

rdia. Like the Apostle Paul, after his conversion, has just worked as hard for the Master as he did

the devil, and as he was a singer in the public-house he now sings the song of Zim at the various fetes he attends. On Sunday, he sang two or three solos with good effect. He took the chair at the fete on Saturday night, and assisted in every way possible to render the services a success. His quaint and original remarks in the policeman's vernacular and his twang, and the humor he throws into the songs when at Stankhope render him a special favorite, and his visits to Butler's village are frequent, where his services are highly appreciated. Mr. Bulmer resided at the harmonium.

musicalian, and an excellent preacher for one. I have known her on about two years. Apparently she has had a good education. She has language at command. Her subjects are excellent, and the composition of her sermons good. She does not preach long, but holds forth services. She is a member of the Standard and the little mission under her charge. She has prospered wonderfully since she took it in hand, and ever since its commencement seemed more prosperous at present. Some object to lady preachers, who flatter pretences. They say they have plenty of it at home. Others say it is unscriptural. But I have a personal knowledge of her, and she is either a woman or a man saved and rescued me. I mainly not. The success which has attended their efforts in the past is a guarantee to me sufficient in

that God owes their labours, and has abundantly blessed them. They have always been more ready to the rescue of the distressed than at the last at the cross, and the first at the throne. When men deserted the Lord and the Protestants fled, the women clung to Him; and as they are more gifted with tongues than men, afternoon service was very enjoyable. The singing was good, the preaching was good, and the prayer was good. I was assisted by the choir of Stanhope band, and I was invited to take with the preacher. We had been invited before on a similar occasion, but could not conveniently attend. However, we went this time. The notes of the table-was excellent. I expected a "tea-party" but as I seldom ever attend a tea-party, I did not

my cup, spill the tea, and mark the tablecloth; they sang the sugar bowl. This time, however, I got high without mishap, though when I saw the tea I had some misgivings. The preacher did not see tea; his charge was to be light. The waiter's answer to him was not the refined "beverage" it is to many, so he imbued coldly with tea. Tea is insulm, and is said to make some people nervous; whether it was on this account that he refrained to drink, I cannot say. The leader of the choir was present. He is named "Handy Andy"—an indispensible. He is choir leader, postman, deacon, and is the train for the evangelist and carries the luggage. He is disappointed if there is none to carry, and is a veritable "Handy Andy"—indispensible to mission. He is a brave, honest, good hearted

ing of wood and water, of shady walks and
grazed avenues, of meadow and pasture land, with
heather-covered hills beyond, and the landscape
adorned with beautiful eucalyptus trees, their luxuriant
foliage glistening and glinting in the sunbeams,
the fashion's designer was producing a picture
of a new world. On this beautiful summer morning,
Bette Villa looked out upon a scene resplendent
with beauty and magnificence of Nature's own crea-
tion. Myriads of insects were sporting in the sun-
light, the cattle were browsing in the sweet clover-
ed fields, over the river a chorus of feathered
creatures made a plaintive melody. In the
shaded river, like a golden silver, reflected in its crys-
talline the azure sky above. What could be

than this? After a friendly chat, the sweeting bells of the old church tower awoke the use of the valley, and warned us that it was chapel time. We had a rush, and hurried to the front door for service. The chapel was crowded, but both doors and windows were open, and it was not too hot. And an eloquent discourse on the words of Joshua, "choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Miss F. Greenwood presided at the harmonium. The service throughout was very enjoyable. It was not very long, but I think it was well worth the wait. I was made a target for some whose real views were their judgment, simply because I was not a member among them. I presume this is one of the reasons why so few persons remain for the after years. Naturally, they do not care to be singled

effect on some, but on me it has an opposite effect to that desired. I think it very indecorous of me to do so. Sometimes when done with tact may be effective, but frequently, very frequently, more abortive. A beautiful solo was rendered by the Society by the effect of the "The Summit of the Valley" after which the praying was continued in their devotions again. Short addresses were given in real Methodist style by Messrs Peart, Bond, Bulmer, and a beautiful hymn closed the proceedings after which we had a walk up Bast End and by the Top, at last far from the summit of the Low Tarn. The service was magnificent as the Low Tarn. The service was magnificent as the summit of the hill, a splendid panorama spread before us. Stanhope lay at our feet snugly covered among the trees almost hidden from sight.

