my business. I think the place will be all right now.

Mr. Calvert: In future, perhaps Mr. McNally will take the manure further off the road.

The Surveyor: Yes.

### THE PRICE OF GAS.

A letter was read from the Shotley Bridge Gas Company, offering to supply the public lamps with gas on the same terms as last year, namely, the lamps to burn 1,600 hours, to extend over thirty-five weeks, at the rate of 48s. per lamp.

Mr. Calvert: Are coals any cheaper?

Mr. Hudson: They are as cheap as they ever were.

The Chairman: Gas coals never were cheaper.

Mr. Shell: The Compony don't propose any reduction?

The Clerk: No.

Mr. Calvert: If gas coals are cheaper, the Company might be asked to make a reduction.

Mr. Dunne: We have already done so, and they have refused.

The Chairman said their lighting was costing them about £450 a-year—a very large sum.

Mr. Collinson: Do the Company allow 5 per cent. discount?

The Clerk: No, it is nett.

The Chairman: Shall we accept the terms, or appeal to them again?

Mr. Calvert: I am afraid we cannot do better.

The Company's offer was then accepted.

Mr. Dunne said at the last meeting of the Board a member stated that the Gas Company were charging the Board for a lamp too many. During the past month, however, the lamps had been numbered, and it was found there was one that the Company were not charging for at all. They would therefore see that the Company were not imposing upon them.

### SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that he had given due attention to the highways and streets during the month. Four hundred tons of limestone had been received, and was being prepared for the ensuing season. He had supplied Mr. Michael Matthews with a license to take thirty lodgers. He wished to know if it was the Board's wish that Mr. Matthews should make a daily return of the lodgers who stopped at his house. Portions of Parliament and West Victoria and Spencer streets had been dedicated to the public as highways. The Consett Iron Company had put down a cement footpath in front of their property in Derwent Street. The work had been executed in a very satisfactory manner. The Consett Hall Road had several times been much damaged by water that found its way out from behind Furnace Row and rushed down the highway, tearing it up for some distance. He had seen Mr. Douglas about it, and he expected the evil would be remedied. The district, generally, was in a good sanitary condition.—The Board decided that Mr. Matthews should return a daily list of lodgers.

### THE DEMURRAGE ACCOUNT.

At the last meeting, the North-Eastern Railway Company sent in an account for demurrage, a truck having been detained at the Carr House Depots several days. The Board then considered that they were not responsible, and therefore refused to pay the account. On Wednesday, however, as it was shown that the Board were entirely to blame in the matter, it was decided to draw a cheque for the amount claimed.

### PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK.

Mr. Hawdon: Is there a possibility of getting a public recreation ground for Consett? I think we might get a beautiful park if the Iron Company would give us the land on the hill.

Mr. Siddell: A park would be very acceptable.

Mr. Shell: It would be acceptable to the people if they could get it for nothing.

Mr. Calvert: But we have no Sir William Armstrong here.

Mr. Dunne: We might have somebody as good.

Mr. Hawdon: Some of the ratepayers have spoken to me about a park, which they thought was very desirable.

The Chairman: I thought Mr. McNally was going to get a park for the neighbourhood.

Mr. Hudson: Yes, and a tram-way too.

The Chairman: What are your views on this subject? Suppose you got twenty acres of land, are you prepared to be responsible for its management?

Mr. Siddell: Have the Board power to incur expense in this way?

Mr. Hawdon said the Blaydon Local Board had rented land at Winlaton and Blaydon for a recreation ground for the use of the public.

The Chairman said the wives and children of the working men of Consett had no place where they could stroll of an evening and get a mouthful of fresh air. Certainly a public park was much needed.

Mr. Calvert said they could never do with a park at Consett. In the first place, there would be a couple of policemen required to keep order.

Mr. Hawdon: A what?

Mr. Calvert: A couple of policemen.

Mr. Dunne: You will find no district where the working classes are more respectable than our own.

Mr. Hudson: All I can say about them is that they cannot pass my place without climbing the wall to a wild cherry tree and breaking the branches.

Mr. Dunne: These are the Leadgate people.

The Clerk: I cannot keep them out of my garden.

Mr. Calvert: If we had a park there would have to be nothing in it that could be removed.

Mr. Hudson: We would have to get cast iron walls, and tie the trees down with chains.

Mr. Hawdon: There are trees and shrubs in the Sunderland Park, and the people there never touch them. At Scarboro, when I was there, the trees were growing by the side of the roads.

Mr. Shell: Put a few trees and shrubs on the highways here, and you will soon see what will become of them.

Mr. Dunne: Don't let us blame the people till we give them a chanee and find them guilty.

Mr. Davison said shrubs and flowers were planted in the Blackhill Cemetery, nobody touched them.

Mr. Calvert said a cemetery was widely different. That was a place where people buried the dead, and nobody liked to desecrate it.

The Chairman: Is the Cemetery much frequented by women and children?

Mr. Davison: Yes.

Mr. Dunne said a park would be a great boon to the place, and he believed it would be appreciated by the people.

The Clerk said the Consett Iron Company would only be too glad to assist the people in getting a recreation ground.

Mr. Calvert said there was a splendid place down at the Gill.

Mr. Collinson remarked tha tthat was too far away.

Mr. Hawdon said they could not have a finer place than the field near Mr. Steggall's house. There was about twenty-five acres of land down there, which would make a splendid park.

The Chairman said they must not place a park too near the buildings, or the inmates would be annoyed.

Mr. Dunne said a park would increase the value of the adjoining property.

Mr. Hudson said they could not cultivate a park so near the Iron Works. The smoke would destroy everything.

Mr. Dunne said as Mr. Jenkins had generously offered to do all he could in the way of getting them land for a park, the Board ought to try to make some arrangements with the Company for twenty or thirty acres.

The Chairman said his directors would meet at the end of this month and he would mention it to them. He did not say the Company would give the Board twenty or thirty acres of land, but they might be prepared to let a suitable piece of land to them at a nominal sum.

Mr. Calvert said it would take a lot of money to fence a park and put it in order.

Mr. Hawdon thought the money might be got by subscription.

Mr. Dunne said they might borrow it.

The Chairman: Is the Board empowered to spend money in this way?

Mr. Dunne: A thousand pounds if we like. Would it be advisable to appoint a committee to meet the Company and try to come to terms about a suitable piece of land.

Mr. Calvert (who had left his seat) asked if there was any more business to transact.

The Chairman said they had better settle about the park.

It was then proposed and seconded that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Shell, Siddell, Hawdon, Dunne, and Steggall, meet the Consett Iron Company and ascertain on what terms they would be disposed to let the Board have a piece of land for the purpose already named.—Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

Epps's Cocoa.—Grateful and Comforting.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping our selves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Sold only in Packets labelled—"James Epps& Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London. 563m

Advice to Mothers!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of putting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will believe the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, believes wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle. Manufactured in New York, and at 493, Oxford Street London.

Throat Affections and Hoarseness.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable Chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Manufactured by John I. Brown and Sons, Boston, United States. Depot, 493 Oxford Street, London.

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Please note carefully the Prices of the undermentioned Articles:—

Flour, Fines, 2s. per stone; Superfines, 2s. 2d. per stone. Scotch Oatmeal, 2s. 2d.; English Oatmeal, 2s. 4d. Sugar, 2½d. and 3d.; Lump, 3½d. and 4d. Cocoa (Frye) 1s. 2d.; Rype, 1s. 4d. Coffee, Mixed, 1s. and 1s. 2d.; whole, 1s. 4d. and 1s. 6d. Tea Dust, 1s. 4d.; good Leaf, 1s. 6d. and 2s.; Strong and Well-flavoured, 2s. 6d. and 3s.; our choice 3s. 8d. Tea cannot be surpassed by any in Town, for a two pound parcel 5s. 6d. per pound. Fine Currants, 4d.; very fine and free, 6d. Raisins, 4½d. and 5d.; Sultannas, 5d. Lemon Peel, thin, 7½d.; thick, 9d. Nutmegs, 5d. per oz. Rice, 2½d. per pound, or 2s. per stone. Barley, 2½d. per pound or 2s. per stone. Black Pepper, 6d.; White, 10d. per pound. Baking Powder, 5d. and 10d. per tin. Box Starch, 4½d. and 6d.; Blue, 8d. per pound, or 2½d. per quarter pound. Matches, Blacking, and Black Lead, 3d. per dozen. Dip Candles, 4½d.; Wax, 8d. per pound. 2-pound Bottle Jam, 1s. 6d.; 2-pound Jug Marmalade, 1s. 6d. Fine Mixed Biscuits, 6d. per pound. Soap, best Pale, 4d. per pound, or 6s. 2d. per stone; Do., second Do., 3d. per pound.; best Mottled, 6d. or 4s. 3d. per stone; Grey do., 2d. per pound, or 3s. 2d. per stone. Washing Soda, 8d. per stone; Dry Soap, 3d. per pound, or 3s. per stone. Butter, 10d.; fine do., 1s. Lard, 6d. per pound, or 28 pounds in Pails for 12s. Bacon, whole Shoulder, 4d. per pound; about two stone sides, 6s. per stone. Whole Hams, new, 6d. per pound; fine old matured Hams, our usual quality, 7½d. per pound, whole, 14 to 20 pounds. Salmon, Lobster, Sardines, Pickled Tongue, Cornet and Roast Beef, Relish, and everything connected with the Trade equally Cheap.

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SAVE 6s. 8d. in the POUND by buying your BUTTER at HALL'S, the Cheapest Shop in the District for GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

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We are Selling the Best Calicoes, at the Price, in the County of Durham.
Our {Stock of Flannels, Shirtings, and Linens is Large and Cheap.
Our Dresses surprise everybody (being so Cheap) and always give satisfaction to the wearer.
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BASS and Co's Pale Ale, Robt. Saunders and Co's Invalid Stout, Janes' Street Brewery, Dublin, Clayton and Co's Non-intoxicating Burton Pale Ale. In Cask and Bottle. 164o

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

By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1879.

WILLIAM FITZPATRICK,
TAILOR,
CATCHGATE.

BEGS respectfully to call the attention of Gentlemen ordering Clothing for the present or approaching Season, to the following Price List:—

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| Superior Black Suit, in Plain Cloth | | | |
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J. HERRIOTT,
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WALKER TERRACE, GATESHEAD,

RESPECTFULLY announces to the Inhabitants of Annfield Plain and surrounding District, that he is now taking PORTRAITS in the GREENCROFT LODGE GARDEN, ANNFIELD PLAIN, for a Short Period, when he will be happy to execute any orders with which he may be favoured.

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THE CONSETT DIRECTORY AND HOUSEHOLD ALMANACK FOR 1881.

TO BE ISSUED IN OCTOBER, 1880.

THE rapid and substantial development of Consett and District has rendered it necessary that their inhabitants should be supplied with all those requisites which minister to the comfort and convenience of town life. Very many of those necessities have been met in an efficient and praiseworthy manner by public bodies and by the enterprise of private tradesmen. There is one requisite, however, which has been but partially attempted, viz., a DIRECTORY of Consett and District, with an ALMANACK combined, the need of which has become increasingly pressing.

After consideration, we have determined to accept the responsibility of issuing such a publication during the month of October next.

The labour entailed is, we know, considerable, but the necessity for such a work is imperative, and we shall spare no trouble or expense in carrying out our design.

The Directory will be arranged alphabetically and also in streets. It will contain the name of every householder, with the number of his house, supplied by our own Canvassers, who will proceed at once to their work, and we solicit on their behalf the kindness and assistance of the public in the discharge of their onerous task.

In getting up the Directory the ordinary Roman type will be used, such as—

23, Alexander Dickens

but any person may have his name inserted in a distinctive type, as—

19, JAMES TAYLOR

on payment of Sixpence, or for Ninepence, have his trade attached, as—

36, HERBERT CUNNINGHAM, BUTCHER

Roughly this is our plan, and it will at once be admitted that such a publication will be of great value to the different associations formed for the perfecting of our Electoral Registers, to Tradesmen and Commercial men, and to the public generally.

The price of the Directory will be Sixpence, and Subscribers who give their orders to our Canvassers, or who leave the same at our Office, or with our News Agents, shall be supplied first.

Our Canvasser will wait upon you in the course of a day or two.

Advertisements, which will follow the Directory page for page, will be inserted at the following low rates:—

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ROBERT JACKSON.

*Guardian* Atmospheric Printing Works, Front Street, Consett, June 8th, 1880.

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EIGHTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

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SIX AND NINE GALLON CASKS.—CASH PRICES.

| Six Gallons. | Nine Gallons. |
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| Mild Ales .....7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 9s. 6d. | .....10s. 6d., 12s., 13s. 6d. |
| Bitter Ales .....7s. 6d., 9s. 6d. | .....10s. 6d., 13s. 6d. |

Base and Co's 33s. India Pale Ale .....18 Gallons for 30s.
Base and Co's 27s. Mild Barton .....18 Gallons for 24s.

BOTTLED ALES AND STOUT.—PER DOZEN.

| Half-pints. | Pints. |
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| Allsopp and Co's India Pale Ale ..... | 3s. 3d. |
| Allsopp and Co's Sparkling Mild Ale..... | 2s. 8d. |
| Saunders' Invalids' Stout ..... | 2s. 3d. |
| Sparkling Stout ..... | 2s. 9d. |

| Half-gallons. | Gallons. |
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| Fine Old Glenlivet Whiskey...9s., 8s., 6s. 9d.... | 18s., 16s., 12s. 6d. |
| Fine Old Jamaica Rums ....9s., 8s., 6s. 9d.... | 18s., 16s., 12s. 6d. |
| Old Tom Gins.....From 6s. 6d..... | From 12s. 6d. |
| Brandies .....From 6s. 9d.... | From 13s. 6d. |

BRITISH WINES.—PER BOTTLE.

