CORNSAY COLLIERY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

n Sir,—Having had a stroll through the county ts, and upon reaching the village of New Cornsay hanced to enter what I thought to be a butcher's being in want of a little refreshment, but to my e, I was informed by the old woman that it was the style of a "tommy shop," where men were lled to buy all their meat at, or else get their al from work. I thought this truck-system had metime abolished, but it still exists in the county them. Now that we have got a Liberal Govern why not stamp such places out, and give the g men that liberty of freedom so as to buy his at the cheapest market and not to be tyrannised y his employers. I for one believe in free trade, monopoly, and to buy my goods at the cheapest .—I am, yours, &c.,

AN AWD PITMAN.

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ELECTION OF GUARDIAN FOR COLLIERLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

ar Sir,—I am quite aware that men holding public ought not to be to thin in the skin else they will ..ed themselves sore. If they notice every little g boy at their heels, they are often, too, made a to shoot at. Fortunately, however, the arrows t deadly nor the balls fatal that have lately been against me, but are, on the contrary, perfectly harm and insignificant, and if they please would be sharp ere they don't hurt me at all. At the same time it fectly astonishing what some people will say—their and notions of men and things being so ridiculous, s them act and talk as if all wisdom was concen within their large craniums, and they will dictate alm their opinions, however foolish, upon other , with an amount of impertinence, making them truly contemptible. However, sir, as I don't e in annonymous newspaper correspondence, and ly never commenced it, or ever provoked it, else ld be no hardship to me to answer in detail, and with it as a bubble upon the stream, the epistle ining such "bah and blarney," as contributed by e who wants to see fair play." The three salient s in his letter, however, I take to be—1st, ability and en 2nd, colliery viewers objectionable; 3rd expense to ownship. Our last representative, Mr. Balleny, fully those requirements and objections, and ought there so have been re-elected; but the public, who are the judges, afraid of the contest that a change would for the worse and not for the better, pushed me to ront, contrary to my own inclination, and gave their ict in my favour.—Yours truly,

JOHN URWIN.

pton, July, 1880.

WANTED: A WEE DROP.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

n,—Last Saturday's match was a very tight one, and sett nobly jumped to the front and saved its fame. day was a very hot one, and no doubt the poor toil cricketers would like to have had something to ten their palates. As an "outsider" I sympathised h them and admired their dry heroism under such ching circumstances. I may mention that at every ndly cricket match I have witnessed, there has riably been a "libation" of some kind. On Saturday, ever, the "drink" was conspicuous by its absence, every heart bled for the poor thirsty souls that dled the leather and wielded the willow, but were afforded an opportunity of "spilling" the liquor. If club is not in a position to offer the liquor, would it be a good idea for the local magnates, who profess to ronise the "noble game," to send, say one dozen bot of claret or beer (this may be left to their own gene ty) to the cricket field for the benefit of the poor ltering cricketers. Let the magnanimous magnates this gentle hint, and show their public spirit by ling down some spirits privately. It is not enough atronise the game by mere word of mouth: let them d them a "drop" of comfort in the way of drink. I sure the cricketers work hard enough, and that their rts may be backed up with some liquid donations is sincere wish of, yours truly,

A SYMPATHETIC OUTSIDER.

uly 14, 1880.

UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, TANFIELD DIS ICT.—The fourth annual gathering of the above cieties took place on Saturday last, in a field be ging to Mr. Thomas Robinson, of Tanfield Lea. e members of the "Working Men's Welfare" dge of Mechanics, accompanied by those of the Pride of Tanfield" Lodge of Oddfellows, and aded by the Tanfield Brass Band, walked in pro sion from their lodge house at Tanfield to Tan bie, where they were joined by the "Court Pitt" resters. Hence they proceeded to White-le ad, and shortly afterwards to the field, where the tivities of the day were to be carried out. Tea s provided by Mrs. Witherspoon in a large mar ee, and from the remarks that fell from the lips the hundreds that partook thereof, it was evi nt that no trouble had been spared, and that the putation earned by that worthy lady was well stained on that occasion. The following ladies esided at the various tables:—Misses Bowes, ailes, Herron, Baker, Wilson, Curry, Sanders, chardson, Gailes, and Rounsley, and all per rmed their duties to the utmost satisfaction. As e weather was all that could be desired, the band ayed selections of music during the afternoon, d dancing was freely indulged in in the open air. e efficient manner in which the Tanfield Lea ass Band performed their task, on this, their first gagement, was very highly approved by those sembled to hear them, and this is, of itself, no ean recommendation, to those who may require e services of a carefully trained band. Prizes re given for the following sports:—Cricket, oits, mile handicap race, tug of war, three-legged ce, stone and basket race, and 200 yards hurdle ce, together with articles for juvenile sports. A ll was held in the marquee in the evening, and s well attended, the music being supplied by e Beamish Quadrille Band. This band has won r itself such universal esteem, that comment on s performance would be superfluous. The refresh ents were contracted for by Mr. W. Gladders, of antobie, and were of extra good quality. The incipal officers of the gathering, on whom its suc ss mainly depended, were Mr. W. C. Home, pre dent; Mr. J. Hindmarch, treasurer; and Mr. s. Wilson, secretary.

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

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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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FRIDAY, July 23rd, 1880.

THE COMPENSATION BILL.

Every one must now be ready to agree to at least one proposition in regard to the Compensation for Disturbance Bill—namely, that it was a very fortunate thing that the provisions constituting this measure were separated from the Relief Bill; for if this course had not been adopted, the latter measure would have been inordinately delayed, and its very existence would have been imperilled. As it is, the Relief Bill is safe, and thus the major part of the work of providing for the exceptional distress in Ireland has been accomplished; so that the Government are relieved from any unnecessary anxiety in passing the clauses in the Compensation Bill. If this Bill should be even lost or abandoned in the end—though we have no reason to believe that it will be so—the sacrifice will be confined within a narrow compass; while, even in the event of the measure being defeated, either in the Lower or the Upper House, the discussions upon it cannot fail to do good. It has, at all events, been elicited that there is a strong preponderance of opinion in the House of Commons in favour of putting some effective restriction upon eviction, even for non-payment of rent. Such an expression of opinion, though it might not be formally embodied in a statue of the realm, could not fail to have a beneficial effect. One can hardly suppose that, in face of it, the landowners of Ireland would venture to exercise in an oppressive manner their extreme legal right of eviction, when they must know that by doing so they would only render inevitable in the proximate future the threatened remedy for their excessive severity. If the Lords should take advantage of the divisions of opinion on details, and the alleged "changes of front" by the Government, to reject the measure this session, they would only make its passage more certain early next year, if there then appeared to be any necessity for it; while, if it was not then called for, it would probably be simply because the thorough ventilation of the subject in Parliament, the strong expression of opinion in the Commons, and the determined action of the Government had put the necessary check on eviction. But the Government have no right to rely upon such influences to prevent the abuse of present legal rights. Their business is to do all in their power to make oppression impracticable. No doubt their duty is a very arduous one. They are beset by various classes of opponents or exactors, conception to either one of which involves increased hostility in other quarters. But in each case of tentative conciliation the Government have done well to try their ground carefully, and to recede at once when they had reason to believe it dangerous. They are not taking their way over any of the old familiar beats of legislation, but over an unfamiliar and untrodden track, where they have to pick their way as they go. Many incidental points arise on which Ministers may well accept advice from the Irish representatives, who may be supposed to know most about their own country. Such is the postponed point of the rental to which the provisions of the Bill should be limited. Whether the measure should be restricted to rentals under £15, £30, or £50 is not a question of principle at all, but merely one of detail. The question arising is this—At what amount of rental in Ireland may a tenant be supposed to be sufficient of a capitalist not to need the relief provided by this Bill? Now, it does not follow that the tenant paying the lowest rent would be most distressed by the failure of crops. The man who pays only £5 can hardly be dependent on his rented land for his whole livelihood, and would probably obtain a portion of it from labour in some other way. On the other hand, the tenant who pays £50 would probably be dependant on his land, and in a failure of his crops would lose his all. Now, if it is right to be lenient to the man who has lost part of his living in regard to the payment of a small sum, why suffer rigorous exaction to be made upon a man who has lost his all in respect to the payment of a large sum? The smaller the limit of rental fixed, the less, no doubt, will be the opposition of the landlord class in Parliament; but the less, also, will the effect of the measure in operation, and the more grievous the cases of hardship unrelieved by it.

W. J. Mallet, Esq., M.D., of Burlington Street, Manchester, says:—"I have prescribed Todd's Quinine Wine, and consider it in many cases an agreeable and efficacious way of administering quinine." This pleasant and popular medicine is the safest and most certain remedy known in all cases of Indigestion, tic or neuralgia, ague, debility, spasms, and all derangements of the stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, chemist, Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government stamp.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. Goschen is to return—as we hear—from Constantinople in a few months, but not as member for Ripon. His reward is a peerage, and as his principal seat is Seacox Heath in East Sussex, I suppose he will elect for the future to be known as Baron Seacox. It is far more important, however, to know how Mr. Goschen is acquitting himself of his present mission. As I hear, it is trying in the extreme. He has to set aside the Layard policy of speaking smooth things to the Sultan, and this never can be popular.

Mr. Gladstone's threat of a prolonged Session notwithstanding, Conservatives and Irishmen, and Old Whigs, are uniting to delay, if not to obstruct, the Irish Disturbance Bill. Each party accuses the other of wasting public time. The Gladstone Liberals blame the other side for resisting so strenuously a measure which they know must pass the Commons. The Tories blame Mr. Gladstone for making such large efforts to pass a measure which he knows must be thrown out in Lords. I don't find any one who seriously believes that the House will be kept sitting much later than usual. The threat of a prolonged Session is often employed to coerce restive minorities. It is like the schoolmaster's threat of encroaching upon the holidays. When the time comes the dominee cares very little for discipline and very much for change of air. No: Mr. Gladstone will not "keep in" his obstreperous pupils at St. Stephen's.

We wonder what the sturdy Radical Sir Francis Burdett would have said, could he have forseen that his daughter would become such a Conservative! For the Baroness is quite reckoned in the strength of that side of politics now. Did she not at the General Election write a letter which was published in every newspaper in the country in which she expressed her opinion as to the desirability of maintaining the late Ministry in office? At the time of the "Jingo" agitation did she not join with influence and with purse in aiding the Turkish sufferers? And now has she not added one of the most powerful arguments against "the Irish Disturbance Bill," by the mere fact that the prospect of the passing of that measure has deterred her from fulfilling her intention of becoming an Irish landowner? The fact is that the Baroness belongs to the circle of mild Evangelical Conservatism, which is distinct from the old-fashioned Toryism. Among her most confidential friends are Lord Sandon and Mr. W. H. Smith. It is from them, but particularly from the former, that she derives her political bias.

According to the *Examiner*, which evidently speaks from authority, the arrangements made for the management of the Conservative party in succession to Mr. Skere and Col. Neville are a kind of trumvirate consisting of Lord Salisbury, Mr. W. H. Smith, and Mr. Gorst. The leadership, as we thus call it, is in commission; but, if we may judge by Mr. Gorst's fiery utterances and his frequent appearance on the front Opposition benches, we should say that Mr. Gorst has elected himself into leader, leaving Sir Stafford Northcote the secondary post of the old Merovingian Kings when a Mayor of the Palace ruled.

The colliery accident at North Risca came as a frightful shock on Thursday. It is a timely commentary upon the Employers' Liability Bill. Mr. Chamberlain declares that one-fifth of the mining population is swept off every year by accident. His statistics are not very trustworthy. He is a little apt to jump to conclusions; witness the extraordinary calculation which he gave in evidence before the Lords' Temperance Committtee, by which he showed that the entire population of Birmingham have got drunk every Saturday night. But it remains true that there is an enormous loss of life every year in our mines. And for 120 men to be swept off in a moment by the ignition of mine gas is a kind of thing we are so accustomed to hear of from time to time that after the first shock and a day or two of public commiseration the affair is forgotten everywhere except in the immediate neighbourhood, or only kept in remembrance by a Lord Mayor's Fund. I suppose it would ruin any mining company to pay compensation to the families of the 120 killed, and this, no doubt, is a strong argument against the Government Bill. But there is another side of the question. If accident meant financial ruin to a company, that company would most assuredly secure itself to the very limit of human foresight and ingenuity against dangers which are only too lightly thought of.

Langley Park Primitive Methodist Sunday-School Anniversary.—The anniversary of this Sabbath-school was held on Sunday and Monday last. The Sunday services commenced by the teachers and scholars perambulating the streets, singing, and inviting the inhabitants to a commodious tile shed, adjoining the west end of the village (kindly lent by Mr. Wm. Logan, Esq., manager of the colliery), where services were conducted in the morning and evening by Mr. J. Smith of Bearpark, and in the afternoon by Mr. J. Mason, of Langley Park. During each of the services, the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, dialogues, &c., which were gone through in a manner which reflected great credit on themselves and the teachers connected with the school. The singing, which was very effective and much appreciated by the large concourse of people assembled, was conducted by Mr. Cummins. Mr. B. Cox ably presided at the harmonium. On the Monday, a public tea was held in the meeting house, to which a large company sat down. Miss Davison, Miss Pattison, Miss Ainsley, and Miss Bell presided at the tables. After tea, a public meeting was held, when able, interesting, and amusing addresses were given by Messrs. Mason and Chalders, Langley Park; Messrs. Richardson and Smith, Bearpark. Mr. Wm. Heppell, superintendent of the school, ably presided. The report read by Mr. J. Storey showed an increase of both teachers and scholars. The proceeds were in excess of previous years.—*Correspondent.*

THE CONSETT PERJURY CASE.

ALMOND DISCHARGED.

EXTRAORDINARY EVIDENCE.

On Friday, at Durham Assizes, before Mr. Justice Stephens, William Almond, forgeman, Delves Lane, was indicted for committing wilful and corrupt perjury in an affiliation case heard at Consett Petty Sessions, on the 1st March, 1880, in which Mary Ann Whittaker, single woman, Leadgate, was the complainant, and Thomas Beck, engine fitter, of the same place, the defendant. Mr. Skidmore, instructed by Mr. T. W. Welford, jun., Consett, prosecuted; Mr. Steavenson, instructed by Mr. Dix, Newcastle, defended. Mr. Skidmore, having briefly stated the facts, called

Mr. John Watson, clerk to the justices for the west division of Chester Ward, who proved that a maintenance order was made upon Beck, and that the prisoner Almond was called and sworn to give evidence on Beck's behalf.

Mary Ann Whittaker was then called and examined by Mr. Skidmore. She said: I live at Leadgate. I was delivered of a bastard child on the 4th December, 1879. I got an order against Thomas Beck, at Consett Petty Sessions, on the 1st March, 1880. The prisoner, William Almond, was called as a witness on behalf of Beck. He swore that he saw me on the 26th March, 1879, with a man named Joshua Parker. He said he saw Parker with his arms around me, kissing me, between nine and ten o'clock at night, on the Stockton and Darlington Railway, near Consett. He also swore that he had seen us together about a dozen times previous to this. He did not say where. I was not on the railway with Parker on the night of the 26th March, 1879. I was never with any man that night.

The Judge: Did Joshua Parker ever kiss you?

Witness: No.

The Judge: Or put his arms round you?

Witness: No.

The Judge: Or walk with you on the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

Witness: No.

The Judge: Or anywhere else?

Witness: No.

Mr. Skidmore: Had you been in Delves Lane with Joshua Parker a dozen times before the 26th March?

Witness: I had not.

The Judge: Were you ever in Delves Lane with him?

Witness: I was not, my lord.

Witness, in answer to further questions put to her by Mr. Skidmore, said—On the 26th of March, 1879, I was at Boggle Hole, at my sister's, Mrs. Reed's. That is a mile-and-a-half or two miles from the Stockton and Darlington Railway, at Consett.

Mr. Steavenson: Had you a sister in the service of Joshua Parker?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: When did she leave his employment?

Witness: About two years ago.

Mr. Steavenson: What is her name?

Witness: Alice.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you once go for a drive with Parker?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: You and your sister alone?

Witness: Not alone.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you and your sister once go for a drive with Joshua Parker, and no one else?

Witness: There was someone else.

Mr. Steavenson: Who?

Witness: His wife and child.

Mr. Steavenson: Joshua Parker is a butcher, is he not?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know a man named Cuthbertson?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Do I understand you to swear that in the month of March you were not with Parker in Delves Lane, Consett?

Witness: Yes, sir.

Mr. Steavenson: Is Delves Lane near to the Stockton and Darlington Railway?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Do I also understand you to say you never walked with Joshua Parker in Delves Lane or anywhere else?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear you did not meet Cuthbertson in March when you were walking with Parker?

Witness: I will.

The Judge: That is, in March, 1879.

Mr. Steavenson: March, 1879, my lord. Will you swear you did not meet a man named Pearson when you were walking with Parker, in March, 1879?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Does Maund live near you?

Witness: He did.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear that you have not frequently been walking with Parker at night?

Witness: I will.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know John Bell?

Witness: I have heard his name.

Mr. Steavenson: You do not know him by sight?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know Thos. Redshaw?

Witness: Yes, I know him.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear that he has not seen you walking with Parker?

Witness: Never.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know Mary Ann Maughan?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear that she has not met you?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: You had never on any occasion within twelve months of the birth of the child been alone with Parker?

Witness: No.