valley seemed a park, through which the rays of light, like silken threads, came down the valley, and over the hills beyond, where rises the Tees, Wear, and Tyne. The landscape beautiful. The sunshine had been withdrawn till it lay in shadows soft and still, but there was a gleam on the horizon telling of light in other parts. It reminded me of some picture which had reached the evening of life, and whose sun has passed the horizon of this world. Our company consisted of some seven or eight. We viewed the cascade, o'er from Crawley Top, and enjoyed the bracing air of the hills. We called on Mr Little, the champion stock-grower of Weardale, had a glass in his garden, and saw some double poppies in full bloom, and some fine double cornflowers.

the finest I ever saw, while his panacea, for good quality, exceed any grown in any other part of the island. We went in and had a friendly chat with the old veteran stock-grower, whose grand-children delighted the audience as well as the company on Saturday evening, with their reciting and singing. Then we returned down the hill to Staines night hung her sails certain all around, the blunked out and the heavens were glittering with rich jewellery of planets, stars, constellations and meteors.

"For ever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is Divine."

DISASTROUS WEATHER.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT.
The past few days have been somewhat disastrous for hay-making, which has been brought to a still in this district. On Friday, showers fell in intervals; wind, W. Saturday also showery; N.E. Sunday, fine and warm, with heavy showers about mid-day; wind, S. On Monday, temperature was much colder, and heavy showers of rain fell incessantly the whole day. On Tuesday, rain continued, but the next interval till noon on Tuesday. The weather improved November than June or July. There is scanty of hay cut in this district. The hay on Friday and Saturday cannot as yet have any harm, but a quantity was cut in the

part of last week. Only in few fields has crop been got into "pike," the bulk of it being on the ground. With fine settled weather the work would go quickly forward. The summer so far has been pretty favourable; ternips and other crops continue to look well, and all that is needed is a spell of that sunshine which is so necessary to farmer to secure the hay in its best condition.

THE STORM IN THE WEAR VALLEY.
NARROW ESCAPE.

On Monday, a very heavy thunderstorm broke the Team Valley, accompanied by torrents of rain.

About two o'clock, a farm house in Lamesley, property of the Earl of Ravensworth, and

sped by Mrs Robson, was struck by lightning, and considerable damage to the house inside and out, and killing two valuable cows in the byre inside. The maid had just risen from milking cows a few minutes before, and she and Mrs Robson were in the byre at the time the cows were killed.

BOLLOWAY'S FILES AND OVERTURN.—Whilst the inhabitants of our great cities suffer from the effects of overcrowding and all its attendant evils, physical and moral, the more robust and energetic emigrant will in his turn be enabled to enter in his new home for the want of ready skill the great medical resources of his native land

at command. The best advice a friend can give is for him to take a supply of these well known remedies as part of his outfit, for by attention to the easily understood and yet ample instructions which accompany each box and pot he never has fault when taken ill or under any other sanitary conditions of life.

CHERRY BARK.—"Wells' How to Know."—"Grassroots grow on earth for dyspepsia, nerve weakness, indigestion, sense of mind, limbs, or vital weakness, mental or physical decline. At Chemists."

ONSETT COUNTY COURT.

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grooming farmers for \$2 a lot in April. The price was paid in cash, and the owner asked for it.—Dr. David submitted that market price of moose was never above \$15 all year round. — Letters which had passed between the parties in regard to the moose and said that he had written two letters to Mr. Foster, and he had never acknowledged the same.—Beady enumerated one or two farmers who had been paid for the moose or Agriculture, and he said that he had never heard that Mr. Foster, of Newbury, had paid a low price and \$2 to a strike of bargain, and he declared that that was. — Eventually, the court was advised that the evidence was evidence as to the marketable value of the same at different seasons of the year, and the price of a person who had paid painted \$2 for the same, and the court was advised for his conts, but the judge said that question depend upon the issue of the action.