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| Port Wine ..... | 1s. 2d. |
| Sherry ..... | 1s. 2d. |
| Tent ..... | 1s. 2d. |
| Orange ..... | 1s. 2d. |
| Raisin ..... | 1s. 2d. |
| Raspberry ..... | 1s. 2d. |
| Ginger ..... | 1s. 2d. |

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NOW ready for immediate delivery, Phospho and Ammonia, Fixed Guano, Half-inch Bones, Dissolved Bone and Bone Meal, Top Dressings, Potato and Turnip Manures, Nitrate of Soda, Salt, Superphosphates, &c.

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HOUSE AGENT, AND APPRAISER
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

PARTIES leaving the Neighbourhood can have their Furniture, &c., turned into Cash on the shortest notice. 600s

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.

By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M RICHLEY, Secretary.

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SPECIALLY made for and adapted to Marine, Locomotive, and Stationary Engines, Pumps, &c. PRICE LISTS and SAMPLES on application to their sole Agent,
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Of every Description, which he is prepared to dispose of at a very great reduction from Original Prices.

A Lot of Men's Woollen Cord Trousers, at 8s. 11d., original price, 15s. 6d.

Men's Trousers and Vests, at 6s. 11d., worth 12s. 6d.

Men's Fancy Tweed Trousers, at 6s. 11d., some of these are worth 15s. and 16s.

Boys' Tweed Suits, at 3s. 11d., these are not printed but a thorough genuine article.

Men's Tweed Suits, at 15s. 11d., fashionable styles and good patterns.

A Lot of Men's Tweed Coats, which are being cleared out at a very low figure, commencing at 7s. 11d. up to 25s.

Men's Black Cloth Coats, at almost any price, and all sizes.

Men's Black and Brown Velveteen Coats and Vests, at 19s. 9d. These were sold at 34s. 6d. Splendid quality.

Boys' Suits of all styles and sizes, at any price, from 3s. 11d. to 35s.

Men's Drab Moleskin Trousers, at 3s. 11d., a very cheap line. Other qualities up to 8s. 11d.

Men's Pilot Jackets, from 12s. 6d. to 24s.

Boys' Brown and Drab Cord and Moleskin Trousers, Velveteen Jackets and Vests.

A lot of Fit Flannels, including Jackets, Vests, Drawers, Hoggars, and Trousers. These are now being sold at cost price.

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The Newest Designs in Woollen Cloths, including Scotch and Yorkshire Tweeds, Worsted Coatings, in the newest shades, Diagonals, Sattaras, &c.

☞ A First-class CUTTER and a good FIT guaranteed.

A suit made in a day's notice.

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## Public Notices.

PRIZE BRAN at Hurbuck Farm, near Consett.—Terms may be known on application to Mr. OLIVER, Hurbuck.

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THE AMERICAN LINE SAILING to PHILADELPHIA is the nearest Route to PITTSBURG.—Passengers booked to any Railway Station in America, at the lowest Rate, by Mr. ADAM BOODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Sole Agent for this district. 286o

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, and QUEENSLAND.
PASSAGES secured to any of the above Colonies on Application to Mr. ADAM BOODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Agent for the Queensland Government. 286o

NOTICE.
ANY PERSON found gathering BRAMBLES, MUSHROOMS, or trespassing in pursuit of GAME on the FARMS of Middlehead, Middle, Oliverord, Lyredene, Rowley, Allerhead, and Whickhan Grange will be prosecuted. 112o

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above Society will hold their TWELFTH ANNUAL SHOW of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, DOGS, POULTRY, DAIRY PRODUCE, and IMPLEMENTS, at Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, August 18th, 1880.
Prize Lists on application to
JOHN RICHARDS,
GEORGE RIDLEY, } Secretaries.
Beamish, June 22nd, 1880. 216o

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW AT NEWCASTLE.

ON Thursday, July 22nd, a SPECIAL TRAIN, by which Single Journey and Return Tickets will be available, will be run as under:—Leave Benfieldside at or about 9 a.m.; Shotley Bridge, at 9-5; Blackhill, 9-9; Lintz Green, 9-19; Rowlands Gill, 9-24; and Swalwell, 9-32.
The Return Train will leave Newcastle at 7-30 p.m. the same day.—By Order.
Newcastle, July, 1880. 293o

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.

THE Committee of the above Club beg to inform the Public that they will hold their TWELFTH ANNUAL SPORTS and GALA, on July 17th, 1880, when EXTRA PRIZES will be given for Cricketing, including Prizes for Bowling, Fielding, Batting, Throwing the Ball, &c. Handsome Prizes will also be given for Running, Walking, &c.
For Particulars see future Advertisements.
As only a certain number of Cricket Clubs can compete, Clubs who are wishful to enter are requested to apply to R. BEATTIE, Sec., Westwood, Medomsley. 115o

HALLO! HALLO!! LOOK HERE!!!

The United Friendly Societies of Annfield Plain, will hold their

FIRST ANNUAL GALA
On Saturday, July 31st, 1880,
When PRIZES will be given for various SPORTS.
16o W. MURRAY, Secretary

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...lot of Pit Flannels, including Jackets, Vests, Drawers, Hoggars, and Trousers. These are now being sold at cost price.
...'s and Boys' Felt Hats, Caps, Scarfs, Braces Shirts, Drawers, Collars, &c.
...e Newest Designs in Woollen Cloths, including Scotch and Yorkshire Tweeds, Worsted Coating, in the newest shades, Diagonals, Sattaras, &c.
A First-class CUTTER and a good Fit ...ranteed.
...A suit made in a day's notice.

...T. S. ATKINSON
DRAPER, CLOTHIER, and MILLINER,
...6o MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

MRS. J. FAIRBURN,
...UNERAL BREAD BAKER, Oakey's Cottages, West Stanley. Tea Parties and Pic-nics supplied ... Contracted for. 290o

Public Notices.

...RIZE BRAN at Hurbuck Farm, near Consett.—Terms may be known on application to Mr. ...LIVER, Hurbuck.

EMIGRATION! EMIGRATION!!
THE AMERICAN LINE SAILING to PHILADELPHIA is the nearest Route to PITTS...URG.—Passengers booked to any Railway Station in ...merica, at the lowest Rate, by Mr. ADAM BRODIE, ...own Hall, Consett, Sole Agent for this district. 286o

...USTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AND QUEENSLAND.
...ASSAGES secured to any of the above Colonies on Application to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, ...onsett, Agent for the Queensland Government. 286o

NOTICE.
ANY PERSON found gathering BRAMBLES MUSHROOMS, or trespassing in pursuit of ...AME on the FARMS of Middlehead, Middles, Oliver...ord, Lyndene, Rowley, Allerhead, and Whickham ...range will be prosecuted. 162o

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
THE above Society will hold their TWELFTH ANNUAL SHOW of HORSES, CATTLE, ...HEEP, PIGS, DOGS, POULTRY, DAIRY PRO...DUCE, and IMPLEMENTS, at Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, August 18th, 1880.
Prize Lists on application to
JOHN RICHARDS, GEORGE RIDLEY, } Secretaries.
Beamish, June 23rd, 1880. 216o

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
...ORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW AT NEWCASTLE.
ON Thursday, July 22nd, a SPECIAL TRAIN, by which Single Journey and Return Tickets will be available, will be run as under:—Leave Benfieldside at or about 9 a.m.; Shotley Bridge, at 9-5; Ebchester, 9-9; Lintz Green, 9-19; Rowlands Gill, 9-24; and Swalwell, 9-32.
The Return Train will leave Newcastle at 7-30 p.m. the same day.—By Order.
Newcastle, July, 1880. 293o

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.
THE Committee of the above Club beg to inform the Public that they will hold their TWELFTH ANNUAL SPORTS and GALA, on July 17th, 1880, when EXTRA PRIZES will be given for Cricketing, including Prizes for Bowling, Fielding, Batting, Throwing the Ball, &c. Handsome Prizes will also be given for Running, Walking, &c.
For Particulars see future Advertisements.
As only a certain number of Cricket Clubs can compete, Clubs who are wishful to enter are requested to apply to R. BEATTIE, Sec., Westwood, Medomsley. 183o

HALLO! HALLO!! LOOK HERE!!!

The United Friendly Societies of Annfield Plain, will hold their
FIRST ANNUAL GALA
On Saturday, July 31st, 1880,
When PRIZES will be given for various SPORTS.
W. MURRAY, Secretary
16o



MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB SPORTS, on July 17th, 1880, in a Field near Broomhill. 255o

## Public Notices.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

A MEETING of MEMBERS will be held on Saturday, the 1[illegible]th July, at Half-past Six p.m., to consider the Millinery Business, and the proposal to add Dressmaking.
J. HALL, Sec.
284o

WASHING! WASHING!

GENTLEMEN can have their LINEN done up in First-class Style on the Shortest Notice. Terms very Moderate.—Mrs. M. THOMPSON, Laundress, Cutlers' Hall, Shotley Bridge. 256o

WEST STANLEY! WEST STANLEY!!

THE Second Annual DEMONSTRATION and TEA of the I. O. G. T. will be held on August 14th, 1880.
R. D. WELCH, Hon. Sec.
278o

A TEMPERANCE GALA and OPEN AIR MEETING will be held, under the Auspices of the Medomsley and Ebchester Branches of the CHURCH of ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY in a Field near Ebchester, on Saturday, July 31st, 1880. 259o

MRS. C[illegible]MINSON'S SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE Three Junior Pupils sent to the late Local Examinations of the University of Durham passed:—[illegible] in honours: one of them in first-class, and gained [illegible] prize. Four Pupils passed the last examination [illegible] School of Art. One passed the last Cambridge [illegible]mination in honours. 277o

TANFI[ELD F]LOWER, POULTRY, AND PIGEON SHOW.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1880.

ENTRIES for POULTRY closes August 7th. Schedules and Forms of Entry now Ready.
JOHN BREWIS, Sec.
Tanfield Lea, Lintz Green. 283o

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, that on Tuesday the 27th day of July, at Six p.m., at the Board-room of the Consett Local Board, there will be an AUDIT of the Accounts of the Local Board for the District of Consett, under and according to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, and that a copy of the Accounts to be Audited, together with all Rate Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipts, mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will be deposited in the Office of the said Local Board, and be open during the Office Hours thereat, to the inspection of all persons interested for Seven Days before the said Audit and Examination, and all such persons shall be at liberty to take copies of, or extracts from the same without fee or reward.
Given this 1st day of July, 1880,
JOHN ELLIOTT,
Clerk to the Board.
238o

## To Let.

TO LET, a HOUSE and SHOP, at West Stanley.—Apply to Miss S. A WINSHIP. 242o

TO LET, a Furnished SITTING-ROOM and BED-ROOM.—For particulars apply at Swiss Cottage, Shotley Bridge. 291o

TENTS TO LET, 120 feet by 30 feet, and 60 feet by 30 feet, on reasonable terms.—Apply to EDWD. LOVAT, Medomsley, by Lintz Green. 9o

THE Annfield Plain Co-operative Society's Hall is now Open for Public Entertainments. Terms on application to the Manager, Mr. ADAM BROWN. 616a

TO LET, with Immediate Possession, the HOUSE, SHOP, and FIXTURES, lately occupied by Mr. JOHN WATSON.—Apply to Mr. WILLIAM ROBINSON, Mountsett. 243o

TO LET or SELL—Entry in August—the HOUSE of 8 Rooms, in De[illegible] Lane, in the occupation of the Rev. P. O'FLAHERTY.—Apply to Mr. JOSEPH MURRAY, Consett. 256o

TO LET, at Templetown, a FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, with every Conveniences. The Garden Crop can be sold to the Tenant.—Apply to Mr. EDWARD PARKER, Templetown, Consett. 282o

FURNISHED APARTMENTS (Sitting-room and Bed-room) situate at Blackhill, TO LET. Very Suitable for One or Two Young Men.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office, Consett. 58o

TO LET, HAWTHORN COTTAGE, Shotley Bridge, containing 9 Rooms, Garden, and other Conveniences. To be entered at November Term.—Apply to Mrs. STORY, Fleming Field, Shotton Colliery, Durham. 266o

TO LET, the present TOWN HALL, with the Largest Room in the district in connection therewith, suitable for Balls, Concerts, Sales, or Public Meetings, &c., &c., situate at Catchgate.—Apply to GEO. HOBSON, Harperley Mills. 174o

TO BE LET, a LARGE WAREHOUSE, lately used as a Flour Warehouse, with large Cellar underneath, situate at Catchgate, suitable for a Grocer and Provision Merchant, or any other business requiring plenty of room.—Apply to GEO. HOBSON, Harperley Mills. 175o

TO BE LET, with Immediate Possession, a Large YARD and JOINERS' WORKSHOPS, with every Convenience, on a suitable Corner Site for Contractors, 58, Durham Road, Blackhill.—Apply to WM. RAW, Auctioneer and House Agent, Blackhill.

HOUSE AND SHOP AT BLACKHILL.

TO BE LET, and entered upon at May-Day, an excellent HOUSE and SHOP, situate in Derwent Street, Blackhill, next door to the Post Office, now in the occupation of Mr. GEO. REID, who has occupied the premises 9½ years.—Apply to WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer and House Agent Blackhill. 29o

## Wanted.

WANTED, an AGENT to push First-class Lubricating Oils. Commission—10 to 15 per Cent.—Box 201, Post Office, Liverpool. 281o

WANTED, a HOUSE and SHOP, in Leadgate.—Address, stating Rent, &c., Box 18, "Guardian" Office, Consett. 211o

WANTED, a good General SERVANT GIRL for a Country Place. Milking not cared for.—Apply to Mrs. HUNTER, Medomsley. 280o

WANTED, immediately, in or about the Centre of Consett, a HOUSE and SHOP, with Stable and Coach-house attached.—Apply to AUBUHL, LOCBELL, and Co., Back Lane, Newcastle. 287o

## Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. JENKINS.