Jane Reed said: I am the wife of Thomas Reed, and live at Boggle Hole. Mary Ann Whittaker, the last witness, is my sister. She came to my house on the 23rd March, 1879, and remainded till the 28th. She was never out of my house at night all the time she stayed with me. I remember it was the 23rd March my sister came to my house because that was my little daughter's birth-day. I was a witness for my sister when the child was fathered.

Cross-examined by Mr. Steavenson: The Stockton and Darlington Railway is about a mile-and-a-half from our house. When my sister was at our house she slept upstairs with the children. She could not very well have come downstairs and gone out of the front door without my knowledge.

Thomas Reed, husband of the last witness, said he remembered Mary Ann Whittaker going to his house and staying from the 23rd till Friday, the 28th March. They generally went to bed about half-past nine o'clock at night. His sister-in-law slept upstairs, and could not have gone out at night without his knowledge, as she would have had to pass through his room.

Mr. Steavenson: You did not give evidence before the magistrates?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: You have been asked to be a witness since the order was made?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Didn't you say, when asked to be a witness, "I know nothing about it?"

Witness: I said I knew that she was at my house on the night of the 26th March.

Mr. Steavenson: Didn't you say you knew nothing about it?

Witness: I said I wanted nothing to do with it.

Mr. Steavenson: Didn't you say to the prisoner's brother that you knew nothing about it?

Witness: Not to my recollection.

Mr. Steavenson: Didn't you tell the sergeant of police that you knew nothing about the case, and you would not go to give evidence?

Witness: I said I did not want anything to do with the case.

Mr. Steavenson: It was only last Friday that the sergeant came to you?

Witness: No, sir.

Mr. Steavenson: When was it that he came?

Witness: On Tuesday, at eleven o'clock.

The Judge: Do you remember distinctly whether your sister-in-law went out or not at nights during the time she stayed at your house?

Witness: Not to my recollection.

The Judge: Have you any distinct recollection of the 26th of March?

Witness: No.

Mr. Skidmore: I understand you to say that you knew when she came to your house?

Witness: Yes, on the 23rd March.

Mr. Skidmore: That was the birthday of the child, and she was there?

Witness: Its birthday was on the 22nd, but we postponed it to the Sunday, the 23rd.

The Judge: The real birthday was the 22nd, but you kept it on the 23rd?

Witness: Yes, my lord.

Geo. Neasham, reporter, was next called, and read short-hand notes of the evidence given by Almond at Consett Petty Sessions on the 1st March, 1880.

Joshua Parker, butcher, residing at Leadgate, was then examined by Mr. Skidmore as follows:—I am a married man. On the 26th March, 1879, I was in Redshaw's public-house at Consett. Mr. Calvert, Mr. Thompson, and another young man were there. I remember it was the 26th of March because that was the date the Lincoln Handicap was run for. I was not on the Stockton and Darlington Railway with Mary Ann Whittaker that night. I had not my arms round her waist, kissing her.

The Judge: Were you ever there with her?

Witness: No, my lord.

Mr. Skidmore: You were never with her in Delves Lane?

Witness: No.

Mr. Skidmore: Have you ever kissed her or put your arms round her?

Witness: Never.

Mr. Skidmore: I believe you knew her?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: How long is it, to the best of your recollection, since you spoke to her?

Witness: About four years—in 1876.

The Judge: Did you ever walk with her at all?

Witness: Never, my lord.

The Judge: Who did you see when you were at Redshaw's?

Witness: Mr. Calvert, and one named Thompson.

Mr. Skidmore: Do you remember what time you left Redshaw's?

Witness: About eleven o'clock.

Mr. Steavenson: You know John Bell?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: On the 7th March, 1880, did you go to John Bell and ask him if he could remember your being at his house on the night of the Lincoln Handicap?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: If, on the 7th March in this year you went to Bell and asked him if he could remember your being at his house on the night of the 26th March, 1879, how came you to swear that you were at Redshaw's that night?

Witness: It was the 7th of March this year that I saw Bell.

Mr. Steavenson: Now, sir, answer my question. You have sworn to-day that you were at Redshaw's public-house on the night of the Lincoln Handicap?

Witness: I asked Bell if I had been there.

Mr. Steavenson: You have sworn to-day you were at Redshaw's?

Witness: Yes, I was there that night.

Mr. Steavenson: Then why did you go to Bell and ask him if he could remember your being at his house that night?

Witness: I could not tell exactly till the wife told me. I asked Bell, and he did not know.

Mr. Steavenson: Somebody has told you that you were at Redshaw's?

Witness: The wife told me.

Mr. Steavenson: Because your wife told you that you were there you have come here and sworn it?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: You yourself think you were at Bell's?

Witness: No. I just asked the question if I was there, because I know I was at Bell's house one night.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you mean to say, when you asked that question, you did not think you were at Bell's house on the night of the 26th March?

Witness: I asked the question.

Mr. Steavenson: Answer my question, sir. When you asked Bell whether he remembered your being at his house on the night of the Lincoln Handicap, didn't you think you were there?

Witness: Yes, I thought I had been there.

Mr. Steavenson: Because your wife says you were at Redshaw's you come here and swear it?

Witness: I swore that before the magistrates.

The Judge: What did you swear before the magistrates?

Witness: That I had been to see Mr. Bell.

Mr. Steavenson: I think you have had other bastard children sworn upon you?

Witness: I have had one.

Mr. Steavenson: Since the order was made, and when your name was mentioned on the 1st March, you set about getting evidence?

Witness: I did not till I was forced to do it.

Mr. Steavenson: Who forced you—did your wife force you?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: Then what forced you to get evidence—why did you go to Redshaw's, and Calvert's, and Bell's?

Witness: I had Mr. Welford at me to see if it was true or not.

Mr. Steavenson: Did that force you?

Witness: I knew no other. I think so. I was told I would have to make a case.

Mr. Steavenson: This girl's sister was in your service?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Didn't you take Mary Ann Whittaker and your servant—her sister—for a drive alone?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: On the Sunday night didn't you take a trap to her door and take her into it?

Witness: Yes, but my wife and son were there.

Mr. Steavenson: Were you driving?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Who was sitting beside you?

Witness: The wife.

Mr. Steavenson: It is not true that you drove Mary Ann Whittaker and her sister Alice up to their door alone?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: The Stockton and Darlington Railway is about 150 yards from Redshaw's house?

Witness: It is more—it is about 300 yards.

Mr. Steavenson: Does Delves Lane lead up to it?

Witness: It crosses the line.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you go up Delves Lane from Redshaw's?

Witness: You go down.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know Cuthbertson?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know him by sight?

Witness: I don't know him by name or sight.

Mr. Steavenson: Was he before the magistrates?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: You say you do not know him?

Witness: I know him by sight now.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear that Matthew Cuthbertson did not see you in March, 1879, walking with Mary Ann Whittaker in Delves Lane?

Witness: I do not know him.

The Judge: Were you walking with her?

Witness: No, my lord.

Mr. Steavenson: Were you walking with her in Delves Lane?

Witness: Never.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you know John Pearson?

Witness: I know him now, but did not know him before.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear that he did not meet you about ten o'clock at night, in the latter end of March, 1879, walking with this girl in Delves Lane?

Witness: I will swear that.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear that Maund never saw you alone?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Nor Bell?

Witness: No:

Mr. Steavenson: Nor Redshaw, nor Margaret Toole, nor Mrs. Elizabeth Stockton?

Witness: No.

Mr. Steavenson: Do you say you had not spoken to this girl for two years prior to the 1st of March of this year?

Witness: About two years.

The Judge: You said you had not spoken to her since 1876. Do I understand you to say that you had not spoken to her, before the bastardy case was heard, since 1876?

Witness: That is the sister, my lord. That is when I first got acquainted with her.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you go to Redshaw's and ask him if he remembered your being in his house on the night of the 26th March?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: That was on the 13th March of this year?

Witness: It was on the 12th.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you ask Redshaw if you were in his house the whole night up to eleven o'clock?

Witness: I asked him if he remembered where I was that night.

Mr. Steavenson: No, no. Did you ask him if you were in his house from seven till eleven o'clock on the night of the Lincoln Handicap?

Witness: I asked him if I was in.

Mr. Steavenson: Did he tell you he could not remember?

Witness: Not at the time. He said he would study a bit.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you then tell him to say that you were in?

Witness: I did not tell him to say so.

Mr. Steavenson: He said he would study a bit?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you ask him to say you were in his house from seven to eleven o'clock?

Witness: I did not ask him to say that.

Mr. Steavenson Did you tell Redshaw something about seven o'clock?

Witness: I asked him if he could remember how long I was in.

Mr. Steavenson: Did you mention seven o'clock?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Then it was you who mentioned seven o'clock?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: Didn't you also mention eleven o'clock, and say you were there from seven to eleven?

Witness: I said I had been there all night.

Mr. Steavenson: When you told him you were in all night didn't you ask him to say so, but he said he could not remember?

Witness: I cannot mind of that.

Mr. Steavenson: Will you swear you were in the whole of the evening from seven to eleven o'clock?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: You have quite a clear recollection of it?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: You thought on the 7th March you were at Bell's?

Witness: Yes, until I began to study about it myself.

Mr. Steavenson: Your recollection is much clearer now than it was on the 7th March?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: Did you know Cuthbertson when this case was before the magistrates?

Witness: No.

Mr. Skidmore: You only know him by sight since he was introduced into this case?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: Did you know Pearson before?

Witness: Not before.

Mr. Steavenson: There is one question I would like to ask you. Has the sister had a child to you?

Witness: That is another question altogether.

The Judge: It is a question Mr. Steavenson has a perfect right to ask in a case like this, and you must answer it.

Mr. Steavenson: You hear what his lordship has said. Has this girl's sister had a child to you?

Witness: No.

The Judge: Have you had anything wrong to do with her?

Witness: I do not know.

Mr. Steavenson: How old is your eldest child?

Witness: Eight-and-a-half years.

Mr. Steavenson: How many have you?

Witness: One.

Mr. Steavenson: Has this girl's sister, Alice, had a child?

Witness: I do not know. It has not been proved yet.

Mr. Steavenson: What do you mean?

Witness: It has not been affiliated yet.

Mr. Steavenson: Has she had a child?

Witness: I expect so. I have heard as much.

Mr. Steavenson: Don't you know that she has?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Steavenson: When?

Witness: I don't mind the date.

The Judge: Do you swear that you were never intimate with her?

Witness said he had.

Mr. Skidmore: That is with the sister?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: Have you been intimate with Mary Ann Whittaker?

Witness: No.

Mr. Skidmore: You said, in answer to my friend, that you had had a bastard child fathered upon you?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: Was that before your marriage?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: You say you have been intimate with Alice Whittaker?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Skidmore: Was that before your marriage?

Witness: No.

The Judge: Since you were married?

Witness: Yes.

The Judge: Was it whilst she was in your service?

Witness: Yes, my lord.

The Judge (looking at the jury): Well, gentlemen, I don't think it is worth while going on with the case. You cannot rely upon what he says after this.

The Foreman of the Jury: No, my lord.

The Judge: Let the prisoner be discharged.

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ness: I asked him if I was in.
STEAVENSON: Did he tell you he could not
ber?
ness: Not at the time. He said he would
a bit.
STEAVENSON: Did you then tell him to say
ou were in?
tness: I did not tell him to say so.
STEAVENSON: He said he would study a bit?
tness: Yes.
STEAVENSON: Did you ask him to say you
in his house from seven to eleven o'clock?
tness: I did not ask him to say that.
STEAVENSON Did you tell Redshaw something
seven o'clock?
itness: I asked him if he could remember how
I was in.
r. STEAVENSON: Did you mention seven o'clock?
itness: Yes.
r. STEAVENSON: Then it was you who mentioned
o'clock?
itness: Yes.
r. STEAVENSON: Didn't you also mention eleven
ck, and say you were there from seven to
n?
itness: I said I had been there all night.
r. STEAVENSON: When you told him you were
l night didn't you ask him to say so, but he
he could not remember?
itness: I cannot mind of that.
r. STEAVENSON: Will you swear you were in
whole of the evening from seven to eleven
ck?
itness: Yes.
r. STEAVENSON: You have quite a clear recol-
ion of it?
itness: Yes.
r. STEAVENSON: You thought on the 7th March
were at Bell's?
itness: Yes, until I began to study about it
elf.
Mr. STEAVENSON: Your recollection is much
rer now than it was on the 7th March?
Witness: Yes.
Mr. SKIDMORE: Did you know Cuthbertson when
case was before the magistrates?
Witness: No.
Mr. SKIDMORE: You only know him by sight
ce he was introduced into this case?
Witness: Yes.
Mr. SKIDMORE: Did you know Pearson before?
Witness: Not before.
Mr. STEAVENSON: There is one question I would
e to ask you. Has the sister had a child to you?
Witness: That is another question altogether.
The JUDGE: It is a question Mr. Steavenson has
erfect right to ask in a case like this, and you
ust answer it.
Mr. STEAVENSON: You hear what his lordship
said. Has this girl's sister had a child to you?
Witness: No.
The JUDGE: Have you had anything wrong to do
th her?
Witness: I do not know.
Mr. STEAVENSON: How old is your eldest child?
Witness: Eight-and-a-half years.
Mr. STEAVENSON: How many have you?
Witness: One.
Mr. STEAVENSON: Has this girl's sister, Alice, had
child?
Witness: I do not know. It has not been
roved yet.
Mr. STEAVENSON: What do you mean?
Witness: It has not been affiliated yet.
Mr. STEAVENSON: Has she had a child?
Witness: I expect so. I have heard as much.
Mr. STEAVENSON: Don't you know that she has
Witness: Yes.
Mr. STEAVENSON: When?
Witness: I don't mind the date.
The JUDGE: Do you swear that you were neve
ntimate with her?
Witness said he had.
Mr. SKIDMORE: That is with the sister?
Witness: Yes.
Mr. SKIDMORE: Have you been intimate wit
Mary Ann Whittaker?
Witness: No.
Mr. SKIDMORE: You said, in answer to my friend
that you had had a bastard child fathered upo
you?
Witness: Yes.
Mr. SKIDMORE: Was that before your marriag
Witness: Yes.
Mr. SKIDMORE: You say you have been intima
with Alice Whittaker?
Witness: Yes.
Mr. SKIDMORE: Was that before your marriag
Witness: No.
The JUDGE: Since you were married?
Witness: Yes.
The JUDGE: Was it whilst she was in yo
service?
Witness: Yes, my lord.
The JUDGE (looking at the jury): Well, gent
men, I don't think it is worth while going on w
the case. You cannot rely upon what he says af
this.
The Foreman of the Jury: No, my lord.
The JUDGE: Let the prisoner be discharged.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, July 19th.—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (chairman), JON. PRIESTMAN, Esq., Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE, JAMES ANNANDALE, jun., Esq., and ROBERT DICKINSON, Esq.

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE. — Before the ordinary business commenced, an innkeeper from Newcastle, applied for a special license to sell drink on the occasion of a pic-nic and sports to be held in the Shotley Spa Grounds.—The Chairman (after consulting with his brother magistrates) said the Bench refused to grant the license.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.—William McLean was summoned for having been drunk. Defendant did not appear. On the 10th inst. Sergt. Tranmer was in Middle Street, Consett, and found defendant drunk and creating a disturbance.—The Chairman: Does anybody appear for McLean?—Supt. Oliver: He has absconded.—A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.——Thomas Allan, who was represented by his wife, was charged with a similar offence.—P.C. Simpson said on the 10th inst. he was taking a man to the lock-up at Consett, when defendant, who was drunk, tried to incite the crowd to rescue the prisoner.—Mrs. Allan said her husband was not drunk.—The Magistrates' Clerk: How do you know? Were you there?—Mrs. Allan:, Yes, I was in the crowd.—P.C. Simpson said Mrs. Allan was not there at all.—The Chairman said defendant would be fined 5s. and costs.——Joseph Hutchinson and Thomas Connolly, miners, White-le-Head, John Parkinson, Michael Hanlon, Arthur McKinley, and Stephen Lochran, were fined 5s. each and costs for having been drunk. The cases were proved by Police-constables Bain, Longstaff, Hood, McClymont, Fryer, and Sergt. Tranmer.

ANOTHER RAID ON "SCHOOLERS."—James O'Neil, Michael McManus, Francis McManus, Patrick Ward, Daniel Donnolly, and Henry Hadzar, all young men, living at Consett, were charged with playing at pitch and toss.—P.C. Allison said on Saturday, the 3rd inst., between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, he saw the whole of the defendants "schooling" between Gibson Street and John Street.—Michael McManus said he was never near the place where the men were gambling at all.—The Chairmwn (to the constable) how many people were there altogether?—P.C. Allison: Eight. They ran away, and I got hold of the man that had been throwing the pennies up.—The Chairman: How long had they been playing before you went up?—P.C. Allison: Half-an-hour.—P.C. Robinson was also called, and spoke to seeing the whole of the defendants taking part in the "school."—One of the defendants said he had a witness who could, if he had been in court, have proved that he was not gambling. This witness, he said, was afraid to attend the court, as the police would mark him if he did.—The Chairman said they believed the whole of the defendants were guilty. Donnolly, who did not appear, was fined 10s. and costs; the others were fined 5s. each and costs.