R. Van Haasen, J.P., of Woodlands and Newcastle, merchant, Counsel entered against H. J. P. Mulcaister, of Madras, Cumberland, a gentleman, for the recovery of an of £10 10s. Mr South Fox, barrister, Newcastle, appeared for the plaintiff, Mr E. C. Mulcaister, Durham (instructed by Mr P. Mulcaister, Newcastle), represented defendant.—Pleadings were taken on the 24th of March, and entered into between himself and defendant in 1881 in partnership for the maintenance and training a young race-horse, called the Fenestre colt, and the 24th of March, 1881, the defendant claims which were supplied him. This document forth that the total cost of keeping the colt £214 7s 2d, less 50s, the amount for the colt's training, £164 7s 2d, and the balance of £176 7s 2d for the keep of the colt, the

and other expenses. One-half of this sum was paid to the defendant's non-defendant wife, according to the terms of agreement, and of this amount £30 14 7d was abandoned, leaving the sum retained at £19 19s. There was also a claim for the sum of £200 amounting to £55 7s 6d, made up as follows: £11 11s for the keeping of the filly; £15 defendant's filly; £4 6d for keeping the filly at the farm; and the other £200 for defendant's riding journey to Newmarket to secure the filly, amounting to £23 10s 10d.

Byrell at the evidence raised an objection that the sum of £200 was not a sum paid out of the jurisdiction of the Court. He said that the original summons should have stated that the portion of the amount which was abandoned should be £200. The sum was originally for £38 12s 7d, but was abandoned to £49 19s, and the amount in so abandoned should have been specified.

Justice McKeown should have appeared on the summons. Mr Scott-Frost contended that according to order 1 and 5 of the Rules of Court Procedure, if it was shown that the defendant had been served between 249 196, then His Honour possessed discretionary power to over-ride the objection. His Honour said that Mr Scott-Frost had not demonstrated that he had appeared on the amended summons.

Justice McKeown: But the sum abandoned ought to be shown on the summons, and not on the particulars after the papers had been filed.

Mr Scott-Frost: There has been no intention to add the defendant.

Justice McKeown: Several cases bearing on this point have been cited, and the court has analysed and particularised the abandoned issue. The Judge held that he had no power to go beyond the rules, which laid down that upon the summons, the defendant must state the amount claimed and that the defendant must state the amount claimed should have been shown.

Justice McKeown: The court has analysed the course of further argument. Mr Scott-Frost

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A bill struck in his station. Fredrick, of the *Black Hawk*, was arrested by Constable L. A. Hamilton, 22, of James Street, and taken to the Court House, where he was held for two years' rent of a house, till he was released. Plaintiff explained that he was tenant of the house, and that he had paid the rent for three years ago by the name of Fredrick, who was then a defendant as a posting-stationer, and was arrested upon being 22 years old. Plaintiff left the Court House at 12 o'clock, and returned at 12 1/2, and received a check for \$100, which was given to him (the executors of the estate of Messrs. J. H. and J. W. Durham), requesting him, in 1888, to cease to do so, as the doors, but he continued to do so for 12 months. Plaintiff said that he was not paid with a coat of paint, and he did not paint more bills thereon. He had never paid any rent. After he received orders not to post on Fredrick, Plaintiff said that he had nothing to do with it. You go on position, and you will find that the rent was only \$1 1/2 a day, and the only reason he

SEWING MEETING.—A very successful sewing society tea was held in the Primitive Methodist hall at Burnhope, kindly given by Mrs. Robinson. The proceeds, which amounted to £5 6s 8½d, were devoted to the chapel fund.

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on the 24th day of the
month of July, and the
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with the father and brother
of the deceased in New-
castle.

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SEVERE DEATH OF MR. C. TOWSE
MR. C. TOWSE, M.P. for Mid-
dlesex, died at his resi-
dence, 10, Grosvenor place,
on Tuesday morning, at
8 o'clock, after a long
disease. He was 60 years
of age. Mr. Towse was secretary
of the Chamber of Commerce
and secretary of the
Council, and one of the
members with all matters
of importance. His
funeral took place yesterday
at 11 o'clock.

MIDTOWN

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