Assembly-rooms, Consett.

GREAT and Important SALE of Valuable Household FURNITURE, on Monday First, July 19th, 1880, belonging to several Parties, and removed to the above Sale-rooms for convenience of Sale.
MR. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer,
Comprising Mahogany Lobby Drawers; Mahogany Desk Bed; Birch Desk Bed; Mahogany Talboy Drawers; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Easy Chair; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; 2 Mahogany Centre Tables; Ash Round Table; Iron Tester Bedstead, with Brass-mounted extended Foot-rails; handsome Iron Tester Bedstead, with Brass Feet, massive Ornaments, and Highly-finished; 2 French Iron Bedsteads; superior Spring Mattress; Flock and Straw Mattress; Poled and Camp Bedsteads; 6 Polished Kitchen Chairs; 2 Bed-room Drawers; Mahogany Rocking Chair; Windsor and Cane Chairs; 2 Feather Beds; Down Bed; 3 Flock Beds; Kitchen and Tea Tables; 2 Eight-day Timepieces; 2 Forms; 2 Cradles; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fire Irons; Grocer's Bill Rack; 2 large Counters; Potato Scales and Weights; Counter Scales and Weights; Poss Tub and Staff; Perambulator; Child's Cot; an Assortment of Pictures; 2 Tidies; Pans; Pails; Tubs; Crockery Ware; with a large quantity of other useful Goods, too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 288o

R U coming 2 C the RUNNING at M. C. C. SPORTS, on July 17, 1880. 255o

## Sale by Auction.

By Mr. J. Oley.

Castleside.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, commissioned by Mr. HOWIE, late Master of the Board School, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, July 17th, 1880, the whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c.
For Particulars see Posters. 263o

JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
10, WOOD STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Dipton.—Dwelling Houses for Sale; Well-built and Pleasantly-situated.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON begs to state that as the 2 THREE-ROOMED DWELLING HOUSES at Dipton, occupied by Mr. R. TAYLOR and Miss HARTLEY, were not Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, they may now be treated for privately on application to the AUCTIONEER, Dipton. 261o

Dipton.—Excellent Household Furniture for Sale.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. E. BURTON, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr. WM. MADDISON'S, Red Lion Inn, Dipton, on Monday, July 19th, 1880, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS (removed for convenience of Sale), comprising beautiful ½-Chest of Mahogany Drawers; 6 Superior Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; good Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Centre Table, no worse than new; ½-Tester Iron Bedstead, richly Ornamented; French Iron Bedstead; 2 Pairs of Mattresses; good Down Bed; 12 Yards of Drugget Carpet; 3 Kitchen Chairs; excellent Iron Rocking Chair; Kitchen Table; Fenders and Irons; Stair Carpeting and Rods; Cradle; Poss Tub and Stick; Pans; Pails; Brushes; Kettle; Sundry Lot of Crockery; a nice Eight-day Clock; Mahogany Toilet Glass; Window Rollers and Blinds; 9 Volumes of Barnes' Notes on the Old Testament, and other useful Books; several fine Pictures and Ornaments; also a very superior HARMONIUM, in Mahogany Case, 12 Stops, with Knee Swells, &c., rich and powerful Tone, and suitable for Church or Chapel; with Lots of other Articles too numerous to particularise.
Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock prompt.
N.B.—The Auctioneer has every confidence in recommending this Furniture, &c., to the Public, as it is of good and sound quality, and been but a short while in use. 264o

A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.

CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 27o

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Templetown, Consett.—Well-built and Pleasantly-situate Dwelling-house for Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE respectfully intimates that the Four-roomed DWELLING-HOUSE at Templetown, occupied by Mr. THOMAS ARMSTRONG, as Tenant, not having been Sold at the Auction on Thursday, the 24th June, may be treated for privately on application to the AUCTIONEER, Town Hall, Consett.

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744h

By Mr. W. Raw.

Templetown, near Consett. — Valuable Freehold Property for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by Mr. EDWARD PARKER, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the house of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Middle Street, Consett, on Wednesday, July 21st, 1880, in one LOT, all that DWELLING HOUSE, situate at Templetown, near Consett, containing good Front Sitting-room, Kitchen, and Pantry on the Ground Floor, and Three good Rooms on the Second Floor, together with good Yard and Out Conveniences, now in the occupation of Mr. GEO. DIAMOND, as Tenant thereof.
The Property is nearly new, with good Block Front, and Substantially Built.
The Site is Pleasant and Commanding, which makes it a safe Investment for money in this prosperous neighbourhood.
The Tenant will show the Property on application.
Sale to commence at Half-past Six p.m. precisely.
For further Particulars apply to Messrs. BOTTERELL and ROCHE, Solicitors, Sunderland, Mr. E. PARKER, or to the AUCTIONEER.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 262o

28, Durham Road, Blackhill.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, honoured with instructions from Mr. WILLIAM HEAD (who is declining Housekeeping and leaving the neighbourhood), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, his Valuable Household FURNITURE, on Monday, July 19th, 1880, comprising—Mahogany Chest of Drawers; excellent Kitchen Press; Mahogany Centre Table; do. Tea Table; do. Swing Dressing Glass; Washstand and Dressing Table: 4 Kitchen Chairs; Cornice Pole; 2 Sets of Window Shades; Eight-day Timepiece; Four-poled Bedstead; 2 Sets of Hangings; Mattress; excellent Feather Bed; Flock Bed; Feather Pillows; Blankets, Sheets, and Quilts; Carpets; Stair Carpet and Brass Rods; Hearth Rugs; Fender and Fire Irons; good Table Cloth; Poss Tub and Staff; Smoothing Irons; Set of China; Number of Glasses; Ware; Pans; Cruet Stand; Tin Kettle; Water Jugs; 2 Tea Pots; Coffee Pot; 12 Tea Spoons; 6 Table Knives and Forks; 6 small Table Knives and Forks.
Also at the same time and place, the following FURNITURE, belonging to Mrs. LEEMING (next door):—Excellent large Mahogany Swing Dressing Glass, 2ft. 4in. by 1ft. 8in.; Mantle Mirror; Brussels Carpet (20 Yards); Dressing Table and Washstand, Painted; High Chest of Drawers; small Feather Bed; Feather Pillow and 2 Bolsters; Roast Jack; 3 large Dinner Dishes; and a very Superior PIANO, (Cost 80 Guineas when New).
Sale to commence at One prompt.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 294o

Benfieldside Edge Road, near Blackhill, in the County of Durham.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, by Mr. WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer, at the House of Mrs. CHRISTOPHER, North-Eastern Hotel, near Benfieldside Railway Station, on Wednesday, the 21st July, 1880, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon precisely, under Power of Sale in a Mortgage Deed, and subject to such Conditions as will be read at the time of Sale, all that DWELLING HOUSE and SHOP, situate on Benfieldside Edge Road, Blackhill, in the County of Durham, containing an excellent Front Shop, Kitchen, Pantry, and other Conveniences on the Ground Floor, and 3 good Rooms above, together with 4 valuable Front Building Sites adjoining.
The Property, which has been recently built, is Copyhold, of Inheritance of the Manor of Lanchester, and the Land on which the Buildings stand, including the Building Sites, contains an Area of 1,2?0 Square Yards, or thereabouts. The Mines, Minerals, and Quarries under the Premises, with the powers of working the same, are Reserved.
Immediate Possession can be given to the Purchaser.
Further Particulars may be had on application to the AUCTIONEER, Blackhill, or at the Office of
MESSRS. PATRICK & SON, Solicitors,
39, Silver Street, Durham.
Sale-Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 295o

R U coming 2 C the WRESTLING at M. C. C SPORTS, on July 17th, 1880. 255o

## To Lend.

£200 TO LEND on Mortgage of good Freehold Property.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. 252o

## For Hire.

STEAM PLOUGHING, CULTIVATING, HARROWING, ROLLING, &c., and THRASHING done for Hire. — Apply to Mr. J. DODDS, Springwell, *via* Gateshead. 289o

## For Sale.

FOR SALE, a First-class GROCERY BUSINESS. Ill health is the sole cause of disposal.—Apply by Letter to "Grocer," "Guardian" Office, Consett. 279o

FOR SALE, several HORSES, COBS, and PONIES, quiet to Ride and Drive in Double and Single Harness.—Apply to Mr. JOHN BRODIE, Shotley Bridge, or JOS. BELL, Highgate. 217o

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811h

# The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH, 1880.

## OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

As the taking of the Bastille was commemorated in Paris on Wednesday it may now be as well to correct one of the romances of history: that it was in use as a dungeon for prisoners of State up to the very date of its capture. Some time previously the Government, moved by the excitement caused by Mirabeau's pamphlet on *Lettres de cachet*, had turned the keys of Vincennes into a storehouse for grain, and the populace, having been permitted to visit it, returned with such a heated imagination that what they had seen at Vincennes made them guess what was going on inside the Bastille. The fact was that the Bastille was almost a ruin before it was pulled down, and its destruction was only the dramatic closing of a *régime* that was virtually dead already.

By the time the Irish Tenants' Compensation Bill has become law, all right-thinking persons will have had reason to applaud the honesty and tenacity of the ministry in their manful effort to remove a crying grievance. Mr. Forster can afford to be accused of "changing front." The Government can afford to lose such weak-kneed members of the ministry as Lord Lansdowne. The support of the Parnellites can be dispensed with. Tentative, and in the nature of an extraordinary expedient, as the Bill avowedly is, it is sufficiently favourable to the Irish tenant to satisfy Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. O'Conner Power, and threatening enough to the arbitrary power of the Irish landlord to cause a typical owner like Lord Lansdowne to part company with his party rather than give the measure his countenance. Names hurt nobody. To call it a "confiscation Bill" is neither an argument or a statement of fact. The determined resistance of the ministry to the factious opposition of a factious minority ought to excite the sympathy of the country. Remembering how Mr. Forster carried through the House the Ballot Bill and the Education Bill, one need have no apprehension as to the fate of the measure with which he is now charged. It was high time the Premier nailed his colours to the mast. We have had more than enough of the "patriotic" efforts to harrass the Government on the part of the legislators of the Chaplin and Lord Churchill type. The business which is on the paper has got to be accomplished, the Feast of St. Grouse notwithstanding. We shall now see what effect the threat of Mr. Gladstone will have on those honourable members who are laying themselves out for the moors. In any case there will be a November sitting. After the Employers' Liabilities, the Hares and Rabbits, and the Irish Compensation Bills are done with, there is an amended Ballot Bill to tackle. Gladstone-baiting is doubtless an amusing pastime, but it has its drawbacks, as some of the Chaplin set may find to their cost.

Really something ought to be done with the caricaturists. They are really becoming too bad. the most recent coloured caricature in *Vanity Fair* is a case in point. The three figures which are represented as seated on the Treasury Bench are drawn with a power of derision that might be termed satanic. It is certainly *a* view of Mr. Gladstone, Lord Hartington, and Mr. Chamberlain. Eagerness, langour, and perkiness could not have been more forcibly depicted. But when the artist, or his editor, called the drawing "Babble, Birth, and Brummagen," he went too far. Then, there is that rabid Tory publication, *Moonshine*. Of the talents of Mr. Alfred Bryan, the cartoonist, Town has long been aware. His portraits of theatrical and political celebrities are famous. When, however, he drew a picture of Britannia and Gladstone, and made the former "impersonation" say to the Premier (she sat at the same time indicating the title of a certain book), "You might have thought of the children," the caricaturist overstepped the bounds of decency. Nothing has been more remarkable during the progress of the Bradlaugh case than the reluctance of Mr. Gladstone to render more than absolute justice to the junior member for Northampton. We may depend upon it if Mr. Gladstone could have decently ignored Mr. Bradlaugh, he would have done so. Depicting Mr. B. as an ape, and a field with bat's wings, may be exceedingly humorous, but it does harm. So soon as the caricaturists become coarse and vulgar, they become social nuisances, and deserve to be rebuked. The tendency of political caricature at the present moment is downward, and I am very sorry to have to take note of the fact.

Now that the Eton and Harrow Cricket match is over, and Wimbleton in progress, one may prepare to sing the dirge of the season. It has not been a bad season for the artificers in female attire, and neither the theatres or the two opera houses have had much cause for complaint; but there are many tradesmen grumbling, notably the jewellers, and with abundant reason. Perhaps those caterers for the votaries of fashion who have reaped the most substantial harvest have been the florists. Flowers were never so fashionable in London as they have been this year. As to those excuses for crowds—the Oxford and Cambridge and the Eton and Harrow matches—they were to lovers of the game greater burlesques than ever. To visit Lord's during one or both of these annual contests may be the thing, but those who enter the gates of the historical ground in the expectation of seeing a game of cricket are sure to be disappointed. It is not the cricket Society goes to see, but Society goes to look at—Society. Harrow has defeated Eton. The lordlier of the two schools has had to lower its colours to the lowlier, greatly to the delight of the Hon. Robert Grimstone and the Walkers, and that is all one cares to remember. The cricket was neither better hor worse than Eton and Harrow cricket invariably is—at Lord's. There is one peculiarity of the season which should not pass without notice. The Beauty Women have been rather at a discount. And one of them (in whispers be it spoken!) is "going off." That is to say, she is not the overpowering creature she was two or three years since.