ASSAULT AT CONSETT.—George Williamson and —Storey were summoned for assaulting Patrick Lamph, a young man, at Consett. Complainant said on the night of the 4th inst., shortly after ten o'clock, he was going down Puddlers' Row with a jug containing beer in his hand when he met the defendants, who followed him and wanted him to give them some beer. He refused, however, and then Storey struck him on the face two or three times. Complainant defended himself as well as he could, and eventually got away from the defendants. They followed him down the road, however, overtaking him near the Railway Bridge, where he was knocked down by defendants and kicked until he was unable to get up. He had been unable to work since, and a doctor had attended him. — Cross-examined by Storey: It is true that you asked me for a drink of beer and I refused to give you one. Tom Perry got a drink, but that was after he had taken the beer from me. It is true that I took my coat off to you, but not till I had been struck two or three times.—Williamson said Lamph was drunk and did not know what he was doing.—Mary Carroll, a young woman, was called by Lamph. She said she was present when the assault was committed. Storey struck the first blow, and after Lamph had been struck thrice witness told him to take his coat off, which he did. She did not see Williamson do anything. The disturbance lasted about a quarter of an hour. After Storey had "letthered" Lamph, the latter was covered with blood. Witness was holding the beer whilst Lamph and Storey were fighting.—By the Bench: I consider Lamph was badly used.—The Chairman: You did not see Williamson touch him at all?—Witness: No. After the fight, Williamson said he would take Storey down the road if he gave him a drink of beer.—Patrick Cassidy also gave evidence. He said he heard Storey and Lamph arguing on the road, but saw no blows exchanged. He afterwards saw Lamph, whose face was then bleeding.—Sergt. Thornton said on the night in question Lamph went to the Police Station and alleged that he had been assaulted by the defendants. His face was then covered with blood. His lips were burst, and both eyes were completely closed, and he had to be led by his brother.—Storey, in defence, said when he met Lamph he asked him for a drink of beer, and he refused. Another man who was with defendant then asked complainant for a drink and got one. Defendant then asked Lamph where he was going to take the beer, and he said witness had nothing to do with it. The witness Carroll then came up, and Lamph said "here, Polly, hold my coat," and at the same time made a race at him. Lamph and defendant then commenced to fight.—Williamson said when he first saw Lamph the latter was going about swearing that he would have Storey's "heart's blood." He said he would also put him (Williamson) right, and then struck at him. Witness, after being struck, knocked Lamph against the wall, and left him.—The Chairman said they found both defendants guilty of the assault. Storey they fined 20s., and Williamson 10s. and costs. Williamson's fine, which amounted to £1 4s. 6d., was paid. Storey did not pay his fine, £1 14s. 6d., and was sent to prison in default.

PERMITTING GAMING IN A BEERHOUSE AT CONSETT.

Michael McNally, landlord of the Bath Hotel beerhouse, Consett, was summoned for permitting gaming, to wit, dominoes, to be carried on in his house on the 3rd inst. Mr. Granger defended, and said he wished to make a few remarks before the case proceeded. His client was charged with allowing domino playing in his house, and there was also a charge of assault against him, the complainant in which case was Bernard Molloy, who was in turn summoned by McNally for refusing to quit. The two last-named charges had arisen out of the first case. The parties had been together that morning and appeared to have come to an amicable arrangement. The charges of refusing to quit would, therefore, with the ocnsent of the bench, be withdrawn. With regard to the other charge, he should be able to prove that there was no gaming in McNally's house on the night of the 3rd. He might say that the informant in the case was Molloy, and not the police.—The Chairman said they had better hear the evidence in the gaming case.—Bernard Molloy was then called. He said on Friday night, the 2nd inst., he was in McNally's house from about half-past eight till ten minutes to eleven, and was playing at dominoes with three men.—Mr. Granger said they were charged in the summons with playing on the 3rd. He did not deny that there was domino playing on the Friday night, but he could clearly show there was none on the Saturday night.—The Clerk said if Mr. Granger refused to allow the summons to be amended, a fresh summons could be taken out.—Mr. Granger said if the bench would hear the whole facts they would see that the charge of gaming had been brought by Molloy on account of his having been put out of McNally's house on the Saturday night. — The Chairman: Shall we amend the summons, or must another be taken out?—Mr. Granger: We will have it amended.—The date of the alleged offence having been altered to the 2nd July, Molloy said the three men were playing dominoes for beer and wine. A man named James McNally lost, and he paid for drink. Another man named Robert Sewell also paid for some drink. The landlord also played two games. He won one and lost the other. The first time he played for glasses round and won, and the next game was for half-a-gallon of beer, which he lost.—The Chairman: How long did this go on?—Witness: I went in at half-past eight, and stopped there till ten minutes to eleven. I went in with McNally to have a glass of beer. He took me in. I had no money myself.—Cross-examined by Mr. Granger: There were dominoes on the table when I first went in. There was also beer on the table. It is not true that defendant came in while we were playing and threatened to remove the dominoes if we played for beer.—Mr. Granger: When did you first think of bringing this charge?—Witness: On the Saturday night.—Mr. Granger: When you were turned out.—Witness: I was never turned out.—Mr. Granger: When you were beforet he magistrates laying the information didn't you swear that this domino playing took place the same night that you were turned out?—Witness: No; I said it was the 2nd of July.—Mr. Granger did not deny that there was domino playing on the Friday night, but said he was in a position to prove that the men were playing for beer. The case, as he had previously observed, was brought forward by Molloy, who stood in the box as an informer. Molloy, on account of his disorderly behaviour, had been turned out of McNally's house on the Saturday night, and it was owing to this that he had concocted the present charge.—Michael McNally, the defendant in the case, was then called. He said a set of dominoes was brought into his house by a man named John Fairley on the Friday night. Several men were playing that night, but there was no playing on the Saturday night. The men did not play for beer or anything else on the Friday night. Defendant went into the room several times while the men were playing. On one occasion when he went in, hearing somebody say he would bet sixpence, he told the men he would remove the dominoes if there was any betting. Defendant played himself, but not for beer. It was not true that he lost half-a-gallon. The first he heard of the domino playing for beer was on the Saturday night, after he had had occasion to turn Molley out of his house.—This being all the evidence in the gaming case, the Chairman said they would hear the evidence in the other two cases before giving their decision.—McNally was then charged with assaulting Molloy on Saturday night, the 3rd inst.—Complainant said on the night in question he was in McNally's house, and had three or four glasses of beer. As he was coming out of the bar he saw a man named Finley standing. Finley, who was "drunky," put his fists up in a fighting attitude. Complainant put up his arm to ward off the blow, and as soon as McNally saw him do so, he ran from behind the bar and struck complainant on the back of the neck, knocking him down. Defendant next tried to kick him on the face, and he had to turn his face to the counter to save himself.—Mr. Priestman: Had you struck Finley?—Molloy: I never got a chance.—Mr. Annandale: I suppose you were squabbling with Finley when McNally came to you?—Molloy: Finley had struck at me.—Mr. Granger: Is it a usual thing for McNally to kick his customers in the way you have described? — Molloy: I have seen him do it before.—Mr. Granger: Did you go to the parlour door and say "here are a lot of sawdust——?"—Molloy: I did not.—Mr. Granger: Didn't McNally put his hand on your shoulder and tell you to go out, that he would not allow you to interfere with anybody in the house?—Molloy: Never.—Mr. Granger: You swear you were not in the parlour, and that McNally did not order you out?—Molloy: Never.—Mr. Granger: Didn't you, pointing to the parlour, tell McNally there was a fine lot in there?—Molloy: No.—Mr. Granger: Didn't you say you could beat two or three of them?—Molloy: No.—Mr. Granger: Didn't McNally tell you he did not wish to put you out, but that he would be obligedto do so if you did not behave yourself?—Molloy: Never.—Mr. Granger: Didn't a man tell you tobe quiet and have a gill of beer?—Molloy: I believe he asked me to have a gill. (Laughter). — Mr. Granger: This was after the conversation between you aud McNally?—Molloy: Not a word passed between me and McNally.——Mr. Granger: Didn't you strike Finley first?—Molloy: No.—Mr. Granger: Didn't McNally take you by the back of the neck and shove you?—Molloy: He hit me with his fist.—Mr. Granger: How came you to say McNally tried to kick you?—Molloy: I was lying on the ground, and he tried to kick my face, but I turned it to the counter.—Mr. Granger: When you were on the ground, didn't he take you up and put you out?—Molloy: He never put me out yet.—Mr. Granger: When you got up didn't you go to Donnolly's house and ask for a cap?—Molloy: Yes.—Mr. Granger: Didn't you say you were going into McNally's, and would wreck the house?—Molloy: Never.—Mr. Granger: I believe you went back to the door, and told James McNally you would wreck the house?—Molloy: Never.—Mr. Granger: Didn't Jas. McNally call for three glasses of beer?—Molloy: Yes.—Mr. Granger: When you got it, didn't the defendant take yours away?—Molloy: I drank the beer. He told me to go out, and I said he would not have another chance of kicking me. — Mary Ann Murphy, a girl, said she went into McNally's house on Saturday night, the 3rd inst. She saw McNally get hold of Molloy and give him two blows on the back of the neck. She also saw McNally lift his foot, but she could not swear that defendant kicked him.—Cross-examined by Mr. Granger: McNally had hold of Molloy. He was not telling Molloy to get up. I saw McNally pull Molloy up by the neck and push him to the door. When McNally lifted his foot to Molloy the latter turned his face to the counter.—Mary Haughey, another girl, said she went to McNally's for some beer on the Saturday night in question, and saw Molloy in the bar. McNally had him down and kicked him twice in the back. They were not severe kicks. Witness also saw McNally give him a couple of blows with his fist in the back of the neck. He told Molloy to go out, and he did so. Molloy was "kind of drunk."—Cross-examined by Mr. Granger: I was standing opposite the other girl when McNally told Molloy to go out. When McNally kicked Molloy he was leaning on his hands and knees.—Mr. Granger said his client admitted giving Molloy a shove, but no unnecessary violence was used in putting Molloy out of the house. He then called John Kelly, who said he was in McNally's house on the night in question. He remembered Molloy entering the parlour and saying that there were a lot of sawdust ——— in the house. He also said a man was in danger of his life there. McNally then came and took hold of him by the arm and told him to go out. That was all witness saw, as he did not follow them into the bar.—The Chairman: What state was this man (Molloy) in?—Witness: He had a sup drink in him. — The Chairman: You saw McNally take hold of him by the sleeve?—Witness: Yes.—Bernard Short said he was in McNally's parlour when Molloy entered and stood with his shoulder against the door. Witness heard a conversation pass between McNally and Molloy, but could not make out the words. He saw McNally take hold of Molloy by the shoulder and tell him to go out.—Molloy: Was I drunk?—Witness: You were not drunk and you were not sober.—The Chairman: Do you think he was drunk enough to be put out?—Witness did not answer the question.—Molloy: Did you hear me insult or speak to anybody?—Witness: I could not hear what was said, as I was at the other end of the table.—Andrew McNally said he was in McNally's bar on the night in question. He did not hear what took place in the parlour, but after Molloy came out he said to McNally that they were a fine lot of ——— he had in there. The landlord said they were all decent men, and then Molloy said he could beat three or four of them. McNally told him he should interfere with nobody in his house, and said he would have to go out if he wanted to fight. He said Molloy would have to go out or conduct himself properly. Molloy said that McNally could not put him out, and the latter replied he did not wish to do so if Molloy kept quiet. Witness to quieten, Molloy, asked him to have a glass of beer. He wanted the landlord to fill Molloy another gill, but he refused. Witness then told Molloy that they would go somewhere else and get it. Finley was standing in the bar at the time, and Molloy struck him without a word passing between them. Finley returned the blow. McNally came to the men and shoved Molloy away, but the men got together again and eventually both fell. While Molloy was on the floor, McNally lifted his foot to kick him, but witness prevented him carrying out his design. When Molloy got up McNally hit him with his fist. McNally then put him out.—Molloy: Did you hear me refuse to go out?—Witness: Yes.—Molloy: Did you see him kick me?—Witness: I saw him lift his foot, but I checked him. You went out of the house when you were put out.—The Chairman: Do I understand you to say that the landlord struck him before putting him out?—Witness: When the landlord gave him a shove the first time he turned round and hit him. It was after that that McNally struck Molloy.—Molloy was then charged with refusing to quit. McNally said he was in the bar on the night in question, and hearing a noise in the parlour he went in and found Molloy standing on his feet. Molloy said they were a lot of sawdust ——— there, and that a man was not safe. Witness said Molloy was quite safe, that nothing would touch him, and that he would not allow Molloy to interfere with anyone in his house. Witness then took him into the bar, where he became violent, declaring that he would "scatter the house." Witness ordered him to leave two or three times, and was eventually obliged to put him out. In doing so he did not use unnecessary violence. While witness was pushing him out he turned round and struck him. Molloy was what he called riotously drunk.—The Clerk: Where did he get all the drink?—McNally: He had only four glasses in my house that day.—Mr. Granger: Did you refuse to let him have any more drink in your house?—McNally: Yes.—Molloy, in defence, called John Rafferty, who refused to be sworn till he had got his expenses.—The Clerk: Who brought you here?—Witness: Molloy, I expect.—The Clerk: Have you been summoned? — Witness: Yes. — The Clerk: Then you are bound to give evidence.—Rafferty, having been sworn in the usual way, said he knew nothing about the case.—Molloy: Did you come and tell me that McNally would give me so much money if I did not take out a summons against him?—The witness explained that he had heard McNally and Molloy talking about the case outside the court, and that in order to settle the matter between them, he had gone to Molloy and told the latter that McNally was willing to give him something to make the case up, but he did so without the knowledge or consent of McNally.—This being the whole of the evidence, the Chairman said they had decided to convict in the case of gaming. McNally would be fined 40s. and costs for that offence, but on account of his previous good character the license would not be endorsed. They dismissed the charge of assault against McNally, but found Molloy guilty of refusing to quit, and fined him 5s. and costs.

RIVAL GREENGROCERS AT CONSETT.

Mary Evens, greengrocer, Middle Street, was summoned for assaulting Charles Docherty, greengrocer, John Street, on the 2nd July. Mr. Dickinson appeared for complainant; the defendant was represented by Mr. Granger.

Mr. DICKINSON, in stating the facts, said Docherty entered into a contract with a man named Welsh for a basket of herrings. Complainant proceeded to Newcastle for them on Friday, the 2nd inst., but found that Mrs. Evens had bought them over his head. Complainant and Mrs. Evens got into the train together at the Central Station, and on reaching the platform at Benfieldside an altercation took place between them, which culminated in the assault complained of.

Charles Docherty, the complainant, was then called and examined by Mr. Dickinson. He said when he reached Newcastle Station he found Mrs. Evens in possession of the basket of herrings which he had agreed to buy of Mr. Welsh. He detailed the angry conversation which took place at Newcastle and at Benfieldside, and said Mrs. Evens struck him on the mouth and made it bleed. Charles Almond, defendant's son-in-law, was present, and after Mrs. Evens had given him the blow he said, "do not strike a woman." Complainant replied that he was not going to do so.

Mr. GRANGER: What time did you reach the platform at Newcastle Station?

Complainant: Three minutes after half-past two.

Mr. GRANGER: Where had you come from?

Complainant: From the Green Market.

Mr. GRANGER: You actually arrived at the platform three minutes after the train was due to leave?

Complainant: No; the train leaves at twenty minutes to three, so that I was there seven minutes before it was due.

Mr. GRANGER: What time did you arrange to get the herrings?

Complainant: At half-past two. I was three minutes behind time.

Mr. GRANGER: You say that Mrs. Evens used a lot of bad language?

Complainant: Yes.

Mr. GRANGER: It was all on her side?

Complainant: Yes.

Mr. GRANGER: When the train reached Benfieldside, didn't Mrs. Evens get into the guard's van to get her basket of hearings out?

Complainant: She was not in the van at all. She stood at the van door. I got into the van to get my own goods out. It is not true that both of us were in the van tugging away at the basket of herrings. I never touched her stuff at all. I will swear we were not squabbling inside the van. It was outside. Almond, defendant's son-in-law, was on the platform, and would see Mrs. Evens strike at me. After I was struck by Mrs. Evens I said I would rather it had been her husband or any other man. I did not tell Mrs. Evens I would fight either her or her husband. It is not true that I used bad language. I told Mrs. Evens she was a mean, undermining woman to deprive me of my herrings.

John Cant said he remembered travelling with the train to Benfieldside on the afternoon in question. As soon as he reached the platform, Docherty and Mrs. Evens commenced to squabble about the herrings. Witness was then in the van, and complainant and defendant were in front of it. He saw Mrs. Evens hit Docherty on the mouth. Docherty then held up his fist to her.

Cross-examined by Mr. GRANGER: Mrs. Evens was not in the van. The blow was given on the platform. I am positive Docherty did not strike Mrs. Evens.

Mr. DICKINSON: We are not charged with assault.

Mr. GRANGER: No, but still it is extenuating circumstances.

Cant, in answer to further questions, said he did not see Docherty and Mrs. Evens struggling to get possession of the herrings.

John Welsh, of Newcastle, said on the 2nd July he sold some herrings to the complainant. The same day his wife went to the Central Station to meet Docherty and other parties who had arranged to buy herrings. His wife had to wait on the platform till Docherty came. She had no further instructions. Witness expected the herrings would have been given to Docherty, according to the arrangement.

Mr. GRANGER then addressed the magistrates. He said a good deal had been made of the basket of herrings, but the fact was that Mrs. Welsh, thinking that Docherty was not going for the fish, it being then near train time, had asked Mrs. Evens to buy them. With regard to the alleged assault, he was instructed that a squabble took place inside the van, and that afterwards Mrs. Evens had thrown the doors open, which might account for Docherty receiving the blow on the mouth.