R U coming 2 C the WALKING at M. C. C. SPORTS, on July 17th, 1880. 255o

## ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

Nothing could possibly give me more pleasure than to sport among the sylvan beauties of the Gill in the company of your interesting correspondent, "Nymph." How my heart swelled with emotion when I read his letter, and learned that at last I had found a kindred spirit—a heart that beat in unison with mine own. But alas? how transient, nay, even delusive, is hope! On acquainting a friend with the felicitous prospects that danced before my vision, I was startled by the ejaculation, "What! is it possible that you read 'Nymph's' letter and omitted to abserve that the writer had the candour to state that some people called him 'a whimsical mortal?'" "So much for 'Nymph.'" "What, then, is some people's opinion regarding yourself?" "Hardly so flattering as the commendation accorded to your would-be friend." "It is simply that you are 'not reit.'" Would not "Nymph," and "Incedo," be two purty bhoys, as Paddy would say, to go a-roaming 'neath the glimpses of the moon? Verily, some evil might befall them.

Hitherto this locality has been comparatively exempt from the thunderstorms and floods which have swept over other districts with more or less violence. This week, however, we have had a fair share of the "watery element," so long as this weather continues we are not likely to hear more of the water-cart question. Speaking to a friend about the rain fall, the other day, he observed that he had slept remarkably well during the last few nights. We were somewhat interested, and put the question—"Do you usually sleep sound in wet weather?" "Not necessarily so," was the reply, "but those rainy evenings have kept away the noisy wretches, and my rest has consequently been undisturbed." The speaker, who resides in Derwent Street, and who is well advanced in years, has, I understand, good cause to complain, as some three or four virgins congregate nightly in the vicinity of his house. Doubtless the fair ones are apprehensive that if they stayed at home they would be "wasting their sweetness on the desert air," hence they repair to the public thoroughfare, where a coterie of admirers assemble, and then the billing and cooing, or rather what might be properly called the cackling begins, and is continued until a late hour. It is to be hoped that our amorous friends will go about the thing more circumspectly, and that we have heard the last of the "noisy wretches."

Referring to those people reminds me of a very amusing couple who meet almost nightly in an entry within ear-shot of my sitting-room window. I have no desire whatever to play the part of an eavesdropper, but, as my window overlooks their favourite place of resort, and as I frequently throw it open of an evening, I cannot deter the sweet sounds from rising aloft. They awaken memories of visions that have vanised. But I must not turn sentimental on the subject, as I believe the gentleman to whom I have alluded is about to wait upon "pa" and then the scene will change.

The summer is creeping on apace. St. Swithin's Day has come and gone, and under very inauspicious circumstances, too. Most people are acquainted with the career of the Saint and the weather prognostic connected with his name. There are two versions of the legend; perhaps the following one may be read with interest:—Mr. Davidson, of Aberdeen, in his clever ballad, "The Legend of St. Swithin," says that the Saint, while living in retreat at Blairs—a Roman Catholic college, distant about four miles from the city of Aberdeen, and situate on the banks of the Dee—invariably drank a pitcher full of grog before his evening prayers, and so held the poor Sacristan waddling to the river for water wherewith to mix his tipple. In a certain July, however, there happened to be a severe drought, insomuch that no water could be found for the thirsty Saint excepting the Abbot's fish pond. The Sacristan was forbidden by the surly Abbot to meddle with the pond, greatly to the displeasure of the Saint, who vowed to be revenged for this unneighbourly act. He betook himself to his cell, where he—

"Wrought some hellish charm,
Or dreadful magic spell;
For long ere the Sacristan rose
To ring the matin bell,
The morning sky grew black as night,
And rain in torrents fell."

The rain came down like a roaring flood, carrying everything before it.

"Down went the Abbot's stately tower
Beneath the boiling surge."

The Abbot himself was swept away, and went sailing down the Dee on a pike of hay, calling loudly

Ho! help,—a boat!—a boat!—

But no boat was given him.

July, the fifteenth day,
That fearful flood began,
And forty days, and forty nights,
Rain fell, and torrents ran;
And ever since, when'er a shower
Falls on St. Swithin's day,
'Twill rain for forty days or more,
So ancient ladies say.

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT.—The *Egyptian Gazette* understands that Sir George Elliot, Bart., has taken the Duke of Sutherland's house in Cairo, which was recently the residence of Major Baring, and has also purchased the furniture.

Mr. J. W. Benson, of London, is adding the Prudential Assurance Company's late premises (after alterations designed by C. J. Phipps, F.S.A) to his present premises on Ludgate Hill, and will inaugurate the occasion (on the 26th inst.) with an exhibition of gold caskets, presented by the City; racing cups of his manufacture, and magnificent jewels, graciously lent by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and noble patrons and owners, also with the largest and most varied stock ever before displayed.

HASWELL MEMORIAL CHAPEL, BURNOPFIELD.—This chapel is now nearing completion, and, it is expected, will be opened some time in August. We understand that the trustees have secured the services of a number of popular ministers to take part in the opening services, amongst whom are the respected chairman and secretary of the Newcastle District. Rev. Joseph Robinson, of the Manningtree Circuit, formerly of Medomsley, in this Circuit, is also expected to take part in the opening services. The Band of Hope entertainments at Burnopfield have been very successful, and as the result of their labours, the committee have handed over to the treasurer of the building fund between £9 and £10.

R U coming 2 C the CRICKETING at M. C. C. SPORTS, on July 17th, 1880. I O U R.

## Local and District News.

On Tuesday an extensive pitfall took place at the north end of Dans Castle, Tow Law.

SUDDEN DEATH AT CONSETT.—Last week, a young man named Agnew, residing in Albert Terrace, Consett, was suddenly taken ill at the Ironworks, and was brought home, where he died in the course of a few hours. We understand that death was caused by a severe attack of English cholera.

MRS. GRINSTEAD'S BIBLE CLASSES.—On Thursday the elder scholars attending Mrs. Grinstead's Bible classes, Consett, held a pic-nic at Carribees Farm, near Consett, when upwards of 100 persons attended and took tea with the classes. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Towns for his kindness in granting the field and attending to the wants of his numerous visitors was carried by acclamation.

BURGLARY AT WITTON GILBERT.—At the Durham Assizes, on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Stephen, Francis Shanley (23), pitman, pleaded guilty to burglariously breaking and entering the house of John Parking, and stealing 10lb of beef and mutton at Witton Gilbert, on April 24th, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

THE SACRILEGE AT CONSETT.—At the Durham Assizes the Grand Jury found no bill against John Grant (17), Patrick McGurk (17), and William McDonald (16), who were charged with breaking and entering the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consent, and stealing a box containing calico, and other articles, the property of William Robson and other trustees, on the 23rd May.

APPALLING COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN WALES.—A colliery explosion, resulting in the loss of 119 lives, occurred on Thursday morning at Risca, about six miles from Newport, Monmouthshire. The colliery where the casualty occurred belongs to the London and South Wales Colliery Company, and averages about 280 yards in depth. This colliery was the scene of a similar explosion about twenty yers aago, when 150 lives were lost.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AT CARLISLE.—The Royal Agricultural Society's Show opened at Carlisle on Monday, the weather being deplorably wet. The attendance, however, was better than might have been expected. The show may be characterised as one of the most comprehensive and compact ever known. The horse class is the largest, though not the best, in the annals of the society. There are altogether 1,501 exhibits of live stock. The Royal and aristocratic entries are more numerous than usual, but neither the Queen nor the Prince of Wales have been specially fortunate in the wards.

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY.—Yesterday was St. Swithin's Day and it poured in torrents all the morning and drizzled at intervals all the afternoon. If the old saw be correct, the hay crop is ruined, and the harvest this year will be as bad as last. Forty days such as yesterday would be enough to ruin all the farmers still left solvent, to say nothing of its effects upon the temper and health of the non-agricultural subjects of Her Majesty. For the last three days the weather has been simply horrible. Fortunately, the experience of recent years shows that a rainy St. Swithin's is usually [followed] by more sunshine than when it is fine. It [is] hoped thht this rule will be followed this [illegible]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This medicine has resisted [every] test which time, prejudice, and vested interest could impose upon it, and it at length stands forth triumphant as the most reliable remedy for those derangements of the system so common at the change of seasons. When the air grows cooler, and the functions of the skin are retarded, an occasional dose of Holloway's Pills will call on the liver and kidneys for greater activity, and compensate the system for diminished cutaneous action. As alteratives, aperients, and tonics these Pills have no equal. To every aged and delicate person whose appetite is defective, digestion infirm, and tone of health low, this medicine will be a precious boon, conferring both ease and strength.

AN EXCITED ANTI-VACCINATOR.—At the Sunderland Police Court, Christopher Scott, a painter, was charged with refusing to have his child vaccinated.—The defendant said that he had lost one child through vaccination, and had never refused to have it done, having had nine children vaccinated. His wife, who was in a lunatic asylum, where the child was born, would not let the child out of her hands.—The bench said as it was his first offence, they would only fine him 5s. and costs.—Defendant: I wish to be sent to prison, I'm tired of existence.—The bench: A distress warran will be issued for 12s. 6d., and in default of raising the money, you will be sent to prison for seven days.—Defendant: Then I will set fire to the house. I shall not pay.—The bench then sent him to prison for seven days.

THE BRITISH TEMPERANCE LEAGUE AT DARLINGTON.—The Conference of the British Temperance League held in the Mechanics' Hall, Darlington, last week, passed a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Mr. Edward Pease in the bereavement they had sustained; and also recorded its high appreciation of his generous sympathy and liberal support to temperance other philanthropic institutions. A resolution was also passed, stating that the Conference was thankful to find from the votes of the present Parliament that it was favourable to the closing of public-houses on Sunday, and earnestly urged that no Bill brought before the House would be satisfactory which did not provide for the entire closing of public-houses on Sunday. Another resolution passed by the Conference viewed with profound pleasure the growth of public opinion upon the temperance question as shown in the results of the general election and the recent votes on Local Option and Sunday closing in Parliament.

CONSETT POLICE COURT.—At this court, on Monday, before Messrs. A. Town (chairman), Esq., and J. Priestman, Esq., Bridget Riley, married woman, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs for having been drunk at Blackhill, on the 28th ult.——J. Doran was sent to gaol for seven days, in default of paying a fine of 5s. and costs for a similar offence, on the 3rd inst.——Michael Hanlon, George Moffit, and Patrick Burns were charged by Sergt. Tranmer with having been drunk at Consett, on the 3rd inst. Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined 5s. each and costs.——Frank Pescod, an elderly man, for having been drunk in Derwent Street, Blackhill, on the 28th ult., was also fined 5s. and costs.——Bryan McCluskey, who did not appear, was fined 10s. and costs for having been drunk at Dipton, on the 3rd inst. Sergt. Nattress, who proved the case, said defendant tripped a woman down and ran away.——Edward McGraffan, who was represented by his wife, was fined 5s. and costs for a similar offence.——John Cookson, charged by P.C. Cumming with a similar offense, was also fined 5s. and costs.——Patrick Dagnan, a young man, was summoned for using threatening language to his sister, Catherine Dagnan. As the parties did not appear, the case was dismissed.——John Foster pleaded guilty to having been drunk in Consett on Saturday afternoon, and was fined 5s. and costs.——Mary Peart, of Horsleyhope, was charged with having been drunk at Consett on Saturday night. As this was defendant's first appearance in a police court, she was discharged with a reprimand.——John Riley was charged with a similar offence in Front Street, Consett. Fined 5s. and costs.——Hugh McGee and James Connolly were charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting near Carr House, on the 4th inst. P.C. Simpson proved the case, and defendants were bound over to keep the peace for three months, and also ordered to pay the costs, 8s. 6d. each.

AN AMERICAN GIANT.—The Americans are making a giant; they are expert at all things. They have got a young fellow named Jack Shields, a Texas boy, eighteen years old, who is at present little more than seven feet in height, but he is in training to be the "giant of the future," and it is expected that he will beat any giant ever yet exhibited. He comes of a family of gigantic proportions. A theatrical and operatic agent has interviewed him, agreed on terms, and commenced "training him to be a giant; he thinks his infant will grow to be the tallest man in the business. He needs watching. Having been accustomed all his life to lower himself to talk to his companions, and to allow his arms to hang loosely by his side, and to spread out his legs, he is yet raw and awkward to the giant business; but now he is getting to hold his head up, and keep his feet together and throw his shoulders back, to keep himself in shape, to take flesh and get more height."

ELEMENTARY FORMS OF WRITING.—Until the continuous "ms," "ns," and "pothooks" given in writing lessons are written well and gracefully, a person's writing will always be poor. The advantage of these elementary forms is that they show where the fault lies, and concentrate the effort to the correction of that one thing. It is a mistake to imagine that it is the hand alone which has the trick of writing; the mind guides the hand. Don't try to imitate a whole line at once, but go over each letter itself with the eye. Notice the particular shape and swing of letters and parts of letters, taking, say, the tail of a "y" or "g," imitating it, noting where you fall short, and keep on trying until you are perfect. This habit of taking your work to pieces and examining and practising on it bit by bit, is what will give you progress. Of course, later on, when you feel yourself capable, you can proceed to copy whole lines and sentences. Lastly, supposing that you have considerably improved by the foregoing process, you want to fall into some particular style that shall be good and shall be your own. Even late in life, it is not impossible to become a good writer.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.—Young men remain single because they fear the extravagance of their wives? Nonsense! It may be so in some cases, but not in most. The average young man is more extravagant than the average young woman, and the young man who is afraid to marry because girls are extravagant, is usually the most extravagant of his class, and does not desire to marry, because, in order to support a wife and children, he would have to cut off his extravagances. In the majority of cases, the wife is the cause of actual saving to the husband. Women are proverbially "picayunish," and a wife looks after her husband's small change pretty closely if the privilege is given her. Before marriage he lived clear up to his income, saved nothing, and owned nothing. After marriage he saves money, because he is compelled to, and usually owns the house he lives in. Before marriage he was not obliged to economize, because he did not look beyond the present, with its enjoyments. After marriage he is required to economize, because he has to regard the future, with its responsibilities. A "gay" young man will frequently spend enough in one evening to support a wife for a week.