Charles Almond was then called. He said he was on the platform when the train arrived from Newcastle. He saw Docherty get into the van, and observed him get out again, but did not see Mrs. Evens strike him. He saw Docherty with his fist up, and told him not to strike a woman. Docherty called defendant an undermining woman and a ———

Complainant: I never said such a thing.

Cross-examined by Mr. DICKINSON: Docherty had his coat off and said he would fight either defendant or her husband. He showed me his lip, and said defendant had struck at him. I was turning the barrow when Docherty got out of the van, and Mrs. Evens may have struck him then.

The CHAIRMAN said the magistrates considered the assault proved and fined defendant 10s. and costs, £1 9s. 6d. in all.

Mrs. Evens said if she had been allowed to speak she would have explained everything. Mrs. Welsh, she said, was hard up and asked her to buy the herrings.

ASSAULT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Michael and Margaret Grant were charged with assaulting John Judge. Complainant said on Saturday afternoon, the 3rd July, he met Grant and his wife on the Slonks Bank. Grant, who was under the influence of drink, called him a ———, and said he would have kicked his life out if it had not been for the law of the land. He then snatched a stick out of complainant's hand and struck him on the head with it. He was going to strike him a second blow when a man named Hardy wrenched the weapon out of his hand. Mrs. Grant, he said, shoved him, which was the assault complained of.—The man Hardy was called and said he was standing near the Bridge Inn when he observed Mrs. Grant give Judge a shove. Judge then got hold of him by the neck and struck him with a stick.—Defendants were fined 1s. each and costs.

ANOTHER ASSAULT AT CONSETT.—Thos. Conroy, labourer, 41, King Street, was fined 1s. and costs for assaulting John Robert Campbell, on the 9th inst.

WILFUL DAMAGE. — John Riddell, of South Medomsley Colliery, was summoned by P.C. Longstaff for wilfully damaging a grass field belonging to Frances Watson, on the 11th inst. Fined 1s. and the damage and costs.

THE OUTRAGE ON A GIRL AT STANHOPE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

At the Stanhope monthly Petty Sessions on Friday—before Mr. Valentine Rippon and Mr. C. J. Backhouse—Mr. J. T. Proud, of Bishop Auckland, solicitor, applied for summonses against Sydney Elliott and George Stephenson, two youths, who were some time ago discharged by Mr. Rippon on an accusation that they had, on the previous Sunday night, waylaid and grossly and indecently assaulted and outraged Dorothy Jane Metcalf, a girl of the same age as defendants. It will be remembered that this apparent miscarriage of justice having attracted considerable public attention through an investigation conducted by a representative of the *Northern Echo*, it was deemed desirable, by the Vigilance Association for the Protection of Personal Rights, that the case should be reinvestigated. On Friday the last cause on the police calendar was an application for an order in bastardy, and, as is the custom at this court, the public were excluded; and it was at the termination of this case, that Mr. Proud intimated to the Bench that he was about to make an application, of which he had previously given notice to the Magistrates' Clerk, Mr. Thompson, who, immediately Mr. Proud had risen to his feet, held a short consultation, in undertones, with their worships.—When Mr. Thompson had resumed his seat, Mr. Rippon remarked to Mr. Proud that before he opened this case, he (Mr. Rippon) might mention that it was the rule, in all such cases, to make the application privately. This was done in many courts, amongst others, at the Mansion House. — Mr. Proud: Is that the practice in police courts?—Mr. Rippon replied that it used to be the rule here.—Mr. Proud said the matter to which His Worship referred had been previously mentioned to him by Mr. Thompson, but as representing a society supported by the public he should protest, and protest most strongly—with all due submission and respect to the Bench—against the exclusion of the public.—Mr. Rippon answered that the Bench had nothing whatever to do with any societies. It was desirable that these cases should not be exposed, by publicity, to the action of prejudice, and the rule under which the Bench were acting was made for the purpose of protecting these cases against the importation of prejudice. Mr. Proud himself was one of the public, and in that sense represented the public.—Mr. Proud, with much warmth, assured their worships repeatedly that it was not his intention to enter into the circumstances of the case at all, but would simply confine himself to the broad question on which he made this application. He should certainly enter his protest against the exclusion of the public. He had not come there like a sneak or a thief to make an application of which he was ashamed; but he was there in behalf of the public—an association which was a credit to the country.—Mr. Rippon then observed that Mr. Proud himself was identical with the public; but the claims of an association in this case the Bench could not recognise. If any one was in court in the character of prosecutor, it must be complainant herself, as the Bench could have nothing to do with any association whatever.—Mr. Proud, after again expressing respectful dissent, inquired if the order from the Bench applied also to the Press.—Mr. Rippon said that most certainly the order of exclusion would apply to the Press. After the public were excluded, Mr. Rippon said: Now, Mr. Proud, you may go on.—Mr. Proud: I appear here (instructed by the Vigilance Association for the Protection of Personal Rights) to make an application on behalf of Dorothy Jane Metcalf for summonses to be issued against Sydney Elliott and John Stephenson, charging them with rape. On the 18th of April last, my client had attended chapel at Stanhope, and on returning to her home in the evening, which is about a mile distant, she was waylaid by the accused and outraged in a most shocking manner. I don't propose to go into details now, but I may say that, according to the medical evidence which is forthcoming, the offence was complete. I understand the boys have already been charged before this Bench and discharged, the complainant on that occasion being in an extremely weak state, and without legal assistance. I am not going to insinuate that there was any shortcoming or fault on the part of the magistrate before whom they were, and, in fact, my application is based upon the ground that that gentleman acted upon an imperfect knowledge of the facts, owing partly to complainant's being in an unfit state to give evidence, and partly to the fact of important witnesses not being called at all. For this, of couse, no one can be blamed save those in whose hands the prosecution was—I mean the police. They took upon themselves the task of prosecuting, and, although they knew defendants were going to be represented, advised the girl's parents not to obtain legal assistance, as the case was so clear—in fact, they said the defendants had admitted their guilt; but, so far as I can see from the dspositions, not a tittle of evidence as to an admission was given.—Mr. Rippon: No; I had no evidence of an admission before me.—Mr. Proud (resuming): I may say that the discharge of the prisoners caused quite a sensation in the county, and the general idea is that a very gross miscarriage of justice has taken place, and in order that the matter may be fairly investigated and both parties may have legal assistance, and be placed upon an equal footing, I have to ask that summonses be issued and the accused placed upon their trial. If your worships decline my application, I have no doubt that a grave crime will go unpunished, and the women of Weardale will not be able to walk about even in broad daylight without the constant peril of outrage. — Superintendent Thubron (addressing the Bench): I wish to give an explanation.—Mr. Prond (warmly): I protest against you being heard. This is a closed court, and you ought to have been outside.—Superintendent Thubron: I would have gone had I been asked.—Mr. Proud: I thought you had sense to keep quiet or I would have asked you.—Superintendent Thubron again attempted to be heard, and Mr. Proud again protested.—Mr. Rippon: This is a private application, and you can't be heard.—After a short consultation, the Chairman intimated that the summonses would be granted, and a special day fixed, of which Mr. Proud should have due notice.

CRICKET APPOINTMENTS.

July 24. Jesmond v Benfieldside, at Jesmond.
July 24. St. Stephen's v Hamsterley (R), at Newcastle.
July 31. Burnopfield v Consett and District, at Consett.
Aug. 7. Northumberland 2nd eleven v Consett at Consett.
Aug. 14. Burnopfield v North Durham 2nd eleven, at Gateshead.
Aug. 21. Burnopfield v Swalwell (R), at Swalwell.
Aug. 21. Northumberland 2nd eleven v Consett, at Newcastle.
Aug. 28. Chester-le-Street v Consett, at Consett.
Aug. 28. Burnopfield v Brunswick (R), at Burnopfield.
Sept. 4. Burnopfield 2nd eleven v Marley Hill (R), at Burnopfield.
Sep. 4. Gosforth v Consett and District, at Consett.

Cricket.

TANFIELD v BENFIELDSIDE.

This match was played on the Tanfield ground and resulted in a hollow victory for the home team. Tanfield were the first to take the willow, Mr. A. Temple and W. Taylor going to the crease, the latter carefully played eight when he was disposed of by Mr. Geo. Renton, the gentlemen succeeding this batsman made only very short stays at the wicket, until Mr. Laidler took the bar in hand, and put on seven, when he unfortunately hit down his wicket. During the time these wickets were falling, Mr. A. Temple was stubbornly guarding the gase and driving the ball, so that his score was assuming a very important intem in the total runs. Mr. Hobson next succeeded Mr. Laidler, and after a fortunate escape or two, by good cricket, ran his score up to nineteen. Various attempts were made to remove A. Temple from the crease, but all failed, until the doctor by a slow pitched ball enticed him out of the apportioned ground, and failing to drive the leather was stumped by the wicket-keeper. After two wickets more had fallen, the two clubs adjourned to Mr. Ridley's, where they were sumptuously regaled with tea, provided by the worthy host of the Peacock Inn. Benfieldside now took the bar but nothing of note was done till Mr. Renton appeared at the wisket, and was running the score up fast, having made some good drives, amongst these being one for four, and another for three, when he skied the ball which was taken by the wicket-keeper. Two very pleasant and agreeable cricketers were missed when the Benfieldside team took the field two who would have been very useful in trundling the leather, and thus relieved the overwrought bowlers, we refer to Mr. R. Smith and Mr. W. Wilson. Score appended:—

TANFIELD.		BENFIELDSIDE.	
A. Temple, st Muir, b G. Renton	41	J. Muir, b T. Jewitt ..	3
W. Taylor, b G. Renton	8	—Ramsay, c A. Temple, b J. White	4
J. White, b J. Dobson	0	T. Barron, run out....	0
D. Temple, b G. Renton	0	T. Waugh, c J. White, b J. Laidler	6
C. E. Mercer, ht wkt..	3	T. Irwin, run out	2
R. Atkinson. c Muse, b Dobson	4	— Featherstone, b J. Laidler	0
T. Jewitt, b G. Renton	1	J. Dobson, c T. Snowdon, b J. White	4
J. Laidler, ht wkt	7	G. Renton, c R. Atkinson, b J. Laidler....	13
J. Robson, b Waugh..	19	J. Collinson, c W. Taylor, b J. Laidler	0
T. Snowdon, run out..	3	J. Marshall, c J. White, b T. Jewitt	2
T. Laidler, not out....	1	J. Muse, not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	3
Total	101	Total	37

A NEW SUBMARINE CABLE FOR NEWCASTLE.—An agreement has been concluded between the Swedish Government on the one hand and the Great Northern Telegraph Company on the other, whereby a new submarine cable is to be laid from Newcastle to Arendal, in Norway, and thence by a shorter section, to a point on the Swedish coast, near Gothenburg. The cable is to be completed by the end of November next, if no unforseen delay occurs.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR CROOK. — On Saturday afternoon, as engine No. 1,003 was taking a load of trucks from Crook to Tow Law, the centre bar connecting the engine and tender broke in two, when the fireman, Joseph Frith, of Victoria-row, Witton Junction, was in the act of putting coals into the fire hole. The engine being relieved of the load, shot away f[illegible] the tender, causing Frith to drop in between, w[illegible] the tender ran over his foot, almost severing it. As soon as possible the poor fellow was taken home and attended to by Dr. Mackay, of Crook. Frith is a married man.

NATIONAL INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.—The members of the Maid of Derwent Lodge, No. 685, of this society held their annual dinner at the house of Mr. John Armstrong, Hill Top, Dipton, on Saturday last, when a good number of the members partook of the good things provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. After dinner, a meeting was held at which Bro. James Hetherington, N.G., occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with some very amusing remarks. Bro. James Teasdale was next called upon to address the meeting, and interested the members very much with the instruction he gave in his address. Bro. George Eltringham, secretary of the lodge, read the financial report, which showed the lodge was in a very prosperous condition. Bro. George Eltringham afterwards addressed the meeting, on the benefits derived from Friendly Societies, and showed how important it was for every man to become a member of some Friendly society, and to use their endeavours to induce their fellowmen to join such societies as provided for man when he could not provide for himself. He also gave a very interesting sketch of the history of Oddfellowship. Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman, treasurer, secretary, sick stewart, and host and hostess, which brought the meetin to a close.—*Correspondent.*

Business Announcements.

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TO BE ISSUED IN OCTOBER, 1880.

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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

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19, JAMES TAYLOR

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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.

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Fine Old Glenlivet Whiskey	9s., 8s., 6s. 9d	18s., 16s., 13s. 6d.
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CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

AN Adjourned SPECIAL MEETING will be held in the Meeting-room, on Saturday, the 24th of July, to consider the MILLINERY BUSINESS, and the Proposal to add the DRESSMAKING BUSINESS. Chair to be taken at 6·30.

330p J. HALL, Sec.

WEST STANLEY! WEST STANLEY!!

THE Second Annual DEMONSTRATION and TEA of the I. O. G. T. will be held on August 14th, 1880.

278o R. D. WELCH, Hon. Sec.

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

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MRS. CLEMINSON'S SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

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

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CONSETT WESLEYAN SCHOOLS,
GIBSON STREET,

WILL be RE-OPENED on Monday, July 26th.

MASTER................. Mr. JACKSON.
ASSISTANT-MASTER....... Mr. SAYLE.
INFANT-MISTRESS....... Miss WHITE.

TANFIELD FLOWER, 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

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, } Secretaries.
GEORGE RIDLEY, }
Beamish, June 23rd, 1880. 216o

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

THE AUCKLAND UNION
PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.
ESTABLISHED 1857.

Offices—56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland.

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

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

PROFITS are divided every three years.

The Interest and Profits paid to members on Completed Shares has averaged 6½ per cent. per annum.

Any further particulars may be obtained of Mr. GEO. STILLMAN, 56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland; or Mr. JOHN ELLIOTT, Palmerston Place, Consett. 300o

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GRAND TEMPERANCE GALA!

A GALA will be held in a FIELD between EBCHESTER and SHOTLEY BRIDGE (kindly lent by JONATHAN PRIESTMAN, Esq.), by the EBCHESTER and MEDOMSLEY BRANCH of the CHURCH of ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, on Saturday, July 31st, 1880.

The NEWCASTLE WORKHOUSE BAND will attend.

FIELD open at 3·30.

TEA on the Ground at 4 o'clock. Tickets 9d. each.

SPORTS, RACES, &c., for which Prizes will be given.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Evening at 6·30, when the following Gentlemen have consented to speak in furtherance of the Temperance Cause:—Alderman GEORGE CHARLTON, Gateshead; Mr. JOHN CHARLTON, Blaydon; Mr. WILLIAM PUURS, Newcastle; Mr. WILLIAM BURDIS, Gateshead.

☞ Admission to Field, 3d.; Children, Half-price; Members, Free. 297o

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For Sale.

FOR SALE, a Handsome COW; just Calved.—Apply at Rowlands Gill Station, N.E.R.

FOR SALE, an excellent Light COUP CART.—Apply to Mr. WM. RICHARDSON, Railway Inn, Blackhill. 304o

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

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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

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

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TO BE SOLD (Cheap), several First-class TURBITS. Winners at Newcastle, Dipton, Burnopfield, Annfield Plain, &c. Also Young BIRDS, bred from the above, at moderate Prices.—Apply to W. F. CLARK, Marley Hill, Gateshead. 296o

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

Sales by Auction.

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.

Monday and Tuesday, July 26th and 27th.—Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Valuable Books, including Works in every Department of Literature, by the best Authors.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, in his Sale-rooms as above, on Monday and Tuesday, July 26th and 27th, a valuable Collection of BOOKS, including WORKS by the best Authors, as follows:—Shakespeare's Works, Illustrated, 3 Vols.; Bible Encyclopædia; Encyclopædia Britannica, 8 Vols.; Barnes' Notes; History of America; Life of Christ; Works of Josephus; Paley's Works; Bibles and Dictionaries; and a great variety of miscellaneous Literature.

Sale to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock each Evening. 306o

Monday, July 26th, 1880.—Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Sale of excellent House Furniture, Miscellaneous Effects, and Good Spring Cart, nearly new.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, July 26th, 1880, the excellent Household FURNITURE, and EFFECTS, belonging to a party leaving the neighbourhood, and comprising Antique Secretaire and Bookcase; Desk Bedstead and Bookcase; Longsettle; 6 Polished Birch Chairs; 2 Arm Chairs; Round Table; Kitchen Table; Four-poled Bedstead; Half-tester Iron Bedstead; Dresser and Delf Rack; Rocking Chair; Poss Tub; Eight-day Clock; Pictures; Clothes' Horse; Parlour Fender and Fire Irons; Fish Pan; together with Pots, Pans, and Sundries. Also good Spring Cart, nearly new; Market Stall; and Brass Scales and Weights.

Sale to commence at One o'clock precisely.

In Liquidation — Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Important and peremptory Sale of Linen and Woollen Drapery, belonging the Estate, and removed for convenience of Sale.—Monday, August 2nd, 1880, and following days, until the whole is cleared out.

MR. ADAM BRODIE has received special instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, August 2nd, and following days, until the whole is cleared out, the Entire Stock of Superior LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY, belonging the Estate (without Reserve), and consisting in part of the following First-class GOODS:—Genuine Scotch and West of England Tweeds; Fancy Dress Goods; Persian, Russian, and Sedan Cords; Merinoes, Cashmeres, and Lustres; Repps and Challis; Linens, Hollands, and Ticks; Calicoes and Flannels; Blankets, Sheets, and Quilts; Wool Shirts and Shirtings; Damask and other Cloths and Covers; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Cashmere and Wool Scarfs and Wrappers; Brussels and other Carpets; Gents' Scarfs and Ties; together with nearly every other Article connected with the Drapery Trade.

ORDER OF SALE.—Sale to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening of Monday, August 2nd, and continue from day to day until the whole is cleared out.

☞ The attention of the inhabitants of Consett and surrounding District is directed to this Sale, the Goods being of superior quality and in good condition; and as the Auctioneer has received peremptory instructions for absolute Sale, they will be cleared out without regard to price and without the slightest Reserve. 301o

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. 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

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. J. JENKINS.

Ebchester.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, 26th July, 1880, at the house of Mr. TEMPERLEY, New Inn, Ebchester, a large quantity of valuable Household FURNITURE, belonging to Mr. THOS. REED, of Morrowfield, and Mr. WM. DOBSON, who are leaving the neighbourhood, and removed to the above place for convenience of Sale, comprising Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Press, with Glass Doors; Bed-room Drawers; Mahogany Centre Table; excellent Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; Easy Chair, in Hair-seating; 6 Polished Kitchen Chairs; 3 Cane Chairs; 2 Windsor Chairs; Upholstered Longsettle; Round Table, Kitchen Table, and Tea Table; Washstand and Dressing Table; Eight-day Timepiece; handsome Brass Bedstead; Iron Tester Bedstead, with Taper Tube; Iron French Bedstead; 2 Pairs of Mattresses; Feather Bed; Down Bed; Flock Bed; assortment of Pictures; 3 Fenders; 2 Sets of Fire Irons; Set of Stair Rods; Perambulator; Loose Bar; Tidy; quantity of Matting; Poss Tub and Staff; Kettle; Pans; Tubs; Pails; together with a large quantity of other useful Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

☞ P.S.—The Goods may be seen any time up to the day of Sale at the house of Mr. TEMPERLEY, New Inn, Ebchester. 307o

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

Wanted.

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

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

WANTED, a SEWING MISTRESS, for the Wesleyan Day School, Leadgate.—Applications to be sent in not later than Monday, July 26th, to the Secretary, Mr. JOSEPH DAVISON, Front Street, Leadgate. 299o

WANTED, AGENTS.—A genuine Agency is offered to Shopkeepers, Clerks, &c., having spare time. Orders taken from Illustrated List (Samples optional). None unable to give references as to respectability need apply.—For Terms and full Particulars send stamped directed envelope to the Agency SUPERINTENDENT, the Musical Instrument Club Company, Hexham-on-Tyne.

A LADY said to Dr. JOHNSON: "Do you really believe, Doctor, that the Dead Walk after Death?" "Madam," said the Doctor, "I have no doubt about it. I have heard the 'Dead March in Saul.'" The Public can purchase a splendid Instrument to play that immortal Air, as well as Tunes more joyous, at Prices and Terms suited to every one's means, from the MUSICAL INSTRUMENT CLUB COMPANY, Pianoforte, Harmonium, and American Organ Manufacturers, Beaumont Street, Hexham-on-Tyne.—Full Illustrated Price List, 200 Pages, Post Free 18 Stamps.

To Let.

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. 616n

TO LET or SELL—Entry in August—the HOUSE of 8 Rooms, in Delves Lane, in the occupation of the Rev. P. O'FLAHERTY.—Apply to Mr. JOSEPH MURRAY, Consett. 250o

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

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 LET, and may be entered upon immediately, 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

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD, 1880.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

(BY AN AWD PITMAN.)

One heers of nawt but skeems and rumers of skeems. First there is the amalgamashen skeem, then we hev the park skeem to keep it company. Some peeple are naughty enough to say it is all skeemen together. Both skeems are good enough in their way, but it is to be feered that one at leest of them will fall through. Aw hev alreddy expressed mysell in favour of an amalgamashen of the district into a borough, and there is nee doubt that a proposishen of this sort would receeve the hearty support of the three local boards, but there is not the slightest chance, aw am afraid, of Benfeeldside agreeing to the programme drawn up by the Consett Board. To my mind, Consett is adopten a somewhat selfish and one-sided course. They are reddy to join with Benfeeldside in sanitary matters because they beleeve it will be to their interests to do so, but when the highways are mentioned, and it is found that road maintenance in the Benfeeldside township is an item of considerable magnitude and likely to effect the pockets of the Consett ratepayers, it is coolly suggested that the three districts shall be formed into wards and that each shall maintain its own road! Mr. Siddell, aw dare say, was aktuated by the best of motives in bringen forward his motion, but aw cannot help thinken that it was premature. The Board acted with too much precipitancy, and it is every way likely that a polite snubben awaits them. There was, as the Chairman remarked, a considerable diversity of feelen amang the members on the question whether an amalgamashen was likely to be attended with any reel benefits to the ratepayers, and it would, aw think, hev been much better if the Board had first of all decided upon the advisability of a union of the districts before proceeden to appoint a committee. It is no secret that several of the members (indeed one half of them) are opposed to any alterashen being made, and in the face of this aw think it was unwise to press the motion. If the members had been unanimous it would hev been a different thing altogether. It remains to be seen in what light the proposal is viewed by the Benfeeldside peeple.

It is every way likely that the hospital skeem will cause some unpleasantness. There is an impression, and it is shared by the whole of the local boards, that the Union is about to throw away a large sum of money in builden hospitals which are not likely to be of any use to the ratepayers. If the Hospital Committee had konsulted Dr. Renton, aw dare say he would hev told them that we are not likely to hev another epidemic of small pox such as raged in this county nine or ten years ago. If my memory does not deceeve me, Dr. Renton, while approving of hospitals for the isolation of infectious cases of disees, does not recommend the expenditure of five or six thousand pounds in meeten the want. His suggestion, aw beleeve, was that two or three cottages in some out-of-the-way locality should be procured and knocked together at a small cost. From what aw hev been able to gather, the local boards are opposed to the spenden of anything like the estimated kost of the proposed new buildens.

A good many peeple laff at the park skeem, but for my awn part aw think that Consett awt to hev a rekreeashen grund, with a ball alley, a peece of green sward where the devotees of Terpsichore might trip the light fantastick toe, and where bits of bairns could laff and sing and shout and swing to their heart's kontent. Various places hev been suggested. Some folks think that the feeld at the other side of the new Vikerage would be a nice spot, but it hes this drawback, that when the wind is from the south-west the pleasure seekers would get the benefit of the smoke from the Ironworks. Then, again, it is feered that the smoke and the fumes from the blast-furnaces would destroy all the shrubs. The Blue Heeps hes also been suggested as a suitabel place. There is certainly a charmen view from the Blue Moontens, and the place might be konverted into a splendid park, but the expense of levellen and tittivaten it up would be very serious. Another site suggested is the gardens in front of Sherburn Terrace. The land heer is good, and would grow shrubs and flowers to perfekshen. The land is now let into tatey garths, which are held by workmen under the Kompany. Of korse it would be a hardship to deprive poor worken men of their gardens without providen them with others elsewhere, and it would only be fair, in the event of fixen on this site, to make them some slight kompensashen. The Kompany hev plenty of land in the neighbourhood, and this difficulty would be easily overcome. It has also been suggested that Consett and Leedgate should unite in forming a park for the use of the two places, and the feeld in front of Villa Reel has been pointed oot as a likely site. The land at this place, howevver, not belanging to the Kompany, it is feered that the joint-skeem is not likely to be attended with much sukcess.

A most diabolikal ootrage was committed on Sunder neet. A worken man neymd Cammel rents one of the allotments in front of Sherburn Terrace, and on Monder morning it was fund that some feend in human form had destroyed nearly the whole of his taties and other vegetables by cutting off the tops. The poleece hev the matter in hand, and it is to be hoped that they will sukceed in discoveren the perpetrator of such wanton destruckshon. The skoundrel who kud conceeve and carry oot such a peece of senseless mischeef awt to be kondemmed to live on tatey tops and kabbage staaks for the rest of his natural life.

Mr. Carss, in a lang letter, has settled the Iveston Village Pond Question to his awn satisfakshen. He has disposed of me entirely, so that it wad be futile on my part to attempt to kontrovert his facts. Henry has a happy nack of getten oot of a difficulty by fencing with the reel question at issue, and introducen extraneous matter. The questions before us were—is the pond a publick wateren pleyce? and hev the Board jurisdikshen awer it? My kontenshen was that the public have akwired a reet to it by user, and that the pond is a publick wateren place within the meenen of the Publick Health Act, and that the Board hev therefore kontrol over it. Mr. Carss, however, kontends that the Board hev no juirisdikshen over the pond, and that the latter is not a pond, bekause the Board hev allowed it to degenerate into a stink-hole! Aw will leeve him there.

It is always pleasant to hev the good opinion of those whose opinion is worth anything. To be called *most* enlightened by John Rogan, Gibson Street, is certainly a fetther in my cap, and aw beg to return Mr. John Rogan my sincere and grateful thanks for the very high compliment (quite undeserved on my part, aw can assure him) he has been pleesed to pay me. Extreem modesty forbids my sayen more, except that, seeing that Mr. John Rogan and his noble-hearted comrades *knew* the White Star boys had had the piece of land as a cricket ground for so long, it was uncanny of him and them to take it over their heeds. Mr. John Rogan may have looked upon it as a business transaction, but the publick would scarcely look at it in that light. Howevver, aw am glad that as seyun as Mr. Jenkins learnt the true state of affairs he promptly offered the bit lads another feeld.

What has come awer the floral and horticultural societies? At one time nearly every village in the district had its local show, but the recent bad times seem to hev affected everything—shows included. Consett used to turn out a good show of flowers, plants, and vegetables, but the Society seems to hev collapsed altogether. Aw beleeve there is plenty of material in the place from which to form a good working committee, but somebody is wanted to fashion it into shape. What has become of Mr. Moon, Mr. Imrie, Mr. Lumley, Mr. Shell, Mr. Atkinson, and a host of others? Then, again, there is Lanchester, from which place aw am sorry to heer discouragen ackounts, not of the garden produce, but of dissenshen amang the promoters of the Society, owen to the limited views entertained by some of the exhibitors. It seems that a gentleman named Turner, hailing from the adjoining hamlet of Witton Gilbert, hes been in the habit of exhibiten the produce of his hortikulturel skill at Lanchester, and a few jellous sperrets are wishful to debar him from kompeeten this year by cirkumskriben the arrea of kompetitors. Witton Gilbert is some four miles from Lanchester, and it is suggested, with a view, as has been said, of leeven the Wittonian out in the cold, that all exhibitors in the eastern part of the Society's distrikt shall reside within three miles of Lanchester! The matter hes been freely kommented on at Lanchester, and thereaboots, and kannot fail to damage the Society in the eyes of the public. It is but fair to state that the majority of the members and the villagers generally dissent form the narrar and cirkumskribed views of the few who wish to monopolise the prizes. Aw am glad to heer that the honorary secretaries, Mr. Ralph Walton and Mr. Dunn, are among those who are opposed to the "grab all" policy. It is to be hoped, for the credit of the place and the success of this old-established Society, that the gentlemen who have been the cause of the disagreement and discord will, if they value the welfare of the Society, enlarge their sphere of vision and their hearts at the same time.

Many queer things are related at "expeerience" meetens. Here is a good story, which has the merit of being true. Aw hev hard of many encounters with the black gentleman, but never knew of his Satanic Majesty being settled so thoroughly and effectually as he was one day lately. Geordy, who is a Hallelujah, was down the pit, and while he was sitten on his cracket hewen, the awd man appeered to him and telled him he was not seyved. "Yes, aw is," said Geordy. "No, thou issent," replied his Majesty. "Yes, aw is," repeeted George, at the same time turnen round and nailen the Prince of Darkness on the heed with his cracket.

Local and District News.

WESLEYAN METHODISTS AT SACRISTON. — The chapel anniversary was held last Sunday, when sermons were preached by the Rev. Mr. Millward, of Chester-le-Street. The collection on behalf of the chapel was good.

Mr. James Radford, the auditor of the Durham audit district, has, unhappily, been constrained by illness to select as his deputy his son, Mr. Francis John Radford, who acting as deputy auditor until the 29th September next has been formally sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

ACCIDENT TO AN ENGINE DRIVER AT THE NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL SHOW. — Frank Leggett, thirty-five years of age, residing at thirty-nine, Waterworks, Ipswich, Suffolk, suffered an injury to his hand while driving an engine at the Newcastle Agricultural Show on Wednesday afternoon. He was conveyed to the Newcastle Infirmary, where his injuries were attended to.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT EAST CASTLE COLLIERY.—On Wednesday evening, about eleven o'clock Wilson Gibson, a miner, residing at Lanchester, and employed at East Castle Colliery, was so severely injured by a fall of stone whilst at work, that he died an hour afterwards. His body was carried to his residence at an early hour on Thursday morning, where an inquest will be held.

A VALUABLE HORSE DESTROYED.—On Tuesday evening while Mr. Kearney, of the Ford, near Lanchester, was riding near Hollingside Hall, an accident occurred to his horse—a valuable hunter worth 200 guineas. It appears that Mr. Kearney had to pass through a gate on which a scythe was hanging, and the horse shied and went against the implement, which inflicted injuries so serious that the poor animal had to be destroyed the same evening. Fortunately, Mr. Kearney received no personal injury.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE WESLEYAN SCHOOLS, CONSETT.—On Tuesday evening last, an entertainment was given in the Gibson Street Schools by the children and choir of the Wesleyan Methodist Society of Consett, aided by Mr. R. Frankland, Mr. Joseph Surtees, and Mr. R. C. Foster. A large audience assembled. Mr. J. Bell, the chairman, said the proceeds of the meeting were to be devoted towards raising the debt incurred in the distribution to the children of medals commemorative of the Sunday-school centenary. After some remarks of a practical nature on the Sunday-school and its work, he introduced a lengthy programme. Mr. Frankland, who was repeatedly encored, gave no less than six unique recitations in the course of the evening. Mr. Surtees and Mr. Foster also recited in pathetic and forcible manner, and received tokens of approbation from the audience. The children and choir performed their parts in a pleasing and harmonious style. A solo was given by Miss H. Smith, who received a rapturous encore. The thanks of the meeting were unanimously rendered to the reciters, singers, and chairman, and the doxology brought an enjoyable evening's entertainment to a close.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.—The Methodist New Connexion Sabbath School celebrated the centenary of Sunday Schools on Wednesday week. A field was kindly lent by the owners of the colliery, but the downpour of rain prevented the completion of the arrangements. The teachers and scholars marched along the streets in procession. The weather being so unfavourable, it was arranged to assemble in the spacious chapel. R. Ferens, Esq., of Oswald House, Durham, presented 350 scholars with a splendid medal each. The portrait of Robert Raikes upon one side, on the other, "Suffer little children to come unto me," &c. It was moved by R. F. Russell, a scholar, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Ferens for presenting them with medals in commemoration of the centenary. This was seconded by Miss E. Dodds, a scholar, and was carried unanimously. About 400 persons partook of tea, which was provided by Mrs. Peel and Mrs. Galley. A public meeting was held after tea. Highly interesting speeches were delivered by the Rev. A. Hilditch, Bro. John Dodds, and J. Bainbridge, on the advantages of Sunday Schools. Mr. Charles Davison occupied the chair. The children and friends afterwards separated, highly satisfied with their day's enjoyment.

ALLEGED SUPERNATURAL DOINGS AT CROOK.—During the past few days there has been a little excitement in Crook in consequence of what is termed by some the tricks of some supernatural agency in a house in Mill Street. The house is occupied by a highly-respectable gentleman, his wife, and two young children; but, owing to the business of the gentleman, he is only at home at the week ends, and has never had an opportunity of making himself acquainted with the "ghost" or other visitor. Since Thursday the lady and her children have been kept in constant fear by the noises and tricks played upon them. Knocks have been heard upstairs, but when a journey has been made to interview the visitor there has been nothing to be seen; but when the lady has returned to her kitchen, she has seen such sights as the butter cooler under the fire bars, a chair stuck up the chimney, a teapot hung on the gas pendant, or her sewing machine turned upside down. The floor has been sprinkled with flour in the hope that footmarks might be traced, but that was of no use, for the visitor came as usual, and, after doing several other pranks, sprinkled a double quantity of flour on the floor. Matters became so bad on Wednesday that the lady telegraphed for her husband, and we understand that they have decided to leave the house. To further mystify matters, all this happens in the day time.

HIGH PRICE OF GAS AT LANGLEY MOOR.—On Tuesday evening last, a meeting of ratepayers and consumers of gas was held at the house of Mr. Maddison, Little Burn Lane, to consider the charges of the Durham Gas Company for their gas. It was resolved that a petition should be presented to the company asking them to reduce their prices.