A USEFUL INVENTION.—Among the wonderful and useful inventions of the times is the common sand blast. If raised letters, a flower, or other emblem, are required on stone, cut the letters, flowers, &c., in wax, and stick them upon the stone; then pass the stone under the blast, and the sand will cut it away. Remove the wax, and you have the raised letters. Take a piece of French plate glass, say two feet by six, and cover it with fine lace, pass it under the blast, and not a thread of lace will be injured, but the sand will cut deep into the glass wherever it is not covered by the lace. Now remove the lace, and you have every delicate and beautiful figure raised upon the glass. In this way beautiful figures of all kinds are cut in glass, and at a small expense. The workmen can hold their hands under the blast without harm, even when it is rapidly cutting away the hardest glass, iron, or stone, but they must look out for finger nails, for they will be cut off right hastily. If they put on steel thimbles to protect the nails, it will do little good, for the sand will soon cut them away; but if they wrap a piece of soft cotton around them they are safe. The philosophy of this is, that the sand cuts away and destroys any hard substance, even glass, but does not affect substances that are soft and yielding, like the head, hand, wax, cotton or fine laces.

SAGACITY OF DOGS.—Some interesting stories are told of the sagacity of dogs concerning the use of money. A terrier, now dead, publicly begged money from suitable persons, showing great discrimination in the selection of the persons to whom he made his appeal. When he had an excess of funds—more than he required to buy his modicum of bread at the baker's—he hid his money in the office of his master (who was, and is still, harbour master), or sometimes about the quay, in which latter case his hoards were frequently found and appropriated by needy and greedy porters and street arabs. He carried on this profitable business of begging on his own account, till his teeth were quite worn down by the incessant friction of the coins he had caught up and carried. Equally intelligent was a Newfoundland dog, who, when offered a coin, if not at the moment hungry, would hide it under his mat, thus gradually accumulating a fund of coppers, from which he abstracted a penny or half-penny at a time, according to the state of his appetite. He knew perfectly well the difference between the coins and their relative value, and that he was entitled to receive two biscuits for the larger sum, and only one for the halfpenny. Sometimes he only wanted a single biscuit, and wished for the change out of his penny. Now and then he took a fancy for a French roll by way of variety. If you gave him a sixpence he would receive the change, and then allow you to take it out of his mouth, satisfied with his two biscuits.

THE OLD DUBLIN STAGE.—Sir Jonah Barrington, in his "Recollections," gives us a vivid picture of the theatres at that period. "The old play-houses in Dublin were lighted with tallow candles stuck in two circles, hanging from the middle of the stage, and every now and then snuffed by some performer; and two soldiers, with fixed bayonets, always stood on each side of the stage near the boxes to keep the audience in order. The galleries were very noisy and very droll. The ladies and gentlemen in the boxes always went dressed out as if for court, and the strictest etiquette and decorum were preserved in that circle; while the pit, as being full of critics and wise men, was particularly respected, except when the young gentlemen of the university occasionally forced themselves in to revenge some insult, real or imaginary, to their body, on which occasion all the ladies, well-dressed men, and peaceable people decamped forthwith, and the young gentlemen as generally proceeded to beat or turn out the residue of the audience, and to break every thing that came within their reach. So riotous, however, was the pit audience, that no female ever sat in that part of the house." The authority just quoted, Sir Jonah Barrington, tells a story of an amusing bit of realism which it was customary to introduce into Hamlet. Horatio describes the ghost dissapearing at cock-crow. In England we have always been content to imagine the notes of the chanticleer; not so in Dublin. There an actor was regularly cast for the part, and his performance was as rigidly criticised by the gallery as that of any other actor. In Sir Jonah's time there was one who had acquired quite a fame in the part. But this was not all; five or six real roosters were behind the scenes, and so natural was his imitation that all would take up the note after him, and the spectre of the Danish king would vanish amid a full chorus.

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Whenever we have to establish new relations with anyone, let us make an ample provision for pardon or indulgence, and of kindness.

Faith builds a bridge across the gulf of death, to break the shock blind Nature cannot shun, and hands thought smoothly on the farther shore.

## WIT AND HUMOUR.

DEAD locks—false hair.

SURE of their crops.—Hens

AN UPSTART.—Beginning to prosper.

SOMETHING to be looked into.—A mirror.

A WASTE of "t"—Putting it in "depot."

THE nick of time.—When he cuts his stick.

ONLY a question of time.—Asking the hour.

SOME of the dearest spots on earth are mortgaged.

YOU never see a woman button anything she can pin.

BETTER have large feet than a small understanding.

AN ism to be put down by the police—Ruffianism.

A GIRL may smile and smile and be unwilling still.

HOW TO MARK TABLE-LINEN. — Upset the gravy.

WHAT the cabbage said to the cook—"My heart is thine."

A MATCHLESS STORY—One in which there are no weddings.

LEAP-YEAR MOTTO.—Look before you leap into matrimony.

WHY are blushes like girls?—Because they become women.

WHEN do dogs resemble cards? When they belong to a pack.

IT's meet and drink that is depriving many a family of food.

A WOMAN's curiosity will always go further than her pin-money.

THE person who retires with the sun must have a warm bedfellow.

A LADY is not benefited by the length of dress trailing the floor.

THE most disinterestedly good.—Those who are good for nothing.

THE career of the unsuccessful dramatist.—All work, and no play.

A FIRM advertises "raw silk stockings." Who wants them cooked?

WHEN does a criminal resemble an old book?—When he is bound over.

IN what kind of a vehicle does time travel?—In a gig—the whirligig of time.

"MY wedding trip," said the groom, as he stumbled over the bride's train.

THERE is a distinction with a difference between attic rooms and rheumatics.

A WOMAN and a ship always want to be full-rigged when they go out a trading.

THE married editor is reminded of his courting days every time he goes to press.

WHEN a woman bestows her hand upon a man, can he be said to bear away the palm?

IT is no sign that a hen meditates evil to her owner simply because she lays for him.

WHY is a widower like a house in a state of dilapidation?—Because he should be repaired.

SONG of the poor young married couple occupying a single room—"We'll have a suite by-and-by."

THE bride who sings, "Do they miss me at home?" is unreasonable. They speak of her as Mrs. now.

THE only thing which can run in the sun and cast no shadow is a country road with no trees on it.

IF a man gets "the sack," he is unhappy; but if a lady gets the sack—a seal-skin—she is delighted.

A COQUETTE is a rose-bush from which each young beau plucks a leaf, and the thorns are left for the husband.

JAPAN must be a poor place for a labouring man, for we are constantly hearing of the lacquer work in that country.

IT has been discovered that the man who "stuck to his colours" was a painter who sat down in one of his paint-pots.

WHEN two girls meet, they kiss. When two young men meet, they don't. That shows who wants kissing the worst.

WHEN we see XX or XXX on a liquor cask we always think of the amount of cris-crosses walking condensed inside of it.

WITHOUT saying which one does the hugging, Miss Muloch says bears and forbears are the two great bears of matrimony.

A PHILOSOPHER says, "You require in marriage precisely the same quality that you would in eating sausages—absolute confidence.

MANY a man who has been a negligent husband decorates his dead wife's grave with flowers. Why not take the boquet home beforehand?

A SHREWD trader says that there are two reasons why we don't trust a man; one, because we don't know him, and the other because we do.

WHAT tells one not to hit a man when he is down? Honour. And what warns one not to hit him when he isn't down? Discretion.

FIRST married man: "How is your mother-in-law?"—Second married man: "Well, thank you; how is yours?"—First married man: "Dead, thank you!"

A MULE's head does not contain a brain capable of culture and refined rearing, but it is wonderful to what an extent the other end of his form can be reared.

HENS will set on a nest of eggs for a day and not murmur, but let a man set on a basket of eggs but for a second, and he will use fowl language enough.

IN front of some of the furnished apartments in Paris are the words, "English taken in here," and a notice in a shop window runs, "English spiked within"

MORE INQUIRIES.—Can a fee given to a quack doctor be said to be a real fee simple, and can "bills of mortality" be said to be also "debts of nature?"

IF a man brawls, he is regarded with contempt. If a brook brawls, it is looked upon with admiration. Is a puny stream of water of more account than a man?

A BALD young man, explained why he had a pretty girl on his lap with his arm around her, by saying that he was engaged in the study of weights and measures.

"DUTY stares me in the face!" was a certain prominent senior remarked, when the custom house officers caught him smuggling a few dozen promenade kids.

IN ancient days the precept was "know thyself." In modern times it has been supplanted by the far more fashionable maxim, "Know thy neighbour and everything about him."

A LITTLE boy once asked his mother whether some act for which he had been rebuked was wicked, and mamma replied, "No, my dear, it was worse than wicked; it was vulgar."

OLD OCEAN indulges in storms merely for wreck-creation.

PEOPLE will pick their teeth, and yet they do not all get good ones.

NO wonder the wheels of vehicles break down. They are always tired.

SOME doctors are very disagreeable creatures, being always out of patients.

WHEN a man is in a brown study does he give colour to his thoughts?

"I LIKE your impudence," as a pretty girl said when her beau kissed her.

A LOOK may lie, a smile may be perfidious, but a woman's dress never deceives.

THE man who fell into a barrel of whisky said he was "depressed in spirits."

THERE is in the heart of woman such a deep well of love that no age can freeze it.

ANY girl has a right to look at a milliner's window and wish she had a rich husband.

THE wind always finds something to blow about, even if it only blows about one's ears.

A PRETTY wife's big account from the fashionable milliner is, after all, only a bill of fair.

IT is one of the curious ways of the world that a male hair-dresser often dyes an old maid.

ONLY a small per centage of men have their glass, but every mother's daughter dotes on hers.

IT is when the school-girl first puts an "e" to the world "lov" that the spell begins to work.

THE Postmaster-General should suppress matrimony by all means, for matrimony is a lottery.

NOTHING makes a woman more angry than to have her trail taken for an accommodation train.

THE gourmand expects good digestion to await on his appetite after all the other waiters are tired out.

A MAN's great ambition is to be credited with some great feat; a woman's, to be credited with small feet.

A MAN may be very well behaved before marriage, bnt after the knot is tied he is inevitably "made fast."

MEN advertise for lost watches, lost pocket-books, and lost jewellery, but never for lost principles.

TEACHER: "What is the meaning of a sinecure?"—Pupil: "A doctor's sign, sir, is a sign o' cure."

THE strongest man feels the influence of woman's gentle thought, as the mightiest oak quivers in the soft breeze.

IT's easier to tie a knot in a bull's horn than to make your wife believe that every other night is a lodge night.

A LITTLE BOY recently said, "Christians are people who will not be punished for their crimes if they go to church."

WHEN two women with new hats on pass each other in the street there is a pair of back stares built immediately.

AN advocate of cremation urged as one great point in its favour that "it would save a dead person from being buried alive."

"AFTER all," said the baker, as he walked home from an astronomical lecture, "after all, the world is only a big turnover."

A FRENCH writer describes a young lady as a creature that ceases to kiss a gentleman at twelve and begins again at eighteen.

WANTED, a barber who will admit that he ever cut a man while shaving him, and a bachelor who is not looking for a rich widow.

JONES, being told he looked seedy, and asked what business he was in, replied, "The hard-ware business—look at my wardrebe!"

A PHILOSOPHER says:—"You require in marriage precisely the same quality that you would in eating sausage—absolute confidence."

"THE young lady who was blamed for allowing her glove to be discovered in a young man's pocket, stated that she had no hand in it.

A YOUNG LADY was asked how she could possibly afford, in hard times, to take music lessons.—"Oh, I confine myself to the low notes."

IF a man whistles in the street as if he were calling a dog, from three to seven men will stop suddenly and look about. Is Darwin right?

THE hardest thing in the world for a young woman to do is to look unconcerned the first time she comes out in a handsome engagement-ring.

"TALK about the jaws of death!" said a man who was living with his third scolding wife, "I tell you they're nothing to the jaws of life."

"SIR, I will make you feel the arrows of my resentment."—"Ah, miss, why should I fear your arrows when you never had a beau?"

THE interchangeable family ulster supplies a want long felt. In the possession of a young married couple it can be worn by either party.

HOW men's tastes differ! One dropped into his seat at a restaurant and murmured, "Hot weather," and his neighbour said, "Cold mutton."

IF Parliament were to consider the sporting with reputation of as much importance as sporting on manors, and pass an Act for the preservation of fame, there are many who would thank them for the Bill.

A LITTLE BOY having been at a children's evening party, his papa was told that he chose the biggest girl to dance with, so asked him, "How old was she?" He said, "I would not be so rude as to ask her."

A LADY engaged to be married, and getting sick of her bargain, applied to a friend to help her untie the knot, before it was too late. "Oh, certainly," she replied; "it is very easy to untie it now while it is only a beau knot."

A YOUNG dentist was introduced to a fashionable beauty the other evening, and gracefully opened the conversation by saying, "I hope I may consider that we are not entirely unacquainted. I had the pleasure of extracting a tooth for your father a short time ago!"

A SAILOR was recently brought before a magistrate, for beating his wife, when the magistrate attempted to reach his heart by asking him if he did not know that his wife was the "weaker vessel."—"If she is, she ought not to carry so much sail!" replied Jack.