FITS.—EPILEPTIC FITS OR FALLING SICKNESS.—SENSATIONS, GIDDINESS, FAINTS.—A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery. It will cure the most hopeless case after all other means have been tried. Full particulars will be sent by post free of charge. Address:—Mr. WILLIAMS, 10, Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London. 227o

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills taken occasionally in doses, prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials, resulting from thoroughly assimilated food, wanting which the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

SAD END OF A DRUNKARD. — On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Framwellgate, Durham, on the body of Robert Robson, a joiner, employed at Messrs. Henderson and Co.'s carpet factory, sixty-six years of of age, who committed suicide on Wednesday morning by hanging himself in the greenhouse of his garden. About nine o'clock on Wednesday morning the deceased, who had for some time past been addicted to drink, went into the garden, and shortly afterwards Mrs. Robson sent her son to bring him into the house, as he was then the worse for drink. Deceased was found by his son hanging by a piece of rope from one of the beams of the greenhouse quite dead.—The jury returned a verdict that the deceased committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity caused by the excessive drinking of alcoholic liquor. Deceased was heard to say on the previous day that he would hang himself, but his friends did not think he really meant to do so.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.—It is to be deplored that the continuous rainfall is having a very serious effect upon the crops. Much of the hay, which was cut during the few days of fine weather about three weeks ago, is more or less spoiled, and is laying in a semi-rotten condition. Large quantities of wheat, oats, and barley in various parts of the Durham district have, it is feared, been irretrievably damaged by the continuous downpour of rain. The crop of potatoes promises well. Of fruit of every description in the northern counties, the yield will be far below the average of several preceding years, in consequence of the nightly frosts in the latter part of spring. The promise of abundant crops of every description at the dawn of summer made everyone sanguine and hopeful as to the future, but the continuous pinching winds from the north-east for several months, coupled with the causes previously mentioned, have dispelled these to a great extent, and leave but little hopes that the crops generally will ever reach an average yield.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY. — Last week-end was the sixteenth anniversary of the building of the large and comfortable Chapel which the above denomination now owns.—On Saturday, a very successful and largely-attended tea meeting took place. The tea was generously given by a subscription among the members, the tables being gracefully presided over by Misses S. A. Hall, M. Wilkinson, H. Hall, and H. Harrison. In the evening, a public meeting was held, at which Messrs. B. Moody, A. S. Coates, and R. Charlton (Westwood), delivered interesting and stirring speeches. The Chairman, Mr. John Charlton (Templetown), said that Miss Arch, a lady of great repute, had been announced to be present at that meeting, and also to conduct the services of the ensuing day, but she had taken ill at Middlesbrough, and therefore would not be present.—On Sunday, services were conducted in the morning and evening by the Rev. Thomas Greenfield, tutor of the Theological Institute, Sunderland, and formerly of this circuit. The afternoon sermon was preached by Mr. Wm. Thompson, of Lanchester. Good audiences attended throughout, and the collections were highly satisfactory.

EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF A WIFE.—In the western part of this county there resided until recently a man, his wife, and a family of three children. So far as can be ascertained, they lived happily together for a time; but one day, however, the man took it into his head to sell his wife. Casting about, he found a ready purchaser in a man in good circumstances, resident not a hundred miles from Esh, and to whom he sold his wife, "as a bargain," for £5. The transaction, infamous and unparalleled as it is, was deliberately undertaken, and what would appear to be even more extraordinary is that the object of this barter seems to have fallen into the arrangement as a matter of course. At all events she left her house, and taking with her her little family, arrived in the city of Durham, where a room was taken for her by the purchaser. What took place subsequently is not known, but the last scene in this extraordinary domestic drama is, that the woman and the children fell into destitution and hopeless poverty, and were in consequence compelled to appeal to the nearest relieving officer for assistance. There was only one alternative left, and that was to admit them to the Workhouse, where they now remain, while enquiries are being made for the inhuman parent, who sold his wife and forsook his family for a few pounds, thus bringing misery and destitution upon the unoffending offspring. It is to be hoped that the law will, in this instance, at least, fall upon the fellow with double force and [illegible]t, for we have seldom, if ever, recorded a mor[illegible]candalous transaction.—*Durham Advertiser*.

CHURCH BAZAAR AT ESH.—On Tuesday, a bazaar was held on the lawn of Esh Vicarage, for the purpose of procuring funds to purchase an organ for the parish church, and otherwise effect such improvements in the church as the present state of the edifice requires.—The Rev. Canon Tristram, in opening the bazaar, congratulated the ladies on the manner in which they had worked in promoting the objects of the bazaar. They thoroughly appreciated the work that had been accomplished, and to show how much work in this direction was needed, he need only say that on an average a new church was built about every three weeks in the year, and hardly a week passed during which the Bishop of Durham was not either consecrating or laying the foundation of a new church. Referring to the recent sitting in Durham of the Commissioners, he said they had decided to devide the diocese into eleven rural deaneries instead of seven; and even this number of rural deaneries would have a greater nnmber of parishes in each than the original four which was multiplied by Bishop Langley. This fact alone gave some idea of the growth of church work in the diocese of Durham.—The sale of work was then proceeded with. The following ladies presided at the stalls, which contained a varied assortment of useful and ornamental articles:—Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Bell (Wall Nook), Miss Wiggen, Mrs. Hand, Miss Nelly Hand, Mrs. Mrs. and Miss Dalziel, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Shean, Mrs. and Miss Johnstone, Miss Stephenson, Miss Thompson, and Miss Brown. Mr. Oswin B. Henry introduced music at intervals, and towards the latter part of the day the bazaar was more liberally patronized than at the opening.

NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT NEWCASTLE.

Wednesday was the opening day of the annual show of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, which is this year being held at Newcastle. The exhibition ground is capacious and handy to the town, covering some twenty six acres of the Moor lying a little to the north and west of the Bull Park. Yesterday was the "off day" of the show, being devoted only to the exhibition of implements and the judging in the dog and poultry departments. The ground was in first-class condition, and in the afternoon when the show was favoured with excellent weather, the heat of the sun being finely tempered by a slight breeze, the showyard proved a very pleasant resort. In the morning—when the Mayor of Newcastle and the Mayoress were amongst the first to put in appearance—the attendance was only sparse; but in the afternoon the number of visitors had largely increased, the attendance statistics for the whole day being fairly respectable under the circumstances. The 3rd Northumberland Artillery Band and the Newcastle Union Juvenile Band occupied the band stand, and attractive programmes of music were fulfilled in the course of the afternoon.

The visitor first reached the implement department, the stands (some fifty odd in number) lying on either side of the main avenue for a considerable distance. Most of the well-known agricultural engineers and implement manufacturers were represented, either directly or by agents, and their stands attracted a great deal of attention. Local firms came well-to the front—notably, Mr. John Gregory, Westoe, who had over eighty exhibits, over forty of these being of his own manufacture; Mr. Francis Wood, Newcastle; Mr. George Cockburn, Newcastle; Mr. William Lightfoot, of Stockton and Darlington, who made one of the best shows on the ground, his stand being distinguished by great variety in agricultural implements, all of sound, substantial make; Messrs. Colegrave and Co., Newcastle, who had over 100 exhibits, which filled the largest amount of space on the implement area, where from their number, and in some instances novelty, they compelled attention; Mr. John Dobbing, Fighting Cocks, Darlington, who exhibited carts and rolleys; Messrs. Bellas, Stockton, who had a similar exhibition; and Messrs. Teasdale Brothers, Darlington, who showed two new specialities in reapers, and also a couple of mills. The cattle and poultry food manufacturers were enterprising in the display of the virtues of their respective condiments, &c. Messrs. Robert Bell and Sons, Newcastle; Mr. E. T. Brown and Son, Newcastle; the Waterloo Mills Co., Hull; the Live Stock Condiment Co., Newcastle; Mr. Reuben Gregory, Newcastle; and Mr. Roger Errington, Victoria Mills, Sunderland, were amongst those to the fore. On the strength of the recent honours showered upon "Duke of Howl John," Mr. Errington's stall was particularly noticeable. It may be mentioned that the recent bad weather has caused quite a run to be made upon Mr. Errington's spice for the purpose of mixing with damaged hay whilst stacking. Carriages were also on the ground in great number and variety. There were several beautiful specimens of the coachmaker's art. The exhibits of Mr. Charles Foot, Preston; Messrs. Henry Augus and Co., Newcastle; Messrs. Hunter, Newcastle; and Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson were the most noticeable. Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson particularly showing some most elegant turn-outs. Messrs. J. and H. Harrison, Newcastle, made a great display in garden and dairy implements, &c. these being a centre of interest; and Messrs. Dinning and Cook, Newcastle, showed stable fittings, hot-water apparatus, &c. In class 1, stand 11, Mr John Gregory, Westoe, was the winner of the prize of £10 for the best stand or collection of agricultural implements and machinery manufactured by the exhibitor himself; and in class 2, stand 47, Messrs. Colgrave and Co. Newgate-street Newcastle. was the winner of the prize of like amount for the best collection of agricultural implements and machinery, comprising as far as possible all that is necessary on a fair-sized English farm. Prize medals have been awarded to Messrs. Archer and Co., Dunston-on-Tyne, for a bone mill; and to Messrs. Nalder and Nalder, Wantage, Berks, for patent Nalder six horse-power thrashing and straw-elevating machine. The nurserymen of the district largely assisted to render the ground garden-like in its aspect, by their handsome exhibitions of trees, shrubs, and flowers, Messrs. Robert Mack and Co.'s (Catterick) exhibits being not the least attractive.

The judges were Messrs. T. Pattison. Norwood; C. F. M'Cabe, Winston House: E. Ryott, West Falloden, and Mr. Geo. Grey, Wooler.

The dog show was confined to shepherds' dogs. Forty-seven animals were entered. They were a very good lot, colour, coat, and shape being all highly satisfactory. Prominent in this department was our old friend Wandering Willie, whose connection with the Tyne ferries has passed into the local records. He attracted a great deal of popular attention, but failed to gain a prize. The judges were Messrs. R. Shortreed, Kelso, and T. Elliot, Jedburgh.

The poultry and pigeon show was held, under excellent conditions, in a large marquee. The attractions in the shape of prizes had been increased this year, and there were 254 entries. Hamburghs were a very good lot, many fine birds being included in the class; and the same remark applies to the game class. Black Spanish were perhaps the best class that has been shown in the North of England for a considerable time past. Cochins, however, were the feature of the show. They were really a remarkable and grand lot, and Mr. Geo. Proctor's birds were universally admired. In short, considering the season, the show as a whole was a first-class one, and there was on Wednesday a concensus of opinion that it was the best exhibition in point of quality that has ever been held in connection with the society, if not, indeed, in Newcastle. Amongst the dead poultry were shown birds brought from Paris for the purpose of illustrating the mode of trussing practised in certain districts of France. The pigeons were a fair lot. Some fine birds were to be seen, particularly noticeable being the prize fantail from Edinburgh. The judge of poultry was Mr. R. Tebay, Preston, and for dead poultry Mr. E. Brown; for pigeons, Mr. E. Beckwith, Sunderland. Amongst the local prize-winners were Messrs. G. H. Proctor, Durham; G. Pounder, Kirby Moorside; Mr. Brown, Wheatbottom, Crook; Mr. Dawson, Crook; W. Vaux, Durham; J. Muir, West Hartlepool; W. Robertson, Sunderland; Jackson and Richardson, Crook; C. Venables, Sheraton, Castle Eden; — Gunn, Northallerton; Wilson and Gowland, Crook; J. Lawson, Gateshead; T. Dowell, Sunderland; C. Christison, Tow Law; W. Bearpark, Northallerton; G. Bulman, Stockton; Mrs. Cox, Norton; Messrs. T. W. Bone, Middlesbrough; J. Dargue, Crook; E. Thompson, Bishop Auckland; P. Ward, Middlesbrough; W. Vaux, Durham; G. Henderson, Newcastle; Brown and Hastie, Newcastle; G. Carr, Newcastle; G. Henderson, Walker Colliery; and T. Gascoigne, Newcastle.

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 ourselves 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

THE BURNOPFIELD BOX.

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT AGAINST MRS. HESLOP.

At Consett Petty Sessions, on Monday, Mr. Dickinson, solicitor, said he appeared before their worships to make an application for a warrant against Mrs. Heslop, of Lintz Colliery, for stealing a box belonging to the Burnopfield Women's Friendly Benefit Society. As their worships would doubtless be aware, the County Court Judge had made an order for the box to be given up to the trustees in seven days. The box was kept at Miss Adamson's house at Burnopfield, and when the trustees went and made application, two women named Mary Hall and Ann Wigham entered the room where the box was kept and took possession of it. Mrs. Heslop eventually carried it off, and he now wished to have her apprehended for the felony.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Watson): Are Mrs. Heslop and the other women members of the Society?

Mr. DICKINSON: Yes.

The Magistrates' Clerk: Then the box they took away would contain their property.

Mr. DICKINSON: The box belongs to the trustees.

The Magistrates' Clerk said he could not advise the justices to grant a warrant, as, assuming the woman had the box in her possession, it did not amount to a felony. He thought it was a case for the County Court Judge.

Mr. DICKINSON said perhaps the box would be lost before they could put the civil law in motion.

The Magistrates' Clerk said it would not be a great loss to anybody except the lawyers. It had engaged the time of the justices and the County Court Judge times out of number, and three or four barristers and four or five attorneys had been engaged in it.

Mr. DICKINSON asked if he could get a search-warrant.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Town) said they could do nothing in the matter.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

The Conference opened at half-past nine o'clock on Wednesday.—A communication was read from Sir Edward Watkin kindly offering, on the part of the South-Eastern Railway, to convey the Conference to Canterbury Cathedral and back again, and a conversation ensued upon the proposal. It was finally agreed that the kind offer be very respectfully declined on the ground that owing to the great pressure of business the Conference could not spare the time.—Dr. Rigg moved a vote of thanks to the late President, the Rev. Benjamin Gregory, for his able and faithful services throughout the year.—Dr. Appleby seconded the resolution, and spoke in high terms of the services which Mr. Gregory had rendered as president of the Irish Conference.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and Mr. Gregory made a suitable reply.—The Rev. B. Gregory, the ex-president, proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary of the Conference, the Rev. M. C. Osborn, for his excellent services during the year.—It was seconded by the Rev. C. Garrett, and carried unanimously.—The thanks of the Conference were presented to the assistant-secretaries and letter-writers, and they were re-appointed to these offices.—The memorials from circuits and the suggestions from districts were read to the Conference, and the necessary committees were appointed. Several of the documents had reference to a Wesleyan service book.—The question was asked, Where shall the next Conference be held? Liverpool and Leeds each asked for it. Each district offered to provide for 500 ministers in addition to the ministers stationed in each district. After some discussion, it was decided that the next Conference should be held in Liverpool.—Notices of motion were called for, and several of them were read to the Conference and received. One had reference to the Legal Hundred having seats assigned them immediately in front of the platform. Another suggested that for all deputations to foreign conferences three names should be brought forward, as is now done in the case of nominating ministers for departmental work.—The President of the Conference gave out the hymn "Come, let us join our friends above, Who have obtained the prize," the Rev. C. Garrett engaged in prayer, and the reading of the obituaries of ministers who have died during the year was commenced. This is always the most solemn service of the Conference, and is in reality dedicated to the memory of the dead. The following ministers have died during the year in the home work:—John Rattenbury, Alfred Freeman Abbot, Robert G. Cather, John H. Anderson, John Hall, Almond S. Hocking, John Thompson, William J. Dawson, Philip Tourgis, John Clulow, Enoch Norris Maidment, James Carr, Henry Keet, Evan Pugh, John Hooton, Benjamin Nightingale Haworth, Thomas Wood, John Bedford, Robert Haworth, and Joseph Officer.

LECTURE AT CONSETT.—On Monday evening last, a lecture was delivered in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, by Dr. Rajaonah, of Madagascar. A numerous and respectable audience assembled. The meeting having been opened with hymn and prayer, the chairman, W. Jenkins, Esq., briefly introduced the lecturer. He said he was pleased to see such a company present to hear the worthy doctor, who had only been nine years in England, as he was a native of Madagascar, and also nephew of the present Queen of that island. Dr. Rajaonah said the subject of his lecture was "Madagascar: Its Missions and its Martyrs." Madagascar was an island near the coast of Africa, and was nearly 1,000 miles in length, by 450 miles in breadth, and contained six or seven millions of inhabitants. They were supposed to be of Jewish origin, many customs of the Jews being observed by them. Missionaries first landed in the country in 1818, and under their tuition and with the encauaagement of the king, Radama, Christianity flourished to a great extent. After his death, however, his successor proved to be a bitter enemy of Christianity. She endeavoured, by every means in her power, to crush it out. Missionaries and converts were subjected to all kinds of painful and horrible deaths, but it was a remarkable fact that, do what she might, Christianity still grew and flourished. The queen died in 1861, and was succeeded by her son, Radama II, who was a sincere Christian, and was just as assiduous in the cause of Christ as his mother had been against it. He, among a great many other good works, was the means of abolishing slavery from the island. In his zeal he attempted too much, and he, the lecturer, believed, suffered a martyr's death for the truth's sake. Queen Rushmanen was what he would call a neutral person. Though she did not offer actual opposition to missionaries, she did not give them much encouragement. Dr. Rajaonah proceeded at some length to describe the spiritual condition of the island, and said though it had been declared a Christian country, and the people had burnt their idols, thousands of them were nearly entirely without a knowledge of God. They would meet to worship Him, and after waiting for hours together for someone to come and preach to them, would exclaim "Oh God, we would worship Thee, but we don't know how; teach us how to pray, or send someone to teach us!" What an opportunity was this for Christian people. The lecturer closed with an eloquent and moving appeal on behalf of his countrymen.—The speaker was frequently applauded in the course of his remarks.—Rev. F. Steggall proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Rajaonah. He highly complimented the lecturer, and said the doctor himself was a striking result of missionary labour. Mr. Hawdon seconded the resolution, which was carried amidst prolonged cheering. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the agreeable meeting.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—The arrivals of wheat from the coast since last Tuesday were only moderate, whilst from abroad we have nothing fresh. At this day's market wheat on the spot and near at hand met with a good consumptive demand, and a fair business was done at the full prices of this day week. Maize, with small stocks and a better inquiry, is rather dearer. Peas and beans quiet, at late rates. Scotch oats a steady sale, but foreign rather cheaper. Flour meets with little inquiry at last week's prices.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market the show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 175 beasts, and 660 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, cattle were about the most inferior sample ever shown at this market; whilst both sheep and lambs were middling. A considerable portion of the latter were composed of black, brockled, and grey faced, which in former years did not make their appearance before the month of September. From present appearances we have seen the highest prices of fat cattle in the year 1880. But had it not been for the large supplies, both from the United States of America and also the dominion of Canada, the probability is that the finest quality of beef would have commanded a longer figure per imperial stone than was ever previously known. The supply of beef comprised 1,759 head. The beef trade was less active to-day than on this day se'nnight, and prices receded about 3d per stone. A few tidy well made up heifers would realise 10s 3d, but the general top figure was 10s per imperial stone. The quality not being suitable for the Lancashire and Yorkshire markets, there was little done in that direction, and towards the close the inferior sorts experienced a slow sale, with a middling finish. The number of sheep and lambs was 3,200. The mutton trade ruled firm, and in every instance extreme currencies were fully supported, with a tolerable good demand for the south. Lambs of the better qualities were in good request at previous currencies, but the smaller kinds were scarcely quotable. Pigs—395 were shown. Pork has aldom brought such a high figure per stone of 14lbs in the month of July at this market. The day was remarkably fine for holding the market, but the weather is wet, damp, and sultry. Prices for this day, sinking offal, are as follows:—

Beasts, prime heifers, per stone	9s 9d	to	10s 0d
Secondary sorts	6s 9d	..	7s 9d
First-class oxen	9s 6d	..	9s 9d
Middling	7s 0d	..	7s 6d
Cows and inferior	6s 0d	..	7s 0d
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 3s 0d to £5 6s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s 0d; new land hay, £3 10s to £6 10s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 2d to 1s 8d; barley straw, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; oat straw, 1s 2d to 1s 7d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 35; carts of straw, 47.

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; bleaberried; 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 curr ants, 8s, plums, 9d per quart.

SAD DROWNING CASE AT NEWCASTLE.—A most melancholy case of drowning occurred at Elswick, Newcastle, on Sunday last. As Margaret Doyle, a child of two years of age, was chasing a butterfly on a jetty near Sir William Armstrong's Works, she missed her footing and fell into the river. Her cries attracted the notice of her sister, Christina, who was near the place, and she immediately jumped into the water to rescue her sister. A miner named Robinson was also near, and he also went to lend assistance. He got into the water which was about three feet deep, and drew Margaret to the shore; but Christina had floated away from the shore, and was drowned before she could be reached.

The Great-Eastern Railway Company's new steamer, the "Adelaide," arrived at Harwich on Tuesday night, and will commence running between that port and Rotterdam at once. She is a steel, paddle steamer, built by the Barrow Shipbuilding Company, and on her trip round from Barrow, ran a distance of 100 knots at an average speed of 14·56 knots per hour, which, considering she had a cargo of nearly 250 tons of coal on board, shows her to be a fast vessel. Her passenger accommodation is similar to that supplied to the Atlantic liners built by the same company, her saloon being panelled in rose and olive wood, while she has state cabins and a smoking saloon on deck. Her length is 260 feet, her beam 32 feet, and her engines will develope about 2000 horse power.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting 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.

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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.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·40	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
Shotley Bridge	„	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·28	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.			1·25	3·35	
	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
Durham	arr.	7·25	11.20		5·21	7·15

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M
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

SUNDAYS.

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.
Newcastle	dep.	7·10	4·10	....	7·30
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
Swalwell	„	9·22	6· 2
Scotswood	„	9·29	6· 9
Newcastle	arr.	9·40	6·20

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STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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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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BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of members of the above Board took place at Shotley Bridge on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. James Annandale jun. (chairman), Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. H. Carss, Mr. Joseph Eltringham, Mr. A. E. Turner, and Mr. Dowson, were present.

THE HOSPITAL QUESTION.

The Clerk read the report of the joint-committee appointed to consider the desirability of erecting hospitals for the reception of infectious cases of disease. The committee suggested the erection of three hospitals at a total cost of £5,160.

The CHAIRMAN: What powers were given to the committee? Were they empowered to settle the whole thing?

The Clerk: Just to report.

Mr. CARSS: Yes. All they had to do was to report. They can do nothing till we sanction the outlay. Before the Board proceeds further, I would suggest that the plan which has been prepared by Mr. Newcombe and forwarded to us by the joint-committee, be referred to the Sanitary Committee for consideration.

Mr. WILSON: The Committee has only met once for a considerable time, and I was sorry I could not attend the meeting, having to attend the funeral of a relation that day. The proposed expenditure is a very serious one, and requires careful consideration.

Mr. CARSS: It is a very serious matter indeed, and before committing ourselves to spending so much money we ought to have some assurance that large buildings such as are proposed are actually needed.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: Who instructed the architect to prepare the plan?

Mr. CARSS: The Committee would do that.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: Was the Committee empowered to get plans?

Mr. WILSON: Oh, yes.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee was empowered to go into the question thoroughly.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: Have the Committee committed themselves to anything? Have they committed themselves to Mr. Newcombe as architect?

The CHAIRMAN: I should think not.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: They do not say anything in their report?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Mr. CARSS: They only say that the plans have been drawn by Mr. Newcombe.

The Clerk: There is one point in this report which, I think, ought to be considered. The Committee state that they appointed six of their number to visit the hospitals at Blyth, Darlington, and Gateshead, who had reported on the working and cost of the hospitals at these places. Now, we have not the information which has been reported to the Committee, so that we have not the material before us upon which they framed their report. I observe that the Committee have not been to the Durham Hospital, and it is possible that they may have confined their enquiries to the cost and mode of working the hospitals which they have visited. It seems very important to ascertain the number of people that have been admitted into them since their erection, and what has been the yearly cost of management.

Mr. CARSS: We appointed two delegates from this Board to act on the joint-committee, and these delegates, or at least one of them, ought to have been on the committee that visited Blyth and the other places, and should have been here to-day to back up the report or else condemn it. As the Clerk has observed, we have no information as to what extent the hospitals at Blyth and elsewhere are used.

Mr. TURNER: I have seen the hospital at Blyth. It is only two or three old cottages knocked together, which have been built for nearly a hundred years. I know the party who keeps the hospital very well, and he says there have been very few cases in it. What cases they have had have been seamen.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: We have no seamen here to provide for.

Mr. CARSS: I would suggest that the report and plan be referred to the Building and Sanitary Committee, with instructions to report to the next meeting.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: We might also instruct the Clerk to write to the Committee asking them to give us all the information they have got respecting the hospitals they have visited. The Committee say they have visited Gateshead, but we cannot compare ourselves to a place like that.

Mr. TURNER: If we compare ourselves with any place it ought to be Blyth, and if you go there you will find an hospital worth about £80. I understand that at Durham, which has been referred to by the Clerk, a hospital was built at an enormous cost some years ago, and it has never been used.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I think the Committee's estimate of the cost is far too much for the amount of accommodation that will be provided. I think a place like that ought to be built for £1,200.

Mr. CARSS: When the matter was discussed by the committee which was first appointed by this Board we thought that a nice place could be put up for £600.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: One is to cost more than three like that would have cost.

Mr. CARSS: It is evident that the present Committee have drifted into too expensive a mode of building. I move "that the report and plans for the erection of three hospitals be referred to the Building and Sanitary Committee to report to the next meeting of the Board."

The CHAIRMAN said on referring to the minute book he found that the principle of erecting hospitals had been assented to by that Board. At a former meeting they agreed that it was "desirable and expedient to erect hospitals, that they be managed by a joint-committee, and that the cost of their erection and maintenance be covered by a special rate, to be levied on the entire union." That was the light in which the Board saw the question at the time that the resolution was passed, but if it was a fact that these infectious hospitals were never used, it was not, he thought, too late to reconsider the desirability of erecting such places in that district. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. WILSON: With the pressure that has been brought to bear upon us by the Local Government Board, and the fact that we occasionally have infectious diseases in the district, it is certainly desirable to provide hospitals, but it is quite a different matter spending £5,000 or £6,000 over them. This would be a very serious expenditure.

Mr. CARSS: Certainly.

Mr. TURNER: How did the Committee come to be appointed?

Mr. CARSS: Infectious diseases prevailed in the Union two years ago, notably in the Tanfield district, where some forty deaths occurred. We had an epidemic of scarlet fever in our own district some time ago, and the reports from the different places going in made the mortality look excessive, and it was felt that hospitals ought to be built for the isolation of cases of this description.

Mr. DOWSON: Something of the kind is very desirable for Blackhill. There is not a chance of patients getting better in those two-roomed houses belonging to the Company.

Mr. CARSS: There is much to be said on both sides. The view one gentleman on the Committee took of it was this. Suppose the father of a family of seven children living in a two-roomed cottage should take a disease, it would be impossible to isolate him from the rest of the family, and the chances are that two or three of the children would also catch the disease. Again, suppose the husband were to die, the children would be thrown upon the parish, and it is a question whether it would be cheaper to allow people to become a burthen to the ratepayers or build hospitals to prevent it.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: But you assume that the man would not die if taken to the hospital. Taking him to the hospital would not save his life. (Laughter).

Mr. CARSS: That is one way of putting it, certainly. (Renewed laughter).

The CHAIRMAN: Taking him to the hospital might save his life.

Mr. TURNER: There is an impression that when people are taken to the hospital they do die. (Laughter.)

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I have been in a hospital where they managed to kill a few. The matron they had was only there fourteen days, but she managed to clear them out pretty quick. (Renewed laughter.)

After some further conversation, Mr. Carss' motion was seconded and carried.

THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

The Chairman read the following letter:—

Parliament Street, Consett, 12th July, 1880.

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 Benfieldside, Leadgate, and Consett, subject to your Board approving the same and appointing a similar committee. The names of our committee are William Jenkins, Esq., J.P., Mr. Dunne, and Mr. Siddell.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.

Mr. John Booth, Benfieldside Local Board-room.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: Is there a copy of the motion with that letter?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: They do not say what they want to amalgamate for.

The CHAIRMAN: All they say is that they have appointed a committee to "confer with the other two local boards as to the desirability or otherwise of amalgamating the three districts."

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: According to the newspaper report, the Consett people want us to amalgamate for sanitary purposes alone. Now, I think it looks very selfish on their part to wish us to join them for sewerage purposes only. They think it will be to their interests to join us in the matter of sewerage, but they fancy that our roads cost more than theirs, and in consequence they suggest that each township shall maintain its own highways. We have got our district into a good sanitary state, but the Consett district is in a filthy condition. They talk about their cleanliness, but if they go to Howdon Burn they will find that they are not so perfect as they imagine. It is an abominable place, and you may smell it half-a-mile off. Some of the Consett people seem to have a particular fancy for having a hit at the Benfieldside Board, and they do it at almost every meeting. At their very last meeting it was stated that we have not an inch of footpath. I don't know what they call footpaths, but we have both flagged and ashed——

Mr. CARSS (interrupting): And cemented.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: Yes, and we have cemented our footpaths, and still they tell us we have not an inch of paths. Then, again, with regard to the roads, I believe we have in our district about thirteen-and-a-half miles of highways to maintain, and most of these have a footpath alongside of them, whereas the Consett Board have only some six-and-a-half miles of road in their district. They also seem to forget that most of the traffic is carried into Consett by railway, so that their roads are not damaged in this way at all. In this district, however, we have the Gas Company and Messrs. Annandale constantly cutting up our roads with their carts and waggons. Notwithstanding all this, however, our roads will compare favourably with the Consett highways, and with regard to our sanitary condition I repeat that we are as clean as Consett. I don't think it is right that we should allow the Consett Board to throw dirt at us in this way. They want to make the public believe that they are so much cleaner than we are—that they can manage with a sixpenny rate, while we have to pay eighteen-pence, a rate, I may say, that we have not had for some years, though one of the members of the Consett Board had the impudence to tell the public so at their last meeting.

Mr. CARSS: In relation to the abuse indulged in by some of the members of the Consett Local Board almost every meeting, certainly it is not calculated to forward the scheme they have in view. It is a matter of surprise to me how they can, after saying all the naughty things (and in some cases untrue things) about the Benfieldside Board, come and ask us to join them for any purpose whatever. Their doing so certainly seems to be highly inconsistent with the line of conduct pursued at their meetings. I am sorry to think that a little more discretion is not exercised by them, and that they do not strive to promote good feeling among the different boards instead of seeking to provoke and exasperate us, and to cause us to act independent of each other, and sometimes, I am afraid, to act adversely to each others interests. The irritating remarks and aspersions thrown out by the Consett Board are not calculated to bring us together as friends. I do hope they will be a little more thoughtful and cautious, and that they will in future act with a little more courtesy to this Board. The old saw is that if you throw dirt fast enough, some of it is sure to stick. That is the principle that has been adopted by some indiscreet members of the Consett Board, whose remarks are often made in profound ignorance of facts. I could not but admire the Arcadian simplicity of one gentleman, who, in comparing the rates paid by the two districts, seemed to be perfectly ignorant of the fact referred to by Mr. Eltringham, namely, that Consett has only about half the extent of roads that we have to maintain. He seemed to think that the two districts were analagous, whereas their position in relation to the maintenance of highways and the working expenses generally is widely different.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: Last year, the road from Number One to the Slonks cost this Board £368. This is how the money gets spent. I should like to know if the Consett Board have a road that has cost so much for its maintainence as this one. Perhaps they will turn round and say the road is badly managed. But if they had a road similarly situated, I would like to know how much better they could manage it.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't see how we can amalgamate, with two separate water-sheds.

Mr. WILSON: If we could join together as a union or a borough there might be something in it, but I do not think it would be a good arrangement for sanitary purposes alone.

Mr. TURNER: It could certainly be an advantage if we could form the districts into a borough.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: According to Mr. Siddell's resolution, their intention is to amalgamation for sanitary purposes alone. They say they will have twenty-four members, eight from each place, and that we are to be divided into three wards, each to pay its own rates.

Mr. WILSON: There is nothing before us to show what we are asked to amalgamate for.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: If they ask us to amalgamate for sanitary purposes we had better ask them to meet our Sanitary Committee at this Board Room. (Laughter). They are asking us for a meeting, and it is only fair we should give them the chance of meeting us. If they are not prepared to come down to Shotley Bridge they can stay away. We can do without them. (Renewed laughter). If it is a sanitary question they are after, our Sanitary Committee will meet them.

Mr. TURNER: If they want a favour I think they ought to come and seek it. (Laughter).

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: The overseers of Benfieldside asked the overseers of Consett to come down and meet us here, but they would not.

Mr. DOWSON: If we amalgamated, the ratepayers of Benfieldside would object to pay for policemen to keep order in the new park. (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, they seem to have given themselves a bad character. (Renewed laughter.)

After some further remarks, the following resolution was submitted by Mr. WILSON—"That this Board, not being acquainted with the views of the Consett Local Board respecting the amalgamation of the three district, fail to see any advantage in appointing a committee to meet similar committees of the other boards."

The CHAIRMAN: If Consett Board wish to be clear of the roads, and want us to assist them with their sewerage, it will not suit us at all.

Mr. WILSON: But there is nothing before us to show what they want. It was childish to send us the letter without explaining what they wished us to amalgamate for.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: We ought to have had a copy of the motion.

A desultory conversation ensued, in the course of which Mr. ELTRINGHAM said Consett Board was always wiring into them about the condition of their district.

Mr. WILSON said perhaps the Consett people thought they could help them.

Mr. TURNER said he had no doubt Consett had a friendly feeling towards them.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM said one of the Consett members had been talking about Consett being free from infectious diseases and the ratepayers of that township having to provide a hospital for Benfieldside. Now, if Consett had no cases of infectious disease, it was curious that the Inspector should be employed in fumigating houses.

Mr. CARSS said he would propose the following resolution as an amendment to Mr. Wilson's motion "That, having regard to a letter received from the Consett Local Board asking for the appointment of a committee to meet a committee appointed by the Consett Board to confer as to the desirability of amalgamating the three local boards in the district, resolved, that Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. J. Eltringham, and James Annandale, Esq., be appointed to meet the Consett committee at the Benfieldside Board Room."

Mr. WILSON: I don't wish to be on the committee.

The CHAIRMAN said he too did not want to be on the committee, as he did not believe in it.

Mr. TURNER said Mr. Wilson's motion was the thing.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM said he would second Mr. Carss' resolution if he would substitute the Sanitary Committee for the gentlemen named.

Mr. CARSS refusing to alter his proposition, Mr. Wilson's amendment was put to the meeting as a substantive motion and carried, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Turner, Mr. Dowson, and the Chairman voting for it. Mr. Carss and Mr. Eltringham voted against it, the last-named gentleman remarking that he wished to get the Consett members down to Benfieldside to tell them what he thought of them.

The other business before the Board was unimportant.

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.

The twelfth annual gala and sports promoted by the committee of the Medomsley Cricket Club took place on Saturday last, in a field near Broomhill. The weather was fine, but the field where the sports were held was, on account of the recent heavy rains, soft and spongy, and anything but pleasant to the large company that assembled. Mr. R. Beattie, the energetic secretary of the Club, personally superintended the management of the sports, and owing to his exertions the various events were finished in good time. The day's proceedings commenced with a foot race for boys under sixteen years of age. The competitors were lads employed at the Consett Iron Company's collieries, whose representative, Mr. W. H. Hedley, gave three valuable prizes, the first being a box of drawing instruments. The following was the result of the running:—

Heat 1—J. Snaith, Allendale Cottages, 1; W. Bailey, Allendale Cottages, 2; A. Burnop, Leadgate, 3.