AN Indiana girl who sued for breach of promise found all her love-letters confronting her in court, and rather than have the jury know that she spelled it "mairy" for marry, "harte" for heart, and "hapie" for happy, she withdrew the suit. Young men, save your love-letters.

AT A CONCERT.—"You have excellent critical taste and seem to delight in good music. Tell me then, my friend, why you have never mastered some instrument?" "Alas, my dear fellow, my ear is so delicately strung, I shrink from the horrible prospect of hearing myself practice."

A CLERK was discharged, and asked the reason. "You are too awful slow about everything," said his employer. — "You do me an injustice," responded the clerk, "There is one thing I am not slow about."—"I should like to hear you name it," sneered the proprietor.—"Well," said the clerk, slowly, "nobody can get tired as quick as I can."

## Local Postal Arrangements.

### CONSETT.

Postmaster, ... ... Mr. R. FRASER.

First delivery of letters at 7·30 a.m.; Second, (at window of Post Office) at 9a.m.; Third, at 6·50p.m. The letter box closes at 12·5 (noon), 5·55 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Money Orders are issued from 9 a.m. to 5·30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7·30 p.m.

Telegrams received from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The PILLAR BOX at top of DELVES LANE is cleared daily (except Sundays) at 5·40 p.m.

### BLACKHILL.

Postmaster, ... ... Mr. E. SLOANE.

First delivery of letters at 7·15 a.m.; Second, (and at window), at 3·30 p.m.; Third, at 6·50 p.m. The letter box closes at 12·20 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8·30 p.m.

Money Orders issued from 9 a.m. to 5·30 p.m., and on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Telegrams received from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Suudays, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The PILLAR BOX at HIGHGATE is cleared daily (except Sundays) at 4·50 p.m.

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Postmistress, ... Miss J. LESLIE, Front Street.

Letters arrive and are delivered about 8 a.m. Window delivery at 10 a.m. Letters are despatched at 11·50 a.m., 5·30 p.m., and 8 p.m.

The Money Order Office is open from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m.

Telegrams are received from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. Sundays from 8 a.m till 10 a.m.

### LEADGATE.

Postmaster, Mr. E. KINLESIDE, Front Street

The letter delivery commences at 8 a.m. A bag is also despatched from Blackhill at 9 a.m., and letter can be obtained at this office on application after 9·30 a.m. The letter box is closed at 5·30 p.m.

Money Orders are granted to the public from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Saturdays until 8 p.m.

Savings' Bank business is transacted during the same hours.

The Telegraph Office is open to the public from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m., and on Sundays from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m.

### ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Postmaster, ... ... ... Mr. E. REED

Letters delivered at 9·30 a.m.

Money Orders from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Telegrams from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Sundays from 8 to 10 a.m.

The PILLAR BOX at CATCHGATE is cleared at 3·25 p.m.

### DIPTON.

Postmaster, ... ... Mr. E. MADDISON.

Letters delivered at 9 a.m. Box closes at 4 p.m.

Money Orders from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Telegrams from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

### LANCHESTER.

Posmistress, ... ... ... Mrs. CUMMING.

Leters delivered at 8·40 a.m. Box closes at 6·15 p.m.

Money Orders issued from 9 a.m. to 5·30 p.m.

Telegrams from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Sundays 8 to 10 a.m.

## Railway Time Table.

### CONSETT BRANCH

TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

| STATIONS. | 1,2,G. A.M. | 1,2,G. A.M. | 1,2,G P.M. | 1,2,G., P.M. | ,2,G P.M. |
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| Newcastle ........ dep. | 5·45 | 9·40 | 12·30 | 2·43 | 5·35 |
| Scotswood ........ „ | 5·52 | 9·47 | 12·37 | 2·47 | 5·42 |
| Swalwell ........ „ | 5·59 | 9·54 | 12·43 | 2·53 | 5·49 |
| Rowland's Gill .... „ | 6· 9 | 10· 4 | 12·53 | 2· 3 | 5·59 |
| Lintz Green ...... „ | 6·15 | 10·10 | 12·59 | 2· 9 | 6· 5 |
| Ebchester ........ „ | 6·28 | 10·23 | 1·12 | 3·22 | 6·18 |
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| dep | 6·42 | 10·37 | | 4·40 | 6·33 |
| Knitsley ........ „ | 6·54 | 10·49 | | 4·52 | 6·44 |
| Lanchester ...... „ | 7· 3 | 10·58 | | 5· 1 | 6·53 |
| Witton Gilbert .... „ | 7·14 | 11· 9 | | 5·12 | 7· 4 |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Durham .......... dep. | 7·25 | | 11·45 | 3·30 | 8· 0 |
| Witton Gilbert .... „ | 7·37 | | 11·57 | 3·42 | 8·13 |
| Lanchester ...... „ | 7·50 | | 12·10 | 3·55 | 8·25 |
| Knitsley ........ „ | 8· 2 | | 12·22 | 4· 5 | 8·37 |
| Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr. | | | | 4·15 | |
| dep | 8·15 | 9·10 | 12·35 | 3·45 | 8·50 |
| Shotley Bridge .... „ | 8·20 | 9·15 | 12·40 | 3·50 | 8·55 |
| Ebchester ........ „ | 8·24 | 9·19 | 12·44 | 3·54 | 8·59 |
| Lintz Green ...... „ | 8·34 | 9·29 | 12·54 | 4· 4 | 9· 9 |
| Rowland's Gill .... „ | 8·39 | 9·34 | 12·59 | 4·10 | 9·14 |
| Swalwell ........ „ | 8·47 | 9·42 | 1·7 | 4·17 | 9·22 |
| Scotswood ........ „ | 8·54 | 9·49 | 1·14 | 4·24 | 9·29 |
| Newcastle ........ arr. | 9· 5 | 10· 0 | 1·25 | 4·35 | 9·40 |

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| LEAVE | a.m. | p.m. | LEAVE | a.m. | p.m |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newcastle ..... | 7·30 | 7·15 | Benfieldside ... | 8·35 | 8·20 |
| Scotswood .... | 7·37 | 7·22 | Shotley Bridge ... | 8·40 | 8·25 |
| Swalwell ...... | 7·44 | 7·29 | Ebchester .... | 8·44 | 8.29 |
| Rowland's Gill... | 7·54 | 7·39 | Lintz Green ..... | 8·54 | 8·39 |
| Lintz Green .... | 8·0 | 7·45 | Rowland's Gill | 8·59 | 8·44 |
| Ebchester ..... | 8·13 | 7·58 | Swalwell ...... | 9· 8 | 8·53 |
| Shotley Bridge .. | 8·19 | 8· 4 | Scotswood ...... | 9·14 | 8·59 |
| Benfieldside (arr) | 8·25 | 8·10 | Newcastle (arr). | 9·25 | 9·10 |

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| STATIONS. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|
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| Scotswood .......... „ | 7·17 | 4·17 | 7·37 |
| Swalwell .......... „ | 7·24 | 4·25 | 7·44 |
| Rowland's Gill ...... „ | 7·34 | 4·35 | 7·54 |
| Lintz Green ........ „ | 7·40 | 4·41 | 8· 0 |
| Ebchester .......... „ | 7·53 | 4·54 | 8·13 |
| Shotley Bridge ...... „ | 7·59 | 5· 0 | 8·19 |
| Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr. | 8· 5 | 5· 7 | 8·25 |
| dep. | 9·20 | .... | |
| Knitsley .......... | 9·32 | .... | .... |
| Lanchester ........ | 9·41 | .... | .... |
| Witton Gilbert ...... | 9·52 | .... | .... |
| Durham ........ arr. | 10· 5 | .... | .... |

| STATIONS. | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|
| Durham .......... dep. | 7·55 | ..... |
| Witton Gilbert ...... „ | 8· 7 | ..... |
| Lanchester .......... „ | 8·20 | ..... |
| Knitsley .......... „ | 8·32 | ..... |
| Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr. | 8·45 | ..... |
| dep. | 8·50 | 5·30 |
| Shotley Bridge ...... „ | 8·55 | 5·35 |
| Ebchester .......... „ | 8·59 | 5·39 |
| Lintz Green ........ „ | 9· 9 | 5·49 |
| Rowland's Gill ...... | 9·15 | 5·55 |
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| Newcastle ........ arr | 9·40 | 6·20 |

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|---|---|---|---|
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| Benfieldside ...... „ | 6·50 | 1·30 | 4·30 |
| Rowley .......... „ | 7· 0 | 1·40 | 4·40 |
| Burnhill Junction .. „ | 7·10 | 1·50 | 4·50 |
| Tow Law .......... „ | 7·23 | 2· 3 | 5· 3 |
| Crook ........ arr. | 7·35 | 2·15 | 5.15 |
| dep. | 7·45 | 2·30 | 5·25 |
| Bishop Auckland .. „ | 8·10 | 2·54 | 6· 0 |
| Darlington ........ „ | 8·52 | 3·40 | 6·45 |
| Stockton .......... „ | 9·20 | 4· 8 | 7·18 |
| Middlesbro' ........ „ | 9·33 | 4·20 | 7·33 |
| Saltburn .......... „ | 10·10 | 4·55 | 8·10 |

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

| STATIONS. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Saltburn ........ dep. | 5·45 | 11·15 | 4·55 |
| Middlesbro' ...... „ | 6·21 | 11·47 | 3·29 |
| Stockton .......... „ | 6·31 | 11·55 | 3·37 |
| Darlington ........ „ | 7·15 | 12·45 | 5· 5 |
| Bishop Auckland .... „ | 7·43 | 1·13 | 5·33 |
| Crook ........ arr. | 8· 8 | 1·36 | 5·58 |
| dep. | 8·15 | 2·20 | 6· 5 |
| Tow Law .......... „ | 8·27 | 2·32 | 6·20 |
| Burnhill Junction .. „ | 8·42 | 2·45 | 6·35 |
| Rowley .......... „ | 8·52 | 2·55 | 6·45 |
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## Local Police Courts.

### LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, July 15th.—Before A. TOWN, Esq., (chairman), R. DICKINSON, Esq.

AFFILIATION.

*Robson Riddle*, Stanley was summoned for being the putitive father of Annie Coxon's illegitimate child. Dr. Carr prosecuted, and Mr. John Patrick, jun., defended. After a long discussion, the birth of the child being proved, defendant was ordered to pay 3s. per week, for 13 years.

*John Nicholson*, Chester-le-Street, was snmmoned for being the father of Barbara Head's illegitimate child. The case having being proved, defendant was ordered to pay 3s. per week, for 16 years.

PITCH AND TOSS.

*George Dawson, George Rear, Matthew Watson, Wm. Rear, Henry Dodds, Francis Mooney, Edwd. Walker, Thomas Watson, Owen Wood, and Michael Hennesy*, were each fined 5s. and costs for playing pitch and toss at Shield Row, on Sunday last.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

*Henry Foggon, and Hennesy*, two boys, were summoned for doing wilful damage to hay, at Stanley Colliery, on the 10th inst., ordered to pay 2d. damage and 5s. costs.

*Henry Cock, Thos. Cock, Wm. Cock, and Henry Coleson*, were summoned for trespassing and wilful damage near Esh. It appears that it has been customary on a Sunday afternoon for persons to take whiskey bottles &c., and lie down and drink all the afternoon on the bankside, in a field belonging to Mr. Kidd, Farmer, who had it railed off from the footpath, and had cautioned them repeatedly, but as no notice appeared to be taken, he determined to prosecute. In defence, Henry Cock said they had walked fifteen miles and were ready to sit down. They were each ordered to pay 2d. damage and 5s. costs.

*John Connelly*, who did not appear, was fined 1s. and costs, and 1d. damage for trespassing on Sunday, the 4th inst., at Cornsay.

*John Parks*, for a similar offence on the 3rd inst., at Esh, was fined 5s. and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

*Joseph Hughes* was fined 2s. 6d. and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Cornsay, on the 10th inst.

*James Keeling*, for a similar offence, on the 10th inst., at West Kyo, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

*Henderson Bell*, for a similar offence on the 3rd inst., at West Kyo, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

SPECIAL LICENSES.

A special license was granted to Mr. Lowes, of Leadgate, to sell intoxicating liquors at Medomsley Cricket Club Sports, on Saturday.

BREACH OF THE COAL MINES REGULATION ACT.

*John Cumming, John Curtis*, miners, and *Robert Smith*, pit boys, all of Dipton, employed at the Delight Pit, Dipton Colliery, near Lintz Green, were summoned under the Coal Mines, Regulation Act, 1872. Cumming for unlawfully storing a quantity of gunpowder in the said mine. Smith with unlawfully having in his possession a quantity of gunpowder in the said mine, and Curtis with unlawfully throwing a quantity of gunpowder into a lamp thereby causing an explosion, which endangered the life of himself and others emplyed therein. The case was adjourned until Monday next at Consett. Cumming was bound over in his own recognisance in the sum of £2.

CLEVER CAPTURE OF A POULTRY STEALER.

*Joseph Foster*, a miner, residing at Swalwell, was charged with stealing seven hens from John Brown, one hen from Robert Dixon, of Hamsterley Colliery, and two tame rabbits from Thomas Shearer, at Allendale Cottages. About four o'clock on Saturday morning, the 3rd inst., P.C. Turner was on duty near to Rowlands Gill Station, when he observed prisoner walking down the footpath by the side of the embankment. As soon as prisoner saw the constable he ran away, but the latter gave chase, and he was eventually apprehended. Shortly after the chase commenced, Foster threw away a bundle, which contained the hens and rabbits. Prisoner was found guilty, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour, in each case.

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SACRISTON COLLIERY.—Sir George Elliott, Bart., visited Sacriston Colliery on Friday last, where, it is stated, he intends to make arrangements for the re-opening of the colliery, which, for a considerable time, has been lying idle. It is expected that in the course of a month or so some 200 hands will be engaged.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT BURNOPFIELD.—On Friday afternoon last, an accident (which resulted in the death of a little girl named Jane Jordan, and by which John Cowan, a young man in the employment of Mr. John Thompson, was severely injured) occurred at Burnopfield. It appears that about four o'clock a horse took fright in front of the New Wesleyan Chapel. It dashed up the road in the direction of the Leazes, and knocked down the deceased, who had been to Mr. Rippon's for milk. Cowan was also knocked down, and had his collar bone and arm broken. The little girl was taken to her home, where she succumbed to her injuries at seven o'clock the following night. An inquest was held on the body at the house of Mr. Stones, on Tuesday morning, when a verdict of accidental death was returned.

FARMING PROSPECTS IN THE NORTH.—A well-informed correspondent, who is a practical agriculturist, writes:—The look out for farmers, on the whole, for this year is good. The potato, turnip, and corn crops look well, and are forward in condition. The weather of these last few days has been sadly against the hay crops being got in, many fields in the neighbourhood being cut, which have got a thorough soaking. New land hay is far short of last year's growth—generally only half a crop. Much is owing to the cold weather in the spring of the year, clover and young ends being nipped off, although in sheltered places and where a quantity of forcing manure has been used, the crops are fairly good. Bad accounts come from Tyneside of seeds. Old land grass looks well, and bids fair for heavy crops. Fine weather is all that is now needed.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH BY SUFFOCATION.—Jackson Spence and John Murray, sinkers employed at Seaham Harbour, had a very narrow escape on Tuesday from death by suffocation. It would appear that they had entered a well in course of construction, about sixteen fathoms in depth, and renewed boring operations. About half-past eleven o'clock, when Robert Harrison and Henry M'Kenzie, employed in the second shift, arrived to relieve them, they were surprised to learn that the men in charge had not received any signal from them for about one hour. Harrison having shouted down without getting a response, at once gave instructions to be lowered. Upon getting down he found the men in an unconscious state. He shouted for assistance, and was soon joined by M'Kenzie, who in a few minutes returned with Murray. Other two men, named George Archbold and George Haliday, then went down, and Spence was brought up. Both were unconscious. Harrison, who had also become unconscious, was brought to bank as speedily as possible. The other men followed. They had been almost completely overpowered with the foul air they had inhaled during their heroic task. In the meantime Spence and Murray had been conveyed into the timekeeper's office, where they were promptly attended by Dr. Gibbon and his son, who applied restoratives, and in the course of an hour the men had so far recovered as to be able to be conveyed to their homes.

### LANCHESTER URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

After the appointment of Inspector of Nuisances and Surveyor to the Authority had been made on Thursday se'nnight the following reports were read:—

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS.

Report of the Committee appointed by the Rural and Urban Sanitary Authorities of the Lanchester Union to consider as to the most expedient manner for providing isolated accommodation for the treatment of infectious diseases:—

Your Committee have had the above-named subject under careful consideration, and, to enable them to go more thoroughly into the question, they appointed six of their number to visit the hospitals at Blyth, Darlington, and Gateshead, who have reported to them the cost, working, etc., of these hospitals.

They have now to lay before you the following recommendations.—

1.—That three hospitals to accommodate twelve patients each should be provided for the whole Union during the next four years; the sites to be obtained as near to Consett, Tanfield, and Lanchester as may be desirable.

2.—The cost of each hospital, including one acre of land, to be about £1,720, or £5,160 for the three.

3.—The money to be raised by special rates during the next four years, at the rate of 1½d. or 2d. in the pound, on the rateable value per annum; or, if preferred, the money could be borrowed at 4½ per cent. per annum and the principal repaid by thirty annual instalments, which, with interest on say £5,500, would amount to £337 13s. per annum, equal to a rate of one half-penny in the pound.

4.—That an hospital for the Consett and the western district should be erected near to Number One as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.

A plan of an hospital for twelve patients, prepared by Mr. W. L. Newcombe, Newcastle, is herewith submitted. Your Committee consider that, with a few small alterations, it will meet the requirements.

Your Committee have also gone into the cost of maintaining the hospitals in working order, and estimate it at £120 per annum for each hospital, or something near one half-penny in the pound per annum for the three.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
JOHN ANNANDALE, Chairman.

Consett, July 6th, 1880.

A short discussion followed the reading of this report, after which it was decided to forward a copy to each Local Board interested.

INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

TEMPLETOWN.—I have to report that the back road at Templetown is completed to where the new erections are in progress. The cross road at the low end is set out by a fence, which is only eighteen feet wide instead of thirty-six feet as shown on block plan.

DELVES HOUSE.—Mr. T. R. Dolphin has completed the erection of a privy at the cottage; but the ashpit is not covered in. I gave him notice to do so, but it is not done.

LEAZES, BURNOPFIELD.—Mr. Murray has not removed the drain, and the filth is still flowing down Friarside Lane.

DELIGHT BANK, DIPTON.—Mr. Raw has not sent a plan of the premises showing the position of the intended new privies. Another privy and a proper ashpit are required.

OXHILL.—Messrs. Hedley have constructed a tank, and put in a drain with sinks and gullies to the cottages.

Plans for approval have been handed in from Messrs. James Joicey and Co., for four privies and an ashpit at Shield Row, and from Mr. R. Ramsay for a cart-shed, stable, and cow-shed at Flint Hill.

I am, gentleman, your obedient servant,
WM. GROUND.

Lanchester, July 8th, 1880.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,—I have still to report several cases of scarlet fever and measles in the Medomsley district. The sanitary condition continues satisfactory. Ebchester is free from febile disease, with the exception of one slight case. The sanitary condition is, upon the whole, very good. The outlying parts of the district are in a very creditable state, and require no further comment at the present time. By the registrar's returns 79 births are registered for the quarter ending June last, as against 48 for corresponding quarter of last year, and 33 deaths against 22 of same quarter last year. In considering the cause of death—eight are from diseases of an infectious nature, and all in the eastern portion of the Medomsley district.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, July 7th, 1880.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,—The health of this district is not, I regret to state, as satisfactory as I anticipated it would be. In my last report I mentioned the occurrence of scarlatina in the neighbourhood of Dipton, and that during a period of about three weeks there had been no new cases, in fact, with the exception of a few cases of whoping cough, I expected the district would be free from zymotic diseases. There has, however, been an outbreak not only of scarlatina but also of measles, and to what extent the following statement will show:—

| CASES OF SCARLATINA. | | CASES WHOOPING COUGH. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stanley | 3 | Lintz | 4 |
| Oakey | 2 | Hobson | 3 |
| Dipton, Woodhouses | 1 | Tanfield | 3 |
| Flint Hill | 6 | Tanfield Lea | 3 |
| | | Burnopfield | 6 |

MEASLES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Around Dipton | 13 |
| Oxhill | 27 |
| Tanfield Lea | 1 |

SCARLATINA.—As to the source of infection of the several cases of this fever; those at Flint Hill and Woodhouses would probably receive it from parties in the immediate neighbourhood that had the disease a few weeks previously, but from whence or how those at Stanley and Oakeys became infected I am at a loss to determine.

MEASLES.—It will be observed that the disease has occurred in three widely separated parts of the district, in all of which I have been able to trace the cause of the outbreak. In two instances it was directly imported by new comers; in the other by a resident paying a friendly visit to an adjoining village where it was prevalent.

WHOOPING COUGH.—Is a continuation of the epidemic that commenced in the beginning of 1878.

The death-rate for the month has been above the average, no less than 28 deaths being registered during that period. Two of the deaths were due to scarlatina and three to whooping cough. The mortality amongst children was excessive—eleven were returned as under one year old.

The returns of births and deaths registered during the quarter ending June 30th, 1880, are as follows:—The total number of births amounted to 214, the number for the corresponding quarter of 1879 being 216

The total number of deaths from all causes amounted to 83, against 68 in the corresponding quarter of 1879.

The number of deaths from zymotic diseases was 10 against 9 in the same period of 1879.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 on the estimated population being 20·75, against 17 in the third quarter of last year.

The death-rate from zymotic diseases are—measles, 1; scarlatina, 5; whooping cough, 3; typhoid fever, 1.

Of the above deaths 30 (over a third) were children under the age of one year, and 12 were persons over 60 years of age.—I remain, gentleman, yours obediently,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

LANCHESTER DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,—During the last four weeks there have been thirty cases of measles at Langley Park; three at Parkhouse Cottages; thirty-five at Quebec, including Hamsteels; twenty-nine at Cornsay Colliery; four at Cornsay, and one in the Workhouse. There has been one case of scarlet fever at New House Cottages.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, July 8th, 1880.

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### LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board took place on Wednesday afternoon, in the Reading-room. The following members were present—Messrs. G. Nicholson, W. Cheesman, Brown, Keenleyside, Lammonby, Carss, Todd, and L. Nicholson. The Chairman (Mr. R. W. Shaw) not being present, Mr. Carss was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer's report was read, which showed that a few cases of scarlatina and measles had broken out.

SANITARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Sanitary Committee reported as follows:—

June 28th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—Your sanitary committee met on the above date and inspected Leadgate. They found the village in a clean, orderly condition. Some little improvement might be made in the cases which we indicate below. The question of covering the ashpits—Your committee is unanimous that they are better as they are, but recommend, where the ashpits are sunk below the level of the ground, a drain might be put from the ashpit into the main drain, where the main drain is adjacent. A new channel is wanted behind Dyke Row, the whole length. The channel behind Nelson Street requires repairs and improving. Behind Durham Road a sink grate is in a filthy state—requires cleaning and some repairs. The pavements about the water taps require repairs; pools of water are standing in the holes where the pavement is bad; very many of them require attention. A new channel is required in Lime Square. House No. 69—Too many hens kept inside this house; the smell was abominable. Behind Plantation Row the channel must be carried further up; the Surveyor will be able to point out the parties to whom it belongs. A new channel much wanted behind South Nelson Street. The walls of an old house standing near to Bottle Bank School are in a very dangerous state. Your Committee suggests that the Board should order these dangerous walls to be taken down, and the *debris* to be cleared away. Pig house too near the dwellings, belonging to R. Carr. Duck pond belonging Barnard McLarey is in a very filthy state; objectionable as being so near the houses. Offensive ashpit in Mr. Parker's yard. Finn Street requires kerbing and channeling. Channel wanted from the water tap into drain behind M. Robson's house in Pont Row. Channel wanted from water-tap behind Mr. T. Clement's property. Offensive privy built against the gable end belonging to Mr. T Coulson. Drain stopped belonging Mr. T. Foster, also pavement near the sink grate requires repairs. Mr. H. Postle's property—the sink and retaining wall wants repairs, and the present privy should be made into a water closet: it is very objectionable in its present state.

WM. BROWN.
LUKE NICHOLSON.
THOS. LAMMONBY.
EDWARD TODD.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This report showed the district to be in good condition, and was considered very satisfactory.

PLANS.

Plans of two cottages at Redwell Hills for Mr. T. Brown were put before the Board, which were referred to the Building Committee, with power to seal if approved of by them.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

The following letter was read from the Consett Local Board:—

DEAR SIR,—This Board has passed a resolution to form a Committee, and has formed a Committee to confer with the other two Local Boards as to the desirability or otherwise of amalgamating the three districts of Leadgate, Benfieldside, and Consett, subject to your Board approving the same and appointing a similar Committee. The names of our Committee are—W. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., Mr. T. Dunne, and Mr. T. Siddell.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN ELLIOTT.

Office, Patliament Street, Consett, 12th July, 1880.
To Mr. M. Coupland.

—Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Cheeseman, seconded by Mr. Brown, that a Committee be formed to meet the other Committees, and report next meeting.

HOSPITALS.

The Committee's report was then read, when it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Brown, that, in the absence of the Hospital Committee, the report and plan be left over till next meeting.—The proceedings then closed.

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THE BANEFUL EFFECTS OF DRINK.—A married woman named Jane Spurs, the wife of a tobacconist, residing in Claypath, Durham, was charged on Tuesday in that city with stealing a silver watch of the value of £5 the property of Mr. Robert Dryden, of the King's Arms Inn, Claypath, on the previous day (Sunday).—The accused had given way to habits of intemperance, and Mr. H. J. Marshall, who appeared for the prisoner, made a powerful appeal to the Bench in mitigation of sentence.—The Mayor, who expressed the regret of himself and brother magistrates in having to adjudicate in such a painful case, sentenced the prisoner to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

TRIP TO LUMLEY CASTLE.—Monday last was the day selected by the Primitive Methodist Choir of Consett for their annual excursion. Several places had been proposed as offering enjoyment and recreation, but as a desire was evinced by the members of this school of harmony and song for—

"Fresh fields and pastures new,"

It was unanimously resolved that Lumley Castle—which has been visited by several other parties from this district, and which was highly eulogised by them for the day of intoxicating pleasure which it afforded—should be the destination of the party. The Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir, by a rather singular coincidence, also elected to visit this far-famed and beautiful spot on the same day as their Consett friends. A splendid morning greeted the excursionists, and by nine o'clock the two choirs, with a large party of friends—numbering over 100 altogether—were fairly on their happy journey. Chester-le-Street was reached at half-past ten, where the company alighted, and proceeded to the Castle grounds. It was thought advisable, while the friends were all together, to take advantage of the pass, which had been kindly granted by the Steward, to inspect the ancient and historical residence of the family of Lumley. A description of all the interesting and curious things which the guests were shown would take up too much time and space; suffice to say that the grand old Castle, which is in an excellent state of preservation, some parts of it (so we were informed) being five centuries old, was fully viewed, and the party arrived on the battlements of the building safely. Here a magnificent and delightful view of hill and dale was unfolded, and after singing a hymn, a return was made. A few adventurous spirits managed to stray away from the guide, and unthinkingly lost themselves in the many passages and chambers of the place. They were, however, discovered, after a tedious search, in a state of great agitation. The party then proceeded to the entrance hall, and, after a substantial meal, various games were played in front of the Castle. The river was the great attraction, the boats being kept busy all day. Some remarkable specimens of amateur rowing were shown. The boats seemed to be inclined to run into the banks, run into other boats, spin round as if on pivots, and, in fact, do anything rather than go straight. However, the pleasant day wore away without any serious mishap, and, by eight o'clock p.m., the now tired, but still merry, visitors were on their homeward journey, making the night air resound with their songs of praise, the villagers of Oxhill, Stanley, and Annfield Plain seeming to have turned out *en masse* to stare at the unusual sight of five brake-loads of people go singing by. A little after ten o'clock, the doxology was sung, and the party separated.