Heat 2—Robert Charlton, Westwood, 1; John Lowes, Leadgate, 2; Joseph Mason, Allendale Cottages, 3.

Heat 3—Joseph Wilson, Medomsley, 1; William Stoddart, 2; W. H. Robinson, Medomsley, 3.

Final—Wilson 1, Charlton 2, Snaith 3.

There were twenty-two entries for the 120 yards' handicap foot race, for which the Club gave £2 5s. in prizes. Walker was the favourite in the final heat, and the result of the race was a surprise for his supporters, who looked upon his victory as a "sure thing." The heats were run as under:—

Heat 1—E. Oliver, Blackhill, 9 yards, 1; H. Collinson Hamsterley, 10, 2; M. Clark, Castleside, 9, 3.

Heat 2—W. Bell, Derwent Cottages, 17, 1; T. Davison, Castleside, 12, 2; T. Tythe, Iveston, 11, 3.

Heat 3—R. Young, Spen, 8, 1; J. Ridley, Shotley Bridge, 9, 2; M. Wikinson, Blackhill, 9, 3.

Heat 4—G. E. Milburn, Medomsley, 12, 1; T. Siddell, Blackhill, 9, 2; J. Iley, Castleside, 7, 3.

Heat 5—R. Riddell, Stanley, 6, 1; G. Bennison, Consett, 15, 2.

Heat 6—J. R. Walker, Corbridge, 3, 1; J. Sullivan, Leadgate, 10, 2; J. Storey, Derwent Cote Forge, 13, 3.

Heat 7—J. Hobday, Blackhill, 5, 1; E. Elsdon, Leadgate, 12, 2; W. Wigham, Blackhill, 8, 3.

FIRST TIES.

Heat 1—Riddell 1, Hobday 2, Bell 3.
Heat 2—Walker 1, Oliver 2.
Heat 3—Milburn 1, Young 3.

FINAL.

Riddell 1, Walker 2, Milburn 2.

The mile walking handicap for amateurs brought out six competitors, their names being C. Wilkinson, Dipton, 30 yards start; H. Stoner, Leadgate, 20; J. Sullivan, Leadgate, 20; J. Bland, Burnopfield 30; W. Stoker, Blackhill, 40; and W. Thompson, Westwood, 60. The first prize was a splendid silver cup given by the Rev. W. Cockin, Vicar of Medomsley, the Club awarding a silver inkstand to second man. The walking was very good on the whole, and Sullivan, who is a big stalwart young fellow, would undoubtedly have carried off first prize if he had adhered to his original style of walking. After about one-half the distance had been covered, Bland, who is a splendid walker, began to press him, and after a while both men broke into a jog trot, which was continued more or less to the end of the race, and on this account both men were disqualified, and the prizes given to Thompson and Stoner respectively. The wrestling excited keen interest, and resulted as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

Stood.	*Fell.*
R. Heslop.	W. Laidler.
T. Nevins.	N. Clark.
J. Nattress.	W. Jackson.
W. Johnson.	M. College.

Ledger odd man.

SECOND ROUND.

Stood.	*Fell.*
Nevins.	Ledger.
Nattress.	Johnson.

Heslop odd man.

THIRD ROUND.

Stood.	*Fell.*
Heslop.	Nattress.

Nevins odd man.

In the finals, Nevins threw Heslop twice and won. The round-hand bowling at the wicket brought together twenty-six competitors. First prize was won by A. Waters, Medomsley, who took two wickets out of three balls, G. E. Milburn, of Medomsley, being second. Six teams competed for the liberal prizes offered by the Club for cricketing. The clubs played together in the following order—Shotley Bridge Stars and Hamsterley, Burnopfield and Leadgate Second Eleven, Lizzie and Leadgate First Eleven. Burnopfield and Leadgate agreed to divide the prizes. Hamsterley and the Shotley Bridge Stars played a tie, and have decided to play the game out on the Medomsley Ground on the 31st inst. In connection with the above games, prizes were given for bowling, batting, and fielding. The bowling resulted in a tie between Mr. Cuthbertson, Burnopfield, and Mr. Richards, Blackhill — six wickets each. The highest scorer was Mr. Freek. During the afternoon an excellent tea was provided by Mr. Thos. Rowe, of Leadgate, in a commodious marquee, the following ladies presiding at the tables: Miss Wheatley, Allendale Cottages; Miss Brown, Medomsley; Miss Stubbs, Allendale Cottages; Mrs. Beattie, Westwood; Miss Kennedy, Allendale Cottages; and Miss Murphy, Allendale Cottages. The Leadgate Saxhorn Band was present, and played a selection of tunes. There was a ball in the evening, which was well attended.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Guardians of Lanchester Union was held in the Board-room, Lanchester, on Thursday.

Present: Messrs. John Annandale (chairman), J. Bowey, J. Collinson, W. H. Hedley, George Hobson, Canon Kearney, W. Logan, R. Mitchinson, T. Pringle, T. Siddell, Rev. J. P. De Pledge.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

DEFAULTING OVERSEERS.

Mr. W. LOGAN said that they had been put to some inconvenience in the past with Overseers who had not paid the calls on their respective townships in time, and he thought it would be well for the reporter who was present to insert in the *Guardian* a list of those townships in arrear at the end of a month, after the call was made. It would probably have a salutary effect. He therefore moved that those townships in arrear at the end of a month after the call became due, should be inserted in the *Consett Guardian*.

Mr. THOMAS SIDDELL seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand, of £1,712 14s. 10d.

The Board then proceeded to the relief of the poor.

Correspondence.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The *Edinburgh Review* in its July number has, as we might expect, an article devoted to the subject of "the new Parliament in Session." To say that the organ of the Old Whigs *pur sang* takes a somewhat sombre view of the political outlook is to say little. That may be said to go without talking. But, whether it is owing to the malignant influence of the dog-star and the thunderstorms, which neither barmaid nor milkmaid can stand, it is certain that the small beer of the *Edinburgh* has grown sour this quarter, and its milk of human kindness is little better than curds and whey. In fact, the organ of the "Blues and Buffs" has addressed the Cassandra note of warning to Mr. Gladstone, and that prophetic warning has been fortunately capped by the resignation of the Marquis of Lansdowne. The article with its gloomy and almost funereal tone of warning to the Liberals not to forget pure Whig principles, whatever they may mean, had evidently been written before the young Marquis of Lansdowne had bolted from his party. But such a godsend to the old cause of unadulterated Whiggery as the Lansdowne secession was not to be passed over, and so it is brought in evidently in a postscript. "The resignation," we are told, "of one of the ablest and most consistent representatives of Whig principles by character and by descent is a striking confirmation of these remarks, and it occurs at the moment when we close these pages." The writer, in fact, is anxious to prove, as if it were a questionable fact at all, that there are "Old Whigs" still in existence, and that what are called the "Revolution families" have not been sucked down into the vortex right and left which carries them away either into the advanced Liberal or the Conservative camp. The truth is that Whiggery pure and undefiled must always have an antiquarian flavour about it. The shock of the taking of the Bastille in July 1789, which has just been elevated into the national festival of France, sent half of the old Revolution families—the Bentincks, Manners, and many more—right over into the Tory camp. Whiggery, as we may call it, never survived the shock of the split between Burke and Fox. The Whigs of the school of Gray and Brougham and the *Edinburgh Review* may claim to be a graft of the old stock of the Revolution families of 1688. I do not care to argue this question, on which so much may be said on both sides, and which, whichever way decided, is of infinitely small importance. The greater, after all, must contain the less. The Whigs exist for the Liberal party, not the Liberal party for the Whigs. My ground for complaint against Mr. Reeve and his staff of the *Edinburgh Review* is, the valet-like tone in which they allow themselves to glide on this subject. To do the real Whig leaders justice, they are under no such delusions. I never hear the Marquis of Hartington betraying by a single expression that the Liberal party exist for the Whigs instead of the Whigs for the Liberals. But it is the fatal note of decadence in the *Edinburgh Review* that it cannot get rid of its Byzantine way of speaking of the Porphyrigeniti. It still clings to the theory that advanced Liberals are the "onion atoms" admitted into the social salad, and which, scarce suspected, are to animate the whole. This will only excite a smile among those who know what the real state of the case is; but it confirms the impression that the *Edinburgh* is a light of other days.—Yours,

LIBERAL.

July 20th, 1880.

CONTROVERSY (POLITICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.)

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

To speak his mind, is every freeman's right
In peace—in war—in council, or in fight.
POLYDAMERS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It has often occurred to me, that in controversy both written and spoken, there is an error committed by the religious advocate, which weakens his line of defence, and unintentionally gives an immense advantage to his adversary. The error lies here—in allowing the adversary alone to have all the privilege of attack, while the religious advocate occupies merely a position of defence. To give an instance—suppose the point at issue to be the "Existence of God." Well, the adversary in taking the negative, asks for a definition of God, and in what manner creation has been effected. The advocate in reply gives his definition, and as far as he is able points out the method of creation. The adversary then endeavours to show all the weak sides of the reply, and although giving *nothing* in place of God and creation, is allowed to pursue his line of attack and interrogation. Thus Christianity or Theism is placed as a prisoner at the bar, and the adversary has all the advantage of a prosecuting counsel. Now, it is high time to change all this. For every affirmative evidence that you are called upon to give, demand some *affirmative evidence* in support of the negative, and thus institute an immediate comparison of the evidences of the two creeds. Having given *your* definitions of God and of creation, allow no more *attack* until the adversary give *his* definition or theory of Cause and Creation, and thus you place at the bar of public opinion the two opposing forces in their simple nakedness.

Again, say the question at issue is the authenticity of the Gospel of Matthew. The adversary denies that authenticity and demands your affilmative evidence. You give that literary evidence to the best of your ability in support of Matthew having been the author of that Gospel. The adversary wishes to attack again. You now say no. I have given you my *affirmative* evidence, now pray, as a negation of that, give me *your* affirmative literary evidence of some other person having been the author of that Gospel, and to the best of your ability let me know *who that other person was*. The Gospel is *there*. It must have been written by Matthew or by somebody else, now prry tell me who was that *somebody else* more likely than Matthew to have written that Gospel?

To conclude, never allow yourself to be attacked from the side of a *mere* negation. For every affirmative that in reasoning you are called upon to give demand an affirmative in return. Controversy is thus much shortened, and mere negations are stripped of their usurped advantages.—*Au revoir*,

JON. C. WYLIE.

Grammar School, Blackhill,

LANGLEY PARK WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The remarks of "A Teacher" in connection with Langley Park Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary are exceedingly unfortunate. If you have read between the lines you will have seen matters are not flowing very smoothly with the Wesleyans at Langley Park. There is a great deal of spiritual canibalism, or what the Apostle Paul would call "biting and devour each other," and unfortunately "A Teacher" finds cause for rejoicing in the state of things. What a combination of opposites he represents! It is "A Teacher's" work to gather souls into the Church, yet he says, "I, as a teacher, am glad." Glad when they are being scattered to the wind, when the familiar face of a child is missed from the family circle, even if it be the prodigal. Tongues are hushed and heads bent low, in sorrow, when the cry is raised on board ship "a man overboard!" consternation sits on every face; but "A Teacher" grows jubilant over the fact that through his instrumentality the chief officer has been driven from the school, and, in all probability, a useful member lost to the church. If there is a scene over which angels weep, good men mourn, and devils laugh, it is when contention and strife rages within the walls of Zion. But to what order of beings does a creature belong who can rejoice over havoc made in the Church of God, and then sign himself "A Teacher" of the principles of the blessed religion of Jesus Christ. We are no better than we should be in this locality, but will "A Teacher" like this abroad among the youth of the place. May we not predict a sad future for Langley Park. The mists are lifting off the hill, there are rifts in the clouds through which the light of hope is breaking, and in another decade Langley Park may become a praise in the earth. The facts of the case are these: Mr. John Newell was elected to the office of Superintendent of the Langley Park Wesleyan Sunday School, and from the slight acquaintance I have of him, I might say that for intelligence, integrity, and *truthfulness*, he will compare very favourably with "A Teacher," as the conglomeration of his late production in your columns will show; for anything more clumsy in style, untruthful in assertion, or thoroughly unchristian in the spirit it manifests, I never read. The superintendent was exercising the children on the Saturday night previous to the anniversary, a teacher interfered in a vexacious manner, and it was not the first time that the superintendent has had to submit to indignities from this quarter. The superintendent requested him to desist which he refused to do. The superintendent said if he refused to do so he would retire, and he was informed that he was at liberty to do so; Mr. Newell then walked out of the place. If the conduct of the teacher was right, I must say that my ideas of right are very much confused. If the superintendent is not a mith, a man of straw, his duty is to regulate the school, and control the action of the teachers. But here the order of things was reversed, and a teacher seeks to exercise authority over the superintendent in the presence of the whole school, and in the presence of strangers as well. "A Teacher says further "that the anniversary was the most successful ever held at Langley Park," and he seems to insinuate that the success was largely attributable to the fact that there was a pitiable scene enacted on the Saturday night, for which he was very much, if not altogether, to blame. But what is it constitutes the elements of success? If it is that they were fortunate in securing the services of a very excellent preacher, that the children acquitted themselves very creditably, and that their was a few extra shillings in the collection, then I admit that the anniversary was a success, and the late superintendent contributed very materially to the result; but if success consists in the deep spirituality, the high and holy fraternal feeling that pervaded the assembly, souls vieing with each other in the blessed fellowship of the sons of God, extorting the remark from the outside world—"See how those Christans love each other," if these constitute the elements of succes, then the Sunday School anniversary was a palpable, a complete, failure, and "A Teacher" and the "clique," with whom he acts, are largely responsible, although he may smile complacently and say "I, as a teacher, am glad to state it is true."—Yours truly,

CORRESPONDENT.

July 20th, 1880.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—I have been for a number of years a professor of Christianity, but after one or two productions which I have seen in your paper, I begin to ask, "Am I right?" Last week you had a paragraph in which it was said that a certain Sunday-school teacher was in "turbulant spirits," and that the superintendent had gone away "in a rage;" and this week you have what purports to be a reply to that paragraph, from "a Teacher," who says the paragraph is true, and that to both "scholars and teachers his (the superintendent's) absence was pleasing." Now, either this "Teacher" is a liar, which is a very serious thing, or both scholars and teachers are devoid of what the New Testament teaches to be the true spirit of Christianity, which is, if possible, still more serious. Would these professors of Christianity but spend half the time in studying such scriptures as I Cor., xiii chap., and trying to live as therein taught, as they spend in idle gossip, in which they endeavour to injure—I was about to say their neighbours, but this is too mild, for this sin is not sufficiently devilish for them—but in trying to injure members of their own religious community, both temporally and spiritually, there might be some hope that they would make tolerable Christians. But no! It is "pleasing" that one of their number has gone away "in a rage." I understand that those Methedists often make glowing professions in their class-meetings of their love to Christ and His cause, but when it comes to practice, how different! I have heard some of them lately lamenting that the number of their members is decreasing, and no wonder; for if they have a thoroughly good man amongst them. They often worry him till he can stay no longer with them, and if a poor man happens to be overtaken in a temper, it is "pleasing." Now, my Bible tells me, "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Gal. vi, i. O! Ye glowing members of Christ's Church, heed this, lest at last ye be rejected as those who are accused, and whose end is to be burned. God searches your hearts, and you must at last give an account unto Him. In conclusion, may I beg such of your readers as make no profession of Christ's religion, not to regard those people as types of Christianity. They are only the antitypes of the persecutors of the middle ages. The true principles of Christianity are to be found in the New Testament, and only such as live according to those principles can justly claim to be Christians. Lest I should be supposed to condemn all Wesleyans, let me pay a tribute of respect to a number of them with whom I am acquainted. They are not all counterfeit coin. Among them are many noble and good. These I commend and invite those other "miserable offenders" to follow their example.—With sincere apology for this intrusion, I remain, yours truly,

OBSERVER.

July 17th, 1880.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CONSETT—At Store Cottage, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. Robert Lowdon, of a daughter.

TEMPLETOWN—On the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Tailford, of a son.

BLACKHILL—On the 19th inst., the wife of Sergeant Cruickshank, of a son.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—On the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. G. Siddle, of a daughter, still-born.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—At the Register Office, on the 17th inst., Mr. M. W. Hardy, to Miss E. A. Halliday, both of Cornsay Colliery.

At the same place, on the same day, Mr. W. Nowley, Dipton, to Miss A. Bell, Cold Rowley.

At the same place, on the same day, Mr. F. Forster, to Miss E. Beck, both of Delves Lane, Consett.

At the same place, on the same day, Mr. J. Armstrong, to Miss S. E. Robinson, both of Quebec Cottages.

At the same place, on the same day, Mr. J. Woolcock, to Miss M. J. Harvey, both of South Pontop Colliery.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—On the 17th inst., aged 66, John Cole.

ESH WINNING—On the 17th inst., aged 2 years, Thomas, son of Mr. A. Hall.

At the same place, on the 18th inst., aged 2 years, Catherine, daughter of Mr. P. Callan.

BEARPARK COLLIERY—On the 19th inst., Annie, infant daughter of Mr. John Watson.

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