## Correspondence.

### LANGLEY PARK WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—In your last issue I noticed that a correspondent had given a statement regarding the above school anniversary, which I, as a teacher, am glad to state is true. Before he begins with the nasty fly and the pot of ointment, he goes on to state about the refractory teacher who wanted to override the prerogative of the superintendent, who left in a rage, and who was conspicuous by his absence during the whole of the services. As a teacher I can say that the nasty fly and turbulent spirit was the party that left in a rage. The superintendent might have been conspicuous for his absence to your correspondent, who has nothing to do with the school, but to the scholars and teachers his absence was pleasing and his place easily filled. This anniversary has been the most successful that has been held at Langley Park. By the fly taking flight the ointment is left more pure.—Yours, &c.,
A TEACHER.

July 14, 1880.

### THE DELVES LANE CROSSING.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

DEAR SIR,—I send you a report of a terrible accident which may happen any day in 1880 or 1881.

The Coroner will hold an inquest on the bodies of three children who will be killed at the railway crossing below Parade Terrace, Consett. The Coroner will remark that the local board or other authorities are liable to a heavy fine under the Compensation for Injuries Bill.

On each side of the gate belonging to the North-Eastern Railway, there is an open railing without a single pale. At the bottom of the under rail the elements and the "imps" have removed so much earth that any common cow will soon be able to effect a passage underneath. I was terrified on Saturday last to see half-a-dozen or more children gliding underneath the railing and coming close to the outer rail of the line. Every official at the moment was engaged with two or three enormous consignments of coke, which were passing, while not an eye but my own was noticing the children, who were not too willing to recede at my solicitations.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is best to be prepared. If the authorities will not expend seven and sixpence in securing the place, you are hereby prepared to give a substantially correct account of what may happen before this is in print.—Yours, &c.,
PRO BONO PUBLICO.

July 13th, 1880.

### OBJECT OF THE CONSETT BACHELORS' PIC-NIC.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 14th of May, 1880, it was kindly asked—"What was the object of the Bachelors' Pic-Nic?" Well, Sir, we had a reading-room and library in Consett, and were rather short of cash to pay our bills with, therefore a pic-nic was suggested and carried out with success. The first was in 1865 (July 18th), at Howen's Gill, near the graceful bridge that spans the valley with fine tapering pillars, to carry the arches. A little west of the bridge stands Todd Hills, with its fine orchards, resembling the hanging gardens of Babylon. A few yards east of the bridge, the visitors may view a very large mountain, where a great quantity of stone for building and other purposes has been cut out of the rock. During the excavations, several fossils of animals were found, which many years ago had ceased to exist. There are some beautiful waterfalls on the sloping banks on each side of the valley. Towards the eastern end there are mounds thrown up, and it has been supposed by a few that these mounds were made by the ancient Britons. The scenery of Howen's Gill, when going along the bridge, extends as far as the eye can reach, the quiet, cultivated fields that lie in the far distance forming a pleasing relief to the spectator.

"Flow, lovely gill, thy fruitful vales,
Where spreading hawthorns sweetly bloom;
How sweetly wind thy sloping dales,
Where lambkins wanton thro' the broom."

The Tanfield Lea Brass Band cheered them a little with the popular music of the day. Mr. Jackson was very kind in his endeavours for the furtherance of the object; the founts in the *Guardian* Office were all laid aside for the day, and the provision dealers' shops were all closed, and their warehouses locked up, for the purpose of attending the pic-nic at Howen's Gill, which was held on Monday, July 18th, 1865.—I am, yours truly,
A CITIZEN.

Consett, July 12th, 1880.

### IVESTON POND.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Since I last wrote to you relative to Iveston Village Pond, in reply to "An awd Pitman," an Ivestonian has written to me, furnishing me with a number of facts that put both the "Awd Pitman" and myself out of court. First let me give his facts—There were two ponds in Iveston. The Consett Iron Company has one enclosed, but as the Highway Committee, who is so zealous about the public rights in reference to the pond opposite Mr. Bland's land, is partly composed of officials of the Consett Iron Company, it is just and expedient that number two pond should remain enclosed, and the copyholders of Iveston should be debarred the use of the pond. Fact second—that Mr. Brown was allowed by the zealous Highway Committee to stop up a foot road and enclose the land and add it to his house as a garden. Fact third—that Mr. Shearer was allowed to bring his houses out three feet on to the village green. Fact fourth—that Taylor Smith, Esq., was allowed to encroach on the village green with the new farm house occupied by Mr. Johnson. Fact fifth—that when Mr. Bland wanted to build a porch to his front door, for protection in north winds, which would have covered six feet by three, he was not allowed to do so. Fact sixth—that when Mr. Mordue wanted to build a buttress to give strength to his house he was not allowed to do so. Fact seventh—that after all the money spent over the pond—after the humiliating defeat the Highway Committee had to endure by the decision of the magistrates at Consett Petty Sessions, not more than half-a-dozen people ever go near the pond. The people use the Consett Water Company's water instead of the filth in the pond. Fact eighth—that the pond is the receptacle for sewerage from several properties, and in warm weather is injurious to health. Fact ninth—that Mr. Longstaff caused the pond to be cleaned out about two years ago, when about 100 loads of slime was taken out. Fact tenth—that no person could acquire a right to the pond, as a public watering place, when it is frequently reduced by drought in summer to a "puddle" hole, and before the introduction of the Consett Water Company's water, the farmers had to go to any of the brooks outside of the village with their stock to water. Fact 11th—that if a person merely passing through Iveston, say two or three times a year, or say a farmer frequenting the blacksmith's shop to get work done, and using the pond to wash the horse's legs (for the horse would not drink the water), can acquire a right, then any person passing along a road, and frequently giving his horse a little grass, can claim the herbage. I leave the facts furnished by an Ivestonian with your readers. So far as my own knowledge of the pond is concerned, I contend that it is a great nuisance and ought to be done away with, otherwise that the filth that flows into it should be taken in some other direction, and a constant supply of pure water caused to flow into it. If the "high-flier" Highway Committee had spent the large sum of money they have wasted over a "puddle" hole in putting down a trough and supplying it with pure water, the Committee would have shewn a little common-sense instead of a large amount of folly. As for the persons who contend that the Iveston Pond is a public watering place within the meaning of Sec. 64 of the Public Health Act, 1875, which distinctly states that the local authority shall cause a plentiful supply of pure and wholesome water for the gratuitous use of the inhabitants who choose to carry it away for their private use, such persons should have the attention of relieving-officers, assistant-overseers, and policemen called to them, as there is grave reason to doubt their sanity. It would be a comical sight to see the Highway (to Sedgefield) Committee, headed by an "Awd Pitman," carrying the filth out of Iveston Pond for their private use.—Yours truly,
H. CARSS.

Benfieldside, July 13th, 1880.

### CORNSAY COLLIERY.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

DEAR SIR,—Having had a stroll through the country districts, and upon reaching the village of New Cornsay I perchanced to enter what I thought to be a butcher's shop, being in want of a little refreshment, but to my surprise, I was informed by the old woman that it was after the style of a "tommy shop," where men were compelled to buy all their meat at, or else get their dismissal from work. I thought this truck-system had been sometime abolished, but it still exists in the county of Durham. Now that we have got a Liberal Government why not stamp such places out, and give the working man that liberty of freedom so as to buy his goods at the cheapest market and not to be tyrannised over by his employers. I for one believe in free trade, and no monopoly, and to buy my goods at the cheapest market.—I am, yours, &c.,
AN AWD PITMAN.

Cornsay.

### ELECTION OF GUARDIAN FOR COLLIERLEY.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

DEAR SIR,—I am quite aware that men holding public offices ought not to be to thin in the skin else they will soon feel themselves sore. If they notice every little barking boy at their heels, they are often, too, made a target to shoot at. Fortunately, however, the arrows are not deadly nor the balls fatal that have lately been shot against me, but are, on the contrary, perfectly harmless and insignificant, and if they please would be sharp shooters they don't hurt me at all. At the same time it is perfectly astonishing what some people will say—their ideas and notions of men and things being so ridiculous, makes them act and talk as if all wisdom was concentrated within their large craniums, and they will dictate and palm their opinions, however foolish, upon other people, with an amount of impertinence, making themselves truly contemptible. However, sir, as I don't believe in annonymous newspaper correspondence, and certainly never commenced it, or ever provoked it, else it would be no hardship to me to answer in detail, and deal with it as a bubble upon the stream, the epistle containing such "bah and blarney," as contributed by "One who wants to see fair play." The three salient points in his letter, however, I take to be—1st, ability and position 2nd, colliery viewers objectionable; 3rd expense to the township. Our last representative, Mr. Balleny, fully met those requirements and objections, and ought therefore to have been re-elected; but the public, who are the best judges, afraid of the contest that a change would come for the worse and not for the better, pushed me to the front, contrary to my own inclination, and gave their verdict in my favour.—Yours truly,
JOHN URWIN.

Dipton, July, 1880.

### WANTED: A WEE DROP.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Last Saturday's match was a very tight one, and Consett nobly jumped to the front and saved its fame. The day was a very hot one, and no doubt the poor toiling cricketers would like to have had something to moisten their palates. As an "outsider" I sympathised with them and admired their dry heroism under such scorching circumstances. I may mention that at every friendly cricket match I have witnessed, there has invariably been a "libation" of some kind. On Saturday, however, the "drink" was conspicuous by its absence, and every heart bled for the poor thirsty souls that trundled the leather and wielded the willow, but were not afforded an opportunity of "spilling" the liquor. If the club is not in a position to offer the liquor, would it not be a good idea for the local magnates, who profess to patronise the "noble game," to send, say one dozen bottles of claret or beer (this may be left to their own generosity) to the cricket field for the benefit of the poor sweltering cricketers. Let the magnanimous magnates take this gentle hint, and show their public spirit by sending down some spirits privately. It is not enough to patronise the game by mere word of mouth: let them send them a "drop" of comfort in the way of drink. I am sure the cricketers work hard enough, and that their efforts may be backed up with some liquid donations is the sincere wish of, yours truly,
A SYMPATHETIC OUTSIDER.

July 14, 1880.

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UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, TANFIELD DISTRICT.—The fourth annual gathering of the above societies took place on Saturday last, in a field belonging to Mr. Thomas Robinson, of Tanfield Lea. The members of the "Working Men's Welfare" Lodge of Mechanics, accompanied by those of the "Pride of Tanfield" Lodge of Oddfellows, and headed by the Tanfield Brass Band, walked in procession from their lodge house at Tanfield to Tantobie, where they were joined by the "Court Pitt" Foresters. Hence they proceeded to White-le-Head, and shortly afterwards to the field, where the festivities of the day were to be carried out. Tea was provided by Mrs. Witherspoon in a large marquee, and from the remarks that fell from the lips of the hundreds that partook thereof, it was evident that no trouble had been spared, and that the reputation earned by that worthy lady was well sustained on that occasion. The following ladies presided at the various tables:—Misses Bowes, Smailes, Herron, Baker, Wilson, Curry, Sanders, Richardson, Gailes, and Rounsley, and all performed their duties to the utmost satisfaction. As the weather was all that could be desired, the band played selections of music during the afternoon, and dancing was freely indulged in in the open air. The efficient manner in which the Tanfield Lea Brass Band performed their task, on this, their first engagement, was very highly approved by those assembled to hear them, and this is, of itself, no mean recommendation, to those who may require the services of a carefully trained band. Prizes were given for the following sports:—Cricket, quoits, mile handicap race, tug of war, three-legged race, stone and basket race, and 200 yards hurdle race, together with articles for juvenile sports. A ball was held in the marquee in the evening, and was well attended, the music being supplied by the [illegible]nish Quadrille Band. This band has won for it[illegible] such universal esteem, that comment on its performance would be superfluous. The refreshments were contracted for by Mr. W. Gladders, of Tantobie, and were of extra good quality. The principal officers of the gathering, on whom its success mainly depended, were Mr. W. C. Home, president; Mr. J. Hindmarch, treasurer; and Mr. Jas. Wilson, secretary.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

DARLINGTON—At Northgate, the wife of Mr. Geo. Willis, of a son.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL—At 15, Durham Road, aged 66, John Snowdon. Interment at Ebchester, on Saturday, 17th inst. Will leave Durham Road at three o'clock. Friends will please accept this invitation.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—At Woodbine Cottage, on the 14th inst., aged 83, Mrs. Dixon, late of High Bradley Farm.

TANFIELD LEA—On the 27th ult., Ralph Dixon, engineman, aged 32.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY—On the 6th inst., Thomas, son of Mr. John Ursula Atkinson, aged 4 years and 6 months.

NEW ZEALAND—At Wellington, on April 18th, aged 13, Edward Augustine Storer, youngest son of John and Mary Thew, late of Blackhill.

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